



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

September 1992

This month's newsletter reflects the time of year: lots of up-coming meets and few notices of past events. I'm sure your summers have all been filled with deeds of derring-do, moments of wry observation and spells of poetic inspiration so please let Bobby have some account of these for the journal which he still expects to publish in time for the dinner.

We receive a lot of routine mailing from the BMC, some of which finds its way onto the club notice board in The Brunswick. This month's includes complicated details on access at Upper Pen Trwyn and a message from the General Secretary suggesting that clubs might consider maintaining a presence at their local indoor wall and should perhaps think about admitting members below the age of 18 in order to "help protect the ethics and etiquette of our sport".

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary:

5 - 6 September	Heathy Lea Barbeque
W 9 September	Black Rocks
18 - 19 Sept	Coniston
25 - 26 Sept	Golden Oldies
Sun 4 October	Autumn walk
Tu 6 October	Royal Oak, Ockbrook
Sat 10 October	Photo meet
Sun 1 November	Dovedale Dash (note untraditional date)
Sat 21 November	Annual dinner

5 - 6 September Heathy Lea Barbeque Colin Hobday
This is the meet which was postponed in April so now is your chance to go into the freezer and dig out those spare ribs, steaks and sausages.

I propose to meet about 2.15 at Heathy Lea on the Saturday and then walk over to Gardom's where the afternoon will be spent climbing. The barbecue will commence around 7 o'clock. Please bring your own meat, drinks etc. and also if you have a portable barbecue, it would be a great help. Music will be provided by that famous trio of Wren, Squires and Gregson. Why not come along for the day or the evening and then stay the night.
(Please book a bed space.)

Sunday will see a prompt start at 9.30 for a walk to Great Longstone for lunch (? Red Lion) via Calton Pastures returning to the hut in the afternoon over Longstone Edge.

For more details, see me in the Brunswick or telephone 0332 551594. Look forward to seeing you there.

W 9 September Black Rocks Derrick Burges
Shorter evenings mean crags closer to home so where better for an evening's climbing than Black Rocks, *our own gritstone crag?* Routes to suit all tastes. Forget what you usually do (& enjoy), look for that hidden challenge you've not done for years, if ever. How about The Raunge, VJ Crack, East Crack with the rib start or an Oread traverse of the Prom - only hard VS but rarely climbed? What about the CB circuit: up Blind Man's, left onto Central Buttress, leap onto the Pinnacle (room for 5), fall and mantleshelf back on to CB and up to finish - a great fun route? Look forward to seeing you all there and afterwards, for a change. In the Malt Shovel.

18 - 19 September Coniston Richard Hopkinson
Details were published in July newsletter, but... The hut is Mines House, Coppermines Valley (map ref 289986). I hope to be drinking in the Sun Inn, Coniston on Friday night before driving down the track to the hut. Ring me on 0629 823392 or see me in The Brunswick to book or co-ordinate transport.

25 - 26 September Golden Oldies Doreen Hodge
This will be "Golden Oldies" number 5 and I'm hoping for the same support I had for the previous four, with a full complement at Tan-y-Wyddfa.

Once again it will be birthday cake all round after a good thrash over the hills. Where we go will depend on the weather, but I'm sure that as on previous occasions a good time will be enjoyed by all.

I think that Plas-y-Coed will be the favourite for Saturday night in view of the super time we had there last year with good food at reasonable prices.

If you are going on the meet, please contact me on Derby 572407 to book a bed.

Sun 4 October Autumn walk Colin Hobday
Now is the time to pack away your high alpine plastic boots and replace them with some bendy walking boots and enjoy a potter over hill and dale.

Meet at the public car park opposite the Dog and Partridge in Thorpe for a 1000 start waiking via Nabs Dale, Hall Dale, taking a liquid lunch at the Royal Oak in Wetton before returning via Alstonefield, Mill Dale, Sharplow and Tissington.

Anyone requiring lifts etc please see me in The Brunswick or telephone 551594. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Tu 8 October Royal Oak, Bckbrook Steve Bashforth
[The first of the winter lecture meets: see Steve for details.]

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 (where the AGM was held). I have managed to obtain the services of Phil Nixon ARPS as judge for the event. Phil gave us a slideshow in March about his trip to Greenland. The competition will follow last year's format in that there will be five categories:

Action
Aesthetic
People
Prints
Club interest

Each exhibitor may enter up to four slides in each category. The prints section requires four prints arranged on a backing card to be judged as an ensemble. The four prints need not be based on a theme, it being up to the competitor to decide what will most impress the judge. Each competitor may enter up to two backing cards for the prints section.

The winner of each category will receive a cash prize of £5. There will also be the usual points system for deciding an overall winner: 4 points for a first, 3 for a second and so on. The overall points winner will receive the Norman Cochrane silver cup. Second overall also gets a cup and for the first time I have decided to award a £5 prize to the competitor with the highest points score who has never won a section or come first overall in this or any previous Oread competition.

All entries must have been taken within the past two years. Entries which gained points in last year's competition will not be allowed. All entries must reach me by Saturday 3 October. Either hand them direct to me at The Brunswick or leave them at DMC, marked "c/o John O'Reilly" and the shop staff must also be told that the slides are to be passed on to John.

Whatever you do, don't forget to mark each slide with your name, the category for which it is entered and with a spot in the bottom left corner on the side from which the slide is to be viewed. The October newsletter will come too late to remind you of the closing date, so please start sorting your photos now.

An entry charge of 50p will be levied on the door to help pay for the prizes.

Sat 21 November Annual Dinner Mike Wynne
This year, for the first time, the annual dinner will be held at Millfields near Kirk Ireton. The principal guest will be Derek Walker, General Secretary of the British Mountaineering Council. If you wish to attend, please fill in the blue form circulated with last month's newsletter.

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

Baslow Area (Rob Tresidder)

This was a dull rain threatening evening with only a small turnout. Beryl and her team made something of Curbar or was it Froggatt? Richard came somewhere in the thirties in the well supported Bradwell fell race, while Rob and Radders struggled nearer the back than the front. An "off the shoulder" sort of evening was enjoyed by all in the Prince of Wales afterwards.
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August committee meeting

[No notice received. See Steve Bashforth for details.]

H U T B O O K I N G S

Tan-yr-Wyddfa

12 - 13 September LCCC 22 beds
18 - 19 September Buxton MC 16 beds
25 - 26 September Dread meet
2 - 3 October (vacant)
9 - 10 October Mercian MC 16 beds
16 - 17 October South Cheshire 16 beds

Heathy Lea

5 - 6 September Dread meet
12 - 13 September Marmot MC 12 beds
18 - 19 September Rugby MC 12 beds
25 - 26 September Northumbrian MC 12 beds
9 - 10 October Pinnacle Club 10 beds
17 - 18 October Working party

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

For Sale

Assorted climbing hardware: rocks, Friends, Krabs, harness etc.
Contact Richard Freestone on 0773 826104

NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 6 October.
Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth
DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday, 28 September. I especially look
forward to hearing from Lisa Welbourn. Material would be even
more welcome if submitted on 5 1/4" diskette, preferably with
accompanying printout in case of incompatibility.

Rob Tresidder

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