

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Newsletter
Tuesday, 7 June
2005

Forthcoming events

June	11 & 12	Leyburn	John Green
	18 & 19	Lakes	
camping		Roger Larkam	
	Su 19	Summer Stroll	CANCELLED
	W 22		
Folies ^ plusieurs		Rob Tresidder	
	25 & 26	Golden Oldies	Merle
Gartside			
	25 & 26	Joint Meet LCCC	Tony Howard
July	2 & 3		
Heathy Lea		Brian West	
	9 & 10	Tan-yr-Wyddfa BBQ	Derek Pike
August			
13 - 20	Lundy	Pam Storer	

June 11 & 12 Leyburn John Green

This meet is based in a camping barn at Craken House Farm near Leyburn in Wensleydale. OS99, GR 121895. The barn has all the usual facilities on a £1 slot meter. It sleeps 12 in bunk accommodation. The cost is £12 per person, for both nights. It is about a mile to the pub. The barn has been used in the TV series of 'All creatures great and small'. We last visited this area a few years ago at Masham, and I seem to remember everyone having a really good time, as there is a nice mix of limestone and gritstone features, close by.

The intention is to explore the area by bike. It has very many small roads and tracks, and so it should be fun. Please ring me on 01332 832101 to book your place. I shall be away from 4 to 18 May. Please leave a message on my machine.

June 18 & 19 Lakes camping Roger Larkam

This year we are once again camping in Stonethwaite, Borrowdale (GR NY266134). Not too much explanation needed of the virtues of this idyllic spot, sufficiently detached from the fleshpots of Borrowdale, at a riverside campsite on the edge of the Borrowdale fells.

Last year a good turnout of folk from near and far, and brilliant weather, made this the mountain camping destination of the summer. The necessary blend of gossip, update, incisive jest, and physical endeavour was achieved with, at least for some of us, some challenging route exploration and life threatening concern on Lining Crag and Bleak How; British mountain days as they should be. If lowland absorption of the mountain scenery is more your style, there are many low level alternatives including beck dipping to be had in the rocky pools of Langstrath Beck 1/4 mile from the campsite.

See you at the site Friday evening, or Saturday breakfast (I prefer no sugar).

June Su 19 Summer Stroll

CANCELLED

Pity that I have been unable to inspire a single walker to draw in some of those not part of the regular rambling coterie. Rob

June

W 22 Folies ^ plusieurs Rob Tresidder

Talking of coteries, plotting

Wednesday evening cragging Òen clubÓ has become an electronic affair.

So I hope that the electronically equipped will join me and the hardcopy climbers on... No, itÕs going to be in ÑÈthe Burbage valley: north if itÕs chill, south if itÕs sweltering, Higgar if youÕre feeling thuggish, CarlÕs Wark if you are seeking the esoteric and the whole lot if you want a mountaineering evening! I hope some walkers will step out with us too. All ending up in the Fox House. Come and be very foolish with me!

June 25 & 26 Golden Oldies Merle Gartside

To take advantage of the

longest days of the year, I suggest we bring our own food, to eat whenever we return, and eat outside. The weather will be brilliant Ñ I promise.Ê I think we shall have a good turnout, regardless of the fact that we are now sharing the week end with LCCC.

Names to Merle by phone or e-mail, no later than 25th June

June 25 & 26 Joint Meet LCCC Tony

Howard

We have been invited to join the Lancashire Caving & Climbing Club for a meet at their Tranearth Hut in Coniston. It is a great location for climbing on Dow or in the Duddon. They have arranged for a BBQ on Saturday night (for details see below). This looks like being a really good meet in a fine location. If you want to come along, please let me know ASAP.

Their organiser is Chris Wheatley. He has provided the following information about arrangements for the weekend. I will meet him in the Black Dog on Friday evening. You are welcome to do the same.

[I'll be in the Black Dog in Torver from 9:00 pm Friday evening.

The grid ref of the hut is SD 281957 and it will be open from about

20:00 (possibly earlier). Further details of the hut at [HYPERLINK](http://www.lccc.org.uk/huts/index.html)

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the bottom of the lane leading up to the hut or there's a private car

park at the top of the lane (essentially a small field - lane very

narrow at the top). Please do not drive cars beyond that car park

(impossible with a normal car anyway) and please do not park anywhere else along

the lane (important for relations with locals). Its a 10 minute brisk

walk from the top car park to the hut - just follow the bridle

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path.

The bridle path will cross a beck (gate just before and concrete bridge

over the beck). Turn immediately left after the bridge. 50 yds to the

hut which is visible from the bridge. Bring sleeping bags,

food, drink.

If you intend to climb on Dow then carry climbing gear to the hut. I'll be providing Charcoal and baked potatoes for Saturday night. Up to everyone else to bring what they want for the BBQ. The hut has all the

usual facilities. No dogs (club rule). Camping in grounds allowed.]

Tony

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July

2 & 3

PC @ Heathy Lea

Brian West

This weekend, Heathy Lea hosts a seminar aimed at the more socially aware amongst us. As we celebrate our diversity we shall not laugh at each other: we shall laugh with each other.

Friday evening:

Brainstorming Techniques. A focus group meeting in the Robin Hood, ending possibly with a Big Issue.

Saturday: Interaction with the Environment: a hands-on approach, Kinder Downfall Ravine will certainly provide the approach, and may well exceed our expectations with the environment.

Sunday: Towards an Integrated Transport Policy. Your facilitator will take questions on this specialist subject: pedalling to the pub. I do feel that I ought to share my expertise with fellow Oreads. I'm just that sort of chap.

So that's it. Kinder on Saturday, no point in arriving before the sun, so we should be there 1pm onwards, staying into the evening, if fine. If you don't want to climb, come for the walk.

Sunday

usually takes care of itself. I shall be taking an easy-paced bike ride to Elton, lunching at the grand old Duke of York. We shall leave Heathy Lea at 10.30 am and I intend to walk up most of the hills. Almost any bike will do; and almost any body.

Any enquiries to me on 01332

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July

9 & 10

Tan-yr-Wyddfa BBQ

Derek Pike

For those of you who

have never ventured onto one of these meets the weekend starts as usual by meeting on Friday evening at T.Y.W. Saturday will as usual be spent walking, climbing, biking, or avoiding the rain. In the evening while the BBQs are being lit and the steaks, sausages and anything else that comes to mind are being blackened on the outside the participants of this eagerly awaited repast will be destroying their braincells on alcoholic beverages. The evening will pass in convivial conversation, food and more drink before everyone eventually drifts off to bed.

Sunday will

take care of itself.

A nominal charge of around £5 per head is levied by the meet leader to defray the expenses incurred by members providing additional food [beyond that which all members usually provide] and also to myself who will provide some of the alcohol. I shall provide a number of disposable BBQs for everyone to use but I would be grateful if some

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members could provide their own.
If you would like to attend
this by now popular meet please give me a ring on 01332 670459 and book
your bed.

Past events

Mayday South Pembroke

Thirty four Oreads and
friends travelled down to Pembroke for a May Day weekend climbing on
the lovely steep limestone in the south of the county. Many routes were
climbed, beer and wine was drunk and a good time had by all.

Some of
the highlights. El Pres visited a new pub (allegedly). Vicky Howard led
her first routes - she's now climbing harder than her father. A rare
appearance was made by Daryl Kirk. Roger Gibbs seemed to have problems
staying above the water level. Derek's new caravan only seats 11 -
you'll need a bigger one for August. Radcliffe expressed his desire to
drive one of the tanks at Castlemartin camp. Whatever Derek did on
Sunday frightened him into going to church in the evening. Fatboy set an
all-time record for pfaing by not leaving for the crag until 2.30 - he
later claimed it was part of his training for Sloth.

All that remains
is a visit to Range West ...
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Notices

T-y-W an HMO?

In the beginning

(April 2003) was the letter. It was addressed to the treasurer, its
content somewhat vague, and so was shelved until the next committee
meeting. The Hubub Committee elders felt unease, and that a little respect
was called for. Communication was established. Hence - the visit.

At the
appointed hour the inspector arrived and proclaimed that the great
Gwynedd had declared Tan-yr-Wyddfa to be a House of Multiple Occupation.
Subsequently he hurry-caned the hut (why do Michaels always travel at
speed, and in circles?) and departed, leaving a list of essential fire
safety measures amounting to £7400 (ex VAT). The assembled Oreads became
Dry-ads and felt exceeding wretched.
There followed a pilgrimage to the
great Mountaineering Council to plead the case of all outdoor peoples.
Proclamations were made and there were many to-ings and fro-ings. Other
Cwm dwellers in the west buried their heads and hid in hobbit-like
seclusion. The learned elders were consulted by the Council (£1500) and the
words 'Obey humble' came forth (£750 apiece). However there were notable
outlawyers who conspired to comfort with rumours of legal doings within
the great chambers of Britain. Notably 'Mancunian the chair', 'Pelf the
stylish' & a troglodyte Brummie elf, and a small local group based in
Hoo Land were privy to whispers in the great halls.

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Meanwhile (in

March 2004) those Oreads blessed with trussed ears received 'Minded to
Notices' under the seal of the great Gwynedd, threatening fines of £300

if the forthwith was not acted upon thirdwith or sooner. Diplomatic bags were exchanged between the carysmatic Princess Allwin of Gwynedd and Hoo Lee the grey from Hoo Land. These exchanges were of great impotence - so Hoo Lee would have us believe. But lo! Princess Allwin was with child, and looked kindly upon the mountain nymphs. At a momentous meeting at the Black Pass under Wyddfa, a compromise was reached between Princess Allwin and Hoo Lee (representing the mountain nymphs). A promise of financial help was given in order that the ÒhutÓ could be upgraded to a ÒcastleÓ that no dragon could destroy. The Hubub Committee perceived that the main evil at T-y-W was the Y-ring and so declared war on the Y-ring and the HMO designation, thus forming a fellowship under the aegis of Hoo Lee the wise. And so the great work began.

Fortifications were carried out during the monsoon season (which occurs during August, give or take half a year, in Cambria), concluded in September, and were passed by Gwynedd in October! Meanwhile confirmation came from the Office of ÒTwo-JagsÓ via the ÒHillÓ minister; that mountain huts are not to be classified as HMOs - much to the relief of all Oreads, the BMC, and all other hut dwellers throughout the land.

Thus it came about that:

T-y-W is not an HMO.

T-y-W fulfils the fire regulations accorded an HMO with no obligation Ð an Òall winÓ result.

The total cost to the OMC was £10540, less £3730 grant from Gwynedd CC, = £6810.

The OMC-HSC (mainly

Chuck) made over 60 phone calls, wrote 40+ letters and emails resulting in a file of some 400 pages, researched the WWW and Hansard, made five dedicated visits to Wales, and attended countless hours of meetings and consultations.

For those interested the H.S.C. has a condensed history, which Members are welcome to peruse.

Keith Gregson

Hut bookings

HEATHY LEA

June 10/11th. K Fellfarers cottage

June 11th. C

Wilson barn.

June 24/25th. Cave and Crag (to be confirmed).

July

1/2nd. Oread meet

TAN-YR WYDDFA

June 3/4th. Oread work party.

June 10/11th. A.B.M.S.A.C. whole hut.

June 17/18th. Tuesday C

C 8 beds.

June 24/25th. Oread meet ??????

July 1/2nd.

vacant.

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Huts reciprocal rights amendment to handbook.

K. Fellfarers, the

telephone number should read, Hugh Taylor, 01539
815089

Advertisements

Challenge Cancer Through Adventure

People are still sending me sponsor

money which is great and I thought you might like more info about the core
group of people that the charity has been built around. I have
attached this - there is also a website that you can visit

www.challengecancer.org.uk

So keep that money rolling in please. Thank you.

Dawn

Profiles

of 'The Seven'

Dave Baines

I am a Freelance outdoor activity

instructor, and development trainer, living and working in the Peak. In 1993 I
was diagnosed with bladder cancer and had five operations and a dose of
chemotherapy, which took a year out of my life. I thank god I have
been healed of it, nevertheless each annual check up there is always that
nagging doubt

I recognise that as well as this I am one of those very
fortunate individuals who get paid to do what I would normally do for
fun. Working in the outdoors has been a huge blessing, and I try to
pass some of this on to others in the work that I do.

Don Mabbs

Age 46. I

am Irish, and a climber. I have been climbing since I was 15 years
old. I am a Qualified Teacher and Outdoor Instructor, teaching adventure
activities. My focus in outdoor education has been accessing adventure
activities for disabled people, having been head of an Outdoor Centre
in the Peak District, (Dukes Barn), for the last nine years.

I was

diagnosed with a thymic tumour in April 2002, whilst climbing in America,
resulting in surgery and radiotherapy in the UK. Believing the cancer
was beaten I was given a terminal diagnosis with a thymic tumour and
secondary lung cancer in October 2004. I continue to enjoy an active
lifestyle whilst health permits.

Joan Williams

I developed breast cancer at

the age of 36 and had a full mastectomy followed by chemotherapy and
radiotherapy. I have now been free of cancer for over ten years.

My

involvement in the outdoors is through working at two outdoor centres in
the Peak District, although this work is office based! I provide the
sole administrative support to both centres.

As my 40th birthday

approached I took up fell running in the Peak District and completed my first
race as a lady vet! I didn't finish in the front few but wasn't last
either.

Through work I have had the opportunity to try climbing and
caving, and in the last couple of years have become addicted to skiing.

Colin Higginson

Age 45. I have been climbing from the age of 15, having

lived in the village of Danesmore in Derbyshire for the whole of my

life. I have been an Outdoor Instructor for the last 20 years, working primarily with children with disabilities and underprivileged backgrounds.

I was diagnosed with testicular cancer in 2001 whilst climbing in Spain, where the cancer was operated on and removed, to be sent back to the UK to receive chemotherapy, where I am still receiving treatment.

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Claire de Faye

In 1984 at the age of 29, I was diagnosed with an aggressive type of cervical cancer. I had a radical hysterectomy which showed that there had been a spread to the nearest lymph node so I then had a month long course of radiotherapy to zap any remaining cancer cells. I made a rapid recovery and was soon back to climbing, running and participating in mountain marathons with little more than a daily dose of HRT and a rather impressive scar to remind me of the experience.

More

than twenty years on, I am still very active, working full-time as an outdoor education teacher and adviser. My current ambition is to take part in a triathlon but I have a lot of work to do on my swimming technique.

I got married six years ago to Roger who has similar interests. I have no children of my own, though Roger has two grown-up daughters from his previous marriage.

Dave Edwards

Dave Edwards was born in Blackburn, Lancashire and started caving whilst at school. He began instructing caving at Whernside Manor in the Yorkshire Dales before moving to the Buxton area in 1976 to join the staff at the White Hall Centre. Dave soon widened his range of instructing skills to include rock-climbing, canoeing, sailing, orienteering and mountain biking. He was an active member of the Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation from late 1970s to 2003.

For the latter part of his career at White Hall, he was Deputy Principal, before leaving in 1998 to set up his own business, 'Dave Edwards & Associates' which continues to provide a wide range of exciting outdoor programmes for colleges, schools, corporate businesses and youth groups.

In April 2004, Dave was diagnosed with small-cell lung cancer. Over the spring & summer, he responded well to a 6 session chemotherapy treatment and in the autumn was back running courses, enjoying a Derbyshire biking holiday and Sardinian climbing with his two sons. Mid-November saw him canoeing with friends and colleagues in Scotland, but sadly in December the cancer regained its hold and he died peacefully on 27th January 2005.

Dave's amazing ability to inspire love of the outdoors in others and encourage them to push their boundaries is evident in the many stories people recount. He organised caving trips to the Vercors, canoe tobogganing on winter slopes and many intriguing problem solving challenges for friends and clients! He was always determined to live life to the full and the always positive and courageous way he faced his final challenge was typical of his philosophy, 'Always look on the bright side'.

Dawn

I am 58 yrs old. I have lived and worked in Derbyshire for thirty years, I am a keen mountaineer, climber and fell runner. In July 2003 I was diagnosed with advanced ovarian cancer. I had had no

real symptoms and had been climbing and fell running the week before my diagnosis! After major surgery and a course of chemotherapy along with complementary therapies I achieved a partial remission. However I have now had a recurrence of cancer and have recently restarted a course of chemotherapy as well as continuing with all my complementary therapies.

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Brainteaser

SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S TEASER

The key to the problem

is to be aware that the vee of a cross country tyre points to the rear. The rest is easy. WNW is 292.5 deg. With an offset wall to touch, the least overall distance occurs when the first leg points to the mirror image of the destination on the remote side of the wall. This leads to two legs at +/- 45 degrees to the direct route or

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337.5 and 247.5. On

leg one, the tyre lugs point 22.5 and 292.5. On leg two, , the tyre lugs point 292.5 and 202.5. The answer is therefore 292.5 degrees.

No

solutions were offered last month.

A noted mountaineer, after years of

being the hardest man around, unexpectedly encountered domestic bliss fairly late in life and succumbed to its debilitating effect. In consequence, he was finding it harder to get about the hills. and decided that the quad bike would help him keep up with the younger generation.

He

ordered the machine at an agreed price of £4750 and paid using cash that Gordon didn't know about. Just at that time, a price reduction to £4000 was announced but the unscrupulous salesman pocketed £350 and only returned £400.

£4350 had therefore been paid out, nett, which added to the £350 the salesman kept, made £4700. What happened to the remaining £50?

6 free range eggs will be delivered to the author of the most concise and meritorious solution in the opinion of the Editor.

Newsletter

publication and circulation

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 will be posted, second class, the same day.

The next newsletter will

be published on 5 July. Please let me have all copy ASAP and in any event not later than Sunday, 3 July. The edition after that will be published on 2 August.

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