

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 1995

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

summary

- May 5-7 Northumberland.
May 13-14 Heathy Lea
May 17 (Wed) Wildcat
May 21-21 Heathy Lea Work Party
May 27-30 (Spring Bank) Cornwall
(Camping)
June 3-4 BARMY Competition

May 5-7 Northumberland. rob tresidder

This was 1994's best attended climbing meet last time and almost everyone had a good time, though there were a few minor glitches for some!

Camping this year will be at a different sort of site - the Coquetdale Caravan Park (NU 056 008) just outside the small town of Rothbury. I have negotiated a fee of £2.50 per person per night with the proprietor, who has promised to set aside a small corner for us! The price is all-in.

On Saturday I intend to visit Simonside, where I shall start with the eye - catching Long Layback Crack. The crag also boasts a *** Diff and several high quality E grades - clearly something for everybody. Later I may return to Ravensheugh to repeat last year's success on Hugh Banner's crack. Both these crags are within easy walking distance of the campsite. Sunday's venue will be decided in the pub (walking distance) on Saturday night. As an alternative, I also intend to lay on an experienced mountain bike guide and mechanic who has never visited the area before! Monday, as last year, we will attempt to climb at Crag Lough.

This is an outstanding area for climbing and walking, so I hope the meet will be well supported by cragrats and those who prefer their mountaineering unroped.

ENVIRONMENTAL NOTE: If you are looking for a lift or have space in your car or just want my very useful fact sheet, please get in touch at the Brunswick or the Princess Vic on a Wednesday or ring 0629 82953 (home) Or 823126 (work).

May 13-14 Heathy Lea Lisa Welbourne

Here's one of these local meets people were asking for at the A.G.M. Come and join me at the Derbyshire Hut, come and make the most of the Peak district. There are activities for all, climbing, walking running cycling, fishing,.....whatever you like to do to enjoy the hills and enjoy yourself.

I intend to do a bit of climbing at Stoney Middleton, a place some Oreads have forgotten about (or perhaps think it's best forgotten?).

On Sunday I'd like to cycle, but as it's not everyone's cup of tea, how about a walk along the edges, or over Bakewell through Chatsworth? Perhaps you'd prefer to spend another day climbing?. If you're into fishing then Chatsworth is the place to be, it's the annual angling fair - an event not to be missed. There's something to do round the hut for everyone, so why don't you come along. See me at the Brunswick to book beds in the hut, or 'phone 01332 775243.

May 13-14 Heathy Lea Work Party John Shreeve

It's time for a mid - May clean up so that members and guests can enjoy the new facilities. The hut committee hopes that willing members will turn up for the two day event. The jobs to be done are wood cutting, barn roof beams painting black, barn wall on sink side unit painting, general painting around the hut where required. Looking forward to seeing plenty of members. Please contact Rock Hudson, Chuck Hooley, Colin Hobday, John Shreeve.

May 27-30 (Spring Bank) Cornwall (Camping) ron chambers

After last year's successful meet I've been asked to repeat the experience (and the weather I hope)

Camping will again be at the Trevaylor Touring Park (a sheltered site with all mod cons) situated in the small village of Botallack on

the B3306 about a mile North of St. Just (Map ref. 369326)

All the main climbing areas, Bosigran, Sennen, chair Ladder etc. are within easy reach and there is plenty to do for the non-climbers, e.g. costal walks, tin mines, clean beaches, stone circles and good pubs!! so come along and see Burgess in this year's trend-setting beach wear, I can't wait.

See you there??

June 3-4 BARMY Competition **keith gregson**

The object of the competition is to have a good mountaineering day in the hills. The competition is open to all members of the Oread and is a team event for teams of 2 or more. The event will be based upon Heathy Lee and will consist mainly of an evening's discussion in the Robin Hood. However in order to qualify for this you will be expected to have completed a hard day on the edges. The winning team will of course be that which collects the most points.

Each team should sign in at Heathy Lee any time after 9 am and will be expected to keep a record of their exploits throughout the day. The finishing time will be 7 pm at the Robin Hood and you will be expected to hand in a copy of your record at that time. If you're there early of course you will receive 10 points - see below! You may then take part in the major event at the Robin Hood.

The scoring system is as follows:

{ Each climb completed by the team will contribute points as follows:

- 2 for each pitch of a route whose grade is less than VS.
- 3 for each pitch of a route whose grade is VS or HVS.
- 4 for each pitch of a route which has an E grade.

All routes must be completed by all members of the team using ropes and belays and the climb must be described in a published guide book. A maximum of 10 routes per crag to count. As a special bonus this year, and to encourage a bit of guide-book reading beyond

the graded list, routes which had an Oread on the first ascent will gain double points.

- { Each crag on which you complete a route will contribute 10 points.
- { You will gain 20 points for each trig point visited.
- { In order to ensure that sustenance is taken each team will gain 10 points for each country inn (ie. pubs in Baslow and Hathersage don't count) that you visit.

Penalties

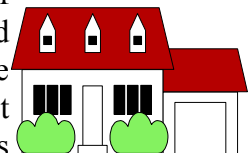
- { The use of any form of wheeled transport is forbidden.
- { The mountaineering day will end at 7 pm. You will lose one point for each minute that the last member of your team exceeds this time limit.

Scoring will be left largely to the integrity of the individuals, the winners can expect no other prize than the glory(?) and I hope an excellent day

FUTURE EVENTS

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. Ernie Phillips



has made preliminary arrangements for the meal at Wien Fawr, and would be glad to take bookings. Anyone unable to contact Ernie should book into the hut via. Colin Hobday. Full particulars will appear in a later newsletter.

PAST EVENTS

scotland March 17-19

After a rather snowy journey 4 of us made it up to Fort William to grab a couple of hours kip before the walk up the Ben. This proved a problem in itself as the snow was knee deep or worse. When we got to the C.I.C. hut a change of plan saw Tim and James heading

for Douglas Boulder Direct while Daryl and myself headed for North East Buttress. It Those present - Oreads: Daryl Kirk (meet leader), Tim Cairns, myself. - Others: Nick and Philipa Negro, James Berry, Rotrin Van der ? and Tim from Grantham Kev Alsobrook.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy Lea

May 5 Fri only cottage/Barn R. Goghlan
May 12/13 Oread meet L> Welbourne
May 20/21 Work Party
June 2/3 Climbing Comp K.Gregson
June 17/18 Extra Meet Barbeqque
July 1/2 Midland Ski Club Cottage/Barn

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

May 5-8 G.Gadsby Whole Hut
May 12/13 Vibram MC. 16 Beds
May 19/20 Avon Outdoor Club 16 Beds
May 26-28 Bank Hol
June 2/3 Vacant
June 9/10 Lichfield MC 16 Beds
June 16/17 SAC 20 Beds
June 23/24 Pending
July 1/2 Vacant

SHORT NOTICES

- { Ron Chambers is now compiling the 1996 meets list, and would be glad to hear from anyone with any proposals for a meet. Please ring him on 01629 823797
- { Barbara Smedley and Eileen Gregson were elected to full membership of the Oread at the April committee meeting.
- { Applications for membership have been received from Anne Kenyon, Wendy Lawrence and Jenny Raphael. These names should have been circulated last month (my mistake), and so anyone with views on the suitability of any candidate should write at once to Steve Bashforth, to enable him to report to the May committee meeting next Tuesday.
- { Prospective members Mick and Gill Keeling, who have been out several

times already, are very keen to acquire rock climbing gear, harnesses, rock boots helmets etc. and would be glad to hear from anyone with any suitable equipment for sale. (boots sizes 6 and 9 approx). Please ring 01332 662554

- { It was decided at the April committee meeting that a deposit of £10 will be required before any further be loaned to members, since the present figure of £5 was set some time ago. hut keys will

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BRAIN TEASER

Answer to April problem - 4.93m.

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Fri June. 2nd*. It is essential that particulars of all events for this edition reach me by *Fri May 26th*.

I look forward to hearing from Derrick Burgess, Graham Weston, Mitchel Briggs and John Green

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