

SPECIAL EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING EDITION

EDITOR'S NOTES

One of the things you notice in this job is that time is undoubtedly accelerating at a quite alarming rate (Has anybody spotted a black hole?) and, once again, I find myself writing about things like the annual dinner, which again looms large and of which more later.

Also looming large, or otherwise, is the long awaited E.G.M., to discuss the Sub-Committee's report on improvements and possible alterations at Stair. The Committee's report and plan of scheme B are included in this newsletter. A not unsubstantial sum of money is involved so please try to attend, succanneer at 8 pm on Wed. 10th November, 1982.

HUT SEC. - STAIR

Dave Westby, 38 Torsway Ave., Layton, Blackpool, phone 31886, takes over the above post from Steve Swindells.

NEW MEMBERS

Mike Davies 12 Manitoba Close, Lammack, Blackburn is welcomed as an introductory member and Paul Robinson as a full member.

THE CLUB DINNER

Dinner will be served at 7pm on Sat. 4th December at the Derwentwater Hotel, Portinscale. Amazingly, same price as last year £6. How do we do it? Disco to follow. Please book, cheques payable to the Fylde Mountaineering Club, with Dave Greenhalgh, 20 Warren Avenue South, Fleetwood, Tel. 5030.

Accommodation of the Derwentwater must be booked direct with the Hotel. A single room with bath costs £12.50 and a double room with bath is £14.00 inclusive of 15% VAT..

NO DESTITUTE COOKER EVER REFUSED

A cooker and a safe are needed for the Stair Hut. Any offers please.

CLIMBING WALL

Altrincham Sports Centre, Oakfield Road, Altrincham, Tel 061 928 2217, now has a climbing wall 14' x 120' open from mid-October.

VISITING LONDON

You may like to know that the Alpine Club Library is open to the public from 2 to 5 pm. Tues. to Fri. at 74 South Audley Street, London W1Y 5FF, Tel. 01-499-1542.

THE PRINTED WORD

A new book "The Future of the Cairngorms" has been published by North East Mountain Trust, P.O.Box 25, P.O. Crown Street, Aberdeen.

A CONCERT

We have been advised that a Regimental Band Concert will be held at The Grand Theatre on 7th November in aid of Forces Charities.

GET TREKKING

Ultimate are running a competition to win a Himalayan Trek. Pop along to your retailer for an entry form before 15.11.82.

BREWERY VISIT

A visit has been arranged to Mitchells Brewery, Lancaster on the evening of Tues. 16th November. The party is limited to 25.

Book with me, Eddie Craig, Garstang 4169.

FUTURE MEETS

13/14th November	Ladies' Meet, Langdale	Mary Aspin - Fleetwood 6785
21st "	Coach Meet	Brian Wilkinson - F/wood 2594
27/28th "	Family W/E Langdale	
4/5th December	Club Dinner	
18/19th "	Members' Meet, Langdale	D. Earle - Poulton 890283

SOCIALS

17th November	Rock Climbing, Colorado, Brendan Conlan Yosemite & U.K.
1st December	Slide Competition. Cat. Landscape & Climbing 3 of each max.
15th "	From the Alps to Etna J.J.
6th January	Photo Quiz.

HUT AVAILABILITY

29/30th October	Stair
5/6th November	Langdale
12/13th "	Langdale (Ladies' Meet)
19/20th "	Langdale
26/27th "	Langdale (Families)
26/27th "	Stair
3/4th December	Stair (Dinner)
10/11th "	Stair
17/18th "	Langdale (Members' Meet)
24Dec-2nd Jan.	Both Huts available to members
7/8th January	Langdale
14/15th "	Stair
21/22nd January	Langdale
21/22nd "	Stair (Families)
28/29th "	Stair

CLUB HUTS: USES AND ABUSES by Dave Westby

Sadly once again it is necessary to remind people about these.

The Committee has received many complaints over the last few years of various degrees of abuse, untidiness and delinquency, resulting in some Bannings. Things eased a little for a short time, but now

complaints are flooding in once again.

The Committee is exercising great restraint by issuing Warnings and not Bannings. But if behaviour does not improve, unfortunately the Committee will have to take a harder line.

The present Rules at the Huts clearly state that at midnight no nuisance should be caused by any hut user, member or guest.

The huts are generally left in a tidy state at the end of the weekend, but the Committee would expect and encourage each individual member to use the huts in a responsible manner. In particular, an improvement would be seen if washing up was not left for too long after eating; proper use made of the boot racks, ash trays, etc....

So, come on then, make the effort, let's get the huts back to what they really should be. A pleasure to use - and not a Midden!

RYDAL TO THERLAKELD

Subtitled "A Meet Leader's Tale" (or "A Meet Leader at the Tail!")

I was not intending to commit my sins and failings to paper - hence the late appearance of this rubbish. However, pressure from certain quarters who would like a second chance to take the 'Michael' have forced me to put pen to paper!

So here it is folks - the article you haven't been waiting for; uncensored, I trust, and as late and wandering as I was on the day in question.

Mistake No. (1)

Trying to run a coach meet when everybody was doing something else! Well, how was I to know?

Forty phone calls resulted in eight positive yes's (sorry about that)

Still I ended up with thirtyfour on the coach; about par for the course.

Mistake No. (2)

Trying to wake up a certain family at 7.50 in the morning which has resulted in a certain lady still not speaking to me!

(The laws of libel, slander and the Official Secrets Act prevent me from naming names!)

Mistake No. (3)

The coach didn't stop at Rydal with the result that yours truly and the Marathon Party after much deliberation decided to walk back along the road for a mile in order to ascend Nab Scar.

Mistake No. (4)

All went well until around Fairfield when the Monsoon struck (hardly my fault but meet leaders get blamed for everything - Well, this one does anyway!)

Mistake No. (5)

The scene Melvellyn Summit, the weather mainly misty and damp.

The party sets out for Kaise, the Dodds and all points north. All that is except yours truly who is mending a puncture on his heel!

Mistake No. (6) "The Big One!"
(or "How the Meet Leader lost his party!")

Now it can be revealed!

The Meet Leader now several minutes behind his party, set off at high speed to catch up.

The path started to descend and so did yours truly until, switching on his brain, a sudden feeling of doubt and panic hit him. Surely something was wrong; surely he couldn't be heading for Thirlspot? Oh yes, he could! Map and compass were dug out (might as well use them if you're going to carry them!) As the map was lifted from the rucksack so the cloud was lifted from the mountain revealing yours truly heading for Brown Cove Crags!

Mistake No. (7) "Trying to Catch Up"

The scene, all of the Dodds except the last one! The weather clear, the Meet Leader could be seen first rushing then staggering along, smoke and sparks belching from pipe trying to keep up a full head of steam!

Always one summit ahead, the rest of the party watching enthralled through binoculars!

Mistake No. (8)

Finally on the last hill the Meet Leader was re-united with his party (good of them to wait he thought!)

And so down to Tarelkeld. Several routes were taken through the quarries down to the main road. Where was the coach? This could be the biggest slip-up yet (Meet Leader loses party then Meet Leader loses coach?!)

Dire threats about sending yours truly off on his own to find the said coach were being muttered! Eventually, however, the coach was found and set off minus two passengers who decided to let the coach find them by waiting for it at a bus stop! (very clever!)

Mistake No. (9)

Having been deprived by uncooperative drivers of boozing time on the previous three coach meets, yours truly had negotiated with the coach company and driver for an hour and a quarter at the 'Hollies'.

It just goes to prove the old adage that you can't please everyone all the time. Not in the F.H.C. you can't!

"Too long!" "I've got to get home!" "Half an hour would have been long enough!" "I didn't want to stop anyway!"

These and other complaints echoed in the Meet Leader's ears, but with a pint of Thwaites in his hand and time for at least one more, the aforementioned cars were well and truly closed!

(Post-script, the Wiseman's won the raffle and D. Duck must surely have won a mention in the next Mug of the Year ceremony!

D. 'Duck'