



OREAD Newsletter

November 1985

Dovedale Dash

November 3

As usual, car parking in Thorpe village (simply follow the crowds). You are recommended to be there 10.00 - 10.15 am in order to be parked and ready for the start at about 11.00 am. Liquid lunchtime refreshment, also as usual, in the George at Alstonefield afterwards.

Free Night Out on Pete Scott!

November 5

Mike Pearce

Actually this is an advert for the forthcoming Indoor Meet at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook. Tuesday 5th November 1985. The talk will be given by Mark Vallance (the man who makes friends) and is entitled 'Antarctica'. Mark spent two years in Antarctica during which time he travelled, climbed, worked and still found time to photograph the life, environment and wildlife as well as his adventures. Start time will be 7.30 for 8.00 pm to give you time to give your kids a rocket first!

Tan y Wyddfa

November 9/10

George Fowler

It is all of a month since we last had a Meet to this interesting area, so why not re-acquaint yourself. Come down and admire all the latest features including the newly fitted 'toast-ready' alarm. As this Meet is strategically located between the various excesses of the Dash and the Dinner, I have arranged a wet weekend so that you may relax without qualms.

For further details contact me at the Rowing Club or leave a message on Ambergate 2087.

Annual Dinner

November 23

Reg Squires

The number of places is diminishing rapidly and all who wish to attend are advised to reach for their cheque books and apply without delay!

Don't forget, you can camp or caravan at the club. Cottages may be available two weeks before the date. Bed and Breakfast can be arranged. In each case contact me if required. Anyone requiring a vegetarian menu, please indicate with your application. Mrs. Beale at Callow Park will put on a special menu if given sufficient notice!

The traditional post-dinner walk will be to the Hanging Gate at Brassington by way of Harboro' and Rainster for the energetic and sober, otherwise by the shortest route! See you all there.

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Climbing WallNovember 25Tony Raphael

I have provisionally booked a second session on the Hind Leys climbing wall for Monday 25th November from 7.00 to 9.00 pm. I will be confirming this booking in early November subject to the level of interest shown and the numbers turning up for the first session.

If you are interested then please contact me as soon as possible at the Rowing Club or telephone Loughbrough 843393.

BullstonesDecember 7/8Brian West

This year, the Bullstones Meet will be in the Lake District and I will explain why. I apologise now, to some, for the assertive style employed, but I think it will appeal to the guide-book mind: the steps are all there to follow and one doesn't have to think.

Firstly, I would like you to remark a metamorphosis: Bullstones has become a Cow - and an extremely sacred one.

"What's wrong with that?" you say - especially if you're a Women's Libber - "It's traditional, always well-attended, and embodies the very 'Spirit of the Hills' Be off with you, Berk!"

I agree. For me, Bullstones has always provided that which most other Meets now only promise. I want it to stay that way.

You have spoken of the 'Spirit of the Hills'. Stifled by the unoriginal and the unimaginative, that Spirit has never been in greater need of support. I do not pretend to know the ways of this Spirit, but I do know that it thrives on uncertainty: and uncertainty is being purged from the Oread, as surely as it is from the world at large. The great "What if....?" is being replaced by the savourless "What when....?" and we are the poorer for it.

Bullstones, like the Oread, is now predictable. This matters, and I want to re-introduce a little of that glorious uncertainty that is the wellspring of all enjoyment: Hence the change.

Now, the Meet: Bullstones format will be retained and Friday night starts from the 'Greyhound' at Shap. This is the first pub on the right (I think) when entering Shap from the M6 exit 39. Requirements are simple; the where-withal to sustain yourself for two December nights and days with heavy snow a possibility and an outdoor bivouac a probability.

Don't be shy: the average Bullstoner will have no problems - apart from the average Bullstones ones, that is

For those anticipating a Peak District weekend, the Jubilee Cabin will be available as usual. See me about the key.

JournalRobin Sedgwick

Many members have expressed concern at the lack of a Journal this year. This has been due to procrastination on the part of the editor of the Journal. The material has now been passed on to Rock Hudson and he hopes to have the 1984 Journal ready for distribution a.s.a.p..

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Journal - cont./

Rock also has material for a 1985 Journal and hopes to produce this in the New Year. Contributions are urgently requested for incorporation in this.

The committee regrets the disappointing of members to date re. the Journal.

Easter 1986

John Linney

John Linney is organising an Easter 1986 Meet in Scotland based on Ballachulish chalets.

In order to book the right number of chalets, can anyone interested please contact John by not later than 1st December on Penkridge 3342.

Indoor Meets Advance Notice

Mike Pearce

Gordon ('The Great') Gadsby will be giving a talk entitled "Bleaklow to Bregaglia" illustrated with his superb photographs on Tuesday 3rd December 1985. Newer members may like to have a look at 'Classic Walks' and 'Big Walks' to see a small selection of Gordon's outstanding mountain photographs. Don't miss this chance to see the originals! The evening will be rounded off with a new tape/slide sequence that Gordon has just finished producing.

The venue will, as usual, be the Royal Oak at Ockbrook. Members and their guests are all welcome - start time 7.30 pm.. There is no truth in the rumour that one Mr.K.Gregson will be buying everyone who turns up a drink.

Membership

Congratulations to Robin Beadle and Bobby Gilbert on being elected to Full Membership of the Club.

For Sale

One pair of Galibier SuperGuide Boots size 42, excellent condition, hardly used. £45 or nearest offer. Telephone Derby 558649.

Changes of Address

Mike Wynne and Ann-Marie Carrington are now living at 120 Almond Street, Derby. Telephone: 772217.

Meets List 1986

John O'Reilly

This is your last chance to actually have any say in what appears on next year's Meets List - if you have any ideas on venues for Meets, new or old, or would like to lead a Meet, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. I hope to have a Meets List finalised for sending out with the December Newsletter, although the Meets Cards will probably not appear until the January Newsletter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November 3	Dovedale Dash.
November 5	Indoor Meet, Royal Oak, Ockbrook..
November 17	Presidential Party at Heathy Lea.
November 21	DMC Winter Lecture - John Noble on "Wilderness Skiing in the Alps and Arctic". Full details DMC, usual venue Kedleston Road College, Derby.
November 23	ANNUAL DINNER
November 25	Climbing Wall Evening at Shepshed.
December 3	Indoor Meet at 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.
December 11	Black Rocks Climbing and the 'Gate'.
December 14	Oread Christmas Party.

NOVEMBER INDOOR MEET - MARK VALLANCE (THE MAN WHO MAKES FRIENDS) ON "ANTARCTICA", ROYAL OAK, OCKBROOK. 7.30 FOR 8.00 PM. ON TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER.

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