



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 1996

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### *Summary*

July 3 (Wed)	Manifold Valley
July 6-7	Dow Crag
July 14 (Sun)	Summer Stroll
July 13 -27	Alpine Meet
July 20-21	Golden Oldies
Aug 3-4	Roches

### *July 6-7 Dow Crag J. Green*

Dow- still one of the better places to climb in the Lakes! The walking is pretty good too. I shall be arriving at around 22.00 at Torver. The hut as last year is Tranearth, (GR. SD281956) and yes, we do have reciprocal rights! As Ron said, cars must be parked in the small field, left of the track, 100 metres past Crook Farm, after the gate. There is plenty to do and if the weather's bad, you might even get the ring on the nail! Let's have a good turn out, before the Alps and greater ranges take over. Ring me on 01332 832101 to book beds etc.

### *July 14 (Sun) Summer Stroll (The Heads Of The Rivers Walk) Pete Janes*

1. The walk starts and finishes at Hollinsclough (Ref 1:25000 White Peak Map gr 065 665)
2. Cars should be parked on the grass verge of the Moss Carr approach road to Hollinsclough from Longnor (and adjacent to the red telephone box).
3. The walk takes in the upper River Dove thro Washgate, Brand Top and Dove Head to the New Inn at Flash for lunch.
4. The return crosses the Manifold river Head at Blackbrook and via Edgetop and Willshaw Hill to Hollinsclough.  
(Janes will probably attempt to march his disorganised and drunken rabble through the Peak District in step, judging by his military style of writing-Ed.)

### *July 13 -27 Alpine Meet Ron Chambers*

The arrangements for this meet will be as described in the April edition of the newsletter. Anyone with any further queries should contact Ron on 01773 520 929

### *July 20-21 Golden Oldies E. Phillips*

When I was at the hut a few days ago it snowed nearly down to the road! Ice axes? I have arranged to eat on Saturday night at Bettws Garmon as usual. It is to be hoped that there will be walks for both "A" and "B" teams, and perhaps a "C" for Ashcroft. Charlie Cullum promised gluhwein - I hope that he comes. I may well be in the Tetons and Yellowstone, June -July, if you can't get hold of me ring Chuck or Colin. My number is 01332 550078.

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

The Roches needs no introduction, being one of England's premier gritstone climbing venues. Camping facilities and the area generally are of the best, even walkers are catered for by the fine ridge above Black Brook, and the Skyline Buttress offers routes for the moderate climber.

Didn't you guess that this was not the work of Larkam?, I have not heard from him. Being charitable, this could be due to the postal strike, but don't give the b\*gger the benefit of the doubt, ring 01773 820260, get him out of bed and discover his intentions for a camping venue, and rendezvous.- Ed.

## PAST EVENTS

### *Gordale Scar*

This meet was unusually well attended for one of my camping meets, possibly due to the excellent site, quiet, by a stream, with fine views up the scar. On Sat we laboriously ascended the noisome waterfall of the scar, and then completed the circuit of Malham Tarn down the cove where Nick Evans and

Pam Storer valiantly over came the steep and polished limestone, and back to camp via Janet's Foss. After food and drink par excellence on sat. evening, we struck camp on sunday morning, and the walking team went over to ascend Buckden Pike. Nick and Pam again upheld the club's honour on the rocks of the scar itself. (Future climbers in the area should check with the information service about voluntary restrictions during the nesting season, there were baby peregrine falcons at Malham.

The only downside to the weekend was when my tent was assumed to be the bog or the bike shed alongside the emporia of Hobday and Amour.

Everyone found the site even though I published the telephone number instead of the map ref. (the biter bit!)

Those present Colin and Uschi Hobday, Peter and Georgina Amour, Pam Storer, Nick Evans, Stuart Haywood and the distinctly un-wrinkly Andrea Haywood, and myself. CR.

## HUT NEWS

### *Bookings Heathy Lea*

July 5/6	T.C.C. cottage
July 12-13	Midlands Ski Club cottage/barn
July 22	Summer Holiday reserved for Oreads.

### *Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa*

July 5-6	Spinz MC. 16 beds
July 12-13	Hucknall MC. 16 beds
July 19-20	Oread Meet
July 22	Summer Holiday reserved for Oreads.

There have been occasions recently when members have parked vehicles at Heathy Lea and failed to pay the day fee of 50p. Parking a vehicle is considered to incur liability for the day fee, and any future transgressors will incur

the wrath of Keith Gregson, wearing his hut sub committee hat.

## SHORT NOTICES

Under the heading "Working Party That Never Was", I attempted last month to paraphrase a report from Chuck Hooley, and this prompted him to make his first visit, I think this year, to a committee meeting, to protest about my levity, and failure to include his full report. Although the committee did not take a definite position on this matter, I now include verbatim, the material I omitted.

" Unfortunately, owing to the lack of response for the working party (20th. April 96), the official working party had to be cancelled. This is most odd as we do have 168 members - perhaps we chose the wrong weekend, it being immediately after Easter, The huts' committee of management may have to think again about this"

Some articles submitted for the newsletter I consider are boring and prolix, and others terse, some un-grammatical or mis-spelt, and others the reverse in these particulars. Generally I take the view that people's own idiosyncrasies of style add to the character of the thing, which is after all intended for their friends to read, rather than for a learned journal. Occasionally I shorten or paraphrase something. Generally I prefer articles not to exceed 1/4 page, i.e. 1/2 page by one column width. Perhaps I get it wrong. If you have views on this matter, then please drop me a line and let me know of them. I am willing to publish articles critical of myself, although I hope it is accepted that the criticisms I write are intended to be jocular, and are most frequently directed at my closer friends.

Relations between the Oread and the Royal Oak at Ockbrook were almost severed recently when a club member living nearby allowed his pet ferret to escape and do to death a domestic rabbit owned by the landlord. The situation was only retrieved at the last moment when our man, not normally known

for either diplomacy or a swift grasp of impending situations, realised the possible consequences and declined to admit ownership of the offending carnivore.

Whilst making arrangements for his Cairngorms skiing trip last winter, Richard Coghlan took out group membership of the YHA in the name of the Oread. Any members wishing to use YHA facilities therefore can obtain members' rates if they form a group of 5 or more with a nominal leader.

## BRAIN TEASER

### *Solutions To June Problem*

Immediately after the issue of the June newsletter I received the following from Anne Squires, accompanied by threats of violence. "To answer your problem I think it could be the lesser (s)pid Russell - certainly references to area of residence correct, solitary (usually miles in front), swims (not sure about diving), portly (only when carrying some member's child on shoulders), marked white (once had a cream sun hat, easily spotted from a distance), searching for food (the nearest tin opener for his 'tatties) and certainly quite tame since married to Margaret.

Then again, it might be a *Cinclus Cinclus* (L) or Dipper. Am I right or am I wrong?"

(Anne was right, the description was that of the Dipper in the "Kingfisher Field Guide to Birds")

### *This Month's Problem From Ernie*

#### *Phillips*

Chuck left Margaret eating belly burners in the Shogun while he patrolled the Black Rocks looking for villains. It was a cold day, and his jerkin was well zipped up. On top of the promontory he saw a good sized belaying sling lying on the ground. Chuck put the sling over his left shoulder, put his right arm through it, and his right hand firmly in the pocket of his jerkin. However at that moment the acquisitive Russell topped out on Queen's Parlour gulley (

his limit?) and in his black Woolworths plimsolls, 1950's vintage, rushed up behind Chuck. In a trice he removed the sling and made off to the Miners at Bole Hill (He learned his topology from Mobius himself). Now Chuck's hand stayed firmly in his pocket, and the sling was not severed so how did the wily Russell do it?

All answers to Ernie this time, sorry I figure in both the above, but I published verbatim-Ed.

## NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Fri July 26th*. It is essential that particulars of all events for this edition reach me by *Friday July 19th.. and preferably earlier.*

*I look forward to hearing from Colin Hobday, Keith Gregson and Harry Pretty.*

Keith may as well send details of the BARMY Competition at the same time, and save a stamp.

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.

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