

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEETS CIRCULAR APR/MAY

April 25/26/27

CWM COWARCH

P. JAMES

This meet is something of a 'classic' in the Oread calendar and is a 'must' for those who wish to sample a different blend of mountain environment. The Hut is a splendid building of almost alpine appearance standing on a small promontory at the head of Cwm Cowarch. (map ref. 853I92 O.S. I" Map No. II6) The hut holds something in the order of 30 persons in 'Matratzenlager' type bedding. It is approached from Dinas Mawddy village via the unclassified road to Aber Cowarch (Imile) where a turning sharp left along the bridle road to Ceunant is taken. Cars should be parked at the end of the road adjacent to a small wooden foot-bridge crossing the Afon Cowarch river which incidently borders an idyllic pasture ideal for camping.

The crags are all situated in the immediate vicinity of the hut. The standard work on the area is in the Mountain club Guide to Cwm Cowarch. The terrain is eminently suitable for the hill walker who will discover some of the vistas which for years have been motivating the 'Old Brigade' (of Welsh Walkers. These then are the ingredients for a good week-end and if the weather lives up to its usual reputation, we shall be assured of an outstanding meet. Contact me in the Wilmot for beds etc.

MAY 3/4

BEESTON TOR

D. BRADY

Camping will be at the farm along the track below Beeston Tor G.R. IO4540 Peak District Map. Camp to the west of the ford. The area offers wide range of climbs from V.D. to H.V.S. and very good walking in the dales so there is something for everyone. The Tor itself catches every bit of sun and misses the wind. Good beer is found after a short run to Alstonefield. Last years meet was succesful so lets have the same this year. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SUPPLY OF WATER IF CAMPING AS FARM CANOFFER NONE.

MAY 9/10/11

WASTDALE

G. HAYES

This is a popular venue for the Oread so shake the sand out of your P.A's and lets have you spending a weekend in the mountains. There is no need to tell what this area has to offer, as far as mountaineering goes, it's got the lot. If you haven't been to this area before, then latch on to G.H. for a good dash and climb around. He's the only bod to have done the round of the Cairngorms with an Oread wench under each arm. He says that is much better than collecting exhausted bods off Bleaklow and then getting back to find the local paper has praised another team. Camping at Brackenlose Official Site. Contact Geoff, on the Tuesday before the meet for lifts etc.

MAY 17/18

GARDOMS

N. ALLEN

Camping at Ben Froggatts farm. G.R. 200 yards N.N.W. Robin Hood Inn 4½ miles S.E. Royal Oak eyam. Did I say I would lead this meet! They will be dishing out the Queen's Shilling next. The sun has been ordered for Friday morning 16th with a possible switch off Sunday 23.59 hours. This is a chance for all hands to sharpen their claws for Whit-suntide, on the abundance of climbing the surrounding moors have to offer. This area is of course steeped in Oread History and the Ghosts of ancient club members often seem to be present, on all the classic routes. Perhaps at midnight, on Apple Buttress you may see a nude 'Pretty' or a frock coated 'Brown' on Oread itself 'Penno' gritting his teeth followed by young Fisher, knuckles bleeding (He never jams them these days) Perhaps on the moor Pettigrew and Paul Gardiner in their early teens chasing flect of foot Sutton, or Handley then a Valkyrie fresher chasing birds in his bush hat. With all this romantic charm and good climbing the meet has to offer, it should be a good do.