



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR OCT 2001

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Oct 2 (Tue) Ockbrook Slideshow
Oct 6/7 Golden Oldies TYW
Oct 27/28 Heathy Lea
Nov 4 (Sun) Dovedale Dash

Indoor Meets *Rob Tresidder*

Both 8 p.m. The Royal Oak in Ockbrook.

2 October.

"A Year in the Climbing Life of..."

Andy Kirkpatrick returns to give an illustrated lecture about his experiences over the last twelve months including a trip to Patagonia in winter, a new mixed route in Cogna, Italy and a twelve day solo of the Reticent Wall on El Cap, one of the hardest routes ever soloed by a British climber.

6 November.

Rock Hudson back from the BIG hill will lecture on "Not much mountaineering. Some thoughts and comments on going to big E."

Oct 7/8 Golden Oldies Shirley Wainwright

This annual knees up of the veterans of the Oread will take place on the above dates. This is a do-as-you-please weekend (within reason of course). The only plan made is to dine at the Saracens Hotel in Beddgelert on Saturday evening.

For bookings for the hut please ring me.

Oct 27/28 Heathy Lea Paul Gardner

An opportunity to enjoy the autumnal delights of the Peak before winter arrives.

Unfortunately I am not able to attend but the hut is reserved for the club on this weekend. Please make bookings with Colin Hobday.

Paul Gardner

Nov 4 (Sun) Dovedale Dash 11 am

If it happens...

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.

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.

The dash has been cancelled twice in the last four years, so it would seem sensible to have some contingency plan that included the George afterwards. Cancellation has never been later than the middle of the week preceding and is well grapevined and publicised in the Derby Evening Telegraph. If the race does not take

stopped and that the day we met them (overcast and drizzling) was the best yet. However, they had managed to bag a couple of peaks earlier in the week and got a few routes done at Paradiset the local sea cliff.

The Westons tent blew away whilst being erected on the first night and this along with the rain prompted a retreat to the very convenient local system of Rorbus. These were converted fishermen's cabins, which proved very comfortable and were available on a night by night basis. Firstly we stopped at the small fishing village of Kalle and after a few days moved round the coast to Lyngyoeret

After the dust had settled and everyone had got over the journey, the weather began to pick up and we all managed to get out together and walk up the local hill of Glamtinden. This gave brilliant views across our island of Austvagoya.

The following day saw the first real climbing. In the morning Tony, Mike and Graham headed for the Lofoten classic, Pianohandler Lunds Rute. This gave four pitches of good climbing on very rough granite with a very short walk from the road. The Hayeses and Bashforths were out on a family type day. After their return and after tea they were persuaded that the route was worth a visit so at around 10:30pm Mick, Stephen and Alison set off. They returned shortly after midnight having completed the route and been treated to a spectacular sunset display. This was possible as it never really got dark whilst we were on the islands (you could sit outside and read a book at midnight).

This availability of light nights led to going to bed far too late and the inevitable late start the next day.

The next route on the list was Bare Blabaer, again an Island Classic according to the guide. Tony, Mike, Stephen, Mick and Graham all set off on the long walk in. Long that is in Lofoten terms, which means about an hour. This route followed a thin crack into a series of corners then onto a slab. Five pitches of perfect granite crack and slab climbing in a deserted (apart from a French couple) fjord with the sun on our backs.

Two days later Mick and Graham returned to attempt a new line near Bare Blabaer. This had been spotted on the previous visit and the line did not appear in the guide or in the new routes book (which was conveniently located in the best cafe the islands). The main feature of the route was a large corner containing an overlap. Graham backed off the first pitch and passed the lead to the bolder Mick who had no problems. The next pitch Graham managed to lead with little incident, leaving the big corner for Mick. This proved to be the crux pitch, not at the overlap as had been expected but a little higher where the protection was at its thinnest. Mick rose to the challenge and left the final pitch to Graham. This was a continuation of the corner but at an easier angle. Another route on very good rock in a fantastic location. The route was christened "Child's Play" (as the kids were on the beach and apparently Bare Blabaer means similar in Norwegian).

Whilst this was going on the Beards were engrossed on the Svolveargeita. This is a very impressive hill overlooks the town of Svolvær and is topped by the Norwegian version of Adam & Eve. There are several routes that gain the top but Tony and Mike did "1910 Ruta" and said that it was very good and would have been a very bold and impressive lead in 1910.

The Bashforths had made a cultural visit to the Viking Centre the same day which turned out to be so interesting as to require a second visit later in the holiday. On the way back Stephen managed to pull in a walk to the top of Hoven, a hill that appears to stick straight out of the sea. He reported very good views although the going was hard and the path difficult to follow.

Tony and Mike were active again a couple of days later, this time with Alison, Graham and Nea. A walk had been planned up a hill on the neighbouring island of Vestvagoy. Similar to Stephens experience on Hoven the path on Hatinden was virtually non-existent, although there was no path shown on the map so there was little to complain about. The way up was not difficult but the ridge down did prove a little more exciting.

Further climbing was limited to the sea cliffs at Paradiset mainly due to lack of time and poor weather.

During the holiday climbing and walking days were interspersed with warm, sunny beach days involving all the families, cycling trips and even a meal out in the cafe. Most evenings were spent watching the sun go down very slowly and socialising. We were all invited to a very nice barbarque by a group a Germans who had caught too much fish (90 Lbs.) and did not know what to do with it all, (no one mentioned the war!).

The journey back was much more pleasant than the outward trip. Everyone took a different route but we all managed to meet up for a days walking in the Fjords and all made the ferry trip back to Newcastle together.

Overall it was a very enjoyable trip and I would like to thank everyone who made the (very long) journey that made the trip very successful.

Those present were: -
Stephen, Nicola, Rowena and Charlotte Bashforth. Mick, Helen, Emma and Thomas Hayes. Tony Howard and Mike Jones (aka The Beards). Alison Graham and Nea Weston.

Hut Bookings October.

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Oct,1/5		2 beds.
Oct, 5/6	Oread meet.	
Oct, 12/13	G.B. Exciles.	16 beds.
Oct.19/20	Duffield A.T.S.	16 beds.
	J. Shreeve	Oread room.
Oct. 26/27	Derby M.C.	16 beds.
Oct. 29/02	block booking ????????	
Nov. 02/03	Coventry M.C.	16 beds.

HEATHY LEA

Oct. 12/13	Pam Norris	Cottage barn
Oct.19/20	Kingston Uni.	Cottage,
Oct. 26/27	Oread meet.	

WILL ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE USED THE HUT OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS AND HAVE NOT PAID PLEASE DO SO A.S.A.P.

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 before going to either hut.

Website

Graham Weston has put up a members only area which has a password protecting it. Currently there is only a little in there. He would like to ask the club membership a general question about what people might like to see there.

He suggests that members names and (maybe addresses) and phone numbers are published. These are currently removed from the (public viewable) newsletters and it may be useful for members to get this information "on-line".

There is also a message board in the members area. Whilst it needs more work, it is currently working and people are able to leave messages (if they wish). This facility seems to work well on other clubs sites (vagabonds). Graham hopes to improve it with time.

The password can be changed on a monthly basis (and the new password published in the newsletter but NOT on the website!)

Newsletter Editor

My work and home commitments have changed radically since I took on the job of newsletter editor and unfortunately I will not be able to guarantee the regular newsletter service that the club needs throughout next year. If anyone is interested in taking over from me from April 2002, please give me or the President a call.

You don't have to use a PC and E-mail, but it helps, and you don't have to do the job for nine years like my predecessor Clive Russell.

BRAINTEASER

Submitted by Ernie Phillips. Can you name EIGHT states of the USA, the names of which begin with the letter "M" ?

NEXT EDITION

For the November edition it is essential that all material reaches me by **Saturday Oct 27th**. (but the earlier the better) I look forward to hearing from **TONY HOWARD**.

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)

Proforma for Dinner Bookings

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