



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 1996

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

Sep 4 Willersley
Sep 7-8 Tan yr Wyddfa
Sep 14-15 BARMY Competition
Sep 21-22 Stair
Oct 1 (Tues) Indoor meet

Sep 7-8 Tan Yr Wyddfa Stuart Haywood

As a relatively new member of the Oread I feel there is very little I can add to the plethora of information about the hut's possible attractions in late summer.

However following our recent disastrous experience with the weather in Austria's Stubital, statistically speaking at least, our luck has to improve.

Consequently, I can positively guarantee you perfect climbing/walking/drinking/mountain biking weather. Additionally as this is my first official meet compulsory enjoyment will be the order of the day.

Consequently I feel it only fair to warn you that beds will be allocated strictly on a "first come first served" basis. Therefore please give me a ring on 01332 834449 and remember to book early to avoid disappointment.

Saturday September 14.

Best All Round Mountaineer Of The Year Competition Keith Gregson

The object of the competition is to have a good mountaineering day in the hills. The competition is open to all members of the Oread and is a team event for teams of 2 or more. The event will be based upon Heathy Lea and will consist mainly of an evening's discussion in the Robin Hood. However in order to qualify for this you will be expected to have completed a hard day on the edges. The winning team will of course be that which collects the most points.

Each team should sign in at Heathy Lee any time after 9 am on Saturday and will be

expected to keep a record of their exploits throughout the day. The finishing time will be 7 pm at the Robin Hood and you will be expected to hand in a copy of your record at that time. If you're there early of course you will receive 10 points - see below! You may then take part in the major event at the Robin Hood.

The scoring system is as follows:

Points

- You gain one point for each climb completed, irrespective of the grade, plus the number of *stars* associated with that route in the guide book. All routes must be completed by all members of the team using ropes and belays and the climb must be described in a published guide book. A maximum of 10 routes per crag to count.
- Each crag on which you complete a route will contribute 10 points.
- You will gain 20 points for each trig point visited.
- In order to ensure that sustenance is taken each team will gain 10 points for each country inn (ie. pubs in Baslow and Hathersage don't count) that you visit.

Penalties

- The use of any form of wheeled transport is forbidden.
- The mountaineering day will end at 7 pm. You will lose one point for each minute that the last member of your team exceeds this time limit.

Scoring will be left largely to the integrity of the individuals, the winners can expect no other prize than an excellent day on the Derbyshire Hills (Acknowledging the virtues of Derbyshire must come difficult for a

Yorkshireman - maybe he has looked at the cricket championship table, too! Ed)

Sep 21-22 Stair Tony Raphael/Richard Coghlan

The opportunity to sample the delights of the Newlands valley area with ample access to the North Lakeland Peaks. All this from the comfort of the Fylde MC Hut (ref NY 237210) To reach the hut leave the M6 at junction 40 and follow the A66 west, by passing Keswick. Take the turning to Portinscale and keep going, past the Swinside Inn (or not!), to Stair. Take the left fork to "Little Town" and the hut is about 100 yards on the left. The weather will of course be perfect!

Although I am down to lead this meet it is most likely that I will be abroad that weekend but Richard Coghlan has kindly agreed to step in. He will be in the Swinside on Friday evening. Please contact Richard (01332 753807) to book a place and arrange lifts or see Richard or myself on a Tuesday evening.

Oct 1 (Tues) Indoor Meet

As yet, I have received no particulars of this, or the remainder of the indoor meets programme. Hopefully these will be available for the October Newsletter, in the meantime, keep this date free in your diaries.

PAST EVENTS

Golden Oldies Ernie Phillips

Fine weather blessed the meet this year. The hard men climbed in the Moelwyns. The walkers meandered from Rhydd Ddu to Black Rock Sands via Cwm Pennant. As a consequence they were 1 1/2 hours late for dinner at the pub. The landlord was not pleased. The "C" team wandered down the banks of afon Glaslyn. I drank the demi-john of wine that Charlie Cullum brought for the

Gluhwein making-but not all at once! I think that everyone had a good time (see also back page)

BRAIN TEASER

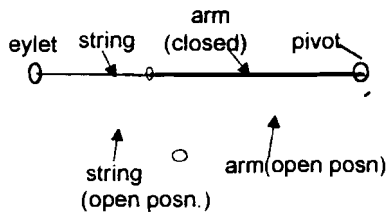
Last Month's Problem

The great rock climber referred to was correctly identified by, Rob Tresidder, as Colin Kirkus, and the 190 ft. route as Birthday Crack, on June 19 1932. Rob also correctly identified the second as M. Linnell. However, the subsequent lead by Linnell which I had in mind was that of Narrow Slab on August 18 1933, 425 days later. Rob put forward the suggestion that Linnell's feat in soloing the first pitch of Curving Crack, before handing over the lead to Kirkus should count. A debatable point, but a point which allowed me to avoid the expense of a book token!

This Month's Problem

The grateful board of Rolls Royce Associates donated to Digger Williams surplus mechanical and electronic material to enable him to construct an automatic pet management system, so that his cat would be cared for whilst he went to the Alps.

The food access curtain, time clock actuated, was operated by a vertical cord which then passed through an eyelet and ran horizontally to a radius arm. The arm was 20 cm. long and its pivot was 30 cm. from the eyelet. The flap needed to be raised 18 cm. and the electric motor which rotated the pivot turned 97



degrees and had eight gear teeth on its spindle. How many gear teeth should Digger fix on the pivot arm?
 Book token for first correct answer opened before Oct 1st.) Hint - use "lettuce" rule.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy Lea

Sep 6/7	Leicester MC	Cottage
Sep 13/14	Oread Meet	
Sep 20/21	Vacant	
Sep 28	P. Storer	Barn
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 Wyddfa

Aug 30/31	Vacant	
Sep 6/7	Oread meet	
Sep 13/14	Alysbury MC	16 beds
Sep 20/21	Loose Chippings	16 beds
Sep 27/28	G. Gadsby	Whole Hut
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 epitomises the latter day Oread in lack of achievement. Handicapped by his 2 inch inside leg, he found his first ascent of a Mod on Baslow edge somewhat difficult, and so



decided to spend the hot period of the summer sheltering in the shade of a rhubarb leaf.

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Friday Sep 27th* it is essential that particulars of all events for this edition reach me by *Friday Sep 20th. and preferably earlier.*

I look forward to hearing from Chris Radcliffe and George Reynolds. Please remember to consider the postal strikes and allow a margin of time.

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GOLDEN OLDIES 1989

From the fairest creatures we desire increase, that thereby beauty's rose may never die. (Shakespeare, Poems)