



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 1995

Many of you, like myself, will have heard with great sadness of the death of our distinguished honorary member and former president. It would be vanity for me to attempt to do justice to the memory of such an eminent mountaineer, this will be left to his closer circle of companions, but I shall always remember his friendship to me in my early days with the Oread.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### **summary**

- July 9 (Sun) Summer stroll
- July 12(Wed) Burbage North
- July 15/16 Forest of Dean
- July 15/16 Golden Oldies
- July 29/30 Slate Madness (Wales) July 29
- Aug 12 Alpine Meet

### **July 9 (Sun) Summer stroll Pete Janes**

The venue for this year's spectacular is the lower Dove Valley South West of Hanging Bridge - Mayfield. The walk is therefore near enough to Derby to a). Deter Ashcroft from attending and boring us all to death with his latest exploits

b). Be handy for the D.R.I. flying squad in the event of any of the osteoporotic members of our fraternity suffering a serious bone malfunction (Janes is obsessed by the fear of the declining strength and stiffness of his members-Ed.)

The walk will commence at the Tissington Trail car park at Bellevue - Ashbourne (O.S. 1/25000 Pathfinder sheet SK 04/14 ref. 178468) The route takes in Hanging Bridge, Mayfield, Slack Lane, Harlow Lane, Calwich Abbey to Ellastone where refreshments will be taken in the local hostelry (the name eludes me at the moment).

The return is via Gold's wood and Ordley Brook.

A 10 am. for 10.15 am. start is envisaged.

### **July 12 burbage north**

A chance to make the best of the UK's best time of the year for weather and to enjoy the edge on a midweek evening with the crowds absent. Whereas this is an easy venue, those not wish-

ing to tackle the sterner crags on other Wednesdays, when the hard men are on mountain limestone, can always join a B team breakaway on a gritstone venue, Harborough or Rainster, give me a ring about 5.45 p.m. any fine Wednesday (0335 390369)

### **July 15/16 Forest of Dean Lisa Welbourne**

Camping will be at the Forest Enterprise Bracelands Campsite at Christchurch. The site has been used by Oreads in the past. This campsite has 2 large areas and I would suggest using the lower one directly behind the campsite office. Camping will cost £3.10 per person per night. However if I get over 15 people to commit themselves to coming along (by handing over some camping fees in advance!) and make a group booking, the cost will be £2.40 per person per night. As always I'll be in the Brunswick on Tuesdays to take campsite bookings and co-ordinate lifts, otherwise give me a ring on Derby 775243

### **golden oldies July 15-16 Ernie Phillips**

Please note that the date of this meet has been moved from its traditional late summer slot, and is in fact July 15-16. I have made preliminary arrangements for the meal at Wien Fawr, and take firm bookings on the Friday evening, on the meet. The better weather in prime summer time should enable us to savour the area to the full, the attractions of Snowdonia needing no introduction. Ring me on 01332 550078 in the first instance, to book. Anyone unable to contact me should book into the hut via. Colin Hobday.

### **July 29/30 Slate Madness (Wales) David Jones**

No details have been received. Contact the meet leader (Derby 297537) for details.

### **July 29 Aug 12 Alpine Meet Richard Coghlan**

The plans for the Alps trip have not changed substantially since my entry in the April Newsletter. Both trips are going out between July 29 and Aug 13.

1) Saas Grund Julia Stowell, Kev Alsobrook and Richard Coghlan

2) The Dachstein, Austria. Michael Hayes, Mitchell Briggs, Mike Moss and families.

Contact me on Derby 753807 for more details.

### ***important notice***

At time of writing, drought and heatwave conditions are still occurring. The National Park Authorities are considering closing various moorlands in their ownership. Meet leaders cannot contact large numbers of individuals if there is a problem in an area which we want to use, and so it would be wise to check the current position with meet leaders before setting off. In the past, Peak Park wardens have attempted to deny access to Birchen's Edge, which the PPJPB have bought with their levies on our rates and property taxes, lest we set the gritstone on fire. Meet leaders will, I am sure, advise on the appropriate responses.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

#### ***August 12-13 woodlands derwent valley circuit jack ashcroft (extra meet)***

This addition to the meets list is not an objection to climbing wall meets, Derbyshire Dales meets or mid-week quarry meets; it's just an appropriate summer walk to add interest to the programme for those who have not travelled further afield this August, and for whom a wander in the Dark Peak may appeal.

I was full of enthusiasm with a first thought of the classic Sixteen Stones walk. Madwoman's Stones - Wain Stones - Bleaklow Stones - Hoar Stones - Crow Stones - Hurling Stones to itemise but a few. But then discretion crept into the exercise and bearing in mind the advancing age median a more modest day is planned. When did you last link Haggwater Bridge, Alport Castles, Slippery Stones and Derwent Edge in a day long walk? This will be it. Sorry, no pubs but for those familiar with the terrain there is the let out for a cup of tea at Derwent Dam or Jubilee Cottages on what may

be described as the short ten mile round, as opposed to the long twenty mile circuit.

Meet Saturday August 12th. 9.30 a.m. G.R. 198 839 (Car park near Thornhill)

Sunday your choice of climbing edge. Maybe Birchens with the Victory's and Emma's favourite or Black Rocks with V.J. Crack (F.A. Harding/Lee/Horsefield 16/8/45).

Hut bookings 0114 2890717

N.B. There is a pub or two at the 19th mile on the Saturday Walk (O.K. big deal)

#### ***arran august 25-29 steve bashforth***

Please contact me if you are going, it will be helpful to write to the campsite to arrange for all our tents to be located together and to ensure we have places. We plan to leave on Tuesday late morning, but those with more holiday may want to stay longer. (full details appeared in the June Newsletter.)

### **PAST EVENTS**

#### ***June 3-4 BARMY Competition Who is the Barmiest one of all? keith gregson***

Saturday dawned as it should for a special event - it was raining! By a quarter to nine Rock and I, who had stayed at the hut overnight after a beautiful evening climbing on Froggatt, were resigned to a solo attempt at drinking ourselves to a comfortably easy win with no opposition in sight. However this wasn't to be: Ashcroft and Rusty arrived, followed closely by Radders and Rob Tressider and the young hot-shot team of Kevin and Julia, so four teams set out at nine-o'clock in miserable conditions. It rained for most of the day and it was impressive that the four teams were still represented in the Robin Hood at seven! We all agreed that it had been a hard day, and we'd all been stretched.

#### ***Now for the results:***

The least barmy, and therefore the winner was a surprise late entry, Dawn Hopkinson, who arrived at the pub seventeen minutes late without scoring (?!?) all day and hence

notching up -17 points. It should be noted that several others fell into a similar category: Richard and Brian West tying with -10. A fine effort by Roger Larkham who had travelled as far as Tegness Pinnacle was severely disappointed by the climbing with ropes and belays rule.

The BARMY champions for this year are once again Radders and Rob, with 268 points. These were gained by the total professional approach of Radders who was seen clutching long lists of Oread first ascent routes, a notebook computer complete with digitised circuit plan and five million pounds-worth of nicked software for optimising his progress. The cheeky \*gger was upset when I docked his ten points for not arriving at the R-H on time! I figured that 15 seconds late was way outside the specification of his system.

Rock and I came a close second (200 points?) with Jack and Rusty pooling 196 having covered 27 miles! The handicapping system seems to work pretty well. Kevin and Julia scored an impressive 150 bearing in mind that Kevin had to finish at 5 due to another fixture on his itinerary.

I don't think I'm exaggerating when I say it had been a very hard day, certainly Rock and I, and Rusty and Jack were glad to finish at the pub early. But we did have a memorable and rewarding day, climbing and walking in areas not on the normal circuits.

Congratulations to Chris and Rob} and thanks to everyone who came, even if you couldn't manage the nine-o'clock start.

Where were the rest of you? If you had other things planned, hard luck!, felt that the weather was too bad you were right!, were too idle or couldn't be bothered remember it's your club and in the end you only get out of it what you put in!

To finish on a sick note, Jack's car had been broken into at the R-H car park, be warned!

## HUT NEWS

### **Bookings Heathy Lea**

July 1/2 Midland Ski Club Cottage/Barn  
 July 7/8 Oread meet  
 July 28 J. Gresty barn

### **Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa**

July 7/8 Capel M.C. 16 beds

July 10/14		16 beds
July 17/19	C. Hooley	7 beds
July 25	G. Gadsby	4 beds
July 31/Aug 4	P. Weston	4 beds
Sep 3/7	C. Cullum	whole hut

## SHORT NOTICES

- { Daryl Kirk has applied for full membership of the Oread, and so any member with views regarding his suitability should write to the secretary in time for the August committee meeting.
- { Tim Whittaker and Graham Sands are no longer club members, and have not so far returned their hut keys. If anyone is in touch with them it would be appreciated if they would request the early return of the said keys.
- { If anyone finds themselves with a little time to spare at the Welsh Hut, will they please tidy the grounds and/or cut the grass. There is a Flymo at the hut, in the store cupboard, the keys to which are in the old cupboard which used to contain the mugs.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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## BRAIN TEASER

Last month's problem was solved by Adam Raphael, with minimal assistance from his dad. He will receive a book token, courtesy of Ernie Phillips

### ***This month's problem***

A policeman was out to nobble a former Oread turned bike racer for speeding. It was dark, and there was a yellow reflector on one pedal and a red one on the spokes. The policeman timed the flashes as the reflectors were at the top of their arc, and found the yellow one made 107 flashes per minute in his headlamps. Unfortunately he lost the bit of paper on which he noted down the

red flashes, but he knew the bicycle had a 52 tooth chainwheel and 27 inch wheels. The crafty biker took Ernie Phillips to the court to get him off, and Ernie showed the rear wheel to the magistrates and did the sums which showed our man to be exactly on the 30 limit. How many teeth were there on the smallest rear wheel sprocket?.

### **NEXT EDITION**

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