



EREWHON BRANCH

CANTERBURY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

May 2008 marks the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Ashburton branch of the club, led by Tom Beckett and a small band of enthusiasts. The 50th anniversary was celebrated by the Jubilee expedition to the Kashmir Himalayas. This time our sights are a little lower but it should prove just as interesting. Erewhon members have been active in the mountains in many corners of the globe, but now is the time to return to our native patch.

The club's first outing was to Mount Alford, described so delightfully in words and drawings by Cuthbert Denham. From this modest beginning the Branch rose to a level of enterprise out of all proportion to its size.

A programme has been arranged to (hopefully) suit the interests of past and present members and friends.....

FRIDAY 30 MAY

Travel to the Winterslow cookhouse (courtesy of the kind permission of David Wightman) Stay overnight and in the morning go up Mount Alford or potter about the area. 4x4 vehicles will be available to transport less mobile folk into the cookhouse.

SATURDAY 31 MAY

Meet at the Gallery Room, Hotel Ashburton at 6 pm for the Anniversary Dinner (cost \$40 per person) This will be a great chance to meet old friends and mountain cobbles and relive with suitably embellished tales the desperate days of our youth...and middle age...and dotage. It is hoped that we will be graced by the presence of Professor Chowbok, Dean of Erewhonian Studies at the University of Otematata who will deliver a treatise on Erewhonian Psychology per medium of the magic lantern (if we can keep him off the turps long enough) The good professor thrives on audience participation so polish up your verbal darts.

Name(s)

I/we will be coming on the Mount Alford trip. Yes / No

I/we can provide a 4x4 vehicle. Yes / No

I/we will be coming to the dinner. Yes / No

Please return this info to Peter Bain, 85 Belt Road, Ashburton, phone 03 3086886 by 31 **March 2008-01-07**

To all past and present members, friends and partners