



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

November 1991

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary:

16 November	Annual Dinner
17 November	Post dinner route march
3 December	Slide show: Royal Oak, Ockbrook
6 - 7 December	Bullstones
11 December	Black Rocks

Saturday 16 November Annual Dinner Richard Coghlan
This year's dinner will be held at the Peregrino Hotel in Derby. No, the meal has not been moved since the last newsletter, just that the opportunity of hosting the Oread has proved irresistible to the money men who have bought the Gables and changed the name. The dinner will be at 7 for 7.30 and will cost £13.75 per head. The principal guest will be Jim Curran of K2 fame. The dinner will follow more or less the usual format except that there will be no disco. The menu is as follows:

Florida cocktail* OR Canelloni Parmesan
Roast leg of lamb Rosemary OR Vegetable Lasagne *
Chocolate and brandy mousse
Coffee and mints

*vegetarian dishes

Eighty-one people attended last year and the room was reasonably full. For this reason, I will be limiting this year's dinner to the first 90 paid-up applications. The hotel has a clearly signposted car park behind, reached from the London Road. Please use the enclosed ticket application slip and return by 9 November.

The traditional post dinner walk will be on Sunday 17 November. It will start at 11 a.m. prompt from the Black Rocks car park and head for the Cliff Inn at Crich.

Tu 3 December 8 p.m. Royal Oak, Ockbrook Steve Bashforth
Oread. Jack Ashcroft will give an illustrated account of his trip to Nepal in April, entitled "ROUNDABOUT KANCHENJUNGA".

July Wood, Chris Fawcett, Tony Fidler and Steve Bashforth who
ran the club and helped in the organisation.

BT

6 - 7 December Bullstones

Brian West

This year. Bullstones goes to Arenig; at least, it does in theory. After last year I am a little wary of stating objectives lest whatever gods may be decide that Ashcroft, though eminently worthy, is not the only person deserving of a little divine wrath.

Starting from Trawsfynydd on the Friday night, I hope to bivouac by the headwaters of the Afon Gain. Saturday should see us traversing Moel Llyfnant, Arenig Fawr and Arenig Fach to spend the night at Cefn Garw, deep in the boggy heart of Migneint. An early start Sunday should see us back at Trawsfynydd for lunchtime.

I have yet to confirm access to Cefn Garw. If you are thinking of coming on this meet please get in touch with me (tel 0332 880034) for final details of start and bivouac sites etc. OS sheet 124 Dolgellau covers the required area.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

6 - 8 Mar 1992 A long weekend or the whole week in Glencoe in caravans. There are a maximum eight places on this meet so see Richard Hookinson soon.

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

Golden Oldies (Doreen Hodge)

Twenty members attended the meet undeterred by the terrible weather forecast which needless to say didn't materialise and fine weather was enjoyed for the whole weekend.

Saturday saw the majority heading off to Beedgelert from where they tramped back to the hut via Cwm Bychan, Llyn Dinas and the Arran col. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent at the Plas-Y-Coed Hotel thanks to Gregson's recommendation in the hut log.

An early knock on the door on Sunday morning heralded the arrival of John Dench after an absence of 19 years. (Shurely shone mistake here: I climbed with John when I joined the club only 14 years ago! - ed.) Departure was delayed while everyone fought over the kettle and we finally set off at 1030. I understand that the supply cannot take two kettles but surely it would be a wise investment to dip into the £7000 and buy a quick boiling gas kettle.

We parked at Hafod Tan-Y-Graig just off the Gwynant road with the intention of walking to Cnicht by way of Llyn Edno but one hour into the walk disaster struck when Janet (Ashcroft) slipped and fractured her wrist. After on the spot first aid, she retreated to Bangor Hospital helped down the Afon Llyn Edno by Jack, Ken and myself. The rest of the party continued to the top of Cnicht and had an enjoyable day.

I've booked the same weekend for next year so once again it will be birthday cake all round. Thank you all for making the meet such an enjoyable one.

Present: Ernie, Fisher, Ashcrofts, Cullums, Greens, Hobdays, Moores, Reynolds, Rusty, Chris (Bryan), Anne (Squires), J Dench.

APPLICATION FOR PLACES AT THE 1991 ANNUAL DINNER

Names: *fruit cocktail *lasagne

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

* please tick either or both of these options

I/we would like to sit next to....

Total enclosed at £13.75 per head=

Please return, with cheque made payable to Oread MC, to

Richard Coghlan
4 Peterlee Place
Alvaston
DERBY DE2 0DN

THE FUTURE OF HEATHY LEA

A second chance to make your views known.

Please complete the questionnaire below and return with your ticket application or separately to me or any other committee member.

Roger Larkam
May 1991

Please circle appropriate answers:

1. In order to retain Heathy Lea, I would be prepared to pay as part of my annual subscription:
nothing £1 £2 £5 £7 £10
2. I have used Heathy Lea for
0 1 - 5 5 - 10 >10 nights in the last year
3. If facilities were improved (please specify...
I would use Heathy Lea
0 1 - 5 5 - 10 >10 nights per year

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October Committee meeting

The continuing saga of the expensive lock barrels and padlocks and what they are all for was gone over again without conclusion. The dinner was discussed and the President reported that quite a lot of members had protested at the disco being dropped this year. Parking at Tan-yr-Wyddfa was discussed again. The National Park has plans for enlarging the existing car park right up to the gate that takes the footpath up Snowdon. Anti-parking posts have again appeared on our patch. With many huts getting booked up earlier and earlier, it was agreed that the meets secretary should make some bookings for 1993 and seek meet leaders later.

RT

Special General Meeting

With Brian and Helen rooted out from the Yew Tree, Dawn and Richard arriving hotfoot from the Lakes without even pausing to go home and Beryl just arriving, the special general meeting was just quorate under the old rules. Roger Larkam proposed that the quorum should be reduced from one third to one fifth of the membership. The only argument against seemed to be that the Oread was perfect, always had been and always would be and that any means including poorly attended AGMs should be used to imoede change. A vote was taken and the overwhelming majority of those present supported the rule change. A handful voted against and there were a couple of abstentions.

RT

Photo Meet (Peter Scott)

I always suffer a seat squirming anxiety at photo meets - not engendered by worry that the judge might pan my pictures but rather that the organiser may not have warned the visitor of the rumbustious nature of audience participation at the photo competition. Here was the added embarrassment of a judge who had only recently parted with a sum of money in order to become a provisional member. Though Gregson was in his usual fluent form, Gordon Stainforth acquitted himself nobly especially when he seemed to hint that trees should be chopped down or even mountains moved in order to improve a picture. Happily, the possibility that he might be suggesting that the photographer should turn his camera or even move himself escaped the hecklers. It was satisfying to see some new names amongst the stalwarts:

- Four prints: Uschi Hobday, Peter Scott, Bobby Gilbert
- People: Bobby Gilbert, Richard Hookinson, Gordon Gadsby
- Action: Gordon Gadsby, Gordon Gadsby, Richard Hookinson
- Aesthetic: Gordon Gadsby, Digger Williams, Gordon Gadsby
- Club interest: Bobby Gilbert
- Overall winner: Gordon Gadsby
- Joint runners-up: Uschi Hobday and Bobby Gilbert

Many thanks to Gordon Stainforth for judging and Peter Scott for organising such an excellent competition. Peter asks me to thank all those who entered slides and attended and especially Judy Wood, Chris Radcliffe, Tony Fidler and Steve Bashforth who rallied round and heloed in the organisation.

RT

Dovedale Dash

A cold and windy day heralded a new course record by a runner from Norfolk and some changes in the top Oread placings. Full details in the December newsletter.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Mitchell Briggs
19 Vicarage Avenue, Derby

Robin Beadle
tel. 05395 31598
Address unchanged.

SHORT NOTICES

Dave Owen

Roger Larkam has been in touch with Dave's parents Maurice and Jean, who wish to thank all in the Oread for their support following Dave's death. They have been able to make a donation to guide dogs for the blind and one is now in service. Jean was very ill earlier this year but is now fully recovered having recently returned from a holiday in the United States.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Mitchell Briggs who was elected to full membership of the Oread at the October committee meeting.

WANTED

Ice axe, preferably curved, 55 - 70 cm, and/or crampons (e.g Salewa Classic or Everest adjustable). No antiques. Robin Beadle, tel 05395 31598.

NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 3 December.

- Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday, 25 November.

Rob Tresidder

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