



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

December 1991

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Summary:

6 - 7 December	Bullstones
W 11 December	Black Rocks
W 1 January 1992	Not the Olde Gate
Tu 7 January 1992	Royal Oak, Ockbrook
10 - 11 January 1992	Little Langdale

6 - 7 December Bullstones Brian West  
Please see the full notice in the November newsletter. Telephone number is 0332 880034.

W 11 December Black Rocks Rob Tresider  
Climbing here is of course totally prohibited before dark and in fact few Oreads seem to arrive much before seven. Some just do one perfunctory climb. Others make a whole evening of it.

There has been some disillusionment over the last twelve months with the traditional resort after this meet, so for a change I intend to drink at the Rising Sun in Middleton. It's within easy walking distance of the pub and will make the evening more practical for those who wish to cycle and climb. Get in touch with me if you are stuck for a partner or would like a lift.

The landlady, Mrs Ryan, has agreed to serve meat and potato pie with peas for £2 per head at 9 p.m. If you want to be sure of a helping, please let me know in writing or leave a message on my answering machine (0629 823126).

W 1 January 1992 Brassington FREEFORM  
Time was when there was climbing at Rainster, skiing and tobogganing on this meet, but it seems a long time since we enjoyed any of those. But the meet will still be loosely based around Brassington, of which there is a recently published local history. The drift away from the traditional watering hole continues. This year we shall give the Miner's Arms a try.

Tu 7 January 1992 Royal Oak, Ockbrook Steve Bashforth  
8 o'clock start. Tony Walker will give an illustrated talk entitled "WINTER CLIMBS IN THE CZECH TATRAS"

10 - 11 January 1992 Little Langdale Pete Amour  
As usual, this prime position in the calendar and the locality mean quite simply - book early. For lifts and beds please contact me after 6 p.m. on 0733 826219 or see me at the Brunswick on Tuesday evenings.

## PAST EVENTS AND ANCIENT HISTORY

Correction Bobby Gilbert did not come third in the Four Priests section of the photo competition; Jack Ashcroft did. Sorry about that!

### Langdale Meet (Rock Hudson)

Thirteen members took the opportunity of staying at the Bishop-scale hut which was a new venue for the club. It was in a fine position, comfortable and friendly.

Saturday was dull and mucky and all the party walked over to Grasmere and later most returned by Easedale and Pavey Ark. Sunday dawned a little brighter. A party walked up Oxendale to Crinkle Crag, Pike o' Blisco and Brown Gill. Raven Crag above the CDG was surprisingly dry and 'old' and young Oreads, ever keen, had some HS - HVS routes under their belts.

The following had a great weekend: K Gregson, J Hudson, R & A Squires, N Evans, C & U Hobday, G Wright, S Riley, S McDonagh, M & S & S Wren and D Penlington (part-time). All look forward to being able to take advantage of new hut venues in the future.  
JH

### Stair meet (Roger Larkam)

This, the third in a series of wet weekends in the Lake District was no disappointment on the humidity front. Seventeen people managed to get extremely wet on Saturday morning on various wind and rain lashed fells before finding pubs with suitable rugby watching facilities - I forget who won, but it wasn't England! Sunday saw much of the same sort of weather. Yet another meet without its leader.

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### Dovedale Dash

A cold and sunless day this year, but yet again the rain held off until all the runners were safely in the pubs, most of them ruing yet again their lack of training. Several Oreads as well as others seem to have become infected with a computer virus which gave their club as "Bingham". Some of these results have a distinctly nostalgic flavour: others not at all!

84	Steff Hobday	830	Ron Chambers
113	Mike Wynne	889	Jane Tresidder
123	Richard Hopkinson	1063	Andy Oakden
138	Rusty	1201	N Foster
251	Rob Tresidder	1312	Dawn Hopkinson
398	Esmond Tresidder	1353	Geoff (? George) Fowler
403	Mitchell Briggs	1421	Collin Hobday
414	Chris Radcliffe	1430	Jenny Rafael
500	Bill Kenyon	1431	Tony Rafael
612	Annie Carrington	1458	Pete Janes
713	Roy Eyre		

More details (times etc.) available from the MeetsSec. Please not that the Thorpe village committee who have organised the last three Dashes have altered the date of next year's event. In future the Dash will always be on the first Sunday in November in order not to clash with Remembrance Day. So next year's race will be on the 1st November which is not the Sunday closest to Guy Fawkes.

### Annual Dinner

The dinner got off to an impressive and startlingly different beginning with the appearance of our President as the only gentleman properly dressed for dinner. The MeetsSec was so concerned to fit his quotation in that he couldn't find room to toast the health of the guests so in the end the Oread somehow got toasted twice! Jim Curran entertained us with a speech of exactly the right length, unlike his skirt. He told many jokes and stories from his new book without once mentioning its title. Such restraint deserves some reward: the book is called "Suspended Sentences". The President regaled us with a light hearted account of our trivial, and not so trivial, pursuits.

Many thanks are due to Richard Coghlan for organising the dinner yet again and managing a trip to the Himalaya at the same time! The committee are concerned that the whole question of the dinner needs to be looked at afresh: venue, format, cabaret, disco. If you have any views, make them known to a committee member, or write to this organ.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

While you are in seasonal mood and ready to part with money, here's the news on the 1992 subscriptions which were decided at the November committee meeting.

Subs are payable on 1 January 1992 to Roger Larkam, 5 St John's Terrace, Derby DE1 3LJ, as follows

Full members	£15
Family members	£22.50

Prospective members and members of state pensionable age attract a 50% reduction.

For BMC membership add £2.50. As well as supporting the prime national body of our sport, membership of the BMC gives automatic civil liability cover (up to £2m) and the opportunity to obtain reduced rate travel and medical/rescue insurance, reciprocal rights and coach travel to the Alps. BMC membership is £10 if taken out direct with the BMC. Please could honorary members indicate whether they require BMC membership.

The increase of £4 in subs has been set after a full review of the 1992 budget. The overriding principle employed is that all planned expenditure for 1992 should be funded from income. The breakdown per member is as follows:

	£
hut maintenance	27
hut improvements	6
property reserve	5
newsletter	3
miscellaneous	4
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	45
less	
hut income	27
bank interest	3
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	30
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	£15
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(contd. overleaf)

in order to maintain the club's financial position, two actions have been agreed:

1. Increase in hut fees	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	Heathy Lea
Members	£1.50 (£1)	£1.50 (70p)
Others	£4 (£3)	£2.50 (£1.50)
(1991 rates in brackets)		

2. A primary increase in costs over recent years has been that of hut maintenance (£2259 in 1989; £4728 budget for 1992). The hut sub-committee have undertaken to review expenditure and seek economies wherever possible.

written in the Excavator, Fri p.m. (why so late? - ed.)  
Roger Larkam

#### SKI-TOURING AND ICE-CLIMBING COURSES

I have recently been contacted by Peter Allison, an International Mountain Guide, with details of courses that he and his wife are running this year in the Alps. These include high glacier off-piste ski-ing, full ski-touring and ski-mountaineering trips at a range of standards, ice climbing in the Vanoise from novice level to high standard. I have skied with the Allisons on several occasions and can highly recommend them. Peter's knowledge and experience of the mountains is vast and he inspires tremendous confidence. Anyone going on any of these trips would not be disappointed. Please contact me for more details:  
Tony Raphael, tel 0509 672175 or see me at the Brunswick on Tuesday evenings.

[I'm wondering whether I should be publishing commercial advertisements like the above from non-members without charge. Your views would be welcome. - ed.]

#### GEAR FOR SALE

Fred Allen has two lots of gear to sell

Whillans rucksack  
Sit harness  
Climbing boots size 9 - 9.5  
£137

Figure of 8 descendeur  
Single slot Sticnt plate  
5 karabiners with attached nuts, tapes and ropes  
Air mattress 4ft x 2ft x 2in  
£18

Contact Fred in the Brunswick or on 0332 557755 or at 22 Fittingley Drive, Darley Abbey.

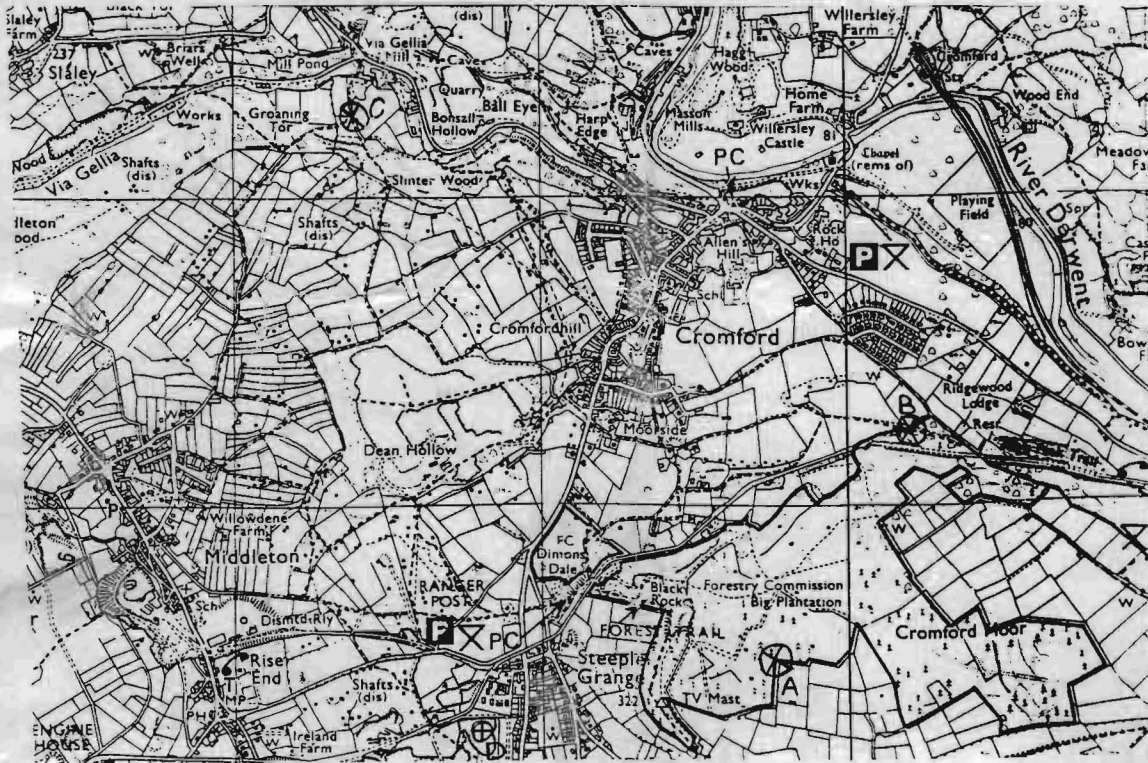
#### NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 7 January 1992. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday, 30 December. I especially look forward to hearing from Rock Hudson.

Rob Tresidder

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# FELL RACE



TEAMS OF THREE EACH TEAM MUST:

BE TOGETHER AS A TEAM OF THREE AT TWO CHECKPOINTS

BE TOGETHER AS AS A PAIR AT ONE OF THE REMAINING TWO CHECKPOINTS

ONE TEAM MEMBER ALONE TO VISIT THE ONE REMAINING CHECKPOINT

THERE IS NO NEED TO TRAVEL TOGETHER AS A TEAM, BUT CANNOT LEAVE A CHECKPOINT UNTIL THE TEAM IS COMPLETE

CHECKPOINTS MAY BE VISITED IN ANY ORDER

## SCORING

TIME FROM TEAM START TO LAST MAN FINISHING

PLUS TOTAL NUMBER OF CHECKPOINT MINUTES

(3 PEOPLE AT A CHECKPOINT WITH A VALUE OF 5 MINUTES

IS WORTH  $3 \times 5 = 15$  MINUTES)

## WINNERS

TEAM WITH THE LOWEST SCORE

CHECKPOINTS	VALUE	CLOSING TIME
A WALL CORNER	4 MINUTES	
B TRACK ENTERS WOOD	3 MINUTES	
C PATH JUNCTION	0 MINUTES	
D BOTTOM OF QUARRY	5 MINUTES	