



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 1995

summary

Dec 2-3	Tan-yr Wddfa
Dec 5	Indoor Meet Royal Oak Ockbrook
Dec 9-10	Bullstones
Dec 13 (Wed)	Black Rocks
Boxing Day	Royal Oak, Wetton.
Jan 1 ('96)	Walk To The George
Jan 2	Indoor Meet Royal Oak Ockbrook

Dec 2-3 Tan-yr Wddfa nick evans

There may even be some snow if we get the hard winter the sages are predicting this year. Otherwise it could be the perfect opportunity to test your old waterproofs, and if they are found wanting, still time to get a message to Santa for new ones.

I am planning another subterranean exploration of the slate mines. At least it will be out of the rain.

Ring me on 01332 774221 for a place, though I hardly expect a rush.

december 5 indoor meet royal oak ockbrook

This Month's star will be Mike Wynn on his round- the world climbing and trekking trip.

december 9-10 bullstones michael hayes

Back to the Dark Peak this year with accommodation (yes, I know it's stretching the meaning of the word) at the Lower Small Clough shooting cabin on Bleaklow GR 145 957. I plan to leave the Fairholmes car park at the foot of the Derwent Reservoir GR 174 894 on Saturday at 10.00am. and weather permitting walk to the cabins via Alport Castles and Bleaklow Head, returning on Sunday via Margery Hill. If you have never been before then this is an experience you cannot miss and for those of you who have, forget the pain and the cold, and get your bivvy bags out again.

Contact me in the Brunswick or on 01159 490026 for more details.

Dec 13 (wed) Black Rocks mike

wren

No introduction needed for most members. There will be the same basic format as in previous years, i.e.

1.) A well insulated mass assault on traditional routes at one of Derby's favourite local crags (dress optional).

It may well be cold, so feel free to include other energetic outdoor activities e.g. walking, running, cycling in the evening's sports plan as well - How about up (or down The High Peak Trail inclines? followed by-

2) A well earned drink and social gathering in the Princess Victoria at Matlock Bath.-

Exaggerated accounts of the evening's exploits/mishaps will be given, and loudly ridiculed by listeners

Hot broth and roll @£1.50 per head will be available from around 9p.m. (Hypothermics/those who have attempted a rock climb served first

Make sure you have a decent battery in your head torch and come along. If you don't make the crag come to the pub anyway.

The person with the most imaginative excuse for not climbing (might be me if it's raining) may claim the honour of buying the last climber off the crag a drink. (Persons driving cars home advised not to participate). Decision by acclaim.

Let's have a good turnout, and a large dose of seasonal cheer, for the last meet before Christmas. I suggest ringing round to try to fill cars. Anyone wanting to give/receive lifts by the weekend before, give me a ring to co-ordinate if needed.

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boxing day

Not an official meet, but if you are going out for a drink in the country, it has been suggested we might as well all go to the same place, the Royal Oak Wetton.

Jan 1 walk to the george, alstonfield clive russell

We shall meet in front of Ilam Hall, (134 508) a minute or two before 11am, to move off at 11.00 prompt. (Cars may be parked at the Hall car park, or in Ilam village). The approach walk will be via Eastern Hall, then along the path on the East bank of the Manifold (superb views), to Wetton Low (113'543) and then to Alstonfield. After a good meal and tank up, the return options are a) a nice walk back along by Air Cottage and Bunster, or b) if completely stoned or if it's dark, an easy walk back down the valley bottom to the stepping stones. Exceptional forward planners might leave a form of transport at Dovedale car park (146 506) and walk to the start so that they avoid doing that bit later in the dark.

Doreen Hodge traditionally starts to worry about the onset of darkness after about noon at this time of year. We shall counter this threat by sleeping at top speed the night before and arriving at dawn ahead of daybreak in order to win extra time.

jan 2 Indoor Meet Royal Oak Ockbrook

This event will feature Colin Hobday showing his slides of the Polish Tatra expo' with additional asides on nearby Austria ("From Tyrol to the Tatra"?)

PAST EVENTS

nov 5 dovedale dash

The day was bright and frosty, the water table an all-time low, and more runners than ever were seemingly present. Radders, Mike Wynne, John O'Reilly, and Richard Hopkinson were absent, and it looked an uphill struggle to stamp the Oread's natural supremacy on the occasion until the crowd parted like the Red Sea before Moses, and Dawn (probably the only English person capable of stopping Jonah Lomu) appeared. The take-over by youth was complete and irrevocable when Esmond Tresidder finished 30th. Graham Foster, in recognition of his consistent times over the years, is in line for the award of a red lamp of the paraffin road-mender's variety. Ron Chambers was running for something like the twenty fifth time, and he looked just as knackered the first time I

saw him run. Oread finishing positions,, where known- (more than 1250 finished-even more started)

E. Tresidder	30
C. Russell	67
R. Tresidder	224
R. Larkham	230
Dawn. Hopkinson	496
R. Chambers	
D. Jones	
J Salmon	
A. Raphael	650 approx
Julia Stowell	850?
Freda Raphael	
Jenny Raphael	

FUTURE EVENTS

january 27-28 president's meet b. west

The president is pleased to invite all Oreads and their guests to a soiree with musical entertainment, at the Midland, Peakdale. Dress optional-more details later.

marocroc 1996 mike wynn

Further to my last notice in the September newsletter and a meeting in the Brunswick about a possible trip to go cragging in Morocco at Easter, there has not been a great deal of enthusiasm shown for a pure rock-climbing trip

However a number of people were keen to visit Morocco sometime to do some trekking. As am going to Morocco anyhow with a school group from 11 July for two weeks I would be keen and able to lead or direct any Oreads who want to come and do some trekking for a week or two either before 11 July (cheaper air fares), or after 25 July. There is no reason why some cragging cannot be thrown in as well.

Flights to Marrakech are about £220 before 11 July, £265 any later. There may be some cheaper charter flights, or you can fly to Gibraltar or Malaga and go overland.

Anyone still interested, or who wants more information can contact me on Derby 360851 or at the Brunswick.

ski touring cairngorms march 16-23 richars coghlan

Last march I went on a free-heel skiing course based in Aviemore. Now I know how to play the game, I consider that it would be a good basis for an Oread meet. I plan to use touring skis about 3 inches wide with metal edges, giving good performance when going steeply uphill in soft snow. These are not to be confused with track skis (which people associate with cross-country skiing), which are much narrower and optimised for level skiing on forest tracks. The use of touring skis will allow us to travel much faster up and down Cairngorm summits than would be possible on foot, even if snow cover is not complete.

I shall stay for a week, but some people may wish to make it a long weekend. The sports plan is as follows-

Sat March 16 Arrive, collect skis. Book into Youth Hostel.

Sun/Mon Those who want it go on a two day course. Others do Beneriach, Ben macdui, etc.

Tues eve. Weekenders go home

Wed-Sat Further exploration of those peaks which are boring to walk on, but good for skiing, eg. Monadhliath

Some idea of costs:

Aviemore Youth Hostel	£7.80 per night
Ski/pole/boot hire	£31.00, three days
Ski hire	£3.00 per day

You will not need lift passes or insurance.

I need to book the Youth Hostel, ski hire and courses no later than the end of January. Even then it may be difficult to guarantee places. See me early in Dec. or late in Jan to register an interest (I shall be away for a month at Christmas)

Please note:

You don't have to be able to ski to come on this meet. I certainly can't and shall take my skis off going downhill.

Skiing is a decadent sport and is suitable for all the old farts in the club (copyright Carling enterprises).

Walking and climbing is not forbidden on this meet.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy

Dec 8/9 Aylesbury M.C. 12 beds.

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Dec 1/2 Oread meet
 Dec 9/10 Rugby M.C. 16 beds
 Dec 15/16 Derwent M.C. whole hut
 Christmas/New Year Oread use

SHORT NOTICES

subscriptions

It's that time of year again! The committee have decided to hold subs at last year's rate, i.e. Full £16.00, Family £24.00, Prospective £8.00, senior £8.00, Family senior £12.00.

Add £3.50 to these figures to register as a B.M.C. member. The committee have reviewed the benefits of B.M.C. membership recently, and recommend that the £3.50 be considered good value for money, especially the insurance aspect of membership. Only full Oread members can become B.M.C. members.

Please send your cheques, payable to "Oread M.C." to Richard Coghlan, 4 Peterlee Place, Alva-ston, Derby DE24 0DN. An s.a.e. will speed the return of your membership card.

The membership cards this year will be to a new, simplified format, without the meets list, which you should have received as a separate sheet with this newsletter. Don't lose this meets list, you may not get another.

I shall be absent over Christmas between Dec. 17th and Jan 13th so if you want a membership card on time you'd better send your cheque to reach me very soon. I shall do my best to clear the backlog on return, but you may have to be patient. B.M.C. membership will not be available beyond 1st Feb (That's when I send the 1996 membership list to the B.M.C.)

Richard Coghlan

stolen equipment

A friend of Richard Coghlan, a member of the local rescue team has had the following gear stolen from his car-

Cyclops Roc Rucsac-green, two side pockets. Ice axe loops broken or missing, knots tied in both shoulder straps, stitching around lid partly undone.
 1 Outdoor research hat

1 Hi-vis waistcoat- Yellow with reflective strips and "Mountain Rescue" on front and "Site Officer" on back. Velcro fastening.

1 Jack Wolfskin bag-red, adapted for MRT radio with additional belt loop and multi coloured lace attached to zip fasteners.

If anyone knows of any gear of this description being offered for sale, or used, will they please inform Martin Cavill, 01773 826544

for sale

BOYS NEVIKA SKI SUIT (JACKET AND SALOPETTES) AGE 5-6 EXCELLENT CONDITION £30

CONTACT EILEEN GREGSON (What a delightful prospect-Ed.) 01332 792147

for sale

New Balance running shoes size 9 1/2, £12, also Nike Air running shoes, size 9, £12.

Both pairs hardly used, present owner requires size 9.25. Special terms if both pairs purchased. 01335 390369

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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(New residence constructed by Stuart Godfrey)

BRAIN TEASER

solutions to november problems

The trick is to move the first letter two columns, to clear the diagonal from below, as you fill the row above. Solutions were received from Hereward Tresidder (make yourself known to me Hereward), Mike Moore, Stuart Haywood, Ernie Phil-

lips and Tim Cairns. Nick Evans solved it with ease and also pointed out that my September solution was wrong, and should have been 126 plutes, 115 plebs, 9 hon. mem. 250 total-serves me right for being too cocky. Natural justice seems to be that Nick gets this month's token, rather than drawing it out of a hat.

this month's problem

A Mountaineering club wanted to get rid of a prolix and profligate old f*rt from its committee, and so rather than offering him honorary membership, they resolved to arrange a reduced subscription of £7-80p. on condition that this was paid using coins of four different denomination, and an equal number of coins of each type. The reasoning being that if he couldn't sort this out, his mental powers had declined enough to warrant retiring him. What were the numbers and denominations of the necessary coins?

(Book token for first correct solution opened, closing date December 20th. The club's various chartered accountants should revel in this one!)

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on ***Fri Dec 22th.*** It is essential that particulars of all events for this edition reach me by ***Friday Dec 15th.. and preferably earlier***

I look forward to hearing from Shirley Wainwright, Brian West and Jack Ashcroft. Please remember these dates are especially important to get things organised before post and photocopying services close for xmas

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