

OUTDOOR MEETS, 1959-60

- During 1959 and 1960 the following meets have been held :
- 2 Alpine, one at Courmayeur and one in the Saas Fee area, in July/August, 1959 ;
 - 3 Scottish, one at Torriddon during Whitsun, 1959, one in Skye during August, 1959, and the Easter Meet at Fort William in 1960 ;
 - 1 Lake District, Whitsun 1959 ;
 - 25 at Glan Dena ;
 - 1 at Cratcliffe ;
 - 1 Camping in the Rhinogs ;
 - 1 Walking meet in Derbyshire.

COURMAYEUR

The family meet, led by Cyril Machin, was held at Val Veni during late July and early August. The party of 13 stayed at the "Campeggio" of the Club Alpino Italiano. The position of the Campeggio at 2,000 m., the good meals provided and the friendly helpfulness of C.A.I. members were all appreciated. Facilities included guided excursions on the Mont Blanc Range, and cine or coloured slide shows on one or two evenings a week.

Routes done by the party included the Tour Ronde, Miage Glacier, Aiguille Joseph Croux from the Gamba Hut, the Grand es Jorasses by the S.W. Ridge and the Traverse Torino to Montenvers.

A party of ten, led by Richard Southall, spent a fortnight in the Saas Fée and Zermatt areas. Peaks climbed by various members of the party included the Fletschorn, Weissmies, Nadelhorn, the Lenzspitze-Nadelgrat-Nadelhorn Traverse, the traverse to the Dom Hut via the Durrenhorn and Hohberghorn, the Dom, Wellenkuppe, Obergabelhorn and Dufourspitze.

About twenty-six members and friends attended the meet in Glen Torriddon, all but four of them camping, under the benign leadership of Philip Pethybridge. This meet enjoyed glorious weather, and all members of the party were enthusiastic about its success.

The Easter meet at Fort William, led by David Smith, was a great success. Nineteen people attended for the week-end, with seven staying for the full week. The weather was very good, with only one afternoon of drizzle. Nothing sensational was accomplished, but everyone enjoyed themselves and a good number of Munros were captured. Views from the top of the Ben were remarkably extensive with even the Outer Hebrides visible.

The Leader had the misfortune to sprain his ankle early in the holiday, but he still remained active in spite of this handicap.

Most of the other Meets occurred at their allotted times in what must now be considered M.A.M. tradition ; the Family Meet, Working Party, Christmas Meet and Bank Holiday Meets, and, of course, the Spring Cleaning Meet (the leader's report of which would make a fine detergent advertisement). Summer Meets during 1959 were on the whole well attended, due in part, no doubt, to the excellent weather.

Attention should be drawn to the highly successful Camping Meet, held in Cwm Nant Col and organised by David Smith. This afforded a fine opportunity for exploring part of the Rhinog range for those members and their families who attended.

Some Midland members joined the London Section for their camping week-end in the Wye Valley, and this proved a very enjoyable week-end, with swimming, canoeing, some rock climbing and walking. It would seem that 1959 stimulated a new enthusiasm for camping meets.

In conclusion, may I as usual finish by thanking all leaders of Meets during 1959-60.

D. M. Lawley.