

Making the weather

NEWSLETTER OF THE DREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

May 1991

FORTHCOMING EVENTS*

Summary

10 - 11 May	Dow Crag
W 15 May	Dovedale
17 - 18 May	Derbyshire grit (please note new date)
24 - 26	Arran
27 - 30	Family meet, Tan-yr-Wyddfa
7 - 8 June	Lakes
14 - 15 June	Cloggy bivvy meet (please note new date)

10 - 11 May. Duddon Valley/Dow Crag Lisa Welbourne
I intend to camp in in the same quiet campsite as last year, Turner Hall Farm (233964) near Seathwaite in the Duddon Valley. If you missed the glorious sunshine of last year, make sure you join us this year: there's plenty to do. Be it Dow Crag, Esk Buttress or Wallowbarrow, I'm sure you'll find some good climbing. The pub in the village provides good food and beer and is within walking distance of the campsite. I hope to be there before closing time on Friday.

W 15 May Dovedale

I intend to park in the car park in Milldale village in order to climb on the crags at the north end of Dovedale. I hope some hard walkers will make the most of the lengthening evenings and come out as well. If it's wet they may find some climbers wishing to join in. Come equipped for a run if you've started your Dash training already. These two horizontal activities will leave at about 6.30.

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17 - 18 May. Derbyshire (Kinder guidebook)

Roger Larkam

In keeping with the traditions of this meet I was unable to attend on the original date. However, as a result of feting both Meets Secretary and President, this re-arrangement of dates has been secured. Therefore the Saturday sports plan starts at Nether Tor (30 - 70ft of all grades and a total of 29 stars) and thence will progress westwards along the crags on the southern edge of the Kinder plateau. On Sunday, activities will be centred on Castle Naze (SK 054785). More detailed plans will be made at The Brunswick Inn on the previous Tuesday.

There is also a working party at Heathy Lea the same weekend. Tasks to be undertaken are repainting of the exterior woodwork and a general tidy up. Chuck suggests you bring your own paintbrushes, walk or climb on Saturday and on Sunday paint while the Huts management committee have a day long meeting as they paint. Any other enquiries to Chuck Hooley.

24 - 26 May (and perhaps longer) Arran
Please see notice in April newsletter or contact Lisa Welbourne or Trevor Willis.

27 - 30 May. Half term family meet Rob Tresidder
This will take place at Tan-yr-Wyddfa. I've thought of many of the ingredients for a good child centred time, indoors and outdoors and for all weathers including some open water swimming. However I hope and expect that the children attending will bring some of their own ideas! Please let me know if you intend to be there.

7 - 8 June Lakes Dereck Burgess
Wasdale with easy (!) access to the magnificent climbs on Scafell, Gable and Pillar is surely the Mecca for all aspiring cragsmen (and women). Routes of all standards abound. All that is needed is a dry weekend and this is assured. (It's rained on my last two weekends out so it's got to be fine this time). Camping will be at the NT site. Drinking in the Wasdale Head - see you there.

14 - 15 June Cloggy bivouac meet Bobby Gilbert
Those of you who remember the scorching sunny weather, the clear sky and the masses of good quality routes climbed on last year's bivvy meet to Eskdale must be thinking of the wrong weekend because it threw it down most of the time we were there. None the less, owing to its massive popularity, another bivvy meet will run this year to Cloggy, the most awesome crag in England. (Shurely shome mishtake here - ed.)
The Plan is to meet in the Vaynol on Friday night for last orders and then stagger up the Llanberis track to sleep under the crag. Tents will be allowed on the proviso that occupants go for a dawn dip in the lake to show that they aren't really soft. The weekend will then consist of hundreds of feet of classic climbing at all grades from VS to E9 (some grades may be omitted), followed by a mellow evening cooking and drinking by the lake. Please bring at least one bottle of wine each as there is a rumour that the party animal may be heading south that weekend. In the event of total washout on Friday night I have a secret alternative doss sorted out with roof and door (no windows) less than 2 minutes from the car and 30 seconds from a crag. (Meets sec's note: I see that Tan-yr-Wyddfa was booked for a meet this weekend. Is this a derogatory description of our beloved Victorian villa or is it another of the President's wretched bus shelters?) For further details, see me at the Brunswick the week before or call me on Derby 365058 (evenings) or Derby 42442 x6394 (weekdays).

PAST EVENTS AND ANCIENT HISTORY

April Committee meeting

The Gables hotel has been booked for the annual dinner in November. Heathy Lea is to be placed on The BMC huts list. £2500 is to be transferred from the general contingency fund to the huts contingency fund. Investigation of a non plumbed toilet for Heathy Lea which may need emptying only twice a year continue. Information on the BMC reciprocal rights card which gives reduced rates in alpine huts and on BMC accident and rescue insurance can be obtained from Steve Bashforth.

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Annual General Meeting

The early formalities disposed of, the President waded into his second and final report to the club, letting loose diatribes against people who don't organise meets and climbers who don't camp (who they? - ed). He thanked John Shreeve for his energy and devotion as the club's "clerk of works" on many working parties and presented him with a book about aerial warfare (!) in fond reminiscence. Rock, in his turn, deserves the thanks of the club for his service over two years; we look forward to his historical (?archival) perspective in the coming year as he assumes the mantle of vice-president. The Secretary's report was short and sweet but not too short to include an immodest boast about committee minutes. The treasurer's report seemed to be in order though some struggled to follow the intricacies of virement from one account to another. He referred to the financial implications of our continued tenancy of Heathy Lea. This was taken up in the Huts secretary's report when Chuck reminded us that the rent would be £300 p.a. until 1994. From then it would be £300 + 12% of the cost of improvements carried out by the Chatsworth estate. If the current small number of bed nights continued, this would require an increase in subscription of approx. £7 per member. Chuck also reported that in the end, the eco non-flush toilet had not proved a practical proposition at least partly because it would require male Dreads to urinate from a seated position..

The meeting then moved on to the proposed rule changes which were with one exception simply tidying up operations. We held our breath, but sadly the quorum was challenged and we were found to be about half a dozen short of our marbles. Quite properly the challenge was upheld. Although we were unable to change the rules, the changes were discussed quite vigourously with forcefully expressed opinion from both sides on the matter of a reduced subscription for all unwaged. One senior member of the club raised the spectre of an army of unemployed hard men invading our club and increasing usage of the huts (we should be so lucky!). We were all conscious of being in a Catch-22 situation. The quorum (a third of membership) is too large and has not been achieved for years; yet we cannot change its size without first managing a quorum at a general meeting. There were proposals that it be reduced to one quarter, to one third of members with a Derby postcode or even abolished altogether. The most practical suggestion was put forward by Uschi Hobday: that there should be an extraordinary general meeting for 15 minutes to discuss and vote on this one topic immediately before the

Annual Dinner, when we could be sure of being quorate.
At election time Bobby Gilbert was returned unopposed as the new president of the Oread. He inherits essentially the same team of assistants as last year and got off to a good start handling the debate about the rule changes we could not make.
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H U T B O O K I N G S

Tan-yr-Wyddfa
A working party from Wilmorton College will be in residence from 16 - 21 June.

S H O R T N O T I C E S

Heathy Lea Library
These books were destroyed in the fire. A sum of money has been received from the insurers. Will anyone who has any views on how this should be spent please contact Rock Hudson. Likewise, anyone who has any surplus mountaineering books they might wish to donate.

Hitch and Hike

10% discount is now available from Hitch and Hike near Bamford, on production of a current membership card. The choice of goods is wide and some of the prices are lower than at Outside in Hathersage. 15 - 20% discount is available if you place an order for £100+ and give 2 - 3 weeks notice.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

An application for full membership has been received from Mike Moss. 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.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Graham Weston who was elected to full membership of the Oread at the April committee meeting.

NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 4 June. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday, 27 May. I especially look forward to hearing from Steve Bashforth and Chris Radcliffe.

Rob Tresidder

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