

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEETS CIRCULAR

JUNE/JULY 1971

JUNE 25th/27th

WELSH HUT WORKING PARTY

D. APPLEBY

This working party gives us the chance to cure the damp problem - the major work will be carried out on the roof and chimneys. Some of the work has already been started but there is a hell of a lot to do and we need people who are handy with slates, bricks, wood and cement, as well as fencing experts and gardeners. ( and the usual painters)

I shall not be attending the working party due to a business trip but the hut sub committee will be there to give you plenty to do. All the materials will be organised so there will be plenty to go at. The main attack is to be on the outside (let's hope for good weather) but some inside work is required.

I appeal to all members to try and attend at least one of the working parties and this first one is particularly important to the upkeep of Tan-Y-Wyddfa, so let's have you there.

JULY 2nd/4th

YORKSHIRE CRAGS

C. RADCLIFFE

This meet will take the same form as the one held last September, which was enjoyed by all who went. Camping at High North Farm grid. ref. 204654 just below Brimham rocks. To get there: M.1 to Leeds, then the A 61 through Harrogate as far as Ripley village. Turn left along the B.6165 to Summerbridge (6 miles) Turn right at the Flying Dutchman, go up the hill beyond the main entrance to Brimham and the entrance to the farm is about 2½ miles on the left. Camp in the field at the end of the track near the farm buildings.

For those who want to go out on Saturday, when we shall be at Almscliffe it is best to take the A 660 from Leeds towards Otley, turn right at the crossroads beyond Bramhope along the A 658 to Huby. The crag is about 1 mile along minor roads on the left.

As last year I shall be climbing at Ilkley Saturday morning going on to Almscliffe in the afternoon and spending Sunday at Brimham.

These are all fine crags comparing in quality with the best Derbyshire has to offer and with many unique situations. Let's have a good turn-out - see you in the Flying Dutchman Friday evening.

JULY 7th

EVENING MEET DOVEDALE

JULY 9th/11th

LLANBERIS PASS

R. CHAMBERS

Camping for this meet will be on the site just below Ynys-Ettws. It's a sharp left hand turn, so don't miss it. For anyone who doesn't know where it is, I'll be in the Pen-Y-Gwryd on Friday night from 10 p.m. onwards.

On Saturday for the last minute 'Get fit for the Alps' types like myself I propose walking eight of the three thousanders from Tryfan to Snowdon via the Glyders and Elidir Fawr. Those not interested in the walk will find as much climbing as they are likely to want in the Pass itself - it abounds with fine routes of every grade and length.

Saturday night can be spent in the hustle and bustle of the Padarn or in the relatively peaceful surroundings of the 'Gwryd'

If we're feeling fit enough on Sunday the crags will still be there.

Anyone requiring lifts see me in the Wilmot the Tuesday before the meet.

ARCTIC NORWAY 1972

C. CRADDOCK

I am having a meeting at our house on Thursday June 24th at appx. 8.00/8.15 p.m. and everyone who is interested in the meet is welcome. I shall be giving details of all the information which I have gathered so far and also generally discussing the matter.

For anyone who does not know our address or how to get there, read on:- The Shieling, 54, Blandford Avenue, Long Eaton. Whether you are travelling from Derby or Nottingham take the Borrowash bye-pass; turn off this road at the M.1. turning and on this roundabout take the Long Eaton turning (it is sign posted). Follow this road to the T junction and turn right. Follow this road round a sharp left hand bend and straight on at a roundabout for appx.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Now look out for a large pub. (The Wilsthorpe Tavern) on your right. Take the second turning on your right after the pub, and our house is near the top end of the road.

If you are unable to attend this meeting but are interested in going on this meet, please send me a s.a.e. and I shall be pleased to forward you details.

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Belated congratulations go to Stuart and Kath, Bramall and to Mike and Sue Wren on recently becoming hitched.

June 11th/13th

COMBINED LAKES AND WALK AND CRAG LOUGH MEET

I have booked the Northumbrian M.C Hut Grandy's Knowe (see club Handbook for huts with reciprocal rights) for this weekend and this can be used for 1 or 2 nights dependant on whether your walking or climbing or both. In any event this should bring all parties together on Saturday night and enable members to make the first half of the walk on Saturday and climb on Sunday or climb Saturday and walk the remainder of the walk on Sunday. The hut is within 1/2 mile of the crag and Hadrians wall.

In the interests of clarity I am setting down 2 distinct instructions. The first A for those who intend at least to set out on the walk, whether they intend to complete the Sunday part of it or not. The second part B is for those who will go direct to the hut on Friday night to climb on the Saturday/but may walk on Sunday) Having weathered these rather heavy and laboured preliminaries the following applies :-

A The walkers will rendezvous in the Scotch Arms at Brampton on Friday night. This is situated within 100 yds or so of the centre of Brampton and is reached on the A69 Carlisle - Warwick Bridge - Brampton Road. The ale is McEwans. . . After liquid refreshment we shall walk to St Mary's Vale near Lunercost O.S Map 76 reference 565636 for a kip. Lloyd Caris has kindly organised Mr Jackson's garage for this purpose. Lloyd's only identification of this place is 'its a big door on the right' which gives plenty of scope for all sorts of interesting situations. By my reckoning its reasonably positive since there can be no more than 1/2 dozen buildings in the village. Lloyd also says it is dry, has a stone floor, electric light and water in an adjacent small building'. Mr Jackson is only adamant about one thing and that is he doesn't want anybody p-----g on his garden.

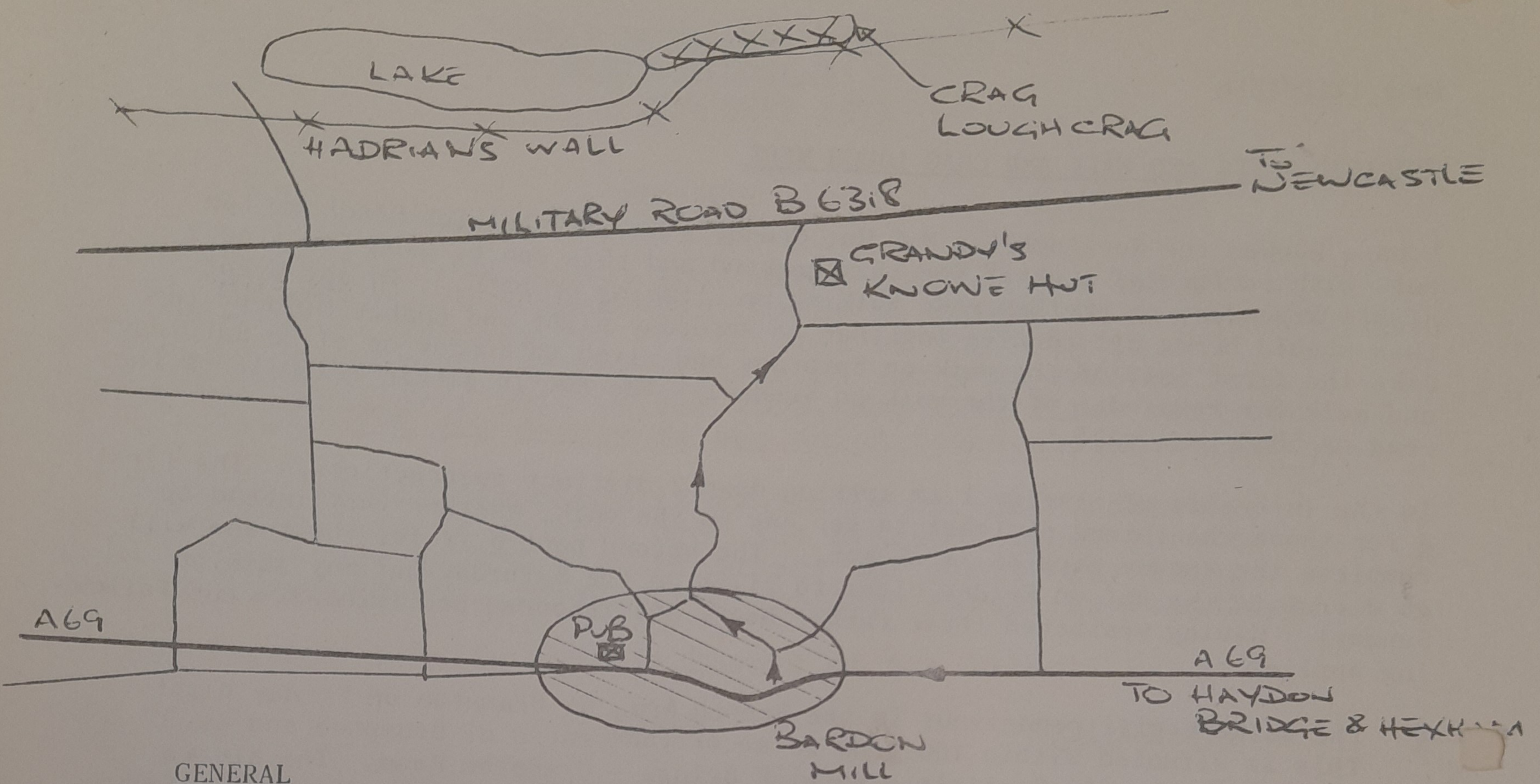
On the Saturday the walk will take the line of Hadrians wall to the Grandy's Knowe Hut. On Sunday the walk will continue along the wall to finish at some point on the Newcastle-Carlisle road/railway in order to take a bus/train back to the cars at Brampton. The point at which we take public transport is rather undeterminate since it depends on a number of factors not the least of which is the state of the party. I assume it will be somewhere between Hexham and Haydon Bridge. It may be that some kindred member of the climbing party will pick us up!

B The best approach to the Hut is up the A1 turning off onto the A68 (10 miles beyond Scotch Corner) to Bishop Auckland.

In Hexham turn west along the A69 to Bardon Mill (approx 10 miles). In Barden Mill turn right (north) just before the pub and the hut is situated on the right just before the military road is reached (2 miles). The map reference is 781674 on 1" O.S No.77.

Crag Lough is comprised of quartz dolerite and is approx 1/2 mile long. It is broken into 7 well defined buttresses. The Northumbrian M.C have published a guide of which the club library has a copy at present held by myself. This lists 77 climbs, 24 being v.s or higher standard. The longest route is 100 ft excluding traverses. Later developments may of course account for others of a more exacting nature.

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In conclusion, if any of the climbing part can see their way to giving a lift to the walkers on Friday night en route to Grandy's Knowe, this obviously helps since it reduces the overall number of cars at the start.

P Janes