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MOUNTAINEERING CLUB



News Letter

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Approximately one year ago, the idea of a club Journal materialised in the first issue of this News Letter, and we are well pleased to have been able to have had four publications in the twelve months.

It is perhaps regrettable that people have not seen fit to use the journal much for the airing of views and opinions, despite sundry provocations, but, notwithstanding, material has been gleaned from somewhere, and it is to be hoped that we may be able to continue in this way at least. Remember, however, that Club members are always doing something which must be significant in its own way, and pen to paper for an hour or less will place the incident on record for the interest and pleasure of all.

Our worthy Chairman in his address to this years Annual General Meeting, commented that the News Letter could stand or fall by its contributions. This could be true I noted, but is unlikely. We firmly believe that there ever will be sufficient for this publication as a News Letter and that growth and expansion will deserve of us a fully fledged Journal, in keeping with the fame and size of the Ceunant Mountaineering Club when the time comes.

M. KING.

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Opinions expressed in this News Letter are those of the Editor and are not necessarily endorsed by the Committee.

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The Editor wishes to thank Tony Daffern who has done all the spadework for this issue.

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"This book is for mountaineers; and a mountaineer is not only one who climbs mountains, but any one who likes to walk, read or think about them."

Geoffrey Winthrop Young.
(Mountain Craft)

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MIKE HARRIS AND GEORGE FRASER

We have to place on record the sincere regret of each and every one of us at the terrible news of the loss of these fine people on Ama Dablam.

Mr. Harris, in particular, is known to some of us who have had the honour of climbing with him on his less exacting days. Harris climbed a great deal with Trevor Jones last year, in perhaps the best season of his mountaineering life. He went to the Caucasus last year with John Hunts party, where he succeeded in some notable exploits.

There is so much that we could tell of these two climbers that has already been told and will again be told by far better pens than ours, that it seems better fitting only to record such deep sorrow for which we can never find words, at this most tragic passing.

Our respects, gentlemen, and we share indeed your regrets for those nearest to you who are left alone.

M. KING.

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"Wherever in the world great mountains stand, there have been men who lifted their eyes to them and vowed that they would get to the top.

Some have got to the top; some have not. Some have found victory and fulfilment behind the ranges; others disappointment, defeat, and sometimes death. All have found danger and privation, long drudgery and backbreaking work. But all, too, have found in the struggle something profoundly worth doing for its own sake; and in the end it has always been the spirit of the climbers, rather than their achievements, that has given meaning and stature to their enterprises. Some of the finest exploits in mountaineering history have fallen short of their goals. Men have touched greatness no less in their defeats than in their victories. That is the mountain way."

"The Age of Mountaineering"

James Ramsey Ullman.

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"Mountaineering". Copies of this journal can be ordered in bulk at a club rate of 1/4d per copy. The Secretary will order copies of this journal to be sold at indoor meetings.

Resignation. Miss J. Upton has resigned from the committee as she will be away from Birmingham for a while. We wish her all the best in her new job. It was proposed that another female member should be asked to take her place on the committee.

New Members. The following have been elected to membership:

Mr. B. Pearce; Mr. & Mrs. R. Bearman.

Welsh Eisteddfod Fund. The club was asked by the village of Nant Peris to contribute to this Fund. A sum of £1. 1. 0. from the Club Fund and 29/- from room collections, was sent.

Tyn Lon Expenditure. So far this year, expenditure on Tyn Lon has amounted to £47. 10. 0. The main items being £27 for Bunk Tops, and £12 for building materials.

Hut Fees. To date £70 has been collected in Hut Fees.

Coach Meets. These meets are still running at a LOSS to the Club. Your attendance on Coach Meets is urged.

Births. Congratulations to Hugh and Eve O'Neill on the birth of a daughter, Kirsty Jane, on the 26th May.

Forthcoming Meets.

Sunday, July 12th. Black Mountains. Private Transport.
Meet Leader: D. Davis.

Next Indoor lecture will be held on July 1st, when Joe Walmsley will give a talk on the Masherbrum Expedition. Masherbrum is a 25,600 ft. peak in the Himalayas.

A meeting will be held at the Friends Institute, on Wednesday, 22nd July when members slides can be shown.

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MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT SUBSCRIPTIONS WERE DUE AT THE END OF JANUARY. OUTSTANDING SUBSCRIPTIONS CAN BE GIVEN TO THE TREASURER AT ANY INDOOR MEET.

On Whit Monday. The locals in Pentre Foelas were amazed to hear The Ball of Kerry-muir, enhanced by the Doppler Effect, issuing from two bulging bug-bags in the back of Mike Kerby's waggon. Can anyone explain this phenomena?

THE OLD GREY MAN OF GLYDER FACH. During a recent bivouac on Glyder Fach by two Club members and their guest, one member was awakened at 2.0 a.m. by an unearthly howling which, echoing off the cliffs, threatened to make him run - non stop and hair on end - to Ogwen Cottage for protection. The other member managed to pacify him and re-assured him that it was only a fox and not the Old Grey Man of Glyder Fach. The guest slept on! The Field Sports Society have been notified and also the local Master of the Hunt.

It is reported that Mike's folly, (a hole in the wall near Llangollen), has now been repaired, and is ready for his next attempt.

The National Trust Commission has been approached about providing a Public Convenience at the foot of Ivy Sepulchre, after a blatant display of manhood by one of our members.

It is rumoured that two members have actually looked down Cenotaph Corner; a great achievement.

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Meet to Stanage. 7th June, 1959.

Twelve members and guests enjoyed pleasant climbing on a fine breezy day. The Robin Hood and Intermediate areas were visited and interesting routes of all standards were found. The Right Unconquerable was top-roped. It was unfortunate, however, that there was not sufficient transport available to accommodate everyone.

Another Club party went to Birchens Edge, where they had a very enjoyable day.

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CLIMBING NEWS

Club parties have been doing some good routes during the past few weeks. Climbs done include Grim Wall (Tremadoc), Ivy Sepulchre, Ribstone Crack, Narrow Slab, Girdle of the West Buttress (Cloggy) and Brant Direct.

Two members have now done Pinnacle Wall (Craig y Isfa), and found it a most enjoyable route. It is not technically difficult, but very exposed, and is well within the capabilities of any regular Severe leader. The situations are magnificent and it is well worth the long walk.

Easter, spent by some in Wales and others in the Lakes does not appear to have produced much climbing,

Whitsun was spent in North Wales by most of the members, though one group made its annual trip to Skye, where they had good weather, and the usual eventful journey with Harold Jupp. The weather in North Wales was glorious, and some of the members who went up Snowdon to see the sunrise, were rewarded by a clear morning and a good view. Another party picked the wrong day. Club members climbed mainly on Cloggy, Llewedd and the Three Cliffs, though a few went round to Ogwen. We were very pleased to see Brian Ruston and Arthur Davies at Tynlon.

The Sunday meet to Cheddar Gorge was well attended and many of the party scared themselves on the loose friable rock there. One party had an exciting time on The Sceptre, an exposed and sensational route of 350 ft. up one of the near vertical walls on the North side of the Gorge.

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The Rock and Ice, having used up all the rock on the main groupes apparently, have turned their attention to Cader Idris, where a cliff is in the process of exploration.

Because of the recent spell of fine weather the experts have turned their attention to Cloggy where many of the harder routes, including Vember, Red Slab and White Slab, are being done.

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Because of lack of support the Wasdale meet, to have been held on May 8th - 10th, was cancelled.

Accident Report There was an accident on the 7th June when a Manchester climber fell off Shadow Wall on Carreg Wasted. Once again it seems that the main cause of the accident was the casual use of line runners. The leader in this case had his second some 70 ft below him, belayed to the Holly trees half way up what is normally the first pitch. He had placed runners under the overhang, one on a small spike and another round a chockstone near the top. He fell off just above this runner which broke. The runner below on the spike came off and the leader fell right down below his second, who was unable to help him, and was severely injured. In this case the accident could have been avoided by having the second about 30 ft higher where there is a good belay, and more important, using a full weight runner round the last chockstone, which is large enough to take half a dozen full weight runners if necessary.

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JUMAR CLIMBING STIRRUPS "The ideal and universal device for all mountaineers, rock climbers and alpine skiers, for porters ascending fixed ropes, and for rescue work. Also for inspection and renovation work on high buildings."

At the moment there is no representative in Britain. But I am reassured by the makers that there will be one soon, and that they will let me know when they have finalised agreements.

The Stirrups can be purchased direct from the makers. The cost, inclusive of foot slings is 48 Swiss Francs per pair, about £4.0.0d. This is exclusive of Customs Duty and Packing charges.

The Customs Duty on sports equipment is 25% and an Import Licence is required.

If anyone is still interested the address is:-

Walter Marti,
JUMAR STEIGBUGEL,
REICHENBACH,
Kander Valley,
Switzerland.

Mike Kerby.

NOTES ON EQUIPMENT

NYLON ROPES The British Standards Institution has now published its specification on Nylon Mountaineering ropes (B.S. 3104). The requirements they have specified are based on the highest qualities known at the present time. They are continuing research and development with the aim of producing mountaineering ropes of even better performance, and durability. They state that the risk of failure is reduced as the size of rope is increased, and it is recommended that the heaviest rope, consistent with ease of handling, be always used.

The Standard provides for four sizes of rope. These are known numerically as Ropes Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4. No.1. being the lightest.

Rope No.	wt/100 ft lbs.	Circum. ins	Min breaking load. lbs.
1	1.25	$\frac{5}{8}$	1,000
2	2.50	$\frac{7}{8}$	2,000
3	4.25	$1 \frac{1}{4}$	3,500
4	5.50	$1 \frac{3}{8}$	4,200

Each end of the rope is to be palm and needle whipped with nylon over a distance of 1 inch, and shall be heat sealed, not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch away from the whipping.

The extension at 20% of the specified minimum breaking load shall not be more than 22% and at rupture shall not be less than 40%

Ropes complying with the requirements of the British Standards Institution shall have a label attached marked as follows:-

- (1). Manufacturers name or Trade Mark.
- (2). British Standard No. B.S. 3104.
- (3). Rope No. and nominal weight per 100 feet.

PITONS A large range of Cassin pitons is available from Arvons at 2/6d each. These are light, well made and treated to prevent corrosion. They are far superior to the Austrian or British made Pitons.

KARABINERS Italian (Cassin) Karabiners are now available in this Country (City Camp & Sports, Birmingham, and Arvons, Bethesda and Capel Curig). They are lighter in weight than the Austrian (Stubai) Karabiners, but are constructed in such a way as to be just as strong. The finish is far superior and does not corrode so easily. The heavy screw lock type (4,700 lbs. breaking strain) are excellent for use as waistline Karabiners. In the author's opinion the heavy Karabiner, without the screw, is heavier and stronger than necessary for use with runners, and the lighter 2,800 lb. ones are to be preferred.

The following types can be obtained:-

Large	With Screw	4,700 lbs.	12/6d
Large	Without Screw	4,000 lbs.	9/0d.
Small	No Screw	2,800 lbs	8/0d
D. Shaped	With Screw	4,000 lbs	11/6d
D. Shaped	Without Screw	}no details	
Lightweight Alloy	No Screw	}no details	

DUVET JACKETS New Duvet Jackets on the market are:-

Nylon covered, Terylene filled, completely waterproof jackets from Arvons at about £9.0.0d.

Down filled jackets, not waterproof, from Frank Davies (Ambleside) at about £6.10.0d.

ANORAKS Frank Davies makes an Anorak in Ventile, single texture, and completely waterproof for £5.15.0d. See Mike Connolly. for further details of this Anorak.

TIROLIA Tirolia of 97 Barton Street, Gloucester, list in their catalogue a comprehensive range of Continental Guide Books, as well as normal mountaineering equipment, 5% discount is offered to club members.

It has been found that the Prusik Knot does not grip very well when both ropes are of Nylon, and so the Bachmann Knot has been devised as an alternative.

See last edition of Mountain Craft for details.

A.M. Daffern.

SUN STROKE TREASURE HUNT. 17th June, 1959

Nineteen teams arrived at the start, the "Peacock Inn", ready for 53 miles Hunting. The evening was fine and sunny and the competition was begun with a short map reading test, in which Dan Davis and John Knight were two of the brightest, or there crews were!

The first section proved very effective in sorting things out. John Gregory was the only one to visit all the check points, but in doing so lost 26 mins. The first four checks were generally found, but after the A.A. box check - Fun indeed? - the only Motorcycle entrant "fell into the water" at the Coughton Ford control which ended section A. The leaders at the end of this stage were, John Gregory, (325 points lost) John Knight (460) and Dan Davis (480).

Overall, less points were lost on section B, though only two people answered all the questions. Pete Willan made an unsuccessful but valiant effort to man his secret check after bursting an oil pipe.

When no cars had arrived when the first had been due 40 mins. I was beginning to get a bit worried. However, only four retired and one was finally missing.

A fine all round effort gave a win to Dan Davis, (640 marks lost) chased by John Knight (790) and third John Gregory (1265)

My grateful thanks to all those who took part and those whose help made the Hunt possible.

Tony Hammond.

Thanks are due to Tony Hammond for all the work he put in organising this event, which, entirely due to his efforts, provided a most enjoyable evening for us all.

Thank you Tony.

(Editor)

THE GOAT

The Goat was beginning to look rather thin. It had been roaming across the middle slabs of the Grochan for the past three weeks, fertilizing the bluebells, soiling the hand-holds, and eating the old chocolate wrappings and cigarette packets. Moreover, its bleating had been disturbing the campers below, and so it was decided to fetch it down.

Four stalwarts, lead by Harry Smith, set out just after breakfast, with full stomachs, and umpteen hundred feet of rope. Harry soloed the first two pitches of Nea and eventually, in record time, and after much swearing and struggling, the rest of the party joined him on the large ledge at the top.

Meanwhile, the Goat, stationed at the foot of the crack pitch on Spectre, was watching these proceedings with interest, occasionally giving a dismal bleat of approval. Or was it disapproval?

After a certain amount of knitting, chock-stone placing, and more swearing, Harry descended, like a Preying Mantis, on the wretched animal. The Goat uttered a despairing cry and threw itself over the edge of the crag. The spectators turned away in disgust, and the rescue party cursed the suicidal animal.

However, all was not lost as there was another ledge only a few feet below. Harry, more cautious this time, descended further. The Goat made a wild rush; Harry made a wild grab; but the animal was too quick for him, and all that was left was a good portion of his finger on the wall behind. The next sortie, however, was more successful, and Harry and the Goat became one seething mass of arms and legs, suspended from a tangle of ropes. Finally, Harry emerged from the folds of one well and truly tied up Goat which was heaved over the edge and lowered swiftly to the ground to be released by those below.

Without even a bleat of thanks the emaciated Goat raced across the scree and was last seen disappearing at a great rate round the far end of Craig Ddu.

After unravelling the knitting the rescue party returned to the inevitable brew, their consciences satisfied.

Baden Powel would have been proud of them.

BOOK REVIEW by A.M. Daffern.

Tackle Climbing This Way John Disley. 10/6d.

This introduces mountaineering from the beginning in much the same way as J.E.B. Wright's Technique of Mountaineering, the New Teach Yourself Mountaineering, and many others. The material is presented in the same way as in the above, and, apart from a few pages on the art of Hitch Hiking at the end of the book, there is no real difference. In the Bibliography he makes reference to J.E.Q. Barford's book Climbing in Britain, which has been out of print for some years. It seems rather pointless publishing this book as there are a good many similar ones available, and it is certainly no better than Teach Yourself Mountaineering.

Some Gloucestershire Climbs. Ed. F.T. Calvert. 2/6d.

This small climbing guide, issued by the Gloucestershire Mountaineering Club, covers most of the climbing possibilities in Gloucestershire which are not covered in detail by any other publication. The climbing areas it covers include:- Wintour's Leap Cliffs on the lower Wye, Symonds Yat and outcrops and quarries in the Forest of Dean, and small Limestone Cliffs on the Cotswolds at Cleeve Hill, Leckhampton Hill, and Haresfield Beacon. They hope to produce new editions as new climbing grounds are covered. Some of the diagrams in the book are excellent, showing the cliffs in both plan and elevation, making it much easier to identify climbs.

There are routes in all grades, some of which are 200 ft or more high, giving 5 or 6 pitches.

The Guide can be obtained from the Secretary, Miss Shirley Marshall, 214c, Stroud Road, Gloucester.

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Great things are done when men and mountains meet:
They are not done by jostling in the street.

BLAKE.

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Mountaineering is not a gamble with life or death as the stakes. The concept of danger and the concept of difficulty are two very different things which can easily be confused. The one is as morbid and blameworthy as the other is virile and healthy.

Gaston Rebuffat.

TYN LON PROGRESS

The most significant change since the last Newsletter is that the newer cottage is now habitable and has been in regular use from before Whitsun.

The first part of the Calor gas system was fitted on Whit-Sunday afternoon by the Snowdon Garage mechanic who lives just opposite - and thus ended the "camping-out indoors" atmosphere of the earlier hut dwellers. The system is an improvement on that used in Pen Ceunant and should eliminate the burnt finger-tips which seemed to go with the kitchen there.

The problems of disposal of waste water have now become most pressing, and I am happy to report that the long series of letters and telephone calls by Stan Storey, Mr. Coleman Snr. and myself have at very long last produced a legal document which, when duly signed, sealed and delivered, will enable us to put in the final stretch of drain. A threat of legal proceedings had finally to be used by Mr. Coleman to prise out this document, so it may be termed "hard fought for".

Every volunteer available will be needed for the digging and laying and I should be glad to have names and details of week-ends when available in order to find the earliest possible date when a really strong party can be arranged.

The new water connection to the front of the outhouse, has now been installed by the local authority and the major part of the plumbing system is on site, and needs the final connections and details.

However, the inner end wall of the outhouse is in a perilous state and needs attention before the pipe can run across it to the kitchen. This defect is in turn partly due to the rainwater leaks at the junction of roof and cottage wall and efforts were made over Whitsun to waterproof the joints - the lack of rain since is perhaps as well.

The shortage of rain and the phenomenal weather going with it has removed normal Welsh incentives to work indoors and even the Chairman has been seen rock-climbing in the last two months.

This does not mean, unfortunately, that there is still

not a lot to be done to make the older cottage habitable and the living conditions throughout less primitive, so if the weather breaks there need not be under employment.

We have been found to have highly active climbing mice as permanent residents, and until control methods are effective members and guests are advised to store food safely at all times, even the shelves of the angle racks in the living room are not safe from them.

Another resident is a bird (unseen and species unknown) which has been nesting on top of some of the old timbers stacked around a tree at the back.

Since the cottage is in use we are badly in need of cooking and eating equipment, and if members or friends have any spare crockery, cutlery, - particularly cutlery, or cooking utensils that they can spare to the club we shall be grateful for them.

I should like to thank all the members and friends of the Club who have helped so generously to get Tyn Lon operating and I look forward to the speedy completion of the task that we have set ourselves.

J.F.KNIGHT.

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We measure success by accumulation, but this is a false measure - the true measure in appreciation. He who loves most has most.

Henry Van Dyke.

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The lamas of the Rongbuk Valley gaze up at the monstrous white pinnacle above them and slowly turn their prayer wheels. "Chomolungma?" they murmur, "Goddess Mother of the World -"

The long shadows race swiftly up the mountainside. They fall on glacier and snow-field, precipice and ice wall, and now at last on a skyline ridge, ten thousand feet above the valley, were the tiny figures of two men are moving upward towards the darkening sky. These men move with infinite slowness, their feet dragging on the ice-encrusted rocks, their bodies bent almost double against the fury of snow and wind. Their faces are not yellow, but white, beneath their frosted beards; and on their heads, instead of pointed lamas' hats, are helmets of leather and fleece. Dark goggles cover their eyes, and they carry packs on their backs and ice axes in their mittened hands. For a dozen steps they struggle on, then for another dozen, while their hearts pound to bursting, their lungs gasp for air, and the last light of day drains slowly from the sky. Then, suddenly, they stop. For a long while they stand motionless, leaning on their axes, staring upwards.

Above them the desolate ridge twists into space. Their eyes, straining through the dusk, perceive neither beast nor demon nor goddess, nor do their ears hear the cries of the departed and damned. All that they see is the brown, snow flecked rock slanting endlessly away; the only sound is the deep moaning of the wind. Yet the two men go no further, for they know that to go further is to die. The night is at hand; they have given to the last measure of their strength and will; and it has not been enough. The great white pinnacle of the mountain still looms above them in the darkness, inviolate as it has been since the beginning of time. One of the men starts slowly down. The other lingers for still another moment, gazing upwards. Pain, exhaustion, and disappointment lie on him like a leaden weight, but his eyes, behind their snow fogged goggles, fix the summit with the deep, quiet challenge of the undefeated.

"Just wait, old thing," he mutters between cracked and frozen lips, "we'll get you yet!"

James Ramsey Ullman.

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