

Oread Newsletter

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March 3rd-4th Patterdale

Colin Barnard

Fed up with waiting for the sun? Well it's guaranteed (almost, but read the small print) for Patterdale on 3rd-4th March. Bookings are going well so get your name down now for this festival of sunshine, rock and snow - with perhaps the odd half of restorative ale. We are at the George Starkey Hut which as regulars will know is comfortable and excellently situated for this splendid valley. Join us in the "Ratcher's Bar" at the Glenridding Hotel on Friday night.

So let's have a phone call from you - Stafford (0785) 664644 in the evenings or 223121 x 6361 in the daytime. Looking forward to seeing you there.

March 7th Indoor Meet, Royal Oak, Ockbrook Tony Raphael

Wil Hurford will be giving a lecture entitled "Far from the Madding Crowd" or Great European Climbs off the Beaten Track.

Wil is a professional British guide and has climbed extensively in Europe and the USA. This talk should open up a whole new vista of places to climb!

The next (and last this winter) of the indoor meets will be
Tuesday April 4th - Oread Anniversary slide evening

Sat 18th March AGM Royal Oak, Ockbrook Committee

This year's AGM will be held in the Royal Oak at Ockbrook, at 7.30 for a 7.45 start. Please make every effort to attend - as a member of the Club it is in your own interest to do so.

The committee has put forward the following names for next year's committee:

President - Rock Hudson

Vice President - John Linney

Treasurer - Roger Larkam

Secretary - Lisa Welbourn

Assistant Secretary - Richard Hopkinson

Meets Secretary - Helen Griffiths

Hut Custodian - Chuck Hooley

Booking Secretary - Colin Hobday

Editor - Rock Hudson

Ordinary members - Richard Coghlan, Ray College, John Salmon

Any other nominations for these posts must be submitted to Lisa no later than 14 days before the AGM.

Sun 19th March Fell Race

Richard Hopkinson

The Fell Race will start from Heathy Lea at 10.45 am, (instructions will be given out at 10.40) and will involve about an hour and a quarter's 'running' for all entrants if you choose; you can choose less. Please arrive in plenty of time to register. Walkers are welcome and can set off from 10.00 am

onwards. Although checkpoints will only be manned from 10.45 to 12.00 route choice should be able to cater for this.

I would be grateful if you would let me know in advance if you want to enter so I have an idea of the amount of food to bring, and can sort handicaps out in advance. Entries will be welcome on the day but you must accept the vagaries of the handicapper whose decision, however arbitrary, will be final (unless there's beer involved).

Each entrant to bring - 'running' kit, White Peak map (some photocopies available), Derwent Gritstone Guide (or guide covering Curbar, Gardoms, Birchens, Chatsworth), poly bag/map case, pencil.

Entry fee 50p (on day) to cover refreshments.

I would be extremely grateful to anyone prepared to help at the checkpoints.

If you want to enter, or can help, please get in touch with Dawn or myself on 0629823392 or at the Rowing Club.

The results will be announced as soon as possible after the race, thus allowing plenty of time to retire to the local hostelry or go cragging.

April 8th-9th Derbyshire Barn Meet Clive Russell

This meet will follow the successful format of previous years, meeting at 1pm on Saturday for a brisk walk through the Dales, followed by a gargantuan meal on Saturday night, a drink in the British Legion Club and then a barn bivouac. On Sunday there will be a gentle walk back to Wetton, taking refreshment at lunchtime probably in the George. The Saturday rendezvous will be at the car park in Wetton this year, (map ref. 109553) at 1pm on Sat 8th April.

The cost of the meal and the night's kip will be £5, please let me have your booking and remittance before Easter. Sleeping bags and airbeds will be required, and also the means of cooking breakfast on Sunday morning.

PS - Sheila unfortunately had another spell in hospital just before Christmas and would like again to thank all Oreads who visited or sent messages to her.

AGM - Proposed rule change to Rule 5 Roger Larkam

Amend first sentence to read "The officers of the Club shall be President, Chairman, General Secretary". Delete "The retiring President shall automatically become the new Vice President for a maximum of two years."

Proposed R. Larkam, seconded R. Hopkinson.

The functions of Club officers would thereby be as follows (such notes, while included in the Club Handbook in clarification of the officers' functions, do not form part of the Club's rules) :

President - To represent the Club in its aims and ambitions and acting on the Club's behalf take a leading role in issues of direct concern to the Club.

Chairman - To chair meetings of the committee and General Meetings of the Club and coordinate the work of the committee, to ensure the formulation of Club policy by the committee.

Supporting statement by proposers

The above rule amendment proposes a split between the duties of President and Chairman and a streamlining of the committee. There are three main thoughts behind this, namely

1. The two functions described above are at present both performed by the President, thus making this position one with considerable workload and therefore unattractive to many worthy candidates. Because of these responsibilities the time available to pursue particular initiatives (eg the future of Heathy Lea roof) must be correspondingly limited.
2. The qualities required for the job of president are not necessarily held by one and the same person as would effectively fill the post of chairman.

3. At present the president's term is one year but is invariably extended by reelection to the two year maximum and, followed by a further period of two years as vice president, this gives 4 years continuous committee service - a period which is unnecessary and can be unattractive.

Ski Development of Northern Corries, Cairngorm

The BMC has written to the Oread, requesting our assistance in the campaign by the Mountaineering Council of Scotland to protect the Northern Corries of the Cairngorms from the damage caused by ski development.

To help support their cause, you should write to your MP and MEP urging them to take up this issue on your behalf. You can also help by supporting the 'Save the Cairngorms Campaign'. Send your name, and a donation if possible, to the 'Save the Cairngorms Campaign', PO Box 39, Inverness, IV1 2RL. You will receive regular bulletins and will be in a better position to support the campaign.

Banned Crags

According to the latest report from the BMC, Rainster Rocks is still out of bounds for climbers. Climbing has also been banned at Mow Cop due to the unsafe nature of the rock.

Application for Membership

An application for membership has been received from Steve Bashforth. Unless any member has any objection, Steve will be accepted as a full member of the Oread.

For Sale

Blacks Palomine feather sleeping bag . Would suit child, young/broke person - £20.
Contact Diana Proudfoot, 81 Arthur St., Derby, tel. Derby 45244.

Scarpa Monte Rosa mountaineering boots, size 39. As new (worn twice) - £25.
Contact Doreen Hodge, 15 Moorhead Ave., Alvaston, Derby - tel Derby 572407.

2 sleeping bags (eiderdown filling), recently recovered - £58 ono each.
Contact Fred Allen on Derby 557755.

New Prospective Member

Bill Kenyon - 18 Ypres Rd., Allestree, Derby.

Change of Address

Jon Aylward - 24, Southlands Drive, Fixby, Huddersfield, W. Yorks, HD2 2LT, tel. 0484 535140

Please send all items for the newsletter to

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Last date for contributions to the April newsletter - 14th March.