



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER OF THE OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

September 1993

July and August being the prime holiday months, there has been a bit of a hiatus in local gatherings whilst everyone does there continental thing, but the Anglo/Welsh scene has been re-activated now. even the meetleaders have been commendably keen in submitting copy for this publication. There is still some good weather to come and. if the daylight is going a bit for evening climbing, remember that there are only eight weeks before the Dovedale Dash-Go for it!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

8 September (Wed) Wildcat Crags

10-11 September Anglesey

24-25 September Golden Oldies

2 October (Sat) Photo Meet

3 October (Sun) Autumn Amble

5 OCTOBER (TUES) 1ST INDOOR MEET - ROYAL OAK UCKBROOK

10-11 September Anglesey (Rpt.)

Derick Burgess

"A wet morning at Rhyd Ddu. Let's go to Gogarth" Anglesey is usually the place for quick visits when, so often on an idyllic evening the journey back to the hills can seem rather pointless. Well this is a chance for a full weekend to enjoy the superb climbing the area has to offer. Camping will be at the Valley of the Rocks campsite which is complete with its own bar and ideally situated for the fine beaches and cliff walks in the area. Be warned however that the charge is #3.50 per tent so fill your tents to keep the cost down. See me in the Brunswick for more details.

24-25 September Golden Oldies

Doreen Hodge

I'm hoping for the usual good turnout at Tan yr Wyddfa for what will be the sixth Golden Oldies. This is the weekend to meet 'old' friends and reminisce about the 'good old days'. Activity will be dependent upon the weather but if we are to be blessed with the absence of rain (fingers crossed) I'm hoping to do a re-run of the 'Five Cols' walk which was completed by a reasonable number on the 1st Golden Oldies. (Meet Leader excepted, but I'll try to do better this year - I'm never without Crampex now!!)

Saturday night will be spent at Plas-y-Coed for a nosh and a natter. Anyone wishing to book a bed can contact me on Derby 572407.

P.S. I'll be bringing the usual birthday cake. (Without candles!)

2 October (Sat) Photo Meet

Richard Coghlan

The competition starts at 7.30 p.m. in Holloway Village Hall. (see me if you need a lift or directions). The Yew Tree pub across the road will provide a bar. The judge will be Chris Forster F.R.P.S. !The entries will be classified into five categories:

Action
Aesthetics
People
Prints
Club interest

Each exhibitor may enter up to four slides in each category. The prints section requires four prints to be arranged on a backing card to be judged as an ensemble. The four prints need not be based on a theme but they will probably score more points if they are. Each competitor may enter up to two backing cards for the prints section.

The winner of each category will get 4 points, the second place 3 points and so on. The overall points winner will receive the Norman Cochrane cup and the second place will get the Cyril Machin cup. The club interest section is judged separately by the president and does not count towards the points system. Its winner receives the Peacock trophy. I have decided to abandon the cash prizes this year except for the #5 prize for the competitor with the highest points score who has never won a section or come first overall in this or any other Oread photo competition.

All entries must have been taken within the last couple of years. Entries which gained points in last year's competition will not be allowed. Entries over two years old are welcome, but will be put in the club interest section. To allow time for the judging, all entries must reach me by Sat. 25th Sept. Either hand them directly to me at the Brunswick or leave them at the D.M.C., clearly marked "For the attention of John O'Reilly". The shop staff must also be told that the slides or prints are to be passed to John.

Please mark each slide with your name and the category for which it is intended. There should be a spot in the bottom left hand corner of the slide on the side from which the slide is to be viewed. As a departure from previous practice, I would like everyone to include with their entries a piece of paper identifying each slide and giving a one line title. The title should give some idea of who is climbing what and where. For the prints section this information can be written directly onto the backing card. For slides I will read out the titles as each one comes up on the evening of the competition.

A small charge will be levied on the door to pay for the hire of the hall.

3 October (Sun) Autumn Amble (Derwent Edge) Gordon Gadsby
Join us on this fine walk - 10.30 a.m. start - parking at the large lay-by on the A57 200 yards east of Cutthroat Bridge below the distant crags of Stanage End.

From the bridge we follow the track up and along the Edge, via Wheel Stones, White Tor (1599ft.), Salt Cellar, Dovestones Tor (1656ft.), Cakes of Bread, to lunch on Back Tor (1756 ft.). Those who are desperate for the pub can make their way over to BoleEdge Plantation and Strines Inn.

After lunch via Lost Lad and Mill Brook, then along Ladybower. (where is the verb in this sentence - Ed.) Just before the main road turn left and follow the track that runs above the A57 and behind the Ladybower Inn to Cutthroat Bridge. (The National Trust have been very busy on this area and it would be interesting to have members' views on this type of path improvement work).
Looking forward to seeing you on 3rd. October.

IMPORTANT ! Car thieves operate in this area. The police say that all parking places here are at risk, even Fairholmes. Cars should be empty with the glove boxes open.

WORK PARTY 31st JULY - 6th AUGUST 1993

OPERATION NEW SHOWERS

Ron Chambers, Roy Sawyer & Sons (Apprentice Plumbers) Oliver & Joseph, Ron Sant (Electrical Applications) with daughter Deborah, all arrived in vehicles crammed with hardware.

Saturday dawned and the usual cups of get you up early tea were administered. AS approach parameters were uncertain it was decided to install one new shower unit and meet and overcome the problems encountered, this would make installation of the second shower unit much easier and less time consuming. By popular chauvinistic vote aided by the fact that it was the one that did not function correctly the MENS washroom shower unit was the one chosen for 1st replacement.

RESUME OF THE WEEKS WORK

- 1) Old unit removed and disposed of.
- 2) Water tank plumbed into loft above washrooms to gravity feed both shower units.
- 3) Electrical circuits re-aligned to feed each unit separately with its own 40amp circuit breaker on the main consumer unit.
- 4) Journeys made to Caernarfon, Bangor, for fittings and electrical parts.
- 5) Frame work built with wood and plasterboard, stone tray fitted, the whole area plastered and tiled internally, control unit fitted and connected, architrave (wood) placed around doorway and shower curtain hung. All the team left for home on Friday 6th August.

CONCLUSION

The Shower control unit is gravity fed with cold water. To use the shower, first open the water Control Valve fully, then turn on the Power control, this brings into play the heater and integral pump which delivers the hot water at a constant pressure. There are two heater settings, one red dot=4kw and two red dots 8kw, at each setting one has to adjust the water control, there will always be a delay whilst obtaining the desired temperature before stepping into the shower. If the flow is reduced to much a safety pressure switch will turn off the heating element, indicated by a red neon light on the unit.

The first person to use the new shower appeared all pink and glowing and pronounced it a resounding success. The ladies have already started to use the new gents shower until theirs is rebuilt, this could well lead to some friendly occasions don't all look at once.

I would like to thank on behalf of the Club and myself all the team for their efforts during the week. If the shower is used correctly it should give a good service for a long time. It is hoped to complete the Ladies wash room shower before the end of the year.

Chuck Hooley (Custodian).

PAST EVENTS (Not in chronological order)

I have no reports on recent meets this month, and so, chewing my electronic pencil and reading previous editorials, I started thinking about the recent weather, which governs most outdoor happenings.

Always with us is the force of gravity, which, unchecked, will draw the face climber down to a fearful rate, the Alpinist into a crevasse, the walker into a morass or the skier into the snow. All these heroes need their own muscles and sinews to counteract the dire effect of gravity, and nature only affords us full strength with the body in a certain temperature range. The rock climber moreover is dependent upon friction for his equilibrium, and although water in itself does not diminish the frictional properties of rock, it is usually accompanied by vegetation growth and a paste of mud or soil which in damp conditions is difficult to remove from route or footgear. The snow climber or skier is supported by the cohesion of the snow, which is dependent not only upon the temperature at the time, but upon recent freeze/thaw cycles. The progress of the walker on moorland is vitally affected by the cohesion and friction of his own sub-strata and by the height and density of the vegetation, all of which are rain and temperature affected to a very great extent. All in all, our great pastime is so much affected by the climate, greenhouse effect, global warming et. al. that we should regard it, not as boring, but as one of the primary considerations of our life, and a fit subject to be studied with great interest. One of my own favourite glaciers, after all, is shrinking rapidly.

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August Committee Meeting

Mercifully, this meeting, as in previous years, was deferred until September owing to the absence of your dynamic committee in the big hills.

SHORT NOTICES

1993-1994 Winter Lecture Series

The Winter indoor meets start in October and continue through to March. These meets are held in the Royal Oak, Ockbrook on the FIRST Tuesday of each month. The dates are 5 Oct. 2 Nov. 7 Dec. 4 Jan. 1 Feb. 1 Mar.

Our first talk is "The TWTCO Mount Api Expedition" by Oread member "Barjee". on 5 Oct at 8.00 p.m.

Steve Bashforth has the remainder of the winter program well in hand, but has been unable to finalise it in time for this Newsletter owing to the non-availability of key personnel during August. More details will follow soon.

1994 Meets List

Next year's meets list is shaping up well. I intend to publish a provisional list with the October Newsletter. Until then I am still looking for AWAY meets for the following weekends:

January 14-15
May 13-14
July 1-2, 15-16, 29,30
August 12-13
September 16-17
October 14-15
November 11-12, 25-26

In addition, I have no suggested venues or leaders for any of the bank holidays: Easter, Mayday, Whit, late Summer. If you would like to lead a meet on any of these dates or have a suggestion as to where you would like to go, please get in touch with me this month. Obviously some of the summer meets can be camping ones. For other dates, I have an up to date list of the huts belonging to BMC clubs.

Rob Tresidder. Meets secretary.

ANNE SQUIRES has had a rather uncomfortable time lately, following surgery to both feet, and so, although I am told she is a lot better now, I am sure all club members will join me in wishing her a speedy and complete recovery.

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.

John and Sheila Fisher, have moved to - The Dower House, Yew Tree Lane, Clifton Village, Nottingham NG11 8LB, (tel 0602 214744)

John Salmon to - 27 Mileash Lane, Darley Abbey, Derby DE22 1DD
Kev Allsobrook to - 6 Foxes Walk, Allestree Derby (tel 0332 553195)

Chris and Jan Wilson to - Beech Mount, 10 Beacon Road, Rolleston on Dove, Staffordshire DE13 9EF

Sue Ridley is going to Malawi for 2 years with VSO. Her UK accommodation address will be - c/o 19 Mandeville Close, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire RG34JT

HUT BOOKINGS

Tan Yr Wyddfa

Sept 3-4	Derby M.C. 16 beds
Sept 10-11	G.Gadsby (Whole hut)
Sept 17-18	Myndd M.C. 16 beds
Sept 24-25	Golden Oldies
Oct 1-2	Vacant
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	Oread Meet

Heathy Lea

Sept 3-4	L.M.L.A. 12 beds
Sept 10-11	Mercian M.C. 12 beds
Sept 18-19	Work Party
Oct 1-2	North'rian M.C. 12 beds
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 5 OCT. Please let me have your contributions by 28 SEP. I look forward to hearing from Chris Radcliffe, the meet leader for Tan-yr-Wyddfa on 29-30 Oct and of course any attractive females (not necessarily about meets) Please post your contributions to me by the deadline if at all possible

Clive Russell, Newsletter Editor