



# July/August 2008

## Oread M.C. Newsletter

### Editorial. (Last Date for next edition 27/08/08)

Hi Everyone. This is a double edition covering July and August. Tim Cairns has pointed out that we now have a new climbing wall actually in Derby. It is called Alter Rock and is at St. James Church, Malcolm Street, Derby, DE23 8LU. 01332 367200. They have a web site [www.alter-rock.co.uk](http://www.alter-rock.co.uk).

As the Alpine Meet time is here again, we will probably be travelling to new places around the world, as well as our own meet in the Ecrin, so it is worth remembering that the club does still have a get together after the committee meeting, as published in this newsletter. So come along and let us know what you have been up to. I have also found out that I am expected to "do" a journal at the end of the year! It would be very useful if those of you who have, or are, travelling to far away places, could let me have a write up of these for this years attempt.

Many Thanks.

### Forthcoming meets.

<b>July</b>	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cwm Eigiau	John Green	01332 832101
	Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting - Smithfield		
	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Roaches and Ye Olde Rock Inn	Neil Weatherstone	01332 726116 07946 825798
	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tan yr Wyddfa – Joint meet with K. Fellfarers	Neil Weatherstone	01332 726116 07946 825798
	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> -	Alpine Meet – Dauphine Alps	Simon Pape	01629 822450 07813 616563
<b>August</b>	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Alpine Meet – Dauphine Alps	Simon Pape	01629 822450 07813 616563
	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	North Pembrokeshire	Derek Pike	01332 670459 07876 238312
<b>September</b>	Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting - Smithfield		
	Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Heathy Lea Barbeque, Bonfire and Beer	Neil Weatherstone	01332 726116 07946 825798
	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Eve	Last Evening Meet and Curry	Simon Pape	01629 822450 07813 616563
	Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Tan yr Wyddfa - Leader to be announced.	Bookings to Colin Hobday	01332 551594
<b>October</b>	Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Heathy Lea	Colin Hobday	01332 551594
	Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tan yr Wyddfa I Curry Meet	Tony Howard	01332 273307 07762 268181

## **Esoteric Grit –Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July. – Neil Weatherstone.**

I suggest a second attempt, to make the most of the maximum evening light and venture West to the Roaches (I'll be on the lower tier) and Ye Olde Rock Inn (Upper Hulme) afterwards. See you all there.

## **Tan yr Wyddfa 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> July Joint Meet with K. Fellfarers – Neil Weatherstone.**

We have been invited to join the K-Fellfarers at their annual meet to TYW. There will also be a joint meet next February at the K Fellfares hut in the Lakes. I realise that this weekend clashes with the Alpine meet, but for those who are still around and fancy meeting up with fellow climbers and walkers from a kindred club, please drop me a line and I shall co-ordinate from the Oread end. Neil Weatherstone ([Weatherstone@ntlworld.com](mailto:Weatherstone@ntlworld.com) or 01332 726116)

## **Alpine Meet: The Ecrin - 26<sup>th</sup> July – 9<sup>th</sup> August. Tony Howard/Simon Pape**

The meet will be based at 'Le Verger' campsite near La Roche-de-Rame; about 2km south of Argentiere-la-Bessee & roughly 20km south of Briançon. To distinguish it from other campsites nearby, it's roughly 800m north of La Roche-de-Rame and 400m east of the main road ( Tél. / Fax : 0033 (0)4 92 20 92 23; [www.campingleverger.com/](http://www.campingleverger.com/)). Map: IGN Carte de Randonee 3537ET Guillestre.

The location offers options for climbing high peaks in the Ecrin, walking in the Queyras as well as valley based rock climbing & via ferratas – some of which are very challenging. There are also a large number of rock routes on peaks up to 3000m in the Cerces – just north of the Briançon – Col du Lautaret road. The area is generally known to have better weather than much of the Alps. So all-in-all we should be in for an excellent holiday. I have made a booking for nine of us so far, including Hayes's & Papes, Richard Hopkinson, Steve Bennett & myself. If you would like to join us please let me **and** Simon know. [It will be difficult to contact me between 8<sup>th</sup> June & 9<sup>th</sup> July; I will be in Peru].  
Tony Howard

## **North Pembrokeshire, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Derek Pike.**

This Meet seems to have become one of the Oread's great social occasions with a large turn out of members, their families and guests, I hope this years meet will be no exception. For the few who have never been, we will be camping as usual at Rhossan Ganol Gr.S.M. 726252 which is situated only a few hundred yards east of the lifeboat station at St.Justinian overlooking Ramsey Island. The entrance [which is usually guarded by a row of wheelie bins] to the campsite is on your left as you come over a slight hill about two miles west of St.Davids. We will be camping in the top field as usual.

The site, being in close proximity to the coastal path, offers easy access for walking or climbing, or sitting around taking in the excellent views. You may even witness the lifeboatmen setting fire to the grass on the cliffs, with a stray flare and the entertainment given to a large audience gathered on the coastal path whilst the fire brigade try to put it out. A short drive or a bus ride will take you to the climbing areas of Carreg-y-Barcud , Porth Clais or Craig Coetan, even the limestone in the Castlemartin area of South Pembrokeshire is within reach in about an hour or so. Don't fancy climbing? Take a boat ride to Ramsey Island, try Dolphin spotting, or try the Ship Inn in Porthgain.

I do not think it is necessary to book a place as everybody just seems to turn up when they can, usually Friday night early Saturday morning. If you want any more info or directions please feel free to give me a ring on 01332 670459.

**Derek.**

## **Curry Meet – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.**

As has become traditional, I shall be booking a table at the Matlock Bath Balti to mark the end of the summer evenings. Full details will appear in the next newsletter, but if anyone wants to come, please let me know.

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## Reports from past meets and news. Patterdale – 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Despite a fairly ugly weekend weather forecast 18 Oreads amassed at the George Starkey Hut on Friday evening.

Throwing caution to the wind a small determined group, namely John G, Brian, Chris Bryant, Tim and the Raphael's made an Alpine style start on Saturday morning and were rewarded with a traverse of Striding Edge, Swirral Edge and Catstye Cam in full winter conditions before descending into Glenridding in order to shelter from the oncoming rain and enjoy the benefits of a well known hostelry!



*Tony Raphael on Striding Edge – March 2008*

Others elected to be more cautious and either ascended St Sunday Crag, stayed in the valley or crossed into Martindale and returned via Ullswater, while Kevin & Margaret had an abortive fishing expedition.

Nevertheless the end result was the same; everyone arrived back at the hut desperately needing the services of the drying room which worked overtime throughout the afternoon and evening!

Sunday began much the same resulting in a leisurely start and an early dispersal as members sought sheltered 'possibilities', local tourist attractions or headed home.

Thanks to everyone who came along (John & Syl G, Tim, Brian, Pam & Nodge, Kevin & Margaret, Chris & Roy, Pete & Ali, Freda, Rock, Chris and Tony) and in particular the Sunday morning cleaners!

Stuart

## Cornwall – Spring Bank Holiday.

Around 25 Oreads, families and friends enjoyed the usual delights of Cornwall. Climbing was undertaken at Bosigran, Chair Ladder and Sennen. After a bad day on Bank Holiday Monday, the weather improved greatly, and campers visited beaches, walked the coast path and paid our final visits to Cove Cottage for their wonderful cream teas. This is the last year for cream teas at St.Loy as they are retiring. Some members went to a performance at the Minack Theatre. Roy Eyre.

## 2008 Annual Dinner Notice

Just a reminder that the Oread annual dinner will be held on Saturday 15th November at The Bear, Alderwasley. The cost will be approximately £30 per head. Further details of the event will appear in the September and October newsletters. Neil Weatherstone

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## Annual Dinner – Help Wanted

We're introducing a prize at this year's dinner. This will be awarded to the Oread who has demonstrated the worst case of mountaineering incompetence during the past year. You know the sort of thing: leaving your ropes behind on an abseil; leaving your dentures at the top of a route. This prize is currently going under the working title of the Bent Screw Award, so I need you to "screw" your climbing partners and report their misdemeanours. I've a couple of nominations already (and I'm particularly keen to learn why Mssrs Burgess and Bolton failed to make the pub on a recent expedition to Wild Cat) so please don't be shy and get in touch.

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## Heathy Lea

By the time you read this in the Newsletter, every Member of the Oread should have received a Questionnaire about Heathy Lea. If you haven't, I apologise. I must have made a b\*\*\*s up, it's not uncommon. If you are one of these unfortunates, please let me know as soon as possible. If you've received a Questionnaire and you are not a Member, then it was also a mistake! If you received a Questionnaire, either by post or by email, and haven't yet returned it, then I assume that this is your error and that you will rectify it as soon as you stop reading the newsletter.

The leases for the cottage and barn are due for renewal in 2009 and at the AGM motion to relinquish them was defeated almost unanimously. However, beyond their retention there seems to be some uncertainty about just what we actually want and can do with them. With this in mind we are undertaking a review, the foundation of which is the members' views and opinions. That's what the questionnaire is for. A big thank you to the many who have already returned them.

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## The 'Longest Wednesday' - The Roaches 18th June

The planned 'Longest Wednesday' meet to the Roaches was abandoned due to heavy rain and showers. A couple of Oreads who seemed very keen to use their passes out despite the weather ended up aid climbing hanger-less bolts in the caves of Doveholes in Dovedale. This worked up a thirst that only the IPA at The George could slacken. The lack of hangers certainly made things more interesting. As the Roaches is such a good place to go I suggest we try again in July (Wed 16th) and meet in Ye Olde Rock Inn (Upper Hulme) afterwards.

### Thanks.

Pauline, Brian and David Wright would like to thank everyone from the Oread for their cards, tributes, flowers and support. They would especially like to thank the large number of club members who attended the funeral and those who went on to the Keepers Cottage to celebrate Gordon's extraordinary life.

## Hut Bookings. For July/August

**Please note that hut fees should always be paid to me and no one else.**

Colin Hobday.

<b>Tan-yr-Wyddfa</b>		
July 4/5th	Vacant	
July 11/12th	Vacant	
July 18/19th	K.Fellfarers	Whole Hut
July 21-25th	<b>Hut closed for Maintenance</b>	
July 26-31st	Reserved for	

	members and their guests	
August 2-8th	J.Kenyon	6 places
August 14-18th	N.Weatherstone	6 places
August 31 <sup>st</sup> – September 7th	C.Cullum	9 places
<b>Heathy Lea</b>		
August 22 <sup>nd</sup> -25th	Lincoln M.C.	Cottage and Barn

### **FOUND AT TAN -YR- WYDDFA**

One red fleece jacket.

One LED head torch.

please contact Colin Hobday. I will be away on holiday from July 8th - 21st, any short notice bookings to Chuck Hooley please.



*Mike and Tony enjoying Sunset Slab*

### Note.

If you know of anyone who now has the newsletter by post, and can accept it by email, please let me know, It's quicker and in colour! Editor.

### New Members.

Mike Mowbray and Roger Gibbs were elected full members at the June committee meeting. We wish them well in their climbing with us.

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