



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 1996

## *summary*

- Feb 3-4 Joint Meet with M.A.M.  
Feb 6 (Tues) Indoor meet.  
Feb 17-18 Scotland  
Feb 24-25 Little Langdale  
Feb 28 (Wed) Climbing wall (Nottingham)  
Mar 3 Fell Race

## *feb 3-4 Ogwen valley (glan dena) joint meet with M.A.M. j. ashcroft/R.*

### *Chambers*

Jack has asked me to take over the organising of this meet, as he is still suffering from "joggers ankle" (ought to know better at his age!) The weekend is based at the MAM hut "Glan Dena" GR 669 606 (opposite the north ridge of Tryfan, for those without a map!)

This old favourite has been resurrected by popular demand and needs little introduction from me, except to say that if conditions are good (and Jack assures me that they will be!) the Carneddau and Glyders offer the finest winter climbing areas in North Wales. Even Burgess (who doesn't get excited easily, ask Janet) showed a passing interest and promised to sharpen up his (or is it mine?) ice axe and eight pointers in anticipation.

Because this is a joint meet with MAM members you'll need to book early to avoid disappointment.

For beds, lifts etc. ring me on 01629 823797- Ron Chambers

### *rider to the glan dena meet*

Anyone want to walk to Glan Dena on the Friday Night?

I propose to travel via the coast road to Penmaenmawr and set out over the Carneddau at closing time to arrive at Glan Dena whenever. This could be an axe/crampons affair with a high chance of a bivouac. If interested, get in touch and we'll sort out some transport etc. 01332 880034 B. West.

## *Feb 6 (Tues) Indoor meet royal oak ockbrook*

The topic will be Rock Hudson on - Charmar - an attempt to climb a "Yaks Tail" on the Tibet - Nepal border. (All indoor meets start at 8pm.)

## *Feb 17-18 Scotland graham weston*

The Scottish winter is proving unpredictable as ever this year, and with this in mind, I am reluctant to decide on a final venue for the meet until nearer the time.

I would like to suggest that Creag Meagaidh would be a good choice but who can tell.

For more details 'phone 01332 573481 in the week before he meet. It will however be no further than is reasonable for a weekend! Accommodation may be of a basic nature also - i.e.. bring your own!

## *Feb 24-25 Little Langdale ron chambers*

Both huts have again been booked for this popular meet, so there are 28 beds available. The Fylde club hut is situated at G.R. 315030 and the address is 2 new houses (first left after the Three Shires Inn).

The Yorkshire Ramblers Hut "Low Hall Garth" is at G.R. 309029 and is best approached from the A593 Coniston to Ambleside road via Stang End. I recommend you don't try crossing the ford from Little Langdale as Graham Weston did one year, it took him months to dry out the interior of his car !

For lifts and beds ring me at my new abode 01773 520929 or see me at the Brunswick. I look forward to seeing a good turn out in the "Three Shires" on Friday night.

## *Feb 28 (Wed) Climbing wall (Nottingham)*

## *Mar 3 heathy lea Fell Race chris radcliffe*

The fell race will be based at Heathy Lea with start at 11.00 so you will need to be there at 10.30 to allow time to study the course and consider your options. The usual handicapping arrangements will apply so everyone will have a chance of winning.  
 Hope to see you all on the day.

## FUTURE EVENTS

### *easter wineaholics meet france richard hopkinson*

I nearly asked Rusty to reproduce last year's preliminary notice - Time for a change next year? Meets secretary please note?

I am going to France this Easter as usual. I'm not sure where to start the meet yet, the main thing to do at present are to book holidays, ferries and insurance.

I will fix a starting campsite, contingency meeting place and endeavour to put people without transport in touch with people with spare places. I will produce a "Briefing note" for people going, nearer the date. I'm intending to travel out on Wednesday 3rd. April, and return Saturday 13th. April.

A possible venue is "Buis le Barennes" I understand the wine is cheap and good and there is also a bit of climbing . I will confirm in next month's newsletter . In the meantime, if you're interested give me a ring or see me around.

### *climbing/trekking trip to east tien shan*

David Penlington would be interested to hear from anyone who might take part, in July/August '96, in the above trip to " the best mountains in the world, still unspoilt by man", at a cost of around £1200.

Dave will be out of the country in NZ. from the end of Jan to the end of March.

## HUT NEWS

### *Bookings Heathy Lea*

Mar 1/2 R. Tresidder Cottage  
 Mar 23/24 Work Party.

### ***Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa***

Feb 2/3 Brighton University 16 beds  
 Feb 9/10 Orpheus C.C. 16 beds  
 Feb 16/17 Scunthorpe M.C. 16 beds  
 Feb 23/24 Pam Storer 16 beds  
 Mar 1/2 Vibram M.C. 16 beds  
 Mar 8/9 Avon Outdoor 16 beds  
 Mar 15/16 B.P.M.C. 16 beds  
 Mar 22/23 Coventry M.C. 16 beds  
 Mar 29/30 Exiles M.C. 16 beds

Anyone owing hut fees is requested to send the outstanding amount to Colin Hobday without delay. ***Last month's request has been disregarded. Please do not make Colin's job unnecessarily difficult, or compel the committee to adopt more aggressive methods of collecting the fees due.***

## SHORT NOTICES

### *change of address*

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Tel 01773 520929

## BRAIN TEASER

*solutions to JANUARY problems*

***this month's problem***

"Most limestone in the Peak is very rotten and dangerous for climbing. To climbers with experience of loose and rotten rock it may post-graduate courses but it is treacherous and not to be recommended. The ascent should take place by moonlight, and in the worst possible conditions. The party should be large, composed of large men, and incompetent. Climb a short wall with difficulty to the foot of a large pinnacle. Up to the top of the pinnacle and make the celebrated stride across to a crack in the wall. The first section calls for strenuous effort, as an assortment of buttons, bootsoles, broken pipes and other domestic articles testifies. The best footing is higher up on the right side. In a place like this, where boots cannot gain a purchase on the sliding stones and polished rock other methods of locomotion may be usefully adopted" Identify from where in climbing literature the preceding extracts have been gleaned. (Some of the punctuation is mine.) (book token for the best answer).

**NEXT EDITION**

sorry, cat jumped on keyboard

I hope to post this on ***Sat Mar 2nd..*** It is essential that particulars of all events for this edition reach me by ***Friday Feb 23rd.. and preferably earlier***  
***I look forward to hearing from Colin Barnard, John Shreeve and the committee re A.G.M.***

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