



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

July 1993

The first of my predicted two months of balmy Summer weather has passed in variable fashion, but all is not lost, there is still July and in spite of my tongue in cheek remarks to the contrary there is to be a visit to the Alps. On the home front we still have Lake District camping in England's greenest valley, a Derbyshire walk, spartan deeds at Tan Yr Wyddfa in preparation for the big hills, Derbyshire climbing and Northumberland.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Summary

2 - 3 July	Tan Wr Wyddfa
Sun 11 July	Summer Stroll
16-17 July	Lakes Camping
Wed 28 July	Burbage South and Quarries
30-31 July	Borrowdale
6-7 August	Eastern Edges from Heathy Lea
13-14 August	Northumberland

2 - 3 July                      Tan Wr Wyddfa                      Steve Bashforth

Though hopefully I'll have been walking and climbing in the Pyrenees, this is an alpine training meet! We hope to have a good walk and climb circuit of Snowdon, with rock routes on Cloggy. On the Sunday we'd look forward to climbing in the pass, or Tremadoc or out to Anglesey depending on the weather. Please 'phone me or drop a line after June 15th, when I'll be back, to book your place.

Sun 11 July                      Summer Stroll                      Dave Weston

The start for this walk will be Errwood Reservoir car park grid ref 013757 (O.S White Peak map) and the time 10.00am

The best approach is the A5004 Buxton - Whaley Bridge road, over the dam and you can't miss it. Don't come down the Goyt valley as the road is closed on. From the car park we will walk by the Fernilee Reservoir and the River Goyt to Taxal, then to Combs by way of Tunstead Farm. Lunch will be taken at the Beehive pub in Combs.

After lunch we will walk over Castle Naze and Combs Edge to descend to Whitehall and then by the track back to Errwood Reservoir. So if you can tear yourselves away from the crag or are recovering from the climbing competition, plus your Pinnacle of Achievement why not spend a day on the Summer Stroll.

If you want to do a longer walk, can I suggest you start from the Derbyshire Bridge car park and go via the Cat and Fiddle, down Shooters Clough to Errwood Hall and then to the car park or catch us up along Fernilee Reservoir. We will be going down the East side of the River Goyt after Fernilee Reservoir. Hoping to see all Oreads and friends. We shall be starting at 10.00 am prompt.

16-17 July                      Lakes Camping                      Rock Hudson

Camping near Burthwaite (g.r. 257140) will provide the location for climbing on numerous crags with routes of the widest possible range of difficulty and also the pivot point for many fine fell walks. A short walk to the Scafell Hotel will provide evening refreshment after a hard day. Contact me at the Brunswick or on Ratcliffe - on Trent 330031 for lifts.

Wed 28 July Burbage South and Quarries Rob Tresidder  
Roger described Burbage North as unfashionable in the last newsletter! The label might just fit the quarry which sport all manner of oddities: a route that doesn't start on the ground (masters of the Universe), a 1932 extreme (Dover and Ellis chimney), and even a route I might get up (Fox House Flake). Burbage South offers its own gems in the way of odd names (Disappearing Bust of Voltaire) and Britain's oldest E5 - Goliath (1958). No gritstoner's climbing career can be considered complete without an ascent of Brook's Crack and Byne's Crack. If I don't finish off with roof route it will finish me off!@  
Colin Hobday has kindly agreed to lead a walk starting from the Fox House at 8.45 pm. Climbers would be well advised to park there too since that is the preferred pub and also offers the easiest approach to the rocks via the stile in the car park. (Not many people know that...)

30-31 July Borrowdale Gil & Gail Male  
DK you Derbyshire craggies and bog trotters. How about a taste of the real stuff. No, I don't mean Jennings Sneck Lifter. I mean I mean Goat Crag, Black Crag, Scafell and Jennings Sneck Lifter. Camping will be at Grange (OS 252172) campsite, a jolly little site adjacent to the River Derwent; good Derbyshire name eh! Drinking story telling and Mickey taking will be in the Scafell Hotel. Hope to see you there Friday night. apologies for absence should be sent to the meet organisers, telephone 0695 825647.

6-7 August Eastern Edges from Heathy Lea Steve MacDonagh  
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 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 Austria Michael Hayes  
A chance to put all that hard 'Alpine Training' to the test! We will be based near Sölden (see 'past events' ed.) in the Otztaler Alps for two weeks of Sun, Barbecues and even some climbing. If anyone is interested in joining our group of Oreads and friends they can contact me at the Brunswick or on 0602 490026



#### Skye Meet

It was a brilliantly clear evening when we arrived at Scouser and saw our much vaunted caravans. The sort of sparkingly clear evening that lit up all the damp stains, scuffing and general tawdriness. In fact once ensconced we found them dry and comfortable and we had a very pleasant week. Sunday seemed likely to be cold with snow showers. The Clach Glas - Blaven traverse would surely involve ice belays and skiddy, new snow on the rocks. In fact it gave several splendid hours of scrambling on perfectly dry rock which we had virtually to ourselves. The last ascent pitch on Clach Glas, and a final boulder - choked, steep slit on Blaven were especially fine.

On the following days teams were out on the Red Coolin and the Black Coolin. The Clach took some welly, everyone climbed the "In Pin" at one time or another and forays were made as far afield as Cammasunary. By the end of the week those attending (R.C. N.E. F.P. R.H. and C.B.) felt they had had an excellent week on favourite hills.

C.B.

#### Pinnacle of Achievement

By definition this was more of a dispersal than a meet except for the sunny de-briefing in the garden of the Miners Standard where tales of diverse deeds were recounted. My own Lake District ascent was totally outgunned. The occasion was enlivened by the presence of Ernie Phillips, accompanied by the old Rock and Ice man Ray Greenall. In spite of recent major surgery to both propulsive and circulatory system Ernie had been able to walk along the base of

Beeston Tor and along the manifold track, covering about 4.5 miles in all. This emphasises again that our achievements can only be

judged in the light of what is reasonably possible in the circumstances. Ernie further entertained by submitting a dissertation of his day (too long to reproduce in full alas) in which he recalled his first climbs 50 years ago including his first lead which was Long Climb at Rainster (What price the access, argument now) and concluded by demonstrating his anti-gravity device.

CR

#### June Committee Meeting

Overall this was a quiet committee meeting with few issues debated. The treasurer expressed his anguish at receiving three late subscriptions with BMC insurance fees. It was long past the deadline for submitting monies to the BMC, hence the £3 fee would be returned. The subscription reminder notice in the December newsletter would in future specify that there could be no late acceptance of BMC insurance premiums.

#### SHORT NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS To Bobby Gilbert and Kate, and Mike Moss and Annie on their recent marriages.

#### INDOOR MEETS

I am starting to put together the indoor meets programme, and would like to hear from anyone with a suggestion of a topic or a volunteer to give a talk. Please drop me a line, 'phone me, or see me in the Brunswick on Tuesdays with your ideas.

Many thanks, Stephen Bashforth.

#### 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.

#### HUT BOOKINGS

Tan Yr Wyddfa

July 2-3

Oread meet

July 9-10

Worcester college 16 beds  
Oread room full J. Green  
Vacant

July 16-17

July 21-August 23

Hut reserved for Oreads and

friends. Why not spend a few days in Wales? Plenty of room at time of writing.

Heathy Lea

July 23-24

Loughton M.C. 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 3 Aug. Please let me have your contributions by MON 26 JULY. I look forward to hearing from Beryl Strike and Derrick Burgess  
Please post your contributions to me by the deadline if at all possible  
Clive Russell.