

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE GREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

February 1993

A real pot pouuri to get your teeth (or is it your nose) into this month. Special meets for women, runners. Bulgarians, bureaucrats, cragrats, armchair climbers and ice climbers - even two weekends running in the Lakes - sorry about that Derrick.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary:

Sunday 7 February Women's meet 19 - 20 February 26 - 27 February Tuesday 2 March 5 - 6 March Sunday 14 March Oread fell race saturday 27 March (AGM)

Tan-vr-Wyddfa Fatterdale Indoor meet Brackenclose, Wasdale

Dawn Hopkinson Sunday 7 February Women's meet Climbing, walking, running day. Meet at Heathy Lea 10 a.m.

19 - 20 February Tan-yr-Wyddfa Rock Hudson It's too early to predict what the conditions will be in mid-February. It could be fine or wet, cold or warm, deer snow or none. I will say that you are more likely to get in some winter routes on this meet than those in spring, summer or autumn! Whatever the conditions there's always some venue which will provide sport.

This meet will get you tit tar the following weekend in the Lake District, so book now. For transport and booking beds, ring me on 0601 333031 or see me down at the Brunswick.

26 - 27 February Patterdale Colin Barnard Just a rew places are left on this late-winter Lake District extravaganca. That's one reason for ringing me a.s.s.b. one other is that !'m doing my usual trick and disappearing to Eactland the week before the meet, so if you ring atter 18 February. vou'll be too rate, so bû IT NûW.

Snow is booked: the hut. as regulars will amou, is superb: the Ratcher's Bar maked a gold Friday night watering noie. So ring me on 0785 664644 and l'1: see you there.

Tu 1 March Royal Oak. Ockbrock Steve Bashrorth 8 p.m. Robert Sovocoda will give a talk on climbing in Grechoslovakia. Eastern Germany and Russia covering crimbs on sandstone outcrops, mountain crays and expeditions to the Pamirs. I hope we have a good attendance at this, the last indoor meet or the season. Thank you for your support.

Brackenclose, Wasdale 5 - 6 March Rob Trestader After smallest church, deepest lake and highest mountain, what more can one say of this most remote and beautiful corner of England: Well lots! We will stay in what I believe is the only purpose built mountaineering club hut in the lakes. Perfectly placed for the flog up Brown Tongue into Hollowstones and the celights of the easy snow guillies on Scafell Fike and the sterner stuff in Steep Ghyll on Scafell itself. Of course superb rock climbing on Scafell of if only the afternoons are sunny, try the low level grags of Yewbarrow and Buckbarrow and maybe even include the of my youthful trifles! Superb scrambles include the hidden gem of [1] Ghvl: on Kirkfell, descending by the steepest walk in Lakeland direct to the hotel. The area boasts some of the top walks in the district including the Corridor route to Scafeli Pike, recently re-engineered by Ray McHaffie, the Mosedale horseshoe, the Gable girdle and the high level route to Pillar. This meet holds all the ages for all conditions: snow. ice and rock climbing, scrambling, running and walking. For berths in hut and car, see me soon or ring me on 0629 823126 (24h answering).

Saturday 27 March — Annual General Meeting Members are reminded that under rule 17, proposed alterations to the club's rules must be lodged with the secretary by 27 February. Any proposed alterations will be included in the March newsletter.

Nominations for any officer of the club of any committee member must be proposed and seconded in writing and rodged with the secretary by 14 March.

ADVANCE NOTICE

8 - 15 April Paques a Die en Drome Rob Tresidder As promised last month, a translation of Jean-Marc's welcoming letter:

For a short staw, there are in the immediate environs of Die, three crags which should ofter what you are after. They are: Romever, Daltroissant and le Claps de Luc. You may also "banyon" at le Ric Sourd and there are big routes at Glandasse or Archiane if the weather is fine... An outing to Ombleze and Saou bould persuade you back another year...

As far as the camping is concerned, the only site plose to the town which could be open at this time of year is the municipal site on the Romever road. I have been in touch with the manageress: the camp site opens on the 9th April, but an earlier opening could be arranged to fit in with your dates.

For us the "Easter" holidays are very late this year (14 April to 9 May). If you come to lie. I think that the Sport & Nature department or our school could work with you; we have some very good dimbers for whom the contact could be very enriching.

In any case, I am at your disposa; for more detailed information and indeed for anything you think might be useful in moving your project forward.

. intend to be in Sie with my ramily from Abri; S - 15. Sleage let me know it you hope to come as it may assist arrangements at the French end. Also please see me it you need a lift or dould ofter one to someone else.

AEVANCE NOTICE

1 - 5 May isle of Skye Richard Coghlan It should be too early in the year for midges, but the weather may be a little too unreliable for a full week under canvas. | | have therefore booked two caravans on the Sligachan sice of Sconser Village. These are not static type caravans but were described by the proprietor as being of the largest size that can legally be towed behind a vehicle. They hold 4 people each. It there is sufficient interest. I shall try to book another one.

The cost will only be £2.50 per person per night and this is probably one of the few places on the island where there is a choice of two pubs within walking distance. Three of the eight places are already taken, so see me soon if you are thinking of coming.

PAST EVENTS AND ANCIENT HISTORY

January committee meeting

It was agreed that the committee would nominate Ron Chambers as a candidate for president at the AGM at the end of March. Richard Coghlan agreed to nomination for treasurer. The possibility of an exchange with Bulgarian climbers was discussed (see note below). There was a very vigourous discussion about qualifications for membership. The full range of opinion was aired ranging from "take their money and run" to something approaching a two West apprenticeship, frequent attendance at meets (including all working parties, and a bottomiess pocket to keep the meets sed in beer. Your views please. Rock Hudson retorted from the Feak District committee of the BMC that there had been high links on High Tor with a climber being attacked by someone from the date. Fresumbly they have finally rumbled the one about me leaving my money in my sack at the bottom!). Anyway tread carefully and also at the mass trespass planned for Rainster. I don't know why he told the Oread this since my little jaunt there last year only attracted one other climber. The wimps went to Harborough! ed

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H U T BOOKINGS Tan-vr-Wyddfa

February 5 ~ 6 Orpheus MC 16 beds

> 12 - 13 Open University 16 beds

19 - 10 OMC meet

16 - 17 GB Exiles 16 seds

Oread room full - G Foster

5 - 6 March Southern Trebbing 16 beds Heathy Lea February

vacant

March 12 - 13 Travian MC 12 beas

27 - 18 Worling party

SHORT NOTICES

OREAD JOURNAL

Now that new members have read the current journal and I'm sure wish to catch up on past stories, activities of the club - there's a chance for you to do so.

! hold a number of tack issues. Each issue is offered at a very cheap rate of half a pint or five minutes been drinking or a good one hour's reading for only 75p perhaps cheaper for bulk purchases. Contact me sometime if you are interested.

1994 MEETS LIST

This is now beginning to take shape. If you are planning to book a hut for an "away" meet, please see me first for dates. I have a rile or information on huts of EMC afrilistd clubs which I would be happy to pass round if you are looking for a new venue. Also, why not take on the E4 meets list wholesals and become the new and much sought after meets secretary and controller of an uncontrolled media empire.

GORDON GADSBY

Gordon has an exhibition or his own paintings and photographs in Longiand's Eating House, above Outside in Hathersage. The exhibition is open now and will close on 6th March.

OPERATION EYESORE

The Snowdonia National Fark Society are running a clean up campaign under this title. The operation will be run in two parts. First identify the eyesore and send your nomination to Esme Kirby. Second - remove it! More details on the notice boards at The Brunswick and in Tan-vr-Wyddfs. INB The new plastic windows to the front of Tan-vr-wyddfa are unlikely to be in place in time for nomination.

EXCHANGE Visit with Subgarian Chimsers — Roger Larkam I am considering a suggestion whereby the English end of the exphange modited in the January newsletter would be arranged for May-June 1984 around organised weekend tank horizon meets in Derbyshire. Lakes, N Wales and Fembroke, we would put the visitors in touch with a Brottish old for Tim Whitaker!/ to ensure that the horith of Britain was not ignored. At present, we have only spoken with our contact. Isveto Rousset, in very general terms, the next step is to make a precise invitation. Would anyone prepared to go an such meets with visiting Bulgarian climbers and act as hosts, please let me know. Similarly, please contact me if you would like to visit Bulgaria, possibly based in Varna on the Black Sea but presumably seeking to visit various mountain and sea cliff areas.

SUBSCRIFTIONS

Subscriptions fell due on 1 January, so if you haven't vet put your hand in your pocket, you are now late! Cheques should be made payable to "Oresd MC" and sent to the treasurer. Roger Larkam, 5 St John's Terrace, Derby DE1 BLJ. The committee have set subscriptions for this year as follows:

| Senior | S

(A senior member is one of pensionable age).

Names of declared members will be sent to the BMC on 28 February.

WANTED

We are in need of a new storage heater for Heathy Lea. If you have a heater which you would like to donate to the cottage, please contact Chuck Hooley or anyone on the huts sub-committee.

NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 2 March. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End. Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday, 22 February. Material would be even more welcome if submitted on 5.25" diskette, preferably with accompanying printout in case of incompatability. I especially look forward to nearing from Freda Raphael, Roger Larkam and Harry Frett.

Rob Tresidder

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