

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

MEETS LIST SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 1973

AUGUST HOLIDAY 24 -27

SYMONDS YAT

N. ALLEN

Camping for this meet, is on a small undulating site on the left hand side of the road, to Symonds Yat Rock, from Goodrich (North) B.4229 and from Coleford (South) B.4432. The turn into the site is steep and a small chapel guards the entrance. Ref; 563 162 HEREFORD 142 O.S. It can be seen easily from Yat Rock at the foot of the steep final incline 50 yards to the North. The site is popular with canoe-ists or Ernie Phillips' "Tod-Puddle-Paddlers" so it is adviseable to spread cars around to reserve space. The climbing is good limestone. For Symonds Yat area there is a guide, but good obvious routes abound. 'Wyndcliffe' on the Monmouth Chepstow Road just after Tintern Abbey is good, and a cheap guide can be obtained written by Frank Cannings. Wintours Leap is also a fine crag in the Coleford-Chepstow Road area with many classic routes 300-400ft in length from V.Diff to Hard V.S. "Bottle Buttress to King Kong" I will be in the pub in Goodrich on Friday evening to welcome all comers. This is a lovely spot, just the place for a spot of courting with the usual game of spot the honeymooners providing most of the interest for the non-climbing ladies. Not a mountaineering centre but just the place for alcoholic crumpet watching crag rats

September 7-9

WELSH WALK

DIGGER WILLIAMS

If I can find some transport that's working it may be a chance to see me on the hills -but not alone, I hope. A traverse of part of the Black Mountains is the venue. This is a chance to see some of the grandest of South Wales, infrequently visited by the Oread. A suggested best route to the Friday night camp site, which is at Capel-y-ffin (Capel Farm J. Loyd) Map Ref; 255 316 O.S. sheet 141, is A38 to M6-M5-M50 Ross on Wye along the A49 to St. Owen's Cross Proceeding along the B.4251 to Cross Ash then N.W. to Llanwihangel and the B4423 track to Capel-y-ffin.

Saturday - traverse the eastern sector of the Black Mountains from the summit of Tal-y-cefn (2303) to Pen Cerrig-calch (2301) and descending to Crickhowell for liquid refreshment and the campsite at Gilfach Farm (m/r 204 192)

Sunday - Proceed by quickest possible transport or on foot West along the B4558 and then via the Duffryn Craenon track to the old Talabont railway line to the Blaen-y-glyn waterfalls (m/r 061 174) Then traverse the high ground to the Beacon Summit Pen-y-Van (2907) and Corn Du (2863) Finish up either on foot or the nearest transport pick up point towards Brecon. The logistics of transporting drivers and equipment will have to be sorted out on the spot and of course at the Wilmot Arms. Please contact me nearer the date.

SEPTEMBER 14 -16

NORTHUMBERLAND

P. Bingham

Map O.S. 77 Hexham

Of late this part of the country has been little visited by the Oread (apart from a stray Welsh Walk a couple of years ago) So for most of us it should be virgin territory (that should ensure the 'ram' section turns up) As regards mountaineering the nature is similar to the Peak District -rolling moors dotted with outcrops.

It will be a camping meet. The exact site is not yet (Aug. 6th) finalised, but at the suggestion of our resident expert (Brian Cooke) somewhere around Chollerford (G.R. 918 706) on the North Tyne would be a central base. From here the best climbing is probably on Crag Lough (G.R. 765 679, quartz dolerite, 88 routes, 60-100ft all grades)

and Great Wanney Crag (G.R. 935 835, fell sandstone, 30 routes, mainly V.diff/severe, 40ft)

The area abounds with walks crossing moorland, forests and rivers. The Pennine Way crosses Hadrians Wall near Crag Lough heading towards the Cheviots 20 miles to the north. The wall itself is always good for an educational stroll.

I will be going to sample camping and hostelrys during the third week of August and so by Aug 25th should know the whereabouts of a campsite. I will broadcast exact location and details in the Wilmot/Moon. Anyone unable to contact me there should phone me at home Derby 511517.

SEPTEMBER 23

CRATCLIFFE TOR

T. GREEN

It was only by a degree of persuasion amounting to intimidation that I persuaded Tom to lead this meet, and he intimates that it will Sunday only. There are however fine old-style routes at Cratcliffe, and early gritstone venue, with boulder problems at Robin Hoods stride and pleasant walking to Youlgreave or Elton in the supporting role. Please try and improve on the last attendance at Cratcliffe, you can hardly fail to do so in either quality or quantity since I was there alone.

SEPTEMBER 28-30

DOW CRAG

G. REYNOLDS

In spite of Burgess' complaint about going to Dow again, I have booked the Trenearth Hut (map ref 282 957) The hut sleeps 30, also there is camping in the field before the hut. The road to the hut lies a few yards north of the "Church House Inn" Torver. Cars can be driven up to the hut, but we are requested to leave them in a car park just past the farm. The area abounds with good climbing and walking, so let's have a good turn out.

OCTOBER 2

MEMBERS SLIDE EVENING

BIG REG

Traditionally the first indoor meet of the season, and a first chance to see what the Oreads have been doing during the summer. Don't miss this uncensored showing. Bring your slides a good turn out should ensure an enjoyable evening at THE ROYAL OAK, OCKBROOK

OCTOBER 5-7

LADDOW AND SHINING CLOUGH

P. JANES

Camping for this meet will be at the rear of the Crowden Youth Hostel in the Woodhead Valley (m/r 073 994) Peak District Tourist Map) I am intending to contact the warden with a view to reserving some space if this is possible. May I suggest that we climb on Laddow on Saturday and walk over to Shining Clough on the Sunday. The Saturday evening drink will be taken in Tintwistle where I am assured there is a good boozier.

OCTOBER 12 -14

BORROWDALE

C. RUSSELL

This is said to be England's Greenest Valley, and I really believe that it is. Climbing to every standard is available, Troutdale Pinnacle, Scafell, the Napes, Shepherd Crag, Kern Knotts, an endless variety of crags is within reach, whilst the hill walking is the finest in England, the view from Glaramara being exceptional even for the Lake District. Camping will be at the farm at map ref. 257 140, through a gate off the main B5289 on the left, just beyond the Stonethwaite turning !! Drinking facilities, like the performance of a Rolls Royce, are "adequate".

OCTOBER 19 - 21

WELSH HUT WORKING PARTY

J. WELBOURNE

Plenty of work remains at Tan wr wddffa- the second lintel is to be replaced, new guttering fixed and an internal wall plastered as well as many smaller jobs. Anyone, skilled or not will be most welcome and will be fully occupied, so please turn up and help the stalwart few who have done so much of the work in the Oread's two huts.

OCTOBER 27

PHOTO MEET

R. SQUIRES

The aspiring David Baileys' and Lord Ponys' of the mountain world, including Gordon Gadsby, are invited to attend at 7.30pm PROMPT at the Manners Hotel, Matlock St, Bakewell (our new venue) when their creations will be subjected to the full comey treatment.

The rules are as near as I can remember, similar to previous years, and as follows;

Sections

Home - Action
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Abroad - Action
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Club Interest

Closing date Tuesday 23 October 1973. Three slides should be entered in each section, making 15 in all. Don't enter last year's rejects, new and original works are wanted. All slides should be spotted in bottom left hand corner and labelled accordingly, but the owners name and address should not be marked on. Enter pre-packed in small slide boxes. The judges decision will be final. Judging will be by a well known guest, yet to be announced. Beer and sandwiches will be available.

P.S. Don't forget Heathy Lea is nearby, bookings to Ron.

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As from Tuesday September 4th the Tuesday evening venue will be THE MOON at Spondon. From the Derby end of the Borrowash Bypass head towards the Wilnot and turn right at the first island.

ADDRESSES

Please let me have your new addresses for the club handbook, including phone numbers. Closing date September 1st STRICTLY

Chris Radcliffe has moved to:

9 Purcage Court
Loundsley Green
Chesterfield, Derby

NEW MEETS CARD

Please can I have suggestions for meets during the six months from November onwards, in time for the next committee meeting on the first Monday in September. If you don't tell me where to go, then I will please myself, and I might appoint YOU as meet leader.