



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

March 1993

A real turn-of-the-year programme this, starting with winter in Wasdale followed by Freda's fell race in soft southern Leics, the DIY outing, bureaucrats' evening in, the first outdoor evening, Harry's springstep and notice of Pete's half ton - is he over the hill or just over the top? Be there in May and find out.  
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## F O R T H C O M I N G E V E N T S

### Summary:

5 - 6 March	Brackenclose, Wasdale
Sunday 14 March	Oread fell race
19 - 20 March	Tan-yr-Wyddfa
26 - 27 March	Heathy Lea WP
Saturday 27 March	AGM
Wednesday 31 March	Harborough Rocks
Sunday 4 April	Spring Stride
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5 - 6 March                      Brackenclose, Wasdale                      Rob Tresidder  
This meet is now fully booked.

Sunday 14 March                      Oread fell race                      Freda Raphael  
Meet 10 a.m. at Beacon Hill lower car park, map ref S22148.  
Directions: leave M1 at J23; take A512 towards Loughborough for half a mile; turn R at Priory Hotel along Snells Nook Lane; keep straight ahead for 2.5 miles; car park is on R.

Charnwood is a pretty area with plenty to appeal to runners and walkers alike, so do come along. It was a favourite haunt of Lol Burns.

19 - 20 March                      Tan-yr-Wyddfa                      Roger Larkam  
Who knows what this weekend will bring? Lift co-ordination at the Brunswick or via 0332 383371.

26 - 27 March                      Heathy Lea WP                      Rock Hudson  
This is the first working party of the year and we hope to be able to complete the jobs of repairing the roof and ceiling of the Barn plus general maintenance work. If you would like to help on either or both days, please contact one of the following: J Shreeve, C Hooley, J Hudson, K Gregson, C Hobday.

The huts sub-committee would really welcome some extra hands not only at this meet but also on other work parties in Wales and Derbyshire. Upkeep of the two huts is a major undertaking and it's a pity that the committee has to rely, at times, on a very small percentage of members.

Saturday 27 March Annual General Meeting SECRET  
Same venue as last year - the function room behind the Hope and Anchor in Wirksworth. Access is either via the lounge bar or through the glazed double doors adjacent to the ticket machine in the market place. The room is booked from 7.30 to enable those fresh from the Healey Lea WP to revive themselves and I have warned Mrs Hallworth that about twenty will pay for a hot meal - no need to book in advance. The AGM will start at 8 p.m. sharp. I have received notice of a proposed alteration to rule 5:

Delete: "The retiring President shall automatically (if they wish) become the new Vice-President for a maximum of two years."  
Proposer: Rob Tresidder. Seconder: Chris Radcliffe  
Nominations for any officer of the club or any committee member must be proposed and seconded in writing and lodged with the secretary by 14 March.

Wednesday 31 March Harborough Rocks Rob Tresidder  
The clocks have changed and hopefully we will have changed with them! A chance to see how all that winter training has worked for you or perhaps a fresh start for a new season. The main event will be at Harborough Rocks. I intend, as last year, to climb instead at Rainster Rocks. Park near the church in Brassington and walk via the public footpaths to the top of the East Hill, where the owner Mr Breakwell is reluctant to allow climbing. And so to the more hospitable West Hill and the photogenic West Hill arete, immaculate Penlington's Progress and ancient Pillar face (by Puttrell). It is possible that other climbs may be taken en route.

Sunday 4 April Spring Stride Harry Pretty  
Amid public acclamation, the Sunday day walks are back. We shall make our initial strike into country made famous by the Welbourne Wanders some thirty years ago - where one can amble from Derbyshire into Cheshire and on into Staffordshire within a few yards. Troops will muster at 1000 hrs at Wildboardough, in the lay-by just north of the road junction below Craig Hall (and red sandstone church) map reference 983688.

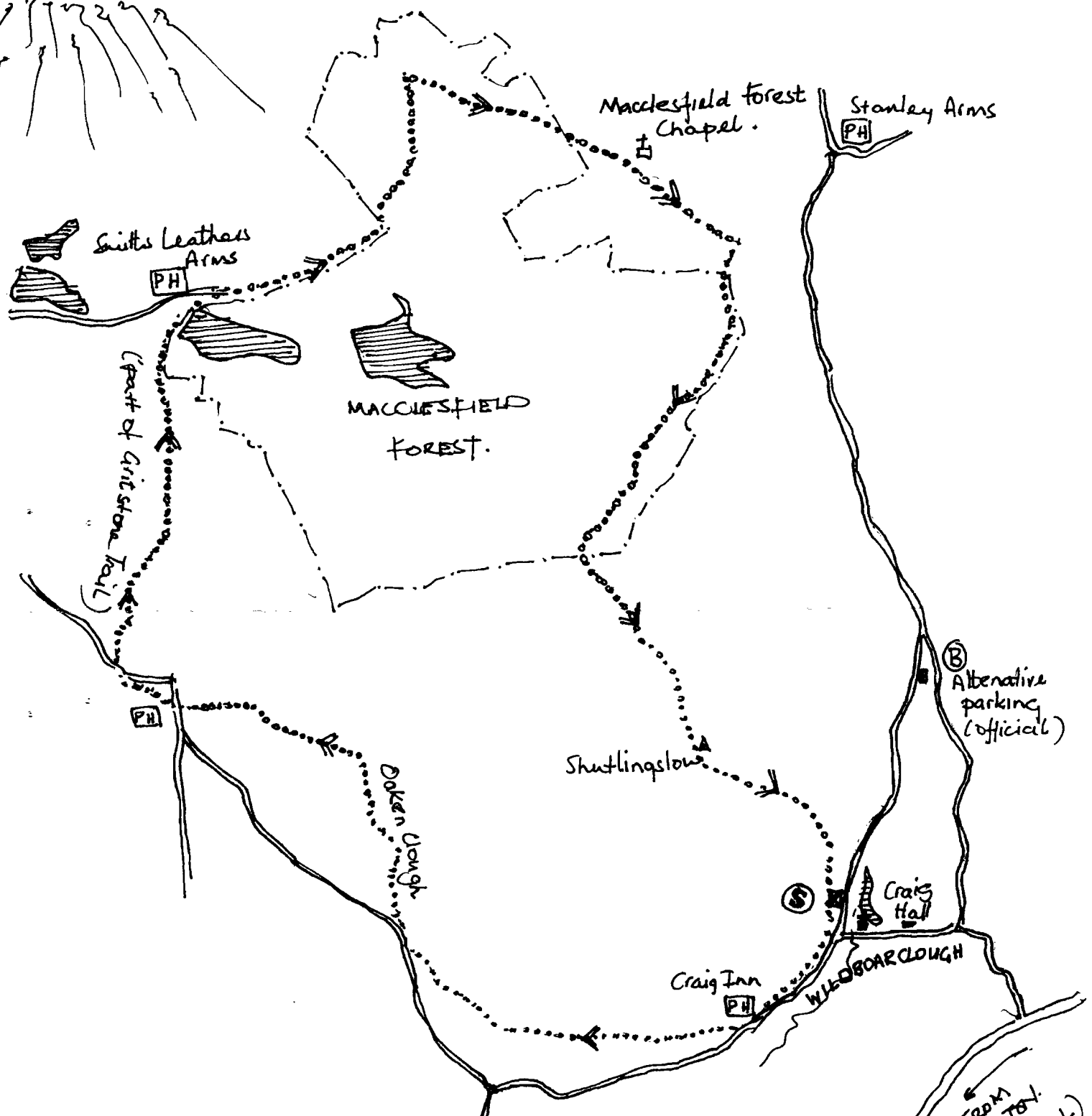
The easiest approach is from the A54, Buxton (Harpur Hill) to Congleton. I had hoped that Capt. Fettigrew might be available for a pre-start inspection of the cannon fodder, but the committee has declared his appearance money contrary to Unread amateur rules. Perhaps the sole candidate for President, drawing himself up to his full height, will suffice. This is not a particularly long walk but one of some character encompassing cloughs, open moorland, reservoirs and forest tracks to finish with a flourish over 1700' Shuttingslow. It is possible that a few hardy aberrants may wish to extend the distance - starting say from Grabbach in the Dane Valley about two miles south of Craig.

I expect Ashcroft to appear mysteriously from the north, that B West will drop in for a lunch time pint from the fishing grounds at Dane Bridge, just in time to observe Burgess (after a dawn start from Roach End) perform the ritual creaming of netter regions.

The most available premises for a midday pint (The Leather Arms) is prone to Sunday lunchtime trendiness so I shall expect a smart turnout. Anyone sporting tatty remnants from Anchor Surplus' January sales will be relegated to the car park where he can snare his ten week old corned beef butties with the local ducks. Could be an interesting day.

SPRING STRIDE 04/04/93

TEGS NOSE



⑤ Start - layby by small crag - near road junction  
 [GR 983 688]  
 Alternative parking at ②

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To Congleton



ASA  
 FROM BUKTON  
 (HARBOUR HILL)

Traback  
 (Dane Valley)

8<sup>4</sup> - 15 April Paques a Die en Drome Rob Tresidder  
I intend to be in Die with my family from April 8 - 15. Please  
let me know if you hope to come as it may assist arrangements at  
the French end. Also please see me if you need a lift or could  
offer one to someone else. John Theobald expects to be there and  
has sent me a lot of information. John Gresty and Chris Jonson  
are both familiar with that end of the Vercoors. Chris Radcliffe  
and others have clipped bolts on crags to the south.

#### VERY ADVANCE NOTICE

15 - 16 May Duddon valley Peter Scott  
Based at High Moss hut (NY 137967) and the nearby Turner Hall  
campsite. The Saturday evening is the occasion of my fiftieth  
birthday and there will be a barbecue at High Moss. I expect a  
fine summer's evening at this time of year, but in the event of  
rain, we'll move into the hut. I would really appreciate the  
company of all Ureads on Saturday evening at High Moss for this  
informal social gathering. The hut holds twenty-eight and there  
are a few places left for those who no longer camp!

The Duddon valley is a good centre for climbing and walking  
in Eskdale, on Dow and Scafell, as well as being a quieter part  
of the Lake District to be enjoyed at leisure.

#### 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

##### *February committee meeting*

The vandals who caused damage at Tan-yr-Wyddfa last year have  
been apprehended by the police. (Er...shurely shome mishtake  
here". Shouldn't this read: "several individuals are assisting  
the police with their inquiries"? - ed). The next working party  
at Tan-yr-wyddfa will install the new cooker hobs. The huts sub-  
committee is investigating the practical and financial aspects  
of re-roofing the barn.

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

Tan-yr-Wyddfa  
March 9 - 6 Southern Trekking 16 beds

Heathy Lea  
March 12 - 13 Croydon MC 12 beds  
17 - 18 Working party

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

##### A NEW PAINTING FOR HEATHY LEA

A new watercolour of the Matternhorn, by Harry Prettv, has been  
recently hung at the cottage, to replace the original painting  
destroyed by fire.

HP notes: The original turn of the century watercolour of the  
Matternhorn was presented to the Uread by Richard A Brown at the  
opening of the cottage by Ivy Byne in October 1970. The new  
painting is not an intended pastiche of the original, but  
attempts to capture a similar mood.

HEATHY LEA

Please note that members and guests are not allowed to cut down trees for firewood. Fallen timber may be collected if none is available in the yard.

FOR SALE

Crampons, Salewa adjustable with neoprene straps. Unused £10.  
Boots: Terray Fitzroy, leather stiff soled, hardly used. Size 7 1/2. £12.  
Please contact John Fisher, tel 0602 241 241 (ext 42390)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

I have received the following part payments by bank standing orders: J Muskett (£25); J R & B Turner (£16); R Sawyer (£16); P Scott (£11). Payment of the residue will secure membership renewal!

Prospective members' subscriptions (£8 p.a.) were also due on 1 January. Those who paid the full annual rate of £7.50 during 1992 should deduct 63p (from £8) for each unexpired month of 1992 subscription at 31.12.92. If this is too complex, I'd be happy just to receive £8!

Members are reminded that those whose subs are still unpaid at the AGM will (subject to the committee's discretion) cease to be members (rule 15).

The names of those who paid for BMC membership were forwarded at the end of last month.

Cheques payable to Oread MC should be sent to the Treasurer at 5 St John's Terrace, Derby DE1 3LJ.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

An application for full membership has been received from Sue Ridley. Will any members who have any views as to the suitability of the candidate please write to the secretary, Stephen Eashforth, 14 Farnworth Road, Mickleover, Derby.

NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 5 April. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Monday, 29 March. 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 Richard Coghlan and Bobby Gilbert.

Rob Tresidder

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