



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 1996

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### *Summary*

Aug 3-4       Roches  
Aug 7 (Wed)   Cratcliffe Tor  
Aug 10-11     Cader Idris  
Aug 24-26     Pembroke (August Bank Hol)  
Sep 1 (Sun)   September Saunter

### *Aug 3-4       Roches Roger Larkam*

I have no further information since last month regarding this meet, and so I can only refer you to Roger. His telephone number is 01773 820260

### *Aug 7 (Wed) Cratcliffe Tor*

A good chance for you limestone afficionados to try some harder, although shorter routes, not forgetting the adjacent Robin Hood's Stride, which offers excellent bouldering for strengthening the fingers (better than typing this \*\*\*\*\* thing anyway), and the hardest Mod in the world, (Muscle Crack). Despite the limited organisational ability of some climbers, I am confident an impromptu board meeting will sort out a pub for later.

### *Aug 10-11 Cader Idris Stuart Haywood*

Cader is the ideal compromise between the grassier walking only terrain of the more southerly parts of Wales and the familiarity and crowded conditions of the rock climber's Mecca in Snowdonia. With an excellent campsite, views over the estuary and a tradition of Oread climbing on the main cliff of Cader by such stalwarts as Ray Handley and Doug Cook in earlier times, what more could one want. Stuart has agreed to look after the meet on my behalf as it may not be possible for me to attend. Camping will be at 698150 just off the minor road about 1/2 mile south west of Gwerman Lake Hotel. (Turn left by the telephone box when travelling from Dolgelly) Please give me a ring on the Wed. or Thurs before the meet for any further info. if planning to go, I will liaise with Stuart.C.R.

### *August Bank Holiday Pembroke Keith Gregson. Aug 16-19+*

Camping will be at Rhosson Ganol Farm, St. Justinian's. Ref. 727252 (note Ed. this is not a telephone number, neither is it the missing start time for Pete Janes' meet!) (30-15 Keith, your apostrophe was incorrectly positioned - Ed.)

To find us, follow signs for St. Justinian's lifeboat station from St. Davids: from the cross, down the hill past the Farmer's Arms, then again down past the cathedral and keep on towards the lifeboat station. Rhosson farm is overlooked by a prominent hill with a small radio mast on top. The campsite is under the seaward side of this hill: turn left just past the farm house, which is on the right. We usually camp in the first field on the left.

The Oread has long traditions in Pembroke. Alas gone are the days of "rugby Club all nighters" but they have been replaced by Old Eltonians with the Carnells, barbecues with the Fosters (depending on the fishing), and Feeling Foul ale at the various hostelries! There is of course lots of climbing to be done, most of which is in the middle grades and still retains the feeling of remoteness and pioneering. There is a new guidebook which reveals many of the "secret crags", but even better, I'm assured that Whympers' old Guide "Big Foo" will be with us to direct exploration.

I always look upon this meet as the best holiday on the Oread calendar. There is lots to do, climbing, walking, swimming or simply lying on the beach etc. And the company is excellent, so come and join us.

Hopefully some of us will be there on Thursday, and I'm confident there will be an Oread presence until the following weekend. If you need any further information please get in touch.

## ***September 1 September Saunter Sunday At The Cock And Pullet***

### ***H. Pretty***

It is almost 30 year since the Devonshire Arms closed in Sheldon, so in '95 we rejoiced in the opening of a replacement- the Cock and Pullet: rather well converted, open all day, seven days a week - with Rabelaisian overtones in its naming.

Meet at the car park approximately 1 mile west of Youlgreave on the line of Long Rake :White Peak 1:25000, GR 194 645. Departure 10.15 - Limestone way to Cales Dale, cross Lathkill to Haddon Grove farm(s) and North to Sheldon. Return S.E. by Magshaw Mine to Over Haddon, re - crossing Lathkill to car park through Meadow Place Grange. Approx 8 miles. An extension loop taking in Monyash (Bagshaw Dale) is available to those so inclined.

## **PAST EVENTS**

### ***Dow Crag J. Green***

The weather forecast was bad for the weekend, but as usual they got it wrong! Everyone arrived safely on Friday, and apart from the midges, who were in fine form in the car park, no problems.

Saturday saw the "A" team on Dow, climbing various routes, some not arriving back until 20.00 and a telling off for being late! but with such a beautiful evening who could blame them. It was somewhat cold to start with but got better as the day went on. Colin Barnard managed a long walk which took him over most of the Coniston area including the campsite by the lake, and Wetherlam!

After a few pints and a chat to Bev and Kath in the pub those strong enough were up till the early hours playing darts and hooking the ring.

Sunday saw teams going to Grizedale and Langdale. The weather was poor at first, but again became hot and sunny by lunch time.

Thanks to all who came, and a special thanks for a superb Saturday evening.

### ***Heathy Lea Barbeque Colin Hobday***

Despite an alternative barbecue on the same weekend, and cool windy weather 28 Oreads and friends assembled Saturday evening at Heathy Lea. The traditional log fire soon took the chill off the evening, with music provided by Mike Wren and Keith Gregson the proceedings lasting until the early hours of the morning.

With the threat of rain 9 Oreads left on Sunday morning walking across Chatsworth Baslow and over to Bradnop , being treated to a 15 minute downpour, a drink or two at Calver a visit to the tea shop in Baslow Whilst walking back across the park we were treated to a fly past by two Spitfires much to Harry Pretty's delight.

Many thanks to all who attended including Rusty's new addition to the family Fred Russell



(not "Jack Russell"!)

## **BRAIN TEASER**

A great rock climber ascended a new route of length 190 ft. on a major crag on his birthday. How many days elapsed between this event and the first new route on the same crag subsequently recorded by his second?

(Book token for first correct answer opened before Sept 1st.)

## HUT NEWS

### *Bookings Heathy Lea*

July 22 on Summer Holiday reserved for Oreads.

### *Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa*

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## LAST EDITION

I have to eat humble pie again and apologise to Pete Janes for accidentally omitting the last paragraph of his write up for the Summer Stroll. Unfortunately this contained his proposed start time. In spite of this, there was a good turn out and an enjoyable day.

## NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Fri Aug 30th*. It is essential that particulars of all events for this edition reach me by *Friday Aug 23rd. and preferably earlier*

*I look forward to hearing from Stuart Haywood Keith Gregson and Tony Raphael* I

am working out of town again for a few months, so everyone's cooperation in sending material promptly is more than ever necessary if the newsletter is to be despatched on time. **Please remember to consider the postal strikes and allow a margin of time.**

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