



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

August 1993

I am writing this early in an effort to clear the decks before my sedate old mans trip to the Alps, and so far the July weather has been variable to say the least, with smoke emerging from the chimneys of Peak District villages. A little indifferent weather will not however dampen the spirits of indomitable Oreads and there is a full program of activity planned, additional to the club's, and various individual Alpine trips.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

6-7 August Eastern Edges from Heathy Lea
13-14 August Northumberland
27-29 August BANK HOLIDAY Cornwall
8 September (Wed) Wildcat Crags
10-11 September Anglesey
2 October (Sat) Photo Meet

6-7 August (rpt.) Eastern Edges from Heathy Lea Steve MacDonagh
Still nothing has been heard from the meet leader but neither Heathy Lea nor the Eastern Edges need much introduction. I have however been climbing (easy stuff!) on the edges for about 35 years and so feel qualified to offer the following list of enjoyable, if not necessarily hard climbs, for controversial debate. Cave Crack - Chatsworth, Emma's Dilemma - Birchens, Tree Groove - Gardoms, Alison (top pitch) - Baslow, Grey wall - Froggatt, Heaven Crack - Stanage (also the slab left of the Balcony cave). Let us hear about your own six best climbs after the meet
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13-14 August (rpt.) Northumberland Mike Moss
This will involve camping and climbing (weather permitting) in Northumberland. The nominated campsite charges per tent rather than per person so the more people per tent the cheaper per person. Please contact me on 0332 762298 (evenings) or in the Brunswick for more details.

1-15 August (rpt.) Austria Michael Hayes
A chance to put all that hard 'Alpine Training' to the test! We will be based near Sölden in the Otztal Alps for two weeks of Sun, Barbecues and even some climbing.
If anyone is interested in joining our group of Dreads and friends they can contact me at the Brunswick or on 0602 490026

27-29 August BANK HOLIDAY Cornwall Beryl Strike
since my sole experience of Cornish climbing was of Pegasus beneath the sort of blistering sun that fills the screens of films about Death Valley, I have consulted people with wider experience. Highly

recommended for its sheltered position (very important on this exposed peninsula, especially for those with elderly tents) and good facilities, is Trevaylor Touring park near Botallack. It gives good access to climbing areas both north and south and is popular with climbers. - mention that you belong to the Oread when you book in and you get 10% discount on fees. These are, before discount, \$1.75 per person + \$1.40 per tent (work it out yourselves or contact R. Squires who will calculate it for you for a modest fee). There's plenty of space, but if I have a rough idea of numbers by mid-August we will be allocated our own area so that we know that the snoring/drunken singing/tall stories we can hear emanate from other Oreads. I am assured that for non-climbers the area is rich in pubs, cream tea establishments, craft shops and prehistoric remains. Trevaylor Touring Park (GR 369326 on OS Landranger sheet 203) is reached by following the A30 through Penzance towards Land's End. At a large roundabout after Penzance take the A3071 to St. Just, down a steep hill and up the other side. The campsite is at the top of this hill on the right, marked on the map by the usual symbols of a tin tent and wigwam just south of Botallack. 'Phone me on Nottingham 226278 if you can give, or need a lift.

10-11 September Anglesey

Derick Burgess

"A wet morning at Rhyd Ddu. Let's go to Gogarth" Anglesey is usually the place for quick visits when, so often on an idyllic evening the journey back to the hills can seem rather pointless. Well this is a chance for a full weekend to enjoy the superb climbing the area has to offer. Camping will be at the Valley of the Rocks campsite which is complete with its own bar and ideally situated for the fine beaches and cliff walks in the area. Be warned however that the charge is \$3.50 per tent so fill your tents to keep the cost down. See me in the Brunswick for more details.

ADVANCE NOTICE

2 October (Sat) Photo Meet

Richard Coghlan

This year's photo competition will start at 7.30 p.m. in Holloway Village Hall. (See me if you need a lift or directions). The Yew tree pub across the road will provide a bar. The judge will be Chris Forster F.R.P.S.

I shall give the full rules in the September newsletter and, except for a few minor details, they will be the same as last year. For the benefit of those attending it is important that the photo meet represents all aspects of the club's activities over the past couple of years. Although the winners will be picked on technical merit, I would prefer to see a large number of members each submit a couple of slides rather than a handful of entrants use up their full quota. I want breadth and depth, even if it results in a general reduction in the technical quality on show during the evening of the competition. If you have a camera and have used it recently in the mountains, then you ought to send in something.

FAST EVENTS (Not in chronological order)

HEATHY LEA BARBECUE

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Another well attended partly social meet with some activity too, enhanced by some communal dishes kindly provided by the meet leader and his handler, saw both walking and climbing activity. On Sat. the main body walked down behind Chatsworth and the lakes. Colin Barnard and myself climbed on Baslow and Birchens. The evening saw excellent food fire and entertainment. Firelighter Squires,

uncertain of the decade let alone the time, arrived to find the job already ably done by Bill Kenyon. Sunday saw a major traverse of the edges, returning via White Edge and the bridle path below Froggatt.
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July Committee Meeting

The meeting was almost wholly taken up with discussion about finance and repair of the huts. C. Hookey outlined the crises which had arisen and the hut sub-committees' proposals as follows- Tan-yr-Wyddfa - Owing to the discovery of a further outbreak of dry rot the proposal was to replace not 10 window frame, as originally planned and budgeted, but all 17 windows. The surrounding fabric was to be checked for dry rot. (estimated cost about #1400 over budget.) Heathy Lea.- The present understanding is that in 1993-1994 financial year Chatsworth Estate would repair the roof of the cottage and then the barn roof during the same visit to site, to avoid bringing scaffolding to site twice. This would lead to a rent increase if Chatsworth defrayed the cost. The Severn-Trent Water Authority were planning to de-commission the adjacent pumping station so that our present "unofficial" electricity supply would cease. There had been instances of the circuit breaker tripping, and tests had confirmed that the present wiring would not be acceptable to the E.M.E. plc. Accordingly it was necessary to re-wire the cottage in advance of our request for a normal consumer supply, to forestall any additional work which might be required by E.M.E. which might cost more in the long run if we wait for them to demand it.

It was felt that if the replacement of the showers at T.Y.W. were delayed we might lose bed-nights and so to postpone this to finance unplanned work was not wise.

The revised total budget for both huts for the year, with a contingency allowance was #7900 which the Treasurer confirmed was just within the amount set aside, under the formula which had been agreed some years ago, but there was no margin for further unforeseen costs. The main committee, with reluctance, agreed the sub-committee's proposals.

Although Rob Tresidder was unable to be present, he was to arrange next year's meets, and MEMBERS WITH ANY PROPOSALS FOR 1994 MEETS SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH ROB.

SHORT NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS In the last edition I mistakenly offered wedding congratulations to Mike Moss and Annie instead of Mike Wynne and Annie. This howler has been received kindly and led to a few laughs, but I now offer my humble apologies to all concerned.

THANKS to Roger Larkham who pursued an insurance claim on our behalf, even after relinquishing the Treasurer's job, the club has received a substantial payment as compensation for loss of income from lettings, as a result of the fire at Heathy Lea.

FOR SALE One pair of vertical 510 HUECO climbing shoes size 5 1/2 #40 ono. Contact Mike Wren 0332 840336 (Inferior footwear is often described as 'riding' or 'climbing' apparel because it is bloody awful to walk in- Ed.)

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Please send these to me at Slate House, Parwich, Ashbourne, Derbys. DE6 1QD If you are reading someone else's newsletter and you have not had your own, it may be that I do not have your current

address.

Meg and Mike Moore, (seen below in bad company), have moved closer to the hub of mountaineering activity and are now resident at 34 STATION ROAD, ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, NR. BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS DE13 9AA.



	HUT BOOKINGS	
Tan Yr Wyddfa	August	Hut vacant
	Sept 3-4	Derby M.C.
Heathy Lea	August 7-8	Oread Meet
	August 28-29	J.O'Reilly) R. Beadle) Group
	Sept 3-4	Leicester E.M.L.A. 12 beds

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BARN WILL REMAIN CLOSED DUE TO THE CONDITION OF THE ROOF.

NEXT EDITION

I hope to issue this on TUES 7 SEP. Please let me have your contributions by WED 1 SEP. I look forward to hearing from Doreen Hodge and Gordon Gadsby. Please post your contributions to me by the deadline if at all possible Clive Russell.