



# OREAD Newsletter

## May 1986

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**Malham/Stange Crag/Walk**

**May 3/5**

**Pete Amour**

Since the last Newsletter I have encountered difficulties with the owners of the camp-site at Wood Nook, Grassington - with this considered, I have therefore moved the location for the weekend to be based at GORDALE FARM O.S. Map No.98 Grid.Ref. 914635. As previously stated, there is a good variety of crags in the area together with interesting walking country. Any members intending to use the site are requested to call at the adjacent farmhouse in order that the gang have their own area.

Should anyone require, or be able to offer, any lifts, please see me at the Rowing Club or ring me on Belper 6219 after 6.00 p.m..

**Roaches**

**May 10/11**

**Gil Male**

Following the mega-success of 1985 I intend to run another Roaches Meet on the weekend of May 10/11. Last year this was the only dry weekend of the season and this year will be a real scorcher - only the best, you know.

So, here you are! Friday night in the Rock pub - it has a new landlord, so is more acceptable for our sophisticated circles - OK yah! Bullshit, beer and hangovers guaranteed for those who last the course.

Bullshit over, you are committed to the routes you have promised. Hen Cloud on Saturday - Roaches Upper and Lower Tiers on Sunday. If you can't manage both days, try the Rock pub on Saturday night. Hope to see you there - let's beat the 39 people who turned up last year. If you feel jaded and fancy trying Newstones, Baldstones or Backforest, mention it to me. Perhaps some horror story can be arranged. Hope to see you all there.

**J.B.** Camping at approx. 25p per night in the field below Hen Cloud.

**Tan y Vyddfa**

**May 17/18**

**John Fisher**

Situated in a good area. Climbs and walks to suit every level of competence and taste. Occasional views of Snowdon if you peer round the left side of the bay windows. Just to ensure we do not overbook, ring me for a bedspace please on 021-501-2620 (evenings). Presumably people will organise themselves locally with regard to economical transport.

## Use of Heathy Lea

Pete O'Neill

There are two parties booked into Heathy Lea in May - one on the weekend of May 3/5 and one on the weekend of May 10/11. On both occasions the Hut will probably be filled completely, but in keeping with present Club policy the Barn will be free for Oread use on both weekends.

## Oread Photo Album

Robin Beadle

The Oread Photo Album now exists and thanks are due to Gordon Wright, Jack Ashcroft, Gil Male and Gordon Gadsby who have submitted material. To everyone else, please, if you have a winning slide from any of the Photo Meet sections, would you let me have it/them so that I can get prints made. I am particularly after Club Interest photos.

More specifically, I am short of the following slides from recent years:-

Action U.K. 1985	Apaloosa Sunset	Paul Laver
Action Abroad 1985	Aiguille du Midi	Tim Barnett
Aesthetic Abroad 1985	Matterhorn	Ken Bryan
Aesthetic U.K. 1984	Scotland ?	Robin Sedgwick
Aesthetic Abroad 1984	?	?

Keith Gregson and Pete Scott have also promised to turn out some pictures. Any chance of them before October?

## Changes of Address

In order to ensure that your future Newsletters are sent to the correct address as soon as possible, if you move house please inform Keith Gregson, 4 Clarke's Lane, Aston on Trent, Derby, as well as the Meets Secretary. Keith produces the labels for sending out the Newsletters so your copy will continue to go to the old address until he is told. Telling the Meets Secretary gets the information into the Newsletter so that your fellow members know your new address.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB, HELD AT BASLOW VILLAGE HALL ON SATURDAY APRIL 27TH, 1985

Present: The President and 57 members.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from George and Janet Reynolds, Tony Smedley, Gill Male, Gail Searby, Margaret Osman, Dorothy Kidd, Roger and Beryl Turner, Ruth, Lisa and Helga Welbourn, Mike Pearce, John Fisher, Von Sant.

2. Minutes of last A.G.M.

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were accepted as a true record. Proposed: John Shreeve. Seconded: Beryl Strike, and carried by the meeting.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. President's Report

The President reported that meets had generally been well attended and that a 'hard team' had been very active on local crags. This, of course, did not detract from the popularity of the traditional 'mountaineering' meets.

Thanks were recorded to Richard Freestone and Roger Larkam for their efforts in organising the Indoor Meets. This last session had seen the emphasis on 'home-bred' talent and had proved successful.

Richard Freestone was also thanked for organising the Annual Dinner which had proved to be the usual difficult task. The attendance had been disappointing but an enjoyable time was had by those who did attend. It had been decided to change the venue for the '85 Dinner and this would take place at Callow Park.

With regard to the Welsh Hut, the President congratulated the Sub-Committee on the way they had enthusiastically tackled the problems of maintenance at Tan-Y-Wyddfa and thanked everyone who had helped on Working Parties.

Heathy Lea was again suffering from under-utilisation although maintenance was being carried out on a regular basis and generally the hut appeared to be in good condition. It has also been reported on a number of occasions that the hut has regular midweek visits by someone who presumably wishes to remain anonymous. The reason for this is open to speculation but the financial deficit incurred by the hut would certainly be reduced if the user paid his/her (or both) day fees!

Thanks were expressed to John O'Reilly for his very efficient production of the Meets Circular, and to the Committee for their service during the past year.

5. Hon. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that as a result of discussion at the last A.G.M. it had been the active policy of the Committee to publish in the Meets Circular

any relevant matters which may have been discussed at Committee Meetings. This, of course, includes items which have been passed down by various sub-committees, the B.M.C., and such-like. John O'Reilly was congratulated on making this policy possible since the Committee Meetings usually fall on the night before the Meets Circular is circulated.

The two proposed rule changes which had been passed at the previous A.G.M. (i.e. the reduction in the size of the Committee, and a minor alteration in the composition of the Welsh Hut Sub-Committee) had both been implemented and appeared to be working well.

On the B.M.C. front it was reported that the official links with the 'Climber and Rambler' had now been severed and in future the official journal of the B.M.C. would be 'High'. The results of this change will be awaited with interest.

In closing his report the Secretary thanked everyone who had helped with the administration of the Club and particularly Beryl Strike and Jean O'Neill for the production of various minutes, and Robin Sedgwick in his role of Assistant Secretary.

#### 6. Hon. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer thanked the Auditor for his customary efficient service ("I passed the accounts to Reg and now can't understand the b\*\*\*\*\*s myself").

On a more serious note the Treasurer outlined the main reasons for the increase in subscriptions which had been implemented this year. These were the large increase in the cost of producing the Meets Circular, rates increases at both huts and also a large increase in the insurance premiums. These factors, on top of normal inflation, had necessitated the increase in subscriptions which had been held steady for a number of years.

Strenuous efforts had been made over the last year to gain maximum benefit from our investments but the Bank/Building Society accounts available for 'club' use are strictly limited and no advantage had been found in changing our method of banking. The reduction of the bank charges, incurred because we are treated as a business account is one of the few ways of increasing benefit.

The Club is still actively pursuing the policy of transferring £500 plus inflation to a hut reserve account on an annual basis.

Jack Ashcroft queried the difference between the '83 and '84 electricity accounts at Tan-Yr-Wyddfa. He was informed that this was entirely due to when the year-end electricity bill is forwarded to the Club.

The accounts were accepted as a true record. Proposed: Brian West. Seconded: John Hudson, and carried by the meeting.

#### 7. Welsh Hut Report

Pete Scott drew the meeting's attention to the 'fact sheet' which contained details of proposed expenditure at Tan-Yr-Wyddfa. This included a programme of planned maintenance which, in the light of a very enthusiastic Hut Sub-Committee and consequently very effective Working Parties, could be accelerated to suit our needs. It was stressed that there was no point in putting off planned maintenance.

In line with suggestions at the last A.G.M. details of all projects to be undertaken on Working Parties had been detailed in the Meets Circular.

One additional project which is going to be given priority is the provision of a fire prevention system. This would involve fitting fire doors at strategic points, smoke detectors, and fire resisting lining for the stairs.

It was suggested by Colin Hobday that the installation of roof insulation could attract grant aid, but in reply it was stated that this was unlikely since the hut is not classed as a private house and clubs are not eligible for grants in the normal way.

In closing Pete thanked all those who had helped the Hut Sub-Committee and all Working Party volunteers.

#### 8. Derbyshire Hut Report

Pete O'Neill reported that although the structure and interiors of Heathy Lea were being kept in good repair, the lack of use was causing some concern. Last year the bed-nights were at about the same level as in 1976 but in the intervening years the utilisation was much higher.

A lengthy discussion on how the usage of the hut could be improved included the following observations and suggestions:

Gordon Wright suggested that since the lease prevented the hut from being used by other Clubs, would it be possible to change the terms of the lease? In reply it was stated that this would not be feasible.

Reg Squires thought that the poor toilet facilities probably had a marked effect on utilisation. This comment was echoed by a number of members and enquiries were made as to whether a flush toilet was a possibility. Pete O'Neill replied that he "had looked into a flush toilet" and the President added that the Committee had "looked into them very carefully". The conclusion was that a flush toilet was not feasible.

Janet Ashcroft suggested that the reciprocal rights arrangements could be exploited. This was thought to be a good idea and would be pursued.

Chuck Hooley reminded everyone that day fees should be honoured and a note should be put in the Meets Circular to this effect.

#### 9. Election of Officers

The President stated that having received no further nominations from the body of the Club, the Officers and Committee would be appointed as follows:

President	Robin Sedgwick
Vice President	Keith Gregson
Hon. Secretary	Ron Sant
Assistant Secretary	Colin Barnard
Hon. Treasurer	Laurie Burns
Meets Secretary	John O'Reilly
Welsh Hut Custodian	Chuck Hooley
Derbyshire Hut Custodian	Pete O'Neill
Hon. Editor (Journal)	John Hudson
Co-opted Hut Booking Secretary	Fred Phillips

Committee: Clive Russell, Dawn Hopkinson, Roger Larkam.

Proposed: George Fowler, Seconded: Brian West, and carried by the meeting.

Robin thanked the retiring President for his sterling service.

10. Appointment of Auditor

Reg Squires was nominated for the post of Auditor. Proposed: Robin Sedgwick. Seconded, John Hudson and carried by the meeting.

11. Request to increase subscriptions

The President stated that in previous years the Club had authorised the Committee to increase subscriptions as necessary from the start of the next financial year. The sanction to increase subscriptions was proposed by Beryl Strike. Seconded: John Hudson and carried by the meeting.

12. Any other business

John Hudson enquired if any progress had been made in obtaining new Club badges. The Secretary stated that although a manufacturer had been found the cost of producing a similar badge to the existing one would be prohibitively costly. A new design may be much cheaper.

Dave Appleby said that an embroidered badge could be produced for approximately £1.00 but there was little support for this project.

An enquiry was made by John Hudson into the future policy of the B.M.C. and where their priorities lie at present. Jack Ashcroft replied that the main involvement at present is in access, guidebooks, training, reciprocal rights and B.M.C. Services Ltd run the Insurance Scheme. It was also pointed out that there is a 'Policy Committee'.

Keith Gregson mentioned that recently the B.M.C. had been involved with access problems at Willersley and Wildcat and although the problem had now been resolved, discretion should be exercised when visiting the area.

John Linney proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of the Welsh Hut Sub Committee to Pete Scott for his efficient running of the W.H.S.C. over the past two years.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.08 p.m.