

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEETS CIRCULAR JULY / AUGUST 1974

JULY 12 - 14

ALSTONFIELD

D. CARNELL

Following the success of the 'Diners Meet' last year, it has been decided that undernourished Oread bodies should once more be sated. Therefore on the above dates, a Meet will be held at the George Hotel, Alstonfield (or Alstonfield depending upon which way you enter) the purpose of which is to both whet and appease Oread appetites. The area is of course Limestone, and, and as you drive to the campsite on POETS night, you will see numerous crags tinged pink in the light of the setting sun -- a complete antithesis to the soporific effects of Richard's cellar.

On Saturday I hope to visit Dovedale where, no doubt due to the heavy foliage, no-one will be able to find me-- least of all Charlie Cullum but who will, I hope, find the Meet a day earlier than last year!! 8.15pm Saturday night will see a group of us sitting down to a meal at the George (Burgess will probably just be starting pitch 2 somewhere) and anyone wishing to join us or him will be most welcome. However, seating capacity is somewhat limited, so anyone not already on my list should ring Richard Grandjean at ALSTONFIELD 205 AND BOOK FOR THEMSELVES. It will be FIRST comd, First served I'm afraid, so don't delay! The Quartet will probably go to the New Inns, but don't let that deter you either. On the Sunday, Beeston Tor will undoubtedly be the major attraction, and I confidently expect Andy Oakden to stride from his tent and lead us like he did last year! Those people still on the Alpine meet when Ray Handley's Meet occurs (isn't he going either?) can visit Earl Sterndale only a short drive away.

This is a family meet -- and the close proximity of the campsite to the Refreshment House enables those Members with babies and THINGS to have the best of both worlds --- try us and see.

JULY 17

HARBOROUGH ROCKS

EVENING MEET

A fine little outcrop of Dolomitic limestone offering practise climbs of up to 40ft or so, and well worth a visit, the actual rocks are pleasanter than the view from the road would suggest. The crag is at m/r 243 553 between Brassington and Wirksworth

JULY 19 -21

THIRLMERE

C. RADCLIFFE/P. SCOTT

I may be going out to the Alps this weekend, so if I can't make the meet, Pete will take over as leader. For those going on the Club meet in the Dauphiné, this is a final opportunity to do some training in the hills and for those not going abroad, why not come to one of the finest centres in the Lakes?

Camping will be at St. John's in the Vale. The site has been booked by the river at Low Bridgend Farm, grid 318 206, just under one mile along the B5322 from the junction with the main Ambleside-Keswick road at the north end of Thirlmere. There is fine climbing close at hand on Raven Crag above Thirlmere and on Castle Crag, while the Helvellyn Range offers some of the best walking in the Lakes. Or we can combine walking and climbing by going over to Dove Crag. Please see me in The Moon if you want or can offer lifts

JULY 28

STANAGE

C. RUSSELL

A visit to the premier gritstone outcrop is a must, even for a never-has-been like me. I propose to start climbing in the morning somewhere near Pegasus Wall and then work towards the Eastern end of the edge, lunching somewhere near the plantation. This should give my enemies sufficient data to avoid me, and then spread the rumour that, like so many, I failed to attend my own meet.

P.T.O.

AUGUST 2 -11

DAUPHINEE

R. CHAMBERS

As you probably already know this years Alpine Meet is to be held in the Dauphiné . This is an area not unknown to Oreads which abounds with good mountaineering routes of all types and standards. The best guide book for the area is "The Alpine Club Guide no 4 - Selected Climbs in the Dauphiné and Vercors" The camp site chosen has been used by members before and is situated at the village of 'Chantemerle' approx 5km N.W. of Briancon on the N91 to Grenoble. A plot of ground has been booked by the Club by Sue Scott, so no problems regarding camping space. I shall be crossing early Friday morning and hope to be at the campsite around Mid-day Saturday. Anyone requiring more 'info' see mee in The Moon.

AUGUST 16 -18

EARL STERNDALE

R. HANDLEY

This meet will interest all - only 40 miles from Derby and situated amongst the pastoral beauty of the "stone wall country" The campsite has had a personal visit and was found to be superb. It is situated at Dowel Dale Farm (map ref. 1" O.S. 077 684) between Parkhouse and Chrome Hill. The crag, situated just south of the village of Earl Sterndale offers good climbing for all, - and one which Oread do not visit very often. Cheedale is not far away so if you didn't do the Plumb or the Girdle on Nats Meet you can always pull it in (after tea) For people preferring to walk, the area offers boundless opportunities with magnificent walks. The pub - well, its called the "Quiet Women" and its easily found in the village (no doubt some of our ladies will alter the pub's character) So lets have a good turn out, at least 80 plus for a good weekend, in a different area.

NEW MEMBERS

Pete Kenyon , Speedy Smith, and Roland Anthony were recently elected members of the Oread.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Mike and Sue Wren on the birth of a son, weight -excessive (according to Mike) name - subject of discussion.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mike Key is now at ; - The Flat, Blackwell House, Kirk Ireton (Hulland Ward 389)

WILL THE PERSON...

who has stolen the Clun's copy of "High Peak" by Sutton and Bynce , please confess to the librarian, Reg Squires (He has searched his spare boot)

ASSISTANT MEETS SECRETARY

Chris Radcliffe has volunteered to collect from meet leaders the information for these circulars and to deliver them en bloc to me, thereby forcing me to issue the circulars on time. Will everyone please co-operate with this new arrangement.

C. RUSSELL

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(Meets Sec.)