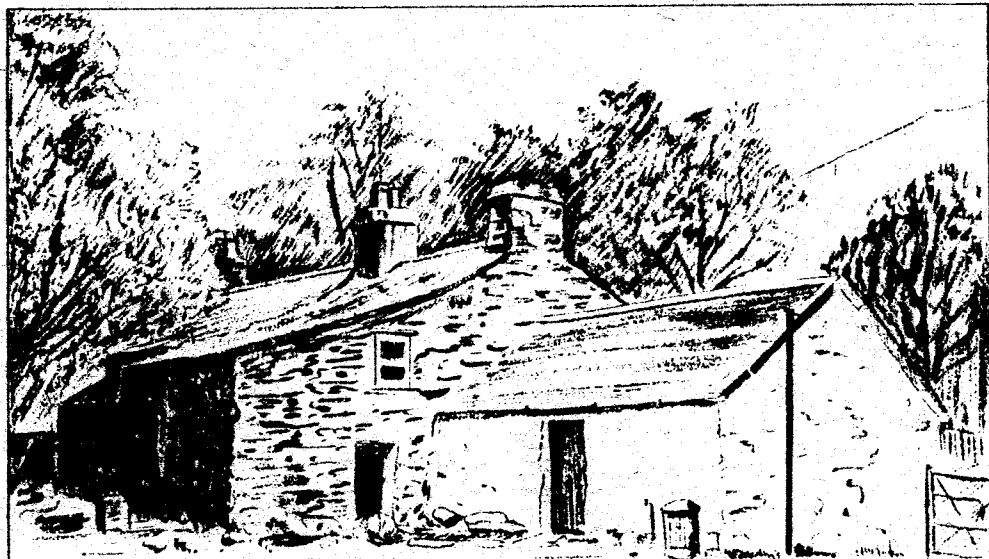


The **Ceward** Mountaineering ULub



NEWS LETTER

JUNE, 1962

E D I T O R I A L

There is much talk of mountaineering accidents in the air at the present time; a spate of mishaps to midlanders, including a member of this club, has raised clouds of dusty comment and dissertations on the dangers of climbing in the local and national press. The newspaper reporters, with their flair for emphasising the spectacular, and probably an inborne conviction that all mountaineers are hare-brained fools who go around asking for trouble, do not always give the public an accurate impression of what is involved.

Some people certainly seem to climb about with a cynical disregard of their own safety. The number of individuals who have been picked off the mountains wearing plimsolls, slippers, and other totally inadequate types of footwear is quite astonishing, not to mention the young tourist-mountaineers who wander around on unknown, mist covered mountain tops with no proper protection from the weather and without map or compass (not that they would have any idea what to do with a compass if they had one).

There are some accidents, however, which are not due to any lack of foresight or common-sense. If a piece of rock which has been attached to a cliff face since the end of the last ice-age, and which is an accepted stance on a climb, chooses to break away at a certain specific time while someone is standing fully on it, then all the judgement and wisdom in the world will not be of much avail. In such circumstances one can only hope that efficient and speedy action on the part of ones companions will limit the ill-effects. In the case of the party from our club, to whom this actually happened, the action could not have been speedier or more efficient. The rescue party from Ogwen Cottage was at the scene on Clogwyn Ddu within 75 minutes of the fall.

Another public misconception seems to concern the attitude of rescue parties. The Mountain Rescue service is not comprised of disgruntled individuals who have been forced from their firesides against their will to risk

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their own lives on behalf of someone else. They are a highly trained band of expert mountaineers, who are dedicated to the task of helping their fellows in distress. And they are not without help, when they need it, from the ordinary weekenders. There are always plenty of willing - repeat willing - helpers attached to any stretcher party when it sets out.

The best safeguard available to anyone wishing to make closer acquaintance with the mountains is to join a responsible club, such as our own, where they will be provided with the facilities for learning the art of safe mountaineering. They will be able to go out climbing and walking with experienced members on the official meets, and also attend instructional outings and lectures.

As with any worthwhile adventure, a certain amount of risk will always remain; but the observance of a few obvious rules, backed up with some experience, knowledge and common-sense, will cut out the foolhardy and unnecessary danger.

And it will ensure that when mountaineers hit the headlines, it will be because of what they have climbed up, and not because of what they have fallen off.

The Caernarvonshire County Council organised a 'Litter hunt' over the Whitsun Holiday, with the main object of cleaning up the Llanberis Pass. We understand that this was not an unqualified success, because:

- (a) Insufficient notice was given to clubs which were asked to help.
- (b) There were so many campers in the pass that the litter accumulated faster than the 'hunters' could remove it.

While this tidying up operation is a good idea, and could with advantage be carried out more frequently, the basic need is to try and educate people not to leave litter in the first place. We are well aware that, on past experience, such attempts at education are a waste of effort;

nevertheless, half of the trouble between landowners and campers is caused by the mess that is left lying about, and the sooner the latter realise this and take all their junk away with them, the better.

Except where otherwise stated, all opinions expressed in this Newsletter are those of the Editor, and are not necessarily endorsed by the Committee.

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CLUB NEWS

Guests at Tyn Lon

In the past few months there has been an increase in the number of non-members using Tyn-Lon. Some of them turn up regularly at weekends, and there is a danger of the hut coming to be regarded as sort of youth hostel, which, upon payment of the appropriate fee, is open to anyone who can find room.

The Committee therefore feel it necessary to re-emphasise the rules appertaining to the use of the cottage, namely:

- 1) Except where space has been officially let out to other clubs, only members of the Ceunant Mountaineering Club are entitled to stay at Tyn-Lon.
- 2) Non-members may only use the Hut as the invited guests of full members.
- 3) Prospective members, i.e. people from whom a first application for membership has been accepted, may use the hut, but they may not invite guests.

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Hut Sub-Committee

In order to co-ordinate the reconstruction and fitting out of Tyn-Lon, a Hut Sub-Committee has been formed under the chairmanship of the Hut Warden, Bill Yale.

Prospective Members

An amendment has been made to the rules applicable to prospective members. This requires that such persons must have attended two full weekend meets before a first application for membership will be considered.

Parking at Tyn-Lon

We have recently been informed that permission has been granted by the Vicar to park cars on the space in front of the Church providing we keep the vehicles close to the wall of the Vayhol Arms. Unfortunately, due to the increasing popularity of the Vaynol Arms under the new management, it is frequently impossible to find space, particularly where our members return around 7 p.m. on a Saturday evening. In addition to this, the local police have informed us that in future we will not be allowed to park in front of the cottage within six feet of the kerb. This part of footpath is public property, and vehicles parked thereon obstruct the view of the road to cars turning out of the car park. A white line is to be drawn on the footpath delineating the six foot limit.

In view of all this it has been decided to go ahead with the construction of a car park in the field behind the cottage, and a hardstanding is to be made for about six vehicles alongside the churchyard wall. In this position, there will be no interference with camping, and the drive over the sewer pipe can be localised to a specific marked area.

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Wardens in Snowdonia

The B.M.C. are asking member clubs for voluntary help in the wardening of the Snowdonia National Park at weekends during the busy part of the season.

Rowdyism, litter, and camping in unauthorised places by the irresponsible few are bound to react unfavourably on innocent and guilty alike, and some guard against this is obviously necessary.

The committee feel, therefore, that the club should be willing to help in this scheme, subject to our obtaining from the Council a clearer definition of the duties expected of the voluntary wardens.

Lecture by Don Whillans

Arrangements are in hand for a lecture to be given to the club by Don Whillans, probably sometime in September. The venue is not yet certain, but it will probably be in the Midland Institute.

Club Dance

The Committee is proposing to hold a Club Dance sometime in the autumn. Details will be announced later.

Newsletter

A notice in last quarter's Newsletter appertaining to the distribution thereof (put in at the last moment to help fill a blank back page) has caused alarm and despondency to a certain section of the Committee! They feel that this publication should not hide its light under the private bushel of club members, but should be made available to spread truth into the grim outer world.

The Editor, ever willing to see the fruits of his labour read by a wider public, has relented, and as from now the

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Newsletter will be given to anyone interested enough to ask for one (or at least to those who get in before the 'non-members' copies have all gone).

BELOW!

by Tony Fowler

A climber has a fall - he is injured - a rescue is effected, and a newspaper report published informing the world of what happened. Unfortunately, such a report is seldom accurate enough to give satisfaction to those of the climbing fraternity who know the facts.

Briefly, the accident involved four club-members, one directly and three indirectly. The climb, 'The Pillar Face', graded V Diff, and described as "inconsiderable" by MAM members when first climbed, (comments on this will be welcomed), is on the face of the pillar to the right of Manx Wall on Clogwyn Ddu.

Pete Holden, having climbed approximately thirty feet, popped a runner on a block (part of the face) and having pulled across the block, mantleshelfed up on to it. Unfortunately the block, with the runner attached, broke away and crashed down, followed by Pete. He finished up on a grassy ledge with an injured back, after falling about fifty feet.

Two of the other members stayed with him, while the other trotted to Ogwen Cottage to alert the Mountain Rescue.

The rescue team, led by Ian Campbell were up to the scene of the fall in an amazingly short time.

An RAF helicopter attempted to locate the rescue party, but failed, probably due to the strong evening sunlight (the Cwm being in shadow).

The injured member was soon in hospital, and is, at the time of writing, very comfortable in Caernarvon Eryri hospital under the care of two delightful nurses!

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JOTTINGS FROM THE HUT LOG BOOKS. Selected by Gill Howarth.

10th September 1959 - Bryant's Gully is good scrambling with a few harder moves here and there, but must be a scream in the normal damp season! There are two pitches of vertical greenery in the upper parts which are only avoided by crumbly-umbly scratchings up the right wall.....

M. King.

11th October 1959 - Three different compasses proved that Elidir Fawr is magnetic - threw compasses away. This is not the whole truth, as we had already led the army round in a complete circle before we threw the compasses away. Despite the set-back, the army insisted on following us through thick and thin (mostly thick). After reaching the summit of Y Garn five times, we showed the army the Devils Kitchen, and said 'That is your quickest way down'. Each one shook Hammond by the hand - thanked him for saving them - and leapt off into the void.

P.A. Hammond.

November 1959 - A unique holiday, with much variety. Didn't realise a holiday could combine so many 'sports'.

M.J. Barnacle.

28th November 1959 - Ideal weather for W(h)ales!

P.A. Hammond.

6th December 1959 - Lousy weather for anything but had to work in spite of it.

J. Urwin.

Ode

There was a young man with a beard,
Who said 'It is just as I feared;
If I showered and shaved
I'd look just as depraved
It's myself, not the get up, that's weird'.

Anon.

14th May 1961 - Attempt on Gryphon...called off when Mc's rope (doubled) fouled in the crab on the first piton under the overhang, with him frantically trying to free it from

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above. The rope would not free, and the only alternative was to fall off - with as much dignity as possible.

29th December 1961we began to think about a place to sleep for the night. We searched the garage and found one car open and an open backed Land Rover, but on completion of our tour we saw the local constable doing his beat.. managed to convince him that we were of the harmless variety.

Very soon it was 1 a.m., and we weren't particularly looking forward to another 3 hours of playing 'dodge the cop'. Of course, not being true 'gentlemen of the road', but rather pink apprentices, we were at something of a loss trying to find just the right sort of place suitable for two such worthy characters. Then it came... a rare touch of unparalleled genius... he nonchalantly rolled off the two words that every true Briton knows stand for quality, cleanliness, efficiency and benevolence - BRITISH RAILWAYS...

----- J.Pettet and P. Holden.

MEET REPORTS

Pontesford, 15th April. By Margaret Bearman.

Twenty-five members and guests gathered together on this fine but chilly Sunday. Fortunately, the approach to the rocks was dry, and we found the climbs to be in good condition. Many routes were successfully negotiated, and everyone seemed to have a very enjoyable day, including Sally Pearce and Richard Urwin (seven weeks and eighteen months old respectively). Surely the former creates a Club record for the youngest person on a meet! Will anyone try to beat it?

I should like to thank all who turned out to support my first 'meet', and it was especially good to see there several members who cannot nowadays get away as often as they would like to.

TYN LON PROGRESS REPORT
(Working Party Meet 4-5 May 1962)
By Bill Yale

The meet was well attended, with 16 willing members and guests. In spite of a temporary lull in construction work due to the fact that the best form of heating for the drying room and showers has not yet been decided upon, a fair amount of progress was made. There was some climbing done on Sunday, but the weather was generally foul, and everyone wanted to work - which made it all the more pity that we were out of sand and cement during the week-end!

The following work was done:-

- (a) Cooking bench and table in the new kitchen covered with galvanized iron sheet.
- (b) Timbers in the roof of the new dormitory treated with preservative, and the hole in the ceiling repaired. (It was decided at the last sub-committee meeting held at Tyn Lon that it would be a major and unnecessary task to remove or replace these rotten beams. They take very little or none of the roof load, and have apparently been replaced in the past by the beams below ceiling level).
- (c) Some plastering in the new dormitory.
- (d) All broken window panes replaced, with the exception of the window in the new dormitory. In this case a new frame is needed, and a start was made on this.
- (e) The front door frame in the new dining room was secured, at least temporarily. The success of the operation remains to be seen!
- (f) An attempt was made by two members to seal the gap around the floor of the small dormitory above the new kitchen, to prevent the nuisance of dirt and plaster falling through on to the cooking table. An improved

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OUTDOOR MEETS 1962/63

	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
<u>JULY</u>			
6 - 8th	LLANBERIS	M. King	3,000'ers Meet and pre-Alpine Day Meet
22nd	AVON GORGE	M. Kerby	
<u>AUGUST</u>			
3 - 7th	WASDALE	D. Batson	August Bank Holiday
17 - 19th	CWM SILYN		B.A.I. Hut or Camping
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>			
31st Aug - 2nd	EDALE	Miss G. Howarth	2 day Walling Meet or Gritstone climbing
14 - 16th	CONISTON	A. Daffern	
30th	STANNAGE	D. Batson	Day Meet
<u>OCTOBER</u>			
5 - 7th	THE RIVALS (YR EIFL)	I. Corbett	
19 - 21st	TREMADOC	T. Briston	
<u>NOVEMBER</u>			
2 - 4th	LLANBERIS	W. Yale	Bonfire and Working Party
18th	MILLSTONE	T. Mynett	Day Meet
<u>DECEMBER</u>			
2nd	BURBAGE	M. Kerby	Day Meet
24 - 26th	LLANBERIS		Christmas
<u>JANUARY</u>			
6th	BRASSINGTON	C. Wilkinson	Day Meet
18 - 20th	LLANBERIS	R. Bearman	
<u>FEBRUARY</u>			
3rd	KINDER SCOUT	J. Pettet	
15 - 17th	LANGDALE	A. Fowler	
<u>MARCH</u>			
8 - 10th	LLANBERIS	M. Connelly	Annual Dinner
22 - 24th	TREMADOC	P. Willan	
<u>APRIL</u>			
5 - 7th	FFESTINIOG		
12 - 16th	PATTERDALE		Easter

NOTE Some Meet Leaders are still wanted to fill the gaps in the above list. Will volunteers please apply to the Outdoor Meets Secretary, Dave Batson.

General Notes - Outdoor Meets

Members with transport should inform the Meet Leader of any private arrangements concerning other passengers, particularly when huts are used on the meet, in order that a full list of names may be obtained.

If, when visiting other Club's huts, campers use the hut for any material purpose other than water or toilets, they should pay any day fee which might be charged by the Club concerned.

Camping facilities are available within the Club, and members lacking equipment should contact the Meets Secretary before deciding against attending the Camping Meets.

General Notes - Indoor Meets

Meetings are held every Wednesday at the Cambridge Public House, Cambridge Street, from 8.00 p.m. Entrance from Cambridge Street through the Smoke Room and up the stairs.

Lectures and slide shows are held regularly at the Cambridge, starting at 7.30 p.m. Full details of the year's programme are not yet available, but in the meantime, information concerning forthcoming events will be displayed on the notice board in the meeting room.

CLUB LIBRARY

The library is on display each Wednesday evening at the Cambridge, and members wishing to borrow books should contact the Librarian, JOHN DAFFERN.

LIBRARY LIST

GENERAL

Abinger Himalayan Expedition	Mountains and Memsahibs
Azema M.A.	Conquest of Fitzroy
Barker R.	The Last Blue Mountain
Bicknell P.	British Hills and Mountains
Bowman W.E.	Ascent of Rum Doodle
Buyl H.	Nanga Parbat Pilgrimage
Busk D.	Delectable Mountains
Coolidge W.A.B.	Alpine Studies
Denman E.	Alone to Everest
Harrer H.	The White Spider
Herrlighoffer K.	Nanga Parbat
Herzog M.	Annapurna
Hillary E.	High Adventure
Hunt J.	Ascent of Everest
Irving R.L.G.	The Mountain Way
"	Romance of Mountaineering
Izzard R.	The Innocent on Everest
Lunn A.	The Alps
"	Mountain Jubilee
Magnone G.	The West Face
Met. Office	Your Weather Service
Milner C.D.	Rock for Climbing
Moffatt G.	Space Below My Feet
Morin M.	Everest
Palmer H.	Mountaineering & Exploration in the Selkirks
Palmer W.T.	Odd Corners in the English Lakeland
Pyatt & Noyce	British Crags and Climbers
Rebuffat G.	Mont Blanc to Everest
"	Starlight and Storm
Roch A.	On Rock and Ice
Roche F.	First on the Rope
Rowland E.G.	Hill Walking in Snowdonia
"	The Ascent of Snowdon

Smythe F.S.

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Sutton & Noyce

Ullman J.R.

Weir T.

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Wright J.E.B.

Young, Sutton, Noyce

Ullman J.R.

Young G.W.

British Mountaineers

Climbs in the Canadian Rockies

Spirit of the Hills

Mountaineering Holiday

Samson (Biography of J.M.Edwards)

The Age of Mountaineering

Camps and Climbs in Arctic

Norway

The Ultimate Mountains

Rock Climbing in Britain

Snowdon Biography

Man of Everest

On High Hills

TRAINING

Barford J.E.Q.

Bell J.H.B.

C.C.P.R.

Francis G.

Mountaineering Assn.

Tar buck K.

Wexler A.

Wright J.E.B.

Young G.W.

Climbing in Britain

A Progress in Mountaineering

Safety on Mountains

Mountain Climbing

Elementary Mountaineering

Safety Methods with Nylon Rope

Theory of Belaying

Technique of Mountaineering

Mountaincraft

CLIMBING GUIDE BOOKS, MAPS, ETC.

In addition to the above, many climbing guides, maps, magazines and Newsletters are available - please ask the Librarian for details.

method such as a skirting board will probably have to be tried eventually.

- (g) The projecting beams over the opening into the outhouse were trimmed off.
- (h) A start was made in cleaning up and painting the woodwork in the W.C.
- (i) The chimney opening in the new dining room was sealed with galvanized iron sheet in preparation for setting up the stove with an outlet bend.
- (j) The window in the ladies dormitory was removed and made to work freely, after complaints had been received about the airlessness of the room.
- (k) The boundary wall adjacent to the churchyard was rebuilt where it had been knocked down by sheep.
- (l) The "rubbish dump" behind the cottage was cleared and levelled with a view to constructing a car park.
- (m) Overflow pipe fitted to the W.C. tank.
- (n) A hole was cut through the wall of the outhouse, and a pipe laid from the shower drain. The channel to gulley was modified to suit, but due to shortage of cement and sand was not quite completed.
- (o) A $\frac{1}{2}$ " steel plate cut to shape and provided by an anonymous member was fitted in the bottom of the firegrate in the common room. (It was obvious that the previous improvisation of concrete reinforcing mesh wasted about 80-90% of our fuel).
- (p) General tidying up of the garden, clearance of rainwater gutters, etc.

It is hoped that by the time we hold the next working meet a decision will have been made as to the

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form of heating required for the drying room and showers, as a considerable amount of construction work can then be proceeded with. The design of the drying room ceiling largely depends on this decision.

CARNEDDS MEET 15th - 17th June by J. Daffern

The meet was attended by 12 people, rather less than is usual these days, but this may have been due to the fact that the previous week-end was Whitsun. As Wales was approached on Friday night, the weather grew more and more cruel until we arrived in a steady downpour, the hardier members pitching camp by Gwern-y-Gof Isaf ("Willies Barn"), while others took shelter at Tyn-Lon and joined us next morning.

Saturday dawned fine and dry and most of the party toiled up to Craig yr Ysfa. Some enjoyed the classical ascent of Pinnacle Wall and afterwards romped up Amphitheatre Buttress. Another party descended "A" Gully to reach the Nameless Rib. The gully was very loose and could not be recommended as a good way down into the Amphitheatre, but the Rib was a pleasant route. Three members did the Idwal Skyline.

Sunday was another grand day and although there were one or two murmurs about Black Rock sands, the party eventually made their way up to Cwm Lloer. Bathing in the lake was experienced (I nearly said enjoyed) by most, the water being far from warm. Afterwards we climbed Grooved Ridge and North Arete on Craig Lloer. The cliff was well worth a visit; in parts the rock was poor, but elsewhere it was sound and the pitches were quite entertaining.

B.M.C. NEWS

North Wales Committee

Negotiations are proceeding between Vaynol Estates, the Caernarvon County Council, and the North Wales Committee regarding location of camp sites in the Llanberis Pass. As this matter involves planning applications, it is not anticipated that it will be settled before early 1963.

In the meantime, Vaynol have announced that they accept that camping must go on and they propose to take no action against campers. At the projected sites near Nant Peris and Pont-y-Cromlech, they are prepared to provide latrines and waste bins, and do something about parking space, providing planning permission is forthcoming. A guardian will be appointed, and a charge made for camping.

In return, Vaynol expect that campers will observe a high standard of conduct, and avoid rowdyism, damage to property, litter, etc.

During the interim period, the B.M.C. appeal to members of all Clubs not only to behave well themselves, but to see that others also keep good order in the valley.

Last year, the Caernarvon County Council served a notice on the tenant farmer of Gwern-y-Gof in the Ogwen valley requiring him to discontinue using his land for camping and caravans. An appeal was made to the Minister of Housing and Local Government, with the support of the North Wales Committee; and the Minister's decision was that, while caravans are forbidden, tents are allowed without restriction.

This is a very satisfactory outcome, as this is understood to have been a test case by the C.C.C., and if it had been successful, similar action would have followed elsewhere.

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Peak Committee

Roches and Hen Cloud

The Peak Park Planning Board has been pledged the full support of the B.M.C. in their attempt to gain right of public access to these important crags. The Standing Committee are to invite witnesses to any public enquiry held in this connection.

Stanage and Bamford Edges

Negotiations are in hand for right of public access to Stanage Edge.

The owner of Stanage End, High Neb and Bamford Edge will not give general permission to climb in the summer, but raises no objection to climbing on any of these crags in the winter.

The Committee decided that clubs should continue to operate a voluntary warden service at Stanage, but they feel that the main problem now is that of litter. Several clubs have spent some time at meets cleaning up litter, and a supply of sacks is now left along the edge which can be filled and put by the road, where they will be collected.

All clubs have been asked to help in this way.

Windgather Rocks are shortly to be vested in the Peak Park Planning Board.

Difficulties of access to Wimberry Rocks are being investigated.

Mountain rescue equipment is now available at the Kyndwr Scwd Mountain Training Centre, Fox Houses.

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The Board's wardens have been instructed to stop unauthorised camping on access land, but they will not interfere with camping on National Trust land by members of climbing clubs, provided they can identify themselves (by membership or meet card) and provided they do not walk on the grouse moors in the nesting season (16th May to 16th June) or days when shooting is taking place.

Experience of leaders

The B.M.C. and A.S.C.C. are urging that on mountain expeditions, only experienced leaders should take charge of young people, and then never more than ten in a party. On difficult ground, the number should be restricted to two or three.

They point out that although the widest possible experience of mountaineering in all conditions is desirable, less than this will serve if it is adequately supplemented by knowledge, intelligence and common sense.

They consider the minimum requirements to include at least three weeks on mountains, with experience of cold, mist, rain, high wind, ice and snow; competence in use of compass and map reading; and experience of easy rock climbing or difficult scrambling.

Equipment Sub-Committee

Progress is being made with the British manufactured karabiner, and it is expected to be on the market within a year.

Following the interest which has been shown by British climbers in the recently introduced continental 'Kernmantel' ropes, the equipment sub-committee has tested one of these, made of Perlon (a synthetic fibre of German origin of the nylon family).

The Kernmantel construction consists of a bundle of continuous straight filaments held together with a braided

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sheath. The Committee found that it had a high tensile strength, low extensibility and smooth handling qualities, all of which can be of value in artificial climbing. The effective energy absorption, however, is described as 'much less than hawser laid nylon rope conforming to British Standard 3104', and for general climbing purposes, the Committee recommend that the British standard climbing rope should always be used.

Glenbrittle Memorial Hut

Very little progress has been made so far on this project; the B.M.C. has still not received a satisfactory tender for the work.

SAFETY ON MOUNTAINS

Following all the talk and press comment which has been made in the last few weeks, we feel it would do no harm to repeat here the B.M.C's lists of DO'S and DON'TS ON MOUNTAINS.

1. Plan, with maps. Ask experienced people to help you.
2. Don't try too much too soon. Move gradually to bigger things.
3. Go with others and keep together always. Until experienced, don't take charge of others; then take only ten or less.
4. Equip against the worst. Be well shod: have warm clothing and a weatherproof cover, spare clothes and food for all, map whistle torch and compass.
5. Give yourself ample time, and more as a reserve. Move steadily. Don't hurry and don't waste time.
6. Don't throw down or dislodge rocks or stones. Know and observe the Country Code.

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7. Eye the weather; it can change completely in a few hours. Don't go on recklessly if it turns bad. Don't be afraid to come down.
8. Don't do rock, snow or ice climbing without an experienced leader.
9. If lost, don't panic or rush down. Keep together and deliberately work out your position and your best way down.
10. Leave word behind you of your route and when you expect to be back. If you can't arrive where friends expect you, phone them or tell the police. (Do these to save needless searches).-----

NEW AREAS

Members will have noticed in the meets list several meets to areas not previously visited by the Club. These have been arranged in response to numerous requests, and brief details of the localities are given below.

EDALE

This meet is intended for both climbers and walkers. The camp site (still to be confirmed) will be a little way up Grindsbrook, en route to Kinder Scout and a mile from Edale village.

Laddow Rocks, one of the best Gritstone Edges, and the Downfall area of Kinder, where there are 100 ft. climbs of all grades, are the principle climbing localities.

On one day of the meet, those who are so inclined will attempt the Edale - Marsden Walk. It is 24 miles in length and takes in all the highest points of the South Pennines; i.e. Kinder Scout, 2008 ft., Bleaklow, 2006 ft., and Black Hill, 1908 ft. - and also the pubs in between!

Transport will be arranged at the Marsden end for return to Edale and for anyone who drops out en route.

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THE RIVALS (YR EIFL) 3646.3545

This area comprises the headland immediately below the Rivals, one mile south-west of Trevor, twelve miles south-west of Caernarvon.

It is hard to account for the previous neglect of this region as several fine, long routes (up to 800 ft) have been put up recently. The crags are high buttresses, not sea cliffs, on the seaward side of the hills.

MILLSTONE 2480

An ex-quarry one mile south-east of Hathersage. This is a venue for the 'tigers', as nearly all the routes require artificial climbing techniques.

There is also some fine walking available in the locality.

BURBAGE EDGES 2681-2663

There are two main edges, lying at right-angles to each other. The rock is fairly rough millstone grit of sound quality giving a wide variety of routes.

Details are given in the Sheffield area guide.

FFESTINIOG

The highest point in this group of mountains, Maelwyn Mawr, lies north of the Vale of Ffestiniog. There are numerous routes of all standards on the six main crags which comprise Maelwyn Buttress. Many of these crags are south-facing, so if the sun happens to shine they should provide some pleasant routes.

An approach road to Llyn Stwlan is provided by the road to the hydro-electric works.

PATTERDALE

The valley provides a very pleasant camping site and

is less frequented than the areas further west.

There are walking routes on the Helvellyn and the surrounding areas, and climbing on Dow Crag, one of the outstanding crags of the County, and Hutaple Crag.

THE 3000'ers WALK
(to be held July 6-8th 1962)

A traverse of all the fourteen peaks over 3000 ft. in Wales involves a 'map' distance of about 29 miles, approximately 12,400 ft. of ascent and 12,700 ft. of descent, when taken from Pen Ceunant to Bont Newydd about half a mile south east of Aber.

An early start, say 4.00 a.m. is preferable, the Snowdon railway track being probably the quickest way to the summit. The route as far as Crib Goch is obvious, but the descent from there to the Llanberis Pass is best made by way of its North Ridge, dropping off into Cwm Glas well before Dinas Mot is reached. A wide central gully may be used to descend from the upper to the lower cwm and a good track leads after this to the bridge near Ynys Ettws.

It is best to cover as much as possible of the section between Crib Goch and Elidir Fawr by the road. Elidir Fawr may be taken direct, the route eventually skirting the piles of slate debris to the summit ridge, and from there to Glyder Fach presents no difficulty. Foel Goch may be 'contoured', being under 3000 ft. A steep descent of the scree shoot immediately to the right (East) of the crest of Bristly Ridge is the quickest way down to Bwlch Tryfan and thence to Tryfan summit by a traverse across the West flank of the mountain. Tryfan may be descended by Western Gully, finishing in the Nant Ffrancon near the 10th milestone.

Rather than make a direct assault on Pen-Yr-Oleu-Wen from Ogwen Cottage, it is better to attempt the Carneddeau from the MAM hut, a slightly longer but easier route. Make for the easy angled ridge running

parallel to the A5 and turn left along it to the top of Pen-Yr-Oleu-Wen. The outlyer Yr Elen is gained by 'contouring' from the Saddle and then striking back along its ridge to Carnedd Llewelyn. Carnedd Llewelyn to Foel Fras is the least defined part of the entire route, and a map and compass are essential here in mist or bad weather.

From Foel Fras, the last summit, a direct descent down to the Afon Anafon may be made, or one may descend via the Aber Falls (Rhaiadr Fawr). Either route will lead to Bont Newydd, and the end of the trail.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE APPROXIMATE TIMES
BASED ON PREVIOUS CLUB ATTEMPTS.

Depart Pen Ceunant	4.30 a.m.	Glyder Fach	12.03 p.m.
Y Wyddfa	6.00 a.m.	Tryfan	12.50 p.m.
Carnedd Ugain	6.10 a.m.	Arrive road(A5)	1.29 p.m.
Crib Goch	6.45 a.m.	Depart road	2.07 p.m.
Arrive road (Llanberis		Pen-Yr-Oleu-Wen	3.20 p.m.
Pass)	7.15 a.m.	Carnedd Dafydd	3.43 p.m.
Arrive Tyn Lon	7.35 a.m.	Yr Elen	4.36 p.m.
Depart Tyn Lon	8.0 a.m.	Carnedd Llewelyn	5.04 p.m.
Elidir Fawr	9.41 a.m.	Foel Grach	5.28 p.m.
Y.Garn	10.48 a.m.	Foel Fras	6.00 p.m.
Glyder Fawr	11.34 a.m.	Arrive Bont	
		Newydd	6.30 p.m.

If any members with suitable transport are willing to sacrifice a day's climbing or walking on Saturday 7th July in order to assist, their help will be greatly appreciated.
