



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 1995

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September 6 (Wed) Willersley

No administration, no meet leader etc., but one of the finer Derbyshire evening climbing venues on limestone, and I am sure we will want to make the most of the declining hours of daylight available for 1995 evening climbing.

September 10 (Sun) September Saunter harry pretty

21.08.95 21.30 hrs. Rusty on the 'phone: "You have 24 hours to produce notice for newsletter". Mind a complete blank. Lie awake worrying - too hot to sleep, too hot to think.

22.08.95: Maps spread - somewhere a bit off beat, must be a pub - good parking at start. So we will meet at Froghall picnic site, just off the A52 (Ashbourne to Stoke) 1:25000. Ashbourne/Churnet Valley Sheet SK04/14: g.r. 027 477 - the Southern terminus of Caulden Canal. Note: the A52 descends steeply into Froghall. Turn very sharp right approx 400m. after sharp lh. bend on A52 - sign posted I think.

The walk will take a meandering course from canal via Hazelscross, Consall Woods (H.P. Janes and Williams wandered in circles last time we tangled with this area - a bit off map) to canal side pub (no public access for cars) - up the Devil's Staircase to Iptones (will one of several pubs be open - viz a viz Queen's Head Mayfield ? 09.07.95) and thence by devious or more direct paths South to starting point. There is the possibility of encountering Harston Rocks where we climbed many years ago. (See the Penlington memoirs as yet unpublished).

Following recent precedent we are moving further West, making it even more difficult for

Ashcroft. He could need a bivvy. Meet at 10.00 for 10.15 start.

September 16-17 Marsden -Heathy lea graham weston

I propose to leave Marsden early Sat morning -7 a.m. from the chip shop. (Friday night option in the barn only at Heathy Lea) Sat night will be spent bivvying somewhere along Derwent Edge or maybe even as far as Stanage. Sunday will continue back to Heathy Lea.

I am hoping to arrange transport for Sat morning from Heathy Lea to Marsden but this is not definite yet.

More details on 01332 557918 or at the Brunswick.

September 22-23 Dow Crag ron chambers

Tranearth (Lancashire Cave and Crag Hut) at Torver G.R. 281957) is again booked for this weekend so there are 32 beds waiting to be slept in!

Cars must be parked in the small field left of the track approx 100 yds. above Crook Farm, just beyond the first gate. There is then a 20 min. walk to the hut. Dow is a very impressive crag with loads of brilliant three star routes from Diff to E4!!! Wet weather alternatives range from Wallabarrow crag in the Duddon Valley (Via the Walna Scar track) to Hodge Close Quarry North of Coniston.

The walking around the Coniston Fells is excellent too with the Old Man, Wetherlam, Swirl How etc. all within easy reach from the hut.

So there we are, a hut, a crag, a fell, a pub, what more could you wish for?

No excuses, let's see a good turn out !! I'll be in the Church Inn at Torver from approx 9 pm. on the Friday evening. Ring me on 01629 823797 for beds, lifts etc. or see me in the Brunswick.

September 29-30 Shropshire Hills clive russell

Not big mountain stuff, but a pleasant border country camping weekend, with a very pleasant campsite beside a stream, and the steep little ascent of Caer Caradoc, at least in my view the equal of Kinder/ Bleaklow area, and a change, and there is the ascent to the west of the edge of the high plateau of the Long Myndd, and a little climbing on the Stiperstones. Emulate last years select group (Welbournes et alia) and come along

The campsite is at map ref. 440 921 (OS Ranger series No. 137 map), Travelling S. on B4370 thro' Little Stretton, turn R. at Ragleth Inn, R. again, dead end lane into the site. I shall be in the Ragleth from about 9pm. Friday, look out for the motor bike. Book your space on the site with Mrs. Prince (01694 723358) and say you are with O.M.C. Give me a ring at home (01335 390369) for any further details.

FUTURE EVENTS

october 3 (tuesday) first indoor meet-himalayan trekking-bill kenyon

(N.B. all indoor meets start at 8.00pm. in the Royal Oak, Ockbrook. A full programme will appear in the October Newsletter)

october 7-8 swanage (camping) chris radcliffe

After successfully introducing this meet last year, I will again be leading a meet to this excellent line of limestone sea cliffs. Easier climbing on Sublimnal; middle grade routes on Boulder Ruckle Guillemot and Cormorant ledges. Also harder 'sports climbing' on Dancing Ledges and at nearby Portland Bill.

Camping will be a CALIFORNIA FARM. Approaching from Wareham (A351) you reach Harston on the outskirts of Swanage. At a long island, instead of bearing left into the town-centre turn sharp right into Bell St. (Globe pub on right, Indian restaurant opposite). Turn left onto Priest's Rd. then in 100 yds. turn R. into Priest's Way. Follow this to Priest's Way Camping and Caravan Site. Continue through this, along the track until you reach Clifornis Farm,

not far from the cliff edge. Basic site-running water and flushing loos, catering mainly for climbers.

There is a comprehensive guide (Swanage-Gordon Jenkins, publisher Climbers Club 1986) also a Rock Fax covering the sports routes.

Any further information required, contact me at home on 01246 569134

october 14-15 borrowdale (camping) kev alsobrook

The campsite is on the B5289 through borrowdale past Rosthwaite and just past the turning to Stonethwaite. Small site with showers £2 per night. Friday night in the Langstrath Hotel in Stonethwaite to discuss where to climb. Shepherds Crag, Eagle Crag, the choice is endless. If wet there's plenty of walking and some good mountain biking. See you all there.

PAST EVENTS

golden oldies ernie phillips

In accordance with popular request the Golden Oldies meet took place earlier than usual this year. The weather was more clement, the A team heading for Cwm Silin and a walk back along the Nantle Ridge. The B team walked down the Aberglaslyn and then along the old railway track towards Tremadoc, returning via Cwm Buchan to an ice cream indulgence in Beddgellert.

Saturday evening was given over to libation and feasting in Bettws Garmon, calling for a gentle Sunday outing to the Ty coch at Morfa Nevin.

Twelve turned up, including Jim Winfield- longtime no see! The only reasonable excuse for absence was offered by Welbourne"-I got struck by lightning"- and he very nearly was too.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy Lea

Sep 8/9	Slough M.C.Cottage and Barn
Sep 15/16	Leic M.C.A. Cottage.
Sep 22/23	Vacant
Sep 29/30	Vacant
Oct 6/7	L Welbourne Cottage and barn

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddf

Sep 8/9	Tuesday C.C.16 beds
Sep 8/9	Kevin Alsobrook 2 beds
Sep 15/16	J. Corden Whole Hut
Sep 22/23	G. Gadsby Whole Hut
Sep 29/30	Vacant
Oct 6/7	South Cheshire C.C.16 beds

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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SHORT NOTICES

- { Colin Hobday and Richard Coghlan now have a supply of club badges, similar in style to the old metal ones of yore. These are for sale at £2.50 each, and the vendors ask that anyone ordering by post should send a return s.a.e.
- { New hut keys are also available from Colin Hobday.

FROM MIKE WYNN

Marocrock"-morocco-easter 1996

A few people have asked me recently about putting together a trip to go cragging in Morocco for Easter '96. Seeing as I have been there once or twice in the last 13 years it seems a not unreasonable request!

There are loads of ways to organise the trip but before any suggestions/prices are put on paper I will hold an informal meeting of anyone interested in this trip on Tuesday 19th. September at 21.00 in the Brunswick.

If you are interested and cannot come to the meeting ring me on 01332 360851

I'd also like to congratulate all those involved in the improvements to Heathy Lea over the last two years (since I was last there)-it really was impressive what has been achieved recently.

BRAIN TEASER

1) In an effort to improve the social and intellectual standing of the Oread, the committee introduced a dual fee structure whereby artists, expedition men and the intelligentsia paid £12 and were subsidised by mechanical engineers, mountain bikers, ex grammar school pupils and similar undesirables, who paid £20. At the end of February, one third of the plutes, and 20% of the plebs had paid., and the treasurer had received £964. There were fourteen times as many plutes as there were honorary members. What was the total membership of the club? C.R.

2) In a factory which makes ball bearings, is a workshop in which there are 12 machines. All the machines should be making identical balls, but one is making balls of the wrong size. (No jokes about German propaganda ministers-Ed)

On a table is one specimen of a perfect ball, together with an accurate weighing machine. The scales can be used 3 times to find out which is the faulty machine. Which two different procedures can be used to solve the problem? E.H.P.

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on ***Sat Sept 30th.*** It is essential that particulars of all events for this edition reach me by ***Friday Sept 22nd. and preferably earlier***

***George Reynolds, Rock Hudson
and Lisa Welbourne re. dinner.***

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