



EGCC Monthly Newsletter August 2008

News of ex-EGCC member, Darren Holman. He's just off for a seven week trip to Squamish Canada, a mini-Yosemite with trad, sport, bouldering and hiking on the agenda (lucky lad). Then, in September, he will be in Leeds for a 12 month Masters degree course and planning to live in the Otley/Ilkley area; visitors most welcome. Would any interested Facebook users please drop him a line at darrenjholman@hotmail.com as he is planning to post photos of his trip there.

I've just got back from 3 superb days climbing in Chamonix. There is a route called the Cosmics Arête that Jim and Stuart raved about a few years ago, so I thought I'd better check up on what those two youngsters had got up to. Well, firstly you pay a ludicrous sum to take a cable car to the Aiguille du Midi. Then you teeter down a steepish, narrow snow ridge and trudge past the tent city on the Mer de Glace to arrive at a bare rock face. What then? Any sane climber would put on his rock boots and whistle merrily along the ridge in grand style to the massed cameras of the admiring crowds at the Midi station. Oh no, no, that's just tooooooo easy. To make it difficult the tradition is to keep your crampons on, (whether there is snow or not) and so turn the crux into a scraping, scrabbling tussle trying, of all things, to front point on almost featureless Chamonix granite! Doh!

I'll be in Chamonix/Val d'Aosta mid August. If you are too, let me know and hopefully we can meet up. Reg

Meets Secretary Wednesday 6th August is the club's combined Monthly Climb and Social.
See below for details and watch out for emails as the 6th August approaches.

9/10th August - Away Meet in North Wales. Superb rock climbing, scrambling and pubs.

23/25th August - the highly popular Annual Away Meet in Cornwall. Wonderful sea cliff climbing and beaches and camping by the pleasantly green and uncrowded rugby club pitch.

Please let me know at jim.clarke@systemsensor.com if you are interested in coming to either or both of these so I can organise campsites etc.

Early Warning - 13/14th September we are off to Adrian's favourite climbing area, the Wye Valley.

Keep an eye on your emails as Wednesday approaches as last minute meets do get organised - for example there were 8 members at Stone Farm last Wednesday in response to that day's emails..

Reminder - to all club members help keep Stone Farm clean by taking a rubbish bag with you there in case there is any litter to clear up.

Social Secretaries **Wednesday, 6th August is the club's Monthly Climb and Social.** We are planning to have a combined climb and BBQ at Stone Farm Charcoal to be lit at 7.30. Bring your own food to burn and drinks to quaff.

Bike Ride Sunday 17th August on the North Downs. Meet at 9.00am at The Hurtwood Inn, Peaselake GU5 9RR. This is a couple of miles west of Holmbush St Mary where we usually meet.

13/14th December - Club Christmas meal in Snowdonia. We are now ready to take your bookings for the EGCC Annual Feast and are delighted to announce that our own Blue Cord chef, Lars, has once more been engaged to tickle and enrage your taste buds. Not to be missed. Will & Ann

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