



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR AUG / SEPT 2001

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Aug 25-27	N Pembrokeshire
Sept 8/9	TYW Family Meet
Sept 15/16	H/L Gritstone
Sept 19 (Wed)	Wildcat
Sept 23 (Sun)	Autumn Amble
Oct 6/7	TYW Golden Oldies

### ***Aug 25-27 Bank Holiday - Pembroke - St Davids*** ***Keith Gregson***

At the time of writing Pembroke is foot and mouth free area and hopefully will remain so. However, if things take a turn for the worse nearer the time I will endeavour to keep informed so feel free to get in touch.

Camping will, as usual, be at Rhosson Ganol Farm, St Justinian's (GR 727252)

To find us, follow signs for St Justinian's lifeboat station from St Davids. From the Cross, down the hill past the Farmer's Arms, then sharp right down past the Cathedral (one way system) and keep on towards the lifeboat station until you can see the sea, with Rhosson Farm on your right. The farm is overlooked by a prominent hill on the left of the road and the campsite is under the seaward side of this hill with views over Bardsey Island and the sound. Turn left up a track just past the farmhouse, take the right fork and then keep to the left - 100 yards from the farm. We usually camp in the first field on the left.

The Oread has long traditions in Pembroke. Alas, gone are the days of the "Rugby Club all-nighters" but they have been replaced by Old Eltonians with the Carnells, barbecues with the Fosters (depending on the fishing), and Feeling

Foul ale at the various hostelrys - the Grove gets my vote, whilst the Cross has an Alpine Club atmosphere and the Farmer's Arms the ethnic feel! There is of course lots of climbing to be done, most of which is in the middle grades and still retains the feeling of remoteness and pioneering. I'm assured that Whymper's old guide "Big Foo" will once again be with us to direct exploration and point the uninitiated at exciting things.

For those intent on high grade climbing Carreg-y-Barcud should keep you off the streets, and of course if you seek the popular hot spots you can easily drive down South to join the crowds.

I always look upon this meet as the best holiday on the Oread calendar. There is much to do; climbing, walking, swimming or simply lying on the beach etc. And the company is excellent, so come and join us.

Hopefully some of us will be there on Thursday or even earlier. However I'm confident that there will be an Oread presence until the following weekend so you will be sure of a welcome over the whole holiday period.

If you need any further information please get in touch.

### ***Sept 8/9 Tan-yr-Wyddfa family meet***

There is no Meet Leader, but the whole hut has been reserved for the club this weekend. I think the best plan would be to book on an individual basis with Colin Hobday.

I think you can also assume that it is not necessary to have a family if you intend to book into TYW this weekend. - Ed.

**Sept 15/16 Heathy Lea Gritstone  
Weekend Dave Jones**

Unfortunately I don't have any details of this meet, so I would suggest that you contact Dave Jones if you intend to book into the hut this weekend. - Ed.

**Sept 19 (Wed) Wildcat Crags  
Rob Tresidder.**

The last official Wednesday evening climb of the year. Headtorches may be useful if you can't make a quick getaway from work.

If you need a lift or climbing partner please phone the meet leader to arrange. - Ed.

**Sept 23 (Sun) Autumn Amble  
George & Janet Reynolds**

I propose to walk through the Macclesfield Forest, meeting at the Tegg Nose Country car park (Parking fee £1.50) at 10.00 am for 10.15 am, Grid ref 951734, walking to the Tegg Nose summit, down to "the Leathers Smithy" alongside the Ridgeway Reservoir to a bridal path, after the road junction. Following the signs to Shutlingsloe and "the Grag" pub, Wildboardclough, for refreshments. Returning via Green Way Bridge, Oaker Clough, through "The Hanging Gate" Yard, to the Gritstone Way and Tegg Nose again.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

**Oct 7/8 Golden Oldies Shirley  
Wainwright**

This annual knees up of the veterans of the Oread will take place on the above dates. This is a do-as-you-please weekend (within reason of course). The only plan made is to dine at the Saracens Hotel in Beddgelert on Saturday evening.

For bookings for the hut please ring me or leave a message on my answer machine.

**Nov 24/25 Annual Dinner Green  
Man Ashbourne Shirley Wainwright**

This is to remind members that this event is not too far away. Details of the menu, etc will be in the October newsletter.

## **PAST EVENTS**

**Wales 13/14 July**

A total of 5 people turned up at Tan Yr Wyddfa for a weekend of rare good weather. Both days were bright and dry, apart from a brief shower on Saturday evening that spoilt neither climbing nor pubbing. Richard Hopkinson had arrived on Thursday in order to run the Welsh 3000'ers. He started his solo effort at Ynys Ettws on Thursday afternoon, camping beneath Pen Yr Ole Wen that evening and finishing back at Ynys on Friday afternoon. The challenge was made all the more difficult by low-lying mist and Richard had to rely on compass bearings for most of the way.

On Saturday, Chris Radcliffe, Richard and myself went to Pant Ifan and climbed three classic routes: scratch, scratch arete and alcatraz - the latter may not be so classic, but good all the same. Dave Jones and Steve McDonagh had a good day at Pen Trywn and polished off: It (a good E1), a tricky VS and mumbo jumbo ("a brilliant 6a"). Despite complaining of cold fingers the pair then went off to Bus Stop quarry to finish the day on massambula.

On Sunday, Steve and Dave went to Tremadog to climb the wonderful 'one step in the clouds', amongst other routes no doubt. The 'B' team went in search of adventure at Carreg Alltrem and found it trying to cross the stream... We climbed the excellent lavaredo wall and lightning visit. Richard then left for home, followed shortly afterwards by Chris and a still slightly soggy meet leader who bemoaned the lack of clean rock and wanted a cup of tea. Thanks to those who attended and made the weekend enjoyable - Chris Radcliffe, Richard Hopkinson, Dave Jones and Steve McDonagh.

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## *Hut bookings for Aug/Sept*

BOTH HUTS ARE OPEN FOR USE SUBJECT TO ANY FOOT AND MOUTH RESTRICTIONS IN THE AREA. FOR SNOWDONIA INFORMATION. WWW.SNOWDONIA-NPA.GOV.UK

### HEATHY LEA

August 10/11            Oread meet  
September 21/22       Fylde M. C. Cottage.

### TAN-YR-WYDDFA

August 20/22            Ian Sharlot (guest of C. Hobday) 4 beds  
August 24/27            (Bank Hol). 1 bed.  
August 27/30            Outward bound school 12 beds.  
Aug.31-Sept. 1           Sphinx M.C. 16 beds.  
September 7/8            Oread Meet  
September 14/15        Vibram M. C. 16 beds.  
September 21/22        Egons M. C. 16 beds.  
September 28/29        Mynydd M. C. (subject to confirmation) 16

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 before going to either hut.

## SHORT NOTICES

### *Car parking Tan-yr-Wyddfa*

Whilst construction work is being carried out by the Welsh Highland Railway, our parking area is fenced off. It has been agreed with the Snowdonia National park that we may park on the approach track to the hut, subject to displaying a residents parking permit in the car. These permits are on the hut notice board (10 in total) and must be returned to the notice board at the end of your visit.

Anyone not displaying a permit will be subject to the parking regulations.

Further information from Chuck Hooley, Colin Hobday.

## *Membership*

Congratulations to Andrea Haywood, who has graduated from provisional to full member of the club.

Mike Wynne has decided to leave the club. In his kind letter he explains that he lives away from Derby and does not do much climbing these days. However, he has enjoyed being a member over the past (20?) years. "Through membership of the Oread I have made many lifetime friends and I would certainly recommend anyone to join up if they were moving to Derby. I would like to pass my best wishes to all Oreads who I know well, and relinquishing membership certainly does not mean breaking friendships"

## NEXT EDITION

I hope to get back to normal at the end of September - apologies for this month's disruption

For the October edition it is essential that all material reaches me by **Saturday Sept 29th.** (but the earlier the better) I look forward to hearing from **PAUL GARDNER** and **ROB TRESIDDER** (Dovedale Dash).

Articles in the form of Word (.doc) attachments to E-mails are preferred, but floppy discs sent through the post are also welcome.

Richard Coghlan