

POPS meet

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***PARACHUTISTS*
OVER PHORTY SOCIETY**

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To all POPS

I think it is fair to say that the U.S. trip was a tremendous success. In all, 12 of our members went to the POPS Meet at Eustis, Florida. Much was achieved by the visit and we made many friends and contacts. We feel that we have established a firm link with the U.S. POPS and that from now on there will be many more such visits. We enrolled 17 U.S. Pops into POPS U.K. so hopefully some of them will be attending our own International POPS Meet in August. A full report on the trip, together with lots of pictures, will be published in the June issue of S.P.

The date for the 1980 International Meet is set finally for August 8/9th and will take place at Weston on the Green, Oxford. Further details will be sent nearer the time. Melanie Keeley is beaverling away at several firms in an attempt to get some financial backing for the Meet. However, the increase in subs which took effect from January last has helped us out and we are now in a much less parlous financial state. Current membership is 212.

Melanie is making up a POPS Register complete with individual photos, so if you wish to be included in this historic collection, then send your photo, together with name and POPS number, to:-

Miss M.A. Keeley, The Kings Head Inn, Docklow, Nr. Leominster, Hereford.

Richard Atherton has had to give up the job of Treasurer. This is due to pressure of work and business and our sincere thanks must go to him for his efforts on our behalf over the past two years. This arduous task has now been taken over by Laurel Kinbrum and will take effect from May 1st 1980, so after that date it's direct to her at 51 Grasmere Avenue, Wembley, Middx., Tel. 01-904-3216. When you write to either Laurel or myself, if you require a reply, will you please enclose a 12p stamp. Up to now Richard and I have always paid the postage ourselves and this can become very costly. Since Laurel is a lady in the "single" state it is even more important that, in future, you send along the postage. As you will know, Laurel has been Secretary to POPS U.K. since it began and it is due entirely to her efforts that the Newsletter is corrected, typed, duplicated, envelopes addressed and stamped and sent out (usually at a minute's notice!). Truly a mammoth task!!!

The Pat Keeley Memorial Fund has now reached the sum of £361.50 and we intend to donate a trophy in his name to the Shobdon Round Canopy Meet.

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This was an event that Pat was particularly keen on, having been in the winning team on the last two occasions. This year the Meet will take place at Shobdon on August 23/25th, so if you feel like having a crack.....

The balance of the money will be used to purchase trophies for Annual POPS Meet - these to be competed for each year.

We now have stocks of the new POPS T Shirts. These are top quality, white, with the POPS Logo in red on the left breast, whilst across the back in bold red letters 'THE ANCIENT BRITS!'. These were a sensation in the States and were eagerly snapped up by the U.S. Pops. Available from me, sizes Medium/Large/Ex. Large, at £4.00 each, including postage. Cheques/P.O.s to "POPS U.K.".

The trip to the Joint Services Parachute Centre, Sennelager on May 23/26th - the coach leaves from Hudson Place, which adjoins Victoria Station, London, at 6.45 p.m. prompt, Friday the 23rd. E.T.A. at Sennelager 10.30 a.m. Saturday. We arrive back in London at approximately 8.30 a.m. Tuesday the 27th.

The visit is by kind permission of Major Tom Oxley (POPS 151) and in a recent letter to me he has offered to arrange a barbecue and disco for us. Also we intend to arrange at least one sightseeing tour, using the coach. So far we have 44 seats spoken for, leaving a balance of 6 seats still available. These will be sold to the first applications received. Of the 44 people so far booked, only about half of these are jumpers of various categories - the rest being wives, friends and children. Any competition, therefore, will have to be arranged on the spot when we see what sort of a mixed bag we have got.

The cost per person is £28.00 plus £15.80 ferry charges = £43.80. Cheques/postal orders should be made out to John Cooke No. 2 a/c to reach me by April 30th at the latest.

There is plenty of B s B accommodation at Sennelager at approximately £5.00 per head, per night, and this can be booked on arrival. You will be able to use kit at the centre. This ranges from LL's to the latest Ram Air canopies and for this facility there is no charge. Be sure to bring your docs!!! Technically you don't need a passport but it is advisable to have one! Currency you should obtain from your bank. Perhaps you should consider arriving in London by public transport - this would eliminate the risk of leaving your vehicle standing around over the weekend!!!

For those of you who can't make the trip - there is the big POPS Meet at Weston on August 6/9th and I have just made a provisional booking with Eric Finney for the Autumn Meet at Grindale (Yorks) for October 18/19th 1980.

You all take care now.

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17th April 1980

Dear Bob & Mickie,

Here is a photo of Mickie taken at the Pops Meet at Euston.
It really was a great pleasure meeting both of you & it goes
without saying, I had a wonderful time. Hopefully I shall
be back next year, but it's too early to say definitely.

Should you ever be in England, do look me up &
you'll be very welcome to stay at my house which is on
the outskirts of London.

Euston was great - I liked it much better than
2-Hills & it was terrific meeting all you U.S. Pops.
Jumping in England will never be the same again.

Take care, & all the very best,

Regards,

Lamel.

Pops No 1109

