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Oread Newsletter June 1989

June 9th-10th Wimberry

Rob Tresidder

I intend to climb, with real peacocks, on Castle Naze near Doveholes on Friday evening before pitching camp at the Crowden site in Longdendale and I hope reaching The Church (Bass) in Tintwistle before closing time.

On Saturday, I expect to climb in Longdendale, probably on Shining Clough.

On Sunday, a walk past Laddow and Chew reservoir will find us nicely warmed up by the time we get to Wimberry. Those just coming up for the day may prefer to drive to Greenfield, but be warned, the car park by the yacht club fills up quickly. The new guidebook is now available (but expensive). There is a good account of the traditional routes in Nunn. I hope Pete O'Neill will regale us with the true account of the first ascent of Blue Lights Crack - which is currently credited to Brown and Whillans in 1948 - three years before they first met!

In the unlikely event of rain in June, I suggest a mass ascent of Bleaklow via Wildboardclough, starting in Torside reservoir.

Lifts, ropes etc, call me on 0629 823126 (work) or 823953 (home).

June 16th-17th Eskdale

Rock Hudson

A venue to suit climbers, mountaineers, walkers and families, particularly with the prospect of good weather and dry rock.

Camping is at the Fisherground Farm site (GR 155005) near Eskdale Green. There's lots of room, reasonable fees, and the local pub a short walk away. Within a short walk or drive crags like Heron, Esk Buttress, East Face of Scafell provide high standard routes, while varied walks can be found to the north and south of Eskdale, which is often less frequented than many parts of the Lakes.

See me at the Rowing Club on the Tuesday before or ring Radcliffe-on-Trent 333031 for more details or travel arrangements.

June 24th (Sat) Derwent Watershed

John Gresty

Aptly described in 'The Big Walks' as 'the best, boggiest, bleakest, roughest, toughest, loneliest, wettest parts of the Peak District all brought into a day's walk encircling the headwaters of a fine river'.

Last walked by the Oread on 11th July 1981, eight years later the horrors of that trip should have been forgotten, now is the time to repeat the experience.

Starting from Yorkshire Bridge at 6.00 am, the circuit should be completed in 14-15 hours.

Contact John Gresty (Derby 518450) for details.

July 7th-8th North Yorkshire

Mike Wren

This meet is based at the Yorkshire Gritstone Club cabin at Ribble Head (map ref 7756 7965). This is well placed for the Three Peaks and close to enjoyable south-facing limestone climbing on Twistleton Scars.

I dare say some welcoming local hostelries will come to light during the course of the weekend. I shall be in the one at Ribble Head near the railway on Friday night. (Yes! It is the actual Settle to Carlisle line - Ribble Head Viaduct section !).

Beds are limited, so early booking is recommended. See me at the Rowing Club or Black's Head to book and, if necessary, coordinate lifts; alternatively ring me -
Home 0332 840336
Work 0602 326511 ext 231

There is a distance of 100 metres or so to carry gear from the cars, and it is recommended that you bring supplies of drinking water.

Alpine Meet

This year's Alpine meet will be at Argentiere.

Applications for membership

Applications for membership have been received from Steve Bashforth and Nigel Playdon. Unless any member has any objection, Steve and Nigel will be accepted as full members of the Oread.

Avalanche and Crevasse Video

The Club has acquired a video entitled 'Avalanche and Crevasse'. Anyone wishing to borrow it should contact Richard Coghlan at 4, Peterlee Place, Alvaston, Derby (tel. Derby 753807). There is no hire charge but a £10 deposit will be required.

Working weekend at Tan-y-Wyddfa 14th-15th April 89

Those present were

C Hooley, M Hooley, E Phillips, M Padley, J Shreeve, J Linney, M Linney, R Linney, H Linney, F Starkey, R Coghlan, N Moyes, I Spare, N Playdon.

Despite rumours put about in the newsletter, spring clean would hardly describe the work and effort that was put in on this weekend. The target of course was to fit out the Yr Aran room the same as we did the Hebog room on the 16th-17th March 1988.

Materials had been ordered on Thursday 13th and as before were delivered on Saturday morning at eight-thirty sharp. This time the lads were not caught having breakfast. As is proper for a conscientious custodian and knowing the thirsts that had been quenched the night before, I arose at around 6am and prepared about twelve mugs of strong bladder stimulant - this was their cuppa in bed. It worked, by 8am everyone was up, breakfasted and ready to start work.

The work proceeded well under the expert guidance of Frank Starkey and John Shreeve and by Sunday evening the Hut was back in a usable condition. The pine cladding will be fitted at later dates on mini working parties.

The bulk of the work was of course ripping out and carting away old plaster and laths, most of the lads looked behind their dust masks as though chalk bags had been burst open over their heads, the showers ran freely that night. Frank Starkey was very complimentary on the way the lads worked and the way they quickly learned the procedures. Ernie Phillips and I in the meantime had fitted a much needed power socket on the upstairs landing.

Once again on behalf of the Club and myself I would like to thank everyone who attended. Both Margaret H and Margaret L kept us well supplied with soup and drinks. It was good to see Malcolm Padley (one of our long serving Club members). I think that we may see more of him now that he is retired. The Linney children did their bit of course helping to clear up and fetch and carry tools. My personal thanks and I am sure the appreciation of the Club must go again to John Shreeve for organising the whole work force and liaising with Frank Starkey who is not a Club member but who likes to help with his professional building skills.

The compliments I receive about the condition and the amenities now provided at the hut are reward enough to indicate that my efforts as Custodian are channelled in the right direction. Finally the Club must not forget, for the refurbishment of the bedrooms we must thank Ernie Phillips, this was explained at the commencement of the project in past reports.

C Hooley, Hut Custodian, Tan-y-Wyddfa

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Last date for contributions to the July newsletter - 13th June.