

NORTH YORKSHIRE MOORSSEPT 26/27PETE LANCASTER

Fortunately for those who appreciate it, this very fine area is neglected in favour of more well known haunts such as Malham and Gordale. The net effect is uncrowded crags with routes that rarely get the traffic to become polished.

I shall spend a day on 'Peak Scar' and another on 'Whitestone Cliff', both limestone (jurassic) escarpments; the former about 90' high and the latter a magnificent 120' of imposing rock perched right on top of Sutton Bank overlooking the Vale of York, nearly 1000' below. There are, however, other smaller 'grit-like' sandstone edges and endless walking for those who want it.

The climbing is as good as any. Peak Scar is very solid and every climb has an overhang of some sort but usually there is a ledge that goes with it for a rest. It is unusual for limestone crags, in that it boasts some excellent v. diff and severe climbs as well as the usual crop of delights from V.S. to X.S.

Whitestone on the other hand has more grandeur, and with odd patches of suspect rock to add a note of seriousness it is not really a place for novices, although there is one excellent v. diff (Gauche) and several excellent severes. The climbing is on the whole less compromising than at Peak Scar and the views far better with many excellent routes. As an introduction I recommend 'Nightwatch' - only HS (1) but a climb of rare quality. N.B. The grades here really are 'Yorkshire Grades'!

Camping is at 'Wrens of Ryedale Camping Park', Newton. GR 100/656841 situated 3 miles east of Helmsley off the A170 near the White Horse Inn where I hope to see you on the Friday night.

If you have any enquiries see me at the Rowing Club on Tuesdays or ring me at home (Derby 363460).

PATTERDALEOCT 3/4JOHN LINNEY

Patterdale is often described as the most scenic valley in the Lake District. Good walks can be had over Raise, Helvellyn, and Fairfield to the west, whilst High Street and Stoney Cove Pike are not without interest on the eastern side of the valley.

Patterdale is also the centre of climbing in Grisedale, Deepdale, and Dovedale and offers a good variety of routes. None of the crags are near to the road, the closest being Eagle Crag in Grisedale which is reached in about 30 min. Dove Crag is one of the most forbidding crags in the Lake District and is finely situated at the head of Dovedale (about 1 hours walk). Apart from many Extremes it has a classic V.S. and a very good H.V.D. All the crags take a long time to dry out.

Location - Camping at Side Farm Patterdale G.R. 399161. Take the small track down the side of the S.A.C. George Starkey Hut which is almost opposite the church, through farm buildings, turn left towards the lake and camp in the field on the left.

Sustenance - I hope to be in the Glenridding Hotel on the Friday evening. See you there.

PHOTO MEET

OCT 10 7.30 p.m.
Baslow Village Hall

R SEDGWICK

Once again here is the big chance for all Oreads to prove they are better photographers than Gadsby. Rules are as for previous years. There are 5 sections a maximum of 3 slides per person per section.

1. U.K. Aesthetic
2. U.K. Action
3. Abroad Aesthetic
4. Action Abroad
5. Club Interest (blackmail photos!)

Points will be awarded to the top slides in each of sections 1-4 and the total used to determine the overall winner. Section 5 will be judged in traditional fashion on the clapometer.

All slides must be marked with the entrants name and the section for which it is entered and must be spotted for projection in the bottom left hand corner (when viewed from the correct side and right way up).

Entry is open to members and prospective members. Slides to me at the Rowing Club, along with 30p per person entry fee. The closing date for entries is the Tuesday before the competition.

Response for black and white prints in the past has been poor. If there is sufficient interest a Black and White section will be run. Prints must be at least $6\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ and mounted. Again a maximum of 3 entries per person, entries to me at the Rowing Club.

32ND ANNUAL DINNER

NOV 21/22 GREEN MAN HOTEL, ASHBOURNE

Demand for seats at this years Dinner promises to be heavy. So please book early to avoid disappointment. The Dinner will take the usual form. Oliver will again be with us after recovery from his operation.

Sunday will be spent in the 'George' at Alstonfield.

Bookings to D.F. Pentington, 41 Broadway, Duffield, Derby with cheque payable to Oread M.C. for £7.50 each.

WELSH HIGHLAND LIGHT RAILWAY

Update on developments and present position. At the Gwynedd C.C. Planning meeting held on 21/7/81 the Planning Sub Committee resolved to inform the WHLR Co

1. That the Council is not in favour of granting planning permission for the rebuilding of the railway line between Porthmadog and Rhyd-Ddu.
2. That the Council considers it would be more expeditious for separate applications to be submitted for each stage of the line as and when the applicants are in a position to proceed with the development; at which time any problems or matters relating to that particular stage of the rebuilding could be properly investigated and considered.
3. That the Council will support at this stage any application to Cyngar Dosbarth Dwyfar for the rebuilding of the section of the line from Porthmadog to Pont Croesar.

This looks very like a case of the Council trying to divide the objections into local groups.

We have informed the Official Receiver that we claim the ground we are using for Car Parking by 'adverse possession'. He has replied that he does not accept this and we must not fence the land off. This is the reply that we would expect. It would appear that a number of farmers and others have also made similar claims for various pieces of the track. These claims may be the reason for the Council's action in dividing the line into sections for planning permission.

Other information obtained from various sources including a conversation with a WHLR Co official indicate that the Council is not in favour of a development all the way to Rhyd-Ddu. It seems that possibly in agreement with the Forestry Commission that the Railway should stop at the Camp site above Beddgelert. This is possible as above this point the Forestry Commission have used the track bed for a road. There is at present a tremendous amount of activity taking place. The Sub Committee is in close contact with similar objectors to ourselves and others. We will oppose any development into the National Park.

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