



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

March (Second edition) 1992

This extra, intercalated edition comes to you by special request of the committee who were rashly left on their own by the president and meets secretary while unsuccessfully pursuing vain-glory in deep powder snow in Switzerland.

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

Summary:

27 - 28 March Tan-yr-Wyddfa

W 1 April Harborough Rocks

S 11 April Women's climbing day

S 11 April AGM

16 - 19 April Easter in Paris

POSTPONED Heathy Lea Barbeque (was to have been 24 - 25 April)

27 - 28 March Tan-yr-Wyddfa

Rob Tresidder

The days are not yet too long so there will be ample time for R&R in the pub after an excellent sun dappled day on Gogarth on Saturday followed by something more mountainous on Sunday. For lifts, berths, rope handlers etc please see me or ring me on 0629 823126 (24h).

W 1 April Harborough Rocks

Rob Tresidder

Main event: sorting out Puttrell's legacy behind the brickworks: steep pulls and lovely soft landings. Drinking later at the Miners' Arms in Brassington.

Sideshow: leaves the Miners' Arms at 6.30 p.m. prompt, travelling light, no sacks, rockboots in hand. Please, no hotheads or late arrivals!

Regular Summer Wednesday evening drinking hole.

The Oread has met at the Black's Head in Wirksworth for at least fifteen years, but there is widespread feeling in the club that we should look for another venue - perhaps one where we can make ourselves heard! Rather than sending the committee on an extended pub crawl or worse still allowing the meets secretary to choose on his own. I thought it best that we should move around for the first few Wednesdays of the summer and savour the ales and the atmospheres before coming to a decision. Wirksworth is still the preferred venue on account of the popular Costa's chippie, though the Rising Sun which was used after the Black Rocks night meet and the fell race has its advocates. So here are the locations for the next three Wednesdays:

April 1: Miner's Arms, Brassington. Marston's Pedigree. Bar snacks and evening meals.

April 8: The Vaults, Coldwell Street (the Alfreton road), Wirksworth. Draught Bass, Mansfield Old Baily. Extensive food. One minute's walk (past the chippie) after parking in the market place.

April 15: The Wheatsheaf, St John's Street (the Derby road),
Mansfield Old Baily, Marston's Pedigree. The pub is on the
left as you leave the town centre, has large car park behind.
A plastic sculpture in the garden and is nearly next door to
the Chinese chippie.

Please join in the selection process and perhaps let me know,
which ones should appear in the next newsletter.
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Sa 11 April Women's climbing day Dawn Hopkinson
Meet 10 a.m. at Heathy Lea, have a brew, decide where to go.
Open to all women climbers; if interested please contact me on
0629 823392.

Sa 11 April AGM Rob Tresidder
I have booked the function room behind the Hope and Anchor public
house in Wirksworth market place. Access is via the lounge bar
or through the glazed double doors adjacent to the ticket machine
in the car park. The room is booked from 7.30. The meeting will
start at 8 o'clock sharp. I hope the new venue will attract many
Oreads to the AGM: it is convenient for those on their way to or
from Heathy Lea, for climbers who have re-discovered Willersley
and Wildcat after the winter and for those travelling from Derby.
Mrs Hollingsworth, the landlady, has agreed to provide a pie and
pea supper at £1.50 per head. This should be ordered in advance
(before Friday 10th) by leaving a message for me on 0629 823126.

On a more formal note I have to remind members of the pro-
posed change to rule 15 published in the February newsletter. In
addition the following change to rule 8 has been proposed by S
Bashforth on behalf of the committee:

Delete existing rule 8 and replace with:

8(a) The officers and members of the committee shall be
elected for each following year at the Annual General
Meeting. An Honorary Auditor, who is not a member of the
committee, shall be appointed by the committee each year and
the appointment ratified at the AGM.

8(b) Subject to the exceptions given below, the maximum term
in any one office of an officer or ordinary member of the
committee shall be two years. The exceptions to this are the
offices of General Secretary, Meets Secretary, Hut Bookings
Secretary, Hut Custodian, Hut Caretaker (Tan-yr-Wyddfa) and
Hut Caretaker (Heathy Lea).

16 - 19 April Easter in Paris Bobby Gilbert
Fontainebleau is ideal for either committed rock athletes pre-
paring for a season's climbing, or for those (especially family
groups) looking for a long weekend break in the French country-
side. Activities include the boulder circuits which are instant-
ly addictive and running, walking or cycling on the many forest
tracks. There are also many opportunities for artistic photo-
graphy of boulders and boulderers.

I shall be leaving for France on the Thursday evening, 16th
April, and returning on the following Tuesday. I shall be camp-
ing either at the site outside Melun or at Milly-la-Forêt.

For more details contact me at the Brunswick, or on Derby
365058 (home), 42442 ext 6394 (work).

Heathy Lea Barbeque:

Colin Hobday is now unable to lead this meet so it has been post-
poned to later in the year: 5 - 6 September. Please alter your

meets card/ make a note in your diary. The hut of course will still be available for private Oread use on 24 - 25 April.

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 *Glencoe and Ben Nevis* (Richard Hopkinson)

This meet produced a real surprise which explains why some of us still go to Scotland. The prospects for the weekend were poor and Saturday was true to form. Ian, Chris, Tony and Richard walked the ridge and two Munros behind the Ballachulish Hotel, while Nick, Trevor and Jack kept below the cloud in Glen Nevis.

Sunday, however, was a gem of a day - clear, cold and windless. An early start saw everybody heading for the Ben, hoping rather than expecting some snow and ice. Winter conditions did however prevail on the top 500 feet. Nick and Trevor did Good Friday climb and North Gully. Chris and Tony did Castle Ridge. Ian and Richard climbed Green Gully. The two latter parties returned via the CMD asrete. Jack climbed the Ben by a more leisurely route.

Monday saw a return of the monsoon. Ian and Richard walked up one of the Bridge of Orchy Munros before heading home whilst those left behind explored by car. Tuesday heralded a late appearance of winter with heavy snowfall - too late I fear for this year. Overall a worthwhile trip for the one good day.

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Committee Meeting

Colin Hobday reported that the Welsh hut working party had been well attended. The dining room ceiling has been painted. Kitchen units have been fitted and the sink has been plumbed in. An informal working party will take place at Heathy Lea on the weekend of 4/5 April when the roof will be inspected and the electrical wiring will be re-distributed.

Oread Fell Race (John Gresty)

A beautiful day for John's unusual three legged race around Black Rocks, the day before yesterday. Please see enclosed insert from John for the results.

C H A N G E S O F A D D R E S S

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Stephen McDonagh

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S H O R T N O T I C E S

For Sale

Pre-stretched! Asolo La Raga rock boots, recently re-soled and now too big for me. Should fit size 10.5+. Offers around £30. Telephone Richard Hopkinson (0629 823392).

Alpine Club

The AC are keen to recruit new members. I have informative leaflets and application forms. This larger club may be of some interest to Oreads, several of whom are members already.

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Oread Journal

I have already received an encouraging number of articles for the journal, but I have space for plenty more before becoming over full. I would be particularly interested in brief articles on interesting climbing areas people have visited, giving details of location, types of climbing, recommended routes, where to camp, where to get food and where to drink in the evenings, to make a list of suggested holiday venues.

Please send any articles to Bobby Gilbert, 14 Campion Street, Derby DE3 3AD.

Subscriptions

If you recognise your initials here, then I have not received your subs this year. Please forward £15 (£22.50 for family membership) + £2.50 per person for BMC membership to R Larkam, 5 St John's Terrace, Derby DE1 3LJ. Deadline for payment is the AGM after which the committee is empowered to review your membership.

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LH, .DH, MK, ML, G&GM, JM, MO'B, MO, NP, CR, JS, MS, IS,
IS, IT(only £4 to pay), R&BT(only £6.50 to pay), SW, RW,
JW.

HUT BOOKINGS

Colin Hobday

Wales:

April 3 - 4 Gordon Gadsby (whole hut)
10 - 11 Richard Coghlan (16 beds)

Heathy Lea:

Sa April 11 Dawn Hopkinson (day only)

NEWSLETTER FORMAT

The newsletter is reduced to half size at the copying stage in order to save paper and time (especially in stapling). If you have difficulty reading your copy, please ask me for the full A4 size edition.

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NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Saturday 11 April (at the AGM). Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Saturday, 4 April. I especially look forward to hearing from Keith Gregson.

Rob Tresidder

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