



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 1998

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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July 1 (Wed)	Stanage
July 4-5	Golden Oldies
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July 4-5 Golden Oldies Shirley

Wainwright

"Golden Oldies" here again, where did the term originate from?

No special plans for the weekend apart from enjoying good company, food and recreation. (I studied the handwriting under a glass in case she had written "procreation" - Ed.)

I know some of you will have just returned from the other side of the world (Alaska I believe). This would be a good time to come and unwind and share your experiences with the rest of the company.

For Saturday evening, I have booked us in at the Saucen's Head in Beddellert numbers of guests to be confirmed

Ring me for any further details and to book your bunk. Auntie Wainwright 0115 9279384, leave a message on the machine if I'm out.)

July 12 (Sun) Summer Stroll Dave

Weston

The walk will start from the Derbyshire Bridge car park at the Southern end of Goyt's Clough Grid ref 019 716 (White Peak map). Start time will be 09.45 for a 10.00 leaving time. Sorry it's a little early but this will help with finding room to park and hopefully the pub won't be too busy when we arrive. The walk will proceed over Axe Edge Moor to Dale Head,

then by Orchard Farm to Three Shires Head. From here we will walk into Wildboardclough, to have lunch at the Crag Pub. After lunch we will proceed via Clough House and Cumberland Brook to the Cat and Fiddle and then back to Derbyshire Bridge.

July 18 - 19 Eskdale Mike Hayes

From the small granite outcrops in the south to the larger mountain crags, the valley offers a wide diversity of climbs at all grades, often in superbly wild, unspoilt settings (well that's what is written in my guide book anyway!)

The plan is to camp at Hollins Farm (177 012) near the little village of Boot. A flat campsite with the Burnmoor Inn only 300 metres away, what more could you want? Saturday will probably be spent on Esk Buttress, one of the finest cliffs in the district with routes of up to 400 feet. Of the many *** routes the 'Red Edge' and 'Medusa Wall' are high on my list.

Saturday evening in the Burnmoor Inn with excellent food and Jennings Bitter (it's surprising how good a reconnaissance trip can be!) will probably mean Sunday on one of the smaller local crags.

Gate Crag across the valley from Boot and Hare Crag are both excellent.

If you are interested in going, please give me a call. I've booked the weather so there's no excuse! As it's the middle of the summer, I would welcome an idea of numbers so that we can get an area set aside.

You can contact me on 0115 9490026 or in the Smithfield on Tuesday evenings.

July 25 - 26 Roches Roger Larkam

Larkam, (designer of railway wheels par excellence), telephoned the following to me after the pubs had shut one night "I intend camping in the field below Hen Cloud and patronising the Rock Inn on Saturday night, not necessarily in that order. I suggest Hen Cloud on the Saturday and Roches on the Sunday for climbing. There is also plenty of

good walking in the area. All are welcome. Fuller directions can be obtained by telephoning 01773 820260".

If you are reading this Roger, please note the date of your meet printed at the top of this paragraph. - Ed.

Jul 25 - Aug 9 Alps Bregaglia / Bernina Richard Coglhan

It looks like we are going to have a good turn-out again. If all goes to plan, we will have Kev Allsobrook & Jane, Julia Stowell, Gill Heys, Tony Howard, Trevor Willis, Colin Barnard, Pete Lancaster (+ family), Chris Wilson (+ family), Michael Hayes (+family), Graham Weston & Alison, and of course myself at the Vicosoprano campsite. Most of the travel arrangements are now fixed, so any latecomers will need to 'phone me a.s.a.p. if they need a lift (Derby 865934).

Unfortunately, making contact with the campsite is proving to be a bit tricky. The Vicosoprano tourist office phone number (kindly provided by Tony Howard) is 0041 818221555, but it is only open during working hours and you will have to speak either Italian or German. I will let those coming on the meet know if I manage to get any useful information in advance of setting off for Switzerland. I now have a guidebook and a map to lend out if anyone wants to plan any routes in advance.

PS Further information has been obtained about the campsite. It is very large and never full, so booking is unnecessary. The formidable Uschi has now succeeded in making telephone contact on 0041 818 221 035

Aug 5 (Wed) Cratcliffe Tor

Now that the rock climbing season is well under way, young fit and skilful men should not be deterred from climbing on steep, green and greasy rock with poor protection and sharp boulders below to fall on, nor should the different nature of the rock from the limestone

on which many habitually besport themselves form a sufficient deterrent to prevent a good night out at Cratcliffe, followed by refreshment at a venue to be agreed. (I suggest the Miner's Standard).

Working Party

The postponed Welsh Hut working party will now take place on 24 - 25 July. Jobs in mind are the painting of the hall kitchen and possibly upstairs. Volunteers should get in touch with Chuck, or a hut sub committee member. This is the weekend before the start of the summer period, when the hut is reserved for Oread members, so anyone wishing to stay on after the work party will be welcome to do so.

PAST EVENTS

Cader Idris

Saturday dawned (not that I saw it mind), bright and fine as forecast, but as the day proceeded, the weather became more and more showery. However this didn't stop several Oreads from climbing Cyfrwy Areté, Chris and Roger from climbing Obsession and Gwydli, Sue and Chris from descending the Foxes Path with an old dog (not Roy), Jane from cycling all the way round the mountain or Esmond from running up and down Cadair. Realising, as the meet leader clearly had not, that Keelhaul was on another mountain Mike Hayes never arrived to claim his beer and no-one managed the supplementary of deciphering the numbers on Rob's T-shirt (apparently not his prison number nor a map reference, but numbers that should be familiar to all literate Oreads). On Sunday our mountain was well elagged over, so the Green dynasty took to Barmouth Slabs, Jane, Sue and Chris swam in the sea without Jet the dog, while I's and Sabrina, Chris and Roger, Mike and Roy, Richard and Rob climbed various permutations of The Buttress, Diagonal, The

Jug, Bolero, Spike Wall and Daisy Bell at a bright and windy Bird Rock.
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SHORT NOTICES

Change Of Address

Key Alsobrook is again residing pro tem at
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Welsh Highland Railway

The club recently subscribed to a local group opposed to the railway, and this group have been sending information to our secretary, Shirley Wainwright. The latest bulletin can be summarised as follows - The Snowdonia National Park are now opposed to the re-opening of the railway and consider the trackbed should be a walking/cycling route. There is to be another public enquiry at Maentwrog on 14 - 15 - 16 July. Anyone able and willing to attend should do so.

The local M.P. Dafydd Wigley 8, Stryd Y - Castell, Caernarvon, Gwynedd LL55 'phone 01286 672076 Fax 01286 672003 needs objections to enable him to substantiate objections to the railway. The society have suggested grounds for objection.

I am only passing on the essence of what we have been told, there has been no opportunity for the committee to consider this formally before the enquiry, but you need to have this information before the enquiry if it is to be useful and so anyone wishing to see the full document which is too lengthy to be reproduced here in full should send me a return envelope ASAP. I very much regret being unable to give this matter the time personally which I would like, but a retired person would be in a better position to follow this up.

BRAIN TEASER

Last Month's Problem

The point of the question is that the tyres of cross country vehicles make tracks with the vee pointing to the rear, thereby preventing the vee from filling with mud. The tractor was therefore already pointing in the optimum direction, and by simple triangles had to travel 2.01 km at 30 kph, 4 mins 1.2 secs. (No one took the bait)

This Month's Problem

An old reprobate of Celtish extraction struck up a liaison with a female from Argentierre on his first summer visit to the Alps, and despite his personal limitations this persisted for many years and three daughters resulted. On 1 July this year the sum of the ages of the younger two exceeded the age of the eldest by 23 yrs. and the sum of the ages of all three was seven years more than the age of their father, which was five years less than the age of his first grandchild raised to the power four. What was the date of the fateful first Alpine season? (Book token for most stylish correct answer received before 26 July 1998. I hope to clear my arrears of tokens at an early date.) PS ages for the purpose of the current problem should be treated as whole numbers.

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Friday 31 July. It is essential that all material reaches me by Thursday 23 July. I look forward to hearing from Keith Gregson and Tony Raphael. (The former performed a heroic feat and took me out climbing recently).*

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