



## newsletter for november 1996

### summary

Nov 3 Dovedale Dash  
Nov 5 (Tues) Indoor Meet  
Nov 16 (Sat) Annual Dinner  
Nov 27 Climbing Wall (Nottingham)  
Nov 30 - Dec 1 Tan yr Wyddfa  
Dec - Bullstones

### **Nov 3 Dovedale Dash**

If there is anyone who still doesn't know, this is a muddy cross country run. originally for climbers and cyclists, which is now patronised by about 2000 from all over the country. The course is basically between Thorpe and Ilam. The event is steeped in tradition, and there have been Oread victories in the past. If our strongest team is available, ie no clash of dates with the Karrimore Mountain Marathon, then we should give a good account of ourselves even against the near international class opposition expected. If you are not running seriously, the latter two thirds of the field treat it as a fun run and mud bath par excellence, with the fair sex represented, if indistinguishable. Start is normally, at 11 am., allow at least 1 hour for traffic delays.

### **Nov 5 (Tues) Indoor meet**

This month's indoor meet is entitled "The ascent of Huescaran" by Ian Lee-Bapty. So far as I am aware, indoor meets will continue to be at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook, starting at 8pm.

### **Nov 16 (Sat) Annual Dinner**

The menu and order form from Lisa are enclosed on a separate sheet. The Hotel has rooms available at a cost of £27.50 (single) or £22.50 (double) per person. The telephone number is 01332 824324 Lisa will be away for 2 weeks, but is taking messages on her answering machine.

### **Nov 30 - Dec 1 Tan yr Wyddfa brian west**

It has been said, and said finely, that it is better to travel hopefully than to arrive. This weekend, then let us travel hopefully.

I hope for good company; good mountaineering and good ale.

I hope also that someone will let me in, because I can't find my hut key.

### **December 7- 8 Bullstones michael hayes**

The glorious December weather of last year has again perswaded (too good to correct-Ed!) me to base this year's weekend around the Lower Small Clough Cabins on Bleaklow. Saturday will probably be spent walking over Bleaklow Head and then down to Grinah Stones to spend the night at the cabins GR 145 957. Judging from past experience Sunday will probably be spent nursing a hangover and getting back to the car before the blisters get too big !

Friday night at Oyster Clough has been suggested so please let me know if you are interested.

Contact me in the Smithfield on Tuesdays or on 01 159 490026 for more details.

## short notices

An application for membership of the Oread has been received from Gillian Heys. Will any member having views on her suitability for membership please supply these in writing to the secretary, or to a committee member before the end of November, to enable this matter to be discussed at the December committee meeting.

Will those members having B.M.C. membership through their Oread subscriptions please let the secretary know whether they wish to receive the B.M.C.'s quarterly magazine "Summit".

### **changes of address**

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**indoor Meets programme**

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## HUT NEWS

**bookings Heathy Lea**

Nov 1/2		Vacant
Nov 9	K Bryan	Cottage
Nov 15		Vacant
Nov 22		Vacant
Nov 30		Vacant
Dec 6/7	B Strike	Cottage/Barn
Dec 13		Vacant
Christmas/New Year		Vacant

**Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa**

Nov 1/2	Avon Outdoor Club	16 beds
Nov 8/9	TCC	16 beds
Nov 15/16	Buxton MC	16 beds
Nov 22/23	Myndd	12 beds
Nov 29/30	Oread Meet	
Dec 6/7	Capel Montis MC	16 beds
Dec 13/14	Loughton MC	16 beds
Dec 13/14	Oread Room	4 beds
Christmas	R Handley	4 beds
New year		Vacant

Chuck Hooley asks that if anyone has any unwanted saucepans or cooking equipment in good condition they might consider donating these for hut use. Such articles may be given to any sub-committee member

**It would appear that some members are unable to find the cash box at Heathy Lea. It**

**is situated on the book shelf in the lounge behind the books!**

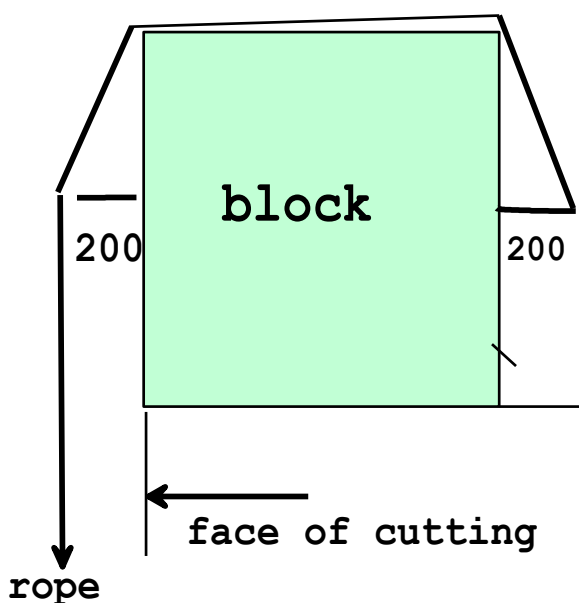
**Will any member who has enjoyed the comfort of the Huts over the summer months and has not paid their hut fees please forward them to Colin Hobday ASAP (He might set Uschi on you!)**

## brain teaser

**last month's problem**

The solution was Hooley led the route using Cassin gear, Ashcroft had Rock gear and took the train, Hudson had Stubai gear and bought the drinks and Larkam , with ex-WD death equipment wrote the description. (This behaviour is so unlike that of anyone known to us that it will be clear that characters are fictitious and no reference is intended to any living person, a fact recognised by Rob Tresidder in arriving at his solution.) Humorous letters with solutions were received (in chronological order) Mike Moore, Rob Tresidder, Hereward Tresidder and the real Ashcrofts (Janet as well as Jack). Mike, who replied with great alacrity, gets the prize.

**this month's problem**



The Peak Park Authorities, keen to encourage adventure and outdoor recreation, provided a belay point at the top of a vertical rock cutting on the Monsal Trail, for abseil training. This consisted of a rectangular block of sandstone 500mm by 500 mm by 500mm. (density of sandstone 2400 kilograms per cubic metre). An expansion bolt was fixed into the back of the block, with an eye to receive a karabiner. Unfortunately this was left projecting 200 mm from the back of the block. (See sketch.). Tests showed that because of friction between the rope and the top of the block, only 70% of the tension in the rope was actually applied to the end of the expansion bolt. What weight could the block support without tilting and overturning? (A bracket was provided to make the rope hang out 200mm from the rock face.)

***a final thought***

Running the spell check through the text of a recent edition, I was greeted with the screen message "Radcliffe - no alternative found." We do not all subscribe to faceless electronic wisdom, but surely on this occasion the processor was devastatingly correct.

**next edition**

I hope to post this on ***Friday 29 November*** it is essential that particulars of all events for this edition reach me by ***Friday 22 November and preferably earlier.***

***I look forward to hearing from Mike Wren***

**Please remember to consider the postal strikes and allow a margin of time.**

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<i>indoor meets programme</i>		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
<b>5 Nov 1996</b>		<b>Ascent of Huescaran</b>
	<b>Ian Lee-Bapty</b>	
<b>3 Dec 1996</b>		<b>The John Muir Trail</b>
	<b>Bill Kenyon</b>	
<b>7 Jan 1997</b>		<b>to be confirmed</b>
<b>4 Feb 1997</b>		<b>Tien Shan revisited</b>

