

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

November 1992

Snow, snow, snow. There is already climbing in the Northern corries; Harry Griffin has walked on snow on the Red Pike/High Crag ridge above Buttermere. We look well placed next year with six winter meets scheduled in N Wales and the Lake District. But... I am still looking for away meets on July 30 - 31, August 27 - 29 (Bank holiday) and November 26 - 27. I have also had no volunteers to lead the three local Sunday walks in the spring, summer and autumn. These meets proved to be some of the most popular last year. Surely some of those who enjoyed them could offer to organise next year?

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary:

Wed 4 November AGS Circuits

Sat 7 November Heathy Lea Bonfire

Sat 21 November Annual dinner

27 - 28 November Stair

Tu 1 December Royal Oak, Ockbrook

Sat 5 December Women's meet 11 - 12 December Bullstones

Wed 4 November Circuits Rob Tresidder The second evening class will run from 6.15 - 7.15 tomorrow. there will then be a two week break until a 5 week run starting on 25 November. It is anticipated that there will be a full course next term.

Sat 7 November Heathy Lea Bonfire Lisa Welbourn BRING YOUR FIREWORKS!

Saturday afternoon I intend to have a walk or climb depending on the weather, before collecting some wood for the bonfire. There are plenty of fallen trees in the wod behind the hut - they just need collecting!

For the evening, bring your own food, potatoes for baking in the fire or whatever. Make sure you bring some fireworks so that we can make ourselves a good display.

Please contact me at The Brunswick to book your beds or phone me on 0332 775243.

On Sunday ...

Sat 21 November Annual Dinner Mike Wynne, A week ago there were only twelve placs left at this year's dinner, so hurry and send me £15.50 if you want to be sure of securing a seat. I shall operate a reserve list for any who have left it too late. If you are not sitting for the dinner, you are still welcome to come along for the other parts of the evening beer, disco etc.

27 - 28 November Stair hut Peter Amour So, the clocks have gone back an hour; it's now darker earlier and the enthusiasm is waning. But, that's no reason to give up; yopu can start the days an hour earlier and still get plenty done around Stair from the Fylde MC hut.

The hut lies in the Newlandas valley at NY 237210. It gives good access to many of the north Lakes peaks, low level walks, and for thoise with a yearning to climb, Shepherd's Crag is not far any

For reservation of beds and co-ordination of lifts, please ring me on 0773 826219 after 6 or see me at The Brunswick on Tuesday evening.

Muster parade will be at the Swinside Inn on Friday evening. This is approximately one mile to the north of the hut on the right hand side as you approach from Keswick. I look forward to seeing you.

Tue i December Royal Oak, Ockbrook Stephen Bashforth The Oread's very own Robin Beadle will be back to talk about his ascent of Broad Peak in the Himalaya. Newer members of the club may not know Robin. Since he left the area some time ago, first to Bristol and then the Lake District where he is a professional guide. Start 8p.m.

Sat 5 December Women's meet Dawn Hopkinson Meet at Heathy Lea at 10 a.m for a civilised cup of tea and discussion of venue/routes. All women welcome.

11 - 12 December Bullstones John Gresty Snake Inn. Friday evening. Destination: Bleaklow.

PAST EVENTS AND ANCIENT HISTORY Coniston (Richard Hopkinson)

Thanks to Chris the hut was located: the meet leader thought it was somewhere else! Others who had used the hut before were pleasantly surprised by improvements made. It was recommended that our huts sub-committee pay a visit to sample a <u>real</u> shower.

Both days were damp and warm with the best weather occurring on the drive home. The Three Shires fell race proved as hard work as ever for those daft enough to do it. Others walked on the Old Man and Weatherlam ridges or hunted dry rock - the ebst appearing to be the sports climbs in Hodge Close quarry.

Autumn Walk (Colin Hobday)

Uschi Hobday astonished walkers near Wetton recently by rolling back the years to claim the world high jump record. Unwisely, spe accepted a helping hand over a stile from a nameless cad, who, unknown to her had a firm grasp of an electric fence with the other hand. Anon.

Photo meet (Richard Coghlan)

- The club managed to fill the back room of the Hope and Anchor to hear the judge, Phil Nixon, pick the following winners:

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Gordon Gadsby was the overall winner on points and carried away the Norman Cochrane cup. Niccy Brain and Richard Hopkinson were second equal and shared the Cyril Machin cup. Niccy Brain also won the prize for best newcomer.

Late entries in the club interest section from Harry Pretty and Chuck Hooley greatly improved the quality: the wirning photograph was a picture of Derrick Burgess "adjusting his dress".

More photographs next year please! I use a compact camera and know nothing about photography. If I can gain points in this competition, so can anybody!

October committee meeting Details as usual from Stephen Bashforth.

Dovedale Dash

Was this the muddiest Dash ever? Certainly not the wettest, as the rain stopped before we started. All the usual star Oread performers up near the front. The meetssec was beaten by a previous incumbent who hadn't even needed to remove his track suit. Congratulations to Esmond Tresidder who won The Mart trophy for first under 14 (and beat his dad for the first time -grrr!) and to Richard Freeştone who wearing his other "hat" (?shoes) won the trophy for first Derby Mercury competitor and he biked there and back.

SHORT NOTICES

Oread Journal

The journal is now alost complete. Once again it will be free to full members of the club and to any other contributors. Others will be charged £2. Copies will be available at the annual dinner (yet another good reason for going) and at various other club meets up to the AGM. If you are not going to the dinner. please ask someone to pick up your copy or send me your name and 66p in stamps.

Bobby Gilbert, 14 Campion Street, Derby DE22 3EH

Kentallen Superquarry

Richard Hopkinson has drawn my attention to the plans for a superquarry overlooking Glen Duror and Ballachulish. This is one of several coastal sites in Scotland scheduled for this sort of development. He reminds me that this area was crossed during his meet in March. Richard has details of the campaign being run by the Kentallen/Duror Superquarry Opposition Group, so if you are opposed to "progress" of this kind in the Highlands, get in touch with him and do something about it.

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FOR SALE
Saioman SX90 ski boots 355 (size 7)
Rossignol First Vas skis
Saloman 647 bindings
Poles 115cm
Helmet: Phoenix lightweight
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Vango Mk 2 flysheet
Simond Barracuda ice axe and ice hammer
Petzl shunt
Sticht plate
Deadman
Various ice screws and rock pegs
Hanwag rock boots size 7
Compas, whistle
Assorted wires

All this equipment used to belong to Dave Owen. Dave's parents are keen that the gear should be used again and have agreed that proceeds from the sale go to the Andy Fanshawe Memorial Fund. Those who remember the size of Dave's rack may wonder what has happened to the rest of it. Some has already been sold to his friends and some was attacked by mice in the garden shed!

So if you are interested in any of this equipment, please make me an offer on $0629\ 823392$. Richard Hopkinson

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

An application for full membership has been received from Pam Storer. Will any members who have any views as to the suitability of the candidate please write to the secretary, Stephen Bashforth, 14 Farneworth Road. Mickleover, Derby.

NEXT EDITION

l intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 1 December. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday. 23 November. Material would be even more welcome if submitted on 5.25" diskette, preferably with accompanying printout in case of incompatability.

Rob Tresidder

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