



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

## NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2002

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mar 2/3	Patterdale
Mar 5 (Tues)	Indoor Meet - Ockbrook
Mar 9/10	T-Y-W
Mar 17 (Sun)	Heathy Lea W/P
Mar 23 (Sat)	AGM- Alderwasley
Mar 24 (Sun)	Spring Stride
Apr 3 (Wed)	Olde Gate, Brassington

#### ***March 2/3 Patterdale Colin Barnard***

Last year's meet was unfortunately scuppered by F. and M., so I will be hoping for a particularly successful meet this year to make up for it. Once again we have the use of the excellent George Starkey hut (GR 394162), located at the start of the Side Farm track. A few wise souls have already booked places, and if previous years' experience is anything to go by the rest will go quickly. HOWEVER, I will be out of the country for most of January, so please do not ring till 30th January, after which I look forward to hearing from you. As usual I expect to be boozing in the White Lion on Friday night and hope to see you there.

#### ***March 5 (Tues) Royal Oak, Ockbrook***

8 pm start.

Dick Turnbull, owner of, and driving force behind the Outside chain of equipment shops will give an illustrated talk entitled "North Faces in Winter". I think I am right in saying that these are the big three and maybe all in one winter. Maybe Dick will also demonstrate his expertise with a tower stove. This promises to be a highly audible and entertaining evening, perhaps, just perhaps at the wrong end of the winter.

#### ***March 9/10 "Back to Tan Yr Wyddfa" Tony Howard***

And why not – it's one of the best huts around & it's ours! In March there could be snow. It could be really sunny! It could be horizontal two-phase flow: rain or hailstones. I'm keen, & I hope lots of you will be too! The same crags & hills will be there, as were there last November, & that was a good weekend. So it could be snow & ice climbing, rock climbing at Tremadog or Gogarth, big boots on wet rock, walking, mountain biking, running, or even slate mining.

We could do a communal curry / chilli again – its already been muted. Some places have already been booked & I already have two offers to make a curry! Come & join me. If you are keen on doing it all together, please let me know! I'll decide pretty quickly on the food, once I have some more replies.

Tony Howard

#### ***March 17 (Sun) Heathy Lea Working Party John Shreeve***

As there are no major jobs to be done, this will be a Sunday only, but any one who wishes to make a weekend end out of it are welcome to stay at the cottage.

1. The usual collect and cut wood.
2. Reposition the water heater over the wash basins.
3. Fit splash back behind sink.
4. Fit stair carpet.
5. Painting.
6. Clean wood burning stove.
7. General cleaning.

Offers of help to JOHN SHREEVE

**March 23 (sat) AGM The Bear  
Alderwasley**

This year's AGM is coming up soon and will be held at the same venue as last year, ie. The Bear, Alderwasley, Derbyshire. The AGM will start at 8.00pm sharp.

Accommodation is available should anyone require it (last year's prices £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.

There is ample car parking.

Any item for the Agenda should be sent to the secretary, Steve Bennett, prior to the meeting. 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 (i.e it will probably be too late by the time that you receive this newsletter).

**March 24 (Sun) Spring Stride  
George Reynolds**

This is the day after the AGM. Details are usually finalised at the AGM itself, but contact George if you need directions in advance.

**April 3 (Wed) Olde Gate, Brassington**

A reminder that this is the first Wednesday evening after the clocks change. Climb wherever you want, but a good contingent usually forms at Harborough Rocks and hence the Gate is the obvious choice of meeting place afterwards.

**FUTURE EVENTS**

**2002 Meets List Update Rob Tresidder**

March 24 (Sun)	Spring Stride	G.Reynolds
June 22/23	Ben Nevis	S.Bennett
June 23 (Sun)	Summer Stroll	(delete R.Tresidder)
Dec 7/8	Bullstones	B West

**May 10/11th Forest of Dean  
Advance notice Colin Hobday**

This will follow the same format as other years, with climbing, walking, mountain biking, canoeing. Even with the Foot and Mouth last year we managed to attract 24 people on the meet, so book early!

I have booked the lodge at the Fountains Inn Parkend. Cost £8.00 per night. Three course evening meal on Saturday £8.50.

**June 21/22 CIC Hut Advance notice  
Steve Bennett**

This meet is an addition to the original meets list as we have only just received confirmation of availability from the SMC.

I am sure that the area and the climbing need no introduction. The hut itself is probably a good 2 hours from the road considering all the necessary weight to be carried. Rob has secured 8 places for the nights of 21 and 22 June. The fees are £5 pppn and bookings will of course be on a first come first served basis.

I intend in due course to contact the SMC to enquire about the possibilities of extending our stay by a day or two. I will keep you informed of this possible option in future bulletins.

Should you wish to reserve a place please give me a call at any time on

**Hut Bookings March.**

**HEATHY LEA**

March 8/9th Oxford M.C. Cottage & barn  
March 16th Oread work party

**TAN-YR-WYDDFA**

March 1/2nd Solihull M.C. 16 beds.  
March 8/9th Oread M.C. meet.  
March 15/16th South Cheshire M. C. 16 beds.  
March 22/23rd Flyde M.C. 16 beds.  
March 29/1st Easter - clear for Oread use.

Please note this list is only correct at time of going to press. All members are advised to check availability with the hut booking secretary Colin Hobday before going to either hut.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR & SHORT NOTICES

### *Obituary -*

### *Walter Richardson 1934-2002*

Walter joined the Oread in the early fifties and, keenly enthusiastic, he rapidly became a first class mountaineer completing many notable climbs. A few of the most memorable times were the two Skye ridges with Jack Ashcroft, Brian Cooke and Jim Kershaw and weekends at the "Road Menders" in Llanberis with Ernie Marshall and others.

We had several Alpine holidays together and I well remember the time when we travelled to St. Nicholas on his Triumph Tiger twin. We stayed at the home of an old, bedridden guide in Taesch to whom we had to relate our exploits on our return from each trip which included the traverses Taeschhorn-Dom (Domgrat), the Weisshorn, the Zinal Rothorn via the Rothorngrat and the North ridge where, on descent to the valley, Wally was attacked by a herd of goats. Typically of him, he saw a funny side to this experience.

We had many trips into Derbyshire, which included desperate journeys in his Austin 7 open sports tourer; far more dangerous than any rock route.

Wally also climbed extensively with Brian Richards, before Brian took up residence in Switzerland, and later, he teamed up with Gill Male, when Gill lived in Burton.

Our last visit to the hills together was shortly after his heart by-pass operation when he and Glenda spent a few days with Janet and me. We had a fine, sunny day walking on the Howgills and he thoroughly enjoyed being out on the hills again.

Wally was a proud family man, a lover of classical music and, in his later years, a keen gardener who kept hens and two allotments. His great enthusiasm was infectious and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Walter died peacefully, seated in his armchair, and leaving us with many happy memories. Our thoughts are with Glenda and his family in their bereavement.

David Penlington

From Glenda Richardson:

Glenda, Howard, Lia and Miles Richardson would like to thank the Oread members who attended Wal's funeral. I did not manage to speak to all that were present but my family appreciate the kindness and thoughtfulness in attending.

### *Annual Dinner Speaker (Response to Pete Scott)*

Well said Pete! I agree with everything you've said, and would like to record my support for your views. I know climbers have always been a bit anti-establishment – there's nothing wrong with that. There's nothing wrong with some good-natured heckling of a speaker, as long as there's not too much of it, & it clearly is good natured, amusing and relevant to what is said. However, the worst of the barracking we heard at the last Dinner was just pointless shouting, which could easily have left the speaker with the view that he was not wanted. I would like to suggest that if people do have to make their presence felt in this way, that they address their interruptions, to speeches by our own members – i.e. the President. At least he knows the individuals & will know what to expect.

Tony Howard

### *Alpine Style Climbing Symposium*

The following notice was sent in by Chris Radcliffe:

On Saturday March 2nd 2002 The Alpine Club has invited some of the world's greatest modern alpinists to talk and lecture in the Pennine Lecture Theatre, Sheffield at the Alpine Club's 'ALPINE STYLE CLIMBING' SYMPOSIUM. Lecturers include Voytek Kurtyka on climbing and creativity, Yashushi on his solo of K2, Silvo Karo on Patagonia, Jack Tackle on Alaska, Andy Kirkpatrick on what makes him tick(!), Louise Thomas on Baffin and Simon Richardson on modern Scottish developments.

This all day symposium is supported by Patagonia and Scarpa and features a Ropework demo from Andy Kirkpatrick, après symposium refreshments, bargain retail opportunities.

VENUE: Pennine Theatre, City Campus, Sheffield Hallam University.

TIME: 10.30am DATE: March 2nd 2002

PRICE: £18.00 (£13.00 for AC members from AC office only.)

For more details look on the AC web site.

<http://www.alpine-club.org.uk>

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:

Alpine Club, 55/56 Charlotte Rd, London EC2A 3QF

Outside, Hathersage, Llanberis, Sheffield Rock & Run, Ambleside, Sheffield etc.

Tickets will be available at the door.

Everyone Welcome

DON'T MISS IT

### *Green Key Initiative*

Merle Gartside has sent more details. To quote her E-mail:

- " 1.All roadside parking areas and lay bys in Snowdonia to be closed.
- 2.Strict no parking bylaws to be enforced by traffic wardens.
3. The few carparks that will be allowed to remain will be subject to 2 hours maximum stay at peak times.
4. I you wish to spend the day in Snowdonia you will be forced to park your car in one of the "gateway" carparks.  
eg. Llanrwst , Llanberis, Bethesda, Portmadoc.
5. Pay a large fee for parking your car and then

pay for a bus which will eventually take you to your destination within Snowdonia.

Log on to Freedom to Choose: [www.snowdonia2002.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.snowdonia2002.fsnet.co.uk)

We would like you to urgently write or e- mail with your comments or objections to us .AND copy to :

Sue Essex A.M. Minister of transportation and National Parks,

N.A. f. W.

Cardiff Bay CA99 1NA. e-mail:

[sue.essex@wales.gov.uk](mailto:sue.essex@wales.gov.uk)"

There has already been an E-mail debate in the club about this and not all people think that it is a bad idea, because it is likely to encourage much better bus services. I will leave you to make your own minds up - Ed.

### **NEXT EDITION**

It is likely that I will edit the April edition before handing over to my successor, so it is best if I collect the articles. It is essential that all material reaches me before Sat March 23rd. I look forward to hearing from **PAM NORRIS** (Wales) and **DARYL KIRK** (Cornwall).

Articles in the form of Word (.doc) attachments to E-mails are preferred, but floppy discs sent through the post are also welcome. Please note that I cannot read HTML attachments- Please use Word '97 (or earlier) or plain text. Thanks.

Richard Coghlan (Newsletter Editor)