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December 6th AUCTION Royal Oak, Ockbrook Tony Raphael

Reg Squires will be the official auctioneer and Master of Ceremonies. Please bring items for inclusion in the auction from 7.30 to 8.00. Preview will be from 7.45 to 8.15 when the auction will start. There will be a small commission (15%) on each item sold; please let us know beforehand if you wish to place a reserve price on any item.

Let's have a good turnout, cheque books at the ready, and see you there.

December 3rd-4th Bullstones Jack Ashcroft

The meet will be based on Heathy Lea this year (to help boost bed nights a little). Friday night will be the time to claim your patch for a night's sleep before a full day's walk north on Saturday. I've arranged accommodation at Alport Castles Barn on the Saturday night. On Sunday I plan to walk back to Heathy Lea on a different route to the outward walk. You will see a fair chunk of the Derwent winter landscape over the two days, weather permitting. The meet is somewhere back to basics for the needs of Brian West and Co. You want normal bothy kit for the Saturday night accommodation, though I don't anticipate conditions as draughty as Lower Small Clough!

I hope there will be a number of members who will choose to stay the whole weekend at Heathy Lea for local climbing on the Edges.

It's always a good weekend just before the end of the year to get the spirit of the hills before the festive season sets in. Let me know numbers for Heathy Lea on the Friday, Saturday and even Sunday nights, and more importantly Saturday night for Alport Castles Barn.

You can contact me on Sheffield 890717.

10th-11th December Stair, Newlands Valley Gordon Wright

Here is a last opportunity before the excesses of Christmas to partake of the delights of a weekend of fresh air and exercise in the mountains in this unspoilt corner of the Lake District. You never know, there might even be some snow and ice about. As usual I have booked the comfortable Fylde Club hut at Stair. I will be in the Swinside Inn from 9 o'clock on Friday evening.

Book with me at the Rowing Club or Phone Burton-on-Trent 813690.

14th December Black Rocks and The Gate Keith Gregson

This annual event will take place as usual, ie a token route or two on Black Rocks, followed by the real point of the evening - copious quantites of ale in The Gate at Brassington.

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Heathy Lea bookings

From now on would members please direct all Heathy Lea bookings to Colin Hobday.

Oread Journal - Request for Material

Rock Hudson

The committee believes that the Oread Mountaineering Club Journal is still the best way of recording the many interests and activities of the club, in the broadest terms of reference.

I hope to produce a journal in 1989, the timing being determined by the response from the club. It will cover the period 1988 and as much of 1989 before I've enough material. I look forward to receiving a whole spectrum of articles, including meet reports, drawings, funny stories, poetry, technical reports, routes, walks, expeditions and illustrations of any type. If you have any doubts on what's required, don't hesitate to contact the Hon. Editor.

Have a think, put pen to paper, and whatever the result (within reason!!), post it soon to J Hudson (Honorary Editor), 12 Clumber Drive, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham (tel. R-on-T 333031).

Huts Sub-Committee meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 29th in The Gate at Brassington.

Ski Holiday - 5th-12th March 1989

Owing to a friend now being unable to go Dawn and Richard Hopkinson have a place on a ski holiday to Reberty (Trois Vallees) 5th to 12th March to share an apartment (self catering) for 4 people. The cost is £155 basic (plus Birmingham supplement £11, insurance £21.50 and lift pass £75).

If you're interested please give Dawn and Richard a ring on Wirksworth 3392.

Change of address

Roger Penlington - 217A Cemetery Road, Sharrow, Sheffield S11 8FQ.

Julia Goldsmith - Flat 5, Warren Place, Railway Street, Hertford, Herts., SG14 1BB (tel. 0992-553200).

J Hudson - new phone number is 333031.

New prospective member

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Please send all items for the newsletter to

Helen Griffiths, 9 Bank Buildings, Chevin Road, Milford, Derbys. (tel. Derby 842293 (evenings) or Derby 249548 (work)).

Last date for contributions to the January newsletter - 13th December.

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