



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

February 1992

## F O R T H C O M I N G E V E N T S

### Summary:

Su 9 Feb	Winter walk
21 - 22 Feb	Patterdale
Th 27 Feb	Lees Brook Climbing Wall
Tu 3 March	Royal Oak, Ockbrook
6 - 7 March	Tan-yr-Wyddfa WP
6 - 10 March	Glencoe & Ben Nevis
Su 22 March	Heathy Lea Fell Race

Su 9 February Winter walk Brian West  
For the merely athletic, a long walk anywhere would suffice; for the merely inept a short walk nowhere; for the mere traditionalist, the same walk as last time and for the mere climber, no walk at all. But what for the Oread flaneur - and flaneuse? A walk to the pub of course. And for the committed climbers among us? Not a walk but a reconnaissance, a chance here to weigh up some of those recondite crags that beckon slyly from the back pages of Northern Lime.

We shall start 0930 from Monsal Head walking via Priestcliffe to Miller's Dale. Leaving Miller's Dale at 1100 we shall then split an infinitive to boldly go where sanity and the National Park fear to tread - Great Rocks Dale beckoning oh so shyly.

Lunch will be taken at a proper pub - the Midland at Peak Dale and a return made along the series of dales to the east.

Please join in when, where and how you like. If you can't make the walk, turn up for the pub.

0930 Monsal Head CP. SK185715. 17 miles return

1100 Miller's Dale CP. SK138733. 10 miles return

1300 The Midland, Peak Dale. SK093768. Basic food, Robinson's as it should be.

21 - 22 February Patterdale Colin Barnard

This meet is now fully booked. (There, if you had paid your subs on time, you'd have known about it ages ago!)

The Ratcher's bar at the Glenridding suggests itself as the logical base for Friday evening's planning session. See you there (belatedly).

Th. 27 February Lees Brook Climbing Wall Mike Wynne

The use of this climbing wall is being offered to the Oread as a free taster. The wall is in Lees Brook Community School in Chad-desden. From the "old" Nottingham Road, turn left up Chaddesden Lane, just before reaching Chaddesden Park. After about half a mile the lane bends to the right and then left and becomes Morley

Road. The school is on the right after about a quarter of a mile. The wall is Bendcrete with bolt-on holds.

W 3 March Royal Oak, Gockbrook Steve Bashforth  
An account of first ascents in Greenland. PHIL NIXON is well known in the photo world. His slides of climbing in this remote area are well worth seeing. (Belatedly, I am advised that Phil is a member of Lichfield Photographic Club and will also show slides of Alaska. - ed.)

6 - 7 March Tan-yr-Wyddfa Working Party Huts sub-committee  
The detail of this meet has yet to be sorted out but tasks will be of the deep cleaning and sprucing up variety. Volunteers please contact Colin Hobday or Rock Hudson.

6 - 10 March (or longer) Glencoe & Ben Nevis Richard Hopkinson  
Still a few places - obviously going to be a late winter this year, so don't miss this opportunity. See last month's newsletter for details. Give me a ring (0629 823392) or see me at the Brunswick for further information.

#### 1992 Meets List

Please add: 15/16 May. Wasdale. Derrick Burgess.  
?27 July. Alpine meet. S Bashforth & R Coghlan.

#### 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

##### Little Langdale (Peter Amour)

Friday night saw a big (30+) contingent of Oreads in the Three Shires Head. Entertainment was in the form of a stunning free-style skating performance by Radcliffe on the way back from the pub!

Saturday's weather was disappointing after Friday evening's crispness. However enthusiastic teams set forth and swarmed all over the local fells and scrambles. A well known father and son team even managed a pub stop before stumbling back to the hut for tea. Three Shires Head benefitted significantly again on Saturday night and could have benefitted even more if they had served food! Apres pub entertainment came in the form of Peter Amour's birthday cake beautifully baked by Georgina. Please can we have a bigger one next year?

Sunday saw more diverse activities. The father and son team managed a climb on Gimmer and a large "running" team set out from the YRC hut. Others walked and scrambled.

All in all a most enjoyable weekend despite the lack of winter conditions.

RH

#### *Committee meeting*

This meeting ranged far and wide. It was agreed that the rule changes proposed at the last AGM should be re-submitted. They were not voted on then because the meeting was inquorate. A new venue for the dinner was discussed. Mike Wynne had investigated several possibilities and it was agreed that he should try and book Millfields beside Carsington reservoir. Steve Bashforth and Richard Coghlan regretted the omission of the club Alpine meet from the meets card and offered to lead one. It was agreed that the section "Overseas members" should be dropped from the list of

members. There was some discussion as to the scale of charges that the club should levy for use of space in the newsletter by non-members. Ernie Phillips spoke again about the long running saga of parking at Tan-yr-Wyddfa. No definitive statement is possible on this as shenanigans, accusations and so forth bounce back and forth between Gwynedd council, the Welsh Highland Light Railway and the Ffestiniog railway.

#### NEWS FROM FARAWAY (? AND LONG AGO)

Pete Wragg, a former member, reports that last summer he sailed from Glasson Dock on the estuary of the River Lune to the Balearic Islands by way of the Midi canal. On the return voyage he was hove to in mid-Channel for six hours when gale force winds prevented further progress of his trusty craft. He arrived home in October.

Brian Wright claims that after an absence of three years he will be travelling to the Alps again. Since the demise of his Plastic Pig we understand that he has been unable to find a car with reliable route-finding ability in this direction.

Rock Hudson writes of his Christmas in the Andes: The party of three arrived in Santiago on December 19th and travelled to Mendoza the following day to obtain a climbing permit before returning to Punta des Inca for a two day walk in to the base camp of Aconcagua. Weather on the 25th. gave blizzard conditions. From 26th - 30th we relayed gear to camps 1 and 2, but bad weather dictated a retreat from the higher camp. On 2nd January we climbed to camp 1 (5300m), the next day to camp 2 (5950m) and reached the top (6960m) in perfect weather the next. The route is very simple, so quite practical for a short holiday. At the end of the trip we went south to the Chilean "Lake District": huge lakes, forests, mountains, high temperatures and active volcanoes to climb.

#### AYERIUZ SKI TRIP

Thanks to Lisa's organisational skills, eighteen Oreads and friends hit the piste in the "Portes de Soleil". The outward journey went smoothly and the keen skiers managed runs on the Saturday afternoon after the Thompson rep had been surprised at the demand for OAF lift passes. The more experienced members of the party used the early arrival to stock up with beer.

On Sunday all of us rediscovered our ski legs in ideal weather and the early evening gluwein sessions provided everybody with the opportunity to exchange stories with those they hadn't met during the day. The weather deteriorated on Monday and Tuesday with a light fall of snow. This didn't stop anybody skiing (just more beer stops) or George and Richard doing the circuit of the Portes de Soleil in a white out. Wednesday saw the return of "beau temps" with Dave and Keith touring the Portes de Soleil whilst others of the party sampled the excellent skiing at Merzire and Les Gets.

The "beau temps" continued for the rest of the week, with everyone enjoying excellent skiing and no injuries. The apres-ski also continued apace with the Falaise bar having a bumper week and an excellent joint meal in the salon du the. Despite the efforts of Dave and Britannia Airways, Keith couldn't lose

his skis but did temporarily lose his bag on the way home. Thank you again to Lisa and where are we going next year?

RH

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#### S H O R T   N O T I C E S

##### *DREAD JOURNAL 1992*

It is now four years since the last journal was published which means there must be a wealth of potential material available to draw on for the next issue. Please send your article, whether it be a tale of adventure or information, a profile, a review or anything else you can think of, to Bobby Gilbert, 14 Campion Street, Derby DE3 3EH or give it (them) to any member of the committee for passing on to me. Submissions may be hand written, typed or, if you really want to make a friend, an ASCII file on an IBM PC compatible floppy disk.

DG

Th 5 March    Doug Scott lecture

Richard Coghlan

ex("something to do with some socks")-Dread Scott will lecture on his twenty-five years climbing in the Himalaya including last year's expedition. The lecture will be at 7.30 in the Great Hall of Nottingham University and will cost £4.50 on the door. Profits for charity [which one? no mention of this in Mountain - ed]. For lifts contact Richard on 753807.

##### SUBSCRIPTIONS REMINDER

Subs were payable on 1 January 1992 to Roger Larkam, 5 St John's Terrace, Derby DE1 3LJ, as follows

Full members	£15
Family members	£22.50

Prospective members and members of state pensionable age attract a 50% reduction.

For BMC membership add £2.50. As well as supporting the prime national body of our sport, membership of the BMC gives automatic civil liability cover (up to £2m) and the opportunity to obtain reduced rate travel and medical/rescue insurance, reciprocal rights and coach travel to the Alps. BMC membership is £10 if taken out direct with the BMC. Please could honorary members indicate whether they require BMC membership.

Standing orders:

Some members are still paying (or trying to pay) with prehistoric standing orders. The following Oreads have paid the amounts shown:

£16: Sawyer, Turner

£11: Foster, Eyre, Martin, Moore, Scott, Tucker

£10 (positively pleistocene): Walker

Membership cards will be issued by the treasurer on receipt of the balance due.

*Proposed changes to the club rules to be debated at the AGM:*  
The following changes have been proposed by R Larkam and seconded by R Tresidder:

Rule 2: delete reference to associate members.

Rule 12: delete

Rule 15: Paragraph (iii): delete

Paragraph (iv) insert at end: The fee will initially be a sum equal to one twelfth part of 50% of the full membership subscription for each full calendar month remaining in the year. Thereafter the prospective member's annual fee will be payable on 1st January.

Paragraph (v). Paragraph beginning "Members attaining state pensionable age...": delete and insert "Unwaged members will pay half the full subscription"

Paragraph (v). Final paragraph, after sentence ending "... joint Members Subscription.", insert "Members so paying will receive the newsletter."

Paragraph (v). Insert new paragraph to read: "Details of subscription rates and method of payment will be published by the committee no later than 1st December in the preceding year."

Renumber rules and paragraphs as appropriate.

The following new rule has been proposed by C Hooley after receiving legal advice. It is seconded by E Phillips:

"The club and its officers are not to be held liable for any act or negligence between one member or another".

#### ADDRESS LIST:

The new edition is enclosed with this newsletter. Please insert in appropriate pockets in your "handbook".

#### BLACK BOOK:

Modern technology makes it easy to insert copy at the last minute but you do make life difficult for the editor if you all leave it to the last moment. Please take note Hudson, Bashforth, Coghlan, Larkam!

#### NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 3 March. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG *to arrive by Monday, 24 February*. I especially look forward to hearing from John Gresty and Rob Tresidder (oops!).

Rob Tresidder

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