# **OREAD MC**

### **NEWSLETTER**

July 2004

# Forthcoming events

| July   | 10 & 11 | Tan-yr-Wyddfa BBQ   | Tony Howard   |
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|        | 24      | Saastal             | Michael Hayes |
| August | 28 - 30 | North Pembrokeshire | Keith Gregson |

July 10 & 11 Tan-yr-Wyddfa BBQ Tony Howard

Summer in North Wales: the very phrase brings back memories of hot & sticky days in 'The Pass' or Tremadog, baking at Gogarth, or best of all - pleasant afternoons hiding from the heat on Cyrn Las, Cloggy, Craig Yr Ysfa, Llech Ddu, or Lliwedd.

The weather will be brilliant (straight face here) and on Saturday night we will be having a BBQ along the same lines as last year. You should bring your own food & drink. I will provide some BBQ machines & a little aperitif.

If you want to come along, please let me know ASAP.

# Tony Howard

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from July 24 Saas-Grund Michael Hayes

Just another gentle reminder for those with Summer holidays still to plan then why not join this year's Alpine meet to the Pennine Alps. So far we have over 30 Oreads booked on the meet and many more expressing an interest.

Robin Beadle who uses camping Schönblick as his base has kindly booked the site for us and we should have our own field to take over.

Mountaineering objectives are many and range from the surrounding 4000m peaks to bolted rock. The Lagginhorn and the Täschhorn are high on the longlist I have.

As usual there will also be some members arriving earlier and leaving later depending on when people can get holidays.

If you need any more details then give me a call.

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### Touching The Void

Oreads who missed 'Touching The Void' the first time round may be interested to know that it will be showing at the Metro in Derby from Friday 23rd to Tuesday 27th July.

Contact details for Metro: 01332-347765 or www.metrocinema.org.uk

#### Art exhibition

There will be an exhibition of watercolour paintings by Harry Pretty entitled "From the Arctic to the Antarctic and places in between" at "Gallery 93", 93 Belper Road, Derby from 4th to 11th September.

The Gallery is open Monday to Friday from 2 till 7 and on Saturday and Sunday 10 until 4, or by arrangement. Telephone number 01332 364574.

There will be a private view on Friday 3rd September from 6.30 till 8.30. All are welcome.

# Past events

Cwm Eigiau Meet 12/13th June 2004

Friday 11th June saw a motley crew of Oreads leaving the car park to walk up to Cwm Eigiau hut. However, the weather had other ideas! It started to rain, just drizzle to get us going but full blown rain before we arrived. All soaked and cold, the only thing to do was drink! Saturday was cool and dry, but cloudy, Derek and Freda did Pinnacle Wall, with great antics for the audience on Ampitheatre Buttress, something about a rope getting stuck I think. Saturday night we consumed large quantities of wine with our specially prepared spag. bol, à la Tony. Sunday was

beautiful, warm, sunny and clear. So nice in fact that everyone simply botanised in the quarry, all that is except Freda who shot off round the cwm edge by Craig yr Isfa.

A great weekend. Thanks to all who came Derek and Joan Pike, Barbara and Tony Smedley, Freda Raphael, Vince & Allison Smedley. I hope to see you all in another four years.

John Green

#### THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE

I have been upbraided for not publishing a notice of the Duke's death. Sorry. Andrew Cavendish succeeded to the dukedom in 1950 (shortly after the founding of the Oread!) As well as being a good landlord to the club he was also a very good friend. He generously agreed to be patron of the Derbyshire Himalayan Expedition in 1961 and clearly derived pleasure from Harry Pretty's invitation to write the Foreword to the Jubilee Journal in 1999. The Duke was once asked whether he belonged to the London club, Pratt's. He replied, "Actually Pratt's belongs to me." Did he ever say the same of the Oread? I hope not! The secretary of the Oread wrote a letter of condolence to the Duchess from whom he has received a courteous reply. RT

# HUT BOOKINGS July

#### **HEATHY LEA**

July 18th, Chris Wilson 2 beds. No other bookings.

#### TAN-YR-WYDDFA

July 2/3rd Austrian C C 10 beds.

July 7/8th W. Clark 4 beds.

July 9/10th. Oread meet.

July 12/13/14/ Hucknall M C.July 16/17th. T.T.C. 6 beds.

July 23/24th G Gadsby whole hut.

THE HUT WILL BE CLOSED FROM THE 26th JULY FOR 3/4 WEEKS SO THAT VARIOUS ELECTRICAL AND FIRE SAFETY WORK CAN BE CARRIED OUT.

PLEASE NOTE THAT I WILL BE AWAY FROM JUNE 25th.UNTIL

# JULY17th.. ANY HUT QUERIES TO CHUCK HOOLEY.

Colin Hobday

# Newsletter publication and circulation

I intend to publish the newsletter on the first Tuesday of each month. Those who receive an electronic copy should find it in their inbox sometime during the day. Those receiving the printed version can collect it from The Smithfield in the evening. Uncollected newsletters will be posted second class the following day.

I shall publish the next newsletter on the first Tuesday in August — the 3rd. Please let me have all copy ASAP and in any event not later than Sunday the 1st. The September edition will be published on Tuesday the 7th.

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