

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 1994

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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6-7 May B.A.R.M.Y. Competition Colln Hobday (NEXT WEEKEND!)

Arrangements for this meet will be similar to those adopted for last year's successful occasion, an important difference however will be that the action will be on SUNDAY, and credit will be given inter alia for a stay at Heathy Lea the night before. It will be necessary however to "fine tune" the rules, if only to comply with numerous requests to Nobbie Ashcroft.

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The Salient Points Are therefore—

1. Competition is from Heathy Lea, 10am. to 5pm.
2. Credit given for each gritstone crag, trig point, other named locations, pubs etc.
3. Credit given for each route completed, according to standard, in pairs, using a rope (maximum of 10 routes per crag)
- 4 No wheeled transport allowed.
5. Points will be deducted for each minute elapsed after finishing time at Heathy Lea

Teams will be given a score sheet with rules in full detail, on the day. Those wishing to stay at Heathy Lea should book in in the normal way.

Please remember that the times given are for the actual start. Participants should allow time beforehand for briefing.

Hope to see you there.

CH.

13-14 May Stiperstones Clive Russell

This is an area (Shropshire/ Church Stretton area for those who don't know), which has not received many visits from the Oread, so far as I am aware. There is most excellent hill walking, far from the madding crowd, and some gritstone climbing on the stiperstones outcrop itself. The plan is to have a long day on the Saturday, traversing Hope Bowdler Hill, the Lawley and Caer Caradoc, taking in the summit outcrops, and then to take in the Stiperstones themselves on the Sunday. Camping will be at a very pleasant spot adjacent to a gentle rill, round the corner from a Marstons Pub, thereby catering for the romantic, and the decadent. The site is at "Small Batch, Little Stretton,(440921) on Ordnance Survey 1..50000 sheet 137 (Ludlow and Wenlock Edge). I have initially booked 3 tent spaces, so anyone wanting to attend the meet should contact me ASAP. (Tel: 063525369) More tent spaces will be booked if required, so long as I am told in sufficient time. The site can be found travelling South through Little Stretton on the B4370, turn right at the Ragleth Inn and then right again in a few yards. Please be as quiet as possible if arriving late on Friday evening. Ring me for lifts etc.

20-21 May Roaches Daryl Kirk

When your climbing partner becomes secretary, you know you're not going to get out of being volunteered into leading your first meet.

I have been informed by people in the know that a field under Hen Cloud is used to park the tents, whilst the watering hole will be The Rock.

For those wishing to climb real rock without bolts you can contact myself on 0629 490996, or in the Brunswick.

25 May (Wed) Black Rocks Rob Tresidder

Too many Oreads seem to regard Black Rocks as a penance to be gone through once a year. This meet will be sheer joy. Attendance is compulsory unless you have done all these esoterica already: Near Near East buttress - best underclings on grit, the jump onto Stonnis Pinnacle, Raunge, the huge unclimbed undercut slab in the woods to the east. Just for a change, let's drink at the Rising Sun - I'll buy a pint for the first person to

give a coherent and plausible explanation for Green and Black Cracks having the same grade.

27-29 May Whit Cornwall Ron Chambers

Well here it is folks, the first "Summer Holiday" meet of the year so throw off your thermal underwear, pile jacket and woolly hat and dig out the long lost Ambre -Solaire, shorts and shades- the word is HOT!!

Camping will be at Trevaylor Touring Park, a sheltered site with good, clean facilities, a shop and friendly owners.

You'll find it in the small village of Botallack on the B3306 about a mile North of St. Just (map ref 369326)

Bosigran, Sennan and Chair Ladder are all within 15 mins drive from the site and there are other quieter venues much closer, details of which you can glean from the two new Cornwall guides by Des Hannigan.

For those who have not been to this part of Cornwall before, there are plenty of interesting coastal walks, clean beaches, good pubs, tin mines, stone circles and sun kissed granite to be enjoyed, in other words something for everyone, so, no excuses-let's see you there!!

10-11 June Wasdale Derrick Burgess

Wasdale, the Lakeland climber's Mecca, at least when it's dry. Two years ago the Spring meet in Wasdale was idyllic, so much so that Radders drove up from Chesterfield for the day, ran up Eskdale and climbed before running and driving back. Needless to say such partial attendance didn't warrant a mention in the write up. The climbing in the area should need no introduction, be it on Pillar or a traditional ascent of Pier's Ghyll. The area suits equally well the hard men (where are they?) or lovers of the classic medium grade routes with which the area abounds. How many can we get on top of the Needle? If it's wet -ugh! well of course you can always go for a walk (to the Pub!)

Contact me if you are stuck for a lift otherwise see you in the Wasdale Head on the Friday night. Camping on the National Trust site which costs mega bucks.

FUTURE EVENTS.

27-18 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.

PAST EVENTS

Spring Stride

35 Oreads turned up for the 9.25 bus from Bakewell to Foxhouse -Excellent, what with the early start and putting the clocks forwards by 1 hour, I had thought we might not get half that number at the start. Thank you all very much. I think the bus ride was enjoyed by everybody and added a new dimension to the start of the walk. Jack and Janet Ashcroft met us off the bus at Foxhouse and now 37 of us set off through Longshaw and on to White Edge. With a cold wind and grey skies it was a short coffee stop before dropping onto Baslow Edge and then to the Rutland in Baslow where we were joined by Chuck and Margaret Hooley, Ernie Phillips, Brian and Liz West, taking the grand total to 42. After a pint or three and when we had managed to take possession of half the pub, Hank Harrison gave us "the Ballad of Idwall Slabs" and a finer rendering has never been heard, right through without missing a word. Definitely worth a pint or two.

After blocking up the pavement outside the pub with our "booting up" procedure, I realised we had done another Oread "first" 98% of us had left the pub together, and the other 2% had left earlier-nobody left in the pub. Anyway in a cold

wind and a bit of rain we made our way through Chatsworth back to Bakewell, in time for Janet and Jack to catch the bus back to Fox House. Apart from those previously mentioned, on the walk were Peter Janes, Dave Williams, Harry and Molly Pretty, Stan and Edith Moore, George and Janet Reynolds, John Fisher, Colin and Uschi Hobday, John Shreeve, Anne Squires, Shirley Wainwright, Roy, April Joe and Oliver Sawyer, Ray College, John and Ruth Welbourne, Bill and Anne Kenyon, Rusty and Margaret, Mike and Sue Wren, Nick Evans, Dave and Judith Appleby, Andy Oakden, Harold Smith, Pam and myself. Thank you all for coming and making it another walk to remember.

DW.

Tan Yr Wddfa Work Party

John Shreeve, Steve Bennet (Prospective Member), Wayne Henderson and girlfriend Joanne, Wayne is a joiner friend of John.

We started early on Saturday morning, Wayne and Steve started putting up wooden battens for the curtain rails. Joanne started painting ceilings and walls in the two back bedrooms. This was all completed on Sunday.

I stopped the rest of the week painting and artexing all window bays. This takes time as artex is 72 hours drying time.

Tuesday lunchtime Chuck and Margaret Hooley arrived. Later in the day we installed the new fan in the Kitchen window

Wednesday Down to Caernarvon to pay the coal man, then off to Bangor B&Q to get Harrison Drape curtain rails and a new security light.

Thursday more painting, drilling and screwing curtain rails and help Chuck to put up the security lamp. Painted upstairs toilet.

Friday All windows cleaned inside and out, hut cleaned up and grass cut.

Roy Darnel and wife arrived at lunch time with toilet rolls, Fairy liquid, J cloths etc.

Chuck and Margaret, Roy and wife left late afternoon leaving the hut looking very nice for our guests, John Corden and RR. Hutnall Mountain Club.

J.S.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

May 4/5 ----North Worcester College 16 beds

May 7/8 ----Vacant

May 13/14 - Hinkley M.C. 16 beds

May 20/21 - Loose Chippings 16 beds

May 27/28 Spring Bank Hol- Oread Use

SHORT NOTICES

Our esteemed founder member, Harry Pretty, a model of sober rectitude as we all know, is to have an exhibition of his watercolours prepared over many years from sketches depicting his extensive travels, shown at Prestige, Queen St., Derby, from 14 May until about 4 June. Some pictures are for sale, others display only, and South Georgia, Arctic Norway, Corsica and the Italian Lakes feature among the scenes depicted. Some of you may have seen notice of this exhibition in the Derby Evening Telegraph.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Nicola and Steve Bashforth now reside at Mayfield Station Rd. Kirby Muxloe Leicestershire LE9 2EN

Please send changes of address to me in the first instance, and other club officials will then abstract them from the Newsletter.

LAST EDITION

I made several mistakes in this, for which I am sorry. Also the one you are reading now will be later than I had hoped, due to late copy, my working hours and, mainly, the Bank Holiday again falling at the month end. I will do my best, but you will either have to have me as I am or get someone else if it is not good enough. However, this issue brings round the first year of my editorship, and I am still enjoying it. I am sorry if I sometimes get snotty with you, even though many of you are unpunctual, illiterate, prolix and, like me, occasionally abusive.

NEXT EDITION

I hope to publish this on Mon 6th June. It is essential that material reaches me by the evening of *Friday 27nd May*. I look forward to hearing from the meeleader for the *midsummer madness meet and Steve Bashforth*

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