

OREAD NEWSLETTER JUNE/JULY 1982TAN-Y-WYDDFAJUNE 5/6DAVE HELLIWELL

The weather is booked fair for this weekend, a chance for a pre-Cloggy Cloggy meet (see "Cloggy" meet. Ed.) as the weather is always bad on the official Cloggy meet. A last chance to see Snowdon before the nuclear holocaust. Then again the weather may turn and snow. However, good fun for all - so book now to avoid disappointment. See me at the Rowing Club or phone at work - Derby 42442 Extn 3537, or at home (after 18.00) (i.e. 6 o'clock to the rest of us. Ed.) on Derby 518843.

ALMSCLIFFJUNE 12/13DAVE WRIGHT

For details of this Meet, please contact Dave at the Rowing Club on Tuesday evening or on Burton 217420.

ALSTONEFIELDJUNE 19/20DEREK CARNELL

Once again this, the 10th Annual Alstonefield weekend, begins for the quantity drinkers on the Friday night, when people like Gregson Radcliffe and Foster who normally don't touch a drop, attempt to maintain equilibrium. No-one is barred however, and if you haven't had the operation, you can always hover on the fringes of the action and be welcome.

On Saturday the Craigs call, and most Oreads will be seen (depending on the outcome of the Friday night fandango) eeling their way up the white limestone of Dovedale, or hiding in the bushes! Saturday night is when the fun starts - those people wishing to maintain the genteel dignity of the club (at least temporarily), will sit down to the gastronomic delight of a Full Trout or Steak Dinner (cost between £5.50 and £7.25, depending), before the main exercise of the evening (Raising The Right Arm) begins. The decibel noise level associated with this exercise eventually verges on the threshold of pain, and it has been known for some Oreads to become physically sick or to suffer from muscular laxity due to this high noise level, so be warned - it may not ALL be pleasure!!

The first 35 people to signify to me their willingness to insulate their stomachs with food will sit down to The Meal at 7.30 pm - first come, first served for bookings as usual - don't delay - Radders did, and look what happened! Phone Derby 550634 if you want a meal and book in Now for that E3, crushed-up feeling and/or the relief as you reach the protection (of the john!).

Other attractions may include seeing the moon rise, Mussons' underpants (these items possibly connected!), Westy flicking his flies, and also, maybe, the President and then the Meet Leader buying a round!

Children welcome (but not to the Meal or R.T.R.A.) and camping is at the back of the George or across the road. Will I see you? I suppose it depends how much I have on Friday night!

ROACHESJUNE 26/27DAVE WRIGHT

For details of this Meet, please contact Dave at the Rowing Club on Tuesday evening or on Burton 217420.

CLOGGYJULY 3/4BRIAN WEST

Due to an administrative cock-up this meet has been cancelled. Brian is sorting out an alternative venue so please see him about arrangements at the Rowing Club on Tuesday evenings.

Venue - Tan y Wyddfa.

Tradition has it that shortly before the Alpine epics begin we make sure that anyone with any physical (or mental) weakness is totally incapacitated, by stressing them to breaking point with an Ashcroft-style marathon.

This year will be different.

I thought that perhaps the traditional element could be included by visiting the home of Welsh mountaineering, and between pints perhaps, stroll over a couple of fairly gentle hills before wandering home in the moonlight.

The Plan 1. An early start on Saturday morning to enable us to stroll over the Coles to the Glaslyn and the Miners Track and thence to the Pen-y-Gwryd. The pub will be shut, in the traditional Ashcroft style. Some will prefer to hang on for opening time (10 mins), others will be keen to savour the delights to follow. A vote will be taken; defaulters (e.g. Penlington, Theobald, etc) will be given camp duties to do outside, whilst the rest will be treated to a thesis on "pole vaulting in Hyde Park" by Radders who, simultaneously, will be doing one arm press-ups and pouring beer down his left ear-hole. The President will maintain a sense of decorum (and in all probability keep his hands in his pockets).

2. The second phase of the day begins with a gentle walk over the 'Old Miners Track' to Ogwen and thence via Penyrhelgi-du to the summit of Carnedd Llewelyn for lunch. After the picnic we shall return via the Black Ladders, Carnedd Dafydd and Cwm Tryfan to imbibe once again at the P.Y.G.. Here, we may be lucky to meet up with some of the tradition Oread fellows (TOFS) e.g. Pretty, Janes, Burgess, Williams:- who will, of course, have been reminiscing jovially in the tavern all afternoon.

3. Suitably refreshed and well furnished with anecdotes the party will re-assemble. Requests for a rope will be discarded flamboyantly and we shall take a bearing for Crib Goch (a word of warning for the novice - should the rope be called into play, allow the President to lead; he will have had his hands in his pocket all evening, and in any case has a nose for these mountaineering types of things. Also, if present, allow Digger the honour of being last on the rope - he has a knack of finding exactly the wrong direction, and thus deployed, can be of great service to the party). And hence, to a moonlit meander over Crib Goch to Crib-y-Blysgl and Snowdon. The welcoming lights of Tan-y-Wyddfa will no doubt speed our descent though it's possible that the aesthetic qualities of the mountains will overcome some travellers and that a bivouac will be thought proper.

On Sunday, we shall do some proper climbing (or not).

All will be welcome, for all or just part of the day. Dress is optional, though crinolin or tweeds might be preferred. The carrying of heavy things will not be necessary, though modernists may wish to improve their prospects of whitewashing the complete Walker Spur by carrying  $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. sacks of Blue Circle or similar.

Helpers to man (or woman) base and advanced base camps at the P.Y.G. and Ogwen would be appreciated. See me at Derby's equivalent of Henley if you would like to join in the fun, need a lift, or are prepared to offer one - or contact me on Derby 792147.

Would anybody considering attending the meet in Champex please contact me - I have masses of information, including leaflets on the area. Jim Winfield visited Champex at Easter to check the place out and thinks it's great, just the place for the Alpine Meet. Phone Belper 4617.

B.M.C. INSURANCE

Ron Sant now has forms and explanatory booklets for the B.M.C. Insurance Schemes. The cost for Full Cover this year is £27.50 and Ron must have all our applications in to Manchester by June 10th at the latest, so if you are interested contact Ron NCW on Melbourne 3579.

MEMBERS ADDRESSESKEITH GREGSON

Most of you will know already that I try to keep an up-to-date list of members and their addresses. With well over 200 addresses involved (including the Provisional Members) this can be a difficult task. Bearing this in mind it would be appreciated if evacuees (gypsies, etc.) would forward any change of address to me, I will then update my list and endeavour to include any changes in the Meets circular. To the same end would you please notify me of any errors in addresses, telephone numbers, etc..

If anyone would like a list of members, addresses, etc, then please see me at the Rowing Club or send me a stamp!

Some of you may also have noticed an asterisk in the bottom right hand corner of your address label. This is a reminder that your Subs. are now due. Subs. should be paid to Lol Burns, and of course treat the reminder as such - it may be that Lol's tom-tom (which is ex-W.D. and therefore prone to breakdown) may have been out-of-action. If you've paid recently, then ignore it.

In order to ease the job of Meets Secretary, I shall be looking after provisional members - this seems a logical step since again it is a matter of keeping track of names and addresses. Please point any prospective members in my direction at the Rowing Club.

Keith Gregson, 4 Clarkes Lane, Aston on Trent, Derbyshire, DE7 2AB.  
Tel. Derby 792147.

MENTALLY HANDICAPPED GROUP

The Wetherby Industrial Unit is a day centre for mentally handicapped adults living in Derby. They have an active rambling group and would like to start some easy rock-climbing this summer. Chris Birt, the Instructor at the Unit, is himself an experienced climber and has equipment and transport available. The thing he is short of is manpower. The group's activities usually take place on Thursdays 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, a difficult time for most Oreads, but Chris assures us that anyone becoming involved will find that supervising and teaching these enthusiastic new climbers is very rewarding. If you can offer any help, please contact Chris at:-

Chris Birt, Wetherby Industrial Unit, Gosforth Road, Derby, DE2 8HU.  
Telephone. Derby 49655.

ALPINE HUTS RECIPROCAL RIGHTS CARDS

Reciprocal Rights Cards are now available from the B.M.C. Offices at a cost of £6 per person. They are available to all B.M.C. Members (all Full Oreads are eligible) by sending the £6 plus a passport photograph to the B.M.C. - the card is valid for a calendar year 1st Jan to 31 Dec, and gives holders the right to reduced fees in Alpine Huts (Swiss, French, Italian, German, Austrian). Exact reductions in charges are not known as these vary - for further details on the reductions contact the B.M.C. (Oreads using these cards last season quote half price in a number of huts - mind you, other Oreads have managed for many seasons and not yet been caught by a guardian!)

DERBY CATHEDRAL SPONSORED ABSEIL

A sponsored abseil is to take place over the weekend June 5/6. The aim is to raise money for essential roof repairs to the Cathedral by abseiling down the Cathedral Tower, making sufficient drops to equal the height of Everest. Anyone wishing to have a go or help in any way, contact Paul Stidever at the Rowing Club or via Derby Mountain Centre.

MEMBERSHIP

An application for full membership has been received from John and Kath Muskett. Would anyone with any comments on the suitability of the applicants please forward them to the Hon.Sec..

KEYS PROBLEM

With regard to the unauthorised Access Problem at Tan-y-Wyddfa, which was discussed at length at the A.G.M., the Committee have decided to leave things as they are at the moment but would ask members to be vigilant about strangers at the Hut. It wouldn't hurt to ask them their names or where they are from, and point out that we require everyone to sign the log book, preferably on arrival (contrary to Hut Rule Book). If the problem continues to result in damage, etc. to Tan-y-Wyddfa, as it did this winter, then we will be forced to take some action. To replace the lock and keys would cost the Club £400. The other, and cheaper, alternative is to replace the lock but to have only 6 or 7 keys cut which would be kept by the Hut Booking Secretary and would only be released to authorised people. This is a drastic action to take and the Committee is loath to take any action which would result in the loss of spontaneity in the use of both the club huts by members.

TAN-Y-WYDDFA WORKING PARTY

Thanks from the Club to the few people who turned up at this recent Working Party and did so much essential work at the Welsh Hut. The work of these few people does mean that the hut remains serviceable for the whole club. There is always room at Working Partys for more willing hands.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Roger Larkam, 5 Leeds Place, DERBY. Tel. 683371 (coffee available Tuesday evenings after Rowing Club - mind the wet tar - Oops, sorry, Rog, I thought you were serious!)	Stuart Godfrey, The Barn, Church Street, Tansley, MATLOCK, DE4 5FE. Tel. Matlock (0629) 56586. (24 hr Answer Phone)
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LIFT WANTED

A lift wanted to the Alps for two climbers (not necessarily together) for the last week in July and first two in August. Contact Rob Tressider - 0629 82 3953.

FOR SALE

1. One pair of ladies boots - Vibram Gold Block sole. As new, used only a couple of times, size 39 (6) - £30 o.n.o.. Contact John Linney on Penkridge 3342.
2. Vango Mk. 3 Standard Cotton/Cotton Weight 12 lbs. In almost Mint condition. £65.00p. Ian Torr, 60 Sherwin Street, Derby. Or contact John O'Reilly at the Rowing Club or at Derby Mountain Centre if interested.

CONGRATULATIONS

1. To Ron and Yvonne Sant. On Monday 3rd May, Yvonne gave birth to Deborah Jane - congratulations from us all.
2. Also, well done to Keith Gregson and Rusty who both put up admirable performances in the White Peak Marathon this year. The conditions were appalling and it took a brave chap to enter, let alone finish in a good time. Tough luck on Mark Pearce who had to give up after completing the majority of the course.

OREAD 'FALL OF THE YEAR' COMPETITIONMIKE PEARCE

WE'VE ALREADY HAD SOME FINE ENTRIES FOR THIS NEW COMPETITION. JOHN O'REILLY TOOK AN EARLY LEAD WITH A NOSE DIVE DOWN GOLIATH'S GROOVE EARNING HIMSELF THE NICKNAME 'AIRTIME O'REILLY'! OTHER MORE SENIOR MEMBERS HAVE NARROWED THE GAP WITH SOME AMUSING AND ORIGINAL PEELS.

- \* START PRACTISING NOW FOR THAT REALLY BIG ONE!
- \* POINTS AWARDED FOR LENGTH, STYLE, PERSISTANCE AND ORIGINALITY.
- \* FULL SCORES PLUS DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE ENTRIES TO BE PUBLISHED IN THIS YEAR'S JOURNAL.

ENTRIES ON PLAIN BROWN POSTCARDS TO MIKE PEARCE AT THE ROWING CLUB.

JOURNALJOHN O'REILLY

AS MANY MEMBERS WILL KNOW, AND SOME WILL HAVE ASSUMED, THERE WILL BE NO 'OREAD 1981 JOURNAL'. ALTHOUGH PETE NORTHCOLE HAD ACCUMULATED A FAIR AMOUNT OF MATERIAL, FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE PUBLICATION OF THE JOURNAL. ALL OF THE MATERIAL FROM 1981 WILL HOWEVER BE USED IN THIS YEAR'S JOURNAL WHICH WILL ATTEMPT TO COVER OREAD ACTIVITIES OVER THE TWO YEAR PERIOD INVOLVED. IT WILL ALSO, I HOPE, BE OUT FOR THE DINNER (OLDER MEMBERS AND PREVIOUS EDITORS WILL HAVE HEARD THAT COMMENT SOMEWHERE BEFORE!).

AS USUAL, APART FROM THE ODD TECHNICAL PROBLEM, THE BIGGEST SINGLE PROBLEM IS GETTING MEMBERS TO PUT PEN TO PAPER. ANYTHING YOU ARE PREPARED TO WRITE WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE USED - IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A 10,000 WORD TOME; SHORT ARTICLES ARE ALSO WELCOME, AMUSING ARTICLES OR SKETCHES, GOOD PHOTOGRAPHS (ESPECIALLY BLACK AND WHITE), IN FACT ANYTHING WHICH REFLECTS ANY ASPECT OF OREAD ACTIVITIES WILL BE WELCOMED. THE JOURNAL WILL ONLY BE AS GOOD AS YOU MAKE IT!

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS, IN WHATEVER FORM, TO ME AT THE ROWING CLUB, AT DERBY MOUNTAIN CENTRE LTD, OR AT 34 BELPER LANE, BELPER. TEL: BELPER 7194.

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