



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

## NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

April 1992

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

#### Summary:

W 15 April           The Wheatsheaf  
16 - 19 April       Easter in Fontainebleau  
W 22 April           Red Lion  
POSTPONED   Heathy Lea Barbeque (was to have been 24 - 25 April)  
W 29 April           Malt Shovel  
1 - 3 May            Yorkshire Dales  
W 6 May             Rising Sun, Middleton  
Sun 10 May          Spring walk  
W 13 May            Wildcat Crags  
15 - 18 May         Tan-yr-Wyddfa WP  
15 - 16 May         Wasdale camping meet  
23 - 26 May         Hoy

W 15 April: The Wheatsheaf, St John's Street (the Derby road), Wirksworth. Mansfield Old Baily, Marston's Pedigree. The pub is on the left as you leave the town centre, has large car park behind, plastic sculpture in the garden and is nearly next door to the Chinese chippie.

16 - 19 April Easter in Paris Bobby Gilbert  
Fontainebleau is ideal for either committed rock athletes preparing for a season's climbing, or for those (especially family groups) looking for a long weekend break in the French countryside. Activities include the boulder circuits which are instantly addictive and running, walking or cycling on the many forest tracks. There are also many opportunities for artistic photography of boulders and boulderers.

I shall be leaving for France on the Thursday evening, 16th April, and returning on the following Tuesday. I shall be camping either at the site outside Melun or at Milly-la-Forêt.

For more details contact me at the Brunswick, or on Derby 365058 (home), 42442 ext 6394 (work).

W 22 April           Red Lion, Market Place, Wirksworth. Car parking through arch. Ind Coope DBA, Tetley Bitter.

#### Heathy Lea Barbeque:

Colin Hobday is now unable to lead this meet so it has been postponed to later in the year: 5 - 6 September. Please alter your meets card/ make a note in your diary. The hut of course will still be available for private Oread use on 24 - 25 April.

W 29 April           Malt Shovel, Wirksworth Moor (at intersection of

Wirksworth-Alfreton and Bolehill-Beiper roads). Car park opposite. Marston's Pedigree. Obvious place to drink after climbing at Black Rocks now that the Miner's Standard has closed.

1 - 3 May Yorkshire Dales Keith Gregson  
This meet will be based in Horton-in-Ribblesdale. Some of you will remember it as the site of a snow hole; some of you may have longer memories: the day of the icicle race springs to mind, or the epic Three Peaks when Rusty took in Great Whernside by mistake.

Possibilities abound, from the Three Peaks walk to relatively easy climbing at Twistleton, some lesser known crags like Oxember Scar and of course for new hotshots and page 3 seekers there is always Malham etc. Whatever your taste you should find something to switch you on so let's 'ave yer!

The campsite is next to the pub in Horton. More details - please ring me on 0332 792147.

Sun 10 May Spring walk on Offerton Moor Dave Weston  
Route: Hathersage, Offerton Hall, Offerton Moor, Bradwell Edge, Bradwell (lunch), Brough, Shatton, River Derwent, Hathersage. Distance: 10 miles. Map: OS 1:50000 No 110 Sheffield/Huddersfield  
Car park: opposite the swimming pool in Hathersage

I plan to leave the car park at 10.00 prompt and walk by the above route to "The Lawn Valley" pub in Bradwell. Pub food from toasted sandwiches to steak and chips if you require. Hopefully, it is going to be that nice weatherwise that we are going to be able to sit outside and drink and eat what we want. Menu available off meat leader on the day if you want to weigh it up beforehand.

Unfortunately, by the time this meet takes place the car park in Hathersage will be Pay & Display and there will be less room, so try not to be late as it fills up early.

23 - 26 May Hoy Michael Moss  
Hoy, a route for everybody. I have arranged a 12-man ferry from Stromness on Mainland Orkney to Hoy for 2000 on Saturday 23rd. To meet this you will need to catch the 1745 P&O ferry from Scrabster to Stromness at the latest. I'm told it takes 13 hours to drive from Derby to Scrabster and that the steak in the Upper Deck hotel is especially good. On Monday and Tuesday, return ferries from Hoy leave at 0930 and 1630 and from Stromness and Scrabster at 0845 and 1500. (There is an additional ferry at 2000 on Monday). I have the details of other sailings and costs and can be contacted on 0332 767298. Bring a small tent, you may need it to carry it for five miles.

## 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

### *Tan-yr-Wyddfa* (Rob Tresidder)

Well, it all happened just as promised: sun dappled rock on Gogarth persuaded us on to some good routes for the time of year. Ascents of Puffin, Britomartis and Wen were made. We watched the seals and were suitably impressed by those climbers who arrived by canoe. I asked one what it was like climbing in a wet suit. "Friction's very good", he replied. Dawn had an interesting navigational exercise getting back from Waunfawr to Rhydd-Ddu over Moel Eilio and in thick mist all the way.

Sunday started like Saturday in prevarication and indecision: Gogarth too far; Tremadoc too crowded. The Burgess team went to World's End. Brian, Helen and Peter went for a walk on the coast. Richard, Dawn and Rob ran over Yr Aran and Moel Hebog in improving weather. The journey home brought us rapidly into the clag that the Midlands had been suffering all weekend.

RT

#### *Brassington*

A bright windy evening brought Dread crowds out onto Harborough Rocks. The sideshow at Rainster attracted only Roger and Rob, surprisingly considering how much more popular these rocks used to be. We were undisturbed through two hours of climbing on East Hill. I would be happy to give advice on "discrete access" to these lovely rocks - don't leave your visit too late. Summer vegetation growth will make climbing unpleasant.

RT

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#### S H O R T   N O T I C E S

*Rates for commercial advertising:*

I have been asked by the committee to prepare rates for advertising from non-members. It is not our intention to make a hard bid for commercial advertising; at the same time there seems no good reason why the club's resources or its honorary officers' time should be exploited at no cost to non-Dreads.

Small ads: 20p per word

Advertiser's own material inserted: £15 per A5 sheet per issue.

RT

#### *Lost slides*

I have been handed sometime, by someone two slides of a climber (?Bobby Gilbert) wearing Fires, Troll Mk V harness and laybacking a limestone crack. They are in an envelope marked "not Robin Beadle's". Who is it? Whose are they?

RT

#### *Miss C Hughes*

A lady using the above name and said to be resident in Tan-yr-Wyddfa has been selected to receive a share of a £500,000 payout from the catalogue shopping firm of Janet Frazer. Any theories as to the real identity of the mysterious Miss Hughes would be received with interest at the address below!

#### NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 5 May. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday, 27 April. I especially look forward to hearing from Derrick Burgess.

Rob Tresidder

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