



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Newsletter

Tuesday, 4 October 2005

Forthcoming events

October	8 & 9	Heathy Lea	
	29 & 30	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	Tony Howard
November	Tu 1	Indoor meet	Tim Cairns
	Su 6	Dovedale Dash	Rob Tresidder
	Sa 19	Coniston	Tony Howard
	Sa 26	Annual Dinner	Derek Pike

October 8 & 9 *Heathy Lea*

No leader has been forthcoming for this meet. The hut is booked, so why not just pop along and see what gives.

October F 21 *Trafalgar 400* *KM Hardy*

Quatercentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Sadly Jane and I will be towelling down in Athens airport after our epic swim round the Aegean, but I suggest that ascents of Nelson's Slab and Trafalgar Wall would be especially appropriate!

MeetsSec

October 29 & 30 *Tan-yr-Wyddfa* *Tony Howard*

"N... a Curry Meet"

This year in place of a curry, I thought we should celebrate our mountaineering predilection and have an 'Alpine Meet': that is we should go out and climb the longest climbs we can find, and feast on alpine food and drink afterwards. There will be a resounding 'hurrah' for the person who climbs the longest climb on Saturday, and who achieves the highest total footage of routes. Afterwards we will (I hope) dine on goulash, apfelstrudel and gluwain etc. washed down with more gluwain, French or Italian wine & German beer (if you can find your own)!

The cost for the food will be about £5-6/ person payable over the weekend itself. Some places have already been booked but there are still quite a few left. If you would like to come & join us, please let me know ASAP.

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November Tu 1

Indoor meet

Tim Cairns

Phil Baker who used to climb a bit with the Oread will be speaking on Alaska, Norway and La Grave

November Su 6

Dovedale Dash

Rob Tresidder

Probably Britain's biggest, oldest, muddiest fun run. 1100 start. Aim to arrive by 10 to register and meet old friends. Training should be directed at getting round 4.75 miles, a fast downhill start and an exhausting uphill finish.

November 19 — 20

Coniston

Tony Howard

I have booked the church hall in Coniston again for 19th-20th November. This is only a week before the Oread Annual Dinner, so I do not propose to have a communal meal – unless there is a strong appeal for one. However, the Lakes at this time of year can be very entertaining and should offer good walking and/or climbing at a time when the exercise will do us all good. If you would like to come & join me, please let me know ASAP.

Tony Howard. [contact details as above].

November

Sa 26

Annual Dinner

Derek Pike

[see below]

Past events

Pembroke - August Bank Holiday (The Gregless Meet)

Whilst the "so-called" meet leader was indulging himself in the North Wales fleshpot of Rhydd-Ddu, the South Wales contingent were enjoying an unrivalled week of sunshine, crossed guy lines, horse boxes reversing over Nick Evans' tent (occupants still inside), the one and only rain cloud which Radders brought with him and went back to Chesterfield with him. There were plenty of other activities such as surfing, climbing, walking canoeing, and the obligatory visit to the Rosebush and the Sloop. The sociability factor was at an all time high with 52 members, friends and kids enjoying each other's company. Highlight of the week was Derrick and Joan Pike's double Ruby Wedding Anniversary celebrations with plenty of drinks all round. The "Oldies" achieved a new route on the Pembroke cliffs. Appropriately they called it "Septuagenarian VS".

A good time was had by all.

Anon

Advertisements

"An Evening of Extreme Mountains" with Andy Kirkpatrick and Ian Parnell at the Buxton Opera House on Tuesday 22 November starting at 7.30 p.m.

Himalaya (Saf Minal and Everest), Patagonia, California, Alps etc.

Tickets are £9 and £11 bookable through the Opera House booking office on 0845 1272190 or boxoffice@buxtonopera.co.uk.

Chris Bonington says of it...

"Andy is one of the funniest of Britain's top climbers and you could argue that Ian is amongst the brainiest - between them, they represent what is best in modern British climbing - boldness, innovation, sense of humour, irreverence, commitment and an appetite for risk - you're in for a great evening"

Alpine chalet available

Nick & Kath Donohue (both members of the Derwent MC so they know some of the O...) have a chalet in the Haut-Giffre valley, 9 miles NW of Chamonix (Grand Massif s...ea). The chalet sleeps 10-12 and is available throughout the year for self-catering, B&B or catered accommodation.

For more information please visit www.alpineelephant.com or e-mail info@alpineelephant.com or phone +44(0)1629 824506 or +33(0)450 967684

Research On Women Climbers

I am a PhD student at Leeds Metropolitan University in the Carnegie Faculty of Sport and Education. I am studying the experiences of women climbers and am currently looking for women who would be willing to take part in a very informal interview where we would discuss climbing and their lives.

Rachel Dilley

[If you would like to help Rachel, contact her via 0113 283 6288 or R.Dilley@leedsmet.ac.uk]

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The next newsletter will be published on 1 November. Please let me have all copy ASAP and in any event not later than Sunday 30 October. The edition after that will be published on 6 December.

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