



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

## NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2001

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

May 11/12 Forest of Dean  
May 16 (Wed) Willersley Castle  
May 26/28 Glencoe  
Jun 10 (Sun) Esoteric Grit

#### *May 5-7 Cader Idris*

Unfortunately, at the time of writing, just about everywhere in Mid-Wales is still closed. This meet is therefore **CANCELLED**.

#### *May 11/12 Forest Of Dean Colin Hobday*

At the time of preparing this write up for the newsletter, the latest information I have with regards to the Foot and Mouth restrictions are: That all footpaths and cycle tracks are closed. Rock climbing areas are closed.

However some of the members who have already booked, have expressed that they still wish to go, so **THE MEET WILL TAKE PLACE**.

The amended format will be cycling along the lanes, walking the lanes, or just being a tourist. We shall stay at the Fountain Lodge Inn Parkend. £8 per night. evening meal on Saturday £8.50 (3 course).

I still have a few spare beds. Bookings to Colin Hobday.

P.S. I will contact all those who have already booked to confirm details.

#### *May 16 (Wed) Willersley castle*

Although there is no meet leader for this event, I notice that the club meets list has prescribed Willersley for this Wednesday evening's climbing venue. By good luck, this happens to be one of the few places open. See you there and in the Princess Victoria afterwards. Ed

#### *May 25 Glencoe Steve Bennett*

After speaking to the campsite official and also with a local Scottish Information Bureau I have been informed that access to most of the hills around Glencoe and Lochaber has been restored and **I INTEND TO GO AHEAD WITH THE MEET AS PLANNED**.

Camping will be at the National Trust for Scotland campsite in Glencoe. GR112577. This is the best campsite in the area (not at all like the Red Squirrel). Facilities include toilets, free showers, laundry room, cooking shelters for campers, electric hook ups for caravans, a well stocked shop and most important after a day on the hill, a 10pm 'no noise' curfew. Camping costs £3.50 single, £6.00 double and £9.00 per 4 persons sharing one tent.

The attractions of the area are fairly obvious with much walking, mountaineering and cragging available in Glencoe whilst other ranges are close by and an ascent of Tower Ridge is not out of the question.

So with most of England and Wales still likely to have restricted access, Glencoe must be the place to be, however for the same reasons it is also likely to be quite busy (along with the rest of Scotland) so I have arranged to keep the campsite manager informed of the numbers to be expected and he in turn has promised to reserve a patch.

If you intend to go or for more information please give me a call.

## FUTURE EVENTS

*June 10 (Sunday)      Esoteric Grit  
Richard Coghlan*

My original plan was to visit Bamford edge, but all moorland Gritstone is out of bounds due to Foot & Mouth. In light of the rapidly changing situation, I will make my plans at the latest possible point and publish details in the June newsletter.

What is not in doubt is that I will be climbing on Peak District gritstone on this Sunday, even if it has to be Black Rocks. However, I hope to find something more overgrown, wet, green and with a long uphill walk-in as befits the tradition of this meet.

### *Hut bookings for April*

The situation regarding huts has not changed: **The huts are closed for mountaineering purposes and access to the hills, but are available for maintenance and social purposes, provided that everyone stays within the confines of the hut grounds.**

Both the Snowdonia National Park and the Chatsworth Estate have closed all footpaths and asked everyone to stay away.

The Snowdonia National Park Authority have closed the main car park next to Tan-Yr-Wyddfa and access to the hut through the car park is closed.

## SHORT NOTICES

### *Club Archives*

Harry Pretty has given me a list of material that he is about to deposit with the County Archives, which I may print in full in the next newsletter.

Some items are conspicuously missing:

- Committee minutes 1949 - Oct '53, July '70 to Aug '72, April '83 -2000
- AGM minutes April '80 -2000
- Earliest Heathy Lea Log books

Please pass any information on their whereabouts to Harry.

## BRAINTEASER

*Bike Ride* - Kindly supplied by Ernie Phillips.

The other day I decided to go out for a ride on my Pro-Flex mountain bike, which I normally only use on suitable tracks. However, F. and M. was rife so that I could only use the back lanes of the Peak. I left the car in a car park with a view to riding to a village where I could purchase a kilo. of Derby Sage cheese. As I rode off it was just 10 a.m. and I knew that the ride would take me half an hour, whereas if I had walked it would have taken me two and a half hours. Before I reached the cheese emporium I came to an amenable Hostelry and as it was a cold day I went inside for a drop of the hard stuff and a warm by the fire. I was in the pub for just twenty minutes. Braving the cold, I rode on to my destination and as I went through the shop door I realised that if I had walked the rest of the way from the pub without going inside, that I would have arrived at the same time as I did on my bike.

So, the question is – what time did I arrive at the pub?

## NEXT EDITION

I am going to Glencoe for a week, so I am going to have to publish the June newsletter a week early. For the June edition it is essential that all material reaches me by **SAT May 19th. (NB: this is early)** I look forward to hearing from **Michael Hayes** and anyone who would like to lead the Heathy Lea Barbeque meet (June 30th).

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