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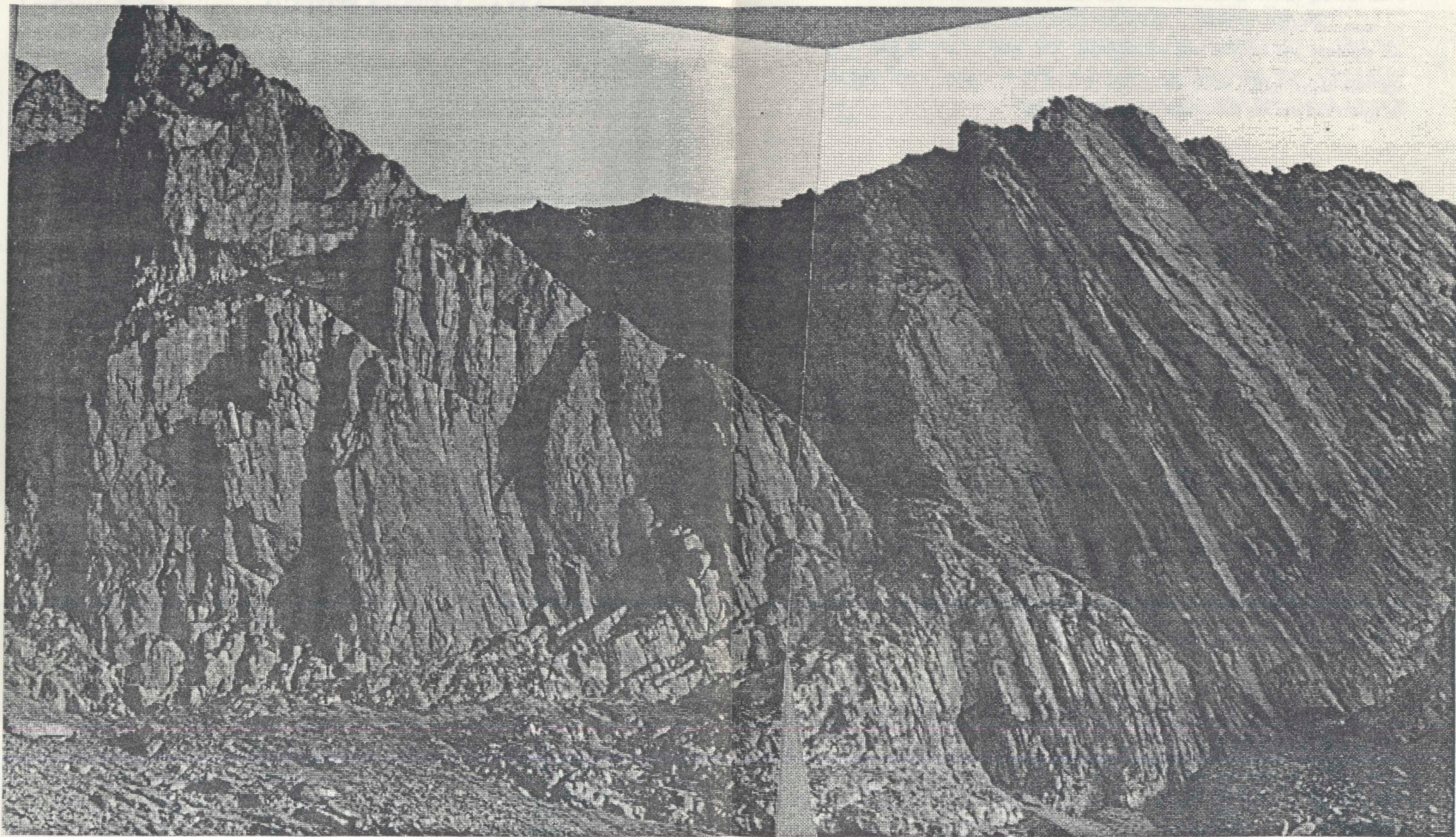
New Members: Welcome to all our new members and also to Cara Alyson who is rejoining us after returning from foreign parts to live in Shrewsbury.

Membership Cards: As is obvious these are included with this edition of the Newsletter and as you know they are now valid from today until this time next year. Climber and Rambler have been given a specimen card and a membership list. All you need now is £180 to spend.....

Working Weekend: This is on the May 25th Bank Holiday weekend and all being well Blutes will be there to instruct all you volunteers in the tasks to be carried out. He has already repaired the stove and re-plumbed the sink drainage but there are still jobs to be done including some work on the roof.

Family Weekend: So far as I know no date is as yet fixed but all those with children usually manage to get sorted. If in doubt try giving Bill or Duffy a ring.

General: Please be aware of our immediate neighbours at the Hut and don't do anything to upset them such as use the drive by the gate as a toilet. Also you can take it from me that Gwylm does not take kindly to the gate being left open and having to round up 50 or so sheep from the A.5. In this incident no-one from the Club was responsible but we were guilty in his eyes and he is not want you want to face up to over your breakfast, believe me !



CLOGWYN DU'R ARDDU

PHOTOGRAPH BY ROBYN CLELAND

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There are two things which spring instantly to mind, the most bazaar of which is the story going about that Rich Lewis is getting married. Now it may well be that I'm the subject of some disinformation designed to add amusement value to an otherwise empty and pointless 'letter or it could be true. There are no details but credence is given to the story by the fact that Blutes has put in a requisition for 3" armour plate with which to reinforce the stove for the coming season. Time will reveal the truth.

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