



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 1998

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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June 3 (Wed) Earl Sterndale

With the season now well into its swing the hard men will demolish the fine limestone routes such as Broken Toe, followed by roistering in the Quiet Woman. Geriatrics may also be catered for by a walk in the area.

June 6-7 Glen Nevis Graham Weston

Due to circumstances beyond my control I shall not be able to make the weekend of 13-14 June as published in the meets list. However I propose to move the meet back one weekend (after consultation with the meets sec. of course!) sorry if this upsets anyone's plans.

I hope to climb on the Ben on Saturday after arriving late on Friday night. Routes like The Long Climb and Tower Ridge spring to mind. I should like to climb on the Etive Slabs on Sunday but I guess the weather may play a part in everyone's plans. The campsite has yet to be confirmed but I am expecting to use the one in Glen Nevis.

June 20 - 21 Cader Idris Rob Tresidder

Rob has taken over the running of this meet from Keith Gregson as a swap for the Fell Race, now read on.

"I have found it difficult to decide which side of the mountain to camp. Both had big attractions but in the end, and this time only, the North wins out because of the proximity of the pub! I intend to stay at Ty Nant. This is equipped with toilets and tap all close to a medium sized sloping field and farmhouse which does teas as well. Charges are £2 pppn.

A budget option over the road with Mr. Thomas is £1 pppn. There is also a bunk house for those weary of canvas. Map ref. SH 698 151 (icon on OS Outdoor Leisure 23) From Dolgellau, take the turning marked Cader Idris at a fork on the West side of town. After a mile fork right again. The road runs past Llyn Gwernan before coming to a small NT car park on the right about three miles from Dolgellau. The turning to Ty Nant is clearly marked just a few yards further on the left (south, Cader Idris) side of the road. Climbing in the area is remote, un-crowded and spectacular. Paul Williams in "Rock Climbing in Snowdonia" describes five routes each on Cyfrwy, Craig Cau and Bird Rock. Cyfrwy is nearest to Ty Nant. There are two Burgess/Allen VS's in Paul Williams' book. Anyone who can get me up the "Shrike like" Keelhaul. E1 5b, 5b****, will earn loads of Brownie points and only slightly less beer. There are two famous V Diff's on the mountain: Pencoed Pillar and Cyfrwy by the Table Direct. The definitive guide book is John Summer's "Mid Wales" published by the CC. Walking is of course superb. Perhaps the most attractive option is to traverse to Minffordd and return by bus (service 2) to Dolgellau. I have timetables etc. Swimming in Llyn Cau and Llyn Gadair looked magnificent a couple of weeks ago. There are also some pools in Nant Cadair to the SE. If you're thinking of bringing the family, there are non-mountain things to do. The seaside is not far away; the Talyllyn railway and the centre for alternative technology are all fairly close. Jane Tresidder has climbed Cader already this year, so she is taking her bike and intends to cycle round the mountain (about 24 miles, some of it common with Sustrans' Cardiff to Holyhead route. She would welcome companions. I think it would be wise for us to book some space on the campsite so please ring me (01629 823953) if you know you're coming, or catch me in the Princess Vic or the quiet Woman. I'm happy to arrange lifts and help to

fill empty spaces in your car. You'll find me in the Gwernan Lake Hotel on the Friday evening."

June 27-28 Heathy Lea Barbecue Steve Bennet

I am taking over the organisation of the barbecue from Colin Who has done an admirable job in recent years.

I intend to light the bonfire at around 6pm and I will then stand aside to avoid being trampled by a multitude of Oreads all eager to set up their barbecues. There will be at least one portable barbecue available but I must ask that everyone brings their own where possible.

Anyone with a musical bent will be made especially welcome should they bring their instruments along to add to the evening's ambience.

A barrel of Pedigree will be available and the bar will open when the first thirsty drinkers arrive. Plastic glasses will be supplied and the beer may be offered at £1.30 per pint. If you insist on drinking from a real glass then please bring your own.

So come along one and all and enjoy the evening's get together. Bunks may be booked by ringing me on 01332 516297 at any reasonable hour.

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 Saracen's Head in Beddgelert 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.)

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

June 5 - 6 A.B.M.S.A.C, Whole Hut

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

Presidents Meet

On a warm, but overcast day, four of us met at the Tissington Trail car park at the North end of Ashbourne Tunnel and proceeded to Ilam, where we were joined by the last member of the group and Rosie the dog.

We enjoyed an excellent sixteen mile walk, taking the left hand ridge of Dovedale up to Mill Dale where we enjoyed a cuppa, and then continuing up the road a short way until we could make the steep little ascent of Iron Torrs to pick up the Tissington Trail. We

followed this for a short distance, and then walked over the top to Parwich. Here we found our accommodation for the night, a very pleasant barn. Since the others were not staying out for Sunday, we parted company with the Ockbrook contingent and enjoyed a very good Chinese meal with wine, followed by pudding (treacle tart and cream) donated by Margaret Russell. We rounded off the evening with a companionable drink in the Parwich British Legion Club.

On Sunday, with a sustaining Slate House breakfast inside us, Kim and I walked back to Ashbourne.

It is a great pity that this meet was so poorly attended; it was an excellent walk with good company and with top notch accommodation and food. My thanks to Rusty for all the work he put into a very enjoyable weekend.

Those who attended were: Clive Russell, Kim Davison, Chris Bryan, and the Ockbrook contingent: Anne Squires, Gill & Mick Keeling and Rosie.

Chris Bryan.

Heathy Lea 25/26 April

Friday night arrived and with it the prospect of bad weather for both Saturday and Sunday, However as it turned out Saturday was excellent being the best day so far this Spring. Pam and Nodge Norris were the only people to turn up on Friday, but Saturday saw Stuart Haywood, Pam, Nodge, Amber the dog and myself off on a circuit of the Eastern Moors. We soloed routes on Birchens and Froggat, but were stopped at Tegness due to other people being on the classic route, at least that's our excuse. The return took us across Big Moor and Ramsley Moor to return along Gardom's. The dog was cream cracked! after a great meal in the Wheatsheaf we met up with Brian West and Freda Raphael for a few pints before returning to the hut.

Next day brought the prospect of a good day's climbing, but it was not to be. By 10.00 am the heavens opened and the promised rain arrived with a vengeance!

Thanks to all who turned up, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

John Green

SHORT NOTICES

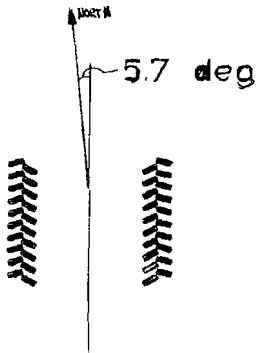
Steve Bennet has been ~~coerced~~ volunteered into serving as a committee member in place of Tony Raphael who retired at the A.G.M.

Change Of Address

Tim Cairns is now at
23 Teversal Avenue,
Nottingham NG7 1PY
(phone 0115 9482283)

BRAIN TEASER

The third millenium saw an acceleration of moral decline. No one was interested in the sustained effort of classical mountaineering. The young wanted a quick fix like drugs or bungee jumping. The old suffered gout and impotence and played with electronics. The National Park collected local taxes and bought vast tracts of land, only to subsequently ban public access. Warden/enforcers were equipped with nuclear powered tractors with computerised active suspension so that they could travel at a governed 30 kph over any terrain. One such espied an elderly group of throwback Oreads at 010 640 heading West towards Skyline Buttress at 3 kph. The tractor was at 010 660 and the angle between true North and the tractor axis was 5.7 degrees (see sketch). The Achilles heel of the tractor was its very large turning radius of 50 m. at a governed speed of 10 kph. What was his time, in seconds, to intercept?



Welsh Highland Railway

Shirley Wainwright, as secretary, has received yet more correspondence from the National Park Ranger in Rhydd Ddu, acting for the local anti - railway pressure group. This was replied to in a factual way regarding the Oread's interest in the matter, and we are still, in my opinion, in an information gathering phase rather than in an immediate crisis position.

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Friday 26 June* It is *essential that all material reaches me by Thursday 18 June* I look forward to hearing from *Dave Weston, Mike Hayes, Roger Larkam and Richard Coghlan*

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