

# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

December 1992

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### Summary:

Sat 5 December -Women's meet 11 - 12 December Bullstones Wed 16 December Black Rocks Fri 1 January 1993 The Miner's Arms, Brassington Tue 5 January 1993 Royal Oak, Ockbrook

Sun 10 January 1993 Welbourn's Winter Wander

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.

Wed 16 December Black Rocks Keith Gregson Yes, it's nearly that time again! the wednesday before the Wednesday before...

Once again the venue will be the Rising Sun at Middleton with optional though highly recommended sport beforehand at Black Rocks - or any other vertical place. Last year I sampled Harborough which has modest floodlighting and made a pleasant alternative. There is also plenty of scope for walking the trail. Whatever the precursor it will be pleasant to open the Christmas season amongst Oreads at the pub. I'm assured that simple fare will be available though it will help if you can let me know in advance if you would like something to eat - a rough idea of numbers is all that is required.

I'm trying to organise a foot of snow so ski-ing and sledging may be in order, but however you travel - see you there.

Fri 1 January 1993 The Miner's Arms, Brassington This is just the lunchtime venue. Morning and afternoon activities will depend on the depth of snow outside!

Tue 5 January 1993 Royal Oak, Ockbrook Gordon Stainforth will give an illustrated talk on how a professional photographer approaches the subject of mountain photography. The talk is titled "Chasing images: hills in camera." Start 8 p.m.

Richard Hopkinson will give the February lecture.

Sun 10 January 1993 Welbourn's Winter Wander John Welbourn This will be a celebration of John's 70th birthday. Meet at Walkbaslow car park (adjacent village hall and green) at 1030. ing will be via Wellington's monument on Baslow Edge to Birchen's and so to Heathy Lea where soup and tea or coffee will be taken in the barn. Depending on the wetaher a return to the car park will be made either over Brampton Moor or over Bunker's Hill.

#### ANCIENT PAST EVENTS AND HISTORY Dovedale Dash

As I reported in the November newsletter, this was a very muddy Dash, so times were considerably slower for most of us. I am concerned at the great age (Larkam excepted of course) of the leading Oread runners. Where are the young tyros ready to carry the torch when Rusty eventually drops out of the first 100? RT

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November committee meeting
The Welsh hut. Tan-yr-Wyddfa is now cured of its second attack of dry rot. The kitchen refurbishment is well underway with the new oven fitted and the new hobs soon to be installed.
The budget for 1993 was discussed and the conclusion was that hut fees would remain as in 1992. Membership fees would rise to accomodate the increase in BMC membership plus a 1.00 increase to go part way toward the cost of new showers at T-y-W, production of a 1993 journal and new windows in T-y-W. The committee approved the huts sub-committee proposal to install UPVC windows to the front elevation of Tan-yr-Wyddfa. A preference for white over "woodgrain" was expressed. (At this point the meets sec was observed giving up the ghost). [Surely, "unequal struggle against the forces of darkness" - edl. The proposal to introduce a mezzanine sleeping floor in H-L was deleted from the 1993 budget. November committee meeting 1993 budget. Date of next committee meeting 8 December, 8.00pm Brunswick Inn. Notice of other events: The Gore-Tex international climbing competition is being held in

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# Annual Dinner (Mike Wynne)

The dinner was fully booked this year. Most liked the food and the new venue and enjoyed themselves in the appropriate manner. £221 was raised in the raffle for the Andy Fanshawe Memorial Fund. My thanks for the generous donation of prizes large and small by Derby Mountain Centre. Prestidge. Roger Turner Mountain Sports, Powers Sports, The Brunswick Inn, Outside, Faces, Millfields, Bass, Harry Pretty. Rab. Cotswold Camping and David Appleby. Any feedback, constructive criticism etc would be welcomed by the organiser. MW

l was almost late, travelling appropriately over muddy country lanes behind Callow and so out of the rain with time for a swift drink before being ushered into the converted cowshed to feast where others once had chomped on hay and cattle cake with E numbers. Waitresses (once milkmaids?), clutching plates of chicken, struggled to squeeze past our heavy November haunches. It all ran well until the coffee when some had none and one worried (only for a moment) whether the mints ever reached the bottom of the table. Come the speeches, I wondered why the Oread continues to bother. Potentially the most entertaining part of the evening. Radders' attempt to welcome the guests and tell tales of Derek Walker, was spoilt by the puerile baying and shouting (I forebear to dignify it with the name of heckling) that greeted his every utterance. Derek Walker was statesmanlike or bureaucratic, depending on your prejudice. His address was entertainingly interrupted with sharp and apposite comment from the floor of the cowshed (not literally, Harry!). Bobby Gilbert struggled to make a fist of what has been a pretty disappointing climbing year for many of us. Modestly he soft pedalled on one of the year's highlights - his publication of the first Oread journal for five years. By the way, which route did "Anon" fall I only ask because I am sure you will know.

Sunday saw a respectable sized group of us circumnavigate Kirk ireton several times under Dave Appleby's guidance (?) in a misty spiral that eventually landed us at the door of the Barley Mow. The rain had not relented when we emerged to go our several

Very many thanks to Mike Wynne for organising such an excellent highlight to the club's year.

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HUT BOOKINGS Tan-yr-Wyddfa

December 5 - 6 Derwent MC 16 beds 12 - 13 Polaris MC 16 beds

Christmas 8 beds New Year 10 beds January 8 - 9 vacant

6 - 17 Kingston MC 16 beds

Heathy Lea

December 12 - 13 Aylesbury MC 12 beds New Year Loughton MC 12 beds

January 9 - 10 J Welbourn - whole cottage

<u>REMINDER</u> There are still some members owing hut fees. Please forward your cheque to me ASAP. Thanks. Colin Hobday.

SHORT NOTICES

SCOTLAND 12 - 21 (approx) February 1993 - half term week Come what may. Mike Wynne and Pete Lancaster are going up this week. Anyone wanting to make a group to book accomodation. or aiready booked with spare places, please contact Mike ASAP on 360851. Hopefully, this will be the year!!

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Following a review of the 1993 budget, the committee have set subscriptions for next year as follows (1992 rates in brackets):

Prospective member £8 (£7.50) £4 (£3.25)

(A senior member is one of pensionable age).

A reduction of £3 per person can be had for those not wishing to be declared members of the BMC. Only declared members of the BMC are entitled to benefits such as personal liability insurance. Names of those who have paid for BMC membership will be sent in on 28 February 1993.

The subscription rates have been set in order to achieve a balance between income and expenditure. A small deficit of £130 will be funded from the 1992 surplus. A transfer of £915 to the Property Reserve is included.

Main property expenditure is budgeted as follows:
Heathy Lea kitchen improvements (cottage and barn)
HL security lights and smoke alarms

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Tan-yr-Wyyddfa showers
Replacement of T-y-W elctricity meter with timer
R\*ment of T-y-W bay windows and rear jounge window

£4000

Subscriptions fall due on 1 January 1993 and should be sent to the treasurer, Roger Larkam, 5 St John's Terrace, Derby DE1 3LJ. Cheques should be made payable to "Oread MC". No payment facility by standing order or direct debit is available.

#### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

An application for full membership has been received from David Jones. 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.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome to Pam Storer and Simon Wren who were elected to full membership of the Oread at the November committee meeting.

# NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 5 January 1993. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End. Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday. 28 December. Material would be even more welcome if submitted on 5.25" diskette, preferably with accompanying printout in case of incompatability. [especially look forward to hearing from Peter Amour and Nick Evans.

Rob Tresidder

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