

NEWSLETTER OF THE DREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

September 1991

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary:

6 - 7 September Mid-Wales (see notice in August newsletter)

13 - 14 September Cloggy

27 - 28 September Golden Oldies (see August newsletter)

Tu 3 October Slide show, Ockbrook 8 o'clock

S 12 October Photo meet & Extraordinary General meeting

13 - 14 September Clogwyn du'r Arddu Ian Soare

Since I have cancelled a sailing trip for this meet we can be assured of a wet and windy weekend. For those who wish to give Cloggy a chance, this time of year can often be very pleasant giving conditions ideal for climbing and an ideal time for me to start my climbing season. I fully expect this to be the most popular meet of the year for those climbing at all levels. Since this is a hut meet I would appreciate an idea of numbers and someone to take me up something approaching worthwhile. Alternative venue: slate, Tremadoc as usual. For further details/transport I may be at the Brunswick but can also be contacted on 0246 550042 (home) or 0246 214296 (work).

Tuesday 3 October Royal Oak, Ockbrook 8 o'clock

Richard Hookinson kicks off the winter series of evening meets with an illustrated talk on Climbing in Jabel Shrow.

Saturday 12 October Photo meet

Peter Scott

Please note new date, first advised in the April newsletter, but not as printed on the meets list. The competition will take place in the Nightingale Memorial Hall on Yew Tree Hill between Lea Bridge and Holloway. Doors open 7 o'clock for 7.30 kick-off. There will be a bar. Contact John O'Reilly if requiring overnight accommodation.

Meetssec's note: I have been unable to contact Peter but I am sure that he will have secured the services of a competent and entertaining judge. In the absence of any further information, I think we can assume that the categories will be as usual: aesthetic at home, action at home, aesthetic abroad, action abroad and "club interest". Limit of three slides per member per category, a small entrance fee and please sort your entries conventionally, i.e. bottom left corner on side facing projector bulb.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of the club will be held immediately before the photo meet at which the following rule change will be debated:

Rule 17: delete "one third": insert "one fifth".

Proposed: R Larkam; seconded: L Welbourn

Background to this proposal to change the size of the quorum at the AGM, goes back at least as far as the last AGM which was inoperative (refs.: newsletter: August, June, May.)

Circuit training for climbers at Anthony Bell School:
Registration for Lance Philpott's popular evening class will be between 7 and 9 on 17 September. Fee £6.75 for 5 classes. First session will be at 6.15 on 24 September.

Winter evening meets:

These will take place as usual at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook, starting at 8 o'clock on 3 October, 5 November (Cycle touring in the Alos), 3 December (Trekking in the Himalayas, Jack Ashcroft), 7 January, 4 February and 3 March.

HEATHY LEA - FOOTNOTE

It seems that the Club has to make some fundamental decisions with regard to Heathy Lea in the near future, and it might be useful to look back to the origins of the cottage as a club hut.

The spirit that motivates the Oread of the 90s is different in many ways from the mood of the 60s, but the main aspirations that led to the acquisition of a Derbyshire hut may still be relevant to some members and might even influence decisions that still have to be made.

A Derbyshire hut sub-committee was formed in late '67 with the purpose of finding suitable property. Its members inevitably were of the Eric Byne school and we all shared his deep love for the Peak District. Eric died in January '68 and in his obituary I wrote "Older members will remember Eric's obsession at every AGM concerning the acquisition of a hut in the Peak. He considered a hut in Wales to be of secondary importance. It is ironic that he should die in the year that we are on the verge of attaining this objective. I can think of nothing more proper than commemorating the name of Eric Byne in the cottage that the Oread will eventually acquire in the area that he loved more than any other".

Heathy Lea came into our hands following a direct appeal to the Duke of Devonshire who, as patron of the Derbyshire Himalayan party in '61, had been more than a figurehead. He genuinely welcomed our presence on the estate. Derek Penrose, then Agent, anticipated that the Oread would be a good influence in a corner of the park which at the time (before concessionary footpaths) was thought to be vulnerable to damage. Simultaneously Nat Allen and myself were working with the E.B. Memorial Committee to set up the campsite at Moorside Fram - all of which had come to pass by the time Ivy Byne officially opened Heathy Lea in October 1970 among as distinguished a company of gritstoners as you could have laid your hands on between Manchester, Sheffield and Derby.

So, the establishment of Heathy Lea in 1969/70 was in many ways the realisation of a dream that had been at the heart of Oread philosophy since the original foundation in 1949, and I suppose there are a few of us who still identify with Heathy Lea in much the same way.

Laurie Burns once said that come the day you need a £10 note to park a car anywhere in the Peak National Park we shall be grateful for our cottage. Exaggerated to almost metaphorical status perhaps - but no worse for that.

That the young, active membership of the Oread is radically different in its aspirations from the active middle aged semi-veterans of 1969/70 is fairly obvious. It has been said to me that they have little sympathy with continuity of ideas or (God forgive me) traditions. History may be truly bunk, and the achievement of a higher grade on the endless ladder of numbers

may be the only reality - we all have (or have had) our Holy Grail. But I would suggest that for real practical reasons the Oread would be extremely foolish to give up Heathy Lea without exploring every avenue.

It should be remembered that the original exclusivity of use by Oread members and their personal guests was mostly inspired by myself and close allies, although the estate welcomed it. Adequate usage of the facilities is the answer to financial problems. The improvement of the facilities (WC, septic tank etc) is probably the main requirement to obtain more use. I think it is essential that the club should think on these lines, should take a long term view, for one thing is certain: the value of hut accommodation within the Peak Park in twenty years time will be astronomical.

Harry Pretty

H U T B O O K I N G S

Welsh hut:

September	6/7	J Green.	Hut full.
	13/14	Oread meet	
	20/21		16 beds
	27/28	Oread meet	
October	4/5	Rugby MC	16 beds
	11/12	Mercian MC.	16 beds
	18/19	Scunthorpe MC.	16 beds
	25/26	South Cheshire.	16 beds
	27/31	D Hall.	16 beds
November	1/2	Marmot MC.	16 beds

Heathy Lea:

September	27/28	Northumbrian MC.	12 beds
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S H O R T N O T I C E S

The next committee meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on 10 September at the Brunswick Inn.

1992 MEETS

The provisional meets list for 1992 appears overleaf. If you would like to lead a meet either at Tan-yr-Wyddfa on one of the pre-booked weekends or somewhere else at some other time, please let me know soon. I am trying to avoid arranging "away matches" (i.e. outside the Peak) on consecutive weekends.

Rob Tresidder

NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 1 October. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday, 23 September. I especially look forward to hearing from Richard Coghlan and Roger Larkam.

Rob Tresidder

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OP List for climbing at various Gell Gorge:

DREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB 1992 Provisional Meets list		
Wed 1 Jan		The Olde Gate, Brassington
Jan	3 - 4	
	10 - 11	Little Langdale (hut) Pete Amour
	17 - 18	
	24 - 25	
	31 - Feb 1	Tan-yr-Wyddfa
Feb	7 - 8	
	14 - 15	
	15 - 23	HALF TERM
	21 - 22	Patterdale (George Starkey hut) Colin Barnard
	28 - 29	Tan-yr-Wyddfa
Mar	6 - 7	
	13 - 14	
	21 (Sat)	Annual General Meeting
	22 (Sun)	Fell Race
	27 - 28	Tan-yr-Wyddfa
Apr	3 - 4	
	10 - 11	
	16 - 19	EASTER Provenge Bobby Gilbert
	24 - 25	
May	1 - 3	MAYDAY
	8 - 9	
	15 - 16	
	22 - 30	"WHIT" Fairhead ?Richard Hookinson ?Rob Tresidder
Jun	5 - 6	
	12 - 13	
	19 - 20	
	26 - 27	
Jul	3 - 4	
	10 - 11	
	17 - 18	
	24 - 25	
	31 - Aug 1	
Aug	7 - 8	
	14 - 15	
	21 - 22	
	28 - 30	BANK HOLIDAY
Sep	4 - 5	
	11 - 12	
	18 - 19	
	25 - 26	? Eskdale dinner meet Richard Hookinson
Oct	2 - 3	
	10 (Sat)	Photo meet
	16 - 17	
	23 - 24	
	24 - 31	HALF TERM
	30 - 31	
Nov	8 (Sun)	Dovedale Dash 11. a.m.
	13 - 14	
	21 (Sat)	Annual dinner
	27 - 28	Stair (hut) Pete Amour
Dec	4 - 5	Bullstones
	11 - 12	
	16 (Wed)	Black Rocks
	18 - 19	
	25 -	Christmas at Tan-yr-Wyddfa
Fri 1 Jan 1993		The Olde Gate, Brassington

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