

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 1994

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

10 July Sun	Summer stroll
17 July	Wye Valley (Substitute)
20 July (Wed)	Froggatt
30 July	Alpine Meet

10 July (Sun) Summer Stroll Pete Janes

This is a circular walk commencing on the West side of Castleton and comprises two circles forming a figure of eight.

The walk starts in the car park (free!) East of the Speedwell cavern., at the junction of the Winnats road and the Mam Tor road. The start time will be 10.15 a.m. Allow at least 1 1/2 hours from Derby to ensure that the start is not delayed.

The walk takes in the Winnats, Windy Knoll, Rushup Edge, Sparrowpit to Peak Forest. Refreshment will be taken in the Devonshire Arms in Peak Forest.

The return will be via the first section of the Limestone Way North of the A623, swinging North West to Mam Tor over the summit and along the ridge to Back Tor. In conclusion the car park is reached by descent through Woodseats and the Odin Mine.

Maps:- 1:25000 Dark Peak
1:25000 White Peak

This Meet is This Weekend So Get Your Fingers Out And Give Peter A Ring.

17 July Gradbach Skyllne Clive Russell

Kevin Alsobrook informed me just before publication that he would not be able to arrange the Wye Valley meet as per meets list, and so, rather than waste a prime weekend in midsummer, I thought I would offer a modest substitute, which offers something for both walkers and climbers.

Time has not permitted a hut or campsite to be booked, and so I thought we could meet at

Gradbach car park (map ref. 000 662 give or take a bit). The 1:25000 White Peak map is best. I thought we could do a walk through the woods above Blackbrook, taking in Ludd's Church at some stage, and visit the Skyline Buttress above the Roches. Minimal climbing gear will be required, and those who do not want to climb can lunch whilst enjoying one of the Peak District's better views. The return walk will be adjusted to suit the composition of the party. If we are lucky, we might see a nonchalant solo ascent of, say, Sloth by Radders in walking boots (remember Teg's Nose last year), and also a continuation of the Ernie Phillips / Doreen Hodge saga, started last year in the shower at T.Y.W. (Doxey's Pool would be a good venue.)

Please give me a ring if you think you might attend. Meet at 10.30 am Sunday 17 th July.

30 July -13 August Alpine Meet

Kevin Alsobrook

Both the date and the venue for the Alpine meet have been changed. we will now be going to the Zermatt Valley in Switzerland for the first two weeks in August, actually Sat 30 July until Sat 13 August. We will be camping at Randa which I have been informed is a nice little village. Anyway there are one or two hills around that area so I don't want any excuses as to why you can't go. Try and let me know if you're interested so that I can book some room on the site. Phone 0332 553195

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

Easter France

I know this is no longer a recent event - However for the record and for those who may want to go in future years the meet was a success in spite of some unprevencal (I bet the spellcheck spits this word out - ed) weather. 26 Oreads and friends attended this meet with a lot of climbing and wining being done.

It was interesting to note that in terms of age Ithis meet may rival the golden oldies meet. I thought that sport climbing was a young person's pastime. The Dentelles de Montmerail turned out to be an ideal venue with lots of climbing for all standards and bolts well placed to boost early season confidence. A word of warning here - on return home at least 2 very experienced Oreads took good falls! One well known sexagenarian claiming it to be his first in 20 years (he obviously hasn't been trying.) Only one day was lost through bad weather and no days were lost to the wine. Beaume de Venise where we camped in the heart of the wine belt with Cote de Ventoux and Vailuse and Cote de Rhone all being made in the village! There are also lots of other things to do and see in Prevence as well as walking so this does make an ideal venue for family holidays. I don't want to make this too much of a trailer for future years' meets in case too many want to go, but it is becoming a firm fixture on quite a few Oreads' diaries now. (If Dawn can't read my printing, I sure as hell can't read Richard's writing - ed.)

June Committee Meeting

The committee had details of the insurance schemes run by Snowcard Insurance. Anyone interested should see Richard Coghlan or write to Snowcard Insurance Services Ltd. Lower Boddington, Daventry, Northants. NN1 16XZ (Tel 0327 62805) The Committee decided to try the Spa, Abbey St. as an alternative Tuesday venue and any club members with an opinion on its suitability should make this known to a committee member. Suggestions would be welcomed by David Jones regarding a suitable guest speaker for the dinner.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

July 1-2	Vacant
July 3-9	D. Appleby 4 Beds
July 4-5	D. Monarchs 12 Beds
July 9-10	Vacant
July 11-15	Grange School 16 beds
July 15-16	Aylesbury School 16 beds
July 17-21	Foxwood school 14 beds
July 22- Sep 1	Oread use

Work is progressing well on the repairs to the roofs at Heathy Lea

The padlock from the barn is missing at present, and Chuck Hooley, the custodian, would be glad to hear from anyone who knows its whereabouts.

SHORT NOTICES

- ◆ An application for membership has been received from Michael Hayes. Any club member with views regarding his suitability should write to the secretary before the end of July.
- ◆ There has been a rockfall and fatality on Central Buttress at Earl Sterndale, and climbers should ascertain the current state of the rock, and take great care before attempting any route in this vicinity.
- ◆ Bill Kenyon would like to borrow or hire a pair of Jumars for the month of October. 1994. Please ring him (0332 55294) or see him at the Brunswick.
- ◆ Rock boots for sale, Boreal axes size 10 1/2 ish. £30 - one careful owner. Richard Hopkinson 0629 823392

BRAIN TEASER SOLUTIONS

April Problem Brian's 686 mm. wheel is of course 27 ins in diameter, so every 26 revolutions corresponds to 27 revs of Colin's wheel. Hence the tyre valves were vertical every pi times 26 times 27 inches. ~The rest is easy.

June Problem Groups of three ages which when multiplied (sorry about the pun C*lin) make 36 are :-

1,6,6; 1,3,12; 1,4,9; 2,2,9; 2,3,6; 3,3,4

If the interrogators knew what the numbers added up to, and still required more info. then it must be one of the two groups which add up to the same number, i.e. 1,6,6; and 2,2,9; only the former admits the existence of a "youngest" child and so this (1,6,6) must be the solution. Do you want anymore of these?.

NEXT EDITION

I hope to issue this on Mon 1st. August It is essential that material reaches me by the evening of Friday 22nd July. I look forward to hearing

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