



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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

Summary:

W 6 May	Rising Sun, Middleton
Sun 10 May	Spring walk
W 13 May	Wildcat Crags
15 - 16 May	Tan-yr-Wyddfa WP
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W 20 May	The Hope and Anchor, Wirksworth
23 - 26 May	Hoy

W 6 May Rising Sun, Middleton.

Some Oreads seem infuriated by this extended pub crawl/exercise in participatory democracy. Others would like it institutionalised with every Wednesday night venue for the whole summer ("and winter" - Gresty) notified in the newsletter. Round 6 of the consultation process is at the Rising Sun (Ind Coope DBA, Tetley Bitter, guest beers, food and quiz). Some members ("I believe in democracy so long as everyone agrees with me.") have been coming here since the beginning of the summer - obviously a strong candidate.

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 meet 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.

W 13 May Wildcat Crags Rob Tresidder

Quintessentially Oread crag since sad demise of Black Rocks should need no introduction, but shame to see how many just repeat the old familiar routes. Could be worth looking in the guidebook first and checking out some of the other bits - Woodbank, Singing Kettle, New Bridge, Slippery Slabs. Chatti Chimney must be one of the more unusual and most intimidating V Diffs in the Peak. Afterwards in the PV (Princess Victoria) on South Parade, possibly a bit poshe for unwashed climbers but a

wide range of ales including Ward's, Ruddles and Marston's and food.

As a local expert I shall lead a walk through Bonsall and Masson leaving the Pavilion car park at 6 p.m. So if you don't fancy climbing (weather, fitness, age, never have done) join me for a good stretching stride.

15 - 16 May Tan-yr-Wyddfa WP  
No notice received.

15 - 16 May Wasdale Derrick Burgess  
After last year's debacle when, in view of a foul weather forecast, only Richard Coghlan attended, I am anticipating a 100% increase, i.e. I should be there! However as Wasdale is the Lakeland climbing mecca, with Pillar Rock, Esk Buttress, Scafell and Gable all within reach and with good weather assured I look forward to a good turnout. Camping at the National Trust campsite at the head of the valley as usual. A weekend to test the rock jocks (cart all that gear up the Brown Tongue), whet the appetite of mountaineers and appeal to all walkers. See you there. For lifts etc. see me in the Brunswick or phone 0283 702493.

W 20 May The Hope and Anchor, Wirksworth  
The final round of the consultation process brings us back to the Hope and Anchor in whose back room, the AGM was held. Park in the market place, pub is alongside. Home bitter.

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 F&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 to carry it for five miles.

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 Tai-y-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.

W 5 July Cratcliffe/Cromford climb/cycle extravaganza P. Amour  
Please add this extra to your meets card and diary.

## FAST EVENTS AND ANCIENT HISTORY

### *April Committee meetings*

The meeting on the 7th was largely taken up with hut matters. Another painting contractor is being sought for Tan-yr-Wyddia, where £200 was agreed for the purchase of more kitchen units. Concern was relayed over the state of the rooves of both the barn and the cottage at Heathy Lea. It was reported that some members had received an empty envelope instead of a newsletter. Someone told me that there were as many as 16 of these. My apologies for the inconvenience caused. It would be easier for me to do something about this (like sending another newsletter) if people complained to me. Astonishingly no-one has done. Oreads have confirmed that the average Englishman's idea of making a complaint is to have a quiet whinge over his beer to the person stood next to him in the pub!

RT

### *Annual General Meeting*

The meeting started with the usual item "apologies for absence". Derrick stretched the meeting's credulity by offering Gary's. Mercifully there were only about half a dozen others. One shudders to think how long it would have taken the secretary to write down the names if all absentees had "politely" sent their apologies! Minutes were accepted and reports received from the President who so far trespassed onto the Meets Secretary's that Rob was left with little except repetition and invective. The accounts were carefully examined by members and explanations were given by Roger. Reg Squires was thanked for his auditing and re-appointed for 1992. The hut reports were given by Chuck Hooiev and Colin Hobcav. Rusty expressed anxiety about the proposal to pay £25 towards the upkeep of the access from the car park. Harry Pretty regretted the disappearance of the small sash window in the kitchen. A year on, more comments were made from the army of the squeaky clean about the poor state of the showers. We were assured that Roy Sawyer had the matter in hand. We came to the matter of rule changes, some of them brought forward from last year's inquorate AGM. The category of associate member was abolished. Vigorous debate met the proposal to change rule 15. Most of this was uncontroversial and was passed with little argument. The proposal to include all unwaged in the 50% subscription concession enjoyed by the retired was hotly contested. Some intelligent debate was heard on both sides and sadly some ill informed slander which claimed that the supporters of the change were trying to conceal the proposal among less controversial changes. When the President took the vote, a majority of those present supported the change, but not the two thirds required under rule 17, so the concession on subscriptions remains as it was - confined to those of pensionable age. The election of officers proceeded without major change. Richard Coghlan replaces Lisa Welbourn as assistant secretary. Michael Moss and Mike Wynne are the only two committee members not holding office.

The President proposed the election of Derrick Burgess as an honorary member citing not only his long service to the club (including a spell as President in the early seventies) but also his continuing and inspiring enthusiasm for climbing especially on Wednesday evenings. The proposal was received by the meeting with acclaim.

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H U T   B O O K I N G S

Tan-yr-Wyddfa

May 8 - 9      G Gadsby & R Coghlan   Hut full  
15 - 16      Working party  
22 - 23      Bank holiday  
29 - 30      2 beds  
June 4 - 5      Vibram MC 16 beds  
12 - 13      L.M.L.A. 16 beds + 2 in Oread room.  
19 - 20      K Gregson (whole hut)

Heathy Lea

May 8 - 9      Northumbrian MC 12 beds  
29 - 30      R Beadle 6 beds  
June 12 - 13      Loughton MC 12 beds

S H O R T   N O T I C E S

*GREAD JOURNAL*

My typing abilities are improving with each article I receive for the journal. However I still need plenty more articles before achieving the rapid and fluid style I am after. Please send any articles to: Bobby Gilbert, 14 Campion Street, Derby DE3 3AD

*Phantom claimant*

A bill for postage stamps (Duffield PO 25 Feb 92) has been received by Roger Larkam. Please would the sender identify him/herself.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Steve McDonagh and Kev Ailsbrook who were elected to full membership of the Oread at the committee meeting held on 7 April.

NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 2 June. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday, 25 May. I especially look forward to hearing from Mitchell Briggs, Richard Coghlan and Bobby Gilbert.

Rob Tresidder

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