



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

October 1992

On the back of this newsletter is the provisional 1993 meets list. There is much of the usual as well as some new venues: I have booked huts in Wasdale and Borrowdale for the winter and autumn. The Burgess formula (avoiding "away" fixtures on consecutive weekends) has been adhered to. There are still some weekends free for distant meets that would not break the formula. They are: July 30 - 31, August 13 - 14, 27 - 29, September 10 - 11 and November 26 - 27. Perhaps one of the several Dreads who are also members of the CC would like to book Ynys or Helyg on one of these weekends. There is nothing arranged for August bank holiday. The traditional St David's meet has been poorly attended for a number of years - and mostly by climbers who will go anyway whether there is a meet there or not. How about Dorset or Anglesey? As well as these long weekends, there are the ones in between, which would be suitable for Peak District activities: I have nothing down for Bleaklow, Kinder, Roaches. Please let me have your suggestions in time for Roger Larkam to print the meets cards in December.

Chris Radcliffe has drawn my attention to a cutting from the Times which suggests that the Scottish midge may be on the wane - poetic justice since its new enemy is a blood sucking mite that lives on its belly! Good news for Munro baggers.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Summary:

Sat 10 October	Photo meet
Sun 18 October	Heathy Lea Working Party
Wed 21 October	Circuits for climbers: first session
Sat 24 October	Heathy Lea
Sun 1 November	Dovedale Dash
Tu 3 November	Indoor meet
Sat 7 November	Heathy Lea Bonfire
Sat 21 November	Annual dinner

Sat 10 October Photo meet Richard Coghlan  
This year's photographic competition will start at 7 p.m. in the Hope and Anchor in Wirksworth market place (where the AGM was held). The judge will be Phil Nixon ARPS who gave a slideshow to the Oread in March about his trip to Greenland.

Sun 18 October Heathy Lea Working Party Colin Hobday  
This will be a Sunday only working party with lunch being taken at the Robin Hood. The main jobs will be clearing of undergrowth around the cottage and the barn, general cleaning, carpet for

stairs, and log sawing. Why not come along and support your local hut? See me for more details.

Wed 21 October                      Circuits for climbers                      Rob Tresidder  
Sadly, Lance Philpott has retired after taking this group for four years. I have secured the services of Nick Parry currently on the PE staff at Anthony Gell School. The evening class will run for seven sessions at AGS from 6.15 to 7.15. on 21 October, 11, 25 November, 2, 9, 16 and 23 December. I apologise for the late start and hope that the change of day will not exclude too many of the old lags. Wednesday fits in with Nick's own training commitments at Mosley RFC. Cost will be £10.15.

Sat 24 October                      Heathy Lea                      Niccy Brain  
I am organising a day out in the countryside to encourage some of my less active family and friends to come and enjoy some cycling, walking, climbing etc in the Peak district. It will finish with a buffet supper at Heathy Lea. If anyone would like to join in the fun or lend a hand, please could they see me at the Brunswick or telephone 43925.

Sun 1 November                      Dovedale Dash (note untraditional date)  
The committee from Thorpe village which runs the Dash since Derby Mercury withdrew have decided that it will be always be held on the first Sunday in November to avoid clashing with Remembrance Day.  
The race starts at 11 a.m. Don't forget to allow plenty of time to register, warm up and avoid the queues for the car park. Those approaching from the north would be well advised to travel via Milldale and Ilam and park in the NT car park beside the river. Ten minutes brisk walk to the start.

Tu 3 November                      Royal Oak, Ockbrook                      Stephen Bashforth  
Belinda Swift will deliver the second of this winter's lectures. entitled "In the mountains of Peru". Start: 8 p.m.

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 wood 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  
Thanks to those who have sent in their cheques already, the dinner is now 30% full. Early bookings will ensure a seat at this year's new format dinner AND make life a lot easier for the organiser!! Confirmed attractions include the principal guest and speaker Derek Walker (General Secretary of the BMC) and guests from the Fell & Rock (Jim Sutcliffe) and the Climbers' Club (Peter Brooks). Dance band is arranged thanks to Mike Moss. **DON'T FORGET:** campers welcome, late bar, real ale, quieter space for decibel haters.

Fanshawe Memorial Fund which aims to assist young people of limited means to train in the mountaineering environment. See notice in the Brunswick for further information.  
PRIZE DONATIONS WELCOME  
PLEASE BOOK NOW (not to-morrow). If you have lost the blue booking form which came with the August newsletter or have any other queries please ring me on 0332 360851.

#### INDOOR MEETS PROGRAMME WINTER 1992/3.

The following talks have been arranged. Each illustrated talk will start at 8.00pm in the Royal Oak, Dckbrook, on the first Tuesday of the month.

3rd Nov. In the mountains of Peru ...Belinda Swift  
1st Dec. The ascent of Broad Peak ...Robin Beadle  
5th Jan. Chasing images: Hills in camera ...Gordon Stainforth

We welcome all to attend our indoor meets.

#### 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 *St David's* (Nat Allen)

For myself, this meet began as a belated "Pinnacle of Achievement" effort with a non-stop journey from Denver to St David's via Chicago, Manchester and Buxton in a little over 24 hours. Two sleeping pills when the tent was up and Ruth and myself passed out until some time Saturday morning. The day was wet and blustery and most of us managed a good coastal walk (some via the Farmer's Arms). The Westons had pitched when we all came in with a downpour. This situation increased into a force 7 - 8 gale throughout the night. The field next morning resembled Florida after hurricane Andrew had passed through. Tents or what was left of them were being bundled into car boots. The Dreads were muttering; the Westons packed and were leaving for the Swansea Flower Show; Dave was heard to say: "I wouldn't mind but I had three rubbers go on me in the night." The Raphaels packed and disappeared in a squall, to re-appear later after a sunny afternoon, saying "It was so nice, we came back." Graham Foster took all Weston's spare rubbers just in case, and all went calm.

The weather pattern continued with wet windy nights (with much use of rubbers) followed by fine, warm, windy days. Monday was the best one for cragging. The very low tides gave good access to the cliffs and much was done. This was another thinly attended meet with only nine members making the effort. Thank you to those that came - and had a splendid time.  
JRA

#### SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING

Thanks to Nick Evans for painting the exterior of Tan yr Wyddfa. A report from C. Hobday pointed out that window frames in T-y-W are rotting and there has been a further outbreak of dry rot, this time in one of the rear bedrooms. The guttering is leaking in a few places, and damp is ingressing in the rear chimney stack. The kitchen refurbishment should soon be completed: J. Linney was asked to go ahead with the purchase of hobs and cooker, despite the realised costs being above budget (due to

the budget plan assuming a free, demonstration model, cooker).

Derek Walker will be our Annual Dinner Guest speaker. In line with tradition, please will any couples married this year make their celebration known to Mike Wynne so that tankards can be presented at the annual dinner.

Any member wishing to receive a full copy of the minutes please send self addressed stamped envelope to: S. Bashforth, 14 Farnworth Road, Derby, DE3 5EQ

#### *Black Rocks* (Derrick Burgess)

Oreads were there in force for this the final official Wednesday evening meet and most routes were soon occupied, giving sport at all standards. The Prom was climbed by Stef and Simon, the latter struggling to adjust to a typical "no holds" gritstone route. All the popular routes and "greenies" were climbed by various parties. It is rapidly becoming apparent that usage in sticky rubber, the accepted footwear at all standards, is having little impact on the encroaching lichen on holds and walls once polished white by nailed boots. Unless some serious tree felling is done to give light to the foot of the crag, some routes will be lost forever. Railway Boulder certainly is becoming unpleasant and the start of routes like East Crack, New Year's Buttress and routes in that area are horrific. How about an official letter to the Forestry Commission?

Enough moaning. A great turnout of the club for the final night on the crag and afterwards in the Malt Shovel (better than the Vic?). Thanks for coming.

DB

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

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#### H U T   B O O K I N G S

Tan-yr-Wyddfa

9 - 10 October            Mercian MC 16 beds

16 - 17 October           South Cheshire 16 beds

Heathy Lea

9 - 10 October           Pinnacle Club 10 beds

17 - 18 October           Working party

#### S H O R T   N O T I C E S

##### DOUG SCOTT LECTURE

Loughborough Rotaract have arranged for Doug Scott to give his lecture "Himalayan Climber" at 7.30 p.m. in the Great Hall of Loughborough College on Friday 23 October. Proceeds from the lecture will go to a Nepalese charity.

##### HEATHY LEA HUT FEES

In order to improve the accounting system (i.e. balancing the hut book against the amount in the box), envelopes have been provided beside the notice board. Please enter your name, date and amount on the front of the envelope before placing your hut fees in the

envelope and depositing in the box. Large amounts of cash (e.g. for groups) should be sent to COLIN HOBBDAY.

#### HANDBOOKS

I have forgotten to supply some new (full) members with a copy of the club handbook. If you are one of these, please let me know and I will let you have your own black plastic folder as soon as possible.

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#### NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 3 November. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday, 26 October. I especially look forward to hearing from Peter Amour and John Gresty. Material would be even more welcome if submitted on 5.25" diskette, preferably with accompanying printout in case of incompatibility.

Rob Tresidder

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Fri	1 Jan	Miners' Arms, Brassington	
Jan	8 - 9	Welbourn's Winter Wander	Lisa Welbourn
	15 - 16	Little Langdale	Peter Amour
	22 - 23		
	29 - 30	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	
Feb	5 - 6		
	12 - 13		
	19 - 20	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	Rock Hudson
	26 - 27		
Mar	5 - 6	Brackenclose, Wasdale	Rob Tresidder
	14 (Sun)	Fell race	Freda Raphael
	19 - 20	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	
	26 - 27	Heathy Lea WF	
	31 (Wed)	Harborough Rocks	
Apr	3 (Sat)	AGM	
	4 (Sun)	Spring stride	
	8 - 11	EASTER Die en Drome	Rob Tresidder
	16 - 17		
	23 - 24		
	30 - May 7	MAYDAY Isle of Skye	Richard Coghlan
May	5 (Wed)	Cratcliffe Tor	
	7 - 8	Tan-yr-Wyddfa WP	
	14 - 15	Duddon valley	Peter Scott
	21 - 22	<i>Handy Lee ~ Competition</i>	
	28 - 30	South Pembrokeshire	Rob Tresidder
Jun	4 - 5	"Pinnacle of Achievement"	Bobby Gilbert
	11 - 12	Cwm Eigiau	John Green
	16 (Wed)	Midsummer Manifold Madness	
	18 - 19	Heathy Lea Barbeque	Colin Hobbay
	25 - 26		
Jul	2 - 3	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	Steve Bashforth
	11 (Sun)	Summer stroll	
	16 - 17	Lakes camping	Rock Hudson
	23 - 24		
	28 (Wed)	Burbage South and Quarries	
	30 - 31		
Aug	6 - 7		
	13 - 14		
	20 - 21		
	27 - 29	BANK HOLIDAY	
Sep	3 - 4		
	8 (Wed)	Wildcat Crags	
	10 - 11		
	17 - 18		
	24 - 25	Golden Oldies	Doreen Hodge
Oct	2 (Sat)	Photo meet	
	3 (Sun)	Autumn amble	
	8 - 9		
	15 - 16	Salving House, Borrowdale	? Chris Radcliffe
	22 - 23		
	29 - 30	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	
Nov	7 (Sun)	Dovedale Dash 11. a.m.	
	12 - 13	Stair	Peter Amour
	20 (Sat)	Annual dinner	
	26 - 27		
Dec	3 - 4		
	10 - 11	Bullstones	
	15 (Wed)	Black Rocks	
	17 - 18		
	25 -	Christmas at Tan-yr-Wyddfa	
Sat	1 Jan 1994	Miners' Arms, Brassington	

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## ANNUAL DINNER 1992

The 42nd annual dinner will be held this year at 'Millfields', at the south end of the dam of the newly opened Carsington reservoir, Nr Wirksworth, Derbyshire. The function room here is the upper floor of a barn conversion with sandstone walls (bring the sticky boots!) and exposed roof timbers; ie: a rather upmarket version of the Heathy Lea barn. At one end there is a bar where Real Ale is sold, and the 'Hayloft' above the bar serves as a retreat from the main proceedings on the floor below.

I plan this year to follow the dinner with the traditional speeches and then a dance band which is yet to be arranged. This is to replace both the disco, which has been unpopular in certain circles and the lack of a disco which, has been unpopular in other circles. Maybe this year it will strike a happy medium, though a band is of course more expensive than a disco. The bar will be open until 0100 at least; residents (ie: campers) may continue longer if they wish.

Members not wishing to attend the dinner are most welcome to come along after the meal and enjoy the bar and dance band, and may use the camping facility if they wish.

There will also be a raffle, but this year I plan to donate the proceeds to a mountaineering fund such as the Andy Farnshaw Memorial Fund, which I believe will give me more reasonable grounds on which to ask for prize donations. Any donations from Oreads will also be welcome - please let me know if you have anything!

\*\*\*\*\* More information overleaf \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* Don't lose this top section!!! \*\*\*\*\*

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### APPLICATION FORM

Please reserve ..... places for the following at the 1992 ANNUAL DINNER.

Names: ..... Vegetarian? (tick if yes)

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....

I/we would like to sit next to .....

I/we would NOT like to sit next to .....

Total enclosed (@ 15.50 per head) £.....

Please make cheques payable to the Oread MC, and return with this application form, no later than 2 November, 1991.

Mike Wynne, Carlton House, 25 Mount Carmel Street, DERBY, DE22 6TE

Please enclose an SAE if you require a receipt

Accommodation

There are a limited number of rooms available at Millfields. Rates are £30 for a double or twin or £40 for a 4 bed room (price per room inc. full breakfast). Bookings and enquiries should be made early direct on 0335 370314. Ask for Gary McBride.

Camping or caravans are welcome free of charge in a field next to Millfields. Come Friday if you like. Millfields has also offered to do breakfast for £5.

Time

The dinner will commence at 2000. Please arrive early to pre-order your wine and have a few beers.

Menu

Melon with Passion Fruit Syrup  
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Prawn Cocktail (Vegetable Soup)  
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Supreme of Chicken Princess (Mushroom Stroganoff)  
Selected Vegetables and Potatoes  
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Black Forest Gateau  
or  
Cheese and Biscuits  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Coffee and Mints

*The vegetarian alternative is in brackets. Please indicate on booking form if this is required.*

Price            £15.50 per head

Sunday stroll

The usual Sunday stroll will take place, this year organised by the local footpath and alehouse guru Dave Appleby. It will commence at 1030 from Millfields with a cup of coffee provided free of charge by the establishment, making a circular route via an hostelry for lunch. You will be reminded of this event on the night as this information will self destruct when you return your application form!