

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 1994
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

1 Nov	Indoor Meet Ockbrook
6 Nov (Sun)	Dovedale Dash
12-13 Nov	Roaches
19 Nov	Annual Dinner
25-26 November	Buttermere
3 December	Winter Wassail (Extra Meet)

1 Nov (Tuesday) Indoor Meet

8p.m. Royal Oak, Ockbrook. Beryl Turner will talk about Ski Mountaineering and Ski Touring, showing slides from her recent touring trips abroad. Beryl and Roger have had links with the Oread for many years and their business has regularly supported our annual dinner raffle prize collection. Please come along with your friends to give well deserved support for a very good slide show.

6 Nov (Sun) Dovedale Dash

Everything has been said about the Dash already. Newcomers should be warned that there are long delays at registration, and a 10am. arrival is recommended. I find it best to park well away and walk the last mile or so. If there is anyone who doesn't know, start is at Thorpe Pastures at 11 am., course very muddy, 30-40 mins. running, event is life and death serious.

12-13 November Roaches Paul Gardner

Here is a chance to enjoy the western Peak district and also stay at the previous residence of Doug, Lord of the Roaches. The Don Whillans Memorial Hut is booked for the Saturday night and there are a total of 12 places at £3 per night. I believe there is off-road parking which avoids the dreaded yellow lines. For those who like that sort of thing there is the roaches fell race on Sunday at Meersbrook (£2 entry fee on the day).

To book a bed contact me on 0332 558295 in the evenings.

25- 26 November Buttermere Rob Tresidder

Eagle Crag with its Carnival and Front is bound to dominate climbers' perception of this, the gentlest of Lakeland's valleys. But paper Tiger and saraband still lurk, menacingly, above Wharnscale Bootom, and the fellwalking is incomparable with Wainwright's favourite - Haystacks- close at hand and the giants of Gable and Pillar within a day's walk. If it is wet on Sunday, there will certainly be a fast run round the lake.

I have booked 15 spaces in Birkness, the Fell and Rock Hut, near the lake. For more information, berths and offers of /requests for lifts, see me or ring me on 0629 823126 (days - machine). I have an uncanny feeling someone may have booked before October. - Please will you get in touch again.

3 December (Saturday Night) Winter Wassail Brian West

This meet offers you the chance to escape from the tyranny of the motor car and to be master of your own fate. (In this context, mistresses are masters as in any other context.)

Starting from Heathy Lea about lunchtime Saturday we shall Wassail forth to the Midland Hotel, Peak Dale. (SK 092 768) at a pace to suit the party, arriving at about 7pm. (these times are a non-sequitur surely-Ed.). I shall then, no doubt, fail to master my own fate.

By kind permission of the licensee you are invited to sleep on the premises (sleeping bag and mat required) and this should make for a relaxed and convivial evening.

The midland does not normally provide meals but I can arrange for a meal at reasonable cost to be ready for us on arrival. Please let me know if you are interested. I shall need some idea of numbers.

I intend to walk but you don't have to. Heathy Lea is available for the weekend: the Midland offers ample car parking and bike storage, and is only 20 mins. from the Trans-Peak bus route, so feel free to do as you please. Just turn up; it needs you to make it a good night.

On a more sober note, I have promised the landlord a trouble-free evening. Please: no dogs, no-one under licensed premises age limits, and no undue noise late at night. Thank you.

Sunday? Get back somehow.

Queries to me at home please, 0332 880034.

9-11 December Bullstones David Jones

Christmas dinner will taste that much better if you've been out in the wilds for a few days shortly beforehand eating from a stove, and been forced to drink Welsh beer, but... only if you go on the fabulous 1994 Bullstones meet.

This year's trip breaks with tradition and heads for North Wales. To keep up some element of suspense, I won't reveal the full itinerary; but all those brave enough should rendezvous in the Padarn pub in Llanberis (it's the one on the "High St." at the S.W. end of the town), sometime before closing time. If anyone feels they may have difficulty in getting there before 11 pm., get in touch with me to see what alternative arrangements can be made.

As per usual, please bring bivvying gear and bear in mind that a 100% dry night cannot be guaranteed. Big poly bags and or bivvy bags will be useful.

Book now to avoid the rush.

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PAST EVENTS

Dow Crag Ron Chambers

After a very wet week in Derbyshire I didn't hold out much hopes of:- a) Many folk turning up, and b) actually climbing on Dow.

However by about 10 pm. on Friday night there were about a dozen Oreads congregated in the bar of the Church Inn at Torver.

As we staggered with our loads through the hut door (is it really only 20 mins. from the car?) it was great to see Welbourne (this last phrase is surely an admission of intoxication-Ed) complete with breeches, pipe, and red balaclava standing proudly in front of one of his roaring fires.

Saturday dawned clear and parties shot off in different directions in search of their chosen activities. Dow was bone dry and, in spite of a cooling breeze an excellent day's climbing was enjoyed. The walking teams too had a great day out on the Coniston Fells.

Richard Hopkinson entered the "Three Shires" fell race and completed the arduous course in a very respectable 2 1/2 hours.

Saturday evening was again spent in the local hostelry where C.J.R. and his sister Debbie (famous actress you know!!) turned up quite unexpectedly which swelled our numbers to 14.

Back at the hut, the "Bull Ring" game (we ought to have one at Tan Yr Wyddfa, chuck) was attempted by some, but the lack of success plus the effects of the alcohol took over and we all turned in.

Sunday was again dry so it was back up to Dow for some of us, others went further afield (Burgess and Larkham were spotted on Gimmer in Langdale!!)

The Welbournes went for a walk in Grizedale Forest (presumably John was in search of kindling for the next meet!!)

The Smedley team were in such a hurry to get away that they left their packed lunches on the dining room table (very tasty sandwiches Barbara!)

Many thanks to those who turned up and made the weekend a memorable meet

Heathy Lea Working Party 30 September - 1 October

Despite appalling weather (it rained all weekend) there was an excellent turn-out of Oreads both days. The main project was to bring the cottage and barn back to standard after the installation of the new roofs and toilet.

The following work was done, though some has still to be finished due to the weather

Painting toilet	Roy Eyre - M Hooley
Painting Porch	H. Pretty, J. Stowell. U. Hobday
Digging out at the back of toilet	J. Hudson
Washroom repairs. ceiling, painting, tiling,	C. Hooley, C. Hobday
Barn- fit kitchen	N. Evans, J. Shreeve
Weed pathways	J. Reynolds
Barn - creosote woodwork, paint walls	G. Reynolds, R. Coghlan (To be finished)
Wood cutting	R. Squires (To be finished)
Cleaning Windows	S. Wainwright
Cleaning barn	A. Squires, J. Reynolds. U. Hobday
Soup Kitchen	M. Hooley
Mobile 'Phone	C. Hooley

Shirley Wainwright, who had succeeded in locking herself out of her car, had to call on the help of Chuck's mobile 'phone. For reasons unknown, they had to go into the park where Chuck had trouble getting his leg over but commented " in the end we got good reception"

Work still to be finished in the barn includes - install electricity, install gas 4 burner hob, sink plumbing, painting barn walls, 2nd. coat painting toilet.

October Committee Meeting

The meeting was less well attended than usual with 4 members absent. The Treasurer, by written report, noted we had received £616 and spent £502. Next year's budget is under review, anyone with plans to spend club money must talk with the treasurer NOW. Due to the repairs at Heathy Lea the club will soon start to pay the increased rent. We can expect a notable subs rise in 1995. Our own work at Heathy Lea went well despite poor weather, part of the barn was painted and units were fitted to the kitchen area in the barn, the annual dinner preparations are being managed by David Jones - he'll be glad of your replies with the stated menu choice. It appears the club will continue to meet in the Brunswick, there was no great affection shown for the Spa.

Photo Meet

The Photo competition was less well subscribed than in previous years though the quality of the winning entries judged by Ken Bryan was as good as ever. The results were as follows:

	Mountains	Action	Prints	Points Total	Posn.
Roy Eyre	2nd.		1st. 3rd.	6	1st O A
Ron Chambers		1st. 3rd.		4	2nd. O A
Keith Gregson	1st.			3	
Julia Stowell		2nd.		2	
Richard Coghlan			2nd..	2	
Gordon Gadsby	3rd.			1	

HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy Lea

Nov 4-5	Vacant
Nov 11-12	Cottage and Barn
Dec 2-3	B. West Oread

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Nov 4-5	Liverpool University	16 Beds
Nov 11-12	Open University	16 Beds
Nov 14-18	Buxton MC.	16 Beds
Nov 18-19	Slough MC.	16 Beds
Nov 25-26	Peak Park Rangers	16 Beds
Dec 2-3	Polaris MC.	8 Beds
Dec 9-10	Derwent MC.	16 Beds
Christmas		Vacant
New Year		10 Beds

SHORT NOTICES

ANNUAL DINNER-IMPORTANT! Could anyone sending in a reservation for the Annual dinner please indicate their choice of starters and main meal. This was due to an oversight on the organiser's part. Sorry!

I will endeavour to get in touch with all people who have already given in forms; if you've sent me one already and I appear to be failing to get in touch with you, please give me a call on 0332 297537. David Jones.

FUTURE EVENTS

3 Jan Grand Auction

See back page for particulars.

NEXT EDITION

I hope to issue this on Mon 5th. December. It is essential that material reaches me by **Friday 25th November** I look forward to hearing from someone re **Black Rocks Meet (Gregson for instance .unnamed though he be)**

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