

# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

## NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 1994

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### *summary*

17-18 June	Bryn Hafod
22 June (Wed)	Dovedale
24-25 June	Midsummer Madness
229 June (Wed)	Peak Practice
1-2 July	Alpine Training
30 July-3 August	Alpine Meet

#### **17-18 june bryn hafod john green**

This year's summer 'away from it all' meet goes to Cwm Cowarch. There is something for everyone with climbing on Craig Cowarch and walking on the Aran ridge.

The info' says the hut is 15 mins away from the car park. Cars must be parked at gr.853184 at the "common" fawnog fawr. The best map is the 1:25000 Cadair Idris (23) or 1:50000 sheet 125. I have an old central Wales guide which shows plenty of good climbing including one called "Oread" done by Ernie Marshall, K.A. Wright and R. Simpson in 1953, on South Buttress, graded V.S. (295ft.)

We thought it might be nice if we had a communal meal, if you're interested in this please contact me for details.

the hut does have flush loos but only a generator for electricity, and this was not working last time I was there, however it has the best shower in Wales hot too if the fire is stoked !! Ring 0332 832101 for a place before they all go. See you there. Incidentally I am told the farmer, Mr Pugh at blaen Cywarch will allow camping if needed.

#### **24-25 june midsummmer madness**

##### **Graham Weston**

As this meet falls on a weekend this year, I thought where better to go mad than Cloggy, where better for warm dry and exciting climbing.

A pint in the Heights on Friday night followed by a brisk walk to camp/bivi (tents not provided)

For those with less conviction or if it looks like rain, contact Colin to book the hut, if it's not full already.

#### **29 june (Wed) A Peak Practice Brian West**

For those who view with feelings more akin to dismay than joy the prospect offered by Alpine

Training, here is the alternative; an evening of Peak Practice.

The Practice Prologue, a circular walk in the Crich area, suitable for all, will be followed by the Practice Proper, a social gathering in the 'Cliffe inn'

Now whilst the Alpine Trainee grapples barehanded with flying rock, thunderbolts and, for all I know, St. Elmo's fire (is this another name for diarrhoea?) the Peak Practitioner contends with nothing that a mac and wellies can't handle, and so will turn out regardless of the weather.

Prospective Practitioners will be at the huge layby on cliffside (g.r. 343 552, ample parking) ready for a start at 7pm. prompt.

If you can't make it for the Practice Prologue the come for the Practice Proper. After all, if you are hoping to impress on he Summer Stroll, a little Peak Practice will be of far more use than any amount of grappling with thunderbolts.

( If we've got a man who can spell "diarrhoea" I take back last month's comment about literacy Ed.)

#### **1-2 July Alpine training stephen bashforth**

This year's Alpine training meet moves to the Lake District after several years at Tan Yr Wyddfa. We plan to camp at Gatesgarth in Buttermere (grid ref NY195149) and walk and climb around Buttermere. Saturday is planned as a god walk (surely that's a misprint! - Ed) with forays onto rock as opportunities present themselves. Our route should be Red Pike via Sourmilk Gill, High Stile, High Crag, Hay Stacks, Brandreth and back to the campsite over Fleetwith Pike. The rock routes which come to mind are Y Gully on Haystacks and Deliliah and Gatesgarth chimney on High Crag. On Sunday we shall explore rock routes on Eagle Crag and Sheepstone Buttress.

This camping meet offers a good opportunity to have a good outing before tackling classic routes in the Alps ... do come along. Please write to let me know you'll be there. I shall be in the Brunswick for the next committee meeting on June 14th.

#### **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

## PAST EVENTS

### *stiperstones*

A small party of Oreads and prospective members arrived at a very pleasant Little Stretton campsite early on Friday evening and soon established meet HQ in the nearby Ragleth Inn.

Enjoying the warm and pleasant conditions on Saturday we traversed Hop (another Freudian slip! Ed.) Bowdler Hill, the Lawley and Caer Caradoc only deviating from the intended route in a vain attempt to supplement the meet leader's meagre rations with an ever elusive meat pie!

As the day progressed the rest stops became more frequent in the warm May sunshine during which one member of the party was heard to make a somewhat tactless comparison with a scene from "Last of the Summer Wine"

A thoroughly enjoyable day culminating in tea and scones in Church Stretton before returning to site.

Saturday evening- down came the rain!

Sunday saw a dull overcast start and John and Ruth heading back home after bailing out their tent. The remainder headed for Stiperstones and then on to the originally named Stiperstones Inn for refreshment prior to the journey home. In conclusion an unusual area, unspoilt and well worth a further visit.

John and Ruth Welbourne, Clive Russell, Colin Barnard, Fred Philips Stuart and Andrea Hayward attended the meet

(I am grateful to Stuart and Andrea Hayward for this account, and demand their immediate application for membership CR)

### *barmy competition*

26 Oreads assembled at Heathy Lea on a bright sunny morning, ready to participate in the B.A.R.M.Y. climbing competition.

Chris Radcliffe, keen to gain maximum points, left the luxury of his penthouse villa and crossed over the hill from Chesterfield to spend the night at Heathy Lea (15points), the first time for 10 years

Assorted climbing and walking teams set off around 10 am each with their own plan of action.

Roy and Pam were seen crossing main the road roped together, meanwhile Rob, having fallen off Trafalgar wall twice, then proceeded to loose Chris for an hour while crossing from White edge to Froggatt

The walking teams Dave and Pam and George and tried d to claim extra points after meeting Nat Allen of Froggatt (a "site of antiquity")

Harry and Shirley spent a pleasant few hours in the Grouse under the impression that points were awarded for the number of pints consumed, eventually staggering out at about 3pm.

The highlight of the day was when the climbers (D. Burgess) met the walkers (George Reynolds and team) at the Eagle Stone, George showing

1	Chris and Rob-9 points deducted for incompetence on the hills, falling off Trafalgar Wall and losing each other -216-9 = 207 pts.
2	Roy and Pam, 5 bonus pts. for road crossing roped, 201+ 5 =206pts.
3	Nick and Mike 196 1/2 pts.
4	John and Rock 165 pts.
5	Rusty and Colin 158 1/2 pts.
6	Ron and Derrick, 30 pts. deducted for being late back at Heathy Lea 180 --30 = 150 pts.
7	Graham Weston and partner 105 pts.
8	George and Janet 5 bonus points for shaking Nat's hand 94 + 5 = 99 pts.
9	Dave and Pam 5 bonus points for shaking Nat's hand 85 + 5 = 90 pts.
10	Tim Dave and Steve 1/3rd of points deducted for 3 in a team 2/3 times 96 = 64 pts.

Derrick the technique required to climb the Eagle Stone, Derrick then failed dismally.

After a meeting of the select committee scrutinising the returned points sheets, the following results were declared.

Michael and Helen disqualified when it was discovered that they had 4 in a team!

Harry Pretty, Shirley Wainwright and Uschi Hobday appeared drunk and incapable of submitting a result sheet

## HUT NEWS

### *bookings tan yr wyddfa*

June 10-11----ABMSAC 10 Beds

June 17-18----Derby Scouts 16 Beds

June 24-25----Vacant

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  
**bookings heathy lea**  
 June 24-25 Midlands Ski club  
 Cottage and barn.

**SHORT NOTICES**

{ David Jones lost his No. 3 Friend (probably the only one he has), identifiable by the attached red and white tape, on the Northumberland meet, and would appreciate any information leading to its return.

**BRAIN TEASER**

Colin B\*rn\*rd, like many a discrete man before him, dropped his guard after several jars of Ruddles in the White Lion and let slip some information about his three offsprings, about which we were previously unaware. It transpired that the product of their ages was 36, and the sum of their ages was a number which his interrogators knew, but after consideration of the figures involved it was clear that one further piece of information was needed. Although hopelessly intoxicated by this time, he confessed that the youngest child liked ice cream. What were the ages of the three children? Please send a self addressed envelope with your solution. A book token will be sent to the author of the first correct solution opened. In view of the paucity of replies to the April problem, all members are eligible to compete, over qualified though some may be.

**EDITORIAL**

Reading through my contributors' and my own material, it occurs to me that quite a lot of the meets information requires local knowledge of the places, and the people involved before it can be fully appreciated, and the Newsletter is not therefore "user friendly " to a newcomer. My own opinion is that this problem is partly dealt with by our prospective member admission system, and it is also incumbent upon us to look after any newcomers whom we may introduce, and to continue to provide separate information for outsider consumption.

I have also introduced my own variants on the existing theme, such as the brain teaser, trying to cater for the chairbound old gits who were running the club when I first joined , and to amuse you all on wet days. You may not however be happy about my views on how your money should be spent, and if you have any opinions on this please write and

let me know . If any clear consensus emerges about what you want, then I will act on it, within the realms of practicability, and any isolated unconstructive criticism will provide me with useful material with which to slander the originator for your continuing entertainment.

**NEXT EDITION**

.I hope to issue this on Mon 4th July. It is essential that material reaches me by the evening of *Friday 24th June*. I look forward to hearing from ***Peter Janes and Kev Alsobrook (again)***

The present edition is again a little late due to late submission of material. Although a given article may be only a small proportion of the whole , the final layout , copying etc. has to wait until the whole thing is available. Please don't ring me up with excuses on the deadline night because I shall be upstairs typing furiously.

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N.B. as from 22 June my 'phone number will be 0335 390369 , due to alterations to the local telecom equipment.

***ps. don't forget the wasdale meet this weekend. see the may circular or contact burgess for details.***