

February 1991

Infant phenomena

Congratulations to Phil and Roger Larkam on the birth yesterday of their daughter. She arrives with no name and large feet - according to father.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

1 - 2 March Tan-yr-Wyddfa
Tu 5 March Slide show "Climbing in Alaska" by R Ruddle
8 - 9 March Patterdale
Su 16 March Heathy Lea Fell Race
Easter Fairhead

1 - 2 March Tan-yr-Wyddfa Rob Tresidder
I shall do all the things I failed to do on Richard's meet here in February, but that will still leave masses of space for everyone else to do their thing on what will by then be thicker ice and stronger snow. For berths, lifts (giving or accepting), see me at the Brunswick or ring 0629 823126 (day) or 0629 823953 (evenings).

8 - 9 March Patterdale (hut) Colin Barnard
Patterdale, apart from being about as far away from Saddam Hussein as it's possible to get in England, is one of the finest valleys in the Lakes with potential for most Oread activities not excluding boozing. As usual I have booked the George Starkey hut, and as usual a fair few of the places have already gone. So hurry, hurry, hurry! Ring me on 0785 664644 (evenings) or 0785 223121 ext 6467 (work) to book YOUR place. Seriously folks don't leave it too late.

Su 16 March Fell Race Advance Notice Rob Tresidder
Only 39 days to go. Your chance to confound the handicapper, carry away the trophy AND organise next year's race. So it must be time to start jogging in your rock boots or soloing diffs in trainers! I intend to produce a course that will also appeal to the non-running element of the club which was so well represented in the early years of this event.

28 March - ? (Easter) Fairhead Advance Notice Rob Tresidder
A crack climber's paradise, so I am told. I intend to make this something of a budget trip by leaving the car(s) at Stranraer and taking a taxi or public transport from the ferry terminal at Larne to the campsite near the crag. There are shapely looking hills behind the crags if the sea breezes become too strong. More details in next month's newsletter or see me.

Sa 26 April Annual General Meeting
The AGM returns to the Royal Oak this year as it seemed a popular venue in 1989. Members are reminded that proposed alterations to the rules of the club must be in the hands of the secretary by 29 March. He must receive nominations for election of an officer or member of the committee by 12 April.

Alpine meet

I intend to convene a short meeting before the AGM to gauge the level of interest in a club meet in the Alps this summer. If you are interested, please come along and lobby for the area that interests you. If any member of the club would like to lead this meet, would they please get in touch with me soon. In the past these meets have been large, well attended affairs and have contributed to the Dread's Alpine pre-eminence among the middle ranking clubs in Britain.

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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

January Committee meeting:

Most of the business transacted related to matters detailed elsewhere in this newsletter. The committee agreed to nominate Bobby Gilbert for election to the post of president at the AGM in April. The work on the roof of Heathy Lea and the provision of a new bog have been postponed twelve months and will take place in the financial year 1992-3. The rent on the property will remain 300 pounds per annum until the next review in 1994.

Tan-yr-Wyddfa

Richard Coghlan

The weather was mostly fine for this meet but the conditions underfoot were not terribly exciting. There was no large build-up of ice; the snow was mostly high up and poorly consolidated. Some members had a crowded time on Clogwyn y Garnedd rescuing a dog, while others climbed Parsley Fern, traversed the Crib Goch ridge or walked to Llanberis and back. Others yet failed to find Black Ladders. Fatigue had set in by Sunday and most made a later start with parties climbing the N ridge of Tryfan, Snowdon (again) and Moel Siabod.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs were due on 1 January. They are 13 pounds for ordinary members and 20.50 pounds for family members. There are reductions of 50% for senior members and 2 pounds for those that wish to opt out of the BMC third party insurance scheme.

Please note that members' names will only be forwarded to the BMC if they pay before 20 February. The names of those not requiring the insurance will not be included on the club list sent to the BMC.

The following families have paid most but not all of their subs: Muskett, Turner, Linney, Sawyer. There are no reductions for payment by standing order! Please send 4.50 pounds to secure membership cards and full membership. Likewise June Walker: please send 3 pounds.

All monies to Roger Larkam, 5 St John's Terrace, Derby

WANTED

To buy: one pair of ice tools. Contact Gary Burgess (see above)

OREAD PHOTO COMPETITION 1990

DID YOU GAIN A FIRST PLACE IN ANY SECTION OF LAST YEAR'S COMPETITION? If so, would you please obtain a Cibachrome print (5"x4") and send it to me together with a brief description for inclusion in the Oread photo album. Jessops provide the service for 2.99 pounds. Unfortunately I wasn't at the competition and everyone is being rather vague as to who actually gained first places.

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MOUNT ARARAT

The BMC are arranging a joint expedition with the Turkish federation to the Agri and Dagri region. If you would like to be part of this expedition, contact Rock Hudson, Roger Larkam, John Major or Saddam Hussein as soon as possible.

HUT BOOKINGS

Tan-yr-Wyddfa

February	8 - 9	16 beds
	15 - 16	16 beds
	22 - 23	16 beds
March	1 - 2	Oread meet

The committee has received several complaints from members who tried to book places at Tan-yr-Wyddfa at New Year after the hut was fully booked. In the end a number of berths were available as a result of other members failing to take up the bookings that had been accepted by the booking secretary. If you decide not to go, you must inform the booking secretary ASAP. Payment of their hut fees by the offending parties would go some way to mollifying the committee and the injured.

Hut fees:

To meet increased costs the committee has decided to increase hut fees. From Easter (28 March) these will be:

members and their children <16 years	1 pound
others	2 pounds

excepting that visitors [i.e. not guests (max 2 per member)] shall pay 3 pounds per night at Tan-yr-Wyddfa. There is a day fee of 50p at Heathy Lea.

SCOTTISH AVALANCHE INFORMATION SERVICE

This is the successor to the Scottish Avalanche Project. They have produced an excellent new leaflet. Enquiries to Steve Bashforth.

BUXTON MOUNTAINEERING FESTIVAL 22 - 23 March

The BMC's biennial jamboree. High spots this year are an appearance by Tomo Cesen; a performance by Cragrats Theatre Company of "E5 6c"; a debate between Ken Wilson and Jerry Moffat on "sport" climbing chaired by Mac the Telly. All for a tenner - more details from Steve Bashforth.

NEW LIST OF MEMBERS

enclosed with this newsletter. Please unpin and insert in appropriate slots in your "handbook".

NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 5 March. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Friday 1 March.

Rob Tresidder

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