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F O R T H C O M I N G E V E N T S

W 5 September WILDCAT

Rob Tresidder

I'm sorry that I will not be present on the last formal daylight evening meet of this year. For Wednesday addicts there is the Black Rocks night meet to look forward to and I am hoping to arrange some floodlit climbing in Matlock Bath when I get back. Ring me for details in October.

7 - 8 September ROACHES

Lisa Welbourn

See notice in August's "Blind Fear". Telephone Lisa on 0332 775243 for more details.

14 - 15 September BROTHERSWATER

John Linney

Patterdale is often described as the most scenic valley in the Lake District. Good walks can be had over Fairfield and Helvellyn to the west while High Street and Stoney Cove Pike on the eastern side of the valley are not without interest. Brotherswater is ideally situated for climbing in Dovedale and Deepdale which offer 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 minutes. Dove Crag is one of the most forbidding crags in the district and is finely situated about an hour's walk away at the head of Dovedale. Apart from many extremes, it has a classic VS and a very good hard V Diff. All the crags take a long time to dry out.

Location: Camping behind the Brotherswater Hotel at the foot of the Kirkstone Pass. Grid ref: 402119.

Sustenance: I shall be in the hotel on Friday night to meet fellow Dread lovers of larrop and to lay plans for the following day's activities. I shall continue my right arm activities there on Saturday evening also, of course so LET'S AV YER!

Telephone me on 078 571 3342 for lifts etc.

Th 20 September. Registration at Anthony Gell School for circuits. Enquiries to Dadia Conti, Community Education Office, tel 0629 824158

21 - 22 September MOORLAND GRITSTONE

Roger Larkam

"When the weather is good and everything else in the Peak has been done, Kinder will still be waiting." So reads the new Kinder and Bleaklow guide. Clearly Kinder Scout is the venue for a late season burst of activity this year. Always a somewhat obscure and exclusive meet, this one will be no exception.

The new guide confirms that Ashop Edge (The Edge on the Peak District Tourist Map) and the Downfall area are (still) highly recommended venues. With, respectively, a total of 16 and 20 two and three star routes in all grades, V Diff to E2, those who haven't should and those that have - surely you haven't done them all?

Just one snag. Due to a complete absence of co-ordinated planning, your worthy meet leader is set to be returning from Lundy on this particular weekend. Meet leadership will therefore pass in toto to the first on the crag. In the unlikely event of a (mechanical or electrical) mishap and I fail to reach Lundy, rest assured, I will be there. Say Ashop Edge on Saturday and Kinder Downfall on Sunday?

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Th 27 September First session of gym class at Anthony Gell School
Start 6.30 p.m. prompt

28 - 29 September LAKE DISTRICT Rock Hudson
A chance to take in the autumn sun, be it on the cliffs around Langdale or over the ridges and fells of the central Lake District. There's something for everybody, E5 to V Diff, scrambles and pleasant walks, so come on the meet. Camping will be at the main campsite (Map ref 288057) near the Old Dungeon Ghyll. I expect those attending to call in for a pint at the ODG on the Friday night. If you are coming, ring Radcliffe-on-Trent 333031 or see me at the Brunswick for lifts etc.

28 - 29 September TAN-YR-WYDDFA WP Chuck Hooley

Tu October 2 Royal Oak, Ockbrook Steve Bashforth
Ex-Dread Mike Pearce gets the indoor season off to a flying start with his lecture entitled PARAPENTING. 8 o'clock start; pay at door.

5 - 6 October GOLDEN OLDIES Doreen Hodge
See notice in August's "Blind Fear".

Sat 13 October PHOTO MEET Ken Bryan
The Dread Photographic Competition will be held this year in Baslow village hall, 7.30 p.m. for an 8 o'clock start. Please support the competition by sending a good entry and/or attending on the night. The format as usual will comprise four sections: 1 aesthetic UK, 2 action UK, 3 aesthetic abroad, 4 action abroad, 5 club interest. A maximum of 3 slides per section per entrant will be accepted. Please mark your slide with your name and the section entered and spot in bottom LH corner. Entry fee is one pound twenty per competitor.

The judge has yet to confirm, but I expect Malcom Sales, climber and associate of the Royal Photographic Society to sort out the winners and losers. As usual the club interest will be judged by acclaim of the audience, adjudicated by the president. There will be trophies for the two entrants with the highest overall score plus prizes for the first four places. The Peacock trophy will be awarded to the winner of the club interest section. Please send all slides with entry fee to me at 15 Grasmere Street, Sandiacre, Nottingham NG10 5BD to arrive before Saturday 6 October. Alternatively I will accept slides at the Royal Oak on 2 October.

19 - 20 October STAIR Roger Larkam
Don't forget to book your places! Either see me at the Brunswick on Tuesdays or phone me on 0332 383371.

26 - 27 October FAMILY MEET Keith and Emma Gregson
I'm not quite sure what the current definition of 'family' is but I take this meet to be for the benefit primarily of members and their children. To this end we shall attempt to do exciting things, like follow the stream through the woods to Beddgelert, or climb Yr Arran, or go to the sea zoo if it rains.

I have a vague idea for a treasure hunt and doubtless we could organise Xburgers and chips at the Cwellyn. It all depends who decides to come - please get in touch if you'd like to. Tel 0332 792147.

4 November DOVEDALE DASH
is, the 38th in the series will need no introduction to most
reads. The details for those who have not run before are that
the race starts at 11 o'clock near Thorpe Village. Leave plenty
of time to register (queuing) before the start. The road from
Ashbourne is always clogged with traffic, so consider approaching
from the west or north via Ilam and parking in the main car park
at the entrance to the dale. From here twenty minutes walk round
the south side of Thorpe Cloud will bring you to the start.
Better still consider arriving the traditional way - by bike.
The course is between 4 and 5 miles, usually wet and muddy. The
field is over 1000; the winner gets round in under 27 minutes.
If you can run that far in under an hour, you should be well off
the back.

The social side is at least as important as the race itself
and the spectating may be fun: see Rusty finish first Oread yet
again; see Stefan and Richard fight it out for second; see Rob
fresh from high altitude training avenge last year's last stride
defeat and beat Radders to level their series 5 - 5; see Brian
decline to finish; see the first Oread lady - Annie, Kate or
Gwen? see Nat finish - has he run them all?

Tu 6 November Royal Oak, Ockbrook 8 o'clock
Ex-Oread Paul Laver (is lecturing the penalty for non-payment of
subs?) returns to tell us about CLIMBING IN JORDAN.

Sat 17 November ANNUAL DINNER
See separate notice and application form at end of the
newsletter.

P A S T E V E N T S A N D A N C I E N T H I S T O R Y

FRED PHILLIPS' TRAIN RACE

Sadly, Fred did not beat the train this year! A well attended
meet of starkly contrasting conditions. The weather was fine on
Saturday for the race in which four Oreads ran and Alan Ames
convincingly beat the train in a time of 1h38. Sunday was very
wet and dictated low level walking. Next year Fred is hoping to
race (against) horses and mountain bikes.

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It is possible that some users of the hut, perhaps especially the barn, are not paying their hut fees. The hut book should be filled in on arrival. If you are visiting the hut, please scan the book to see that everyone has checked in.

NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 6 November. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Winksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday, 29 October.

Rob Tresidder

O R E A D A N N U A L D I N N E R

The forty-first annual dinner will be held in the Derbyshire Suite of The Gables Hotel, London Road, Derby at 7 for 7.30 on Saturday 17 November. The principal guest and speaker will be Alison Hargreaves, one of Britain's leading mountaineers.

The hotel is opposite the DRI and has a large car park behind. Taxis can be found at the railway station round the corner. A double room at the hotel costs about 44 pounds.

The bar is in a separate room from the disco which should neatly solve the discord over decibels.

MENU: Vegetable soup OR fruit cocktail
 7oz rump steak with chasseur sauce OR stuffed peppers
 sherry trifle
 coffee and mints

In recent years the organiser has accepted bookings less than a week before the dinner. This year the hotel needs to know final numbers two weeks in advance, so bookings must reach me on or before 2 November. You are advised to book early since the hotel's capacity is less than those of previous venues and the price is lower. There is a good chance that the dinner will be fully booked before the deadline.

Richard Coghlan

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