

GREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUBMEETS CIRCULAR JUNE / JULY 1974

JUNE 14-16

HEATHY LEANot Allen

Was it Burgess who said "we shouldn't have anymore Meets in the summer at Heathy Lea" Well we are, and he had better be there. This is a weekend meet, none of your day trippers, lets have you lot out. Friday night I propose to be entrenched in 'The Whetsharf' at Baslow and if not too much under the weather, the climbing will be in Chee-Dale on Saturday, where there are plenty of good climbs. Danglebury, The Stalk, Thin Thin Groove, Succulent Corner, Firefly Crack are all worth a doing. Chee Girdle is nearby and The Kern Knots of the Peak, 'Whistling Crack', is a must for everyone. With sufficient strength we will return to 'the Whetsharf' in the evening when Andy Oakden and Carnell will restart their 'ram-sipping' contest, this being the evenings highlight. Sunday, a brisk walk to Froggatt and Curbar where we should be able to give it hell all day. The good weather has been booked for two days so don't let 'Nobby' worry you with his weather forecast. Ladies are most welcome and Ray Handley and myself will be on hand to advise you how best we can. Letasese you all there, the first five people on Friday night get a free drink.

JUNE 19

BLACK ROCKSEVENING MEET

A traditional evening visit to one of the oldest gritstone venues. Don't miss one of the lightest nights of the year.

JUNE 21-23

BORROWDALEG. WRIGHT

Borrowdale needs no introduction. There is plenty of scope for rock climbing of all standards. Goat Crag, Black Crag and Shepherds Crag are all within easy walking distance of the campsite and plenty more are only a short drive away. The campsite G.R. 249158 is pleasantly situated amongst trees out of sight and sound of the road almost at the foot of Goat Crag. Take the main Borrowdale road from Keswick, turn right over the river at Grange and take a narrow lane on the left about 100 yards after crossing the river. The campsite is about half a mile along the lane. See me at The Moon to arrange lifts.

June 28-30

THE ROACHESR. CHAMBERS

Camping will be at the usual spot below Hen Cloud. I'll be there Friday evening, in 'The Hocklins' Depending on the weather, Saturday morning I propose to either climb on Hen Cloud or explore some of the smaller outcrops described in the new Staffordshire Gritstone Guide. I presume that everyone will want to climb on The Roaches themselves on Sunday, where of course there are many gritstone classics to be done. I'm hoping the weather is going to be good, so let's see a really good turnout of members old and new.

JULY 5-7

WELSH WALKJ. ASHCROFT

The Welsh Border country has been sadly neglected over the years by the Gread. This is an opportunity to rectify matters and hit the high spots in one weekend. Friday night will be camping Earlishill Farm, Pontesford G.R. 413 052 old 1' sheet 116. Saturday is planned to traverse Pontesford Hill, the complete length of the Stiperstones and Fole Bank on the Long Mynd. Saturday night will be spent at the Bridges - an accommodating sort of place with T.R., Inn and farmer who has in the past permitted Gread campers. G.R. 190 960 Old 1' sheet 120 Sunday will be a leisurely wander back to Pontesford and the cars skirting the Long Mynd. Those familiar with the area will appreciate the opportunities for standard and elite routes. One further note, there is a crag on the east side of Pontesford Hill - strictly standard. There should be time for rock on Friday evening or late Sunday for the enthusiast. For those lost at the start of the weekend - Friday night 10pm The Nags Head - on the right between Pontesford and Pontesbury.

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

AUGUST 23rd -26th

DUDDON VALLEY (AUTUMN BANK HOLIDAY)

MIKE HEN

Following an enjoyable bank holiday spent in this valley last year with a splinter group of Oreads, I have arranged with the proprietor to hold a meet on the same compsite this year. This is at TURNER HALL FARM - ref; 233965 o/s 1'. The site is elevated with superb views down the valley, and surrounded by dissected fields and woods. It is an ideal place for kids who love to explore. There are even clay slabs and boulders in the camping field. Toilet and water facilities are adequate (sorry no showers or shower points) Pub half-a-mile, shops four miles.

The Duddon Valley is green and pleasant with plenty of picturesque places to wander with the children. To the West Bee Crag and the other Conistone Fells are a pleasant walk away. to the North Hartar Fell provides a good afternoon's scrambling.

A short drive to Cockley Beck Bridge a stroll up Easedale and you are gazing down into upper Eskdale rimmed by Se-fell and Bow fell groups of peaks - plenty of climbing or splendid ridge walking here.

Approach A6/A590 etc as far as Easedale through Broughton in Furness, turning off at Duddon Bridge to Ulpha. There, ignore signs pointing over the fell to Easedale and continue straight up on the valley to Southcote. Through village (void in chapel) take track on right 500 yards past village. Right fork leads up steeply to Turner Hall Farm. Drive tortuously through foreground to compsite (voiding chickens and rocks) No access for car vans (sorry Ted). I hope to be in the Newfield Hotel in Southcote on the Friday night if anyone gets lost. See me in The Moon if you wish to give or receive lifts.