



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 1995

summary

Nov 5 (Sun)	Dovedale Dash
Nov 7 (Tues)	Indoor Meet
Nov 15 (Wed)	Climbing Wall-Foundry
Nov 18 (Sat)	Annual Dinner
Nov 25 (Sat)	Photo Meet
Nov 29 (Wed)	Climbing Wall-Notts
Dec 2-3	Tan-yr Wddfa

nov 5 dovedale dash

Everything has already been said about the Dash, like the dinner, if you've not done anything about it by now (i.e. training) it's probably too late. The only disappointing news I have is that Richard Hopkinson, a consistent Oread performer, will be otherwise occupied at the Karrimoor Mountain trial, but let us uphold the honour of the Oread in his absence

nov 7 indoor meet royal oak ockbrook

This month's meet is Hank Harrison on "Canoeing down the Yukon River" A good turn out is certain- see that you are part of it. (All indoor meets start at 8pm. See the Oct. Newsletter for programme)

nov 18 annual dinner

Lisa Welbourne has done a good job organising the dinner for us, and my personal opinion is that the criticisms of the past few dinners have been listened too, so let us support the event. The booking form was sent out with the last newsletter, and Lisa needs to settle the numbers by 4th Nov, so if you haven't booked yet, do it now!

Nov 25 (Sat) Photo Competition (Final notice)

We now have a judge, a venue and beer. It's now up to you to provide the photographs. Just to remind you!

Four entries of either slides or prints in each of the sections or themes. They need to be got to Rock Hudson or Colin Hobday by Tues Nov 14th.

Other details can be found in the September Newsletter.

The photographs will be shown starting at 8.00. Please try to arrive on time, so that people are not inconvenienced.

Come on!-dig out a few of those photographs, which members have not had the pleasure of seeing.

R. Hudson, Colin Hobday

climbing wall meets

Unfortunately, as a traditionalist, I have no information on these events, however, the dates and venues have been set, so Oreads can at least be at the same walls at the same times, (contact any modern climber- Ron Chambers for instance, for more information).

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.

PAST EVENTS

marsden-heathy lea

A gallant band of only three walkers set off from Marsden at 0655 on Saturday morning, this was five minutes before the advertised time, so I hope no-one showed up at 0700 and wondered where we'd got to.

All in all the whole thing went very well. The conditions underfoot were so much drier than we'd expected, (Graham had been regaling us with horror stories of his jaunt last year along the same route) that we made excellent progress for the first few hours, until lethargy and sore feet set in.

A meal and a drink in the Ladybower hotel was followed by slow progress to the cave at Stanage, where we grabbed the best berths before other bivviers appeared (and they did). Mike Hayes won the race home next day (knackered knee notwithstanding) by virtue of crawling out of the cave first, and all three starters finished, plus Alison who had (not by accident) met with us on Derwent Edge after running there from Heathy Lea (pretty damn keen I say) in order to share the delights of the bivvy.

A traditional meet revived, and well worth doing by all masochistic connoisseurs of bleak moorland.

Many thanks to Nick Taylor for giving us all a lift to Marsden at such an uncivilised hour.

(Graham Weston used a feeble excuse about not blowing his own trumpet to induce David Jones to write the above Ed.)

shropshire hills september 29-30

Despite a far from encouraging forecast for the weekend a very small party of Oreads met early on Saturday morning at Little Stretton camp site just in time to find the meet leader chasing a group of nubile young ladies camped on the next pitch, and vehemently proclaiming that he was only trying to "borrow " some milk for his breakfast cereal!!

After waiting in vain for Mr. Barnard, to appear, and contrary to all expectations, we traversed Ashes Hollow, and Long Syndals in dry, sunny and at times warm autumn sunshine, and after a refreshing liquid lunch at Bridges returned to Church Stretton via Carding Mill Valley.

Following a very pleasant evening in the Ragleth Arms sampling the delights of "real ale" the group undertook a circular walk including ascents of Caer Caradoc and The Lawley - the latter in gale force winds but light and sunny!

While obviously the area lacks the grandeur and challenges of the high mountains, as an occasional and easily reached alternative it is well worth considering.

Stuart Haywood.

(Another idle git of a meet leader passing the buck to his mates for a report- Ed.)

FUTURE EVENTS

december 5 indoor meet

The December indoor meet will feature 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.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy Lea

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

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Nov 3/4 Queen Mary College 16 beds

Nov 10/11 Castle M.C. 16 beds

Nov 17/18 Buxton M.C. 16 beds

Nov 24/25 Coventry M.C. 16 beds

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

important notice

The Chatsworth authorities have reminded us that the RAC Rally will take place in the park on Sun 19th November, with activity most of the day from 0800. Any visitors to Heathy Lea will be charged the £7 entry fee to the park. To prevent indiscriminate car parking by visitors, we are also requested to keep the gate to the cottage drive closed over the weekend.

SHORT NOTICES

- { The O'Reilly family are pleased to announce the birth of Elizabeth Maya, on 29th. August
- { Julia and Graham Willson have also acquired a baby girl, Alexandra Frances, on 31st. July (Shirley is a grandma!)

BRAIN TEASER

solutions to september problems

Part 1)

196 plutes, 45 plebs, 14 hon members, 256 members in all. Lots of mathematical solutions, but only one with whole numbers.

CR.

Part 2)

a.) Weigh the good ball.

b.) Take 1 ball from each machine i.e. 11 good balls and one "faulty" ball and weigh all twelve balls, thereby finding the weight of the "faulty" ball.

c.) take 1 ball from the first machine 2 from the second etc., and weigh all 78 balls together. If the faulty ball is ,say 10 grammes heavy, the total will be + 20 grammes if from the second machine, + 30 if the third, and so on, hence the answer.

Another similar method works, but varying the sequence

EHP.

No correct solutions were received.

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this month's problem

Fill the remaining spaces in the grid with the letters from the word "OREAD" so that each letter only appears once in each row, column and diagonal.

(Book token for first correct grid received during November.)

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on ***Sat Dec 2nd..*** It is essential that particulars of all events for this edition reach me by ***Friday Nov 24th.. and preferably earlier***

I look forward to hearing from Mike Wren

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