

# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

4 - 6 May (Mayday holiday) Lake District

Why not come along and enjoy a long weekend in the Lake District? I've been recommended a campsite near Seathwaite in the Duddon Valley. It's called Turner Hall farm (map ref SD 233964) and is said to be very quiet even on Bank holidays. Site has basic facilities for washing etc. It is not far from the excellent New Inn. For those who wish to climb, Dow Crag is in walking distance as is Wallowbarrow Crag. Walkers are well catered for being close to the Old Man of Coniston, Wetherlam and Harter Fell. Access by car to Eskdale, Wasdale and Coniston is easy too. I shall be in the Brunswick on Tuesday to arrange lifts or phone me on 0602 227994 (evenings) or 0332 372535 ext 2228 (weekdays).

Lisa Welbourne

8 May (Tuesday) Alpine Planning Meet

Brunswick Inn (upstairs) at 8 p.m.

If you intend to join the club meet in the Alps this summer or are thinking of doing so, then please come to this meeting. At present, the only fixed thing about it is the date, traditionally the first two weeks of the school holidays i.e. from F 20 July, but perhaps even this could be changed. The main item to be discussed (and preferably decided) is of course the venue. If you are unable to attend this meeting but intend to go on the meet in July, please let me have your views either in writing or by ringing me on 0629 823126 (work) or 0629 823953 (home).

Rob Tresidder

11 - 12 May Tan -yr - Wyddfa Working Party Chuck Hooley

Jobs planned for this weekend include removing the plaster from the wall of the dining room and panelling it with softwood boards. The window over the sink in the back room is to be replaced. All the usual spring cleaning tasks will be carried out. Some have volunteered for this working party already. If you would like to join them (free transport remember!) please contact Chuck on Ashbourne 70463.

## 15 MAY EVENING MEET AT GARDOMS EDGE.

18 - 19 May Muker, Swaledale Peter Scott

This is a joint meet with the Derwent MC. It will be a multi-activity weekend i.e. walking, caving, paragliding, mountain biking, cycling, fishing and cream tea eating. Leaders have not emerged for ALL these activities YET. Volunteers step forward and phone me.

Camping is at USHA GAP (Mrs Metcalfe, tel 0748 86214). Map ref SE 901979. 0.8 km W of Muker village on the riverside. Washbasin and toilet facilities. Pub is the Farmers' Arms in Muker. Village shops sell food, maps, walking guides etc. Mountain bikes can be hired in advance from Keld YH (tel 0748 86259). Mountain bike guidebook "Lake District, Howgill and the Yorkshire Dales" by Jeremy Ashcroft, Ernest Press ISBN 0 - 948153 - 10 - 5. Bring your own paraglider and fishing tackle.

Swaledale is a delightful valley with pretty villages and walks along stone flagged paths though riverside hay meadows. Once a lead mining area, the industrial archaeology is most interesting and many old green miners' tracks provide access to the upper fells.

For further information please phone Peter Scott or Judy Wood on 0629 534693.

26 May - 2 June ("Whitsun") Ling Hut, Torrindon.

The Ling hut is situated half way down Glen Torrindon opposite the point where the Coire Dubh path between Liathach and Beinn Eighe leaves the road (NG 958563). I stayed at the Ling hut with my university MC four years ago and from what I can remember the facilities are roughly on a par with Heathy Lea, i.e. no loo but there are cooking facilities. However the ideal position of the hut makes up for the lack of sophistication.

There are only twelve places in the hut, two of which are already taken at the time of writing. I do not intend to have any extra people sleeping on the floor. If the meet is over subscribed, I shall organise a concurrent camping meet at Kinlochewe (NH 027619). The hut is booked from the night of 26/27 to the night of 2/3 June and the cost will be #3 per night. I shall travel up on Saturday 26 May with the keys probably arriving late afternoon.

I'm hoping for some midge free climbing on the Triple Buttress, Fuar Tholl and the Cioch Nose, though this area is ideal for walking when the weather is not perfect. If you are interested, even for staying part of the week, then please phone me on Derby (0332) 753807 (home) or 249346 (work), or see me at the Brunswick most Tuesdays.

Richard Coghlan

(Yes, but will you have a tin opener, Richard? - ed.)

8 - 9 June Llanberis Pass (camping) John Salmon

22 - 23 June Eskdale Bivouac meet. Bobbie Gilbert

19 - 20 October Stair meet. The hut (? Fylde MC) for this meet has been booked but as yet I have no leader. If you would like to lead this popular meet, please get in touch with me as soon as

possible.  
Rob Tresidder

## P A S T E V E N T S     A N D     A N C I E N T     H I S T O R Y

18 March    Dread Fell Race    Cliff Inn, Crich

An excellent day with a good route saw 16 Dreads and 15 Cliff Inn regulars tackling the course. Congratulation to Rob Tresidder who produced the fastest 5 checkpoint time of 1 hour 28 minutes and by the law of natural justice scooped (I didn't write this, honest - ed.) the first prize and the much coveted Dread fell race trophy. Thanks to those selfless Dreads who provided the checkpoint manpower and to everyone who contributed to the race charity - The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals. The sum of # has been sent on to PDSA HQ at Telford. The race results are set out below.

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Pos.	Name	Elapsed time	check points	bonus	penalty	net
1	Rob Tresidder	1h28	5	52	13	39
2	Bobby Gilbert	1h32	5	52	17	35
3	Clive Russell	1h33	5	52	18	34
4	Helen Griffiths	1h21	3	36	6	30
5=	Jane Tresidder	1h25	3	36	10	26
	Esmond Tresidder	1h25	3	36	10	26
	Gwen Tresidder	1h21	3	32	6	26
8=	Anne-Marie Carrington	1h42	5	52	27	25
	Mike Wynne	1h42	5	52	27	25
10=	Chris Johnson	1h46	5	52	31	21
	John Gresty	1h46	5	52	31	21
12	Roger Larkam	1h52	5	52	37	15
13	Roy Ayre	1h54	5	52	39	13
14	John Linney	2h03	5	52	48	4
15	Chris Wilson	2h22	4	44	67	-23
16	Pete Amour	2h32	5	52	77	-33

1989 Heathy Lea Fell Race

By an astonishing trawl of the archives I have secured the previously unpublished results of this event. Richard Hopkinson organised an orienteering "score" event. A running time of 1h15 was allowed with checkpoints at Puppet Crack (5 points), Gangplank (10), the Eaglestone (15) and Peapod (25). Ten bonus points each were available for climbing the Gangplank on Birchen's and Choked Crack on Chatsworth Edge. The checkpoint locations were all coded in crossword type clues. Penalty points were awarded for failure to solve. Eight competitors made faultless rounds within the time limit, so in the end it was all down to fiddle factors:

	Points	x	f/factor	Net. points
1=	Keith Gregson	65	1.25	81.25
	Mike Moss			
	Peter Scott			
4	Rock Hudson	60	1.35	81

5=	Chris Johnson	65	1.2	78
	Brian West			
7	Tony Raphael	59	1.3	76.7
8=	Phil Baker	65	1.15	74.75
	Bobby Gilbert			
	Bill Kenyon			
	Rob Tresidder			
12	George Fowler	55	1.35	74.25
13	Ron Chambers	60	1.2	72
14	Ian Brindle	65	1.1	71.5
15	Katie Baker	59	1.2	70.8
16	Roger Larkam	65	1	65
17=	Roy Eyre	60	1.05	63
	Clive Russell			
19	Helen Griffiths	40	1.4	56

Of the finishers with 65 points, Roger Larkam and Ian Brindle were fastest in 55 minutes.  
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#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Baslow Village Hall 24 March 1990

This event was, well, attended. A few apologies were made; some minutes were accepted and some matters arose. The President's report was very brief - he didn't even tell us about his instructing holiday in the Himalaya. The treasure chests are fuller than ever, but maybe this is all paper wealth. The mystery of the missing chainsaw was solved without massacre - but only just. The new handbook was unveiled and the compiler immediately drew attention to an error. Apparently an unauthorised insertion has been made in Rule 17, so when you have inserted your multi-coloured pages into their plastic sleeves, please withdraw page 8 and delete the sentence which starts on line 5 and the one following i.e. "If the appropriate quorum is not present the meeting shall be adjourned by the chairman, and re-convened after 10 minutes has elapsed. The members then present shall form a quorum for that meeting." Thank you. The suggestion was made that the AGM should be held in Derby again as last year and that it might usefully be combined with a social. Anxiety was expressed about attendance at meets: do we need so many meets? do we need more day meets? The recommendations of the outgoing committee were accepted and almost the whole lot were re-elected. Sadly, the only two women on the committee have retired. They have been replaced by Steve Bashforth (Secretary) and Rob Tresidder (meets secretary). There was long discussion on the subject of Heathy Lea: how little used it is by members, of the need for a flush toilet and a new roof, of the implications (mainly financial) of these things. A resolution was passed at the meeting that required the committee to ask the Chatsworth estate to proceed with the alterations (toilet and roof) which they had costed at \$7000 (well pounds sterling actually; there seems to be some key mismatch on this PC - can anyone help?) and then enter negotiations over a new rent and lease. (It seemed, to your humble scribbler, that it was unlikely they would execute the work before re-negotiating the lease, but then...). This was discussed at even greater length along with

alterations to Tan-yr-Wyddfa at a subsequent committee meeting. (See below). The meeting broke up in an orderly fashion.

(NB the above are not the official minutes of the AGM. - ed.)

10 April Committee meeting. The Brunswick Inn  
Chuck Hooley reported that the Huts sub-committee had decided to re-furbish the kitchen of Tan-y-Wyddfa in September. Four hobs, one cooker and quarry tiled worktops will be installed. At the earlier working party in June, the whole of the outside of the hut will be re-painted. There was lively discussion as to whether this should precede or follow sorting out the damp problem around the window in one of the upstairs dormitories. A budget of \*1310 pounds sterling was accepted for this work. The implications of the resolution passed at the Agm on Heathy Lea were discussed. When the improvements have been carried out, the increased rent is likely to require an extra \$4.30 per member per year extra usage equivalent to 2 weekends per member per year. The barndance which was to have taken place on 28 April was cancelled as a result of poor support. Cancellation fees have been incurred.  
The date of the next meeting is 15 May. Please make your views known, where it counts.

#### 20 - 21 April Heathy Lea Working Party

A most successful and industrious weekend was had by Keith, John, Ernie and Rock. The bedroom was emulsioned. Many new carpet tiles were laid. A mountain of logs was sawn.

#### H A P P Y E V E N T S etc

Congratulations and best wishes to Julia Goldsmith who married Graham Willson on 21 April. They are now living at 10 Bengoe Meadows, Watermill Lane, Bengoe, Hertford, Herts. SG14 3LB. tel 0992 589326

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H U T    B O O K I N G S    Tan-y-Wyddfa

May 4/5/6/7    Mayday (Oread)  
      11/12    Hut working party  
      18/19    Richard Hopkinson 16 beds  
      25/26/27/28    Spring Bank Holiday (Oread)  
June 1/2    Keith Gregson 16 beds  
      8/9    Vibram MC 16 beds  
      15/16    Hut working party  
      22/23    Oread meet (? this meet was announced postponed in  
              the last newsletter).  
      29/30    Bob Wade 16 beds  
July 6/7    Swiss Alpine Club 16 beds  
      13/14    Derby MC 16 beds  
July 20 - Sept 1 Summer holiday - Oread use only.

H U T    B O O K I N G S    Heathy Lea  
May 18/19    Northumbria MC 12 beds

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

An application has been received from Trevor Willis. Will anyone who has any views as to the suitability of the applicant please contact the Secretary, Steve Bashforth.

NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next newsletter on 5 June. Please send all written material (signed or unsigned!) to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to reach me by the bank holiday (28 May). I especially look forward to hearing from John Salmon, John Gresty, Bobbie Gilbert, Colin Hobday and Brian West.  
Rob Tresidder