



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Newsletter

September 2004



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The wandering meet returns to its roots this year with a weekend in the Dark Peak. I plan to meet up at the Yorkshire Bridge Inn on Friday night from about 9.00 p.m. for an hour of Oread rounding up before moving on to Fairholmes and the abandoning of cars.

A couple of hours brisk walk should find us at the luxury Lower Small Clough Cabins (for those who have been before you know what to expect and those who have not, well, it's better not to ask!)

Entertainment is usually provided by at least one of the party but we will probably not be able to surpass John Green the human fireball or Daryl getting lost in the middle of the night with just his underpants for protection against the December frost.

Saturday will see us heading for Grinah Stones and Bleaklow Head where we pick up the Pennine Way continuing over Kinder and Jacob's Ladder to our haven for the night at Upper Booth Camping Barn. For those still with some energy the Pub at Edale might be in range but mere mortals like myself will make do with what we can carry.

Sunday will probably depend on how we have survived the previous 2 days as we make our way back to the cars.

Accommodation is unlimited at Lower Small Clough but we are restricted to 12 sleeping places at Upper Booth (a second night out is traditional anyway) so get your names on the list quickly if you want some shelter. As it's a campsite as well they have no restrictions on the number of Oreads bivvying but the person I spoke to did question our sanity!

If you are not up for the full weekend adventure then please feel free to join us for the Saturday evening and Sunday walk – The more tents, food and alcohol you can bring the more welcome you will be. More details, lifts etc., ring me on 07771700913.

December W 15

Black Rocks

Rob Tresidder

Unlike the Dash this meet is never cancelled! My journal last year notes that I arrived at the rocks after everyone had left and got to The Rising Sun only just before closing! So doubtless I didn't get a pie and pea supper. No need to pre-order. I have warned the publican of our plans.

This meet will be a chance for the rockjocks to reassert their supremacy over the bog trotters who held sway at the weekend and an opportunity to mull over sore feet and stare at nearly indecipherable digital images on camera backs.

New Year

Tan-yr-Wyddfa

Rock Hudson

There will be an informal meet at Tan-Yr-Wyddfa over the New Year period. Go when you want and stop as long as you like. There are still places available. Please book through me if you have not already informed Colin Hobday. I hope all those there will join in a communal buffet on the evening of Friday 31st. I've fixed up good weather, booked a professional fire lighter and a full time instructor on how to close the new fire doors. I would welcome any ideas for passing the evenings. Last year there was a great atmosphere, which I hope is repeated this year

I can be contacted on 0115 9333031 or e-mail jmhu@bgs.ac.uk

January Sa 1

New Year Walk

Clive Russell

This meet falls into the older traditional category. No physical challenge is presented and only a limited number of starting venues are logistically possible. As such its appeal is not universal, but many will be unable to resist the absolute guarantee of fine weather, peerless views and underfoot conditions, scintillating dialogue and negligible exertion or discomfort.

All this can be enjoyed by those assembling at Alsop Station Car Park (Pay and Display), on Tissington Trail off A515 (map ref. SK 155 549) a few minutes before 11 am, with a view to actually moving off at 11.

The infirm will be cajoled to descend to Alsop village itself and cross the hill to Alsop Moor Cottages then via Iron Torrs and Gipsy Bank. The chronically infirm can go straight up the trail to the top of Iron Torrs and reduce the distance still further. (Note will be taken of choice of route).

January Tu 4

Canadian ice & Arizona rock Steve Christian

Ever wondered what the American dream might mean to climbers? The show will start by looking at rock climbing on granite domes in one of the desert regions of Southern Arizona, an area called the Cochise Stronghold, once home to the legendary Indian brave Geronimo and the last known retreat of the indigenous population of the USA. This will contrast with part 2 of the show, a journey north to the Canadian Rockies in winter, to view just a few of the ice climbing opportunities available for the committed.

January 15 & 16

Cairngorms

James Tubby & Neil Weatherstone

We are planning to return to the Cairngorm Lodge Youth Hostel at Glenmore. The hostel is ideally located just 5 minutes drive from the ski area car park.

Our intention is to do some winter routes in Coire an't Sneachda, which at 45 mins walk from the car park is one of the most easily accessible winter climbing venues. There is a

wide range of routes from grade 1 to 6 making it ideal for climbers at all levels from beginner upwards. Other mountaineering options include climbing in some of the outlying (and quieter) areas or taking in some long winter routes with the 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th highest mountains in Britain all within a days walk.

Saturday evening will be spent at the Glenmore Lodge bar, with its carpet that will make every climber jealous and smoke free atmosphere. There are self-catering facilities at the Youth Hostel, Glenmore Lodge bar does meals for those who don't want to cook.

An early start from Derby on the Friday night is recommended as the youth hostel door is locked at 11:30. However we should be there by about 10:30 so will hopefully find a way to let any late Oreads in. There is a campsite over the road should all else fail.

There are currently plenty of beds left at the youth hostel. We intend to make a booking on Wednesday 15th December. Please let one of us know by then if you would like a bed booking for the weekend.

After the 15th December you can phone the hostel direct (details below) to book beds. Please let us know if you do that and we will help to co-ordinate lifts and climbing partners where necessary.

Cairngorm Lodge (Loch Morlich) Youth Hostel, Glenmore, Aviemore, PH221QY
tel 0870 0041137
James Tubby- jamestubby@hotmail.com, tel 01332 571166
Neil Weatherstone- weatherstone@ntlworld.com tel 01332 726116 (mobile, for use on the trip 07946825798).

***Hut bookings* DECEMBER**

HEATHY LEA
3/4th. P. Bielfield 2 beds
10/11th. Aylesbury C C. cottage/barn
17/18th Brighton Explorer Group cottage

TAN-YR-WYDDFA
3/4th East Grinstead CC 16 beds
10/11th Vacant
17/18th Vacant
Christmas Vacant
New Year 5 beds

Please note that I will be away from December 2nd. until the 12th. Any hut bookings to Chuck Hooley

Colin Hobday

Meets list 2005

2005	DATE	MEET	LEADER	CONTACT
January	Sa 1	TAN-YR-WYDDFA	Rock Hudson	01159 333031
	Sa 1	ALSOP-EN-LE-DALE	Clive Russell	01335 390369
	8 & 9			
	15 & 16	CAIRNGORMS	James Tubby	01332 571166
	22 & 23			
	29 & 30	AMMH Ballachulish	Chris Radcliffe	01246 569134
February	5 & 6			
	12 & 13			
	19 & 20			
	26 & 27	TAN-YR-WYDDFA	Derek Pike	01332 670459
March	5 & 6			
	12 & 13			
	Sa 19	AGM	Derek Pike	01332 670459
	Su 20	SPRING STRIDE	Keith Gregson	01332 792147
Easter	26—28	CALANQUES	Tony Howard	01332 273307
	W 30	RAINSTER ROCKS	Rob Tresidder	01629 823953
April	2 & 3			
	9 & 10	TAN-YR-WYDDFA	Nick Evans	01332 774221
	16 & 17			
	23 & 24	HEATHY LEA WP		
BH	30—2	PEMBROKESHIRE	Simon Pape	01629 583089
May	7 & 8			
	14 & 15	HEATHY LEA	Keith Gregson	01332 792147
	21 & 22			
BH	28—31	CORNWALL	Daryl Kirk	07841 880883
June	4 & 5	TAN-YR-WYDDFA WP		
	11 & 12	LEYBURN	John Green	01332 832101
	Su 19	SUMMER STROLL		
	25 & 26	GOLDEN OLDIES	Merle Gartside	01286 872044
July	2 & 3	HEATHY LEA	Brian West	01332 880034
	9 & 10	TAN-YR-WYDDFA BBQ	Tony Howard	01332 273307
	16 & 17			
	23 & 24	Derbyshire school holidays start		
August	6 & 7			
	13—20	LUNDY	Pam Storer	01623 432560
	20 & 21			
BH	27—29	N PEMBROKESHIRE	Keith Gregson	01332 792147
September	3 & 4			
	10 & 11			
	17 & 18			
	W 21	Last evening meet	Derek Pike	01332 670459
	Su 25	AUTUMN AMBLE	Colin Hobday	01332 551594
October	1 & 2	SEATHWAITE	John Green	01332 832101
	8 & 9	HEATHY LEA		
	15 & 16			
	22 & 23			
	29 & 30	TAN-YR-WYDDFA	Tony Howard	01332 273307
November	Su 6	DOVEDALE DASH	Rob Tresidder	01629 823953
	12 & 13			
	Sa 19	ANNUAL DINNER		
	26 & 27	CONISTON	Tony Howard	
December	3 & 4			
	10 & 11	BULLSTONES	Derek Pike	01332 670459
	W 14	BLACK ROCKS	Rob Tresidder	01629 823953
	17 & 18			
	24—	CHRISTMAS AT TAN-YR-WYDDFA		

Advance notices

Oreads have been invited by the Derwent MC to a lecture by George Lowe (Nilkanta 1950, Everest 1953 etc.) at The Fishpond PH in Matlock Bath on Wednesday 23rd January. George Lowe will show the official film of Viv Fuchs' TransAntarctic Expedition (1955-1957). George was the official photographer for the expedition. Donation to the Himalayan Trust, so small admission charge.

August 13-20

Lundy

Pam Storer

C'n - treat yourself!! An ideal 'get away from it all' break. If aching limbs dictate a rest then good beer and food is at hand. Sadly the days of Puffin Ale are gone. Or why not explore the island's wildlife or search for the famous Lundy cabbage or swim with Nipper the seal?

Accommodation is available for 14 in the well equipped barn - £84 per person. No carting tents up the hill or battles with raging winds.

How do we get there? Flights £69 per person return or boat crossing £42 per person return.

Why not extend your holiday? Prepare yourself for Lundy on famous hard rock routes, with a few days in North Devon - or wind down on Dartmoor after the trip.

Are you interested?

Contact Pam on 01773 789329 or pam_storer@hotmail.com

BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

2005 meets list

Enclosed, as promised. There are still some gaps. Are you as dismayed as I am to see how few Oreads are volunteering to lead meets? C'mon do your bit! A lot of the leaders are already serving the club on the committee.

At the request of colleagues I have included phone numbers of meet leaders though I struggle to see whether this has sufficient value to repay the boring grind of looking them up, copying them and checking I haven't made any silly mistakes. Your views please.

Rob Tresidder

Membership Fees for 2005

These are now due:

Full Member	£26.00
Family Members	£39.00
Senior Member	£13.00
Senior Family Members	£19.50

Prospective Member £13.00

Please make all cheques payable to Oread Mountaineering Club.
Thank you.

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Newsletter publication and circulation

I have included a colour photograph for the first time this month. With a file size six times the rest of the newsletter, I'd like to know whether you think it worthwhile. In particular has it jammed up your system? BTW (for those of you who weren't at the dinner) pic shows Mike Hayes receiving one of his two trophies from the President. This one portrays in vivid three dimensional detail Michael's bravura driving performance on the North Pembrokeshire meet in August. Many thanks to Chris Radcliffe for the excellent shot.

I intend to publish the newsletter on the first Tuesday of each month. Those who receive their copy electronically should find it in their inbox sometime during the day. Printed newsletters should be available in The Royal Oak. Those not collected will be posted, second class, the following day.

The next newsletter will be published on the first Tuesday in January 2005 the 4th. Please let me have all copy ASAP and in any event not later than Sunday 2nd. The following edition will be published on Tuesday the 1st. February.

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