

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 1994

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

17 Aug (Wed) Baslow Edges

26- 28 Aug Pembroke (Bank Holiday)

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David Jones has agreed to arrange a meeting point since Baslow Edges is a rather large indeterminate area, so prospective climbers should contact him.

26-29 August South Pembroke Mike Wren

The timing of this meet should minimise the impact on bird's nesting access restrictions, and I am hoping for a good turnout on what will only be my second stay. I may stay on all week if the weather warrants.

The area will need no introduction for many. New-comers will find something to suit all tastes, from sandy beaches and gentle coastal walks to some of the best limestone climbing in the country.

If tidal limestone sounds a bit 'go-ey', try 'phasing in' your adrenalin surges with the likes of Saddle Head Upper Tier - 14 non -tidal routes up to VS - (11 in lower grades) and all only a mile from the pub at Bosherton.

Camping will be at Bill Griffiths farm at St. Petrox. Map ref.1;50000 sheet 158 (Tenby) is 971977. Watch out for the farmer's one way system, and don't run over his dog. He is expecting us to number about six tents, but plenty more can be accommodated if necessary.

I hope to be in the Brunswick on the two Tuesdays before the meet. In any case, please ring me to report your proposed attendance/alibi, and to offer or request lifts, which I shall endeavour to co-ordinate (Tel Home- 0332 840336-work-0332 243818)

P.S. The meetleader's guidebook is severely out of date, and most replacements are out of print. Mike is therefore desperate enough to offer to buy a pint for anyone who is prepared to loan him a more up to date edition for the holiday (this in spite of Severn Trent's outrageous prices-ed.)

FUTURE EVENTS

**30-31 September Golden Oldies
Ernie Phillips.**

Receptive readers will notice that Doreen is not leading the met this year. This is probably because she caught me in the shower last time, and has not yet recovered from the experience. I already have some bookings- candidates should ring me on 0332 550078.

PAST EVENTS

Bryn Hafod

18 people turned up on Friday night after a beautiful day of sunshine, a good job because this was the last real sun we saw

The meet leader was intoxicated early on and could not go to the pub! to meet the late comers. Saturday dawned dull and looked like rain. My small group went for a walk to the summit of Aran Fawddwy 905m. (2941 ft.) where we met a second party a little later. They carried on to the second summit before descending. We had been struggling against a wind most of the morning and wondered why Fred Allen could not keep up. Later we found that he is 80 this year!!! we thought he was 60 at the most. After getting down we climbed the clas-

sic "Will o' th' Wisp". This was Mathew's first mountain rock climb. The communal meal of Spaghetti Bolognese, Fruit pies and Cream was excellent but unfortunate for those souls still on the crag at this time. A tale is told of a "flying guide book". Rescue parties were seen leaving at various times during the evening to field Hudson and co. but they arrived at 22 00. saying it was a "good climb". The remaining food was consumed in the kitchen while the rest of us played the obligatory "pass the pigs" game. Fred reached new heights here and had to be calmed own during one lucky run. Mathew was asked to light a fire under the threat of being removed under rule number ?? . The conversation in the kitchen now moved on to philosophy. The rest of us drank wine and looked forward to a good day on Sunday as forecast by our excellent met office. The bad news was- it rained!! . We left after a clean up and headed in various directions, some to the coast, some to Lake Vyrnwy, some just went home. We got as far as Welshpool where the sun came out and we had a go on a nice little Engine named Thomas!

Thanks to all who came, especially Sylvia for the meal, Derek Monnox, Fred Allen, Julia Stowell, Rock Hudson, Tony Raphael, Jill and Chris Green,

Chris and Roy Eyre, Pam Storer, Mathew Haubus, Colin Barnard, Stuart and Andrea Hayward, Nick Evans and Alan Clarke.

John Green

July Committee Meeting

Many of the matters discussed at committee result in a note elsewhere in the circular and it was agreed not to duplicate these in this summary. Promotional pamphlets etc. received by club Officers will be placed on the notice board at Heathy Lea. The M.A.M had invited us to their dinner, B.M.C. A.G.M. minutes were read out, cash inflow was £294, outgoings £223. The dinner ,Photo and indoor meets were discussed.

HUT NEWS

Work on the repairs to the roofs at Heathy Lea is now complete

Both huts are again exclusively available to club members during the summer holiday period.

SHORT NOTICES

- ♦ An application for membership has been received from Julia Stowell. Any club member with views regarding her suitability should write to the secretary before the end

BRAIN TEASER

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The above table with 11 spaces represents the letters in the name of a famous climber. The surname and christian name are not delineated. Each letter in the alphabet is represented by a number, a = 1, b = 2 etc. The number corresponding to the letter in each box is the sum of the numbers corresponding to the letters in the two preceding boxes, minus the number actually in the box. Thus if the first two letters were j and k, the third letter could be found by adding 10 (j) to 11 (k) and subtracting 6. This gives 15, so the letter would be o.

Who is the climber?

Hint - the first is a consonant and the second a vowel, giving 100 permutations. After eliminating the unlikely ones this becomes managable

of August. (The next Committee meeting will be September.)

- ♦ The Tuesday evening meeting will be at the Spa Hotel, Abbey St. on 6th and 13th Sept. The Committee would then welcome any member's opinions on this venue with a view to a permanent move, as instructed at the A.G.M.

1994-1995 Winter Slide Shows

I am starting to put together the winter programme. Please would club members drop me a line if they are willing to give an illustrated talk this coming winter. the provisional calender still has a degree of flexibility, especially for Jan, Feb and March.1995. If any club member would like to organise an indoor meet I would greatly appreciate some help.

Many thanks,

Stephen Bashforth

NEXT EDITION

.I hope to issue this on Mon 5th. September. It is essential that material reaches me by the evening of Friday 26th.Aug. I look forward to hearing

from *Lisa Welbourne, Ron*

Chambers Ernie Phillips and Steve Bashforth. Please put a first class

stamp on any correspondence as second class can be very slow at rural addresses.

In spite of repeating the above plea to the point of boring you all, I again received material from one person, who will recognise himself , five days after my requested date, bearing a second class stamp. It was only because I am off work with a twisted back that it was possible to complete this newsletter by the prescribed date.

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