



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 1996

## *summary*

April 3 (Wed) Harborough Rocks  
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April 5-8 (Easter) France  
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### ***April 3 (Wed) Harborough Rocks***

The official start to warmer and lighter seasons is signalled by our first outdoor evening climbing venue, the beginner's and early season place par excellence.

### ***easter wineaholics meet france richard hopkinson***

See Feb and March Newsletters, and contact Richard for the latest position.

### ***April 14 (sun) Spring Stride Dave Weston***

Meet Grindleford station GR 251788 Time 10.20 am for the 10.39 train to Edale. Now don't be late, and allow yourselves plenty of "booting up" time, as the last time we did a walk of this nature John Fisher was trying to put his boots and socks on whilst buying a bus ticket. Assuming we get to Edale in an orderly fashion and the obstreperous Digger has not stopped the train with his penchant for upsetting people in authority, namely the driver and guard, we shall proceed to the lunch time pub, the Travellers Rest in Brough, via Hollins Cross, Lose Hill, Lose Hill Farm, Hope. After Lunch we shall proceed to Bamford via Townfield Lane, then the river path to Leadmill. Cross the Hathersage Road and bridge and proceed via Harper Lees, Coppice Wood, Padley Hall and back to Grindleford Station. Should you not want to do the full walk, may I suggest the following-  
Catch the train at Hathersage (limited parking)

Catch the train at Bamford  
Catch the train at Hope and do the  
walk over Lose Hill

If you fancy more than the full walk, stop on the train to Chinley. There is a bit of a road walk out of Chinley, then Rushup Edge, Mam Tor, Lose Hill, then catch us up before we get to the pub. Which ever way, I hope to see you in the pub or somewhere along the walk. I hope to have a good day.

Single fare from Grindleford to Edale £2.30  
Rail cards can be used on this train because there is no ticket office at Grindleford.

Train times (subject to alteration)

From Grindleford	!0.39	
From Hathersage	!0.42	
From Bamford		10.46
From Hope		10.50

### ***April 20-21 Welsh Hut Working Party John shreeve***

Sorry Chuck Hooley can't be with us on the Tan yr Wyddfa working party.

Long standing meeting with Rent-a Rescue also looking for the Beast of Carsington that weekend.

So jobs to be done at the hut are:-  
paint washrooms

Artex ceilings (front bedrooms)

Paint floor (utility room)

Dustbin area base and wood rails

Grass cutting and garden clean-up

The hut committee hope that willing members will turn up for the weekend.

Please contact Rock Hudson, Colin Hobday or John Shreeve for lifts etc.

### ***April 27-28 Heathy Lea The Edges nick evans***

Birds tweeting in the trees, fluffy lambs gambolling in the fields, primroses in the woods and Oreads thrutching and grunting on the gritstone. Yes, spring is here again, so shake the spiders out of your old rock boots and come and re-climb some of your favourite routes.

Heathy Lea should have a fresh coat of paint after last month's working party . It's nice and quiet now that the pumping station has gone, so no excuses.

Ring me on 01332 774 221 for a place.

There will also be an informal gathering at Heathy Lea on Sunday April 28th to mark the presentation of a photograph and plaque in memory of Nat Allen

They will be placed in a prominent position within the hut as a permanent reminder of the loyal service and friendship that Nat gave to others over many years.

Ruth will be present to carry out the unveiling ceremony so let's show our support by ensuring a good turn out. The proceedings will commence at 10.30 am followed by refreshments etc.

### ***May 1 (Wed) Wildcat Crags***

After a loosener at Harborough the previous week, the sun will shine, and the hard men will commence the summer's serious cragging. After navigating back from the pub in the lakes using the moon reflecting from Mike Wren's scalp, The prospect of benightment on Wildcat holds no fears for me.

### ***May 4-6 Baggy Point Rob tresidder***

As spring spreads into full blown summer, come and have a sunny time in Devon! Most of the climbing action over the weekend will be centred on Baggy Point, but for those in need of something more demanding, the Culm coast at Blackchurch is not far away. More subtly charming routes may be found in the Valley of the Rocks (R. D. Blackmore's "Doone Valley") near Linton. Those overcome with weltschmerz (or is it schadenfreude, or perhaps just plain homesickness) could climb on the gritstone wall near Combe Martin. The truly adventurous may prefer to tackle the 30000 feet of the Exmoor Sea Traverse. Non-climbing attractions include the incomparable surfing in Croyde Bay and on Woolacombe Sands, the cliff top walks of the

SW coast path and the literary cum wildlife Tarka Trail. 2.5 inch mapping bisects Baggy so Landranger Sheet 180 is the best bet Route descriptions in the CC North Devon and Cornwall guide (1988) or Pat Littlejohn's Southwest Climbs.

Camping will be at Bayview farm, Braunton Rd. Croyde (SS442387). The site is within walking distance of the crag. The farmer does not accept reservations. Charges are £5 for a car and tent + £2.50 per person, all charges per night. Let's ease the pressure on the environment and our pockets just a little and see into how just few cars we can squeeze this hugely popular meet. (note the Churchillian avoidance of the preposition as the last word of the sentence -Ed.) Offers of (and requests for) lifts and further information to/from me at the Brunswick of a Tuesday or ring me on 01629823126 (daytime/machine) or 01629823953 (evenings).

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### ***alpine meet ron chambers***

See particulars on separate sheet enclosed.

## **PAST EVENTS**

### ***fell race March 3***

It was rather a dismal wet day for this year's race-but what else could you be doing at this time of year anyway? In spite of the conditions sixteen members and friends turned up and all appeared to enjoy themselves.

The course was once again based on Heathy Lea, but the format was a score event with eight check points which could be visited in any order.. The most distant check points carried a higher score and bonus points we

POSITION	COMPETITOR	FINISH	SCORE	BONUS/ CLIMB	PENALTY	TOTAL
1	DAVID JONES	12 17	105	30		135
2	D.MC D'WELL	12 20	105	20		125
3	R. HUDSON	12 30	105	10		115
4	R.TRESIDDER	12 23	70	30		100
5	B.WEST	12 37	90	30	25	95
6=	M.GREGSON	12 25	80	10		90
6=	K GREGSON	12 25	80	10		90
8	R DEFAYE	12 22	70	20		90
9	T. RAPHAEL	12 30	90			90
10=	C.FULTON	12 32	75	10	2	83
10=	D H'PKINSON	12 32	75	10	2	83
12	M HOLLINS	12 24	60	10		70
13	C WILSON	12 38	75	30	35	70
14	R.H'PKINSON	12 30	50	10		60
15	RUSTY	12 29	40			40
16	FREDA RAPH'L	12 41	60	10	65	5

ere available by linking distant check points or by climbing routes at two of the check points. A time limit of one and a half hours was set with very severe penalties for over running the limit as three competitors found to their cost! Since the potential course stretched from Hob Hurst House to Calver Chimney, I did not

expect anyone to visit all the check points. Most people chose the northern sector but all the check points were visited by at least three people. Rusty and Richard chose to run the more distant southern sector and together with the adverse weighting of the handicapping system their result hardly reflected the running effort. Handicapping was done by assigning runners into one of three groups and since the final positions were fairly evenly spread across all three groups, this system seemed to work reasonably well.

Many thanks to the two marshalls-Dave McDowell and John Walters-who had to hang around in fairly miserable conditions and to everyone who turned up to run, at least they could keep warm. Finally congratulations to Dave Jones who won with 100% coverage of the northern sector finishing well inside the time limit.

See top of page 3 for results.

## HUT NEWS

### *Bookings Heathy Lea*

April 12-13 Vacant  
 April 19-20 Scunthorpe MCCottage  
 April 26-27 Oread  
 May 3-5 Vacant  
 May 10-11 Vacant  
 May 17-18 Loughton MC Cottage  
 May 24-25 Vacant  
 May 31-1 Vacant

### *Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa*

Easter Oread  
 April 12-13 Vacant  
 April 19-20 Work Party  
 April 26-27 Hucknall MC 16 Beds  
 May 4-5 Oread Bank Hol  
 May 10-11 G. Gadsby Whole Hut  
 May 17-18 Vacant  
 May 25-26 Oread Spring Bank  
 May 31-1 Vacant

## SHORT NOTICES

### *nat allen memorial*

Additionally to the Oread's own tribute to Nat, mentioned earlier, Ruth Allen has asked me to draw attention to the unveiling of the "Nat Al-

len Memorial Fireplace" at the Alex Macintyre Hut, Onich, (GR 044612) on the evening of Saturday 25th May (Spring Bank Holiday). Ruth hopes any Oreads in the area will drop in for the ceremony and for a chat.

***culture***

This and the Oread are not mutually exclusive!

Messrs. Pretty, Hayhurst and Hatchett are again putting on an art exhibition at the Guildhall, Derby, on 15-20 April '96, details from the protagonists.

***membership application***

Application for membership has been received from Tony Howard. Any member with views on Tony's suitability for membership is invited to make these known, in writing, to a committee member, before the first weekend in May.

***CHANGE OF ADDRESS***

Wendy Lawrence is back from the U.S. and now resides at 20 East Terrace, Milford, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 0RF

**BRAIN TEASER**

***solutions to march problem***

	<b><i>K</i></b>	<b><i>N</i></b>	<b><i>S</i></b>
Before	4	10	9
After	9	8	6

Correct solutions were received from Hereward Tresidder, Nick Evans and Rob Tresidder. Interestingly, Rob and Hereward used pure algebra, rather than logic to account for the fact that the problem was one of whole numbers. Nick gets the token because a) I probably owe him one, and b) he identified the protagonists despite my inconsistent lettering.

***this month's problem***

The skies were grey and Keith Gregson decided, at the edge of the wood by the hunting tower (270 690), to abandon the fell race,

when a dread thought struck him-Rock had the car keys. Scanning the moor ahead, he espied the contrasting tone of Rock's luxuriant thatch against the backcloth of the bare moorland. Rock was at 283683 heading 21degrees true at 7mph. Keith was at 270 690, and set off on a converging course at 8mph. After 9 mins, Rock playfully started to run directly away from Keith. How long in all did it take Keith to catch him. (his course at all times was optimum, as one would expect.)

**NEXT EDITION**

I hope to post this on ***Sat Apr 27th..*** It is essential that particulars of all events for this edition ***reach*** me by ***Friday Apr 19th.. and preferably earlier.***

***I look forward to hearing from Roger Larkham, Julia Stowell, Ron Chambers and Derrick Burgess.***

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