



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

April 1993

What a quiet time lies ahead of us: just a secret working party (volunteers please), a race to Winster with that famous retired climber and a huge jamboree at High Moss (more details/reminder next month).

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

Summary:

1 - 8 May	Skye
7 - 8 May	Tan-yr-Wyddfa WP
Wed 12 May	Cratcliffe
14 - 15 May	Duddon Valley
Sat 22 May	Climbing Competition (Keith Gregson)
11 - 12 June	Cwm Eigiau

1 - 8 May Skye Richard Cognlan

There are still places left for this meet. To re-cap on the advance notice given in the February newsletter, we shall be using two large caravans on the Sligachan side of Sconser village. The cost will be £2.50 per person per night assuming full usage. The location should be handy for both the Blaven - Clach Glas traverse and the pub. The timing of the meet should ensure that we are free both of midges and crowds of people on the hill. See me at the Brunswick or phone Derby 753807 if you want a place.

7 - 8 May Tan-yr-Wyddfa WP

Wed 12 May Cratcliffe Bobby Gilbert
Aim to leave Derby at 6, Beiper at 6.30 to meet outside the Greyhound in Cromford at 7. The ride follows last year's route which was up the via Gellia to Grangemill, then up to Winster and down to Cratcliffe Tor. At this stage rock boots may be removed from saddle bags for bouldering on Robin Hood's Stride or Cratcliffe itself. Alternatively a further cycling loop may be followed via Youlgreave and Elton.

We will return through Bonsall with a stop at the King's Head, then down to join the main contingent at the Boat inn in Cromford, where a pint will be awarded to the cyclist who was first up the hill to Winstaer on the way out.

It is possible to get a train at 1030 from Cromford back to Derby for those not fancying the full ride back. REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR LIGHTS.

14 - 15 May Duddon Valley Peter Scott
Please see advance notice in last month's newsletter.

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Best All Round Mountaineers of the Year competition

Saturday May 22nd

The object of the competition is to have a good mountaineering day in the hills. Inevitably this means different things to different people so you'll have to accept my view of what "mountaineering" is about. The competition is open to all members of the Oread and is a team event for teams of 2 or more. The event will be based upon Heathy Lee and will consist mainly of an evening's discussion in the Robin Hood. However in order to qualify for this you will be expected to have completed a hard day on the edges. Teams will collect points for various activities undertaken and may lose points for penalties incurred. The winning team will of course be that which collects the most points.

Each team should sign in at Heathy Lee any time after 9 am and will be expected to keep a record of their exploits throughout the day. The finishing time will be 7 pm and you will be expected to hand in a copy of your record at that time. You may then take part in the major event at the Robin Hood.

The scoring system is as follows:

Points

- Each climb completed by the team will contribute points as follows:-
 - 2 for each pitch of a route whose grade is less than VS.
 - 3 for each pitch of a route whose grade is VS or HVS.
 - 4 for each pitch of a route which has an E grade.

All routes must be completed by all members of the team using ropes and belays and the climb must be described in a published guide book.

- Each crag on which you complete a route will contribute 5 points.
- You will gain 20 points for each trig point visited.
- In order to ensure that sustenance is taken each team will gain 5 points for each country inn (*ie* pubs in Baslow and Hathersage don't count) that you visit.

Penalties

- The use of any form of wheeled transport is forbidden.
- The mountaineering day will end at 7 pm. You will lose one point for each minute that the last member of your team exceeds this time limit.

Scoring will be left largely to the integrity of the individuals, the winners can expect no other prize than the glory(?) and I hope an excellent day.

11 - 12 June Cwm Eigiau John Green
After last year's success, a repeat will be difficult. However Craig yr Ysra still has potential and the company will be great. Only problem is - it's nearly full already. Lovers of solitude, good food, wine and Fassing Pigs will enjoy every minute! The cottage is at GR 714638 and can only be approached from the car park at 732663. I shall be going up on the Friday morning to ferry the required provisions to the hut. Contact me on 0332 832101 for beds and any further details.

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

Wasdale (Rob Tresidder)

Following long established tradition, the meet leader was absent from this one too, but that only seemed to improve matters (well the weather at least). On Saturday the climbers went to Great Gable, starting on Kern Knotts and finishing all atop the Needle at sunset enjoying a cloud inversion which bathed them in the dying rays of the sun while smothering the valley in thick white cloud. On Sunday the climbing moved to the low crags of Buckbarrow and Yewbarrow. Long walks were taken on both days, around the Lake, over the Screes, over the Scafellis and so forth.

RT

March committee meeting

The meets secretary has had a meeting at Black Rocks with a forester from Forest Enterprises who agreed to some limited felling being undertaken by FE in the Queen's Parlour Chimney area. BMC insurance application forms are available from the secretary. The treasurer will again look into the possibility of subs being paid by direct debit.

SB

Uread fell race (Freda Raphael)

Twenty-three runners and walkers from nought years upwards enjoyed a morning of sunshine and balmy spring weather (as predicted in January newsletter!) Congratulations to everyone for arriving with smiles despite my idiosyncratic directions. Congratulations also to the lucky winning team - Esmond Tresidder, Chris and Sue Jonson. My thanks to all who made the morning a success - runners, walkers, kind souls who manned checkpoints and Helen for suggesting the Griffin Inn afterwards.

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[A characteristically modest and minimalist account from Freda who organised a lovely contest - a sort of cross between Gardeners' Question Time and the Krypton Factor. - ed.]

Tan-yr-Wyddfa (Roger Larkam)

Various walking, running, climbing and train journeys were undertaken by many contestants. Indeed return tickets were bought which had been anticipated as only singles.

On Saturday an Extremely Clad Party (amongst others) went to Gogarth. On Sunday the same extremely clad party (but not Ron, who was inspecting his bonnet for a Black Label T-shirt) put on different cladding and ran. Mike and Annie didn't. They had done 11 1/2 peaks the day previous and needed all of Sunday to get back to their car.

Sunday's hive of activity was otherwise led by Steve McDonagh. Rumour has it that he was released from the Carling Black Label

promotion marginally before Emma awoke. He rose just in time to catch the last car back to Derby.

RL

Harborough Rocks

So far as I know, Chris and I were the only ones to turn up for this rainswept meet, quickly dispatching Longcliffe Needle, Pinder's Rock, Jeffcoat's Pinnacle, Pillar Face, West Hill Arete, the Long Climb and Elderberry Crack (yahboo) but we never made it to Harborough or the pub!

RT

Spring Stride (Harry Pretty)

There must have been three dozen at least, but I never managed to count them, because I couldn't locate the front of the column! The pace was so fast that we got to the first pub with no chance and still had to wait for the main event at the Leather's Smithy. Up till then, the walking had been pleasant especially up Oaken Clough. The weather just got better and better - mostly while we were in the pub. Tegg's Nose which had looked, on Harry's map, like something from Close Encounters drew some of us into its rocky bowels where Radders showed his polish in walking boots on a VS. Then on to the splendid Shutlingsloe - great name and surely the finest summit in the Peak.

RT

C H A N G E S O F A D D R E S S

{Some seem unsure of whom to notify of their change of address. Please send it to me. That way everyone who needs/wants to know can read it. It's no good mentioning it to "someone down the Brunswick" and then complaining months later that you haven't had a newsletter! - ed}

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H O T B O O K I N G S

Tan-yr-Wyddia

April	2 - 3	Gordon Gadsby (whole hut)
	9 - 13	Easter
	16 - 17	Richard Coghlan (16 beds)
April 30 - May 3		Mayday
May	7 - 8	Working Party
	14 - 15	Summit MC (16 beds)

Heathy Lea

April 9 - 12 Easter. SMC (10 beds)

May 21 - 22 UMC meet (climbing competition)

Please note that I shall be away on holiday April 12 - 25.
Please contact Chuck Hooley with your last minute bookings.
Colin Hobday

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

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

BMC

The BMC are looking for a full time development officer to cover the three areas of walls, competitions and "yourif". Be in touch with them if this is a job you fancy. Audrey Whillans has officially opened Rockhail Cottage at the Roaches in memory of Don. Two bits from the blurb that I didn't know - that this is where Joe Brown and Don first met and climbed together and also where Don met Audrey. Fascinatingly, there is a no smoking rule in the cottage! Places for 12. I intend to try and book this for 1994. The BMC is protesting at the closure of the RAF bases at Leuchars and Brawdy in 1993/4. I think we should protest at this protest but the BMC want you to write to your MP.

RT

NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 4 May. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth, Derbyshire DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday, 26 April. Material would be even more welcome if submitted on 5.25" diskette, preferably with accompanying printout in case of incompatibility. I especially look forward to hearing from Peter Scott, Rob Tresidder and Bobby Gilbert.

Rob Tresidder

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