



OREAD Newsletter

May 1985

Wasdale

May 4/6

John Linney

Surely the finest centre in the Lakes for rockclimbing of all grades, with a campsite overshadowed by some of the highest lakeland fells, needs no further introduction. As usual, I shall camp on the National Trust site (far right-hand corner). I expect the weather to be better this year, so don't miss out - see you at the campsite. For lifts, etc., see me at the A.G.M. or telephone on 078 571 3342.

Roaches

May 11/12

Gil Male

Okay, you wally-spotters - for wally, read wallaby if you wish break out! come to Staffordshire! You can display your talents on the Roaches, have endless grippers on Hen Cloud, fail abysmally on Ramshaw Rocks, or hide amongst Newstones, Baldstones or Back Forest Crags. This area has probably the best selection of classic gritstone routes, from V.Diff to Extreme, anywhere locally. It also has a camping field under Hen Cloud, for only 20p approx. per person per night Tall stories can be exchanged on Friday night in the Marstons boozier by the traffic lights as you enter Leek on the Buxton Road (we think it's the "Royal Oak" - anyway, we're sure you'll find it!).

Ogwen Valley

May 18/19

Roger Larkam

Forget those trendier rendezvous! Revealeth not thy surreptitious worship of graven man-made walls! As a re-affirmation of the "M" in O.M.C. two days in the mountains are assured with climbing as easy or as difficult (or very difficult) as required. As this Meet is bound to be oversubscribed I suggest that we camp at Willie's Farm (under Tryfan). If I am petitioned by enough like-minded souls there is an option to revert to the more traditional campsite at the Island. Contact me at the Rowing Club or on Derby 42442 Extn 3008 (Work) or Derby 383371 (Home) to co-ordinate transport.

And though Very Severes may near bore you to tears
(And you feel about girls much the same)
Reveal your commitment
To mountain enjoyment
And tear your emotions to rags.

(- sorry Showell).

ArranMay 25/29Christine &
Paul Craddock

We were somehow nominated to lead this Meet to Arran and since it is some three years since we last led this Meet it seemed a good idea, so let's see plenty of both old and new faces on this Meet.

For those of you who have visited Arran before then this island needs no introduction, and for those who have never visited the island then do come along and sample some of the finest rock climbing and walking, or even cycling if you choose to hire a bicycle on the island - this is still the most popular form of transport. However, for those of you who are intending to take your car onto the island then by the time you read this Newsletter, you should really have booked your car onto the boat. If you don't fancy doing any of those things then, as the Pubs are open 17 hours a day, you can always get legless!!

We hope to see a big turn-out as it is also an opportunity for us to see everyone again. If you have any queries then please contact us at home on ICKFORD (084 47) 525 or at work - Paul - WITNEY (0993) 74398 and Christine - MAIDENHEAD (0628) 31003.

For your information, the Ferry times from Ardrossan to Brodick are as follows:-
 Depart Ardrossan Mon - Sat - 0700, 1100, 1515, 1805.
 Depart Brodick " - 0820, 1300, 1640, 1920.

CairngormsMay 25/29Alistair Gordon

The Spring Bank Holiday meet to the Cairngorms will be based at Aviemore. This is fairly convenient (when the chairlift is working!) for the crags above the Shelter Stone at Loch Avon and, in the unlikely event of the sun failing to shine on the high tops, Creagh Dubh (near Newtonmore) and Binnean Shuas (Ardverikie Wall) are about half-an-hour and one hours drive respectively. So, there you are - Hard Rock, Classic Rock and of course rakes of Munroes to bag - something for everyone. I propose to camp at the Glen More campsite about 5 miles east of Aviemore on the ski road near Loch Morlich which has all facilities including hot water and showers, and to drink in the Winking Owl which is on the A9 just a few hundred yards north of the Centre. This serves Ind Coope Burton Ale (so as not to upset English tums) or Arrols 70/- ale from Ind Coope's scottish brewery at Alloa. If anyone requires any more information phone me at work WIRKSWORTH 4571 or 4572 or at home MATLOCK 56636 - Hope to see you there.

Report on Tan y Wyddfa Working Party 20/21st April 1985

People who attended were - Chris Birt, Sharon Russell, Dave Penlington, Pete Amour, Fred Phillips, Pete Scott, Chuck Hooley, Margaret Hooley, Laurie Burns, John Welbourne, John Shreeve, John Fisher - 12 in number.

Jobs Completed included:-

- 1) Renewed drainpipe on front of house.
- 2) Second coat of syntherproof applied up to render stop damp course.
- 3) Clean gutters and inserted cages in down pipes.
- 4) Rear bedroom (Snowdon side) one plaster and lathe wall removed and

- replaced using wall board, ceiling artexed, walls painted.
- 5) Strip lights checked, new tubes and starters fitted, one new complete unit fitted above food shelves.
 - 6) Roof insulation surveyed and renewed where required.
 - 7) Kitchen enamel worktops removed and cleaned.
 - 8) Mens Shower unit stripped, checked and repaired.
 - 9) All water pipes lagged as materials allowed.
 - 10) General survey of roof for loose slates, etc..
 - 11) Lounge cleaned, wallpaper renewed, walls re-painted.

Lots of small jobs attended to by the "O.R.'s" including stacking a new supply of logs in the wood store, changing bulb in outside light & general cleaning, notices prepared regarding the draining of the water system, and renderstop prepared for fitting above lounge windows. Damaged bedroom walls repaired.

Special thanks to Margaret Hooley who "single handed" kept us all supplied with hot soup and tea/coffee. The committee thank everyone for their efforts, especially as the weather turned nasty giving sleet, hail and rain making the outside jobs very arduous - some of these jobs had to be abandoned.

Chuck Hooley - Hut Custodian.

Fancy Instructing at White Hall?

We have recently received a letter from Lyn Noble at White Hall Centre for Open Country Pursuits which is located near Buxton. The letter outlines their need for voluntary instructors to work alongside the permanent staff, mainly at weekends.

The Centre is run by the Derbyshire Education Committee and provides young people with their first taste of outdoor pursuits activities, including caving, canoeing and climbing.

Should anyone be interested in offering their services (this should incur no expense to the individual), please contact Ron Sant for further details.

For Sale

Mountaineer recently turned crag-rat wishes to sell

Mountain Technology Technical Ice Axe 50 cm. used once only (and it wasn't at Dover!) - wrist loop and axe protectors included. £30.00

Contact: Gordon Lamb on Derby 514984.

Changes of Address, etc.

Margaret Theobald will in future be using her maiden name, Margaret Osman.

Jill & Rob Westrick are now at 8901A Harperspoint Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249, U.S.A. where they will be happy to hear from any Oreads who might be in the area (if you're unlikely to be in the area, just write anyway, as they are keen to keep in touch).

Venues for JUNE Meets as follows (Full details next Newsletter)

June 8/9	CROWDEN	Meet Leader: Pete O'Neill
June 15/16	BORROWDALE	Meet Leader: Mark Pearce
June 22	ALSTONEFIELD	Meet Leader: Derek Carnell
June 29/30	TAN Y WYDDFA WORKING PARTY	Hut Committee

PLEASE NOTE: FINAL COPY DATE FOR JUNE NEWSLETTER: MAY 21st

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