



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2000

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 4 (Sat) Heathy Lea bonfire
Nov 5 (Sun) Dovedale Dash
Nov 7 (Tue) Ockbrook Indoor meet
Nov 25 (Sat) Annual Dinner
Dec 5 Ockbrook Indoor meet

4th Nov (Sat) Bonfire party at Heathy Lea. Roy Eyre

I will be at the hut from Saturday morning to collect wood for the fire. Any help with this would be appreciated. So come along with your fireworks and beer and help make the evening go with a bang.

5 Nov (Sun) Dovedale Dash 11a.m.

No you don't have to have done any training for this splendid event. For those who've been here before, please ignore the rest of this paragraph. The course is a little under 5 miles long and flat all the way round except for the downhill start and the uphill finish. The professional athletes finish in under half an hour, but don't worry about them, the lame and halt are still arriving an hour after the off. Car traffic is very heavy between Ashbourne and Thorpe village. If you haven't passed the Dog and Partridge by 10, you may be in trouble! Too late then to consider the alternative flanking manoeuvre crossing Dovedale to the north and approaching the car park beside the river by way of Ilam. From there an easy ten minute walk to the start and the chance to decide whether to wear the wetsuit or not.

Some sad cases (are you looking at me Keith?) remain relentlessly competitive about this fun run in spite of the organisers' refusal to publish results, so it would help me enormously if you could remember your finish position and

transmit it to me after the race.

The George at Alstonefield has traditionally been the place to repeat afterwards the excuses you marshalled before the race and more importantly to meet up with friends you may not have seen since last year's race. But the George is crowded and almost impossible to get served since they stopped the bar-in-the-barn. The Dog and Partridge is on the way home and has a large car park and more accessible bars.

Rob Tresidder

INDOOR MEETS

Rob Tresidder

7 November. 8 p.m. Royal Oak in Ockbrook.
Andy Kirkpatrick

Andy will give an illustrated talk entitled "Fly or Die: Eight Trips up the Captain." Andy is a very experienced big waller, not only in the USA but also in the Alps and Patagonia.

5 December. 8 p.m. Royal Oak in Ockbrook.
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!

9 January. Es Tresidder. Heights of ambition, a year of learning fast.
PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE SECOND NOT THE FIRST TUESDAY IN JANUARY

6 February. Harry Pretty on Corsica

6 March. I am still trying to secure a lecturer from the Eagle Ski Club. I am more hopeful this year than I have been before. If you know the consultant geriatrician from Nottingham please give him/her every encouragement!

Nov 25th Oread Annual Dinner
Shirley Wainwright

7pm for 7.30 start at the Green Man Ashbourne.

Menu:

Cream of vegetable soup

Roast Beef & yorkshire pudding

Roast and New Potatoes

Selection of Vegetables

OR

Roasted Peppers stuffed with rice and herbs
(vegetarian)

Apple pie with either ice cream or custard

Coffee

3 courses price £15.00

Please send your cheques, made payable to
Oread MC, and your menu choices to:

The Green man car park holds only approx 12 cars and we need to leave spaces for residents cars. Car parking is available on the supermarket site at the bottom of the alleyway - free after 6pm.

Accommodation at the Green Man for the dinner is £30.00 single B&B per person and £50.00 double B&B. Members book their own accommodation.

I wish to have all bookings and cheques by 10th of November please.

Please do not leave your bookings too late and say if you have any food allergies when you book, also say if you have any preferences who you wish to sit next to. Don't forget you can invite friends who are not in the Oread.

No professional entertainment is booked as we find that members like to use this occasion for seeing long lost friends - and drinking.

The guest speaker is Steve Hilditch - Team Leader Derby Mountain Rescue.

Any enquiries or problems ring me.

Shirley Wainwright (otherwise Aunty).

FUTURE EVENTS

Christmas 2000

I have been asked recently whether anyone has plans to form a group at TYW over Christmas. I had to say I didn't know, but this prompts me to put a wider question in the newsletter: is anyone is planning any trips anywhere? - if so the next newsletter is your last chance to advertise your plans. - Ed.

Lofoten Islands July/Aug 2001

Graham Weston

The meet will take place between the dates of 28th July (Saturday) and the 19th Aug (Sunday). There are many more details on the website and Graham will be updating these as he gets more info.

Himalaya 2001

Ernie Phillips

When Bob Pettigrew and I were in the Himalaya recently, we considered the possibility of organising a "laid-back" trip of roughly three weeks through the foothills, at about 11,000 feet, with the objective of visiting remote villages, looking at the local flora and fauna, and generally having a good time. The idea would be to have four or five mules and a gaggle of porters to do the heavy work. This arrangement ensures that everyone can enjoy great comfort and good food, with absolutely no hardship whatever. Walkers can walk, and the aged and decrepit can have a horse to ride upon - it doesn't matter if you have never ridden a horse before, ask Welbourn or Gadsby! If anyone fancies joining a trip of this kind, ring Bob where you will almost certainly find yourself addressing a Dalek, or ring me where you will certainly find yourself addressing an Android.

PAST EVENTS

Cwm Eigiau Meet. 30th Sept/1st October.

A bad forecast looked like spoiling the meet at this remote and beautiful place, however this did not materialise. Saturday saw an ascent of Amphitheatre Buttress and various returns home along ridges. The day was marred by an accident, when an unknown climber who we had watched most of the day, reached the top of Mur y Niwl. He apparently went the wrong way to get off, attempting to climb under the left end of Pinnacle wall. He fell and was badly injured. Luckily someone on Amphitheatre Buttress at the time had a mobile phone and called the rescue. He was lifted off by helicopter and we were told he was still alive at this point. A sobering thought!

Much alcoholic beverage was consumed on Saturday evening with everyone going outside to see the Milky Way.

Sunday saw a dull start that just managed to stay dry until we left after lunch. I went out to Carnedd Llewelyn, Foel Grach and back along the ridge to the hut, others took similar trips. A grand weekend, thanks to everyone who came, a return in another 7 years perhaps?

J.Green

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The occasional caller to the watering hole at Bangor-is-y-Coed may have discerned a mysterious machine in the potting shed, in the form of a welded steel structure of gargantuan proportions. Long contemplation by a member with a wide-ranging knowledge and experience in the field of engineering suggests that the device's purpose in life is to produce slivers from the edges of logs. This, of course, leaves unanswered the question as to the source of the necessary raw material from which the end product is derived.

However, a perceptive observer peering bleary-eyed through a bedroom window at T.Y.W. in the dank light of a Welsh dawn, with the rain micturating down from a leaden sky, recently observed a gaunt figure clad in a sixty

year old anorak scuttling between the woodshed and a car boot with logs under each arm. Mystery solved!

As is well known, the answer to one question always gives rise to others. How is the product caused to conflagrate? The traditional boy scout technique of applying friction would certainly fail if a hotwater radiator were used as the abrasive. On the other hand, there is the possibility that truncation to thirty five mm. lengths, followed by conversion into vestas by soaking in hot wax is the order of the day, only leaving the subsequent question as to how the phosphorescent head is made to stick to the waxy wood. It's just one thing after another!

Anon.

Many years ago Charlie Cullum devoted an entire Editorial to imaginative typographical errors that he had enjoyed (Oread 50th Anniversary Journal, page 88) and I am delighted that such opportunities still exist.

My Report on September Saunters (October Newsletter) excites the imagination viz. "The possibility that the lady COMPLAINANT may have been deshabillé when someone beamed in with the BONOCS". The vision of a red blooded Oread male "beaming in with his BONOCS" in such circumstances would strike terror to the heart of the stoutest COMPLAINANT.

Let us hope that future Oread day walks are spared such Wagnerian overtones.

Harry Pretty

SHORT NOTICES

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.

COMMITTEE

Gill Heys has resigned from the committee due to work commitments. Dave Jones has been co-opted on to the committee to replace her.

DERBYSHIRE ARCHIVE

The committee are in the process of sending the Oread records to the Derbyshire Archives at Matlock (the County Record Office, which will archive and catalogue relevant material free of charge). If anyone has any records or items of interest that they think ought to be included, please contact Harry Pretty.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

You should receive a copy of the latest membership list with this newsletter. Please can you address any comments, future updates, etc. to Tony Howard who is keeper of the "Master List". Tony will advise the newsletter editor of changes, so that the mailing list can be kept up to date. The newsletter editor can publish address changes, but does not keep records of phone numbers (or addresses if people are on E-mail), so always contact Tony if you want to ensure that your full details are retained by the club.

NEXT EDITION

For the December edition it is essential that all material reaches me by **SAT NOV 25th** (but the earlier the better). I look forward to hearing from **DARYL KIRK**.

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