

Oread Newsletter

September 1988

September 3rd-4th Roaches

Gil Male

It's that time of year again when you can go wallaby spotting with your mates. Come to sunny Staffordshire and get your passport stamped. Need I list the crags in this area from the hardest crag in the world, ie Baldstones, to the delightful Roaches upper and lower tiers? Well if I should then you ought to come and see them!

Saturday - climbing on Hen Cloud. Sunday - climbing on the Roaches. Walking any day, but for those who haven't seen them I recommend visits to Lud's Church and Three Shires Head. One thing, however for everyone. BOOZING in the Rock Inn on Friday and Saturday nights. Camping in the field under Hen Cloud, which is within staggering distance of the pub.

Contingency plan if the weather turns bad; Beeston Tor in the Manifold Valley. The Cavalier in Grindon is only spitting distance away if climbing is in doubt.

September 10th-11th Wye Valley

Ian Brindle

Jaded of climbing the quarried slate? - then come and climb on the quarried limestone. Wintours Leap gives climbing from E6 to moderate, or for those who require a crag with aesthetic surroundings Wynd cliff takes some beating.

I intend to camp at the Forestry Commission site (GR SO 568127) which has good facilities. To get to the site turn left off the A40 at Goodrich Cross (about 5 miles South of Ross-on-Wye), turn right over the old iron bridge and drive past Symonds Yat Rock. Follow the B4432 past the Rock Inn at Hillersland, turn right down a track at the crossroads in Christchurch and the campsite is about 300 yards down on the left.

I will be at the Rowing Club to organize lifts, or telephone (daytime) Chesterfield 822281 x101.

September 17th-18th Heathy Lea

Ruth Gordon

Due to a misunderstanding between Ruth and the previous Meets Secretary, this meet has been arranged at a time when Ruth is away on holiday.

Heathy Lea will of course be available for anyone wanting to stay there at the weekend.

September 24th-25th Dow Crag, Torver

Tony Hinks

I'll be camping in Torver on the small site at the farm near to the Church House and will be in the Church House on Friday night. For people who don't know about Dow Crag, it's a fabulous crag with routes at all grades, starred Diffs to starred E's, so come and enjoy good company, climbing and drinking.

I will be at the Rowing Club on the Tuesday before the weekend, and if anybody wants any more information they can phone me at work on 283 63616.

'Friends' and 'Flexible Friends' RECALL NOTICE

Wild Country have identified an occasional inconsistency in manufacture of 'Friends' and 'Flexible Friends' which may, under certain conditions, cause some lowering of strength of the unit.

IF YOU HAVE PURCHASED ANY UNIT SINCE 1ST JANUARY 1988, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO RETURN IT FREE OF CHARGE FOR EVALUATION AND, IF NECESSARY, REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT.

To return the unit(s), make out a tag, index card or wire-tie label for each unit you are returning, stating in type or block capitals

Your name, address and phone number

Type and size of unit

If possible, add date and place of purchase.

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Rhyd Ddu Footpaths

Due to the efforts of some local farmers, several of the footpaths in and around Rhyd Ddu are in danger of being closed. One footpath (number 24 on the local map), which leads from the old railway line to the village, emerging by the Chapel, has already been closed. Local inhabitants are trying to reverse the decision to close this footpath and also to ensure that other paths remain open. Any letters of support, in particular objecting to the closure of footpath 24, would help to strengthen their case.

The address to write to is
Joan Bowen Rees
Chief Executive
County Council
Caernarfon
Gwynedd.

Tan-yr-Wyddfa Hut Bookings

Colin Hobday

September 2/3 10 beds

September 9/10 16 beds

September 16/17 Hut booked?

September 23/24 Hut fully booked

Sept 30/ Oct 1 Working Party

October 7/8 16 beds

October 15/16 Oread Meet (Golden Oldies)

October 21/22 Oread Meet (Family Meet)