

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 1995

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

summary

- Feb 4-5 Tan yr Wyddfa
Feb 7 (Tues) Indoor meet (Ockbrook)
Feb 22-23 Lake District
March 7 . Indoor Meet Ockbrook-Birds
and Bergs

Feb 4-5 Tan yr Wyddfa Julia Stowell

This is my initiation as an Oread meet leader. As such I am optimistically naive about winter routes in Snowdonia, and will be anxious to christen a new ice axe. Failing that,

***This is my initiation.....
only hungry loonies need***

there could be an excursion to the Slate Quarries./Pete's eats. (only hungry loonies need apply.) I still haven't completed the Snowdon Horseshoe so there's another option. See me in the Brunswick to book places/arrange transport or ring me on 0332 516734 (evenings) or 0332 622222 ext.1719 (daytime).

feb 7 indoor meet ockbrook THIS WEEK!

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.

feb 18-19 scotland graham west-on

Despite written and verbal requests (increasingly irascible) no details have been furnished. I am told however, that Graham has not yet decided on which valley in Scotland to visit, and wants to leave options open according to snow conditions, the only advice I can give you therefore is to ring him when he gets back from his skiing trip. (0332 752723). Ring before 6am, any later and I might have made my visit to wreck the premises.

march 4-5 tan yr wyddfa Kev alsobrook

Kevin has stepped into his own breach to lead this meet, but I still have the problem of composing yet another interesting, and different epistle about T.Y.W.

The intention is to again react to conditions and take advantage of either the late end of the snow, if available, or else crock climbing if conditions allow. ("crock" was originally a misprint, but I decided to leave it in.) Ring 0332 553195 to book beds etc.

March 7 . indoor meet ockbrook birds and bergs paul bingham

Falklands and Antarctic wild life and scenery as encountered the lazy way - during a wild-life cruise. 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

FUTURE EVENTS

annual general meeting

This will take place on 1st April, and it is important to attend, please note the date. Details, venue etc. will be published next month. In the meantime, please note that any proposals for club officers, or for rule changes, must be in the hands of the secretary 28 days before the meeting

Easter meet france preliminary notice richard hopkinson

I intend to run this year's meet on a similar basis to last year. I haven't finally decided on a venue, but the current favourite starting point is at the West end of the Ardenche, called Les Vanes. (P. 209 in Bill Birkett's book). (I understand that the Ardenche area has much more to offer than just climbing, e.g. walking, canyoning e.t.c.) What I've heard so far is good, good campsites, good wine, climbing, more wine, canyoning, even more wine. I'm currently trying to get hold of a local guidebook-if anyone has one please ring me. The place is also ideal for visiting other crags ore moving on to other areas.

I will fix a starting campsite and contingency meeting plan, and endeavour to put people without transport in touch with people with spare places. I anticipate travelling out Thurs April 13th. and returning Sat. April 22nd. The main things to do at present are to book holidays, ferries and insurance.

Please give me a ring if you're interested, or want more details etc. (or if you've got a local guidebook.)

PAST EVENTS

january Committee Meeting

The meeting discussed the meets card (and recognised that more meet leaders are required). Anyone willing to lead a meet should talk to Kev Alsobrook.. The committee started to prepare for the A.G.M. (Anyone wishing to stand for election or keen to do some job should give notice to the secretary.) The success of the annual dinner was reviewed. (Any feedback from members would be appreciated-especially from those who didn't attend-we would like to know why). The subject would be discussed at the A.G.M.

jan 15 winter wander colin hobday

Despite a damp and dismal start to the day a large group of Oreads and friends assembled at Whatstandwell.

A short coffee break at Lea Bridge before climbing up through Combs Wood being treated to 15 minutes of spring sunshine giving wonderful lighting conditions across the Derwent Valley.

By 12.30 about 45 Oreads and friends were ensconced in the Jug and Glass at Lea. There was a good response to the quiz, the only correct male entry being from Chuck Hooley, while Eileen Gregson took the lady's prize.

With a little persuasion I managed to extract most Oreads from the pub by 2.30, crossing the fields to Wadebridge Farm and then down through Duke's quarry to Whatstandwell.

Pete Janes had an acute car-starting problem in the middle of the A6. A large team of Oreads soon pushed the car back into the car park where once Digger had mastered the art of connecting jump leads to Keith Gregson's battery all was well. Back in the station car park several people had collected parking

tickets from BR police for obstructing a B.R. lorry. (How did they get the lorry out?)

Many thanks for the large turnout (too numerous to mention), and for making it an enjoyable day.

21 22 jan lake district

.This meet was transferred to Heathy Lea. The committee have asked me to apologise to any members who were inconvenienced.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy Lea

March 24-25 J. Linney Cottage
12 beds

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Feb 3-4 Oread meet
Feb 10-11 Orpheus C.C. 16 beds
Feb 10-11 G. Foster Oread
room (hut full)
Feb 17-18 Brighton University 16 beds
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

Tim Cairns was admitted to full membership of the Oread at the January committee meeting.

Club members are reminded that a 10% discount is available, on production of membership card, at the following emporia - Riley's Outdoor centre, Ashbourne, Roger Turner,

Prestige, Derby Mountain Centre, Outside Hathersage, Jo. Royle

Members who have recently joined and have no handbook can obtain one from the secretary, on request. Membership application forms are also available from the secretary.

We are starting to plan our 1995-96 winter indoor meet programme (yes! already) if you are planning an excursion somewhere new, or going to climb some classic big routes, the club would welcome a talk from you. We would quite like to see more than one member of the team contribute to the talk - so don't feel "it's all down to me" - rope in your friends too (no pun intended!)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is now too late to get B.M.C. membership, for those who have not paid their subs yet, here is a reminder

full	£16
prospective	£8
family	£24
senior	£8
family senior	£12
partner of hon. mem.	£12

Richard Coghlan

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BRAIN TEASER

Last months solution-

Jack Ashcroft scored 2 points for being male (ask Janet!), 512 points for his B.S.A. Ban-

tam, 2048 points for his diminutive height and 8 points for his Himalayan junketing. Residence in Yorkshire disallows the 256 point bonus. (total 2570). This bionic, or binary Oread was correctly identified by Ernie Phillips, who has provided this month's puzzle. Eileen Gregson also intimated that Keith had arrived at the solution, presumably without undue exertion. (The factors which induced such a charming lady to marry a Yorkshireman would form an interesting study in themselves.)

this month's problem

An engineer goes into a workshop carrying a solid metal sphere. He drills a hole right through it, and the hole, which is exactly central, is six inches long. What volume of metal is left in the sphere?. (Book token for the "best "answer)

EDITORIAL

The aims of the club are mountaineering in all aspects. To some extent we have always been in crisis in achieving this, and yet we have kept alive. Derrick Burgess will recall voicing his anxiety that we were becoming a "rambling club", and an un-named source at the golden oldies meet said to me "people of more than say 50 don't want to be suspended from rock". Such disparate points of view, all with some substance, are difficult to reconcile, and yet although the social walks are well attended, there is still quality action (see the write up for Swanage for example), and I believe we have something worth keeping.

The basis of the club is, though the outdoor meets programme, and I fear that this is under threat as never before, with the old traditions of taking responsibility for one's meet, and ca-

tering for all comers rather than one's personal clique, being disregarded.

If, then you care for the club as I, and many others still do, then please attend the A.G.M. and make your views known in support of those who want to keep and improve what we have. If you tire of my pontificating, then write something relevant yourself for the newsletter, so that I do not have to always fill it up with my own words.

I should add that these are my views, not those of the committee.

C.R.

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on Wed Mar 1st. it is essential that particulars of all events for this edition reach me by ***Fri Feb 24th.***

I look forward to hearing from Colin Barnard, Daryl Kirk and Lisa Welbourne

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