



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 1996

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

- Oct 1 (Tues) Indoor meet
- Oct 11 - 13 Swanage
- Oct 20 Autumn Amble
- Nov 3 (Sun) Dovedale Dash
- Nov 5 (Tues) Indoor Meet

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This month's indoor meet is "Aconcagua" by Richard Coghlan

11 - 13 Swanage Chris Radcliffe

This year we will be camping at TOM'S FIELD, Langton Matravers. (Either turn right off the A351 on the outskirts of Swanage onto the B 3067 or approach from the opposite direction via a minor road from Corfe Castle). This campsite will not be crowded at this time of year, has good facilities and is within walking distance of the pub - The King's Head - which I hope to reach before closing time on Friday night.

The campsite is about 20 minutes walk from Guillemot Ledges (intermediate trad. routes) and Dancing Ledges (many accessible sport routes - sheltered and dry in the rain - worst case scenario). I also expect to make the trip to Portland on Saturday where there are vast numbers of sport routes, many of reasonable grade. Boulder Ruckle is an hours walk from the camp site along the high level coastal path - worth doing anyway.

For anyone who doesn't want to climb, there are miles of delightful coastal walking, mountain biking and numerous tourist attractions including Studland Beaches, Brownsea Island (NT), Lulworth Heritage Centre, Corfe Castle etc.

The definitive guide was published by the CC in 1995 (Nigel Coe). There is also Pete Oxley's Rockfax 05 (1994) and Pat Littlejohn's South West Climbs (1991).

The weather is typically mellow at this time of year and ideal for climbing. Why not join me at this varied and extensive climbing venue set in an atmospheric and picturesque part of the country? For any further information contact me at home on 01246/569134.

Oct 20 Autumn Amble George Reynolds

The Autumn Amble will take in four villages and one pub. Meet at Wetton Mill car park ref. 095 651 at 10.15 am for a 10.30 start (I hope!) Meander (as on the golden oldies) down the Manifold to the footpath opposite Thor's Cave; climb out of the valley via Ladyside Wood to Grindon, across the fields to Ford and then on to Oncote, where refreshment will be taken at the Jarvis Arms (subject that we are not too late).

Continue meandering to Butterton, via Twist Green, and alongside Hoo Brook to the cars.

Oct 30 Climbing Wall (Foundry)

Climbing wall freaks should note the onset of the indoor climbing season, and keep this date free.

Nov 3 (Sun) Dovedale Dash

If there is anyone who still doesn't know, this is a muddy cross country run, originally light hearted for climbers and cyclists, which is now patronised by about 200 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 11 am., allow at least 1 hour for traffic delays.

FUTURE EVENTS

Indoor Meets Program

The following indoor meets have so far been arranged

Nov 5 Ian Lee - Bapty Huescan (Peru)

Dec Bill Kenyon John Muir Trail

So far as I am aware, all indoor meets will continue to be at the Royal Oak at Ockbrook, and start at 8pm. but this should be confirmed with Steve Bashforth.

SHORT NOTICES

For Sale

1. Gortex overtrousers - medium size (Berghaus, Blue, full length zip), virtually new. £60 o.n.o.

2. Scarpa Alp mountain boot size 45 (10 ish) - take step in crampon. Worn once. £135 new (will accept £90).

3. Walsh Raid running shoes - size 6 multi - terrain running shoe etc. Worn very little £30 o.n.o.

All genuine reasons for sale

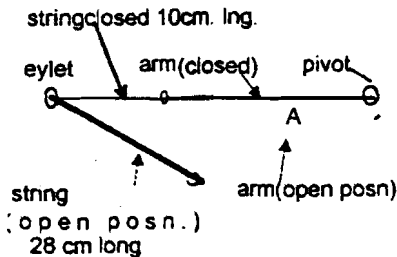
Contact Dawn and Richard Hopkinson 01629 823392

Nearly new - 'Robust' Gortex walking boots - size 39/40 Very comfortable £60 - if interested contact Dawn Hopkinson 01629 - 823392 (What a pity the last sentence referred only to the purchase of the boots - Ed.)

BRAIN TEASER

Last Month's Problem

By cosine rule, angle turned through given by $\cos(A) = \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$ hence $A = 64.5 \text{ deg.}$



Motor turns through 97deg with 8 teeth therefore spindle has $8 \times 97/64.5$ or 12 teeth

An immaculate solution was received from Digger himself. I first met Digger, with Peter Janes at Black Rocks when I was still a schoolboy. His performance on the rocks was modest, but his dissertation on the liquids available locally for refreshment afterwards was a Tour de Force. Over the many intervening years he has been part of the landscape for me, and I am delighted to send him a book token.

This Month's Problem

Four mythical characters named Hudson, Hooley, Ashcroft and Larkam discovered a superb new route on Clogwyn Dur Arddu.

Each had a different make of equipment. One was too idle to walk up to Cloggy and took the train, one led the route, one bought the celebratory drinks afterwards, and one wrote a description for the newsletter. Hudson had Stubai equipment, they were not in reverse alphabetical order on the rope, neither the man with Cassin gear nor the man with Rock gear bought the drinks. Hooley had neither ex WD nor Rock equipment, and walked to the crag. The man with the ex W.D. karabiners wrote the article, this was not Ashcroft. What part did each play, and what type of equipment did each have?

(Rob Tresidder is currently studying the output from an optical character recognition device into which I inserted the paper upside down. I changed my mind about using this for a problem - Sorry, Rob)

HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy Lea

Oct 4/5	Northumberland MC	Cottage
Oct 11/12	Vacant	
Oct 18/19	Vacant	
Oct 11/12	Vacant	
Oct 25/26	Croydon MC	Cottage

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddf

Oct 4/5 Kinder MRT 16 beds
Oct 11/12 South Cheshire MC 16 beds
Oct 25/26 S. Bashforth 10 beds?

Fred's Column

Fred overcame his hot weather sloth and recently logged the first ascent (by a Yorkshire terrier) of Ben Buie in the Inner Hebrides

7Pm Nov. 16 (Sat) Annual Dinner

Following last year's success the dinner has again been booked at the Mackworth Hotel, Derby. This year's guest speaker will be Geoff Milburn. Geoff is a member of the B.M.C. guidebook committee. Unfortunately at the time of going to press a menu is unavailable. However the cost is fixed and will be £15, the same as last year. For this you will get a starter, main course with vegetarian option and a dessert, coffee and mints.

The meal and speeches will take place in the marquee. Those who came last year will be able to confirm that it's a warm and spacious tent!! The bar in the marquee will be open before the meal and will remain after the meal, allowing those who want to chat to stay and do so. I have asked that this bar has some real ale (pedigree probably), something which was missing last year. In the main hotel building after the meal there will be a disco for those who want to dance. To book your places please send me your money, indicating if you want meat or vegetarian main course, and giving details of who you want to sit near.

Next month's menu should have the menu, but please don't leave booking until then. The closing date for booking is Sat 9th. November.
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PAST EVENTS

Pembroke 96, The Aftermath

The Doings

Most arrived on the Friday evening, having thrashed through the wind and rain to find a relatively dry campsite. Tony and Barbara arrived by accident! Tony having been on auto-pilot heading for Manorbier when some sort of interference caused a malfunction in the guidance system, just as well since we had their tent! Graham Weston plus ladies' team camped in their own field! due to Graham being unable to find us? (tired I guess!!) The mass of the Oread having arrived, the weather behaved itself and remained excellent for the bank holiday.

Lots of climbing, walking, cycling, swimming and other physical activities were enjoyed. Coghlan arranged an early bath for Rock, well they did sleep in the same tent! In fact Rock was so taken with the sea that he demonstrated a novel shower technique of funneling a well timed breaker straight up his plus-fours and out of his neck. The ensuing oath keeps cropping up in Michael's vocabulary, I'm waiting the summons to school when they get round to "What we did during the holidays". Gil, Gail and Radders in various combinations climbed most routes in the area and various other teams added to the total. It was good to see Graham with his "ladies all star team" getting in amongst the routes too.

The meet wasn't without its cultural activities either. Most evenings saw some sort of gathering/s, either in the Carnell Ocean Lounge, the Foster Casino, or the Gregson off-license. At one such occurrence Radders gave his 'State of the Nation Speech' in which he explained the British temperament to be the

result of a succession of invasions by the Gauls, the Vikings, and women!

Another unusual activity was to take drinking chocolate in the early hours whilst watching the badgers ravage the Smedley kitchen, Barbara was especially keen that Tony become closely acquainted with Brock. Tony's hearing aid comes in very useful sometimes!

We never did get to the rugby club, in fact very few visits were made to the pub. This I think is a measure of the company (and the full pubs). It was a cracking good meet, thanks to all who came, and if I missed your name - sorry!

The Doers

Patti & Derek, Les, Graham & Margaret & Pat, Rock, Richard Coglan, Pete & Mo (IM & Er). John & Jenny, Tony & Barbara, Ron & Ruth, Tony & Freda. Dave & Jenny & Chloe, Gil & Gail & Jo, Chris, Jane
Rob, Richard Freestone, Graham Weston + Wendy, Jill & Sally, Dennis & Renata & Colin, Claude & Betty, Keith & Eileen & Emma & Michael

Keith Gregson.

7 Sept. Tan-Yr-Wyddfa.

As promised the weather was dry, warm and calm with some cloud on Saturday but clear blue sky on Sunday.

The Glyders and various 'circs" involving ascents of Yr Wyddfa, Yr Aran, Y Lliwedd, Foel Goch and Moel Eflio were undertaken on Saturday while Messrs Bennet (Snr and Jnr) accomplished various routes on Tryfan.

On Sunday Graham Weston took part in the Snowdon Marathon at Plas y Brenin involving canoeing round Llynnau Mymbyr twice, mountain biking and finally running up Moel Siabod!

(He obviously took my note in last month's newsletter seriously !!) The mere mortals however concentrated on Nantle while the Bennet Team, aided and abetted by Richard Coughlan

returned to Idwal

Many thanks to everyone who came along to make it a very enjoyable week-end

Stuart Haywood

NEXT EDITION

Despite continued pleas, some copy for this edition arrived not last weekend, but mon. or later, which means I do not see it until Thursday, thereby delaying the newsletter 5 days. I therefore rushed and made mistakes, which you may discover. Last month there was comment about the newsletter being late, and I was told my meets were useless, which all in all makes me wonder why I spend 180 hours per year organising things for the Oread. (This would attract honorary membership if spent on the huts). However, I like doing this job, and would prefer to continue unless you can find someone who is unaffected by postal strikes and bank holidays, but I must again ask that all material for publication reaches me, generally by the third Friday in the month but,

next month, **25 October.**

I have some material from the secretary reporting on a meeting on Tues 20 Sep. (does this date exist?), but it is simply too late to put it in this month.

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