



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

June 1992

Surely something for everyone in the busy programme outlined below. It is very gratifying for the Meets Secretary to find Oreads coming up with plans that do not appear on the Meets card but can be circulated without too much difficulty via the newsletter. This month we go a bit scientific with Nick's contribution on *Lampyrus noctiluca*, winningly submitted on 5 1/4" diskette. Please can we have more of these and fewer contributions dictated over the phone on Sunday night! For a variety of reasons, a decision has not yet been made over the regular Wednesday evening venue. A decision will be taken at the committee meeting on June 9. Please make your preference known. In the meantime stopgap venues for the next two Wednesdays are shown below starting with the PV tomorrow. I have had a splendid holiday in South Pembrokeshire, from which I return fighting fit, ready to amaze you all on Bobby's meet on 12 July!

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

Summary:

W 3 June	Princess Victoria, Matlock Bath
W 10 June	Hope and Anchor, Wirksworth (public bar)
12 - 13 June	Cwm Eigiau
19 - 20 June	Wye valley CANCELLED
W 24 June	Midsummer Madness, Dovedale
26 - 27 June	Eastern Edges
3 - 4 July	Ogwen
Su 5 July	Women's climbing meet
W 8 July	Climb/cycle evening
Su 12 July	Pinnacle of Achievement meet

12 - 13 June Cwm Eigiau John Green
Cwm Eigiau cottage (714638) is situated in the depths of the Carneddau. To go on this meet you will need to drive into the cwm from the Conwy valley at Taly-Bont. There is parking at the road end, after which it is about 30' walk to the hut. Excellent climbing, walking and scrambling can be had nearby. The meet leader will be providing a little wine but best bring some yourselves! The overnight fee is £2.75. The hut sleeps 12 so book early to avoid disappointment. Contact me on 0332 832101 if you are interested in what has always been an excellent weekend.

19 - 20 June Wye valley Mitchell Briggs
No notice received. Meet leader has withdrawn, so I have reluctantly cancelled this meet. Of course no reason why you shouldn't pop down to Wintour's Leap or wherever just as you had planned to do.

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W 24 June Midsummer madness. Dove Dale
After fighting off the midges, refreshment and more scratching
will take place in the Dog and Partridge in Thorpe.

26 - 27 June Eastern edges meet Gil Mair
Based on Heathy Lea and an opportunity to climb with the "Wigan
lads". Gil has generously stepped in at short notice with this
meet. Flight details will be available from the MeetsSec at the
Brunswick, or contact Gil on 0635 625647.
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3 - 4 July Ogwen Richard Coghlan
I plan to camp at Gwern Gof Uchar (673604) just below the North
ridge of Tryfan. Facilities are basic but cheap. The climbs on
Tryfan, the Idwal slabs, Gribin facet, Cwm Cneifion, Glyder Fach
etc are all within an hour's walk. Meet at the Bryn Tyrch in
capel Curig on Friday evening.
For lifts please see me in the Brunswick or phone Derby 753807.

Su 5 July Women's climbing meet Dawn Hopkinson
Meet at Dawn's house in Cromford at 1000 for a brew before moving
on to local limestone for the business.

W 8 July Cratcliffe/Cromford climb/cycle extravaganza P. Amour
Last summer Bobby Gilbert organised a cycling/bouldering evening
between Cromford and Robin Hood's Stride. The President's plan
was extremely successful, even though he didn't attend, with a
good turnout including the LMS tandem from Derby.

The intention is to leave the Greyhound Hotel in Cromford at
6.45 p.m. and then proceed at paces suited to both the leisurely
and the lunatic. It is hoped that on arrival at the crag a good
number of motorised climbers will display their true Dread spirit
and throw down a rope or two to assist the poorly equipped
pedallers. After bidding farewell at the crag, social acquaint-
ance will be renewed at the Boat Inn in Cromford where those who
did throw down a rope may reap their reward. **DON'T FORGET YOUR
LIGHTS.**

Su 12 July Pinnacle of Achievement Meet Bobby Gilbert
Hard climbers' day: this is the day to show that you too can be a
hard climber! Whether your usual standard is VS or EB this is
the day to try that climb you have had at the back of your mind
for years. It might involve climbing a grade harder than your
usual standard, or it might be the route you know you ought to be
able to do but have always been intimidated by. In either case,
put some good runners in and GO FOR IT!

I shall be attempting Quietus at Stanage, myself, but feel
free to make your own choice of crag and meet up in The Miner's
standard in Winster at 7.30 p.m. to recount your tale of success
or failure.

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

Fontainebleau (Bobby Gilbert)

(or From pedigree to claret and back)

By a miracle of modern transport and sneer good luck, the team
assembled on Good Friday at Cuvier, arguably the best of
Fontainebleau's bouldering areas. Soon after, climbing began in
earnest, or was it Jacques? A while later the team retired with
sore fingers, tired arms and various degrees of success and hurt

price.

Time to stock up on wine, beer, cheese and bread and retire to the campsite at Milly-la-Forêt. Once fortified the Flying Scotsman produced frisbees, juggling balls, a volleyball, a cricket bat and proceeded to tire out a vast international ensemble of children. The Manager wobbled around the campsite on his monocycle, the Artist produced an array of fine watercolours while the Wine Hunter and the Wine Drinker consumed wine to show the Apprentice how it is done. Thoroughly enjoyable.

The rest of the bank holiday went in a similar manner. Get up, recover from the night before, go bouldering and have fun. Different areas were visited: Trois Pinions, Cuisinieres and L'Elephant, so named because it has a 25ft. high boulder, which is the spitting image of an elephant. Imaginative people the French; I'm surprised they haven't eaten it.

The holiday was a great success and proves what a fun area Fontainebleau is. It is ideal for a long weekend break or as a stopping off point on the way to or from the the Alps or Provence. Those who did not come missed a good meet.

The team: Manager - Bobby Gilbert, Artist - Kate Baker, Flying Scotsman - Brian Mattock, Wine Hunter - Gail Male, Wine Drinker - Gil Male, Apprentice - Joanne Male.
GIM

Spring Walk (Dave Weston)

Dreads, friends, Brunswick ramblers, call them what you will, they all turned up on the day and were all very good company. Everyone said they enjoyed the walk over Offerton Moor, with good views of Stange Edge, Bamford Edge, Ladybower reservoir with Kinder Scout and Bleaklow as a backdrop.

The weather remained fine although we occasionally had the threat of rain. After a tricky descent of the muddy Eradwelli Edge path, I found everybody sitting on the wall of the pub car park. After the initial panic of "I have got to get them in" I realised I had got the pub name wrong. Sorry everybody, the Valley Lodge, not the Lawn Valley. Wrong name or not, the pub did us proud and catered well for such diverse types as Dreads.

The journey back along the river was uneventful except for Jake nearly decapitating himself on the fence whilst chasing a rabbit. We negotiated the stepping stones back over the River Derwent and back to Hathersage just in time for a shower of rain to hit us before we reached the car park.

Thank you very much for coming and making it a very enjoyable day. Twenty-seven turned up: George and Janet, Colin and Uschi, Peter and Fred, Brian, Rock, Kev and Margaret, John Green and friend, Andy and Jake (the dog), Harold, Mike Wren, Shirley and Julia, Peter and Georgina, Stewart, Chuck and Margaret, John Gresty, Lisa, Colin Barnard, myself and Pam. If I have missed anyone out, please accept my apologies.

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May Committee meeting

Colin reported that work on the kitchen at Tan-yr-Wyddfa would continue with the installation of more cupboards and a new prototype cooker which had been obtained at no cost for us to test. It was reported that both Chuck Hooley and Ernie Phillips wished to be relieved of their responsibilities as club trustees. The committee will consider their replacement at the next meeting. The treasurer regularly receives quantities of junk mail. Some of the less junky goes on the club noticeboard at the Brunswick. Recent arrivals include details of insurance from the BMC and

West Mercia. Roger raised the matter of the half dozen or so members who have not paid their subscriptions. One was remitted. The Wednesday evening pub crawl was discussed. The Rising Sun is showing strongly, but others are pressing for Wirksworth, even the Black's Head! The Yorkshire Dales meet was very poorly attended for the second year running. Nothing wrong with the venue or the meet leaders. It was suggested that in spite of good weather this was not a popular weekend for formal meets. The dinner was discussed and Mike has gone away with a list of possible speakers and guests to invite before he disappears for the summer. Membership of the committee was discussed. It was suggested that the huts side of the club's activity was over represented with five members out of a total of eleven.
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H U T B O O K I N G S

Tan-yr-Wyddfa

June 4 - 5 Vibram MC 16 beds
 12 - 13 L.M.L.A. 16 beds + 2 in Dread room.
 19 - 20 K Gregson (whole hut)

Heathy Lea

June 12 - 13 Loughton MC 12 beds

G L O W W O R M S

Nick Moyes

I recently received a report of a large colony of glow worms on the A619, close to Heathy Lea at SK264723. Their glowing light looks rather like green hi-fi lights on the ground. Have you seen them here, or elsewhere in the County? If so, I'd like to hear from you, as I'm researching their distribution in Derbyshire. You may have seen them many years ago, or you might care to look for them this summer on a dark night on your way back from one of the Baslow pubs between June and August. Illustration enclosed. If you do see them here, or elsewhere in Derbyshire (such as limestone dales or disused railway lines), I'd like to know the date; time; number seen; details of exact location if possible, and of course your name and address.

Please send details of any sightings to Nick Moyes, Derbyshire Biological Records Centre, Derby City Museum, The Strand, Derby. Tel 0332 255579, or to my home address given in the Dread Members List.

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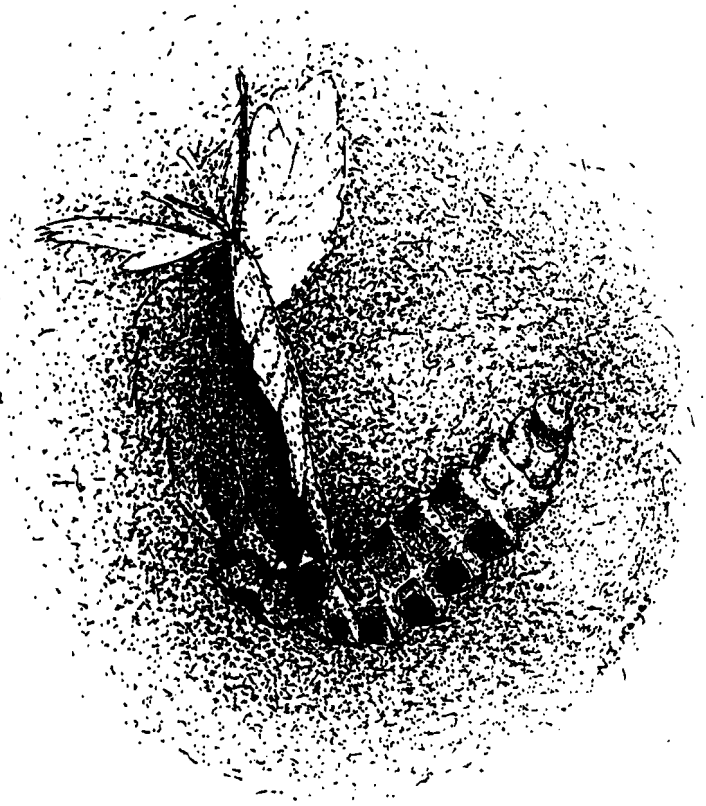
NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Sylvia Green and Tony Fidler who were elected to full membership of the Dread at the committee meeting held on 7 April.

NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 7 July. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday, 29 June. I especially look forward to hearing from Roger Larkam.

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