

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB  
MEETS CIRCULAR JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 1972

JUNE 18

BURBAGE

C. RUSSELL

The meet will be Sunday only, and I hope to be there from 10.30 onwards. I shall be concentrating my efforts mainly at the Northern End of the Edge, where the height of the rock is suitable for those of modest talent. For those who don't know the edge it is situated in the square ref.2682 on O.S. sht.111. Cars can be parked on the Southern End and parties on the rocks can be clearly seen if one walks up the track marked on the map between the edge and Burbage Brook, so even a deaf newcomer should be able to locate the Oread.

The climbing is Rivelin Grit, similar to Birchens Edge and is 'overgraded' Baslow area stuff so this is definitely a day out for the B team.

JUNE 23/25

THIRLMERE

C. RADCLIFFE

The venue for this meet will be St. John's in the Vale. I propose to camp at a pleasant site by the river at Low Bridgend Farm, grid 318206, just under one mile along the B5322 from the junction with the main Ambleside-Keswick road at the north end of Thirlmere.

Weather should be good and there is fine climbing on Raven Crag above Thirlmere & on Castle Crag close to the campsite, while the Helvellyn Range offers some of the best walking in the Lakes.

The last meet in this area was very popular so lets have a good turn-out to make this meet an equal success.

JULY 13

HEATHY LEA

A. OAKDEN

There's no need for me to elaborate on the amenities this area has to offer and I'm sure that anyone who comes on this meet will not be at a loss as to where to climb or walk. However, I personally will endeavour to avoid the crowds and climb on Chatsworth, Gardoms and Baslow Edges during the weekend, which will of course involve a little walking.

There is plenty of room in the cottage and room for any amount of dossers in the barn, so do come and enjoy a home from home weekend at our Derbyshire Hut.

JULY 5

EVENING MEET-BRASSINGTON

JULY 7/9

WELSH WALK

J. ASHCROFT

This will be a genuine attempt to carry on where the 1970 Welsh Walk left off. On that occasion the walk covered the country between Plynlimon and Cader Idris. The route intended for this meet will cover a similar distance starting near Obergeswyn and finishing at Plynlimon.

The route will endeavor to avoid (a) all road walking and (b) Friday night dance halls. It is the considered opinion of the meet leader that these factors contributed considerably to the weakness of last years Irishmans-Welsh Walk along the route of Hadrians Wall. All the 'Bold imaginative planning' talked of by JANES before the meet was exhausted on the Friday night. PRETTY was at such a low ebb on the Sunday morning that vast quantities of hot sweet tea had to be poured down his throat before he could summon up the strength to remove his bulk from the sleeping bag. The stage was rapidly approaching when intravenous injections would be necessary to keep him going.

Those wishing to sample this bit of wild Wales offered this year should congregate at the New Inn, Newbridge-on-Wye (grid 016582) before 10.30pm Friday. Bivvy site is likely to be in the region of grid 890540.

For transport arrangements either write the meet leader, telephone Sheffield 362468 or arrange in the Wilmot Tuesday 4 JULY.

We are now beginning to penetrate the country that Ernie Phillips and Laurie Burns have explored underground and above ground respectively for years. It takes time for the masses to follow but here is your chance, don't miss this unrepeatable offer to follow the pace setters in this field.

Ancients and moderns welcome. Tricouni particularly welcome. Fou'kner get out your boots & stopwatch. Pettigrew your bagpipes and Williams your green craylane. ONTO THE ROOF OF WALES!!!  
(O.S. Maps ref 127, 128, 140 & 141)

JULY 14/16

STANAGE

D. HODGE

Camping for this meet is as usual at Calver Mill and weather permitting the following events will take place.

Saturday afternoon-Climbing on Froggatt.

Saturday evening-Boozing at Edith's.

Sunday-Last minute Alpine burn-up to Stanage via the Edges.

See you there.

PART 1

22 JULY/5 AUGUST

ALPINE MEET, BREGAGLIA

J. ASHCROFT

The lobbying complete some measure of agreement has been arrived at for this years venue. I might add I've heard rumours of at least three break away groups and there are forever with us those who prefer to spend their Alpine visits on the piste!. However all this apart there will be a goodly turn out in the village of Vicosoprano in Val Bregaglia. There are numerous Hotels, Pensions and an excellent campsite with complete facilities. A higher campsite at Maloja would be good for acclimatisation but is in an exposed position by a lake.

The area abounds with routes and peaks of all degrees of difficulty, from the smooth granite wall of the Piz Badile, the Ferro Pillars on the Orientale and the East Face of the Val Tonnone Ridge (vertical wall of red granite 500m. grade VI+) to such easy mixed mountaineering routes on Monte Del Forno, Mont Rosso, Mounte Sissone, Cini Di Castello in the F/PD range. 3 to 4 hours. A peak not to be forgotten is the isolated Misgrazia-a majestic peak with a variety of longer mixed mountaineering routes. This has not often been climbed by British parties no doubt due to the effort involved to reach huts.

The recent East Bregaglia Guide states 'The attractions of Bregaglia East are more in keeping with the kind of climbing sought by the average mountaineer'. There certainly is something for everyone, Vicosoprano is about 1000M and the peaks in the order of 3300M Val Bregaglia has a touch of the warm south and is rich in a profusion of vegetation. The area enjoys a more reliable climate for climbing than the Western Alps.

Within an hour or so motoring to the east is St. Moritz and Pontrasina giving access to the fine snow peaks of the Piz Palu, Piz Bernina (the only 4000M in the region) and Piz Roseg whilst to the west within one hour one can reach the more secular region of lake Como on which Mr. Colledge can advise on the finer points.

In the main except for the whistle stop visits of Nat Allen, Ray Colledge and the Pete Scotts of this world, to snatch the Cassin Route on the Badile, the Oread have barely investigated the area.

Let this be the year for tigers, peak baggers and pass wilterers alike. The guide book notes "Blank Spots" for pioneering of new routes.

West Col have in recent years produced 3 guides covering the Bernina, West & East Bregaglia get them and find your way to this south east corner of Switzerland.

NEW MEMBER.

At a recent committee meeting Gordon Wright was made a Full Member.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

There are still some members who have not yet paid their subs for this year and their attention is drawn to rule 15 which states that any members with subs still unpaid on June 30th. run the risk at the discretion of the committee of being 'struck off' the list of members.

HUT BOOKINGS.

Apart from our 'Cloggy' meet no other block bookings have been made at Tan-y-Wyddfa during this month, July & August so come on members get booked in-you've certainly got plenty of weekends to choose from. Anyone not going to the Alps and interested in a w/e. at Tan-y-Wyddfa -say 21/23 July Doreen & I will be there, why not book in and join us.

HUT KEY NUMBERS.

As mentioned in the Aug/Sept '71 circular we are trying to make a list of key holders, and believe it or not we're not having much success. If you haven't given your number to a committee member please make an effort and do so, in fact if you are making a donation to the Geoff Hayes Memorial, see next page, please add your key number to the bottom of the tear off slip.

## ALPINE MEET PART 2

T. BRIDGES.

Jack gives the impression that most of the people going on the meet have decided to camp at Vicosoprano, this is not the case. Quite a few are still assuming Maloja is the venue.

At the original Alpine meeting, Maloja was chosen on the recommendation of a number of people including families who have used the campsite before. It is roughly central between the Bernina & Bregaglia areas, high enough to give some degree of acclimatisation to domesticated climbers & not too hot & humid in summer. It is also free of the stomach troubles which all too frequently affect the lower Engadine Valley.

It seems to me that nearer the time of departure interested parties should have a get together at the Wilnot to decide on a short list of campsites in order of preference. After all overcrowding could easily force us to abandon a first choice. I shall be at the Wilnot Tues 27 June.

I take it from the above that the meeting was the usual shambles-but there again this is a typical Ashcroft move-look at last years meet-half the club in Zermatt the rest in Tasch!!.

KH.

## PEAK NATIONAL PARK

This year is the Centenary of the World National Parks and the 21st. Anniversary of our own Peak Park. To commemorate this coming of age the following events will take place in Derby.

- 16th-26th June-Mobile Display-Market Place.
- 16th June-Talk and Films-Guildhall 7.30pm. Free Admission.
- 23rd June-Public Forum-Guildhall 7.30pm. " "

The Committee feel that there may be some members who will wish to air their views on the theme of the evening "What future for the peak National Park?" at the latter event.

## GEOFF HAYES MEMORIAL

Following the announcement in the May/June circular of the intention to equip the attached Barn at Heathy Lea as a memorial to Geoff, the committee have now looked into this in more detail and are of the opinion that the facilities to be provided should be simple in keeping with the barn concept.

- The work proposed is;-
- Provision of Gas Cooking Facilities.
  - Panelling to inside of Entrance.
  - Improved Sleeping Platform.
  - Some form of Heating.
  - Water Supply & Sink.
  - Tables & Benches.
  - Possible Covering to Floor.

A figure in the region of £100 is required to carry out this work and anyone wishing to make a donation to the project is invited to send their remittance, together with the attached tear off slip to either- Clive Russell, Rookery House, Smithy Lane, Parwich, Ashbourne. or Paul Gardiner, 20 Quorn Drive, Allestree, Derby.

The committee hope for a generous response to this appeal as it is hoped to formally open the Barn prior to the Photo Meet and to this end an early start to the work is desirable.

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## GEOFF HAYES MEMORIAL

I enclose a P.O./Cheque for.....

Please make payable to Oread Mountaineering Club.....Thankyou.