

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 1994

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

During the next month we have the premier snow period of the year and the chance to enjoy it at several classic venues such as Langdale and Patterdale, where last year I personally enjoyed the best winter conditions of the year on Striding Edge, inspired by the company of Kevin Sarson, "Dr Death" and the meet leader.

Summary

11-12 February Little Langdale
25-26 February Tan Yr Wyddfa
1 March Indoor Meet Royal Oak Ockbrook
6 March (Sun) Fell Race
11-12 March Patterdale

11-12 February Little Langdale Peter Amour

Following last years arrangements, we shall use two huts to meet the demand.

1. Fylde MC hut(NY316030). Limited parking is available outside the hut, if this space is full, please park on the opposite side of the river at NY316028, accessed by Strong End Lane from the A593. Snorkels and flippers for the river crossing not supplied! The following should provide their own tea towels- CB, GW, CH, UH, CR, PA, GA, JH, AR, FR, JL, RS, AS.

2. The Yorkshire Ramblers Hut, Low Hall Garth, (309029). Parking just above the hut on the left. This is reached in the same way as the secondary parking for the Fylde hut, but continue along the gated track which runs with the River on the RHS. please note that the room above the hut kitchen belongs to the premises next door, please act in a neighbourly manner. The following are booked into the YRC hut-DK, DK2, RE, JG, JG2, PS, SG, AH, SH, NE, JS, SMC., NM. Low Hall Garth offers a cosy open fireplace, but no stocks of fuel, I would suggest that a kind volunteer obtains a couple of sealed bags of solid fuel to make it somewhat cosier. Let me have a receipt in order to receive reimbursement.

I look forward to seeing you all in the Three Shires on Friday night. For any further details give me a ring in 0773 826219 after 6pm. or see me at the Brunswick.

25-26 February Tan Yr Wyddfa Nick Evans

It looks as though snow may be scarce in Wales again this year, but we can always hope. However there will be plenty of walking and even climbing for those with cold resistant fingers

1 March Indoor Meet Ockbrook

This month's indoor meet, starting at 8pm. at the Royal Oak, is a slide show on "Adventures in Tien Shan" By our old friend Peter Holden

6 March Fell Race Esmond Tresidder & Chris Johnson

The Fell Race returns to Heathy Lea again this year. A nice gentle romp- Esmond is choosing the course- about 1 hour I think! (for whom? -ed.) and Gresty is thinking about the rules! Walkers can start at 10-30,

11-12 March Patterdale Colin Barnard

Yes it's here again, the annual Eastern Lakes extravaganza! Will the snow last until then? will it.....! We live in hope. As usual we are based in the comfortable and

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capacious George Starkey Hut (GR. 394162) This year we have all 28 spaces Old and new faces are all welcome. Ring me on 0785 664644 after 7-30pm., but do it now because places are already starting to go. I suggest we tope in the White Lion on Friday night where the selection of beers usually finds favour. See you there



would you trust this man with your
belly or your wife?

FORTHCOMING EVENTS (LESS IMMINENT)

Saturday 19 March AGM Rob Tresidder

Members are reminded that under rule 17, proposed alterations to the club's rules must be lodged in writing with the secretary by 19 February. Any proposed alterations will be included in the March Newsletter.

Nominations for any officer of the club or any committee member (Rule 8) must be proposed and seconded in writing and lodged with the secretary by 5 March.

24-27 March Easter France Richard Hopkinson

Having been semi "press-ganged" into running this meet my chickens are coming home to roost! for a mixture of personal and logistic reasons I am unable to confirm a starting venue for this meet. However I expect to be going to France over the Easter period (probably leaving Thursday 31 March and returning Saturday 9 April) The likely starting venue is the Dentilles de Montmirail-a large cragging area of all grades. Bill Birkett's new book has a very small bit mentioned, I have a much larger guide to the area published by Club Alpin Francaise which I can lend to people to copy. The location is further South than last year's venue (to locate draw a line East from Orange and North from Carpentras, they intersect around the area), so the weather should be more Mediterranean. It is also convenient for day trips or moving on to other areas.

I intend to camp at Beaumes de Venise. The info. I have indicates that the campsite should be open (a potential problem at this time of year).

The intention as last year is to be flexible and perhaps move on if the weather or the desire for change of crags dictate. I am happy to coordinate liaison and advise with respect to arrangements etc. and putting people wishing to fill cars in touch with each other.

If you wish to go to France at Easter the main things to do at present are to organise holiday, insurance ferries etc. The exact location is not the main issue at this stage. So I hope I haven't put you off- if you're

interested then give me a ring (0629 823392) or see me about

PAST EVENTS

January Committee Meeting

Rob Tresidder was thanked for looking after Mike Stroud at the dinner. Membership application was received from Nicola Brain. The treasurer reported that about half the members had paid their subs. Bobby Gilbert will resign as vice president at the A.G.M. A new climbing wall will soon be open at Bramcote.

Churnet Valley Walk

Although the meet leader was soaked during early agricultural duties, the Oread's day was fine, and large numbers enjoyed a country walk. A Burgess-inspired splinter group took in a pub, and the Squires team, taunted too often in this publication, were early beyond reproach. Staffordshire's diversion signs caused some to miss the main party, and I hope that those whom I did not see will accept my apologies, but it seems that everyone had a companion, and enjoyed the day. Messrs and Mss Barnard, Squires, Hobday, Moore, Kenyon, Wren, Graham, Burgess, Pretty, Janes, Pearce and son, Gadsby, Weston, Reynolds, Strike, Wainwright, Phillips and Hooley were among those present.

SHORT NOTICES

- ♦ *The Welsh Highland Railway* and the *Festnlog Railway* are engaged in an unseemly struggle to acquire the trackbed of the former, according to a report on a public enquiry in the magazine "Steam Railway". The outcome is of interest to us as we currently use the trackbed as our car park at Rhydd Ddu.
- ♦ The secretary has details of a new climbing wall at Salford University, 1 mile from the end of M602. Prices are £2 per day, £40 per 3mths.
- ♦ Nicola Braine has applied for membership of the Oread. Any member with views on the suitability of this person for membership should write to the secretary, Steve Bashforth, 14 Farnworth Rd, Mickleover, Derby DE3 5EQ before the end of February.
- ♦ Bobby Gilbert intends to resign as Vice - President at the AGM.
- ♦ Will anyone knowing the whereabouts of the club's slide projector please get in touch with the secretary and share their secret

Hut News

Collin Hobday is administering the hut keys while Keith Gregson is in America.

Heathy Lea

Feb 4/5

Trent College Cottage 12 beds

Bookings

Tan Yr Wyddfa

Feb 4/5

Orpheus CC 16 beds

Feb 11/12

Rock & Heather 16 beds (Oread room full G Foster 9 beds)

Feb 18/19

Scunthorpe CC 16 beds

Feb 25/26

Oread meet

Changes of address

Mitchel Briggs has moved to

8 the Bolts, East Morton, Keighley, West Yorkshire BD20 5RU

David Jones & Jenny Raphael to-
4 Gerard Court, Derby DE1 1LB

Keith & Eileen Gregson to-
227 SW 7th Street

Corvallis

OR 97333

USA

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Two 9mm. by 45m. ropes, excellent condition, never abused, £25 each or £45 both.

Childs size 3 (approx) EB's hardly used, £10.

Also child's Troll climbing belt Royal Blue £5

*Phone G Foster Derby 662935 evenings.

Next Edition

I hope to publish this on Tues 1 March. Please let me have contributions by *Mon 21 February*. I especially look forward to hearing from *Dave Weston*.

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