



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

January 1993

A bumper edition with lots to go for in the New Year. Things were looking good in Wales with some ice formed though no snow climbing. Kev and Beryl climbed South Gully on the Kitchen. See also Freda's note about the fell race: if you intend to run - get training: if not, please volunteer to help. And, for Easter in sunny France, see my note.  
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## F O R T H C O M I N G   E V E N T S

### Summary:

Sun 10 January	Welbourn's Winter Wander
15 - 16 January	Little Langdale
29 - 30 January	Tan-yr-Wyddfa
Tu 2 February	Royal Oak, Ockbrook

Sun 10 January            Welbourn's Winter Wander            John Welbourn  
This will be a celebration of John's 70th birthday. Meet at Baslow car park (adjacent village hall and green) at 1030. Walking will be via Wellington's monument on Baslow Edge to Birchen's and so to Heathy Lea where soup and tea or coffee will be taken in the barn. Depending on the weather a return to the car park will be made either over Brampton Moor or over Bunker's Hill.

15 - 16 January            Little Langdale            Peter Amour  
Following the format of previous years, we shall use two huts in order to accomodate all those who wish to attend.

1. Fylde MC hut (NY 316030). Parking is outside the hut. When this space is full, please park on the opposite side of the river at 316028, accessed by Stang End lane from A593. Please take your own tea towel. The following are booked into this hut: PA, CH, UH, JG, SG, RE, CE, RS, AS, CB, AR, FR, JR, JW, RW, Rusty.  
2. Yorkshire Ramblers' Club, Low Hall Garth (309029). Parking is just above hut on the left. This is accessed in the same way as the secondary parking for the Fylde hut, but continue along gated track which runs with the river on RHS. Please note that the room above the hut kitchen, belongs to the premises next door (a flying freehold? - ed). Please act neighbourly. The following will stay in the YRC hut: BA, BA + 1, SMCd, KA, DK, GW, Stephanie, RCo, RCh, JS, DB, LW, CJR, NE.

I shall be in the Three Shires on Friday evening for anyone to explain to me the accomodation system! Anyone offering or seeking a lift should contact me on 0773 826219 after 6 or see me at the Brunswick on a Tuesday evening.

29 - 30 January Tan-yr-Wyddfa Nick Evans  
After a wet autumn, snow and hard frosts, things look set for the best winter conditions for years. So dust off your plastic boots, sharpen your axes and crampons and come along.

For berths and lifts see me at The Brunswick or phone me on 0332 774221.

Tu 2 February Royal Oak, Ockbrook Steve Bashforth  
Richard Hopkinson will give an illustrated account of his recent trip entitled "Climbing in the American mid-West: Rocky Mountains, Wind Rivers and Tetons." Start 8 p.m.

ADVANCE NOTICE Oread Fell Race Freda Raphael  
I've arranged for a good dollop of spring sunshine, so mark Sunday, 14 March in your diary NOW. For a change, I am planning an entertaining jog in Charnwood Forest which is quick to reach from the Derby area as it is very close to J23 on the M1. It is also very picturesque (deux etoiles) with deciduous woodland covering hilly ground and boasting small outcrops of pre-Cambrian Charnwood stone, formed from the ash of ancient volcanoes. The morning will be designed for runners AND walkers and perhaps even the odd mountain bike.

If you can person a check point, please contact me on 0509 672175 or see Tony or Jenny at the Brunswick.

#### VERY ADVANCE NOTICE

8 - 11 April Paques a Die en Drome Rob Tresidder  
Die and Wirksworth are similar sized towns at present formalising twinning agreements. Die is situated SW of the Vercors and is well placed for many of the "equipe" (i.e. cleaned, bolted, graded and described) limestone crags of the area which several Oreads have included in their early season training in the last few years. I hope that this meet will appeal to all Oreads. As well as the cragging, the area offers some bigger climbs and outstanding walking, cycling and canyon trips. This meet should appeal particularly to families. Jane, Sally, Esmond and possibly Gwen will be joining me for our main holiday of the year. We are assured of a warm welcome from the people of Die, though sadly their Easter holiday does not coincide with ours. I have been sent a colourful map of La Drome detailing Sites d'escalade, Grandes voies and Canyons along with a list of gites d'etape (bothies). I shall try to obtain more copies of this overview pamphlet to pass round. I also have a copy of Dominique Duhaut's guide "Les ecoles d'escalade du Vercors". These are not schools but crags as we know them - Klettergarten in German. The book describes 1000 routes at 31 sites. For a flavour of the holiday, I quote from the charming letter I have received from Jean-Marc Sourbier, head of PE at the Lycee, who has climbed at Black Rocks!

...Pour un court sejour, vous avez dans les environs immediats de DIE, trois sites qui ont de quoi vous occuper: ROMEYER, VALCROISSANT et LE CLAPS DE LUC avec possibilite de canyon (LE RIO SOURD) et quelques grandes voies dans Glandasse ou ARCHIANE si le temps est propice... une sortie sur OMBLEZE et SAOU pourra vous donner envie de revenir une autre annee...

Pour ce qui est du Camping, le seul pres de la ville et pourant etre ouvert a cette saison est le

camping du Syndicat d'Initiative, situe route de  
ROMEYER. J'ai pris contact avec la Responsable: en  
principe ce camping ouvre le 9 AVRIL mais si c'est  
necessaire, une ouverture anticipée serait  
possible: cela depend de la date exacte de vos  
vacances.

I apologise for the total absence of accents in the above which  
will be translated in the next edition. It may not be too early  
to think about making ferry bookings and arrangements at work for  
annual leave. Please see me for more information.

## 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

### *December committee meeting*

Details as usual from Steve Bashforth.

### *Bullstones John Gresty*

Never volunteer. An alternative version of this advice is:  
beware of a meets secretary when he buys you a beer. [Does he  
ever? - ed]. Somehow I agreed to lead - the Bullstones!

Unbelievably, it had stopped raining as eleven souls left  
the Snake Inn on the Friday night. A forced march up the road  
followed by a sharp right turn into Upper Grain Clough brought  
the team to the cabin (marked as a rain gauge on the latest Dark  
Peak map). Bryan was soon passing round a brew: Steve re-  
ciprocated with a bottle of Glen Morangle.

Saturday morning weather was not right brilliant - rain,  
sleet and mist. We thought Steve had done a Captain Oates, but  
actually he spent 30 minutes grovelling in the heather before he  
found a dropped contact lens. As all the tops were clogged up,  
the alternative route was dragged out. This involved crossing  
Bleaklow to Woodhead tunnel (the cabins here are no longer fit  
for use - Bryan and Roy checked them), following the Longdendale  
trail to Torside and then over to Glossop.

Colin Hughes' camping barn, at the bottom of Doctor's Gate  
was the venue for Saturday night. Owing to the close proximity  
of Glossop, about 50% of the team departed in search of a pool  
table.

Sunday's weather was no better. A gentle stroll back to the  
Snake Inn, via Doctor's Gate, Featherbed Moss and Ashop Clough  
was completed by most of the team. Two hardy mountaineers decid-  
ed that Featherbed Moss sounded highly unpleasant and walked down  
the road. To the surprise of the rest of the party, the pair  
were proved wrong.

Thanks to all present. JG

## H U T B O O K I N G S

Tan-yr-Wyddfa

January	8 - 9	vacant
	6 - 17	Kingston MC 16 beds

Heathy Lea

January	9 - 10	J Welbourn - whole cottage
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REMINDER There are still some members owing hut fees. Please  
forward your cheque to me ASAP. Thanks, Colin Hobday.

## SHORT NOTICES

SCOTLAND 12 - 21 (approx) February 1993 - half term week  
Come what may, Mike Wynne and Pete Lancaster are going up this week. Anyone wanting to make a group to book accomodation, or already booked with spare places, please contact Mike ASAP on 360851. Hopefully, this will be the year!!

### BRAEMAR 20 - 27 February 1993

Interested? Gordon Wright and Colin Barnard have booked spacious and comfortable accomodation in the village. Six places booked, one left. Are you the one? Yes? then ring Colin on 0785 664644 asap.

### BULGARIA

I have been approached by the representative of a mountaineering club based in Varna on the Black Sea. They are interested in exchanges with British climbers and clubs. Please see me if you think this could be the holiday for you.  
Roger Larkam

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions fall due on 1 January 1993 and should be sent to the treasurer, Roger Larkam, 5 St John's Terrace, Derby DE1 3LJ. Cheques should be made payable to "Oread MC". No payment facility by standing order or direct debit is available.

The committee have set subscriptions for next year as follows:

Member	£19	Senior	£11
Family Membership	£30		£18
Partner of Honorarv Member			
	£15		£9
Prospective member	£8		£4

(A senior member is one of pensionable age).

A reduction of £3 per person can be had for those not wishing to be declared members of the BMC. Only declared members of the BMC are entitled to benefits such as personal liability insurance. Membership of the BMC via membership of the Oread is not available to prospective members. They may however join as individual members of BMC by contacting Crawford House direct. Names of those who have paid for BMC membership will be sent in on 28 February 1993.

### NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Dave Jones who was elected to full membership of the Oread at the December committee meeting.

### NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 2 February. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday, 26 January. Material would be even more welcome if submitted on 5.25" diskette, preferably with accompanying printout in case of incompatibility. I especially look forward to hearing from Rock Hudson, Colin Barnard, Rob Tresidder and Freda Raphael.

Rob Tresidder

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