



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

## NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 2000

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Dec 5 Ockbrook Indoor meet  
Dec 9/10 Bullstones  
Dec 13 (Wed) Black Rocks  
Jan 1 (Mon) New Year Walk

***Dec 5 (Tue) Indoor Meet Royal Oak  
Ockbrook.***

8 p.m. Members' slide evening

It all seemed to work quite well last year on an ad hoc basis: just come with your pictures. The more you bring the fewer of mine you'll have to look at! Rob Tresidder.

***Dec 9/10 Bullstones Daryl Kirk***

One of the best kept secrets of the year, which will probably need Steve Hilditch's canoe rescue team, if this weather persists. The walk is from Marsden to Heathy Lea. A coach will pick us up from the Wheatsheaf at Baslow at 9.00 pm Friday 8th December. We will arrive approx. 10.00 pm. What time we leave to go onto the moors and where we sleep is still in the hand of the Gods. The same can be said for Saturday night, although food and a drink may be around the Yorkshire bridge area. Sunday will leave us what's left of the journey home to Heathy Lea. Please when you park at Heathy Lea, there will be a club there at the weekend, so park with consideration for others.

Please call me if you wish to attend There are 35 places on the bus.

***Dec 13 (Wed) Black Rocks***

Now long established meet that should need little introduction. Arrive any time after dark! There is usually a lot of very un-nymph like behaviour in and around Queen's Parlour

Chimney though sometimes more athletic performances have been observed in the Birch Tree Wall area. One year there was even a lot of ice. This year there is more November snow in the Cairngorms than anyone can remember. Maybe some of it will have made its way south by Christmas. Afterwards in the Rising Sun at Middleton. Several cycle to one or both parts of this meet. If you'd like me to reserve you a supper of the pie variety please let me know by the Sunday before.

Rob Tresidder

***Jan 1 (Mon) New Year Walk Clive  
Russell***

Meet on foot at the entrance to Ilam Hall at 10.45 am. It is suggested that you park at the main Dovedale carpark, but please do not assemble there. The route of the walk will eventually take you back to the bottom of Dovedale at the end of the day.

(Rusty has not given me any more details, so the route taken during the day will be a complete surprise - Ed.)

### FUTURE EVENTS

#### *Indoor Meets*

2 January 2001. This meet has been postponed one week. See below.

9 January. 8 p.m. The Red Lion, Wirksworth. Parking available in the Market Place or through the arch and at the top of the yard. Function room is upstairs above the arch. Bar. Es Tresidder will give an illustrated talk "Heights of Ambition: a year of learning fast". I understand this will cover rock and ice in Scotland, the Alps and Yosemite

## **Lofoten Meet 2001**      **Graham Weston**

The 2001 "Alps" meet will take place in the Lofoten Islands which are located just off the NW coast of Norway. I have never been there before but having studied the guidebook, and seen the video I am convinced that there should be plenty to entertain even the most enthusiastic of Oreads.

Having never been to Norway before I intend to take 2-3 days to drive to the Lofoten and arrive at the campsite around the 2nd or 3rd of August. There is a free campsite that has toilets and water at Kalle, (grid VR 725-646) which is about halfway between Kabelvag and Henningsvaer on the Island of Austvagoya.

This is the island that seems to have most of the documented climbing along with a "climbers cafe" and therefore seems to be the logical place to start. If the free campsite is not up to much it may be that we move to a paying site, (of which the guide says there are plenty) but that will have to be decided whilst there.

The guidebook for the area is: -

Climbing in the Magic Islands

Ed Webster (1994)

Nord Norsk Klatreskole, N-8330, Henningsvaer, Norway.

ISBN: 82-9931990-0-0

I got a copy from Outside but I think it should be widely available.

The maps of the area were obtained from: -

Mountain & Wildlife Ventures

Brow Foot

High Wray

Ambleside

Cumbria

LA22 0JE

015394 33285

<http://www.mountain-and-wildlife.co.uk/>

[Enquiries@mountain-and-wildlife.co.uk](mailto:Enquiries@mountain-and-wildlife.co.uk)

The chap there was very helpful and knowledgeable. He supplied me with 2 maps: - Vagan Kommune, 1:50,000 of Austvagoya. Lofoten (tourist map) 1:150,000 of all the islands (no grid).

If anybody would like more information please feel free to contact me.

All of the above along with some nice pics of the area is available at

<http://www.crosswinds.net/~oread/lofoten>

Graham Weston,

### **SHORT NOTICES**

Members who are parking cars at Heathy Lea on the Bullstones meet are requested to park up by the barn so as not to cause obstruction to the visiting club.

Please note this list is only correct at time of going to press. In recent months we have had some short notice bookings, all members are advised to check availability before going to either hut.

### **FOR SALE**

Skis/Cross country/Langlauf

1. Trax Edge XT 210cm Telemark style)  
Metal Edges - Rotefella (12-15) Bindings - Scales on Base
2. Fisher E99 Double Crown 200 cm (Telemark style)  
Metal Edges, No bindings, holes drilled in ski for binding. Scales on base.
3. Fisher Air Tech 200 cm  
Metal Edges, No scales on base. Rotefella Bindings (Telemark Boot)
4. Fisher E99 Crown 180cm Telemark Style - Metal edges - Scales
5. Fischer Double Crown X-Country Ski 210 cm
6. Fischer Fibre Crown X-Country Ski - Rotefella XC Bindings
7. Kastle Telemark 210cm - Rotefella Cable Bindings.

If there is no reference to bindings, then there are no bindings with the skis.

There are also some odd pairs of boots and poles available.

Telemark bindings clamp to the toe of your boot. Price - £ 25 without binding £ 30 with binding.

All these skis are new, high quality but slightly shopsoiled.

For more information, ring C. Hobday,

I have some odd boots and poles but forgot to make a note of them.

Telemark bindings are style that clamp the toe of your boot.

Price - What ever but £25 - £ 30 would be reasonable.

## WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY

The committee has received a letter from the Snowdonia National Park Authority in reply to the club's request for planning permission for direct access to the road at the bottom of the strip of land below the hut. The Park Authority has made two comments:

(i) There should be sufficient access to the hut **OUTSIDE** the authorised railway corridor. Permission given by the authority for temporary use of land by railway contractors will be conditional upon access being maintained to the hut.

(ii) In view of this our planning application will be held in abeyance until "we have further information which suggests that your club **WILL** lose its its existing access or car park or both".

The second comment is especially interesting, because it suggests that the Park Authority thinks should be able to continue parking on the Snowdon side of the hut.

## HEATHY LEA BENCH

A bench seat has been donated by Mr W.Hayes to Heathy Lea to celebrate the club's 50th anniversary year. The club would like to record its gratitude.

## SMITHFIELD

The committee has received comments from some members who would like to move our regular Tuesday evening meeting away from the Smithfield. The committee would like to canvas opinion on this matter. If you have any views on the matter please let any committee member

know your answers to the following two questions:

(a) Are you happy to stay at the Smithfield? (Yes or No)

(b) Where else would you like to go? (NB: must have spare room for committee meetings)

## 2001 MEETS LIST.

This has now "gone final" and a copy should be enclosed with this newsletter. Please use this to replace the provisional version sent out with the October newsletter.

## NEXT EDITION

I will be away over New Year and the first week of January, which may delay the issue of the January newsletter. If I have enough material by Dec 27th, I may publish an E-mail version on Dec 28th, but printed versions will probably have to wait until mid January. I look forward to hearing from **TONY HOWARD** and **ROCK HUDSON**

Articles in the form of Word (.doc) attachments to E-mails are preferred, but floppy discs sent through the post are also welcome.