

OREAD

APRIL 87

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Mar 28/29                      South Pennines/Part of Calderdale Way                      Pete Scott

(See also the previous newsletter)

This circular walk is suitable for walkers of all abilities, because short cuts are available at various stages.

(See the attached map)

Friday Evening: where to rendez-vous and camp. O.S. 053207 in the grounds of the "New Kock Inn" courtesy of Mr & Mrs Moncrieff.

Saturday Evening: I propose to ferry a car load of tents and gear to Heptonstall, our Saturday night stop. Saturday will be a light weight walk of about 20 miles with a pub stop en route via Riponden, Cragg Vale, Mankinholes, Lumbutts, Todmorden, Heptonstall.

Saturday Evening: where to rendez-vous and camp. Between the graveyard and the top of Heptonstall Quarry on the Calderdale Way at the edge of the village by some garages in a rough field: either camp there or if you prefer there are some flat spots under the crag. There are public toilets and a tap about 2 minutes walk away in the centre of the village, two pubs and a chip shop.

Sunday Itinerary: Explore Heptonstall an extraordinarily well preserved Pennine hill-top settlement; thence to Luddenden Dean, Luddenden Foot, canal side to Sowerby Bridge and back to the start (a short day).

For transport arrangements phone Peter Scott 0332 842108.

The venue this year is the Devonshire Arms, Baslow commencing at 7.30pm.

Two proposals for rule changes have been notified to the Secretary. Both apply to Rule 15 which currently reads:

- 15 - The entrance fee shall be £1 due on notification of election. The subscription shall be £6.50 per annum for full members, and one third of full membership subscriptions for Associate Members, due on election, and subsequently on the 1st January each year. Members elected on or after the 1st November in any year shall be exempt from further subscription the following year. The subscription for married couples who are both members of the Club shall be £10\* per annum.

Members who are permanently resident abroad may, if they wish pay a reduced subscription of half the normal membership subscription. Married couples both being members and resident abroad may, if they wish, pay reduced subscription of half the joint Membership Subscription. The last date for payment of subscriptions will be the date of the A.G.M.. Anyone failing to pay by this date will be struck off the list of members, subject to the discretion of the committee.

\* Subscription rates for 1980.

#### Proposal 1

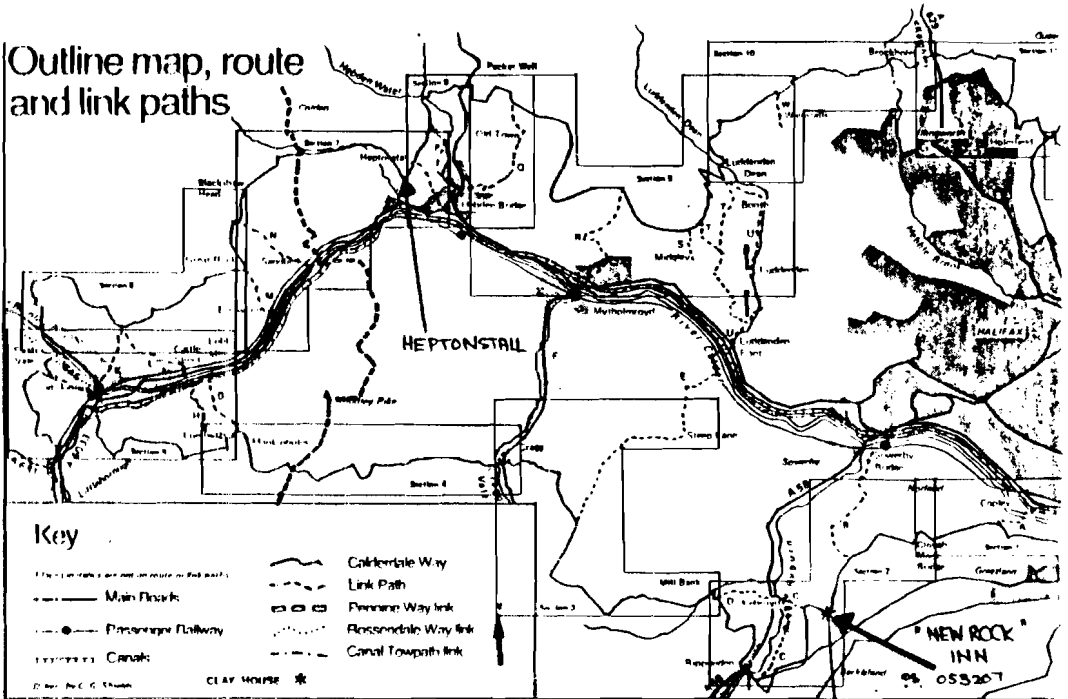
"Delete rule 15 as far as and including "annum" in line 9 and replace with the following:

- 15 - i) The Subscription shall be £10 per annum for full members.  
ii) The Subscription for a married couple or couple living as man and wife, who are both full members of the club shall be 150% of the full membership subscription.  
iii) Subscription for Associate Members shall be 50% of the Full Members' subscription.  
iv) Prospective Members shall be charged an annual fee of 50% of the Full Members' subscription.  
v) An entrance fee of 50% of the Full Members' subscription shall be due on notification of election. Subscription due on election will be calculated as one twelfth part of the Full Members' subscription multiplied by the number of full calendar months remaining in the year. Thereafter subscriptions will be due on 1st January each year"

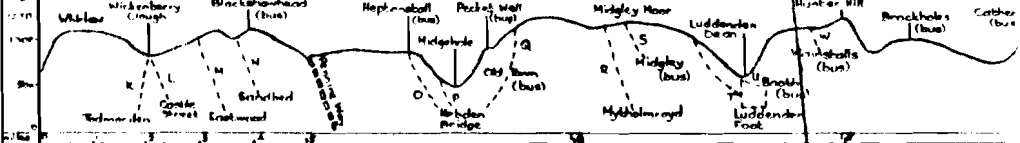
Proposed by the Committee

# SCOTT'S JOURNEY

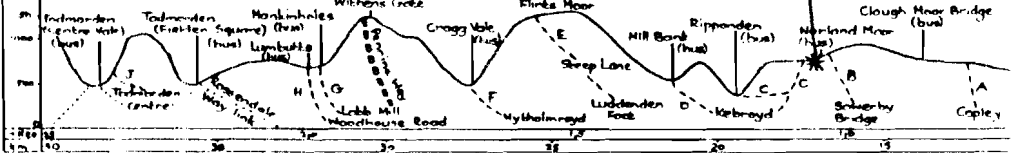
Outline map, route and link paths



NORTHERN SECTION GRADIENT DIAGRAM



SOUTHERN SECTION GRADIENT DIAGRAM



# ELEVENTH ANNUAL HEATHY LEA FELL RACE

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Congratulations to Graham Sands who took the trophy at the first attempt! We had a damp misty morning for the event which started and finished at Heathy Lea and passed via Dobb, Birchen's, Baslow and Garop's edges. Thank you to the checkpoint marshalls for your skill and patience: Pete Scott, Paul Gardner, Tony and Barbara Smedley, John & Sineelagh O'Keilly. My thanks also to Jane Tresloper who went without a run this year in order to provide excellent refreshments with help from Owen and Sally.

I haven't had time to sift through the order that runners went through checkpoints but one or two fairly startling upsets seem to have occurred. Rusty was well ahead on his way to Charlotte hampering but somehow ignored the final seductive checkpoint. (I'm not suprised few Braeds know the climb: I'm staggered so few know the actress.) Were you trying to avoid organising next year's race Kusty? Richard Freestone had a strong run most of the way round but injured himself on the final lap. Bobby Gilbert and Robin Beadie, both newcomers had fast times. Roger Larkin traversed the whole of Birchen's looking for Bosun's Crack, because he was reading an out of date guide book back to front. However, he did recover and beat the handicapper. Speaking of which, I am especially proud that I got Braeds 5-15 within 5.5 minutes or each other.

The waiting contingent was well represented this year with about a dozen taking part. Only John Doughty did everything - in just a shade over two hours.

	Hand cap (mins)	Penalty (mins)	Time hrs	After mins	Scratch Sec
1 Steve Gough	1	0	1	20	55
2 George Mostford	7	0	1	20	58
3 Graham Sands	3	0	1	25	58
4 Bill Hale	3	0	1	26	20
5 Roger Fenington	6	1.75	1	28	30
6 Roger Larkin	20	0	1	36	01
7 Phil Baker	15	0	1	36	24
8 Bobby Gilbert	25	0	1	37	03
9 Robin Sedgwick	20	0	1	37	09
10 Robin Beadie	30	0	1	37	54
11 Roy Eyre	25	0	1	36	10
12 Chris Wilson	15	0	1	36	22
13 Richard Freestone	24	0	1	36	30
14 Richard Coignian	1	4.25	1	42	13
15 Chris Bird	20	1.75	1	42	15
16 Mike Payne	15	0	1	42	40
17 Pete Lancaster	9	0	1	42	37
18 Beveran Chappell	5	4.25	1	45	50
19 Gordon Strickland	6	0	1	45	43
20 Jean Robinson	16	1.75	1	46	25
21 Peter Brimmonds	11	0	1	46	20
22 Brian West	27	0	1	50	26
23 Annie Carrington	11	4.25	1	50	40
24 George Mostford	2	2.5	1	55	36
25 Laura Beadie	0	4.25	1	57	20
26 Chris & Lynda Johnson	1	0	1	16	14
27 Tony & Jenny Kinnear	11	4.25	2	25	00

Steve Russett missed clip 4  
 Top: Forthelise missed clip 1

Pat Tresloper

## 5. Hon. Secretary's Report

In the Secretary's absence the report was read out by Colin Barnard.

It was reported that the Club still actively supports the B.M.C. and as reported at the last A.G.M. the B.M.C. had severed official links with Climber and Rambler and now uses High magazine as its official journal. The changeover, which had been viewed with scepticism in some circles had proved to be beneficial to the B.M.C. with over £8,000 being received from the magazine between the months of May and December 1985. It could also be argued that High has also seen the benefits of a wider range of subject-matter and greater circulation.

The B.M.C. had sometimes been criticized for being too remote from the average club member, or for pandering to the wishes of a chosen few. On some rare occasions this may be true but it should be remembered that the B.M.C. put in a tremendous amount of "behind the scenes" work, particularly in the area of access. One recent, and local, example of this was their vigorous opposition to the proposed re-working of Duke's Quarry at Whatstandwell.

On behalf of the Club thanks were expressed to the Meets Secretary, John O'Reilly and the Journal Editor, Rock Hudson. On a personal note the Secretary recorded his thanks to Beryl Strike, Jean O'Neill and Colin Barnard for their help in producing various minutes.

## 6. Hon. Treasurer's Report

Lol Burns thanked Reg Squires for his help in producing the accounts which were distributed during the meeting.

Most of our financial concern was with the Huts. Tan y Wyddfa was solvent but expenses such as rates were increasing very rapidly. Heathy Lea was under-utilised but represented a tremendous Club asset available for members.

Lol hoped that the accounts were self-explanatory and invited questions.

Clive Russell asked about the deficit on electricity at Tan y Wyddfa and Lol replied that the incidence of expenditure between financial years was one factor. Clive asked about what tariff the Club were on and Lol told the meeting that it was "Economy 7". David Appleby asked about postage, printing etc. on the General Account. Lol replied that whereas in previous years it had been possible to get work done voluntarily, free of charge, organisations which had provided these facilities had gradually withdrawn them. Richard Hopkinson enquired about bank charges and was advised that Lol had taken steps to reduce them. Lol agreed to ask for any member who could help with printing etc. services to come forward.

Rock Hudson proposed that the accounts be accepted, Chuck Hooley seconded and the motion was carried.

## 7. Welsh Hut Report

Fred Phillips gave the report. Tan y Wyddfa was still well used with income of £2,100. There had been two successful work parties and painting was the priority for the new year. The refurbishment of the chimney had been a major unforeseen expense. Beryl Strike enquired if re-wiring was needed and Lol said that Ron Sant had made it safe for a period until the programmed re-wiring could be carried out. Keith Gregson reported that this was on the 1987 maintenance programme. Peter Scott asked about the costs of replacing the chimney and was told that this was £400. Fred thanked particularly Ron Chambers for his work.

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### 8. Derbyshire Hut

Peter O'Neill reported that the net cost only worked out at £1 per week but that we still needed more use by Club members, and more support on Work Parties. One Club member had stayed at the hut and had done some useful decorating work. Again reference was made to Peter Lancaster's unique contribution, the logistics of which had been the subject of an in-depth review by the Committee. On behalf of the Welsh Hut Sub committee John Linney offered assistance. Peter reported that since part of the roof was falling in (sic) this offer was particularly welcome.

### 9. Election of Officers

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

President	Robin Sedgwick
Vice President	Keith Gregson
Hon. Secretary	Ron Sant
Assistant Secretary	Colin Barnard
Hon. Treasurer	Lol Burns
Meets Secretary	Roger Larkam
Welsh Hut Custodian	Chuck Hooley
Derbyshire Hut Custodian	Peter O'Neill
Hon. Editor (Journal)	John Hudson
Co-opted Hut Booking Secretary	Colin Hobday

Committee: Clive Russell, Dawn Hopkinson, Ian Brindle

Derbyshire Hut: Richard Freestone, Peter Lancaster

Welsh Hut: Ron Chambers, John Linney.

Proposed by the Committee. Seconded: Gordon Wright and carried by the meeting.

### 10. Appointment of Auditor

Robin Sedgwick proposed a vote of thanks to Reg Squires. Reg Squires was proposed as Auditor for 1986 by Robin, seconded by John Hudson and the motion was carried.

### 11. Request to increase subscriptions

The President again requested a mandate for the Committee to increase subscriptions if necessary and emphasized that this was simply a formality.

Robin Sedgwick proposed that the Committee be empowered to increase subscriptions if necessary, John Linney seconded the motion.

Reg Squires proposed an amendment to the effect that the Committee consider at the same time increasing the entry fee for new members to a suggested two-thirds of the annual membership fee. David Wright asked if a more demanding scrutiny of new members ought not to be made. Keith reported that the Committee had the question of the joining fee very much on its agenda. Discussion from the floor centred round the potential value to a person of full membership. In this context the present joining fee of £1 was minimal. Clive Russell seconded Reg's proposal which was carried. Nat Allen and Gail Searby commented on the level of the prospective member's fee which was not an inducement to join as a full member.

The President then referred to the question of reciprocal rights and invited Keith Gregson to introduce the topic. Keith referred to the clubs with whom we had reciprocal rights and asked for opinions of members on this issue. He referred to the interpretation of the term offered by the A.B.M.S.A.C. He also referred to the rule in the Handbook which said that one room at Tan y Wyddfa was reserved for members only. This was inconsistent with the more generous interpretation which the A.B.M.S.A.C. offered. Full discussion from the floor followed. Robin emphasised that what was sought was feedback, not a substantive motion. David Wright suggested a questionnaire to members ought to be considered and this was felt to be a good idea. Various members felt that the reciprocal rights enjoyed by the club ought to be more widely publicised. Robin said that the Committee would take account of all views and that if necessary a questionnaire would be circulated.

Keith Gregson then raised the question of competition climbing which had been aired at the B.M.C. Conference and other fora. He expressed fears that some of the climbing establishment might be prepared to countenance this development. A lively discussion from the floor followed. Keith asked for people to make their views widely felt.

Peter Scott commented about smoking pollution and noise pollution before asking whether the Hut Sub Committee had considered better utilisation of the extension. Discussion followed.

The President thanked Dawn Hopkinson and her helpers for providing victuals. He then asked that as a matter of course people help Colin Hobday by booking in in advance at the Welsh Hut.

The meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINERING CLUB, HELD AT BASLOW VILLAGE HALL ON SATURDAY APRIL 26TH 1986**

Present: The President and 58 members.

Before the meeting commenced its formal proceedings the President asked members to support the raffle for the Don Whillans Memorial Fund.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Shirley Goldsmith, Ken Bryan, John Welbourne, Ruth Welbourne, Tony Smedley, Harry Pretty, Ruth Conway, Rob Tressider and Ron Sant.

2. Minutes of the last A.G.M.

The minutes of the last A.G.M. were accepted as a true record. Proposed Clive Russell. Seconded by Ernie Phillips and carried by the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. President's Report

Robin Sedgwick commented on a very active year. Tim Barnett had done many classic alpine routes, and Bobby Gilbert in his first alpine season had notched up the Eigerwand. Robin Beadle had done the Diamond Couloir on Mt. Kenya. Generally members had been active with several 'E' leaders active.

Indoor meets had been capably organised by Mike Pearce to whom Robin recorded his thanks. There had been some very interesting evenings. The Journal had been started by Chris Wilson and finalised by Rock Hudson who had produced it for the 1985 Dinner. Members were asked to provide material as soon as possible for the current Journal.

The 1985 Dinner had been a great success. Arranging the Dinner had occupied a great deal of time. Feedback from the members as to what they want was critical. The club were particularly indebted to Reg Squires for organising one of the best dinners in years. Callow Park had again been booked for 1986 and members were asked to book early.

Roger Larkam and Fred Phillips had organised a very successful and eventful Fell Race in a new setting. The race was won by Rob Tressider. Robin Beadle had organised the Photo Meet which again had proved a great success with Richard Hopkinson beating a big pack of runners-up to first place.

Robin recorded his thanks to the people responsible for running the Huts - Peter O'Neill, Chuck Hooley, Keith Gregson, and Fred Phillips who was retiring as Welsh Hut Bookings Secretary. Heathy Lea was still under-used but the loss was minimal.

Robin ended by thanking all the people who worked behind the scenes and in particular Ron Sant who was indisposed with German Measles. Especial thanks were also due to John O'Reilly who was retiring from one of the toughest jobs in the club.



Proposal 2

Insert before "members who are permanently resident...", the following:

"Members attaining pensionable age will be classed "retired" and their subscription will be [say 50% of full membership]. Retired members will enjoy all the benefits of Full Membership."

Proposed D. Fenlington. Seconded K. Gregson.

The Committee have proposed the following for election as next years officers: (1986-7 incumbents shown in brackets)

President	John Linney	(Robin Sedgwick)
Vice President	Robin Sedgwick	(Keith Gregson)
Secretary	Colin Barnard	(Ron Sant)
Asst Secretary		(Colin Barnard)
Hon. Treasurer	Lol Burns	(Lol Burns)
Meets Secretary	Rock Hudson	(Roger Larkam)
Welsh Hut Custodian	Chuck Hooley	(Chuck Hooley)
Derbyshire Hut Custodian	Pete Lancaster	(Rock Hudson)
Hon. Editor	Rock Hudson	(1986 Journal only)

Ordinary Members.

Lisa Welbourne	(Dawn Hookinson)
Ian Brindle	(Ian Brindle)
Brian West	(Clive Russell)
Roger Larkam	

The Welsh Hut sub committee members are co-opted and presentiv are as follows:

Vice President	(ex officio)
Hut Custodian	(ex officio)
Hut Booking Sec.	Colin Hobday
	John Linney
	Pete Amour
	Lol Burns
	John Shreeve
	Ron Chambers

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The Morning After

Colin Hobday

Having attended the A.G.M. on the Saturday Evening, why not solve the problem of drink and drive stay overnight at your very own Hut 'Heathy Lea'. It is within walking distance of the "Devonshire Arms". This way your driving licence will remain clean! And you can wake up in the morning in the heart of Derbyshire countryside, ready for an action packed day glorious spring sunshine.

I propose to meet at Heathy Lea at about 10.15 am, walking up to Birchens to climb some of the traditional gritstone classics, taking lunch under the rocks before crossing Gardsoms for the Grand Finale. All are welcome, old and new, sorry no chalk bags or talk of E7 10B.

Easter

Peabroke

Roger Larkam

As the newsletter goes to press (early because of the AGM rule change notification) I am trying to confirm a booking of a cottage in South Peabroke for Thursday night to Monday night. Please contact me if you are interested in snaring in such luxury in sun kissed early season Paradise.

Apr 25/26

Tan y Wyddfa

Working Party

May 2/3/4

Heathy Lea

Bill Wiboerly

This is a chance to do a tour of Derbyshire or just join in as the fancy or need arises. Saturday will be based at Stanage around the High Neb/Marble Wall area. (A start time of 10am has been suggested?), with Sunday at Water-cum-Jolly upper banks (Rubicon) and Monday on the "Further Edges" Barbage or thereabouts. More details can be sought from Bill at 6 Hilderstone Close, Alvaston, Derby. Tel. 756154.

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