



OREAD Newsletter

April 1985

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Heathy Lea W.P.

March 30/31

Pete O'Neill

Final reminder - don't forget to turn up and give Pete a hand to give the Derbyshire Hut a bit of a spring clean, etc. - if you can spare the time to help on either Saturday or Sunday or both, give Pete a ring on Ashbourne 43585 or see him at the Rowing Club.

Indoor Meet, Royal Oak

April 2

Rolar Gerkam/
Ricfree Hardstone

The final Indoor Meet for this season is the talk by Howard Lancashire on "Island Climbing" re-scheduled from December. Usual start time of 8.00 pm at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook for this talk which promises to provide many ideas for the coming season on rock.

Pembroke - Easter

April 6/7.....

Keith Gregson

Although there are teams departing for foreign shores for the Easter break, notably to the Verdon and Fontaineblau, there is a sizeable group heading for the sunshine and intimidating verticality of Pembroke. Keith Gregson plus various other Oreads will be at the Manorbier site - if anyone else wants to join them, they are most welcome - if you have not been to this excellent area and require details on how to get there, etc, have a word with Keith at the Rowing Club or on Derby 792147.

Brassington

April 17

Don't forget the first official Wednesday evening Meet at Harborough Rocks and afterwards in the 'Gate' at Brassington.

Tan y Wyddfa W.P.

April 20/21

Pete Scott

Copy for the Newsletter was needed on this occasion before the Hut Committee had met to decide on the work required to be undertaken. Nevertheless a Working Party will take place and any offers of help will be appreciated. Please forward offers of help to Pete Scott on Derby 842108, Chuck Hooley on Ashbourne 70463, John Linney on Penkrudge 3342 or John Shreeve on Derby 673945.

A.G.M.April 27Committee

This year's A.G.M. will be held, as usual, in the Village Hall at Baslow on April 27th at 7.30 pm. The nominations for Committee for 1985/86 are as follows:

President:	Robin Sedgwick
Vice President:	Keith Gregson
Hon. Secretary:	Ron Sant
Assistant Secretary:	Colin Barnard
Hon. Treasurer:	Lol Burns
Meets Secretary:	John O'Reilly
Welsh Hut Custodian:	Chuck Hooley
Committee:	Fred Phillips
	John Linney
Derbys Hut Custodian:	Pete O'Neill
Committee:	Pete Lancaster
	Richard Freestone
Hon. Journal Editor:	John Hudson
Hut Booking Secretary:	Fred Phillips
Committee:	Roger Larkam
	Dawn Hopkinson
	Clive Russell

A copy of the minutes of the last A.G.M. are enclosed with this Newsletter - please read through them before the 27th April. The committee looks forward to seeing as many Members as possible at Baslow on April 27th.

Welsh HutCommittee

As a number of you may be aware, there have recently been leaks at Tan y Wyddfa due to the extremely cold weather and a failure of the water system to be drained down after use. It is not known who is responsible, but this note is to emphasise to members that, regardless of whether you think it needs doing or not, the water system at the Welsh Hut must be drained down from NOVEMBER TO MARCH when you leave the Hut. Even with the amazingly cheap labour and travel charges made by the local plumber who had to be called in to solve the problem on this occasion, the bill came to over £100!

Fell Race Report and Results 1985Chris Jonson

The 1985 Fell Race took place on Sunday 10th March. It consisted of two-person teams scoring points by visiting check points, and subsequently losing them by taking too long about it. Each team was allowed an aggregate time of 2½ hours with individual maximum of 1½ hours. The usual problems of balancing time taken against check points visited is evident from the results table.

Congratulations to Fred Phillips and Roger Larkam who achieved the best combination (must have been luck - can't believe science entered into it!).

The after race session took place at the Wheatsheaf and this proved a popular venue. My thanks are due to all those who assisted during the event and particularly to John Gresty who supplied most of the ideas for the event.

If anybody detects any inaccuracies in the attached score chart or feels undervalued in any way I refer them to next year's organiser Fred Phillips who, being of a very sympathetic disposition, will doubtless take due account when working out their handicap.

Fell Race Results

Names	Elapsed Time Minutes	Time Penalty Points	Check Points	Total	Position
R.Tresidder J.Tresidder	99 89	280	725	445	4
F.Raphael A.Raphael	68 107	295	425	130	9
F.Phillips R.Larkam	86 91	145	725	580	1
J.Ashcroft I.Brindle	118 85	545	725	180	7
R.Freestone Judy	108	690	150	-540	10
K.Gregson E.Gregson	80 76	30	175	145	8
C.Russell M.Pearce	91 77	100	550	450	3
R.Sedgwick H.Griffiths	92 60	30	550	520	2
R.Eyre G.Fowler	89 102	325	575	250	5
P.Bingham B.West	87 98	255	500	245	6
C.Birt	104	SOLO	375		

Alps 1985Ian Brindle - Chris Jonson

At the recent Alpine Discussion evening, two venues were proposed for this summer's Alpine Meet, hence two write-ups have been received -

Alps 1985 - Zinal (1675m.)Ian Brindle

The Val d'Anniviers, one of the Swiss valleys, gives access to four 4000 metre peaks with routes PD+ or AD, Ober Gabelhorn and Zinalrothorn, up to TD+, North-North-East face of the Dent Blanche. There are numerous lower peaks with excellent routes, for example the Grand Cornier has three ridges (PD+) and a North-East face (D+). The climbing in the area is rock, mixed or snow and ice - something for every taste.

The campsite at Zinal has 60 places, and no less than 4 hut walks start there. Zinal offers shops, a bank, restaurants, an indoor swimming pool and a cable car to half-way up the peaks on the west side of the valley.

Alps 1985 - continued/

Prices at the St.Jean campsite (150 places), about five kilometres down the valley from Zinal, are; Adult 2.80 S.F. + 0.30 tax, Children 1.50 S.F. + 0.30 tax, Car 1.50 S.F. and Tent 1.00 S.F. (Currently 3 S.F.= £1.00p).

The Dauphine - A Possible Venue for the Alpine Meet 1985 Chris Jonson

For those not familiar with the Dauphine, it lies in an area south-east of Grenoble. Lying wholly within France, it is the most southerly of the high alpine areas of Western Europe. The highest peak in the area is the Barre Des Ecrins at 4102 metres but the most famous is probably La Meije, the traverse of which ranks as one of the great alpine classics.

The region should be considered as one of general mountaineering rather than as having a bias towards either rock or ice. It is certainly a very attractive area with some splendid walking (which everyone samples since the hut plods are not noted for their brevity). The weather is generally better than that encountered in the other alpine regions and, if the season is disastrous, one can escape to the Verdon which is only two or three hours away.

Choice of campsite is difficult since there are quite a lot of options. It's probably better to consider somewhere over to the east rather than the more popular La Berade.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| April 2 | Indoor Meet at <u>Ockbrook</u> - Howard Lancashire on 'Island Climbing' |
| April 14 | <u>Doug Scott</u> talking on 'Himalayas 1984' at Derby Playhouse on Sunday evening - check Playhouse for start time/price. |
| April 17 | First Wednesday evening Meet at <u>Harborough/Brassington</u> . |
| April 27 | <u>A.G.M.</u> at Baslow Village Hall. |

Changes of Address

Chris and Jan Wilson are now at 107 Field Lane, Horninglow, Burton on Trent, Staffs.. Tel: Burton 33251.

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