



# OREAD Newsletter

## December 1985

Oread Christmas Party

November 30

Gail Searby

- Despite the date given in the last Newsletter, this years's Christmas Party
- is in fact on November 30th. The theme of this Fancy Dress Party is "Nursery
- Rhyme" characters, tickets are £1.25 each from Gail or Gil at the Rowing
- Club (or telephone 553672) and the fun commences at 8.00 pm.

Indoor Meets Reminder

December 3rd

Mike Pearce

GORDON GADSBY

'BLEAKLOW TO BREGAGLIA'

TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER

7.30 P.M. ROYAL OAK, OCKBROOK

MEMBERS AND GUESTS WELCOME

Bullstones

December 7/8

Brian West

A final reminder - if you haven't yet contacted Brian to book your place, you have only a week to go - Brian is usually around at the Rowing Club, or on Derby 880034.

Black Rocks and 'The Gate'

December 11

Keith Gregson

Primarily of course this is a social meet but, like drinking at 'The George', it is all the better for a little exercise beforehand.

Traditionally the climbing activities will be at Black Rocks which haven't been clear of slippery green stuff all year anyway, so you can count this as an extension of the Wednesday evening climbing scene. Actually, it may even be an improvement since I've had a long standing order on the books for plenty of snow by then; this should improve the friction qualities!

Doubtless there will be other macho attractions for those who think climbing in the dark too tame, and whilst the impetuous Radders will be missed (and toasted of course) there are others who seem unable to resist the annual mono-cycle-uni-ski-base-over-apex wall-demolishing job down Middleton Bank. I imagine that West may be out in front of this team and interested parties should come up and see him sometime.

If you can't make the action, don't use that as an excuse for not coming to 'The Gate' where the usual welcome will be extended to all Oreads and friends. The fires will be well stoked, the drinks extension is arranged and food will be available in the form of a large cauldron of broth plus the usual fare. I look forward to seeing you there.

Seasons Greetings - Keith.

Little LangdaleJanuary 4/5Gordon Wright

I have booked the Fylde Hut as usual for this Meet - the only date I could get this winter. This is your chance to clear your head after the Christmas and New Year festivities in the bracing air of the sun-drenched and snow covered/rain-lashed fells. For those who have not been before, the Hut is situated between the Coniston and Langdale Fells so there is plenty to go at. See me at the Rowing Club or phone Burton on Trent 813690 for directions to the Hut and to book places. I will be in the Three Shires Hotel in Little Langdale from 9 o'clock on Friday evening.

Oread Photo AlbumRobin Beadle

The idea of keeping a record of Photo Meet winning pictures was put forward by Ken Wilson after the 1985 event. The Committee discussed the proposal and decided to start a Club Photo Album. They also generously passed the task of organising and compiling it onto me. We hope to trace as many past winners as possible - that is, any slide which took first place in either the Club Interest Section or any of the four sections from the "serious" bit of the competition. I therefore put forward the following request: would anyone in possession of winning slides of any vintage, please lend them to me a.s.a.p. so I can get them printed. I am available at the Rowing Club most Tuesdays to collect them, otherwise telephone Derby 841531.

HELP, PLEASEKeith Gregson

I have long held the view that grading systems for climbs are inadequate. In particular, the quest for categories, whether adjectival or numeric, into which climbs may be categorised seems to me to be pointless. In my opinion the only satisfactory way of categorising climbs is to compare them with other climbs. To this end, I would like to try to produce a list (or lists) of climbs in Derbyshire ranked according to difficulty. In order to do this I shall need as many opinions as possible and so I am appealing to all Oreads for help. What I require is:-

- a list of gritstone routes in order of difficulty
- and/or a list of limestone routes in order of difficulty -

In compiling your list I would appreciate it if you would consider the difficulty of routes under the same conditions i.e. all as sight leads, or all on "top C" tight ropes, etc.. I think also that to make the grading meaningful it would be appropriate if most of the routes in your individual list were in the grades that you find difficult, or at least a little taxing - grading routes which you find easy is, I believe, counterproductive. Obviously, the more routes in your list/lists the better but I appreciate that this sort of thing takes time and so, let's say, a dozen or so would be useful. The more individual contributions and the wider the spread of difficulty, the better. I'll do my best to provide something for the next journal with your help.

Have you dropped your trousers recently?

Well, if you have, it looks like someone might have picked them up for you. Roger Larkam says he has got someone's tracksuit bottoms (possibly from the Shepshed Climbing Wall evening in October) - Rog can be contacted at the Rowing Club or on Derby 383371.

OREAD VICE SCANDAL

Yet another Indoor Meets advert! CHRIS RADCLIFFE will be giving an illustrated talk on his climbing (and other!) activities in NORTH AMERICA, at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook at 7.30 pm on TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 1986 (A chance here for you to use that shiny new diary that Aunt Ethel gave you). It has proved completely impossible, due to Chris not being here most of the time, to find out what the talk will be called. You may rest assured that it will be entertaining and will most probably embrace that spirit of uncertainty that Bullstoners are so fond of.

Important note for the Oread Leisure and Vice Sub-Committee: "Tuesday 31st of December 1985 shall in no circumstances be considered as the first Tuesday in January 1986. Any member so considering will be required to attend the Royal Oak on their own or with others so considering. So there!"

Changes of Address

Margaret Bryan is now living at 29 Doncaster Avenue,  
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 30	Oread Christmas Part at the Rowing Club.
December 3	Indoor Meet at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook.
December 10	DMC Winter Lecture - Martin Moran on "The Scottish Munros in Winter". Full details DMC, usual venue at Kedleston Road college - Main Lecture Theatre, 7.30 pm start.
December 11	Black Rocks 'Climbing' and 'The Gate'.
January 7	Indoor Meet at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook.
January 11	New Year Party at Heathy Lea.
January 22	DMC Winter Lecture - Mark & Rowland Edwards on "Cornish Gold" (Rock Climbing audiovisual + much more!). Full details DMC, usual venue at Kedleston Road, 7.30 pm Start.

PLEASE NOTE: FINAL COPY DATE FOR JANUARY NEWSLETTER: DECEMBER 17TH

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