



# York Alpine Club Newsletter

**April 2004**

## Chair's "Walk"

Rather than having a second Chair's Walk this summer, we're having a weekend's camping on **12th-13th June**, staying at the Condor Farm campsite in Dent.

Plenty on offer, from walking, climbing and mountain biking, to tea shops and pubs.

Let me know if you're interested, and if the numbers are high enough I'll try to book some space.

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**Simon C**

## Social Events

### Friday 6th May Evening Cycle & Food

Event will be weather permitting but with the intention of cycling to a pub outside York for food and refreshment in the region of 15-20 miles ride.

### Sunday 20th June Pub Cycle

Venue/route to be decided nearer the time. However, the cycle will be in the region of 30-40 miles with a spot of lunch in a pub.

### Sat 16th July YAC Annual Pub Crawl

### Gliding

I am waiting to hear back from some of the local airfields about the potential for a group gliding session. I have only heard back from York Gliding Centre (Rufforth) so far with details as follows; 2000ft aerotow (typically 10-15 min flight) £40

3000ft aerotow (typically 20-25 min flight) £50

£5 reduction for groups of 10 or more. Not at weekends.

I cannot offer further details until I hear back from the other clubs it appears from the web that Wolds Gliding Centre offer shorter (so presumably cheaper flights) but would need at least 10 people. Please let me know if you are potentially interested, so I can get an idea of numbers (other than Jennifer M).

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## Forthcoming Meets

### Ling Cottage - Torridon, Scotland

**Dates:** the nights of 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May 2004

**Coordinator:** Simon Fox

**Booking Commences:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2004

There are 12 spaces available (and also a YH a few miles away in Torridon village). Cost is currently unknown but I expect it will be "the usual" (i.e. £4 - 6)

**Hut Grid Ref:** NG 958 562

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### Wye Valley - Forest of Dean

**Dates:** the nights of 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June

**Coordinator:** Simon Caldwell

**Booking Commences:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Venue:** TBC

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### Goswick - Northumberland

**Dates:** the nights of 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> July

**Coordinator:** Rich Guest

**Booking Commences:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July

**Venue:** TBC

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As the meets over the summer are just camping meets the rules on booking onto the meet are obviously more relaxed. But please let the coordinator know if you plan to come along as some campsites may be too full to take all the the people planning to go along.

## Climbing News

Now the Summer's officially here we can all go storming up to our wonderfully 'soft-touch' local crags on Wednesday evenings, wondering where the coloured hand holds and foot ledges the size of pavements have gone and why we're having epics on VDiff's after leading 6a+ at the walls all winter.

Seems like theres been quite a steady influx of new climbers to the club lately so we should all look forward to some fun evenings and plenty of opportunity for everyone to get involved and have a go.

For those unfamiliar with Wednesday evening outdoor climbing with the club, we most likely will be visiting Almscliffe at first together with Brimham Rocks and then as the nights get longer getting out to venues further afield such as Wharncliffe, Peak Scar, Ilkley and Caley. Most of these crags can be found in the guidebooks 'Yorkshire Gritstone' (a particularly worthwhile buy for anyone reasonably serious about climbing) and 'Climbing in North East England'

Most of us tend to zoom off out straight from work, usually meeting at the crag about 5.30 onwards and any chance to offer lifts etc are a big help. I'm planning to print up some sheets for the newer members with cars about directions to the crags. I'll also be bringing the mat most nights for anyone who wants a go at bouldering and definitely be organising weekend trips down to the Peak for more time working on that technique.

Happy Cragging (lets hope for another scorching summer eh!!)

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## Sunday Walks

**May 9th** Calderdale. 13 miles around Hebden Bridge and Todmorden. Meet 10 am near Lumbutts Chapel

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**July 11<sup>th</sup>** Provisionally, Ingleborough and the Norber Erratics.

**Co-ordinator:** Volunteer required!

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I would like to organise a programme further ahead, but there is a lack of volunteers to co-ordinate and lead walks. If you want this to be a really club-based activity, rather than just a few of the usual suspects, then please participate!

And just to prove that they do sometimes happen.....

## YAC Walk Reports

### Sunday 8th February

Simon's Seat, Troller's Gill and Appletreewick, from Barden Bridge.

**Present:** Simon Caldwell, Carmen, Peter Evans and his friend Graham, Margaret, Rob Stone, Gordon Tailby, Dave Epstein and me.

Highlights of the day were:

- The advertised 11 miles was 13.1 miles on the GPS, which says something about my estimating.

- Cold, bright and windy weather, with excellent visibility from Simon's Seat; Drax power station, 40 miles away, was clearly visible, and there were snowy summits to the west.
- Troller's Gill was a delightful find: a limestone valley and mini Gordale Scar in the middle of gritstone country. There are a number of bolted climbs on the cliffs of the gill, and Rob did part of an E2 in gloves, deterred (perhaps) from finishing it only by the lack of someone to follow him up.
- A stop for lemonade, etc, at the pub in Appletreewick.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** Margaret Sinclair lead a walk over Plover Hill and Pen y Ghent from Littondale. 5 people (her, friend Owen, me, Gordon Peter). Bracing weather, nice view from the top of Pen y Ghent.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Helen Linklater lead this walk to Roseberry Topping and the Cook Memorial. Approx. 8 people. I can't remember the weather, but it certainly didn't rain *all* the time.....

Jonathan