



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2001

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mar 3/4	Patterdale
Mar 6 (Tues)	Ockbrook Indoor Meet
Mar 17/18	Tan-Yr-Wyddfa
Mar 24/25	H/L working party
Mar 31	(Sat) AGM
Apr 1	Spring Stride

March 3/4 Patterdale Colin Barnard

Once again we have the use of the excellent George Starkey hut (GR 394162 at the start of the Side Farm track), but places are already starting to book were in early January, we can look forward to some decent snow. I shall be sampling the ales in the White Lion on Friday night and look forward to your company there.

March 6 (Tues) Ockbrook Indoor Meet.

LAST INDOOR MEET OF THE WINTER

8 p.m. The Royal Oak, Ockbrook. David Seddon of the Eagle Ski Club will give an illustrated talk about ski mountaineering. He will show slides mainly but not exclusively of the Pyrenees, Turkey, Greenland and Svalbard (Spitzbergen). There will be a few of the Alps.

March 17/18 Tan-Yr-Wyddfa Keith Gregson

And lo, the waters shall part! - with any luck it will happen before this weekend. Whatever, we shall find things to do.

If the weather is good we'll doubtless be climbing snow and ice, preferably above Cwm Treweunydd (the Llechog face of Snowdon) away from the madding crowds. Failing that the Nantle Ridge appeals. Otherwise over the coll and down the Watkin to Llyn Dinas and Beddgellert.

Whatever the weather, we'll do something to make an enjoyable weekend of it!

Either see me at the Smithfield or give me a ring to organise accomodation and/or transport. I look forward to seeing you.

Keith Gregson

March 24/25 Heathy Lea working party (Hut sub committee)

It is intended to carry out the following work over Sat./ Sun.

Fit Vanity units (2) in the washroom, plus plumbing work, and paint if time!.

Fix hand rail by the steps leading up to the barn. Remove old kitchen ceiling paint, repaint.

Staircase, repair ceiling, and paint.

Bedrooms, paint.

Clean Wood Burning Stove, re seal with fire clay on pipe joint.

Collect and cut wood, tidy up wood store.

Fit new heater in toilet.

General clean and tidy up inside and out.

Fit bench on the terrace at the front of the cottage, (given by Mr W Hayes to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Oread.

Everyone welcome, if you don't have the necessary skills, still come along as training will be provided.

For those who are staying overnight on Saturday, it is intended to go for a bar meal in

the evening.

Offers of help to any Hut Sub. Committee Member.

March 31st A.G.M 2001

The AGM will be held at THE BEAR INN & HOTEL, Alderwasley, Derbyshire. This is the same venue as last year. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm.

Accommodation is available should anyone require it, £30 single B&B, £45 double B&B. Should you require to eat before the meeting ring and book as they get very busy on Saturday night.

The following day, Harry Pretty will lead a walk starting at 10 am from The Bear (**NB: this is the Spring Stride**). There is ample car-parking.

Shirley Wainwright

The nominations for the committee are:

President	Michael Hayes
Vice President	Harry Pretty
Secretary	Steve Bennett
Assistant Secretary	Tony Howard
Meets Secretary	Rob Tresidder
Newsletter Editor	Richard Coghlan
Treasurer	Daryl Kirk
Huts Custodian	Chuck Hooley
Huts booking sec	Colin Hobday
Committee members	Roy Eyre Dave Jones

Unless further nominations are received, the committee will be the same as last year, with the exception that Shirley Wainwright is retiring from the committee at this AGM. Shirley has indicated her willingness to continue organising the annual dinner, but there is now room for one more ordinary committee member as a result (volunteers please) - Ed.

I hope to have an up-to-date copy of the Oread handbook for everyone to take away with their April newsletters at the AGM. Please come to the AGM and save the club postage expenses - Ed.

In accordance with the constitution, members are reminded that any proposal for a change to club rules must be lodged with the secretary at least 28 days before the date of the meeting.

April 1 (Sun) Spring Stride Harry Pretty

Start at 10.00 am from the Bear Inn & Hotel, Alderwasley (venue of AGM see above).

FUTURE EVENTS

April 22(Sun) Heathy Lea Fell Race Rob Tresidder

Sunday 22 April. An early warning for this premier event of the Oread calendar. Disappointed that the Dash was dished again last year? Now is your chance to fill that gap. Details and final notice will appear in the April newsletter. At this stage, all I know is that the race will start and finish at Heathy Lea once again.

HUT FEES .

WILL MEMBERS WHO STAYED AT TAN - YR - WYDDFA OVER NEW YEAR AND HAVE NOT PAID THEIR HUT FEES PLEASE DO SO NOW.

Subscriptions - Notice from the Treasurer Daryl Kirk

Please find details of subscriptions for the year 2001.

Full Member	£17.00
Family Membership	£25.50
Senior Membership	£8.50
Senior Family Membership	£12.75
Provisional Membership	£8.50
BMC Membership	£3.75

(per person - cut off date March 31st 2001)

To ensure the membership list is up to date, please send me all your details with your subscriptions, including your full address and post code, including any E-mail Addresses, Fax numbers, Mobile Telephone numbers, etc and I will pass on these to Tony Howard who looks after the membership list.

(NB: cheques made payable to "Oread M.C.")

Regards Daryl

COMMITTEE NEWS

Colin Hobday reported that Heathy Lea bookings are up by 50% since the hut has been advertised on the BMC website.

A letter has been received from Richard Gilbert via Gordon Gadsby warning the club about proposals for a hydroelectric scheme in the Shildaig forest, Wester Ross. More details are available on the SMC website:
www.smc.ovg.uk/mcofs.htm.

SHORT NOTICES

Larry Lambe.

Older Oreads who knew him will be saddened to learn of the death of Larry Lambe on 12th February. Larry, who enjoyed an active and long career on the Midlands outdoor activity scene, did a lot of climbing, a lot of walking and a very great deal of good for fellow enthusiasts over an extended period from the fifties through to the present and that scene will be poorer for his passing

Colin Barnard.

NEXT EDITION

For the April edition it is essential that all material reaches me by **SAT March 24th**. (but the earlier the better) I look forward to hearing from **ROB TRESIDDER, CHUCK HOOLEY** (TYW Working party) and **HELEN GRIFFITHS**.

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

Richard Coghlan (Newsletter Editor)