

NEWSLETTER OF THE DREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

8 - 9 March Patterdale
17 March Heathy Lea Fell Race
28 March - Fairhead
W 3 April Harborough Rocks
12 - 13 April Tan-yr-Wyddfa Working party
19 - 20 April Derbyshire Walk
26 April AGM

8 - 9 March Patterdale
This meet is now fully booked.

Colin Barnard

Sunday 17 March Heathy Lea Fell Race Rob Tresidder
Well, actually no. This year the race will start and finish from the Hay Wood car park (SK255777), south-west of The Grouse Inn. Participating but non competing walkers may start anytime after 1000. The race is once again a handicap event and starts (the first at 1045) will reflect competitors' handicaps. A word of warning and a request: I have included (as in my previous two races) some graded rock climbs. There will be no handrails alongside these and a fall could be serious. None of the climbs is compulsory. The time penalty that will be incurred after refusal will be realistic, that is to say that if you do the climb confidently and smoothly you will gain; if you hesitate you will lose time. Remember that Roy Eyre won my first race after refusing to attempt the Eagle Stone. One of the climbs involves descending the line of ascent so memorise the holds on the way up! Please be considerate of other competitors and bear in mind that even if you are accustomed to soloing E2s you may gain time by missing out a climb which is 'engaged'. Handicaps have already been prepared for anyone who competed in any of the last three Dread fell races. If you did not, but intend to run this year, please let me know in advance if possible. Handicaps will be based on the last three fell races and a competitor's most recent Dash result. All entrants will receive a pre-marked photocopied 1:25000 map. Squash and hot soup at the finish. Entry fee 50p; profits to Comic Relief.

I shall of course need checkpoint marshals, so if you know you are going to have a sprained ankle on the day or just hate running please volunteer to wield a clipboard and pen.

28 - 31 March Fairhead, Co. Antrim Rob Tresidder
I have spoken to Calvin Torrans, the guidebook author, and he assures me that Dubliners climb all the year round at Fairhead. He recommends use of a barn which is available near the crag. There is a Sealink ferry which sails eight times a day from Stranraer to Larne. The return fare for a foot passenger is £24. A car will cost £124 plus £20 for each additional passenger. There is a P&O service from Cairnryan (?sp) to Larne at similar frequencies and fares. I intend to leave after work on Thursday and return on Monday evening. Please see me at The Brunswick or ring 0629 823126 (work) or 0629 823953 (evenings and weekends) for lifts, partners, sight of the guidebook, map, ferry and tourist brochures.

S M A I L N O T I C E S

W 3 April Harborough Rocks

The clocks change on Easter Sunday. I can never remember which way they go, but I know it means lighter evenings. So, at the earliest opportunity, we shall open our Wednesday evenings here, where the problems are harder and the landings softer than at the other place, of which more at another time. Afterwards at the Olde Gate as usual. RT

24 - 26 May ("Spring bank holiday") Arran Lisa Welbourn
Camping: Glen Rosa farm site. £1.50 per person per night. This is a basic campsite with toilets and cold running water only. There is no need to book and no charge for cars. tel 0770 2380.

Ferry: Caledonian Macbrayne

Sailings, Ardrossan to Brodick (Arran)

Mon - Sat 0700 0945 1230 1515 1800 2035 (Fri only)

Sunday 0945 1230 1515 1800

Brodick to Ardrossan

Mon - Sat 0820 1105 1350 1640 1920 2200 (Fri only)

Sunday 1105 1640 1920

Fares: Driver or passenger: £2.85 single; cars from £14.60 single.

There are some family (2 adults + 1 or 2 children under 14) tickets available on some crossings. Reservations are advisable especially for the Friday and Saturday of the holiday. Bookings can be made by phone (0475 34531).

I have a copy of the ferry brochure if anyone would like to see it and also an Arran brochure which includes some self catering accomodation lists. I can be contacted on 0332 386403 (work) or 775243 (home).

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

February committee meeting

The secretary received a Christmas card from the BMC! Clwyd Council have refused our application for poll tax relief. Chuck and Ernie are pursuing this. The contract cleaners have nearly finished their work at Heathy Lea. There was some discussion on changes to the handbook. A slate of candidates for the club committee was agreed; the following to stand for election at the AGM in April: Bobby Gilbert, Rock Hudson, Steve Bashforth, Roger Larkam, Lisa Welbourn, Chuck Hooley, Rob Tresidder, Colin Hobday, Ray Darnell, Ernie Phillips, Richard Coghlan, Ray Colledge, Richard Hopkinson, Mike Wynne.

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SMALL NOTICES

Royal Oak, Ockbrook

Apparently the terms of the licence held by Mrs Wilson, do not allow anyone below the age of 14 to be present in the function room.

Proposed changes to the club rules

The following changes have been proposed by R Larkam and seconded by R Tresidder:

Rule 2: delete reference to associate members.

Rule 12: delete

Rule 15: Paragraph (iii): delete

Paragraph (iv) insert at end: The fee will initially be a sum equal to one twelfth part of 50% of the full membership subscription for each full calendar month remaining in the year. Thereafter the prospective member's annual fee will be payable on 1st January.

Paragraph (v). Paragraph beginning "Members attaining state pensionable age...": delete and insert "Unwaged members will pay half the full subscription"

Paragraph (v). Final paragraph, after sentence ending "... joint Members Subscription.", insert "Members so paying will receive the newsletter."

Paragraph (v). Insert new paragraph to read: "Details of subscription rates and method of payment will be published by the committee no later than 1st December in the preceding year."

Renumber rules and paragraphs as appropriate.

The following new rule has been proposed by C Hooley after receiving legal advice. It is seconded by E Phillips:

"The club and its officers are not to be held liable for any act or negligence between one member or another".

Subscriptions

A quick reminder to those of you who have not paid. Basic subscription is £11. The rate for families is £16.50 and for prospective members £5.50, which is also the joining fee, should you not have paid before the AGM in April.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

An application for full membership has been received from Graham Weston. Will any members who have any views as to the suitability of the candidate please write to the secretary, Steve Bashforth, 14 Farnworth Road, Mickleover, Derby.

NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 2 April. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday, 25 March. I especially look forward to hearing from Colin Hobday and Mike Wynne.

Rob Tresidder

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