

After the amazing turn-round in the weather over the Easter period it can only be hoped that the improvement continues so that the very full programme of Meets for the next few months may be enjoyed to the full.

By all accounts the teams operating up and down the country during Easter were all very active and certainly as far as the Pembroke team were concerned the only delay in climbing was due to tidal conditions; these factors forcing both Derek Burgess and Chris Bryan to take an early bath.

Meanwhile in Derbyshire the Working Party at Heathy Lea completed many of the outstanding jobs and the exercise was only marred by unpleasant smells created by 'Radders' (disturbing the drains I must point out) who was determined that his election to high office of the Club has not changed his lifestyle in any way.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE

Due to the geographical location of the 'Fighting Cocks', it has been felt for some time that a move nearer the centre of Derby would be beneficial to the Club. To this end a 'Drinking Sub-Committee' has unselfishly spent many evenings checking out the local ale houses and as a result of their efforts it is proposed that the new Tuesday Evening Venue as from 15th May 1979 will be the Derby Rowing Club Headquarters which is situated close to the Childrens' Hospital. (For details of how to get there, please see attached sheet.) It is hoped that this move will be supported by the majority of the Club.

ALSO

Tan-y-Wyddfa will be closed to everyone with the exception of the Special Working Party on May 5th, 6th, and 7th.

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CRAFNANT

MAY 12/13

KEITH GREGSON

The Crafnant Valley is a new venue for the Oread M/C and a visit is long overdue. The valley is reminiscent of several of the Lake District valleys and the area in general is more akin to Cumbria than North Wales.

I have managed to book the Mynydd M/C hut for the weekend. The hut takes 28 - places will be allocated on a first come first served basis - and has all the usual facilities. It is situated at the head of the Crafnant Valley and is marked as Blaen-y-Nant on the new 1:50000 OS map, sheet 115 at MR 738603. From Bettws-y-Coed take the B5106 to Trefriw, then left turn to Cwm Crafnant. There is ample parking at the hut. The cost will be 50p per person per night.

There is plenty of scope in the valley for everyone. Climbs of all grades within a mile of the hut door - superb walking over the relatively quiet Carneddau - and tea and home-made scones at the farm down the track. There's even boating and fishing for the energetic!

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Beverage will be taken on board at the Princess Arms in Trefriw on the Saturday night, unless we decide to walk to Capel.

It has taken two years to book this hut so don't let me down - let's have 28 enthusiastic bodies at this magnificent extravaganza. The weather, needless to say, will be spectacular.

THE ROACHES

MAY 19/20

DAVE WRIGHT

This meet needs little introduction and has rightly become one of the most popular meets of the year. For those who have not been before, from Leek take the A53 towards Buxton, turn left at Upper Hulme and follow a minor road for half a mile. The Campsite is on the right, OS 008613.

The Roaches and neighbouring Hen Cloud offer some of the very best gritstone climbing available anywhere and if you don't wish to climb, the surrounding area has some very fine walking so there is plenty for everyone. Friday night drinking will be in the 'Rock' Inn which sells Real Ale and is only a short distance from the Campsite.

ARRAN

MAY 26TH/-

CHRISTINE M CRADDOCK

Well, yet again by public demand the Arran meet appears on the Oread calendar.

For those who have never been to Arran, this small island is well worth a visit; situated some 14 miles from the Ayrshire coast and protected by the Kintyre peninsula, so good weather is guaranteed (maybe not when we are there, but it is guaranteed!!!).

The ferry to Brodick (Arran) departs Ardrossan and Paul and I hope to catch the 7.00 am Saturday 26th May (thereafter ferries on Saturday depart Ardrossan at 9.45, 12.30, and 15.15; 18.00 and 20.00). There is ample parking at Ardrossan harbour for those not intending to take their car to Arran. Bicycles can be hired on Arran from Howie Hires, Brodick (opposite golf course) at £3.50 per week or hourly and daily charges.

Camping will as usual be in Glen Rosa. I believe facilities are in the course of being constructed, but I am endeavouring to ascertain further details.

Arran offers a wide variety of scope whether it be climbing, walking, cycling, horse riding or just seeing the island, so let's have a good turn out.

Should anyone require any further details, please contact me at Maidenhead (0628) 31003 (work) or Ickford (084 47) 525 (home).

WASDALE

JUNE 2/3

DEREK BURGESS

A camping meet in a valley which offers some of the area's finest climbing and walking. Camping will be at the National Trust campsite at the head of the lake, (rather pricey but good loos).

Hopefully, Scafell will be dry for the hard lads, which has much to offer, whilst Gable, Esk Buttress and Pillar all have good routes, and are close at hand! The thrutch to any of these crags guarantees a thirst which can be quenched at night in the Wasdale Head Hotel. Anyone requiring more info or lifts, see me down the pub.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that subscriptions are now overdue. The subs are:-

Single person £4
Married couple £5.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Oread Mountaineering Club' and sent to Laurie Burns at 51 Cranmer Street, Long Eaton, Notts NG10 1NJ.

TAN-Y-WYDDFA BOOKINGS

MAY 5/6/7	Working Party only
MAY 11/12	16 Beds booked
MAY 18/19	16 Beds booked
MAY 25/28	Empty
JUNE 1/2	16 Beds booked
JUNE 8/9	Empty.

HEATHY LEA BOOKINGS

MAY 11/12 12 Beds booked.

BMC INSURANCE

Details of the cover offered by the BMC Insurance Scheme are now available. Policies range from £4.50 for minimal cover for hillwalking in this country to £17.00 for full cover for climbing/mountaineering at home and abroad. A booklet containing all the details is available for viewing from Dave Williams.

The closing date for entry into this scheme is the first week in June and all application forms should be in Dave's possession by this time.

FOR SALE

Size 45 EB's, used once only £12.00.

Size 9 Gentleman's 'Wellies' £3.50.

Contact John Theobald.

QUOTE

Quote heard on Radio Derby - "Thanks to Eunice, Ernie Phillips' banana is out of control".

Ron Sant
Meets Secretary

PLAN SHOWING LOCATION OF

ROWING CLUB
(1/2500)



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