

OREAD NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 1982"Aprick", WharfedaleOctober 2/3Keith Gregson

Once again, it's time for a trip over the border into G.O.C.. For some, it's a visit home, for others a happy return - but for all it's a reminder that the Dales don't stop at Sheffield. Those who have been before need no introduction. For the rest, well if you like Derbyshire you can't fail to like the Wharfe valley.

We shall camp at Appletreewick (pronounced "Aprick") which is ideally situated to cater for all tastes. If you want to climb, walk, go fishing - or simply 'do nowt' this is the place for you, so let's have a good turnout from all sections of the Club, with a good crowd for the Theakstone thrashing championships on the Saturday night (Sedgwick will lead the clog dancing while the other Tyke (Scott) will doubtless go round with the hat).

Find Wharfedale somehow, then drive up the valley, past Ilkley and Bolton Abbey. Then to Bardon Towers and turn right immediately beyond (signposted Appletreewick). Follow the 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. The journey from Derby can be done comfortably in less than two hours.

I intend to walk and climb on one or two of the local limestone crags on Saturday, probably in the Malham area. Doubtless there will also be a walking team in or around the dale. On the Sunday, we shall invade Ilkley (b'aht 'at - I and b'aht bloody chalk an' all!) where the locals may be persuaded to show the uninitiated a few Tykonian gems. 'Little A' climb on the Cow must be one of the best V.Diffs on gritstone.

This area has something for everyone, so let's see you all there with a full Oread turnout. P.S. Passports will not be required - I've had words with the elders!

Photo MeetOctober 9Gordon Gadsby/Ken Bryan

Starting at 7.30 pm at Baslow Village Hall. Last date for entries October 5th. See September Newsletter for details.

North York MoorsOctober 16/17Pete Lancaster

Excellent climbing of all grades is to be had on the limestone cliffs of Peakscar and 'sensational' climbing on Whitestone cliff overlooking the Vale of York. Whitestone had quite a bit of loose rock in places but there is some good solid stuff (despite what Dave Owen says) providing routes of three star quality.

Camping at "Wren's of Ryedale" Camping Park, Nawton G.R.100/ 656841, located 3 miles East of Helmsley off the A170 near the White Horse Inn, which is a very suitable place to congregate on the Friday night.

SwanageOctober 23/24Pete Scott

Unfortunately, Stuart Godfrey has had to withdraw from leading this Meet and Pete Scott has taken over. Directions for finding the camp-site are given

below. Any more information can be gained from Pete.

As you enter Swanage, the road forks, ahead being 'No Entry'. Turn right just before 'No Entry' sign, up Jubilee Way. Trend left (becomes obvious) on to Priests Way. Keep a large square building and Caravan Park on your left. Continue up Priests Way, becomes single track. Ignore campsites on the right. On to California Farm. Pass through farm keeping right. Camp down field near trees on the left.

Family Meet

October 23/24

Gordon Gadsby

This Meet is once again based at Tan-y-Wyddfa. Please book early to avoid disappointment. See me at the Rowing Club, the Royal Oak or Photo Meet, or write to this address - Gordon Gadsby, Konstind, 7 Imperial Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1EZ.

Heathy Lea

October 30/31

Ken Bryan

Details of this meet from Ken at the Rowing Club, Royal Oak or Photo Meet, or at 126 Brookhill Street, Stapleford, Notts. (Tel: Sandiacre 397132).

Brian Cooke

Below is a paragraph from a letter that Marion Cooke asked me to publish. It is an indication of the esteem and affection with which we remember Brian.

" The Coniston Mountain Rescue Team has informed me that a total of £313 was sent to them in memory of Brian. I know the Treasurer of the team thanked all donors individually but I would like to add the sincere gratitude and thanks of Jean, Margaret and myself for this wonderful appreciation if Brian".  
Marion Cooke.

Winter Meets, Royal Oak, Ockbrook

Chris Jonson

The programme of Winter Meets so far is as follows:-

- October 5th - 'Ten thousand valleys, a thousand hills and never a manky day' by Rock 'Half Dome' Hudson.
- November 2nd - Tony Waltham. A return visit from a very entertaining speaker - we haven't settled on the exact subject yet, but does it matter?
- December 7th - Club Night Photo Meet.
- January 4th - Double Bill - widely spaced locations. George Reynolds in the U.S.A. and Robin Sedgwick on the Old Man of Hoy.

Christmas Party

December 11

Chris Wilson

Advance warning of what may well be the highlight of your year. Brave the cold and come and enjoy yourself at the Rowing Club for a repeat of last year's excellent 'do'. Something (?) will be there for everyone of all ages (including the President). Start planning your fancy dress now (yes - fancy dress) and see whether you can lift the coveted prize of best dress (or was

it silliest?). So, don't forget, cancel all other longstanding arrangements for this night and join in the social event that could alter your life. Repeat - this is for all Oreads, both young and a little bit older.

The Welsh Highland Light Railway & The Oread M.C.      Dave Penlington

The above position is not clear to some club members. I hope the following statement will help everyone to have a clearer understanding of the position adopted by the Club.

The W.H.L.R. is a breakaway group from the Portmadog/Ffestiniog Railway. This group formed a company in 1964 and leased the old W.H.L.R. station at Porthmadog from B.R.. They have since purchased this and established a number of workshops and approx. one mile of track.

Last year they applied for planning permission to develop the track to Rhyd Ddu. The development will include stations at Pont Croesor, Hafod-y-Llyn, Nantmor, Beddgelert, Pitts Head and Rhyd-Ddu. The latter will be in the area between the Hut and the present National Park car park, plus various buildings for shops, cafes, etc, also sidings. The immediate effect will be to prevent our present access being used - we will also lose the area we at present park our cars on. We will be forced to use the track down to the village with its blind exit, and to construct a new parking area around the Hut itself.

The Club are objecting to the development on two grounds:-

- 1) The effect it will have on the Hut.
- 2) The effect it will have on the National Park and the Nature Reserves it will run through.

If the course of the track is studied it will be clearly seen that, unlike the other light railways of Wales which run along the sides of wooded valleys and are fairly obscure, this one will not be. It will firstly cross the low land to Croesor and then follow the wide river valley before climbing the centre of the Aberglaslyn. From Beddgelert Forest it will emerge into the open valley below the Hut. Part of this latter area is designated as a Nature Reserve with rare wild plants and bird life. Similar conditions also exist along a high proportion of the track below Beddgelert.

Opposition to the development is being made by the local councils, the National Farmers Union for the local farmers, the Nature Conservancy Council, the National Trust, Snowdonia National Park Society and a host of local people.

The way in which the W.H.L.R. Company and the Gwynedd County Council have gone about the agreement to develop the railway is rather dubious, to say the least. At present there appears to be some disagreement in the G.C.C.; this caused an initial hold-up and reference to the Secretary of State for Wales. A Public Enquiry is to be held shortly.

An application to develop the track as a public footpath has been made by the National Parks. Most of the track is already used in this way at present. This would undoubtedly be the best solution to this problem for the Club. It would also make permanent what is in fact a very good footpath passing through some very interesting country.

Should any member require any further detail, please contact me, C.Hooley or R.Squires.

Tan-y-Wyddfa Bookings

October 1 - 3	22 beds.	October 22 - 24	Oread Meet.
8 - 10	16 beds.	25 - 29	4 beds.
15 - 17	16 beds.	29 - 31	16 beds.

Membership

Applications for full membership have been received from Mick Lightfoot and John Hammond. Would anyone with any comments on the suitability of the applicants please send them to the Hon. Sec., Ron Sant.

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Annual Dinner - Saturday 20th November 1982

The 33rd Annual Dinner will again be held at the Green Man Hotel, Ashbourne. Please note that Greenall Whitney have sold out and the hotel is under private management with both improved service and beer.

The bar will open at 6 pm and Dinner commence at 7.15 pm. It will be organised so that there will be a longer time for the final natter after Dinner, etc, etc. We have managed to contain the price to last year's level of £7.50p.

Accommodation should be booked directly with the hotel, the Manager being Mr. P.D.King. Dinner bookings should be made as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

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BOOKINGS TO: D.Penlington, 41 Broadway, Duffield, Derby.

Please reserve ..... places at the Annual Dinner on 20th November 1982

for .....

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Please state  
full names.

I enclose cheque/postal order to the value of £ .....

Signed .....

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