



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 2001

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Jun 30 (Sat) H/L Barbeque
Jul 7/8 Llangollen
Jul 11 (Wed) Dovedale
Jul 14/15 North Wales
Jul 28/29 Gogarth
Jul 28 -Aug19 Lofoten islands

(KEITH GREGSON, DAVE JONES, ROB TRESIDDER, GEORGE REYNOLDS, SHIRLEY WAINWRIGHT please read note at end of newsletter.)

July 7/8 Llangollen Richard Coghlan

Llangollen Tourist Information Office have confirmed that all footpaths and climbing areas in the vicinity are open.

This is intended to be a one day climbing meet on the Sunday and some people may decide to drive out just for the day - it's only two hours from Derby. However, I shall be camping at Wern Isaf (Grid Ref. 223426) just underneath the castle on Saturday night. The campsite fee is £3 per person per night, irrespective of number tents. If you decide to join me, you may see me at the campsite or in the bar of the Bridge End Hotel (about 10 minutes walk down the road).

The climbing venue is Craig-Y-Forwen, better known as World's End, the best crag in the area for middle and lower grade climbs (but there are plenty of E5s if you fancy a go). The climbs are limestone and less than 25m high, so a short rope will suffice. Craig-Y-Forwen is at Grid Ref 234478 in the Eglwysseg valley running North of Llangollen.

If you need a lift or more details please contact me on 01332 865934 or 01283 548096.

July 11 (Wed) Dovedale Paul Gardner

It's that time of the year for a beautiful summer evening amongst the spires of Dovedale. I won't be climbing due to a very inconvenient 'frozen shoulder' but I suggest that we all, climbers and walkers, gather after the sun sets at The George in Alstonfield.

14/15 July The Lakes Gill Heys

At the time of writing the situation regarding FMD in the Lake District is improving, but still unsettled. Access to the High Fells and crags is limited and it isn't entirely clear how much walking is available or how to approach some of the high level crags (many low level crags are not available for climbing).

In view of this and after talking over the situation with a few other members, I have decided to move the meet from the Lakes to North Wales. Here, the opportunities for climbing and walking are no longer restricted. Due to a cancellation, I have been able to book Tan yr Wyddfa with Colin Hobday. If you would like to book a place please contact me at 01332 726052 (H) or 01332 591249 (W).

July 28/29 Gogarth Brian West

No introduction needed, just one of the best crags in the country.

I shall be camping at what used to be called the 'Valley of the Rocks' site, presently home to the Anglesey Sea & Surf Centre. SH 236805.

Take the coast road NW from Trearddur Bay. After 3km turn right at Porth Dafarch, then shortly right again into site entrance. Bear left past buildings then blunder about in gorse bushes as usual.

Saturday I expect to be climbing on the Main Cliff then swimming in the surf. Let us hope there is no causal connection between the two.

Queries to me on 01332 880034.

Hut bookings for July/Aug

BOTH HUTS ARE OPEN FOR USE SUBJECT TO ANY FOOT AND MOUTH RESTRICTIONS IN THE AREA. FOR SNOWDONIA INFORMATION. WWW.SNOWDONIA-NPA.GOV.UK

TAN - YR - WYDDFA.

July 2	Paul Howe	10 beds
July 6/7	Gentian M.C.	16 beds
		+2 in Oread room
July 13/14	Oread meet	
July 16-20	Phil Heaton	12 beds
		+2 in Oread room
July 23	K Fellfarers	2 beds for week
July 27-Aug5	A.Smedley	9 beds

HEATHY LEA

July 6/7	Vibram M. C.	cottage/barn
July 13/14	Midland Ski Club	cottage/barn
July 28/29	A.Smedley	cottage
Aug 10/11	Oread meet	cottage/barn

Please note this list is only correct at time of going to press. All members are advised to check availability with the hut booking secretary before going to either hut.

SHORT NOTICES

For Sale

Pair of Grivel 2F, 12 point, adjustable, step in crampons. NEVER BEEN WORN!! Price £50 ono.

Contact Jill Chartier-Hollis on 01332 591132.

Parking at Tan-Yr-Wyddfa

The Railway company has fenced off the land at the side of TYW, ie. our usual car park, for use as a builder's yard. Please park on the approach track. You may be subject to a parking fee, but this point is being negotiated with the National Park Authority. For now it is best to put a notice in your windscreen saying that you are resident at TYW.

If you require further details please contact Chuck Hooley or Colin Hobday.

NEXT EDITION

Unfortunately I will be otherwise occupied the end of August (I am getting married). I also notice that there are no meets in August (excepting Lofoten Islands) until the Bank Holiday at the end of the month. I therefore propose to

(a) Put out the August newsletter later than usual, some time during the week beginning 13th Aug.

(b) Run the August and September newsletters together.

I am sorry that September's meet leaders may have to prepare for their meets a little earlier than expected.

For the Aug&Sept edition it is essential that all material reaches me by **Thurs August 9th**. (but the earlier the better) I look forward to hearing from **KEITH GREGSON, DAVE JONES, ROB TRESIDDER, GEORGE REYNOLDS, SHIRLEY WAINWRIGHT** and whomever may want to lead the TYW family meet (Sept 8/9).

Articles in the form of Word (.doc) attachments to E-mails are preferred, but floppy discs sent through the post are also welcome.

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