



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Newsletter

Wednesday, 1 March 2006

Forthcoming events

March	4 & 5	Patterdale	Stuart Haywood
	Tu 7	Indoor meet	Tim Cairns
	18 & 19	Black Sheep	Pam Storer
	Sa 25	AGM	Derek Pike
	Su 26	Spring Stride	Rob Tresidder
	W 29	First evening meet	Rob Tresidder
April	1 & 2	Heathy Lea	LEADER SOUGHT
	15 — 17	St Martin-de-Londres	Gill Heys
	22 & 23	Heathy Lea WP	
	29, 30 & May 1	Cadair Idris	Nick Evans

March 4 & 5 Patterdale Stuart Haywood

Following John Green's 'abdication' in favour of the Canadian Rockies and the 'white stuff' I will now be leading this meet. I think it's fair to say that everyone, irrespective of their particular mountaineering preference will be aware of the numerous attractions which are easily reached at Patterdale so all we need is some luck with the weather.

As this is the first Oread meet at Patterdale for a couple of years following the hut's recent 'makeover', demand for this traditional late winter meet is bound to be high. Bookings are already coming in so book early to avoid disappointment! Andrea and I plan to arrive in Patterdale late afternoon on Friday and no doubt we'll meet everyone during the course of the evening in the White Lion. However to book your bed please contact me on either 01332 834449 or 07836 314 403. If I'm not available leave me a message and I will get back to you.

March Tu 7 Indoor meet Tim Cairns

Mark Vallance, President of the BMC and founder of Wild Country will talk to the Oread on "My Life and Times." This will include: Peak Rock, Wales, Cornwall, Scotland, the Alps, Antarctica, South America, Colorado, Yosemite, Himalachuli, Xixabangma, Broad Peak, Everest, Canyonlands, New Zealand, plus a Peak District Quiz - with prizes.

March 18 & 19 Black Sheep Pam Storer

A meet with a difference... climbing on one of Yorkshires best kept secrets (Slipstones) during the day and touring Yorkshire's best brewery in the evening. All this can be followed by supper and beer in the brewery, secure in the knowledge that a warm bed awaits at Leyburn Camping Barn.

Other possibilities include exploring the Dales by bike or gentle strolls in Nidderdale.

A weekend to look forward to! Interested? Contact Pam: 01773 789329 (day); 01622 432560 (evening); pam_storer@hotmail.com

March Sa 25 AGM Derek Pike

The 57th A.G.M. of The Oread Mountaineering Club will be held at the Bear Hotel Alderwasley on the 25th March 2006 at 8.00p.m.

Derek Pike, Hon. Sec.

Committee 2006/7:

So far, the following nominations have been received prior to the AGM on 25 March:

President: Rob Tresidder

Vice-president: Tony Howard

Treasurer: Simon Pape

Secretary: Derek Pike

Meets secretary: Neil Weatherstone

Newsletter editor: Stephen Bashforth

Hut custodian: Chuck Hooley

Hut Booking Secretary: Colin Hobday

Librarian and archivist: Rock Hudson

Nominations close on 11 March.

March Su 26 Spring Stride Rob Tresidder

Details have yet to be finalised! The walk will be designed to make best use of the TransPeak bus operated by TrentBarton which leaves Derby at 0955 and Matlock at 1037. Ask (preferably electronically) me for details or collect a flyer at the AGM.

March W 29 First evening meet Rob Tresidder

This will follow a similar format to previous years. Main action at Harborough Rocks, sideshow (what me?) at Rainster. If wet, I will lead a gentle run round the dolomite pinnacles: Inaccessible, Pinder's, Jeffcoat's, Rainster. Depart from below St James' Church, Brassington at 6.30 p.m. Could be later if you lobby nicely. Afterwards, The Miners' has the friendliness, The Olde Gate-the ambience. Hard call!

April 1 & 2

Heathy Lea

LEADER SOUGHT

Like so much, this plea seems to have fallen on deaf ears. The only point of our tenancy is to use the hut. Unlike T-y-W it does not support itself. So the hut is booked, no leader has emerged. I hope many of you will make the most of it and enjoy the beginning of summer. RT

Events

Tan yr Wyddfa Meet 18/19 February 2006

The promised snow did not arrive on time! Some was deposited on Saturday on the north side of the Carneddws but not enough for climbing. In the best tradition of the Oread M.C. we still managed an excellent weekend. Teams were dispatched as far away as Rhoscolwyn and as near as Snowdon. A crack team of young climbers even managed to claim routes on the Moelwyns, after repair to their motor! The evening of Saturday was enjoyed by a roaring fire with Welbourne and plenty of wine. Some of our number went to the Cwellyn for a pint and were locked out on their arrival back in the early hours of Sunday. Taking pity on them Sylvia came down in her night attire and let them in. The excuse was "We'd forgotten our key".

Sunday saw bird watching, a traverse of part of the Nantlle ridge, climbing at Tremadog and walking at Lyn Brenig. A good weekend in fine company, what more could one ask of life.

J.Green

Advance Notice

Next Winter

I know it's a long way off, but in view of the poor conditions in Scotland this year, some of us are planning a long weekend to the Alps next winter. The venue has yet to be decided, but we're planning on flying out on Friday January 19th and returning on Monday 22nd. I'm looking to book the flights as early as possible (to get the best prices), so if you're interested, please let me know.

Simon 07813 616563

Notice

Someone has removed batteries from the door closing devices at Tan-yr-Wyddfa. This is a serious and stupid practice which could invalidate our insurance policy. Anyone involved with removing batteries will be dealt with severely. Any faults with system in the huts should be reported to a member of the huts sub-committee at the earliest opportunity.

Keith Gregson

Hut bookings

HEATHY LEA - MARCH 2006

March 17/18 Coventry M.C. cottage + barn

March 31st/April 1st Oread Meet

April 7/8th Dave Helliwell cottage + barn

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

3/4th March Y.R.C. 16 beds

10/11th March Southern Trekking 16 beds

17/18 March Buxton M.C. 16 beds

24/25th March York A.C. 16 beds

31st March/1st April South Cheshire 16 beds

Application for membership

An application for membership has been received from James Pike. Comments in support (or otherwise I suppose) of this climber to our secretary, Derek Pike.

Advertisements

For sale

Captain's Cabin bed – individually built in solid attractive grained wood. Very sturdy and would probably take bolt-ons if you wanted the youngsters to get the feel of climbing their way to bed rather than the boring old-low level routine! Good large desk area below. Four decent sized shelves. Can e-mail picture to anyone interested. Snip at £150.

Contact Tony Raphael on 01509-672175 (evening) or 07813 760 334 or e-mail me at tony.rafael@astrazeneca.com

FREE TO A GOOD CLIMBING HOME

Ernie Phillips wishes to dispose of 12 assorted new climbing holds, complete with bolts and instruction leaflet. Anyone who can put them to good use, please contact Colin Hobday tel. 01332/551594 or e-mail under

colinanduschi@onetel.com

for viewing or collection.

Subscriptions

Could I remind Dave and Judith Appleby, Roger Larkam and Ian Tucker that subscriptions need to be paid by the AGM? Full members £26, Senior Family Members £19.50. Cheques to me at 41 Intake Lane, Cromford, Matlock DE4 3RH.

Newsletter publication and circulation

Since my successor will not be confirmed in post until just a few days before the next edition, I intend to publish that as well as this one. It will come out on Friday, 31 March because I shall be away in the first week of April. ~~Please~~ **let me have all copy ASAP and in any event not later than Tuesday 28 March.**

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