

# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY

1995

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Summary

Jan 7-8      Tan yr Wyddfa  
Jan 15      Winter Walk  
Jan 21-22    Lake District  
7 Feb (Tues) Indoor meet (Ockbrook)  
**7 8 Jan Tan-Yr- Wyddfa Richard Coghlan**

At the time of writing (mid December) the unseasonably mild weather is continuing, so I would be very surprised if the Trinity Gullies on Snowdon have received a good snow build-up by early January. However, I could be wrong.

This is a good chance to walk off the excesses of Christmas.

If you want to come, please see me to book your place and arrange lifts.

Richard Coghlan Derby 753807

### **15 Jan (Sun) Winter Walk Colin Hobday**

Now is your chance to try out one of the Christmas presents, be it Gortex bag or a pair of socks, this is the meet for you.

We shall meet at 10am. for a 10.15 start in the small car park by the side of the canal at Whatstandwell. Note car parking is limited, additional parking can be at the station or at the lay-by over the river bridge.

Our route will follow the canal as far as the tunnel, then Lea Hurst and down to Lea Bridge., for a short coffee stop while the ladies visit the factory shop! then up through Combs wood and over to Lea pub stop (only cobs available).

Suitably replenished we cross the fields to Whatstandwell (Bring a torch)

As the area is rich in history I have prepared a quiz. The first correct ladies and gents answer drawn out of Reg. Squires cap will receive a free drink.

Closing time for entries is 12 noon Sunday Jan 15th. The judge's decision is final.

### **21 22 Jan Lake District**

Despite my best efforts I have obtained no details of this meet. The meets sec. Kev Alsobrook (0332 553195) will advise what activities are planned for this weekend.

### **7 Feb Indoor Meet Ockbrook**

Tim Cairns has sent particulars of this event, and he states that although the agreed title was "A pot-pourri of recent climbing trips", he has 'not been doing much lately', and so he will give a 2 part slide show on "Winter Climbing" and "Recent Trips to the Alps", with a beer break in between, so put the date in your diaries. To add further interest, he holds out the prospect that he might do something startling in the meantime, and revise the entertainment accordingly.

## FUTURE EVENTS

### **March 7 . Indoor Meet Ockbrook Birds And Bergs Paul Bingham**

Falklands and Antarctic wild life and scenery as encountered the lazy way - during a wildlife ruise. lots of birds, lots of scenery, no action. Oread decadence personified. Active Oreads can plan new routes up inviting looking mountains and crags, desperate Oreads might fancy a penguin

## PAST EVENTS

### **Swanage 14-15 October**

A small group of stalwarts pitched tents on Friday night at California Farm at the beginning of a delightful weekend with good weather, excellent company and impressive sea cliff scenery. For some it was a first visit to the area and for those of us who hadn't visited for over ten years, it was rather pleasing to find little change from former visits. Just a couple of other parties in evidence, but no queuing for even the classic routes which we had designs on.

Saturday brought clear skies and good sunny periods. As ethereal mist developed later, but it was really warm on the cliff. We walked over to Guillemot Ledge and climbed most of the classic lines. Familiarity with Pembroke limestone and bolted routes doesn't help much - the routes here always seem a lot harder than their grade, especially if using the Richard Crew guidebook. Steep and serious with more than a hint of loose rock so Holden was in his element and after leading Dave and myself up the Spook he found the rope too restricting and proceeded to solo for the rest of the day while the rest of us were quite happy to put in every available piece of protection.

Burgess and Larkham arrived at the scene mid-afternoon having raced down from Derby early Saturday morning and climbed at Boulder Ruckle before finding the rest of us. Typically they climbed on until after dark when Burge had an epic trying to climb out on the Exit Chimney which he remembered as a V. Diff. route, but in fact it disappeared when the whole area of rock collapsed a few years ago. Anyway they made it to the pub eventually - the Square and Compass in Worth Matravers, where we all enjoyed a pleasant evening absorbing the local ambience as well as a few pints.

On Sunday an East wind brought cloudier weather, but still pleasant enough on the cliff. We visited the premier area at Swanage - Boulder Ruckle - and together with the backdrop of quite a choppy sea this made for an exciting atmosphere to climb routes like Lightning Wall, Tatra and Finale Groove.

A most enjoyable weekend - thanks to those who turned up: Derrick Burgess and Roger Larkham, Pete Holden and Dave Armstrong, Chris and Roy Eyre, Nick Evans, Pete Scott and Tony Fidler. The journey is a lot easier these days via the M40, A34, M27 and M3 so I shall definitely be making another visit next year and I hope I can get another good team together for a meet.

CJR

#### **Bullstones December 1994**

This year's jaunt got off to a good start when, after a warm up in the Padam Lake Hotel, the meet leader went off course in the Llanberis slate quarries despite having been there 6 weeks before with a tin of paint to mark the way. The yellow arrows were found soon enough, but not before the two senior members of the party decided that they had found a suitable two-man tunnel in the slate, and didn't fancy any more nocturnal wanderings.

Despite the lure of the luxurious hut in the upper levels (featuring in-situ quarrymen's boots and jackets) they stayed put, only to find their bivvy turning into a wet wind tunnel during the night. Everyone else had a peaceful night and headed over Elidir Fawr and Y Gam the next day in an exhilarating gale. Amazingly, two of our number baled out at this point and headed for Llanberis rather than continue the expedition, rather



convenient, really, as the Saturday night bunkhouse below Tryfan had only enough for the seven remaining Bullstoners as it was. After a civilised evening of story-telling the day dawned warm and windier but a perfect landfall was made at the Vaynol at the end of another jolly jaunt across the Glyders.

A very successful trip despite ridiculously warm weather: thanks to all who came along.

David Jones.

### December Committee Meeting

As well as routine reports from club officers, it was confirmed the dinner profit was £199 and the raffle raised £128 for Lochaber Mountain Rescue. An attempt was made to co-ordinate the format, and persons responsible for the computerised information for the club handbook. Heathy Lea again occupied disproportionate time - the good news was that the roof repairs and wiring were complete, a long discussion resulted in the committee agreeing to proceed with the renewal of the kitchen fittings, but not before several members registered dissent at the substitution of stainless steel for the old sink, and the general philosophy of providing accommodation more in keeping with a hotel than a climbing hut.

### HUT NEWS

#### Bookings Heathy Lea

No Bookings

#### Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Jan 7-8	Oread meet	
Jan 13-14	Aylesbury C.C.	16 beds
Jan 20-21	Coventry C.C.	16 beds
Jan 27-28	Loughton C.C.	16 beds
Feb 3-4	Oread meet	
Feb 10-11	Orpheus C.C.	16 beds
Feb 17-18	Vacant	

Feb 24-25	Vacant	
Mar 3-4	Oread meet	
Mar 10-11	Hucknall M.C.	16 beds
Mar 17-18	Derby Nomads	
Mar 24-25	Vacant	
Mar 31-Apr 1	Peak and Pint	16 beds
Apr 8-9	Work Party	
Apr 14-15	Easter	

### SHORT NOTICES

Dave Penlington has written to ask whether anyone would be interested in raising a team to visit - with Russian Ranges, the firm Richard C. and he went to Tier, Shan with EAST TIEN SHAN. He states that the cost (£1600/£1800) is very competitive, the trip would be in July 1995 for 29 days, climbing standard about Scottish grade 3 in the area for Mt. Peobada and Khan Yengar.

### Subscriptions

My records show that the following honorary members have BMC membership arranged through the Oread:

Nat Allen, D. Burgess, C. and M. Hooley, D. Penlington, H. Pretty, J. Welbourne. The following honorary members do not have BMC membership through the Oread:

D. Gray, K. Griffiths, C. Hobday, E. Phillips. Please let me know (by 1st. Feb) if these arrangements are unsatisfactory. BMC membership is free to those honorary members who want it, but there is no point in the club paying for it if it is not wanted  
Richard Coghlan.

### BRAIN TEASER

It was 1996, the huts were totally encapsulated in non- biodegradable plastic and stainless steel. There were no more jobs to do, and the Hutfurher was idly playing with his 64 bit computer at the village of

Helland Bach, classifying the hut occupation units. They rated 16 points if female, 2 if male, 1024 points if bearded, 2048 points if under 5ft. 11 ins., 8 points if they have climbed in the Himalaya, and 512 points for past ownership of a B.S.A. motor cycle. Any person with no connection with Yorkshire rates an additional 256 points. ( It will be noted that no one can score on every heading without spectacular surgery). xxxxxxxx rated 2570 points, who was that person? Can the Oread's Yorkshire born professor of mathematics match his acknowledged numeracy with the requisite background knowledge? (Book token to youngest author of a correct solution received during Jan.)

### Solution To October Problem, With Apologies For Delay

Roger- 2.17 mins up, 1.60 mins down, 33.23 mins flat. Chris-1.59 mins up, 1.99 mins down, 34.43 mins flat. Distances- 0.159 miles up, 0.198 miles down, 3.443 miles flat. (Did anyone try it with a spreadsheet with solver facility?)

### NEXT EDITION

I hope to issue this on mon Jan 30th. it is essential that particulars of all events for this edition reach me by **Fri Jan 20th.**

**I look forward to hearing from Julia Stowell, Graham Weston and the meet leader for 4-5 March**

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### WINTER WANDER QUIZ

- Who travelled by train from London to Whatstandwell and walked home alone?  
*Mr. Albert Sponge, off duty train driver*
- Where was this person born? (See J.B. Clich - 29.09.32.)  
*Priestley - The Railway Man*
- Who lived at Dethick and what happened?  
*Anthony Bonington - R.C. plotter against Eliz I - led to Man's execution + his own*
- Which well-known fabric derives its name from a local valley? *Derby Rib.*
- Name 3 famous mill owners who built mills in the Derwent valley. *Strutt, Arkwright, Evans*
- Where was the first water powered mill in the world built? *Lombe's silk mill Derby.*
- A famous canal builder born in Derbyshire. Who? Where? *James Brindley, Tunstead*
- How much did it cost to stay at Smedleys Hydro in 1853? *7/6 ~~was~~, - towels included.*
- Which railway line was built to link two canals together? *~~The~~ The Cromford & High Peak.*
- Name the canals. *Peak Forest / Cromford.*
- Name the pub at lunchtime. *Jug & Glass.*

PLEASE BRING THIS SHEET WITH YOU ON THE WALK.

H. PRETTY

## **G**rand January Auction

of mountaineering equipment and ephemera (loosely defined) to be held on *Tuesday 3 January 1995* in the *Royal Oak Auction Rooms*.

To ensure a successful sale, please turn up in large numbers, with cash, bankers' drafts or letter of credit agreement from Swiss banks. Sellers are asked to submit their goods at 7.30pm for lotting.

### **S**ale regulations and conditions

- 1.No private sales to be arranged on pain of black-balling.
- 2.A commission of 15% of sale price to the club. NB no buyer's premium
- 3.A reserve price may be notified to the auctioneer.
- 4.Payment to be made before removing goods.
- 5.All goods are at buyer's risk.
- 6.Surplus Himalayan expedition equipment which has not been cleared by the Indian Health Authorities cannot be offered for sale.
- 7.Boots should be treated with athletes foot powder or disinfected before entry in the sale.
8. No tights or underwear which has been involved in a serious fall should be offered for sale

*Reg. Squires - auctioneer.*