



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 1996

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

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| June 5 | Dovedale |
| June 8-9 | Agden Rocher |
| June 15-16 | Wasdale |
| June 22-23 | Gordale Scar |
| June 29-30 | Heathy Lea Barbecue |
| July 3 (Wed) | Manifold Valley |
| July 6-7 | Dow Crag |

June 9 *Agden Rocher Ron Sant*

It's a good few years since the Oread last visited this crag and whilst it may not be at the forefront of climbing development the location is second to none. For those who may not be familiar with the area the crag is situated to the NW of the village of high Bradfield (GR 268925) and overlooks Agden Reservoir. It may be approached either from Sheffield via the B6077 or from Bamford and heading for Strines Reservoir.

At the moment I intend to be in the area on Sunday only but there is (or used to be) a campsite at Bradfield and a pub which goes by the name of "Old Horns" (I think this is the correct name but maybe I'm just getting mixed up with some ageing Oread Characters). For further developments please contact me on 01332 863579.

June 15-16 *Wasdale D. Burgess*

Little can be said to enhance the reputation of Wasdale. Climbing of all standards abounds on Scafell, Great Gable, Esk Buttress, Pillar etc. The list goes on. The only drawback being the uphill walk to the crags, so the area should appeal to walkers and climbers alike. For a change, camping will be at Nether Wasdale at Church Stile Farm (GR. 124040). The village boasts two pubs, suggested rendezvous for Friday "The one on the right", (I don't know the name). The campsite is against the church. Camping fees are reasonable and Wasdale Head is a mere 10 minutes down the Lake road. Buckbarrow Crag is only a short walk from the campsite with many shorter, and good, climbs. The area is more sheltered than

at the head of the lake, so I am looking for a good turnout on this meet.

June 22-23 *Gordale Scar C. Russell*

In addition to the fine limestone climbing, the Yorkshire Dales offers walking with spectacular waterfall and riverside scenery worthy of notice even to ourselves, who frequent the other national parks in the UK. and dwell in the Peak District.

Camping will be in the field immediately below Gordale Scar (GR 830333). I have telephoned the owner, Mr. Wilson, and he is not unduly concerned about numbers, just turn up and let him know you are with Oread MC. I hope to arrive about noon on Saturday, put up the tent, and leave at 2 pm. prompt for the classic circular walk up the Scar and over to Malham Tarn, Malham and Janets Foss. There is ample daylight at this time of year. On Sunday, if the party is strong enough, the serious Limestone climbs of the area might be assaulted. If the team depends on my frail leadership, the less serious routes of perhaps Burnsall Moor or similar will have to suffice. All in all, there should be something for most people.

Give me a ring on 01 335 390369 if you are coming.

June 29-30 *Heathy Lea Barbecue C.*

Hobday

The longest day has passed but we still have light evenings and warm days so why not come and enjoy a weekend at Heathy Lea.

I propose to meet around 2.30 and walk over to Gardoms and Birchens to climb some of the old classic gritstone routes.

The evening's festivities will commence at 7.30. If you have a portable barbecue please bring it along plus food and drink.

It is hoped that Reg Squires will provide the bonfire and Keith Gregson the music. (Squires is to pyromania and Gregson to harmony what mediaeval court poisoners were to gastronomy-Ed).

Those wishing to stay the night please book your bed space.

For those not climbing on Sunday, a walk will depart from Heathy Lea at 10.00 with a stop for a liquid lunch.

Why not come along for the day, evening, or better still the weekend.

Contact Colin Hobday on 01332 551594.

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.

FUTURE EVENTS

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 Teton and Yellowstone. June-July, if you can't get hold of me ring Chuck or Colin. My number is 01332 550078.

PAST EVENTS

Spring Stride Dave Weston

It was the first Sunday the train had run for a long time, maintenance work on the track on Sundays had led to a bus being used, so it was with some relief for me when it arrived, spot on time and all thoughts of an alternative walk could be forgotten. Some 25 Oreads climbed aboard the train and had a very pleasant ride to

Edale. The whole day was a grand event, at least for me. The tall gaunt figure of John Welbourne waiting at Grindleford Station, just like the old days. Welbourne still looked the same as he did in the late 50's. Jack Ashcroft was with us, his first long walk, now that his ankle is on the mend. George Reynolds was so excited at having a ride on a train that he left his rucksack in the boot of his car. Digger was very good on the train, as fortunately the ticket collector was not in uniform, but he made up for it later by very nearly falling in the river, but it was after the pub, so he was excused. Chuck and Margaret Hooley and Ernie Phillips were at the pub to meet us. Brian West had joined the train at Hathersage so this swelled the numbers to 29. It rained for the afternoon walk along the River Derwent, but not so that you really got wet. The party was a bit spread out and at one point the "lasties" out of the pub joined us from a different direction. This was the Pretty/Ashcroft variation. Sorry it turned out so muddy before Leadmill as this made the last bit difficult to walk. The fairly tired party revived themselves with large mugs of tea in Grindleford Cafe. Thank you all very much for coming and helping to make it a good day in the hills.

Working Party That Never Was

Although the last Welsh Hut working party was cancelled due to lack of support, I have received from Chuck Hooley a very detailed list of jobs which were accomplished by John Shreeve, who went to the hut early for a Hucknall meet, prospective member Mick Keeling, and John and June Clarke (Hucknall MC.). Chuck describes in some graphic detail the replacement of a ball tap washer. Thanks to all these hut users for the work accomplished.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy Lea

June 7-8 vacant

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| June 14-15 | Caper Montis MC cottage/barn |
| June 21/22 | Open University cottage |
| June 28/29 | Oread meet |
| July 5/6 | T.C.C. cottage |
| July 12-13 | Midlands Ski Club cottage/barn |

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

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| June 14-15 | vacant |
| June 21-22 | Kendal MC. 10 beds |
| June 24-26 | K. Gregson whole hut |
| June 28-29 | vacant |
| 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. |

If I might be excused a slightly sentimental and personal observation, I was at the Welsh hut myself last weekend, and was very pleased to see, written in a childish hand, accounts by two children aged 8 and 12, of how they had enjoyed ascents of Snowdon and Crib Goch, from our hut, contrasting with some fairly marginal material in the hut log book.

SHORT NOTICES

Tony Howard was admitted as a full member of the Oread at the May committee meeting.

Following requests from some members, the treasurer, Richard Coghlan, has made enquiries at banks and building societies to ascertain the feasibility of collecting subscriptions by direct debit, but the financial institutions are not interested in operating such a scheme with a level of membership like that of the Oread, and the committee's position has to remain that members are responsible for paying their annual subscriptions by cheque. If I might add a personal observation, Richard, and his predecessors as treasurer, give a lot of their own time to a thankless and necessary

job for the benefit of the club and its members, and they do not enjoy having to write to members who have not paid their subscriptions. If such members are upset by the wording of reminder letters, which of necessity are standard, circular letters, they should perhaps reflect that they would not need to receive the letters if they granted the club and their fellow members the courtesy of paying with reasonable promptness.

The committee is considering how the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Oread could be celebrated, and would be pleased if members would make their ideas known to any committee member.

BRAIN TEASER

Solutions To May Problem

Brown's second was Doug Belshaw. $B E = 25$. Any three digit no. formed from 3 consecutive multiples of 7 must be a multiple of 21 so x is $12*21$ or 252, multiples 77,84,91, or x is $25*21$ or 525, multiples 168,175,182.

Correct solutions were received from Paul Gardner, Tony Raphael and Graham Weston, together with a typical Ashcroft missive including inter alia some strange numbers. Paul gets the prize for being first.

This Month's Problem

It was pleasing to see the generation gap narrowed by letters from younger men last month (see above). However one of the Oread's she-dragons, of a similar vintage to myself, ordered me to devise a problem not involving numbers. What follows is therefore my best shot.

"resident in Northern and Western hilly areas...portly, marked bold white...often seen from riverside paths...spends much time searching for food...usually solitary, often resting on rocks...swims and dives...may be quite tame."

of what Oread or other creature is this a description.

The most entertaining and plausible answer will be published next month. (Editor's decision, after receipt of inducements, is final.)

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Fri June 28th*. It is essential that particulars of all events for this edition reach me by *Friday June 21st*. *and preferably earlier*.

I look forward to hearing from Pete Janes, Ron Chambers and Roger Larkam

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