

Oread Newsletter

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September/October 1980

EDITORIAL

Now that the Alpine season is over for another year, the Oread and its members can settle down to a few months of real climbing until the winter season starts. Here then is some long awaited 'reading' material to help while away the time.

Chris Wilson, 30 Camp Street, Derby.

NEWS FROM THE B.M.C.

Insurance - Whilst still awaiting an official reply we have been told that since the Insurance company lost over £33,000 last year and almost all the claimants were staying in the Alps for two weeks only, a reduction in the length of time of cover overseas would be extremely unlikely to reduce the premium. The Insurance company, incidentally, hopes eventually to make a profit.

Derwent Valley Guide - We have been assured that progress is being made with its publication. (I'm sure I've heard that phrase before!)

Footpaths in the Manifold - The Peak District Committee has referred to the Rambler's Association the case of the disappearing footpaths in this area. It was felt that the R.A. were best equipped to deal with the matter.

Roaches - An important access agreement has been reached concerning the Lower Tier. Please see a copy of Climber and Rambler (July 1980) (available at Heathy Lea - but don't forget your day's fee whilst you read it!).

****Onich Hut (Winter Climbing in Glencoe)**** - The hut is available from Sat. 20th December 1980 to Sunday 26th April 1981 and is situated between Glencoe and Fort William. It is equipped with 19 Beds (4 Bedrooms) Kitchen (full facilities), drying room, showers and bath (hot running water) and lounge/dining room. The price is £1.75 per person per night. Bookings must be through Ron Sant so contact him a.s.a.p. if you are interested. Does someone want to lead a meet there?

O.S. Maps, B.M.C. Sweater - The B.M.C. has a special offer on various maps, including Snowdonia (£1.40), Dark Peak and Lakes NW, NE, SW, SE and many other climbing/walking areas at £1.95, Cairngorms £2.15, Cuillins £2.45. (Worth checking local shops first). Also V-neck navy sweaters embossed with B.M.C. symbol and "B.M.C." - Sizes 36" to 42" £9.26 each. See Ron Sant for any of the above.

SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK ASSOCIATION - We received a letter thanking us for our extremely generous donation (5.00) and can only hope that it is well spent.

INDOOR MEETS - I got it wrong - the Alpine discussion night on Monday 17th November is not the first of these - the list below gives most of them:-

October 7th	Auction
November 4th	Alpine Slides/Members evening.
*November 17th (Monday)	Alpine Discussion Night (Rowing Club).
December 2nd	Alex McIntyre on Eiger Direct, Alps, Changabang, Dhaulagiri.
January 6th	Chris Radcliffe & Pete Holden on the Croz Spur this Easter.
February 3rd	Terry King - An Alpine style attempt on the North Face of Nanda Devi.
March 3rd	Chris Radcliffe - USA touring/climbing - audio/visual experience!!

Many thanks to Pete Scott for organising this series of meets. Make him happy and turn

up on 17th November to help us arrive at a specific venue for next year's Alpine meet. One or two further meets of an experimental nature are hopefully going to be arranged at the Rowing Club (e.g. informal slide shows, etc, etc, etc!).

OREAD FILM FESTIVAL/LECTURE - Richard Freestone has been coerced into organising this, with Ron Sant and Dave Penlington lending support. What it will be, when it will be or where it will be no-one knows! If you would like to help in any way please make your willingness known to Richard. A great deal of work is needed to be done to make whatever it will be a success. The object of the exercise is to make money for the Oread.

HEATHY LEA - Were you at Radders' Party? Did you use the Barn key? If so, where is it? Radders has left "something"(?) in the barn and can't get it as the key would appear to have gone for a walk. And did you pay day fees if you only went for the evening? If you have the key please contact Pete O'Neill before the door gets broken down. P.S. Did the Elsan need emptying when you used it?

TAN Y WYDDFA - Bookings - September 19/21 Free, September 26/28 16 Beds Booked. Don't forget, the Oread Room is always available for your use but please book through Ken Hodge first.

Hopefully, on the next working party a new Electricity Meter is to be fitted. This is a 10p one but is convertible to 50p (when that is worth 10p!). This working party is scheduled for October 17/19 and is a joint climbing/working weekend, so it will be worth your while to turn up. More details next month.

ANNUAL DINNER (November 22nd) - Tony Smedley is doing his stuff, and has booked John Barry and Alan Blackshaw as speakers. The Rock & Ice, Fell & Rock and the Pinnacle Club have each been asked to send a guest.

SUBSCRIPTIONS/MEMBERSHIP - Have you paid this year? If not, you will probably find that you are no longer a member after the committee next meets. It is possible, of course, to reapply for membership but I'm sure you'll agree its much easier to send a cheque for £5.00 to Laurie Burns - And we DO need your money. Congratulations to Lisa Welbourne who was elected to full membership at the committee meeting held on 7th July. Also to Pete Northcote who was elected to membership on 21st July.

An application for membership has been received from Chris Jonson, proposed by Gordon Wright and seconded by Brian West. Anyone with any views as to the suitability of the applicant please convey them to the Hon. Sec. or any committee member. Recently joined as a prospective member is Maurice Musson (address c/o Martin).

OREAD HANDBOOK - You should all have a copy by now - if not, please contact Ron Sant. The cost of the book and postage was staggering - that's why we need your Subs..

PHOTO MEET (October 11/12) - Last year's winner, Keith Gregson, is the man to hand your bribes to - he's leading this meet and finding a judge.

CAIRNGORMS - The cairngorms is an area much frequented by members of this club, both for climbing and ski-ing. There is at present an unbelievable scheme waiting to get started to develop Coire-an-t-Sneachda as a ski-ing area, which will involve 'landscaping', the extension of the road, car park, etc.. The Oread considers that this would be of great detriment to mountaineers and is to send a letter of protest.

MOUNTAIN LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE - According to a recently obtained ROSPA poster an M.L.C. is a fundamental requirement for leading a walking party. This poster (obtained by Laurie Burns) has been sent to the B.M.C.!!

1980 OREAD JOURNAL - Robin wants to get this out for the Dinner. Consequently, he would like an article from everyone who has led a meet since November last year and everyone who has been on a meet, together with an article from everyone else in

the Oread about anything to do with Mountaineering or the Oread. In addition he would like everyone to give him a black-and-white print of their best slide, a drawing and a cartoon. Please help him to make this the best journal yet, and let him have all your articles by the end of September.

1981 MEETS LIST - *A very few have offered to lead Meets to such places as Swanage and Gogarth, but is there no-one who wants to lead Meets to Tan-y-Wyddfa, or a walking based Meet? And are there only about 4 climbers in the Oread?*

SWANAGE - 25/26(?) October - Stuart Godfrey, that prolific leader of Meets (fortunately) will be leading an additional Meet to Swanage most probably on this weekend ('when the clocks go back').

FAMILY MEET - 25/26 October - *Once again October is almost upon us and once again it looks like being one of the best months of the year. The younger children who were on the meet last year expressed a wish to climb Snowdon next time, so that will be the objective for Saturday. Sunday, weather permitting, will be spent by the sea. Anyone wishing to book in on this Meet based at the Welsh Hut please write to me at this address - "Konstind", 7 Imperial Avenue, BEESTON, Notts., or see me at the Rowing Club.* Gordon Gadsby.

WALKING/WORKING WEEKEND - October 18/19th - This is your chance to visit our Welsh Hut and have an enjoyable weekend, the idea being to spend one day tidying up the outstanding jobs, and one day on the hills.

Work to be finished:-

- (a) Paint outside wall on village side and chimney stack on Snowdon side of the hut.
- (b) New Wood for gables over Bay Windows and new guttering.
- (c) Dig out around outside walls (damp prevention).
- (d) Install new Electric Meter 10p slot.
- (e) Decorate as necessary.
- (f) Attention to rear bedroom ceiling if skilled labour available.
- (g) Saw Logs.

Please come along whatever your skills - YOUR HUT NEEDS YOU! Lifts, Offers of Help to C.Hobday at the Rowing Club or Tel. 551594.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP - *Applications for Membership have been received from the following:-*

*Don and Wendy Pryor
Chris Fitzhugh.*

OREAD M/C PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION - 7.30 pm Sat. October 11th 1980. Keith Gregson.

Once again the venue for the annual photo competition will be the Village Hall at Baslow. There will be the usual Bar facilities and the judge will be Alf Gregory - aided and abetted by myself and anyone else who's prepared to offer bribes.

The main event will of course be concerned with 35mm slides but if there is sufficient interest a prize will be offered for the best black & white print:- entries should be at least 6" by 8", mounted, and of mountaineering interest.

- Rules -
1. Entrants must be Club Members.
 2. All slides must be mounted and spotted in the bottom left hand corner when viewed correctly.
 3. Each slide must contain your name and the section in which it is to be judged.
 4. The Competition will be divided into the following sections, all of which must have a Mountaineering interest:-
 - i. Action - Britain
 - ii. Aesthetic - Britain
 - iii. Action - Abroad
 - iv. Aesthetic - Abroad
 5. Entries are restricted to three slides per section per person.

6. Slides which have scored points in previous years will not be allowed.
7. Points are awarded to slides in each section - 3 for 1st place, 2 for 2nd, and 1 for 3rd. The Winner will be the person who achieves the highest total (unless it's Sedgwick in which case efforts will be made to change the rules!).

The final event of the evening will be the competition for the best "Club Interest" slide which will involve the Sant's nude sunbathing sequence - "Ron! don't be such a baby, it's not so cold!" and numerous exposes of the Oread chalkies. Welbourne will of course be given superstar treatment and is expected to be available for autographs later. Yvonne says Ron will not be available.

Entries (plus 25p entry fee and bribes) may be given to me at the Rowing Club any Tuesday evening but obviously the sooner, the better.

I look forward to seeing the Village Hall filled, and to a good day in the hills on the Sunday.

Keith Gregson.

YORKSHIRE GRITSTONE - September 27/28th - There seems to have been a preference over the past couple of years for Yorkshire Limestone

(could it be that the chalkies find it easier to cover their tracks?). Anyway, I felt a change was called for so I intend to let the uninitiated into a few Tykonian gems. We shall be camping at Appletreewick (pronounced "Aprick") for no other reason than it's a grand place and has two excellent pubs. Find Wharfedale somehow - then drive up the valley past Ilkley, and Bolton Abbey (pause for cultural visit). Carry on to Bardon Towers and turn right immediately beyond (signpost Appletreewick). Follow road to "Aprick" turning left at the only T-junction. Drive through the village past the New Inn (Taylors) and the Craven Arms (Theakstons), then down the hill. At the bottom of the hill turn left into the campsite.

I intend to climb on Rylstone and Crookrise on the Saturday, this will involve a good walk as well. A jolly evening will be had - note the conveniently placed campsite: out of the pub, down the hill, into the other pub, out of the pub, down the hill, into the campsite (toilets on the right).

On Sunday we shall probably invade Atmsctiffe and Ilkley (b'ah! 'at - I and b'ah! bloody chalk an all!).

This area has something for everyone so let's see a good turn out and a reyt good do. P.S. Passports not required - I have contacts in high places.

Keith Gregson.

ANNUAL DINNER - November 22nd.

Tony Smedley.

The Annual Dinner is nigh upon us again - the cost has increased in line with inflation to £6.00, a £1.00 increase over last year for which no apologies as we must accept the inevitable and I don't regard the increase as unreasonable at 20%.

The venue remains the same, as does the menu - Dinner will commence at 6.45 pm.

The guest speakers this year are Alan Blackshaw, a past president of the B.M.C., and John Barry, the warden of Plas-y-Brenin, who you will recall failed to perform at last year's dinner, but assures me he will try a bit harder this time.

Regarding tickets, the system Chris Wilson initiated last year worked well, and I intend to perpetuate it therefore.

Members will have priority over Prospective Members until Friday 7th November - No Bookings will be accepted after Saturday 15th November.

Please return your booking slip (enclosed) to me as soon as possible. Tony Smedley.

AUCTION - **Tuesday October 7th **Royal Oak, Ockbrook, 8.00 pm.

**Don't forget to bring summat along to sell.

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**Although the odd item of Pete Scott's climbing gear needs throwing away and replacing, he cannot do this if you don't bring items for auction that he can buy!

CWN EIGIAU - 20TH - 21ST SEPTEMBER 1980 - MIKE KEY

Cwn Eigiau is undoubtedly one of the true Alpine huts in Britain, beautifully situated high up under Carnedd Llywelyn (M.R. O.S. 115-714638) reputed to be the first mountaineering hut in Britain, opened in 1912. For those going for the first time the hut offers easy access to some classic routes on Craig-yr-Isfa, Black Ladders and over in Ogwen Valley, while for walkers there is all of the Carnedd range.

The hut sleeps 10 - 12 but plenty of space is available for camping and again in true Alpine style a walking approach of about half-an-hour is required, unless one has a Land Rover!

Anyone interested, contact me at the Rowing Club or on Brailsford 306 for details. I have room for six in my Land Rover and will endeavour to be in the pub at Tal-y-Bont. Bring your own booze - its a long walk back on Saturday night.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

PETE WRAWS TO : 'SEA BREEZE', 4 THORNTON RD, MORECOMBE, LANCs.
HILARY REED TO : 74A BRIDGewater ST., GOLEHALL, TAMWORTH, STAFFS.

AVON GORGE 18/19 OCT. MARTIN NUSSON

climbing in the sun. Drinking scrumpy. What more can one ask for? Camping at the foot of the cliff by the main car park. See me for details, at the Rowing Club.

NEET WRITE UPS

Please hand these to Ken or Doreen Hodges in future.

NORTH WALES LIMESTONE 4TH - 5TH OCTOBER 1980 - PETER O'NEILL

This meet will follow the same format as last year.

Climbing on the sea cliffs of Little Orme and Great Orme on Saturday and the inland crag of Craig y Forwin on Sunday.

I have not received confirmation for the campsite yet, as soon as I do I will pass on the necessary information to anyone who needs it.