



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

October 1993

Although it is about the end of the summer, the last two weekends have been excellent, so take heart and continue to support the official meets. (join the old codgers). I have a little space left, so please accept the following exhortations. Train for the Dash (more later) and let me know what you want in your Newsletter. I received a breathless admonition recently, whilst walking up Yr Garn, for failing to publish that the shop at Rhydd Ddu closed last Spring. Don't leave me to write this all myself, if there is any information you think would interest club members, then please drop me a line with a short article. (You will realise from my first sentence that the editor of today first inserts his contributors' material and then pads out the available space with his own thoughts)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

15-16 October Salving House (Borrowdale)

29-30 October Tan Yr Wyddfa

6 November (Sat) Heathy Lea Bonfire

7 November (Sun) Dovedale Dash

15-16 October Salving House (Borrowdale) Chris Radcliffe
Mid October has to be one of the best times to visit Borrowdale with the autumn colours at their best and, with luck, a settled spell of weather to climb on the low level crags. There are traditional venues such as Shepherd's, Black Crag or Lower Falcon; also more recently developed venues with excellent routes, such as Great End Crag and the Grange crags. If the weather is less than perfect, mixed options abound, for instance the excellent Corvus in Combe Ghyll en route for Glaramara; or classic "scrambles" one of my favourites being Ashness Ghyll- it can be quite gripping in the upper reaches when in full spate.

The meet is based on the fell and Rock Hut, Salving House, located at Rosthwaite GR NY2581482. This is on the corner, almost opposite the village shop, just before you reach the Scafell Hotel. We only have four lady's and four men's places in the hut, and at time of writing the four men's places are taken. Anyone wishing to go should still contact me in case any cancellation occurs or re-arrangement is possible. (Tel 0246/569134 Home, 0925/291144 Office).

29-30 October Tan Yr Wyddfa

There may be a sense of déjà vu about T.Y.W. but the remarks about the Autumn colours in the Lakes hold good at the same altitudes in Wales, especially in Aber Glaslyn-Natmore direction. The Hut has been little used by members this year, and there are fine walks and climbs in such areas as Silin, Cnicht, Snowdon horseshoe and more, easily accessible, which would stand repetition by even the most seasoned visitor to the area. There is no meet leader, so book

places with the Hut Booking Secretary, Colin Hobday (0332 551594)

6 November (Sat) Heathy Lea Bonfire Lisa Welbourne
Why not join us for the best bonfire of the year? Will we be able to beat the 2 hour long firework display of last year? How many new fleece jackets will be needed after this year's party? The festivities will start between 6.30 and 7, depending on the weather and the cold. However, firewood needs to be collected so come along in the afternoon. The more the merrier, and the larger the bonfire. Book beds with me, first come first served, on Tuesdays or by phone - 0332 775243.

7 November (Sun) Dovedale Dash
The Dash is almost upon us again, and the clarion call I made as Newsletter editor in the 1970's for a new champion to represent the club is largely unanswered. I have been deposed some time ago, but there is a lack of consistency in the regular Oread performers such as myself, Hopkinson, Tresidder, Radcliffe (age), Larkham (fatherhood), Beadle (residence outside Derbyshire), Wynne (marriage), and most sadly of all Hobday minor (decadence). My fondest recollection of this occasion is of Digger cycling from Derby and finishing last, only to improve his position in later years as the field grew and less worthy entrants appeared. Would that the younger generation could emulate this man without also being dragged down by drink, women and skiing. By the time this Newsletter reaches you there will only be 4 weeks to train, so an immediate start is essential. (I hope the Oread lady runners will forgive the absence of mention but I dare not comment on the anatomical and social factors governing their running form) Another thing I almost forgot to mention is the unwillingness of Gregson to pay the entry fee.
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PAST EVENTS (Not in chronological order)

Golden Oldies.

After a dismal Friday the weekend turned out beautifully, and enabled us to enjoy a combination of light hearted banter good food on Saturday night and, most surprisingly, good walks on both days. The first task was to find dormitory space out of earshot of the snoring of Uschi and others, the frequent directives of the meetleader and the nocturnal rising hazard of Welbourne. With extra food inside me (thanks Meg) these problems were surmounted and we were able on Saturday to traverse the Yr Garn ridge as far as Craig Cwm Silin, returning via Beddgellert Forest. After an excellent and cheap meal on Sat evening the fireside conversation ranged over many topics including the ability of the female jawbone to withstand frequent stress alternations. Sunday was again beautiful and the party split with Snowdon, Mynydd Mawr and the beach all receiving visits. Overall, a good meet, attended by Janet and George, Shirley, Meg and Mike, Doreen and Ken, John and Ruth, Uschi and Colin, Mary and Charlie Cullum, Gordon and Margaret, June Walker, Ernie, Colin B. and myself.

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September Committee Meeting

The committee met at 8pm. on Tues 14 Sept. The committee reviewed the implications of decisions taken at the previous meeting and were satisfied that the club and its funds were being well managed for the benefit of members. Payments had been made for the showers and windows at the Welsh hut. The treasurer requested that a budget plan should be presented at the next meeting. The meets secretary produced a draft meets list, but with key spaces, such as Mayday, still unfilled. Recent vandalism to cars parked in the vicinity of

the Brunswick prompted a discussion over an alternative venue. Any member with views should lobby a committee member. Mark Pearce had returned from Ascension Island to take up work in Cheshire and re-associate himself with the Dread. The next meeting was 12 October.

SHORT NOTICES

1994 Meets List

Next year's meets list is enclosed. There are still a few gaps. I am still looking for an AWAY meet and leader for the November 11-12. Other blanks on the calendar could be filled with Peak District venues. Several meets have no leader - please volunteer.

Quite a large group of Dreads, friends and families visited the Otztal last year and it looks as though there is a demand once again for an official Dread Alpine meet. If you have any views on this please let me know.

Rob Tresidder. (tel 0629 823953/823126)

Medical Problems of Mountains and High Altitudes. I have particulars of a course on this topic at Plas y Brenin. If interested send an s.a.e. for a leaflet.

Accommodation Montgenevre Briancon Colin Barnard reports that whilst on the GR5 last year he was very hospitably welcomed by an English couple, John and Judy Adamson, at their Gite (chalet) in Montgenevre. John and Judy's address is - Chalet du Cairn, Rue du Chalvet, three blocks N. of the Rue Nationale. Tel 92 21 92 84 / Fax 92 21 98 94. They offer to arrange a wide range of mountain based activities. Highly recommended.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Please send these to me at Slate House, Parwich, Ashbourne, Derbys. DE6 1QD If you are reading someone else's newsletter and you have not had your own, it may be that I do not have your current address.

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Mark and Ollie Pearce have returned from the South Atlantic and are now living at 427 Crewe Road, Wistaston, Crewe, Cheshire

HUT BOOKINGS

Tan Yr Wyddfa

Oct 8-9	Alfreton M.C. 8 beds
Oct 15-16	S Cheshire M.C. 16 beds
Oct 22-23	Alderm'n M.C. 16 beds
Oct 29-30	Dread Meet

Heathy Løa

Oct 8-9	Pinnacle Club 12 beds
Oct 16-17	J. O'Reilly/ R.Beadle

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BARN WILL REMAIN CLOSED DUE TO THE CONDITION OF THE ROOF.

NEXT EDITION

I hope to issue this on TUES 2 NOV. Please let me have your contributions by 26 OCT. I look forward to hearing from

PETER AMOUR and MIKE WYNNE

Please **post** your written contributions to me to arrive by the deadline if at all possible

Clive Russell. Newsletter Editor

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB 1994 Provisional Meets list

Sat	1 Jan	New Year's Day at Brassington	
Jan	7 - 8		
	14 - 15	? Wasdale (hut)	
	23 (Sun)	Winter walk (Churnet)	Clive Russell
	28 - 29	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	
Feb	4 - 5		
	11 - 12	Little Langdale	Pete Amour
	18 - 19		
	25 - 26	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	Nick Evans
Mar	4 - 5	Fell Race	Chris Jonson & Esmond Tresidder
	11 - 12	Patterdale	Colin Barnard
	18 - 19	AGM	
	24 - 27	EASTER France	Richard Hopkinson
	30 (Wed)	Harboro Rocks	
Apr	3 (Sun)	Spring Stride	
	8 - 9	Tan-yr-Wyddfa WP	
	15 - 16	S Pennines/Yorks grit	
	22 - 23		
	27 (Wed)	Wildcat	
	29 - May 1	MAYDAY Northumberland	Rob Tresidder
May	6 - 7	BARMY Competition	
	13 - 14	Stiperstones	Clive Russell
	20 - 21	Roaches	
	25 (Wed)	Black Rocks	
	27 - 29	"WHIT" Cornwall	Ron Chambers
Jun	3 - 4		
	10 - 11	Wasdale (camping)	Derrick Burgess
	17 - 18	Bryn Hafod	John Green
	22 (Wed)	Dovedale	
	24 - 25	Midsummer madness	
Jul	1 - 2	Alpine training	Stephen Bashforth
	10 (Sun)	Summer Stroll	
	15 - 16	Wye Valley	Kev Allsobrook
	20 (Wed)	Froggatt	
	22 (Fri)	(Derbyshire schools close)	
	22 - 23		
	29 - 30	*	
Aug	5 - 6		
	12 - 13	*	
	17 (Wed)	Baslow edges	
	19 - 20		
	26 - 28	BANK HOLIDAY South Pembrokeshire	Mike Wren
Sep	2 - 3		
	7 (Wed)	Willersley	
	9 - 10		
	16 - 17	Dow Crag	Ron Chambers
	23 - 24		
	30 - 31	Golden Oldies	
Oct	8 (Sat)	Photo meet	
	9 (Sun)	Autumn Ambie	
	14 - 15	Swanage	Chris Radcliffe
	21 - 22		
	28 - 29	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	
Nov	6 (Sun)	Dovedale Dash 11. a.m.	
	11 - 12	*	
	19 (Sat)	Annual Dinner	
	25 - 26	Birkness (Buttermere)	Rob Tresidder
Dec	2 - 3		
	9 - 10	Bullstones	David Jones
	14 (Wed)	Black Rocks	
	16 - 17		
	26	Boxing Day at Brassington	

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