



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2002

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Apr 3 (Wed)	Brassington
Apr 13/14	Dinas Mawddwy
Apr 20/21	TYW working party
May 5/7	May Day Cornwall

April 3 (Wed) Olde Gate, Brassington Rob Tresidder

The main elbow exercise will be at The Olde Gate Inn in Brassington. The athletic, law abiding Oread in search of clean rock will be found at Harborough Rocks. This time I intend to leave St James' (?) Church in Brassington at 6 and walk NWwards past the top of Pasture Lane to Rainster Rocks. As far as I know the restricted access to the East Hill still applies but is less vigorously enforced than it once was. Any trouble and I shall just move on to the West Hill.

If the weather is foul I shall take a tour round the more esoteric dolomite in the area and may try and find the (for me) elusive Rain's Cave. Has anyone ever been to White Edge on the W side of the Longcliffe - Ashbourne road? I once found a dead cow in a tree there!

Apr 13/14 Mid Wales Pam Norris

I have booked the Solihull MC hut Bryn Golau in Dinas Mawddwy for this meet GR SH858148, 17 places @ £3.55ppn. Walking/ climbing opportunities in the area include the Arrans, Berwyns, Rhinogs & Cadair Idris, and there is also good mountain biking in the Coed y Brenin & Dovey Forests & around Macynlleth.

I intend to be in the Red Lion on Friday evening (walking distance from the hut) and hope to see you there.

To book your place contact me

Pam Norris

April 20/21 Tan-Yr-Wyddfa Work Party Hut Sub Committee

Due to the foot and mouth outbreak last year no work was carried out except for the odd member doing some minor jobs later in the year. After Tony Howard's Curry Parties we can only assume the hut is ready for a Spring clean. So knows your chance, no skills needed as John Shreeve will provide full training and back up facilities. All offers help to John.

WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

- 1 Garden cut hedges and grass, inspect trees, pruning.
- 2 Painting toilets and back room.
- 3 Painting two front bays in the bedrooms.
- 4 Painting in two rear bedrooms.
- 5 Paint dining room
- 6 Clean and check showers, fit new shower curtains.
- 7 Clean kitchen.
- 8 Remove all leaves from guttering
- 9 Repair storm damage to wood store roof, build partition in wood store and transfer coal from the bunker.
decommission bunker.
- 10 Check smoke alarms fit new batteries.

May 5/7 May Day Bank Holiday Cornwall Daryl Kirk

Details of this meet will appear in the next newsletter, but I can confirm that the meet is taking place as advertised and that Daryl is in the process of making a booking to ensure that we have guaranteed campsite space - Ed.

PAST EVENTS

AGM March 23rd

There was a late change of venue to the Hope and Anchor in Wirksworth, but the AGM took place as planned. You will be glad to hear that I do not intend to write up the entire minutes of the AGM here, but, since I have plenty of space in this edition, I think it would be useful to report the changes to the committee and officers. The following were elected without challenge to serve during the forthcoming year:

President	Daryl Kirk
Vice President	Michael Hayes
Secretary	
Assistant Secretary	Derek Pike
Meets Secretary	Rob Tresidder
Newsletter Editor	Tony Howard
Treasurer	Stephen Bashforth
Huts Custodian	Chuck Hooley
Huts Booking Sec.	Colin Hobday
Committee Members	Steve Bennett Mick Keeling Keith Gregson

The astute may have noticed that we have no secretary. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the secretary's job and what it entails, please ask any of the above committee members. No previous experience is necessary.

FUTURE EVENTS

Meets with no leaders

I understand that Colin Hobday was pestered at the time of the last Heathy Lea meet by Oreads wishing to know who the meet leader was. I'm sorry there wasn't one; but please address all inquiries about meets to me. There are still some meets on the meets list without leaders; I shall try and remedy this but if you are thinking of going on such a meet, perhaps you would like to volunteer to lead!

Rob Tresidder Meets Sec.

May 10/11th Forest of Dean Colin Hobday

This could be just the meet you have been waiting for, hot sunshine, warm rock, Spring flowers, and the pub just across the car park. There is plenty to do in the area climbing, walking, mountain biking, and much more, or just chill out!!

We shall be staying in the Lodge, which contains all cooking facilities etc. adjacent to the Fountain Inn, Parkend.
Cost £8.00 p.p.n. Evening Meal 3 course £8.50 (Saturday).

At the time of writing I already have 18 places booked, so don't leave it to late. Contact me at the Smithfield.

June 21/22 CIC Hut Advance notice Steve Bennett

This meet is an addition to the original meets list as we have only just received confirmation of availability from the SMC.

I am sure that the area and the climbing need no introduction. The hut itself is probably a good 2 hours from the road considering all the necessary weight to be carried. Rob has secured 8 places for the nights of 21 and 22 June. The fees are £5 p.p.n and bookings will of course be on a first come first served basis.

I intend in due course to contact the SMC to enquire about the possibilities of extending our stay by a day or two. I will keep you informed of this possible option in future bulletins.

Should you wish to reserve a place please give me a call at any time.

Hut Bookings April.

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

April 5/6th.	vacant.	
April 12/13th.	Gordon Gasby	whole hut.
April 19/20th.	Work Party.	
April 26/27th.	K. Fellfarers	16 beds.
April 28th to		
May 3rd.	Dave Williams	12 beds.

HEATHY LEA

April 5/6th. vacant.
April 12/13th. L.M C cottage
April 19/20th. Flyde M.C. cottage.
April 26/27th. vacant.

Please note this list is only correct at time of going to press. All members are advised to check availability with the hut booking secretary Colin Hobday before going to either hut.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR & SHORT NOTICES

Oread Archives

An appeal by Harry Pretty for the whereabouts of certain club records and documents was published in the newsletter many months ago. Harry has now sent those club records which he can find to the County Records Office, but you will also see from the list which follows that a few are still missing and we would like to make a further appeal to see if these can finally be located.

Please Contact Harry or Tony Howard (or any committee member for that matter) if you have any information.

Logging Out

This is my last edition before handing over to my successor Tony Howard. I would like to thank all the contributors to the newsletter over the past two years. Most importantly, I would like to thank my wife Sarah for her help, without

which several editions would not have been printed and posted.

About one third of the club now receives its newsletter by E-mail. This has saved me a tremendous amount of effort and I would like to thank all those who have cancelled their postal copies. I would urge the remaining club members to make Tony Howard's life easier by making the switch. Not only does it save the club money, but the electronic version reaches its recipients much quicker (typically one week ahead of the postal version).

I wish Tony the best of luck..

Richard Coghlan

NEXT EDITION

Articles for the May edition should be sent to Tony Howard. Tony has two E-mail addresses and has indicated that he doesn't mind if you use either or both:

To give Tony a chance, it is essential that all material reaches him before Sat April 20th. He will probably want to hear from **DARYL KIRK** (Cornwall).

DREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB ARCHIVES

SCHEDULE OF ITEMS RETAINED

*- and Deposited with County
Records Office, Matlock,
February 2002 -*

FILE

- A Meets Circulars 1959 - 1974
Meets Circulars 1975 - 1980
- B General Accounts 1976 - 1980
- C General correspondence 1975 - 1980 (Sec. D. Williams)
- D General correspondence 1980 - 1984 (Sec. R. Sant)
- E Heathy Lea Cottage, Chatsworth - Early negotiations with Chatsworth Estate 1968 - 69
- F Applications Membership, 1974 - 1988
- G Publications: Newsletter, Vol 18 No. 3 December '71
Bulletin, Vol. 24 No. 1 Spring '77
Bulletin, Vol. 24 No. 2 Winter '77
Journals 1978 - 1992
- H Annual Dinner Menus 1953 - 1984
- I Meets Cards 1969 - 1986, member's handbook 1974
- J Separate Box File of Publications:
Newsletters August 1955 - 1969
Small Journals: Summer 1960 - Winter 1963/64
Journal Supplements: D.H.C. '61 by R.G. Pettigrew
- K Letters of historic interest - various dates
- L Mountain Rescue Team Alpha - 1969 - 1976
- M Committee Meeting Minutes - 4th October, '53 to 3rd April '65
12th April '65 to 1st July '70
14th August '72 to 5th February '79
2nd April '79 to 23rd April '83
- * Missing: 1949 - Oct '53, July '70 - August '72, April, '83 - 2000
- N A.G.M. Minutes - March '56 - April '80
* Missing: April '80 - 2000
- O Hut Log Books: Bryn y Wern, August '55 - October '58 (part T.y.W.)
Tan y Wydffe, September '65 - October '83
Tan y Wydffe, July '84 - July '93
- * Missing: Earliest Heathy Lea Log books.
- R Log of outdoor/indoor meets, including A.G.M's and Annual Dinners,
26th March, 1950 - 3rd March 1956
- S 50th Anniversary Journal, edited H. Pretty, a hard back book,
ISBN 0-9535736-0-5, published November, 1999.