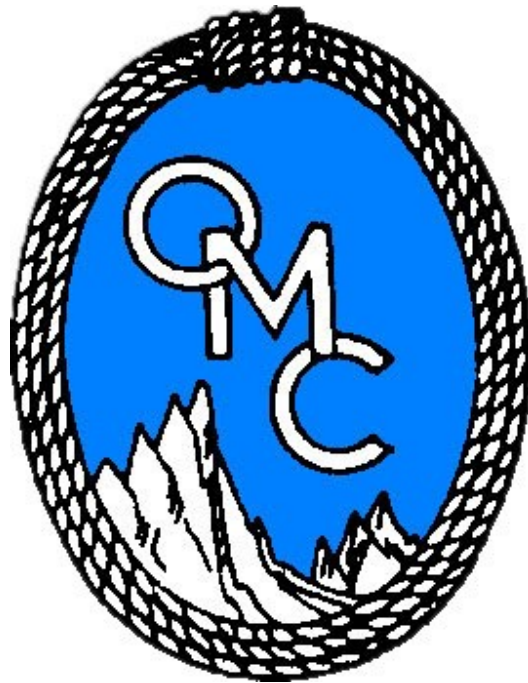


Oread Mountaineering Club



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OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 1997

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Jan 22	Climbing wall (Foundry)
Jan 18/19	President's Meet
Jan 25/26	Tan yr Wyddfa
Feb 4 (Wed)	Indoor Meet

I do not normally receive particulars about individual midweek climbing meets, indoor or outdoor, but you will see on the 1997 meets list enclosed with this circular that a pub venue has been specified to enable everyone to meet up afterwards. (Meets list typed by S. Bashforth)

Jan 1 1997 The George (Alstonfield)

C Russell

This is another attempt at a permutation of the many scenic paths leading indirectly to our regular New Year's Day venue. Meet at Tissington car park 178 520 in time to move off at 10 30 am. We shall cross A515 and Gag Lane, stroll up the East bank of the Dove and approach Alstonfield via Bostern Grange, Nabs Dale, Hall Dale and Stanhope. A suitable return for those unsteady in the head and dim of vision would be via Coldeaton Bridge, Iron Torrs and Tissington Trail
(Repeat from Dec Edition I hope you see this before Jan 1 - Ed.)

Jan 7 Indoor Meet Royal Oak Ockbrook

The title of the January talk will be Images of Antarctica by Duncan Hornby

Jan 18-19 Presidents Meet Brian West

This meet is built around a late Sat night at Heathy Lea. Feel free to make your own plans as circumstances allow, but please come along and join in if you can. See me for any details required.

Starting 10 30 am from Cronford Market Place (bus arrives 10 25) I intend to walk to

Heathy Lea. with a lunch time stop, length optional at the George, Youlgreave.

Cars can easily be dispensed with: Trans Peak service R1 plies the A6 regularly throughout the weekend, ensuring a return on Sunday for the infirm and the intoxicated.

Jan 25/26 Tan Yr Wyddfa Rock Hudson

The winter season might well be established in North Wales by this weekend - I hope so. Winter routes, winter ridge walking or if by any chance the white stuff is missing, walks and scrambles among the well remembered hills.

If you have not sampled the up-market accommodation of your hut in recent months, why not come along and do so. For booking and transport arrangements ring 0115 9333031 or see me at the Smithfield.

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PAST EVENTS

Both Bullstones and the Black Rocks evening meet showed that the off season should not and need not prevent us from enjoying our walking and climbing. I only attended half of the Bullstones meet personally, but conditions on Bleaklow were superb, just cold enough to crisp up the going underfoot, and remove the water vapour from the atmosphere to the delight of the photographers. The evening repartee suffered through my presence, and conditions in the lower cabin, inhabited by two worthy citizens in normal life, attained a level of squalor which strained credibility. The meet leader and others bivvied out on the moor, and revelled in their expensive Goretex gear. Although I attended Black Rocks myself and stumbled to the top by an easy route, I was unable to identify the many pinpricks of light struggling and grunting in the vicinity because

a) my head torch battery was knackered, and
b) Afterwards in the pub I was not too sure who was there anyway. Everyone seemed to have a good time though.

SHORT NOTICE

Changes Of Address

John and Denise Theobald Chemin Michenant, Le Garboud, 38690 Benevais, France (Tel 010 33 76555018) (Slight amendment to last month's address notification)

Chris Bryan, 8 Marlborough Rd, Long Eaton. Tel 0115 9731765 (home), 0976658515 (mobile)

Bolivia 1998

In July/August 1998 John Green is hoping to organise a small expedition to La Paz with a view to climbing some relatively easy peaks in the Cordillera Real. He is expecting the number of members to be in the region of six to eight, and already has four. Bolivia seems to have the best reputation for tourist safety and cars in South America at the moment, hence John's decision to visit!

The most probable ascents would be of Illimani, Huayna Potosi, Ancohuma, Illampu and Condoriri.

If any members of the club would like to join the trip please let John know before July/August this year, he should have a good idea of costs by then!

Membership

Gillian Heys has been admitted to full membership of the Oread at the November committee meeting.

Club Offices

It is likely that the Treasurer and Indoor Meets Organiser will stand down at the AGM in March, and both would be relieved to hear of safe hands into which they can pass their jobs. Please consider helping to run your club.

Cuillins

A planning application has been received for MFH Helicopters to charter helicopter flights over the Cuillin Ridge from Portree. If you feel a sense of outrage that this would be despoliation of a unique area then write to The Local Planning Office, Highland Council, King's House, the Green, Portree SKYE IV51 9BT. You do have a democratic right to support the application too, should you wish, and also to seek a safer place to live!

Snowdonia National Park Society

Colin Barnard writes "In order to enable it to maintain its activities in looking after the landscape and environment of Snowdonia on our behalf. The Snowdonia National Park Society has started a major recruitment campaign.

The SNPS's work is tremendously important to us as club members, in keeping a watching brief on all threats to the environment of the park, including for instance our very own WHLR. Did you know for instance that SNPS volunteers sift through planning applications that could have a bearing on the environment of the park? Some momentous victories have been scored - the Rhosydd opencast proposal, the Padog bends on the A5 - but many new and ongoing threats remain eg in the Lledr valley

Club members who wish to see preserved the character of the Park may wish to think about joining as individuals or family groups, and thereby not only support the work but gain an opportunity to influence the thinking of one of the major opinion formers in matters connected with the park.

And if that's not enough Joe Brown, Cotswold Camping and many other traders give discounts to SNPS members.

Individual subscriptions are £10 pa, Family membership £15. Interested? Write to:- s Snowdonia National Park Society, Ty Hyll, Capel Curig, Bettws y Coed, Gwynedd LL24 0DS or 'phone 01690 720287/Fax 01690 720247

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Jan 10-11	Vacant
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Feb 7-8	Vacant
Feb 14-15	Vacant
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Feb 7-8	Vacant

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Colin Hobday will be away from Dec 29 until Jan 6, and so any hut bookings between these dates should be arranged with Chuck Hooley.

BRAIN TEASER

Consider the crossword type grid on page 4. All un-numbered squares are blank, all clues are the surnames of Oread members. Each figure corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. To start you off, 11 is U, 14 is Y.

Book token for the first correct, completed grid received before the closing date for the February newsletter. (NB the left hand column is two separate words, ie two different people.)

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Friday January 31*
It is essential that all material reaches me by Friday January 23 and preferably earlier. I look forward to hearing from Peter Janes, Ron Chambers, David Jones and Nick Evans.

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March 1/2	Tan yr Wyddfa
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S. Bashforth has kindly agreed to re-type the meets list for Ron, and remove the typing errors in the edition which you received in Jan. The correct edition (on coloured paper) is now enclosed.

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The walk commences at the upper car park in the Goyt Valley (reference 024752 on the 1:2500 White Peak map) The car park is on Goyt Lane which runs from the highest point on the Buxton - Whaley Bridge road, into the Goyt Valley. Should this car park be full there are 2 more adjacent to the Errwood Reservoir Head and the intention is to collect at the western end of head road for a prompt 10.30am start.

The route takes in the Western Bank of the reservoir, crossing the main road at Fernilee and thence by foot and bridle path to Combs Village. Refreshment will be taken in the "Beehive" The return is via Combs Moss and Whitehall.

Should we be blessed with a significant covering of snow why not ring the meet leader on 01332 700348 to discover his next move and avoid any disappointment!

Feb 16 Fell Race Dave Jones

This year's Fell Race is soon enough after the festive season to be regarded as a "burn off

the over-indulgence" event as well as being the traditional start to the more energetic part of the Oread New Year. For all the previous good reasons, the race will start at Heathy Lea, at 11 am to be precise.

This year's race will have a bit of a "treasure hunt" theme, so runners are recommended to bring a small "bum bag" or similar to carry little goodies around in.

As usual, there will be a handicapping system in an attempt to give everyone a chance of winning. I intend the handicaps to be less extreme than in some previous years, to allow even the fast people some chance.

See you there!

Feb 22/23 Ogwen Valley (Glan Dena) Joint Meet With M A M Ron Chambers

Because last year's meet was so successful and conditions so excellent, I've decided to give it "another go".

(For those of you on a first time visit to Glan Dena it is an excellent hut situated at GR 669 606 (opposite the North ridge of Tryfan!!) in the Ogwen Valley. If last year's conditions can be repeated there is endless scope for winter climbing/walking on the Carneddau and Glyders.

I will be taking bookings etc. up to 7th Feb, after that I will be in Scotland for 2 weeks so bookings should then be directed to Roy Eyre. (Telephone see below)

As this is a joint meet with the M A M I suggest you book early to avoid disappointment I look forward to seeing you in the Bryn Tyrch in Capel on Friday evening. Bookings - Ron Chambers 01298 25835 up to 7th Feb. Roy Eyre 01623 794622 after 7th Feb.

March 1/2 Tan Yr Wyddfa Nick Evans

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The event will start at 7.45pm and the organisers request that you are prompt.

FUTURE EVENTS

Alpine Meet 26 July-10 August Gran Paradiso Italy

Lying just south of the main Alpine chain, the Gran Paradiso National Park offers an area of outstanding natural beauty that is still comparatively under developed.

We plan to base our holiday around the campsite at Pont in the Valsavarenche, the highest campsite in Italy at 2000M. Situated at the road head and surrounded by green meadows it offers an ideal base for exploring the national park.

As far as mountaineering is concerned there is a large choice with la Grivloa, la Trasenta, the Gran Paradiso (supposedly the easiest 4000M peak in the Alps) and the ice routes of the Ciaforon to name but a few. With both Mt. Blanc and the Matterhorn within 1.5 hours drive from the campsite the possibilities are limitless!

I will be publishing more details as we get nearer the date but hope this wets your appetite and gives you enough time to book your holidays.

If you would like more information you can contact me in the Smithfield on Tuesday evenings or telephone 0115 9490026.

Michael Hayes.

PAST EVENTS

Jan 1 1997 The George (Alstonfield)

Although the snow on the roads deterred people from bringing cars into the Peak District, conditions were in fact reasonable for travelling, and beautiful for walking, so those who stayed at home missed out. I walked from home to Tissington myself, and so did not have to worry about road conditions, but wondered whether anyone would in fact be at the starting point when I arrived, and so I was

pleased to see Keith Gregson and Rock, and then George and Janet Reynolds arrive. On the way, we met Digger at Viators bridge, scanning the landscape for Oreads, and he walked the rest of the way to Alstonfield with us. Unusually for the George at a popular time, we were able to get straight to the bar, where we found a number of other Oreads who had come over from Alsop, including Harry and Molly Petty, Dave and Pam Weston, Hank, Brian and Liz West, Denis Davies and others. It was good to see Pam out again and looking much better after a recent painful hip problem.

George had taken his time walking across the snow drifts, making a play with his camera in the superb conditions, and we discovered what he had been saving his energies for when he launched himself very enthusiastically into wishing the President's wife a happy new year!

SHORT NOTICES

Annual General Meeting

This will take place at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook on 22 March 1997. More details will appear later. In accordance with Rule 17 any member wishing to propose a change of rule should submit the proposal to the secretary, in writing, no less than 28 days before the AGM ie by 22 February 1997

Changes Of Address

Don Chapman, High Ground, Hob Lane, Kirk Ireton, Derbyshire DE6 3LG

Jill Westrick, 7 Mereside Gardens, Whaley Bridge, High Peak, Derbyshire SK23 7SB

Subscriptions

A brief reminder for those who have not yet paid their 1997 subscriptions - Rates are as follows:

Ordinary Members	£16.00
Family Membership	£24.00
Prospective Membership	£8.00

Please note that it is now too late to obtain BMC membership. Cheques should be made payable to Oread MC and sent to Richard

Coghlan, 4 Peterlee Place, Alvaston, Derby DE24 0DN

Sports Hall, Wirksworth

On the back page is a programme of fund raising events for the above, which I have received from Rob Tresidder. The hall, when completed, will incorporate a regional standard climbing wall, and, as you will see, distinguished Oreads past and present are involved.

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Feb 9/12		3 Beds
Feb 10/12	Coventry MC	5 Beds
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Feb 19/21	P Craddock	4 Beds Oread Room
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Please note - the farmer adjacent to Tan yr Wyddfa has real difficulty getting into the fields leading up towards Snowdon, with his trailer when cars are parked near the gate, please keep the area marked "no parking" on the hut leaflet (see overleaf), clear.

BRAIN TEASER

Last month was a ladies field day. The first post brought answers from Pam Weston, Barbara Smedley and Anne Squires, of which Pam's was the first to be opened, and so she will get the book token. Later, solutions were received from Mike Moore, Robin Beadle and, by phone, Chuck Hooley and Ernie Phillips.

(See back page for solution) I do not appear to have space for a light hearted problem this month - more to follow later.

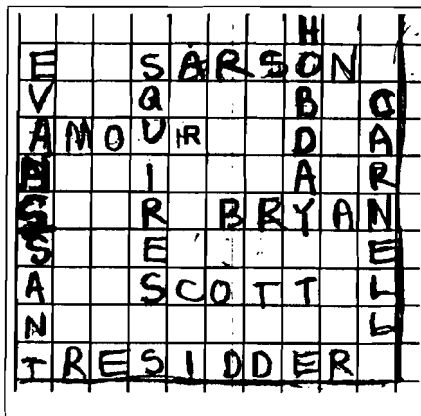
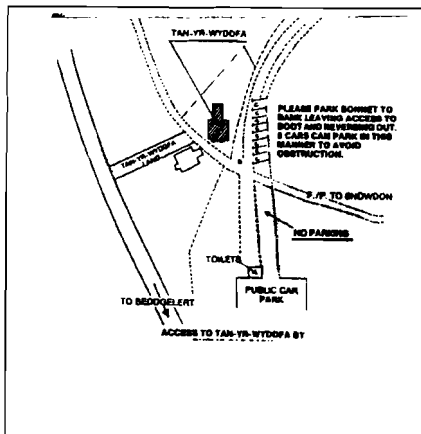
WINTER SLIDE/LECTURE SERIES PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 1997

- SUNDAY 2nd February **Pete Holden (Nomadic life in the Uzbekistan)**
Rob Tresidder (Climbing the North wall of the Eiger)
- SUNDAY 2nd March **Doug Scott (World famous mountaineer, stops off in**
Wirksworth as part of his National tour - 7 Summits)
- SUNDAY 23rd March **Dave Webb (Underground experience, caving around the globe)**
- SUNDAY 13th April **Chris Radcliffe (Climbing in the Bad Lands of Wyoming)**
Pete Scott (Four local climbers in the Himalaya)
- SUNDAY 10 th May **Ollie Penrice (By bike along the Avenue of the Volcanoes in Ecuador)**
Ian Birkenshaw (World of Mountains)

The ticket price for each event is £5:00 and they will take place in Wirksworth Town hall at 7:30pm , bar opens at 7:00pm. The exception is the 'Underground Experience' event which will take place in The George pub (Wirksworth) at 8pm this will include supper.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING OUTLETS :

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| 1. Wirksworth Town Hall | 4. Chris Mordey's Emporium shop(Wirksworth) |
| 2. The George pub (Wirksworth) | 6. Phone : John - 01335 370500 |
| 3. Traid Links shop (Wirksworth) | Nick - 01629 825658 |



NEXT EDITION

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I hope to post this on Friday 28 Feb. It is essential that by Friday 21 hearing from Shreeve ans I

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March 8/9	Patterdale
March 15/16	Heathy Lea Work Party
March 19	Climbing Wall Birm'ham
March 21 (Friday)	AGM
March 28/31	Tan yr Wyddfa (Easter)

**AGM CHANGE OF
DATE AND VENUE, SEE
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TELL YOUR FRIENDS**

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Don't forget to support the Oread photo competition at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook. A lot of work has gone into this, and the organisers would be grateful if members could attend promptly for a start at 7.45pm.

March 8/9 Patterdale Colin Barnard

Bookings are coming in steadily for this hoary (no, not misspelt!) old standard, so give me a ring double quick on 01785 276359(W) Or 01785 664644 (H). The hut (GR 394162) is excellent and the format should be well known to most. I shall take refreshment on Friday night at the White Lion (only the venue

changes from week to week, not the activity - Ed.) Meet there or at the hut. Hope to see you!

March 15/16 Heathy Lea Work Party John Shreeve

The hut sub committee hope that willing members will turn up one day or even two days (don't we all - Ed.) for this event, and also prospective members.

Jobs to be done:-

wood cutting, strim grass and weeds, kitchen walls to be painted, barn roof beams need painting black, general painting and tidy up around the hut where required.

Any help would be welcome. Please bring old clothes, overalls etc.

Again looking forward to seeing plenty of members and do not forget your accommodation is free on work parties, should you wish to stay the weekend.

For more information contact Chuck Hooley, John Shreeve, Rock Hudson or Colin Hobday at home or at the Smithfield.

March 21 A.G.M. Committee

(Note New Date And Venue)

The annual general meeting will take place at the Black Horse, Hulland Ward, at 8pm. No proposals for alteration to the club's rules have so far been received. The committee have proposed the following as candidates for election of officers: Brian West (Vice President), Michael Hayes (Meets Secretary), Daryl Kirk (Treasurer), Stephen Bashforth (Secretary), Shirley Wainwright (Assistant Secretary), Chuck Hooley (Huts Custodian), Colin Hobday (Hut Booking Secretary), Clive Russell (Newsletter Editor). Tony Raphael is willing to serve again as a committee member, and other posts on the present committee, under the rules, can be filled by co-opting members. Any club member willing to serve in this capacity should therefore get in touch with a committee member.

N.B. No alteration to the club rules can be made except at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting and only if supported by not less than two thirds of those

present and eligible to vote. One fifth of the full membership of the club shall form a quorum. Proposed alterations shall be submitted in writing to the General Secretary not less than 28 days before the Meeting, and the Secretary must notify all members of the proposed alterations at least 14 days before the Meeting. (Rule 17)

March 29 31 Easter Tan Yr Wyddfa Richard Coghlan

I have enjoyed exceptionally good weather on my last two trips to TYW and I suspect that my luck may not hold out much longer. Still, there are plenty of climbs in the TYW area on my list of "things to do before I get old", not all of which need perfect conditions.

Have you all done outside edge route? Adam's rib? I will be at the Smithfield the Tuesday beforehand to arrange lifts etc., otherwise 'phone me on Derby 753807 to book your place.

PAST EVENTS

Feb 9 Winter Wander /Warmer

Three Reservoirs Walk -Pete Janes

The walk started by Fernilee Reservoir, to the pub at Combs and then back along Combs Edge where we enjoyed a scramble. In typical Oread style of bygone times, the participants spread all over the landscape above Whitehall, trying to avoid a farmer feeding sheep, when caught on open ground where there was patently no right of way. The meet leader, needless to say, was tactically absent at this point! There was the usual large turn out of elderly and infirm, including Pauline and Gordon Wright, Janet and Derick Burgess, Tony and Freda Raphael, Anee and Bill Kenyon, Pete Janes and Wendy, Barbara Tony and Fiona Smedley, Digger, Harry Pretty, Gordon Gadsby, Hank and friend, Uschi and Colin Hobday, Brian West, prospective member Kim, John Shreeve, myself and Margaret and possibly others. CR

Feb 16 Fell Race Dave Jones

Owing to half term holidays, the modesty of the fitter among us and inclement weather, in that order, the turn out was not so large as in previous years. (As with all meets though the absentees were the losers). Dave had organised a course with confections suspended as precariously as himself, from chocks and wires at strategic points along the edges, the game plan being to collect the maximum weight within the time allowed. His idea of a handicap being to deposit the cache at Gardoms about 200m. from where he said it was, and then laugh while we turned over every bit of rock in sight. With consummate skill and absolutely no element of luck, Rob Tresidder emerged the winner with 2 grammes of sweeties more than myself. Other strugglers were Hereward, Jane and Gwen Tresidder, Chris Wilson, Dave and Roger Larkam. Derick Burgess was there for the beer, or more charitably, to encourage younger and suppler men. CR

SHORT NOTICES

Gordon Gadsby has an exhibition of Mountain Photographs and Paintings at Longlands Restaurant, Hathersage from Feb 8th to March 30th 1997

Dave Penlington has in mind trips to 1) Nepal April '97 trekking and climbing 4 trekking peaks cost about £1500, 4 weeks minimum
2) Tien Shan July '97 Terekly? and "Kirov". Unclimbed 6000m plus, cost about £1200, 4 weeks minimum. Will anyone interested please get in touch with Dave ASAP.

Changes Of Address

David Jones and Jenny Raphael, 43 Bridge St. Belper, Derbyshire DE56 1AY ('phone 01773 824279)

Bob Pettigrew, Greenwood, Stanton by Bridge, Derbyshire DE73 1HT ('phone 01332 864126, fax 01332 865969)

Subscriptions

Will those members who have not yet paid, please send their subs as soon as possible to Richard Coghlan, 4 Peterlee place, Alvaston Derby DE24 0DN. The rates are full member £16, retired member £8, prospective member £8, family member £24.

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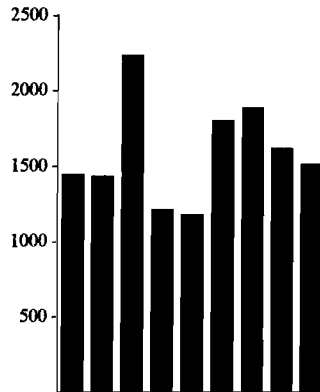
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Whole Hut
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April 25/26 Fylde MC 16 Beds

BRAIN TEASER

The Fell race had to be cancelled due to hut improvements, and a "pools panel" was instructed to devise a result to settle bets and boasts. They devised a result in which the first four (in alphabetical order) were Colin Hobday, Chris Radcliffe, Shirley Wainwright and Mike Wynn. The terrain was such that each runner could see others 1 minute ahead or behind, but no more. The sum of the times of all four was 173m 44s. The winner was 10% faster than the runner up, the third runner was 44s behind the second, and the fourth 16s behind the third. Rock was i/c the panel, and so the winner was not the most likely, based on recent form. Chris could see a runner of either sex at the end. Shirley's time added to Mike's was an exact number of minutes and she was not fourth. What were the times and positions of the four? Book token for first correct answer opened before closing date for next edition.

YOUR NEWSLETTER

I get quite a bit of feedback, some brickbats and some encouragement, mostly it is fun. Please continue to let me know what you want. Does the future hold in store colour newsletters, Fax or E mail, is the print still too small for some to read, would you prefer A4 rather than A5. The number of words at present averages about 1500 (see chart) There



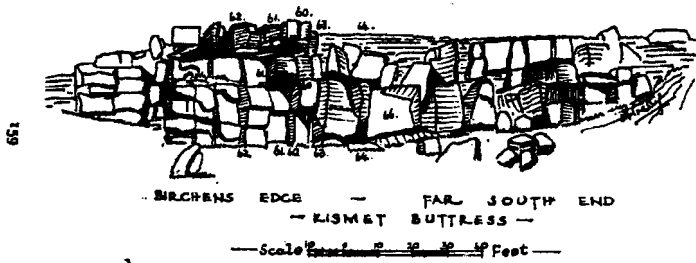
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I look forward to hearing from Colin Hobday, Chuck Hooley, Stuart Haywood and Jack Ashcroft. (The meets sec. has concentrated the prolix in one month)

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The view above is one of Harry Pretty's line drawings for the old Gritstone guides, which I have always admired. Spot the Fell race checkpoint!



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 1997

LES LANGWORTHY

It is always a sad task to report the death of an old club member. Many younger Oreads may well not have known Les, but the article, later in this newsletter about a Marsden Rowsley walk, will serve both as a fitting tribute to Les, and a reminder that we should all treasure happy days on the hills in our prime. Our sympathies go to Ronni Langworthy. (Burial will be at Alderwasley on 10th April)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

- April 9 (Wed) Harborough Rocks
- April 13 Spring Stride
- April 13 Radcliffe/Scott lecture
(See back page)
- April 19/20 Working Party Tan yr Wyddfa
- April 23 (Wed) Wildcat Crags
- April 26/27 Heathy Lea
- May 3/5 May Day Clwydian Hills

April 9 (Wed) Harborough Rocks

Don't miss the traditional opening evening outing of the season, a chance to loosen up on friendly terrain before venturing onto more serious fare during the season proper. Refreshment will be taken afterwards at the Gate at Brassington

April 13 Spring Stride Colin Hobday

In an effort to find something different and with the chance of warm spring sunshine I have decided to cut out the lunch time "pub stop" the simple reason being that there is no pub! However don't be disappointed, the distance is about 11 miles of fairly easy walking. Interested? then read on.

We shall meet at 10.15 for a 10.30 start at the car park below Mam Nick, Mam Tor Grid ref. 834 125 OS map 110 or Dark Peak map. Approach via Castleton, Winnats, or Buxton, Sparrowpit.

Our route will be along Rushup Edge, then turning North along Brown Knoll before

descending to Edale Cross, (It is possible to wimp out here and go down Jacob's Ladder!) still heading in a Northerly direction over Kinder Low to the Downfall for an alfresco lunch, a direct route back over Crowden Head, Grindsbrook and to Edale for refreshments, beer, tea, food, at the Jolly Rambler or the Nag's Head, followed by the climb back to the cars via Harden Clough.

Contact me at the Smithfield or tel 01332 551594 Better still, just turn up. PS Don't forget your sandwiches.

April 19/20 Working Party Tan Yr Wyddfa Chuck Hooley/John Shreeve

Spring is here, the grass is sprung the birds are on the wing and I know that there are some very talented birds in the Oread who would relish the thought of a free weekend in Wales painting, cleaning and gardening and teasing the menfolk as they work. It would be nice to see a group of mixed gender of around twelve to fourteen members or guests on our first spring cleaning weekend of 1997, the jobs that we hope to achieve are as follows. Paint the washrooms. Refurbish the dustbin area. Work on the garden and our adjacent piece of land. The porch ceiling is to be renewed with wood cladding. These are the major jobs and without doubt smaller ones will appear. John and myself look forward to seeing you there. If you cannot get, there will be other week ends.

Chuck Hooley.

April 26 27 Heathy Lea Stuart Haywood

Spring has arrived so once again it's time to dig out the gear/boots/sack/bike or whatever and make your way to the Derbyshire Hut for a weekend of guaranteed enjoyment.

Andrea and I plan to arrive mid/late afternoon on Friday so please give me a call on 01332 834449

May 3-5 Clwydian Hills Jack Ashcroft

The last bastion of the Snowdonia horseshoe is the Clwydian Range. No prizes for doing the whole Horseshoe from Foel Fras to Moel y Parc via Snowdon, Rhinog Fawr, Cader Idris, Aran Fawddy and the Berwyns, it's been done in 62 hours. Another time perhaps!

This time will be a pleasant day's walk "for as long as your time or the daylight allows" Patrick Monkhouse "On foot in North Wales" (1930's)

I have booked camping space at Bod Fari. Let me know by 22nd April if you wish to camp. 5km. from Bod Fari. is Encil y Creyr where further facilities, including chalets, are available.

Book camping through me; contact Encil y Creyr direct for their accommodation (Tel 01352 720100 or 01352 720585)

How many times have you sped along the A5 through Llangollen or the A55 at Chester paying little attention to the Clwydian Hills. This is your opportunity to see some new country; "a magnificent Amphitheatre of mountains some as remote as Derbyshire" G A Steele 1818)!

Is there rock around? Yes "Clwyd Rock" A Cicerone guide 1993.

See you there Tel 0114 2890717 OS 1:50000 sheets 116&117.

FUTURE EVENTS

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Annual Dinner Shirley Wainwright

The annual Dinner 1997 will be held at the Saracen's Head Beddgelert on November 29th.

Please note the alteration of dates - differs from the meets list 1997/98.

The maximum number of guests will be 50.

We have a package deal with the Hotel for Oread guests for Dinner Bed and Breakfast £30.00 per person if we get the hotel fully booked. 30 guests can be accommodated and all bookings are to be made by individuals quoting that you are a member of the Oread coming to the dinner. Tel No.01766 890223 (my scanner and high tech optical type recognition program read this as "you ate a member -Ed.)

Would you please then let the dinner organiser know ie Shirley Wainwright 0115 9279384.

Colin Hobday will keep the hut vacant for Oreads only for that weekend.

We think this is going to be a popular-dinner this year. Please do not leave your bookings until the last minute to avoid disappointment.

Shirley Wainwright

PAST EVENTS

Marsden Rowsley Whitsun 1965

On Whit Saturday afternoon Les and Ron Langworthy, Chuck and myself started our journey to Marsden, to begin the Marsden-Rowsley walk. We took the cars to Matlock, the went by train to Manchester and on another local train to Marsden. We arrived in the late afternoon, went straight into the "cal" and had one or two beers until the chip shop opened. We then stoked up on fish and chips (Chuck having two helpings) and set off on our way. We went by the side of the dams and had a pleasant evening walk to the Isle of Skye, looking at scenery that Oreads do not usually see as it is always dark when the diehards come this way on a Friday night. We had a drink and settled down in our home-made "Boots" plastic bivvies. It rained

hard during the night but I think we all kept dry.

On Sunday morning we set off at about 6.30 am in the mist. We walked over Black Hill with Les reading compass and came down into Longendale in good time. After having a chat with Ken Drabble, the peak district warden who lives at Crowden, we passed the new Youth Hostel and went on our way up Wildboar Clough to Bleaklow Head, stopping there for our lunch. We then went down Doctor's gate, crossed the Snake, over Featherbed Moss and down into Ashop Clough, just getting into the shooting cabin to make a brew when the heavens opened. However when we started off again the storm had abated and we toiled up onto Fairbrook Naze walking round the edges until we reached Crookstones Knoll. The warmth of the night in Crookstones Barn was not to be, as we found that it had been turned into a training centre for youngsters and belonged to some firm or other. We decided to sleep beside the wall overlooking the forestry plantation. We had a meal and a drink (Les sportingly going back for more water in the dark) and then settled down to sleep. We had no rain at all during the night.

Early on monday morning we were up, had breakfast and set off on our way, reaching the top of Win Hill as the sun came out warm and strong. We dropped through the trees, crossed the road at Yorkshire Bridge and toiled up again in the hot sun to Stanage Edge. We then walked on to Fox House and made our way into Longshaw park. We had sandwiches and cake and five minutes kip (Chuck waking up to find a huge horse standing over him, blowing hot breath into his face).

After walking the rest of the Edges alongside ladies in their 'Sunday best' we four 'scruffs' went down into Baslow and had afternoon tea at the poshest cafe in the village. (we had to sit outside of course)

DOUBLE BILL SUNDAY 13TH APRIL 7-00 PM FOR 7-30PM

IN AID OF THE PROPOSED CLIMBING WALL

Chris Radcliffe's Audio Visual "CLIMBING IN WYOMING"

Pete Scott's "FOUR OREADS CLIMB UP THE HIMALAYS, KARCHAKLUND '87"

Admission £5. Tickets on the door or phone Pete Scott. There is a bar.

All proceeds to the Wirksworth Community Sports Group Initiative.

When we set off again it felt as though a thousand needles were being pushed through the soles, and so I walked the rest of the way in Chuck's sandals. We made our way through the hordes in Chatsworth Park and when we were passing through the cornfields to beeleay, Les tripped over a ten shilling note, and it made his day, then Chuck tripped over a couple lying in the corn field and said likewise. Les then hurried on to Rowsley and caught a bus into Matlock, coming back in his car, picking us up as we reached the bus stop ourselves. We then returned to Matlock and picked up our own vehicle and went Home.

This had been a good weekend and was our first training walk for our holiday in Norway which was to come a few weeks later.
Margaret Hooley.

March 4 Oread Photo Competition Rock Hudson, Colin Hobday.

The final event of this year's indoor meets was a great success. Between 50 - 60 people saw many fine examples of the member's photographic skills in a selection of 180 slides and prints. Dr Brian Taylor (British Geographical Survey) spent a lot of time viewing the photographs and at the event gave an excellent commentary. For once Brian's judgement was accepted!

The results were

1st Paul Bingham 8 points
2nd Roy Eyre 4 Points
3rd Rock Hudson 3 points (Judge 3 pints? Ed.)

Club interest was won by Harry Pretty.

Thank you all who took the trouble to enter and make it a great evening.

Rock Hudson

I personally felt that in Brian we found a worthy successor to the late C D Milner who used to entertain us so superbly, as judge. CR)

March 8/9 Patterdale

I hasten to add that it is by arrangement with the meet leader that I write this. As an Oxford educated man with some standing in the

community, he is more inhibited by the requirements of style and veracity than myself. Seldom in recent times has a group with such a range of ages and inclinations been out together with the club, and mixed so freely. Teams ventured over to Castle Rock, classic scrambles on St Sunday's Crag were assaulted en masse, walking teams went over Place Fell, and the meet leader and myself accompanied for the earlier part of the walk by Stuart and Andrea, carried out a horseshoe traverse of the valley, taking in the High Street range, Kirkstone and Scandale Pass. After we finished on the Sunday with Dove Crag and Fairfield, he was so knackered he could only come third in a Colin Barnard look-alike competition, and this despite the lively repartee and subtle wit of Rock in attendance for the Sunday.

Those present, Stuart and Andrea Haywood, Digger, Harry Pretty, Wendy Lawrence, George Reynolds, John Salmon, Julia Stowell, Margaret and Kevin Sarson, Julie Wearing, Brian West, Roy and Chris Eyre, Sylvia and John Green, Graham Foster, Mike and Sue Wren, Gillian Heys, Nick Evans, Rock Hudson, Freda and Tony Raphael, Colin Barnard and myself. Day visitors were messrs. Penlington, Ashcroft and Dardon.

I am sorry that I omitted George and Janet from a recent roll of attendance. CR

SHORT NOTICES

Change Of Address

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HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy Lea

April 18/19 TCC Cottage

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

April 4/5	Hinkley MC	16 Beds
April 11/12	Stapleford CC (G	Whole Hut
		Whole Hut
April 18/19	Work Party	Whole Hut
April 25/26	Fylde MC	16 Beds

May 2/5 (Mayday) Vacant

Reciprocal Rights

The Oreads hut establishment have managed a great coup and secured for us all reciprocal rights in another Lake District hut. Colin Hobday has furnished the following details.

" Reciprocal Rights K Fellfarers

The Oread MC and the K Fellfarers have reached agreement on reciprocal membership as follows

LOCATION High House, Seathwaite, Borrowdale OS Grid ref NY 235119 Through Farmyard, turn left over wood bridge and through gate. (The gate must be kept closed at all times).

AVAILABILITY When the hut is reserved for KFF only, which is, on average, one week end per month and Bank Holidays.

BOOKINGS Via Mr Hugh Taylor, c/o K shoes, Netherfield, Kendal Cumbria LA9 7BY tel Kendal 01539 724343 **DAYTIME ONLY**

FEES £1.75 per night to be paid with the return of the key.

For further details contact Colin Hobday."

BRAIN TEASER

Last Month's Problem

Correct solutions were received from (in chronological order), Rob Tresidder, Roy Eyre and Tony Smedley. The solution was:

1st Colin 40m
2nd Shirley 44m
3rd Chris 44m 44s
4th Mike 45m

Rob gets the immensely valuable prize.

This Month's Problem

A team of old gits with bendy boots and a hawser laid rope were unable to get off the ground on Vaya con Dios and Gardom's Unconquerable, and retired to Birchens to restore morale. They were carrying the red edition of Climbs on Gritstone, Sheffield Area (1956 reprint), and ascended Gangplank

(route 3), Kiss Me Hardy (route 9), and with difficulty Nelson's Slab. What was their next and final ascent of the day?

Usual inducement and conditions for a correct solution. (My elderly volumes are not available for loan this month!)

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Jack Ashcroft has unfortunately had no takers for his Clwydian Hills meet May 3/5 (see last issue), regarding camp site places. If anyone is planning to stay elsewhere and support the meet, will they please give Jack a ring on 0114 2890717 Please will someone support one of the Oread's leading long distance walkers on a trip in what could be the best Spring weather and ideal conditions for walking the hills.

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May 17/18 The Edges Mike Wren

Long, warm spring days; a comfy hut. Time to *get away* to Heathy Lea again. We should make the most of this enviable facility!

Sports Plan Aim - Maximum fun, coupled with crowd avoidance.

Proposed Timetable of Activities - Please join in as much or as little as your fancy; bring any additional ideas along

- 1) Friday evening - Birchens, followed by the Robin Hood.

- 2) Saturday - warm up - Local Crag - (say Gardoms)
- 3) Saturday evening - I hope a Social Gathering in the barn will develop (plus barbecue 1 bonfire would be nice - the old barn has been used for barbecues during rain!)
- 4) Sunday - (main event) - a day based around climbing at. Shining Clough, a fine moorland crag up to 28 metres high, with 100 routes of all grades, many of outstanding quality. There is also excellent walking in the area, taking in the likes of Wildboardclough providing plenty of scope for fine tuning the walking / climbing / approach route balance of the day, to suit all states of participants and weather. Parking will be best as near as possible to the Woodhead barn, East of Crowden
For cycling the pleasant and undemanding Longdendale Trail is to hand.
- 5) Sunday evening - It would appear only sensible to have a focal point for an optional debriefing etc. stop on the way home. I suggest the Robin Hood.

Please ring me on 01332 840336 if you are coming, so I can co-ordinate bookings etc., I would be interested to hear of any thoughts or ideas on co-ordinating item 3).

***May 24/26 Spring Bank Holiday Arochar
Richard Coghlan***

I suspect that most people in the club have driven past the Cobbler on their way further North - Now is your chance to climb on it! The 1970 guidebook that I have borrowed from Michael Hayes shows a full range of grades from Diff to VS (Scottish), ie English Diff to E7. There are also plenty of Munros to go at. (Ben Lomond, Narmain, Iene, Vorlich to name just a few).

We shall camp at Ardgartan Campsite (Grid ref. NN 275 030) for which the fees are £3.50 per person per night, irrespective of the number of tents or cars brought onto the site. (There is no extra charge per tent or car) (This fee structure encourages nubile females to bring their own gas guzzling vehicles and their own tents. -shame -Ed) I plan to stay just for the long weekend, but some people may wish to stay for the week.

To arrange a lift, please see me at the Smithfield or phone me on Derby 753807.

PAST EVENTS

***Heathy Lea Working Party 15/16
March***

When Colin and I arrived on the Sat morning we found Chuck Hooley fixing a Toc H lamp. Auntie Wainwright and "Rembrant" Pretty were creosoting the gates. John and Ruth Welbourne were sawing timber with the chain saw and also Lisa ? Towards the end of the evening we decided much work had been carried out, so of course we "jacked it in" and retired for a bite at the Derwent Hotel at Carver.

Sunday morning (lovely day), and Chuck came again with Margaret. Richard Coghlan painted the beams in the barn, yours truly was fixing yet another kitchen unit, also in barn. When we were called down to the cottage for coffee Swampy West was digging a trench on the backside (You have to admire his stylish prose - Ed.) of the wood. Cliff? Russell, Colin Barnard and John Welbourne were very busy in the forest, along with Rock Hudson, foraging for timber and sawing. Soon logs were flying about like mortar shells from Sarajevo.

Our new prospective member Kim Davidson was busy slapping emulsion in the washroom, and also painted the front door.

Jack Ashcroft complained about his chore - which was varnishing the ceiling in the

washroom - saying it took 6 hours to dry. All I could suggest was a bed for the night.

George Reynolds and Colin Hobday were putting fire bricks in the fire place and I would like to say a big thank you to George and Janet and Harry (compo) Pretty for tiling the conservatory. - I understand they gave up their Easter Holidays to do this task. They have done a first class job, I believe you will agree when you see it.

The hut management committee would like to thank everyone who attended this working party
John Shreeve.

Spring Stride April 13

Saturday was a warm cloudless day and Sunday started much the same as we drove North through Ashbourne to the car park below Mam Nick. Various discussions took place during the journey, have you packed the shorts? why did you bring the fleece jackets? are you sure you packed the sun cream?. The car park was full of Oreads busy getting ready and buying their park and display tickets. Soon we moved off over Rushup Edge, Jack and Janet Ashcroft appeared having travelled to Edale on the train. At this point Digger decided to return to purchase his parking ticket!

The sun disappeared as the mist rolled in over the moors with a cold breeze developing. A quick stop behind the wall at Edale Cross for food. The party tended to split up in the mist but reassembled at the Downfall for a late lunch.

A direct line across the moors (you could have fooled me -Ed) was taken to the top of Grindsbrook with a pleasant descent in sunshine to Edale. Some members managed to visit both pubs but most finished up in the Jolly Rambler.

A rather disjointed group staggered up to Mam Tor for the journey home.

Highlights of the day.

1. 31 Oreads and friends in attendance. (did this include Fred? CR)
2. Jack Ashcroft having travelled by train, did he use the ventilation shaft for a quick ascent on to Brown Knoll?
3. Digger's return from Rushup Edge to buy a parking ticket.
4. Tony Smedley only lasted 10 minutes in shorts before submitting to the cold and putting on Fleece Hat and Gloves
5. The "President" cleaning up Uschi Hobday's legs after she fell in a bog.
6. Auntie Wainwright who spent most of the day being pulled out of bogs.
7. Upon leaving the pub, Gordon Wright was heard to say "my arrangements are fluid".

Many thanks to all who attended (too numerous to mention) for making it an excellent day.

Colin Hobday.

SHORT NOTICES

Ronni Langworthy

has written asking me to pass on her thanks for all who have sent letters of sympathy following her bereavement. The sum of £235 was sent to British Heart Foundation in memory of Les, including the Oread's donation.

Mike Wynn

would like to hear from anyone who has any pairs of old crampons they would be willing to sell for about £10, to enable one of his Moroccan friends to replace his stock of hire crampons which were washed away in a flood about 2 years ago. Mike is going out to Morocco again on May 25th and so would like to hear from potential vendors ASAP (phone/fax 01332 360851)

HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy Lea

May 2/5(Mayday)	Vacant	
May 10/11	S.Bennett	5 beds
	K. Gregson	10 beds
May 17/18	Oread meet	M Wren
May 24/25	Vacant	
May 31 June 1	Vacant	
June 7/8	Midland Ski Club	
	Cottage/barn	

Members are invited to make more use of Heathy Lea, where they are now permitted to take guests.

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

May 2/5(Mayday)	Vacant	
May 9/10	Oread meet	K Gregson
May 16/17	C. Hooley	16 beds
May 23/26	Reserved for	Oread
May 31 June 1	Vacant	
June 6/7	SAC	22 beds

BRAIN TEASER

Last Month's Problem

Those with the book will see that Nelson's Slab is route 21. My solution was that each route number was twice the previous plus three, so the final route was number 45, Tar's Corner. Uschi Hobday however struck a blow for the fair sex with the hypothesis that the difference between route numbers was 6,12, 18 etc. leading to a final route number 39, Fo'castle Chimney. This is equally logical in my view and wins the prize. Tony Smedley sent in an Epistle showing disrespect for his fellow time-expired climbers. (Spreadsheet freaks can solve newspaper problems of this type by plotting the second third and fourth numbers of these series against the first second and third. It usually results in a straight line which can be extended to get subsequent numbers.)

This Month's Problem

George was pointing up the gable end at the Welsh Hut, using a balanced plank cantilevered out from the raised car park for access. He found he was just balanced by four building blocks and two buckets of compo weighing down the end of the plank, and later when he used up his first bucket, by seven building blocks and one bucket. How many building blocks would be required before Janet, who in winter thermals weighed the same as George, could take his last bucket along the plank and hand it to him? (the pivot was half way along the plank.)

Gift token for the most tactful (judged by independent arbitration) and numerically correct answer received before 22 May.

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NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 1997

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June 7/8 Blaen y Nant, Crafnant
June 14/15 Roches
June 18 (Wed) Froggatt
June 21/22 Wasdale
June 28/29 Heathy Lea Barbecue
July 4/5 Golden Oldies

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Don't miss an opportunity to see Gregson ascending "Broken Toe" with nonchalant ease, or other Oreads ascending fine routes on this delightful little limestone venue at the best time of year for evening climbing. The crag is to be found at map ref 095 664. Wren, Gregson and others of similar inclination will not need co-ordinates to locate the bar of the Quiet Woman in Earl Sterndale where refreshment will be taken afterwards.

June 7/8 Blaen Y Nant, Crafnant Ron Chambers

It's been many years since the Oread had a meet in this lovely valley so "the time has come" (as the walrus said)

We will be based at the "Mynedd" Club's hut Blaen y Nant (GR 738 603) approx. 4 miles up the narrow valley road from the village of Trefriw, which is on the B 5106 Conway to Betws y Coed road.

There is plenty of scope for walking and climbing in the valley and surrounding hills. The new Crafnant Valley guide book is now in print and I shall have at least one copy available).

The Crafnant "skyline" is an excellent 4 - 5 hour walk and of course the Carneddau is within reach.

I hope to organise a Bar - B - Q for Saturday evening (weather permitting) so bring along plenty of food and drink!!

Ruth and I will be in the "Fairy Falls" (both words inappropriate I hope! - Ed.) pub (Trefriw) on Friday evening from 9pm onwards. (The road up to the hut is just opposite the pub)

There are 30 beds available, so ring me on 01298 258835 to secure yours.

June 14/15 Roches Roger Larkam

The Roches needs no introduction. Nevertheless, I cannot continue to rely on Rusty to publicise this meet unaided. The theory that he probably knows the area and certainly knows the date better than I is no excuse.

It's rumoured that a ringed Hoodlum Finch is restricting access to Hen Cloud. While pondering who has the greater ability to go elsewhere, I considered Newstones, Baldstones (019644), and Gibb Torr or Ramshaw Rocks on Saturday. I shall drink in the "Rock" and camp on Hen Cloud fields on Saturday night, and I shall climb on the Roches proper on Sunday.

June 18 (Wed) Froggatt

Another excellent evening venue, this time on grit, followed by revelry in the Bridge, Calver.

June 21/22 Wasdale Chris Radcliffe

As the birthplace of English rock climbing, Wasdale needs no introduction. Last year we enjoyed glorious weather and I was able to climb on Esk Buttress on Saturday and on Scafell on Sunday. If the weather is less favourable, one can usually climb on Kern Knotts or the Napes Ridges, while the most accessible lower level crag is Buckbarrow. The traverse of the Scafell's or the Mosedale Horseshoe are just two of many excellent walks that are available in this area. There will probably be a number of parties in

evidence attempting the Bob Graham round this weekend.

I propose to follow Burge's initiative of last year and camp at Nether Wasdale at Church Stile Farm (GR 124040) as this is a much more pleasant campsite than the NT site at the other end of the lake.

The village has two pubs and, for a change, I will be in "The one on the left" on Friday night. I look forward to having a good turnout on this, the weekend with the longest days of the year.

June 28/29 Heathy Lea Barbecue Colin Hobday

The meet will follow the same format as previous years, meeting at the cottage 14.00 hours on Saturday for a few hours climbing on Gardoms or Birchens, a quick pint or two in the Robin Hood before returning to Heathy Lea to prepare for the Bar-B-Que.

Lighting of the bonfire (wood collectors needed) will take place at 7.30. If you have a portable barbeque please bring it along plus food and drink. Hopefully the evening will conclude with music supplied by messrs Gregson, Squires and Wren.

On Sunday both walkers and climbers are catered for with a walk starting at 10.00 at Heathy Lea, while the climbing venue, possibly Froggatt, will be decided depending on the weather.

Those wishing to stay the night please book. Where can you stay the night in the Peak district with such good facilities for £1.75 per night?

All are welcome, families, young, not so young. Just come along and have a good time.

Bookings, details etc. C. Hobday tel. 01332 551594

July 4/5 Golden Oldies Janet Reynolds

This meet needs no introduction, so I look forward to seeing the regular team and hopefully other members (I plan to keep mine covered up - Ed.)

It is a please yourself weekend, although I'm sure we can rely on Jack Ashcroft to organise a walk, (if he's in the country) . I can recommend his scenic hut to coast walk, even ice cream and tea at the end. I thought for saturday evening we might try the Saracen's Head Hotel, Beddgelert, for a meal.

You can ring me on 01773 713776 but please note, I will be away until 20th June. If unable to contact me, please ring Shirley Wainwright on Nottingham 0115 9279384 for bookings.

FUTURE EVENTS

My Yorkshire Dales meet will now take place on 26/27 July, not the previous w/e as per meets list. We will again use the very pleasant camp site below Gordale Scar, and I would like to hear from anyone likely to attend. More details will appear in the next edition

PAST EVENTS

Tan Yr Wyddfa Working Party 19/20 March

Those who attended were Chuck and Margaret Hooley, Ruth and John Welbourne, Nick Evan, Pam Storer, John Shreeve, Rock Hudson, Colin Hobday, Tony & Barbara Smedley, Shirley Wainwright, Steve Bennett & Sons Daren and Dean.

The week end was a great success with plenty of work and social intercourse, 13 members participated without a drop of rain to dampen their spirits only soup, coffee and tea to quench their thirst.

The strip of land was completely cleared (no bulldozer) just bullsh men and bonfires. If you're feeling in the pink then just visit the washrooms and you will blend in nicely and feel free to use the upstairs loo, all leaks are gone no more over hot, or cold showers full instructions are now posted in special steam tree covers. The gents shower however is temporarily out of use. Sherlock Smedley and Watson Hooley accidentally located the leak whilst investigating the problem. For the time being both sexes must share the ladies shower, for any successful liaison thank Tony.

If anyone cannot locate the coal bunker look for a shiny black hinged steel chequer plate cover, it is under there and sports a new trouble free latch courtesy of Nick Evans. One had to be quick to dodge Shirley"s deft handling of the mower despite frequent pit stops, the lawns are now bereft of their winter coat. The hedge around the gas tank is becoming established the sides have been trimmed, Please, anyone, do not trim the tops. The refuse bins are now standing to attention inside their new rustic compound. Back inside, the lounge has been cleaned throughout and the carpet turned. The electric meters & fuse boards now enjoy their own cupboard space.

Saturday evening Shirley enlisted a bunch of us to visit the Saracens Hotel to finalise the club dinner arrangements. Alan the proprietor invited us to enjoy a bar meal in the restaurant and laid a table for ten, having been joined by Merle and husband Bob, it was a sort of rehearsal for the annual dinner. The evening was rounded off by the Apex Jazz Group playing Dixyland Jazz with Barbara on vocals. I think Shirley may have arranged something similar for November. The Hut looked fine when Margaret and I left on Monday, many thanks to all who helped especially to J.S. who by attending the Smithfield on Tuesdays was able to encourage you all to attend.

Chuck Hooley, Huts Custodian.

SHORT NOTICES

Changes Of Address

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Found At Tan Yr Wyddfa

1 pair of boots, 1 watch. Contact Colin Hobday

Hut News

Bookings Heathy Lea

June 7/8	Midland Ski Club Cottage/barn
June 13/14	vacant
June 21/22	B Strike Cottage/barn
June 28/29	Oread Meet
July 4/5	Friends L Welbourne 10 Beds cottage
July 11/12	Scunth'pe MC Cottage
July 18/19	M Hayes Cottage/barn

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

June 6/7	SAC	22 beds
June 13/14	vacant	
June 21/22	vacant	
June 27/28/	vacant	
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July 11/12	vacant	
July 18/19	Aylesbury MC 16 beds	
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BRAIN TEASER

Last Month's Problem

The basic question was easy and left some points undefined. Digger deduced that 1 bucket weighs the same as 3 blocks and hence Janet and George both equate to 10 blocks,

hence J + G + I bucket require 23 blocks. Points left undefined were did George use the first bucket whilst balanced by the other bucket + blocks, what about shock loading, how could J and G be side by side on the plank at their age. Hereward Tressider and Tony Smedley explored these undefined issues and secured extra credit for lateral thinking. In the end the very neatness and perfection of Hereward's answer lost him the prize, a touch of idiosyncrasy of expression is requires in the Oread. On these grounds, after extended deliberation, Tony gets the prize.

This Month's Problem

A motley group of Smedley, Larkam, Shreeve, Barnard and Uschi & Colin H. went for a short walk in the lower Stubai hills. All except Barnard had 15kg sacks, 400mm in diameter when stood upright, but Barnard, complete with antique plate camera and spare vests, had 22.5 kg, and his pack was 460mm diameter. There was a luggage lift for the last 2000ft to the Hildesheimer Hut, from the Solden side and the horizontal distance covered was 2 miles. Using Naismith's formula as a basis (1hr for 3 miles, an extra hour for each 1500ft ascent) the speed factors for the party were Col H, Shreeve, Smedley 1.0, Uschi 1.05, Larkam 0.8, Barnard 0.86. The luggage platform was 800 wide by 1180 long, and strictly no overhanging gear was allowed. Using the lift for sacks to maximum advantage, what is the least time in which the party could reach the hut? (each member was slowed 1% for each 1.5 kg carried.)

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Friday 4th July It is essential that all material reaches me by Thursday 26th June. I look forward to hearing from Shirley Wainwright and Michael Hayes*

Whereas it is a step forwards for Roger Larkam to leave me a telephone message, it is much preferable if a ordinary person can let

me have some rudimentary written work, otherwise I have to write it out twice or drag the answering machine over to the computer and endanger my files with horrendous magnetic fields. (Exaggeration is an indigenous occupation in Parwich)

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OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 1997

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

July 4/5	Golden Oldies
July 13	Summer Stroll
July 26/27	Yorkshire Dales
July 26 on	Alps
Aug 6 Wed	Cratcliffe

July 4/5 Golden Oldies Janet Reynolds

This meet needs no introduction, so I look forward to seeing the regular team and hopefully other members.

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July 13 Summer Stroll Shirley Wainwright

"Auntie Wainwright's Walkabout"

I shall expect a good crowd of 'Woodland Nymphs' to accompany me on a walkabout to Great Hucklow from Eyam.

Bad weather or any previous appointment in your diaries will not be accepted as an excuse not to turn up.

The rendezvous is Eyam car park at 10 am for a 10.15 start.

The walk will go via Bretton Clough - crossing the stream at Stoke Ford. Up Abney Clough to Abney village then down to the head of Bretton Clough and up to Hucklow Edge and on to Great Hucklow.

The Queen Anne at Great Hucklow will be where I put my feet (boots) up for lunch (the pub does meals).

After refuelling yourselves with food and drink it is a short walk back to Eyam via Grindlow and Foolow.

I do not doubt that this will be a good day out. I would just like to mention that the start of the walk is now situated further up from the YHA - This seems to me to be a recent new path or diversion from the original one.

July 26/27 Yorkshire Dales C Russell

Note Change Of Date!

My Yorkshire Dales meet will now take place on 26/27 July, not the previous w/e as per meets list. We will again use the very pleasant camp site below Gordale Scar at map ref 914 635 OS ("Wensleydale" sheet). I have provisionally booked for four tents but please check with me about 1 week before the meet so that I can verify approximate numbers.

The circuit of Gordale Scar Malham Tarn and Janet's Foss is good enough to stand repetition if last year's team reappear, and there is limitless scope for the rock climber, and to pick an activity for Sunday according to the feeling of the meeting. I shall be on the field from about 8pm on Friday night (Bird watchers are also catered for).

July 26 Aug 10 Alpine Meet Grand Paradiso Italy Michael Hayes

Based around the village of Pont in the Valsavarenche the campsite at 2000 meters gives an ideal base for exploring the National park.

19 Oreads and friends have already booked on to the meet and several others are interested so there should be plenty of scope for climbing at all grades. If I can drag myself away from the Italian wine, the French beer and the campsite barbecues then I plan to climb on the ice of the Ciaforon and la Grivola but rock routes on Mt Blanc and the Matterhorn have also been suggested.

For more information, Maps, Guide books, lifts etc. you can contact me in the Smithfield on Tuesday evenings or telephone 0115 9490026.

Aug 6 Cratcliffe (Miners Standard)

A real treat is in store for the connoisseur of green gritstone at a steep angle during a wet summer. If the serious fare defeats you on the main crag, come over to Robin Hoods Stride and enjoy a relaxing ascent of Muscle #Crack with me!

PAST EVENTS

May 24/25 Arochar Richard Coghlan

The meet was well attended (John s., Gillian H., Julie W., Kevin A. & Jane, Mike and Sue Wren, Roy and Chris Eyre, Nick Evans and Pam, Trevor Willis, Rock, Steve R., and Wendy L. And last but not least - me). Most people, including myself, stayed for four days. This was enough to fit in two days on the cobbler, both North and South Peaks, a day climbing on Binnein an Fhiddleir and an exploratory day's walk in the Lochgoilhead area. The long ascent to any of the climbing areas deterred the masses, so even for a bank holiday weekend there was no queuing for routes.

Mike, Roy, Steve and Wendy were going to stay for the remainder of the week and I haven't managed to catch up with their exploits yet.

The weather varied between good and excellent, the campsite was pleasant and cheap and I didn't get any complaints. I think I can assume that everyone enjoyed themselves.

SHORT NOTICES

Since there have been no volunteers for the task of editing another journal, I hope instead to publish some extra material with a bumper newsletter at Christmas, provided that I can get a little help. Please let me, or any committee member, have your views on this.

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Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

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BRAIN TEASER

Last Month's Problem

I ran out of time with last month's problem and failed to offer all the convolutions I had originally intended. Unfortunately however Rob T., my regular correspondent, appeared to divide speed by the speed factor instead of multiplying. (Remember to allow for reality inversion in these problems, Rob!) The lift would carry all but one of the smaller sacks, which should then be carried by the fastest walker. The basic time was 80mins for 2000ft., plus 40 mins for 2 miles, 120 mins in all.

The slowest, (Larkam), therefore took 120/0.8 or 150 mins, Uschi with 15kg sac, 120*1.1/1.05 or 125 mins with 10% speed reduction for sac. Party time 150 mins. (Sorry Roger, only a joke.)

NEXT EDITION

This edition is a bit abbreviated. I have been a bit pushed with holidays and changing jobs, but I hope to have the next edition back to standard.

I hope to post this on *Friday 2nd August* *It is essential that all material reaches me by Thursday 25th July. I look forward to hearing from Keith Gregson and Harry Pretty*

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OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 1997

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

Aug 6 (Wed) Cratcliffe
August BH Pembroke
Sept 3 (Wed) Wildcat
Sept 7 (Sunday) September Saunter

August Bank Holiday Pembroke Keith Gregson. Aug 16-19+

Camping will be at Rhosson Ganol Farm, St.

.....(note Ed. this is not a telephone number, neither is it the missing start time for Pete James' meet!)

.....(Keith has not managed to come up with a fresh gag since 1996 - Ed.)

Justinian's. Ref. 727252 (note Ed. this is not a telephone number, neither is it the missing start time for Pete James' meet!)

To find us, follow signs for St. Justinian's lifeboat station from St. Davids: from the cross, down the hill past the Farmer's Arms, then again down past the cathedral and keep on towards the lifeboat station. Rhosson farm is overlooked by a prominent hill with a small radio mast on top. The campsite is under the seaward side of this hill: turn left just past the farm house, which is on the right. We usually camp in the first field on the left.

The Oread has long traditions in Pembroke. Alas gone are the days of "rugby Club all nighters" but they have been replaced by Old Eltonians with the Carnells, barbecues with the Fosters (depending on the fishing), and Feeling Foul ale at the various hosteleries! There is of course lots of climbing to be done, most of which is in the middle grades and still retains the feeling of remoteness and pioneering. There is a new guidebook which reveals many of the "secret crags", but even better, I'm assured that Whympers' old Guide "Big Foo" will be with us to direct exploration.

I always look upon this meet as the best holiday on the Oread calendar. There is lots to do, climbing, walking, swimming or simply lying on the beach etc. And the company is excellent, so come and join us.

Hopefully some of us will be there on Thursday, and I'm confident there will be an Oread presence until the following weekend. If you need any further information please get in touch.

(Being serious for a moment, I know that Keith is currently in Yorkshire, and has sent off this material at short notice to meet my deadline, which is why he has reproduced last year's information. It might therefore be wise to verify the exact dates and days of the week when he plans to be there. His tel. no. is 01332 792147)

Sept 7 (Sunday) September Saunter Harry Pretty

I might well have started this walk in Warslow but a decent car park being essential we will start from Hulme End: White Peak G.R. 103 593, 10.00 for 10.15, prompt start. Lunch stop at the Butcher's Arms, Reaps Moor G.R. 082616, marked on map as PH.

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Carl, the landlord, before the date. (The situation of the pub outside Derbyshire clearly does not prevent Pretty from being on first name terms with the landlord - Ed)

PAST EVENTS

Wasdale 21-22 June 1997

What were you doing when President Kennedy was shot? Can you remember the Apollo moon landing? Where were you the weekend of Radder's meet in Wasdale? Watching telly? ...a little light shopping perhaps? ...drying out at a health farm?

But seriously folks, what has the Oread come to, when a total of only four members turn up to a meet in one of the finest valleys in the Lakes on the longest day of the year? OK, so the weather forecast wasn't too clever but since when did that stop anyone having fun?

And have fun we did! On Saturday, we walked up to Scafell with a view to attempting some desperate route or other. In the event, it rained fairly heavily at that point and ascent up liquid molyalip seemed improbable to say the least. However once we had climbed Lord's Rake, the weather fined up and a traverse of Broad Stand and Scafell Pike brought us to the Corridor Route. Thence we proceeded to Kern Knotts where Gil provided suitable entertainment with a faultless ascent of the crack and Radders did the same on Innominate Crack. A rapid run all the way down to the Wastwater hotel then generated a suitable thirst after a great mountaineering day out.

On Sunday, the party split; Chris and Gil attacked a couple of routes on Buckbarrow whilst Dave Penlington and I went for a quiet walk in the Hindu Seatallan - a five hour walk during which time we met no other people whatsoever - so maybe it's not just the Oread deserting the hills after all.

The serious question which is left in my mind, after this thoroughly enjoyable meet, is to know just what it is that members currently want to get out of the Club and, more

importantly, what are they prepared to put into it. Answers please to the Newsletter.

Stuart Firth

A Personal Comment.

The marital status of messrs Firth and Radcliffe has surely some bearing on their being at liberty to attend the meet, I myself led a meet last weekend with a similarly small attendance, although those of us present, including Chris, deemed it a success, but as Stuart rightly implies, it is a constant point for debate what sort of activity we want in the club, and what age group and ability level we need to cater for. Requests for feedback in this newsletter seldom bear fruit, but this is a point which is really important if the committee are to meet the wishes of the membership, most of whom choose not to attend the AGM, so please let me have some reaction to Stuart's plea, at least verbally. CR

July 4/5 Golden Oldies Janet Reynolds

In spite of the terrible rainy month of June the Golden Oldies was well attended by Ernie Phillips, Mary & Charlie Culham, Molly & Harry Pretty (who extended their stay), Paul & Jean Bingham, Margaret & Kevin Sarson, John Green, 'Rock' J Hudson (note the transatlantic style - Ed.) and Shirley Wainwright. A colourful lady appeared in the night, startling George to turn Grey. She is known as Hong Kong Lil!!

Sat Rock & John went climbing on Tryfan, Jean and Paul traversed the Nantlle Ridge from Cwm Silin, Margaret & Kevin set out for the col, and walked back through the forest. Harry, Charlie, George Shirley and myself climbed Mynydd Mawr with a leisurely long break on the top i8n the hot sunshine. Afterwards we continued down, via Cwm Du Valley through the forest, and stopping at the Castell Cidwm Hotel for a welcome pot of tea before joining the old railway track at the back of the Youth Hostel to the hut. Ernie took Mary and Molly to Caernarvon lavishing ice cream and drinks on them, then ended up

looking round show houses. What are his motives?

Sunday turned out to be another enjoyable sunny day for most of us visiting the lost village. But unfortunately for Paul and Jean a little stone hurt their new Audi car in the car park and it leaked a lot of black stuff. So Harry to the rescue for the second time this year, took Paul to arrange RAC transport for Jean, Paul and car back to Derby. (I do hope they've got it back by now) Also commiserations to those who unfortunately had to cancel the meet when the weather was so good.

Thanks to all who attended and apologies for the Saturday evening meal cock - up at the Saracen's Head, due to double booking. Everyone was eventually fed and watered at the Plas y Coed Hotel.

Short Notices

I am told that Peter Janes, who has been unwell recently, is much better now, keep up the good work Pete! He gave me a top rope in desperate circumstances at Black Rocks in 1959. The whole course of history might have been different (some would say better, without that generous deed).

Stephen Bashforth has resigned as secretary, after a stint of about nine years, I think, for personal reasons. Shirley Wainwright has taken over the role, with Mike Wren, under duress, as assistant secretary.

There has been some comment about the darkness in the hall at Tan yr Wyddfa since the the new front door without a window panel was installed. Any member having views on this is invited to make them known to the committee.

Changes Of Address

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BRAIN TEASER

It was 2036, Welbourne and Digger, looking a bit rough by now, were still out with the Oread, but parking at Pen y Pas was £256, and the three cliffs and the Mot were off limits due to the cost to the health trusts.

The railway was with us, in spite of the many oak trees worth of paper expended trying to stop it, and the ex Trans Pennine DC locomotives were hauling at about 120 mph, so it was not feasible to cross the track.

The BARMY competition was therefore constrained to a patch between Snowdon and Rhydd Ddu. The course was prescribed as starting at Cloggy Col 2.5km East of the railway, which is assumed to run North South for this problem, and finishing at Yr Aran, 3km East of the railway, and 3km South of Cloggy Col. It was required to touch the railway fence at the most advantageous point en route. Radders, lean as a Gipsy's dog, was capable of covering 7km at 12 kph, and 6km at 12.7 kph. What time would he require for the course? (His speed varied linearly with the distance.)

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Friday 29th August*
It is essential that all material reaches me by Thursday 21st August I look forward to hearing from Tony Howard, Derrick Burgess and Graham Foster. Some information on indoor meets will also be necessary.

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OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 1997

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

Sept 3 (Wed) Wildcat
 Sept 7 (Sunday) September Saunter
 Sept 13/14 Tan yr Wyddfa
 Sept 20/21 Heathy Lea
 Sept 27/28 Kirby Lonsdale

Sept 3 (Wed) Wildcat

The last official Wednesday evening meet before the dark season, although the hard men will be out for a while yet. See that you make it a memorable one.

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Sept 13/14 Tan Yr Wyddfa Tony Howard

This is the first meet I have been entrusted to lead, and I would like to make it an incomparable success. North Wales offers the best rock climbing in Britain, and I suggest we target the big crags: Gogarth and weather permitting, Cloggy.

The prime objectives for many could be 'Dream of White Horses' and 'Britomartis' - both very soft touches at HVS, provided you have your head together! 'Dream' has only two moves of 4C, and the rest is at best mild VS 'if not severe - really! However, it might not feel like that when you are on it! 'Dream' really is easy provided you have your head together. However you might be best wearing your bicycle clips and climbing with a partner who has no sense of smell! Lets have a mass accent. 'Britomartis' is steep but on good holds and drops straight into the sea, not technical v hard, but again you need *your head together* as you get higher and higher with an ever increasing need to rest.

Cloggy will be great if the weather is dry. Great Slab, Bow Shaped Slab, Curving Crack, and innumerable other VS's are tremendous routes. There are many world class classics at higher grades. I can personally recommend Llythrig and The Corner at HVS. If the weather stays as *warm* and dry as it has been during the latter half of this summer we could have a great day there as well as Gogarth.

I will be at Tan yr Wyddfa on the Friday night to organise everybody or whatever meet leaders are supposed to do. To book a place on this potentially most memorable of meets, call me at work (0115 936 2648) or at home (01332 273307).

Sept 20/21 Heathy Lea (Derwent Edges) Derick Burgess

Coerced by Ron to lead a meet, different for a change to Wasdale, left me with a blank mind and a comment from Ron that "you had better go to Heathy Lea then".

The hut has been booked for the weekend and I hope to arrive and find a good turnout on Friday evening. What I propose is to motor to Cutthroat bridge on the Saturday where there is ample parking and from where good paths

lead onto the Derwent Edges. White Tor and Dovestones would make a good venue for the day with many routes of excellent quality including the superb Great Buttress, a three star HVS for which I need a leader.

The walks and climbs have been inspected by umpires Pretty and Janes (complete with sticks and Oxygen apparatus) and declared feasible. Should the weather be kind a bivouac at Dovestones on the Sat would be traditional and there are several excellent sites.

This is a meet for walkers as well as climbers -mountaineers all!

Details can be discussed at the Smithfield over the next weeks to enable porters to be obtained in advance. A deputy leader will also be required to lead and motivate the walking team and flush people from the Strines Inn.

At this time of the year the moors are a splendid sight, purple with heather, and no better venue could be sought in the Autumn sunshine!

Note references to "flush" and "turnout" should not be taken to "loosey"

Sept 27/28 Kirby Lonsdale Graham Foster

In a moment of unguarded intemperance last August Bank Holiday, I was persuaded to lead a meet here as an alternative, new, venue for the W. Yorks/ E. Lakes area. So here goes. The local fells provide pleasant walking to around 2000 ft. with extensive views to the West & South. The attractions of Ingleton & the Three Peaks are only 6m away plus Sedbergh & the Howgills 10m North. There are a number of local limestone crags & outcrops which very few Oreads will have sampled (excepting K Gregson), offering routes of all grades. The Guide book is Lancashire & the North West I believe. Other more esoteric delights could include the Black Horse of Bush Howe & the Belinus Line (ask Brian West) or the Norber Erraties! The social scene in Kirkby is excellent with 6, pubs all serving real ale & pub food, a good value Italian & a Balfi, all within 1 yards of each other and 1 5 mins walk from the camp site. Speaking of which, this will be at Woodclose

Caravan Park, map ref. 619783. Take the A65 from the M6. Follow this, skirting the village to the south & crossing the river bridge. Then take the third turn left, just before the A 683. This narrow lane ends at the site entrance. Would all who intend coming please contact me beforehand on 01332 662935 or at the Smithfield for directions to the correct area of the site. If all else fails I will be in my usual watering hole, the Sun Inn, far end of the main street, by about 9-45. See you there.
Graham Foster.

PAST EVENTS

Tan Yr Wyddfa Working Party 21/22 July

In my last report concerning the working party of the 19/20 march 97 in wales I was obliged to suggest, no, stress that both sexes must share the ladies shower, alas it is now all over back to your own cubicles you must go. on the 21st a small work force were at the hut mainly to complete the reinstatement of the mens shower 'attending were aqua stylists Smedley & shreeve with their helper (gofer this and gofer that) chuck Hooley all supported by Barbara smedley and margaret Hooley.

The work took most of the week and whilst the two cubicle contortionists wrestled with wood, pipes and tiles the gofer was active scouring the 10% off spots around Bangor & caenarfon for parts, pipes and provisions and of course new wooden toilet seats which have already met with - warm~ approval. it is almost impossible to locate John Shreeve's off button once he gets started, the result, one porch ceiling stripped and cladded with pine. I discovered Barbara Smedley on her knees scraping and cleaning the kitchen floor bringing a shine to parts where once over with " " had failed, her reason a brief desire to experience the life of a scullery maid. I must of course mention Margarets general cleaning activities and of course who plied us with that inimitable english sentence that she has managed to learn so well < do you want tea or coffee and sandwiches > well done M. Meanwhile back in Notts/Derby the word Abracadabra was being uttered and the magic

carpet donated by Keith Gregsons neighbour commenced to bear the Sarson family to the mountains of Wales taking contours in its stride to take its place in the hut lounge and looking resplendent in situ, thank you Keith, Kevin and Margaret.

The Janes and Handleys arrived on Friday, their ready quips and anecdotes soon injected new life into the flagging work force, by Sunday the shower was ready the rubic cubicle shone white and sealed and what better seal of approval can be given than by Handley and Janes, instructions followed to the letter they declared the shower AI OK. The ladies shower was also approved though not without humour, the gofer in his disguise as custodian of huts responded to cries of consternation from the ladies washroom via Sue and Christine and was yanked inside to facilitate fine tuning of the shower, there are some real natty nighties about these days, despite Handleys boast he came very close to not being the only early riser that morning.

Quite serious now, its important to let the full club membership (not just committee's) know how their huts are being maintained and the newsletter diligently produced by Rusty enables me to do this. The records show that the main users of the hut are guest clubs and not club members, they and the club owe a huge debt to Tony smedley and John shreeve for their time spent on both showers. At Heathy Lea the conservatory floor looks resplendent with its new earthenware tiles installed by George & Janet Reynolds and Harry Pretty, who, palette- put aside mixed compo as required. I hear very little praise about work done on the huts but complaints find their way to me very quickly, I leave you with those thoughts. CH

Since I am mentioned in this, I would like to state a personal feeling that the length of this article is out of sympathy with the primary purpose of the club, which is outdoor activity. The newsletter, and the huts, are in my view only means to this end. I find it a great deal more palatable to spend my leisure time typing speculation about the perceived laxative effect

of "Dream of White Horses". Having said this, I am not unappreciative of the efforts of the stalwarts mentioned, although I suggest that constant requests for recognition on their behalf could be both unnecessary and self defeating. -Ed.

Yorkshire Dales 26/27 July

The weather was beautiful, and the old favourite campsite below Gordale Scar delightful in summer sunshine beside the stream, only the approach through West Riding roads, and the indogenous South Yorkshirites on the site cast any metaphorical shadow. With my body odour, I always wonder whether anyone will attend my meets, but I was faithfully supported by Prospective member Mick, Gill Keeling, and Rosie, who is dear to Mick's heart, (strangely Gill doesn't mind), Peter and Georgina Amour. On Saturday we ascended the noisome Scar and completed the ritual circuit of Malham, scarcely noticing a small shower as we bevved in Malham at a strategic time, returning via Janet's Foss to be greeted at the site by Chris Radcliffe. I was a little embarrassed that I had not laid on more testing activity for a man of this stature, but it said much for the club spirit of all present that a trip to Winterburn reservoir the next day could be conducted with a party of such wide ranging fitness and aspirations (I am sure the others will not mind this description.)

Overall, a most enjoyable meet. CR

SHORT NOTICES

Congratulations

To Fred Philips on his recent marriage to the (no doubt) delectable Joy. (see address below).

Oread 50 Year Anniversary

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For Sale

Sleeping bag, down filled, nylon cover, suitable for 2 seasons use. Would suit growing

chils or early teenager. £20 contact Graham Foster, Derby 662935.

Changes Of Address

Fred Phillips

6 Pullborough Gardens, Windsor Park Littleover, Derby DE23 7UE

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Sep 5/6	K Fellfarers	16 beds
Sep 12/13	Oread Meet	
Sep 19/20	Vacant	
Sep 26/27	Hucknall MC	16 beds
Oct 3/4	G Gadsby	whole hut

Bookings Heathy Leas

Sep 12/13	Leic. MLA	cott/barn
Sep 19/20	Oread Meet	
Sep 26/27	G Fowler	cott/barn
Oct 3/4	Northumberland MCCottage	

Will all members who have enjoyed the hut facilities over the summer please forward their hut fees to Colin Hobday

The Oread MC has reciprocal rights with K Fellfarers who have a Hut in Borrowdale - details may be obtained from Colin Hobday.

BRAIN TEASER

Last Month's Problem.

This time, Hereward Tresidder was not to be denied his just reward. I can do no better than quote his solution. "The shortest route can be determined by "flipping" one of the triangles to the other side of the track and drawing a straight line ". This leads, by Pythagoras, to a distance of 6.265 km., and a time, with a small rounding error, of 30 mins. Ernie Phillips had the same thoughts. Last month's champion, Tony Smedley, (whose token I am still carrying about, hoping to see him), was a touch off the mark this time.

This Month's Problem

If 8 becomes 10 and 18 becomes 40, which of the Welsh peaks does 43,13,-11,-8,31,-2 represent?

The "Nuts And Bolts" Of The Newsletter"

Response to my requests for information has improved lately, and I would like to thank everyone for making the job, which I still enjoy, easier as I embark upon my second fifty newsletters. There is one way however in which the process can be further speeded. I use a scanner which automatically reads typescript, so if you have the means to type your contributions, as many already do, then please do so, and, please let me have a page of plain typescript, no big letters, italics or underlining Any threats or abuse as an afterthought in your own handwriting should be sent either on the back of the sheet or on a separate piece of paper. This really does save my time -thanks.

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STOP PRESS

Indoor Meets

Oct	Caucuses	Rock Hudson
Nov	Nepal	Rich Coghlan
Dec 2	Members evening	
Jan 6	Kulu	Jack Ashcroft
March	Colorado	Chris Radcliffe

More details in the October Edition



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 1997

RUTH WELBOURNE

Many of you will have heard of Ruth's illness recently, and sadly, I have to report that she passed away on Saturday 28th September. She and John joined the Oread before my time, (1954 I believe), and before and during the 38 years or so I have personally known her she and John have distinguished themselves as possibly the most regular and enthusiastic supporters of Oread meets over this very long period, and have lived among and visited mountains in many distant ranges. Many club members have also had cause to be grateful for Ruth's kindness and hospitality at her home in Bangor, when en route to and from Snowdonia, and one of my own last memories is a welcome warm and cup of tea as I rode home on a motor cycle in inclement conditions. Ruth will be greatly missed, and I hope you will allow me to add the sympathies of the entire club to those of myself and Margaret, and to offer these to John, Lisa and Helga. (There will be a service in Derby, see "Notices")

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

Oct 7 (Tues) 1st Indoor Meet,
Oct 19 (Sun) Autumn Amble
October 22 (Wed) Foundry (Fat Cat later)
October 25/26 Seathwaite "High House"
November 2 Dovedale Dash

October 19 (Sun) Autumn Amble George Reynolds

Meet 10-15 for 10-30 am at the Youlgreave car park ref. 207 641 (It has been known that you can leave your car keys in the car for a whole weekend at this car park).

The walk follows a southerly path to Long Dale, Gratton Dale and up to the Duke of York at Elton. No pub food available, packed lunches may be eaten in the pub."

October 25/26 Seathwaite "High House" Kev Alsobrook

Kevin is back in the country and has written to me with his new address (see later) and asked me to publish the following re. his meet. Since we have not seen him for a while, I hope a

good number of club members will attend and make the meet successful.

"Well, I'm back in the UK at last and hope that you will come to my meet in the Lakes. We have the K Shoes Hut in Borrowdale this year which by all accounts is excellent. Needless to say there is plenty to do locally with great rock climbing in Borrowdale and on higher crags, weather permitting, and great walking and even mountain biking for those who want it. A barbecue would be good if it's fine. Places are going fast so call me on 0191 3866200"

Non 2 Dovedale Dash

The continuation of a long tradition. Messrs Radcliffe and Chambers, among others, come to mind as having run in four decades. Although the Dash is more "professional" and dominated by athletes, rather than ourselves, a strong Oread presence will be expected. Radcliffe, Wynne and Hopkinson have been doing a great deal of hard training, and anything less than first 50 placings from any of these men should be atoned for by a round of drinks to all comers. I myself, conversely, no longer take running seriously, and have taken very little exercise over the past year, so that an indifferent performance should be viewed with understanding. Don't forget to turn up and support all Oreads, though, if not running yourself. (For the benefit of newcomers, the start is at Thorpe Pastures at 11 am, and the local traffic system is paralysed beforehand.)

FUTURE EVENTS

Amendments To Meets Card

As stated in a previous newsletter, it was not possible to book any suitable premises for the club dinner on the date shown on the meets list and so the dinner date was amended from 14th to 29th November. Consequently, Richard Coghlan's meet, originally scheduled for , cannot take place. (I have already explained and apologised to Richard.) Since 14/15th November is now a blank weekend, and no huts are available, I propose to organise a practice fell run cum spectator event on the Sunday. (I was recently overtaken by a duck

whilst jogging up from Milldale to Alstonfield and many thought it necessary to enquire whether it was waddling or flying).

Indoor Meets

This year's winter indoor talks will take place at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook. They will start at 8pm and the programme will run from October through until March. Members are welcome to bring friends.

Oct 7th A visit to the Caucuses, the European Mountains that progress passed by. Rock Hudson

Nov 4th A walk through Eastern Nepal, with an ascent of Mera by Richard Coghlan Plus - Mountain days with the Oread, Alpine meets of yester year. by Keith Gregson (provisional titlers)

Dec 2nd A Members evening - Club members.

Jan 6th "Kulu and over Rohthang La"

Jack Ashcroft

Feb 3rd Not finalised yet

March From the wind river mountains, to the Tetons and on to Colarado

Chris Radcliffe

Supplementary Dinner Meet

If you blinked at the wrong time this year, you will have missed your chance to register for the Oread Annual Dinner - I did and so did most of my mates. After drying our collective tears we have decided to organise a supplementary dinner, to which all club members are invited.

This will now take place in Coniston on Saturday 22 November. Accommodation for Friday and Saturday nights will be in the local church hall - on the floor at a cost of £2.50 per person per night. You will need a Karimat. A meal has been arranged at a local hotel, which is within walking distance of the hall. The price is likely to be around £10 per head - details of the menu to be settled. Please let me know your preferences (for the menu that is!).

The plan is to set up some taped music in the church hall after the meal. The atmosphere should be spartan, noisy and merry, and there's no getting away from it - we have only one room. So if you plan to go to sleep early-ish, bring some ear plugs. Reflexes fast enough to avoid the occasional Technicolor yawn may be useful. I have been to several meets run on these lines, with another club, and they can work well, so long as nobody tries to dominate the music selection, Kev! (only joking mate). Dress should be smart-ish - I will wear my pink mini (I hope nobody finds this an attractive image!). You may have gathered that the formulae could be most appreciated by the younger members of the club, which in the Oread's case would probably be under 75. However, anyone older who is prepared to lie about his/her age would be most welcome.

As for outdoor activities. Wallabarrow is often warm and dry enough to climb on in November, and the walking and mountain biking in the Lakes at that time of year are excellent.

If you would like to attend this meet, please let me or Gillian Heys know as soon as possible. (Gill has been using this dinner as an excuse to gleefully extract money from people for weeks now, and there are rumours that it has already funded her errant diversion from the Lundy meet to Majorcal) (Efforts and enthusiasm much appreciated Gill.) A deposit of £5 'up front' is required to cover the cost of accommodation, and will secure you a place on the meet.

If the meet works well I would like to run one annually. I see this as additional to the formal dinner, which should in my view be extended to include the whole club membership, and act as a catalyst for club unity. (Any apparent criticism of the committee is entirely intentional, but like the Murphy's "I'm not bitter.")

Tony Howard

In Reply To The Above

If I could comment, with the president's rather than the editor's hat on, I am pleased that a supplementary meet has been organised when there is unfulfilled demand, but I would point out in defence of the main dinner organiser that bookings were on a first come first served basis. In previous years the take up has been so slow that cancellation was under consideration until the last moment. In any case, no premises are available which can accommodate the whole club, so these facts taken together justified, without the benefit of hindsight, taking premises which could accommodate something like the 40% of the membership which could reasonably be expected. In future years, if there is a demand for two dinners, fine, but any functions in the name of the Oread should be co-ordinated through Michael Hayes, the meets secretary. (He is definitely under 75, I climbed with his father.) CR

SHORT NOTICES

Memorial Service For Ruth Welbourne

Ruth's family have arranged a memorial service, which will take place at St Edmunds Church, Allestree on 25th October, at 11 am. A wish has been expressed that we should not wear black. It is requested that no flowers should be sent, but any donations will be distributed by the family to cancer charities.

Oread 50 Year Anniversary

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The following notice appeared in a recent newsletter, and has so far not brought about any result, when I last spoke to Colin Hobday. If you don't like what the committee are doing about the forthcoming anniversary, it would be nice to have any positive alternative suggestion. Failing that, then please do your best to support the corporate club effort with a few photographs from all decades. Messrs

Pettigrew, Gadsby and Ashcroft, photographers from a bygone age, must surely have worthy prints or slides from former decades, lions of the Himalayas and holders of the Peacock Trophy as some are. I shall prevail upon Barnard to reveal his slide of a plastic decoy bird, taken in good faith but poor visibility, and I shall listen to my own exhortation and produce a few prints for consideration, poor though they may be.

Changes Of Address

Kev Alsobrook, 24 Young St., Gilesgate, County Durham (Tel 0191 3866200)

Margaret and Gordon Gadsby, 4 Rookwood Close, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 1FS

Application For Membership

An application for membership has been received from Mick Keeling. Any member who has views regarding his suitability for this privilege should make these known to a committee member before the committee meeting which will take place on the second Tuesday in October.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Oct 3/4 G Gadsby whole hut

Bookings Heathy Lea

Oct 3/4 Northumberland MC Cottage

An additional working party has been arranged at Heathy Lea on 26 October, to cut grass and logs. Anyone not on the meet that weekend and willing to help would be welcome.

Colin Hobday, the hut booking secretary, is still very anxious to hear from those who have used the huts recently and not so far paid their fees. Being a mild and peaceful man, he might have to enlist the help of others of contrasting disposition, and there are many available, to recover the club's debts.

BRAIN TEASER

Last Month's Problem.

The number conversion was three times the previous number less fourteen. Reversing this process led to a string of numbers which represented the positions in the alphabet of SIABOD.

Correct solutions were received from Rob Tresidder and Ernie Phillips (again), and also from Eileen Gregson. The last named being by a considerable margin the fairest to behold (I could not separate the other two on these grounds), and incidentally the author of the first solution received, will in due course receive a book token.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

Nov 2nd. Sun	Dovedale Dash
Nov 4th	Indoor Meet
Nov 16th	Pack Run/Walk
Nov 19	Climbing Wall (Nottingham)
Nov 29	Annual Dinner

Nov 2 Dovedale Dash

Another reminder, if the postman brings this in time, to shout for your intrepid Oread team, or better still, to run yourself (no matter how inept, someone there will make you look good!)

Nov 4 Indoor Meet

The title of this month's indoor meet at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook starting at 8 pm will be "A walk through Eastern Nepal, with an ascent of Mera by Richard Coghlan Plus - Mountain days with the Oread, Alpine meets of yester year. by Keith Gregson"

Nov 16 (Sun) Pack Run/Walk

This weekend is free due to re-arrangement of the programme, as previously explained, and since it is too late to book a hut, and there has been a sufficiency of geriatric walks with which in any case I cannot keep up. I thought a "together, non - competitive" fell run might fill the bill. I have in mind easy, and a harder variation on a basic route, and any walkers who might want to jeer, throw rubbish or just admire dubious specimens of Oread manhood passant can arrange their own itinerary, and at Coldeaton footbridge (145 562) between about 2.30 and 3.15 pm.

Start at Alsop car park on the Tissington Trail at 2pm, route is via Hanson Grange, Hall Dale, up Dovedale to Packhorse bridge at Milldale, the George at Alstonefield, down to the Dove at the stepping stones (142 568), down the river to Iron Torrs. Up the steep ridge to bridge on Tissington Trail at ref 151 560 then back to Alsop. Anyone wishing to extend this can run down to Slate House,

Parwich via public footpaths, where a drink and a cake will be provided between 4pm and 5pm, and a lift back to Alsop to collect vehicles. Easier variations - straight up the Dove to Iron Torrs instead of climbing to Alstonefield, and up the Iron Torrs Dale itself instead of the steep ridge on the right.

Arrangements at the start - If you plan to run back to Parwich, Margaret will be at the start and she will take your bag back to Parwich to await you. I have to work on Railway Bridge inspections overnight the previous night and until 1300 hrs Sunday, and will go straight to Alsop from work, but if something goes wrong and I do not arrive by 1400 hrs, start without me. Estimated time for the run, 90 mins at a comfortable pace. Anyone who has completed the Dovedale Dash would be capable of the easier variations at least. Please give me a quick ring some time if you plan to take part. (tel 01335 390369)

CR

Nov 29 (Sat) Annual Dinner

The dinner will of take place on Saturday November 29. Shirley Wainwright, the organiser, has sent out a sheet with all the relevant particulars, menu choice, how to pay etc. to those scheduled to attend.

FUTURE EVENTS

Update On Indoor Meets

The title of the indoor meet for February will be "Hutting round the Matterhorn and Dolomites Via Ferrata" by Bill Kenyon

Dec 6 Bullstones Brian West (Early Warning)

After two consecutive away weekends the expressed purpose of which is eating, I feel that some corrective action is needed if only to clear the digestive tract of the rigours for the festive season proper. To this end I have opted for a local user friendly Bullstones on Saturday Dec 6th at Edale - easy to get to, not quite so easy to get away from.

Light of sack and light of heart we shall leave Edale at 0800 hrs for the Jubilee Cabin. On then via Lockerbrook, Penistone Stile, and the Bull Stones for a late lunch at Lower Small Clough. Oyster Clough next, then a descent to Snake Inn where I expect to chair a frank and forthright exchange of views on what might best be termed our predicament..... With all rebellion put down and mutineers cast adrift in an open boat we shall then set sail, Petzl-rigged for the return over Kinder.

Now a moment's reflection on this route as given makes it clear that we shall not be able to Stroll, Saunter, Amble or Wander. Neither, however, shall we Run - the day is to be enjoyed, not endured. As befits a mountaineering club we shall Walk, briskly and purposefully the purpose being to get back to the Nag's Head before closing time.

P.S. the aforementioned open boat may well take the form of a support car. Any offer of such support will be warmly appreciated. If it is a foul evening anyone arriving at the Snake with seats to spare will be the most popular person on the planet.

PAST EVENTS

Tan Y Wyddfa September 13-14

A total of 13 people attended this meet, and as planned we visited Gogarth - the best crag in Britain. Several routes were climbed on Saturday, ranging in grade from VS to E3 - none of them by the meet organiser! He spent the best part of the day ab-ing into and prussiking out of Britomartis with his two hapless companions. [He bought a shunt shortly afterwards.]

On Sunday Tremaddog was the most popular venue, with ascents of Christmas Curry, One Step in the Clouds, Grim Wall, Grim Wall Direct, Grotto, The Plumb, Vector, and several others.

The weather was good on both days, the wine and the vitriol flowed well on Saturday night, and as usual some were not at their best on Sunday morning. Good climbing, a good laugh, - a thoroughly

enjoyable weekend. Sorry about 'Dream'. Maybe next time.

Tony Howard.

Heathy Lea/ Derwent Edges Sept 20/21

Well we did get to Derwent Edge and it was in superb weather but the overnight bivouac never happened (thank God) and I didn't ascend Great Buttriss.

Saturday was an "al fresco" day finishing as expected in the Robin Hood. Harry, Stan and myself enjoyed a walk over Big Moor to Hob Hurst House, John soloed on Birchens and Radders arrived after flying in from the States, running the Langdale Horseshoe and then driving down; Ron and Ruth, Steve, Roger and Dennis Gray also arrived.

Whitstones Edge offered three pleasant routes after a walk from Cutthroat Bridge, Dovestones Tor was a different matter; the hard severes seemed disparate but had we lost the ability to mantleshelf? perhaps climbing walls develop the wrong techniques. Radders accepted a top rope on Great Buttriss (actually a second wouldn't follow was his excuse) and then brought up the rest - I opted out not keen on the prospect of a 40 ft. swing in space as the price of failure. Back Tor was the final Crag and a worthy finish to the day. Chris Wilson, Mikes Wren and Moss swelled the team on Sunday whilst Ashcroft fleetingly appeared prior to heading into the wilds.

The combination of moorland walking, excellent weather and climbing contributed to a thoroughly enjoyable day. Thanks to all who attended.

Derrick Burgess.

Kirkby Lonsdale Sept 27/28.

After negotiating the site Warden, unanimously declared "the Fuhrer" by all who met him, most people found our 5* campsite ok., except Keith Gregson who was still maintaining that he'd found an undiscovered rear entrance on Sunday Saturday brought a dull but warm day &, after breakfast, Dave Penlington. The whole party took a coastal walk around the Silverdale area to Jack Scout

crag, the area's only sea cliff (just) which provided us with some fairly short but interesting climbing for an hour or so. The ladies then having tired of identifying sea birds we continued along the coast path to the Silverdale hotel for refreshment. The afternoon brought the main event (Gregson's hidden agenda!) with a visit to Trowbarrow, where most people did the classic "Jean Jeannie", 100 ft of 80 degree limestone jamming crack! Meanwhile Mike & Roy spent an hour off route on an adjacent VS but, after directions from a local, managed to complete the route before dusk. Socialising continued after dark with beer at the Red Lion & a Barbecue (sorry it took so long to get going folks) where booze & conversation flowed- especially Tony Raphaels! until about lam. Sunday dawned bright & clear and after the hangovers cleared most of the menfolk plus 1 dog enjoyed a half day walk from Barbondale via Bullpot, Easgill & Barbon Low Fell, entertained by cavers popping in & out of manholes in the heather and Rock discoursing on the many fossils found above Cow Dub. The ladies, having regard for Sues cough, took a stroll to the Pub at Whittington- for some medicine - via Sellet Mill. My thanks go to those who came & spent a pleasant weekend in agreeable company, exploring an area relatively un-visited by the Oread, Namely:- Mike & Sue Wren, Keith & Michael Gregson, Roy & Chris Eyre plus Dog, Rock Hudson, Tony Raphael, Dave Penlington & Margaret.

G.F.

SHORT NOTICES

A guide book and watch were left at the K Felfarers hut. John Green will bring these to the next indoor meet.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy Lea

Nov 1/2 Vacant
 Nov 7/8 Vacant
 Nov 14/18 Croydon MC Cottage

Nov 21/22 D Weston Cottage
 Nov 28/29 Vacant
 Dec 5/6 Aylsbury MC Cottage
 Dec 12/13 Vacant
 Dec 19/20 Vacant
 Christmas/New Year Reserved (Oread)

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Nov 7/8 Leicester MC 16 beds
 Nov 14/15 Rock and Heather 16 beds
 Nov 21/22 Loughton MC 16 beds
 Nov 28/29 Oread dinner (Hut Full)
 Dec 5/6 Slough MC 16 beds

Dec 12/13 RATS 16 beds
 Dec 19/20 Vacant
 Christmas New year Reserved for Oread (Vacant)

The Supplementary Dinner: 22/23 November

Here's a last reminder about our 'extra dinner' - who says some of us are trying to lose weight! As of 3rd October, we have a total of 17 Oreads committed to this event with their hard earned cash! By the time you read this I hope we will have a few more. The accommodation is arranged 'kip on the floor' at the Church Hall in Coniston. Its equipped with a good kitchen, two toilets and a shower, and is located next to the vicarage, a quarter of a mile from Coniston centre, on the Ambleside road and close to the youth hostel (which is at MR 302981). The dinner has been booked at the Yewdale Hotel, Yewdale Rd. Coniston on Saturday night. It's within easy walking and reasonable crawling distance of our accommodation. We will have a 3 course meal plus coffee, with a choice of meeeecat or vegetarian main dish. Pay for this on the day. I will collect the hall keys and be in the SUN INN in Coniston by 8.30 pm on Friday night. See you there. If you want more information or you have not secured yourself a place give me a call (Home 01 332 273307 Work 01 15 936 2648).

Tony Howard

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do Not Stand At My Grave and Weep

Do not stand at my grave and weep; I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn rain. When you waken in the morning's hush I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there. I did not die.

Take time to work, it is the price of success. Take time to think, it is the scourge of strength. Take time to play, it is the secret of youth. Take time to read, it is the foundation of knowledge. Take time to make friends, it is the gate to happiness. Take time to dream, it is the way to the stars. Take time to love, it is the true zest of life. Take time to be happy, it is the music of the soul.

We would like to Thank all those people who've sent cards and letters, all of those who 'phoned and all those who came to the memorial service last Saturday. We have marvelled at the number of old, (and we don't mean ageing) faces and names we've seen and heard. Its been such a comfort to us all to realise just how many people have such fond memories of Ruth and have shared them with us. We hope you understand that at times it has been, and perhaps still will be, for a while, a struggle to talk to you - please bear with us, it is getting easier with time. We must say a special Thanks to Harry and Uschi. Harry, for his contribution at the service - making everyone laugh was just what we all needed. Rainer and Peter and their wives especially appreciated the German slant to the service given by Uschi. The poems that Uschi and Helga read are printed here for those of you who asked for them. We raised just under £600 in the collections at the crematorium and at St. Edmunds. We've sent £200 to the Hospice

in Wrexham, where Ruth spent her last day. We've asked for some plants and flowers for the gardens there as she really enjoyed sitting at the patio doors, in the sun, looking out over the gardens on the last Friday afternoon. The rest of the money will be donated to Lymphoma research, we'd like to think something may be done for people with this disease one day.

Thanks again,
John, Lisa and Helga

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

Dec 2nd (Tues) Indoor Meet Ockbrook
Dec 6th Bullstones
Dec 17th (Wed) Black Rocks
Dec 26th Miners Arms Brassington
Jan 1st 1998 The George Alstonfield

Dec 2 (Tues) Indoor Meet Ockbrook

This month's indoor meet is entitled "Members slide evening", and will commence at 8pm at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook. Contact Rock Hudson for further details.

Dec 6 Bullstones Brian West

The walk will be as given in the last newsletter (start Edale 8 a.m.), and I am assured that there will be Oreads in the Snake Inn on Saturday evening with transport available or those who feel the need.

I would like to thank those who have offered this support. Even as we are selfishly enjoying ourselves on Bleaklow these fine, club spirited fellows will be keeping watch and ward over us with nought of comfort save fires, real ale, and the odd barmaid or two. Such altruism leaves me speechless. Let the bard himself sing praises unto them:

"O wonder!

How many goodly creatures are there here!

How beauteous mankind is!

O Brave new world that hath such people in't"

December 17 Black Rocks Mike Wren

The time of the year has arrived for traditional seasonal masochism - climbing wet cold slippery green rock in the dark. All good character - building thirst generating stuff.

The usual format of arriving whenever, and doing what you like will apply. Refreshments will be taken at the nearest pub, the Rising Sun at Middleton

Our host Alan will be providing hot chicken and mushroom pies with mushy peas - cost £1.95. Sufficient stocks of beer will be in place. (always a subject of major concern for the meet leader - Ed.)

He would not object to any singing which might break out later on, so feel free to bring along any songs, words (lots of photocopies are a good idea), and instruments you can.

I hope for a good turn out - Let's make the crag look like a Christmas tree again.

Dec 26 Miner's Arms Brassington

Although my name is, by default, normally put against this meet, I may not, due to family commitments, be able to be present. However, I am confident that the usual suction sampling can take place without my supervision. Those wishing to walk to Brassington might enjoy a walk over from the North end of Ballidon Quarry via Ballidonmoor. (drive up the narrow road through the quarry, park at the side of the road at 207 556, head over to the B5054 and follow paths heading SSE passing near Rainster Rocks into Brassington.

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Jan 1 New Year Walk Clive Russell

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PAST EVENTS

Pembroke - August Bank Holiday

1997

We arrived mid afternoon on the Friday to find the advanced guard already occupying most of the field. The Hobdays, Camells Welbournes and others had placed themselves strategically to maximise occupation.

Michael and I positioned and constructed our jousting tent, with the help of Colin, just in time for Eileen to arrive and order a move on account of the dog log secretly 'positioned in the doorway'. Ten

minutes later Tony and Barbara arrived and camped in roughly the same place. We spent the weekend sterilising the spot.

Saturday dawned windy with the promise of rain so a large group of us set off round the headland to Porth Clais. It turned out to be a bracing stroll and the rain appeared just before we turned inland towards the Farmers where we had arranged to meet the others. John ordered two sandwiches which cost him a fiver thus began another Welbourne saga. The two rounds arrived and John spent the afternoon trying to shift one lot, then filling rucksacks with the other.

The weather over the next few days was mixed, but generally good and many climbs and walks were accomplished. It was good to see Derek Camell back on the crags and his birthday do was a highlight of the holiday.

The Oread Meet in St David's has been a long time favourite with many of us and the atmosphere once again was one of total enjoyment in the company of many friends. We shall all of course miss Ruth Welbourne in the future, but those of us who were lucky enough to spend those few days with her will have particularly fond memories of this occasion. She, like the rest of us, enjoyed every minute of it.

Many thanks to all who came - they included: Patti & Derek, Les Peel, Colin & Uschi, Mike & Sue Wren, John & Ruth, Ron, Von & Debbie Sant, Graham & Margaret Foster, Tony & Barbara Smedley, Nick Evans, Pam Storer, Beryl Strike, John, Pete O'Neill, Dennis & Renata and John & Jenny. Keith Gregson

Nov 2 Dovedale Dash (Results)

31	Mike Wynn
106	Clive Russell
239	John O' Reilly
258	Nick Jones (brother of David)
276	Roger Larkam
288	Robin Sedgwick
312	Rob Tresidder
327	Graham Weston

374	Alastair Gordon (Derwent MC)
391	David Jones
526	John Salmon
547	Gillian Heys (first OMC lady subject to scrutineers)
672	Ron Chambers
704	Joanne (towing Stefan Hobday round)
705	Stef Hobday
723	Anne Carrington/Wynn*
742	Tony Howard
803	Ruth Gordon
884	Freda Raphael
983	George Fowler*

*Most meritorious performances Annie warmed up by running from Derby. Geor holds the "Oread rear lamp trophy" for the next twelve months

SHORT NOTICES

Accounts

The committee have now received and approved the fully audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 1996. The accounts were not materially different from the draft figures presented to the 1997 AGM by Richard Coghlan and there is a "clean" audit report. The auditor, Reg Squires wishes to apologise for the long delay in completion, due to personal circumstances earlier in the year.

Welsh Highland Railway

The committee, especially Chuck, continue to hold a watching brief. The pre-enquiry meeting has taken place, our representations are already in place, and the enquiry will be on 9th December. Stuart Haywood has written to me and pointed out that internet freaks monitor the progress of the scheme on <http://www.festrail.co.uk>

HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy Lea

Dec 5/6 Aylsbury MC Cottage
Dec 12/13 Vacant
Dec 19/20 Vacant
Christmas/New Year Reserved (Oread)

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Dec 5/6 Slough MC 16 beds
Dec 12/13 RATS 16 beds
Dec 19/20 Vacant
Christmas New year Reserved for Oread
(Vacant)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OREAD MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT

Whats wrong with the Oread? Not a lot you might say, and I would agree. We have a large membership, a fairly active nucleus, some very good and even famous climbers. We have a committed and energetic committee, two excellent and very well maintained huts and a healthy balance sheet - I am told. Am I laying this on a bit thick? Once you are in, the atmosphere is convivial on the meets and in the pub on Tuesdays.

However, its not easy to become accepted. I for one would have given up trying if it had not been for the encouragement of three individuals in succession. Others have also told me that they have found it difficult; some who did become accepted, and two who went elsewhere. We have an ageing membership. Its OK for each of us to get older - but ten years ago our youngest member was 21 (I am told). He is now 31 and still the youngest (at least among those active on Tuesdays and Wednesdays)

I am not suggesting we drag unwilling youths from the streets, or even embark on a recruitment campaign. I am, as a relatively new member humbly suggesting we make more effort to draw in those who approach us. There are a number of things we can do. Firstly we should warmly welcome those who come down to the pub on Tuesdays. It's easy to ignore a newcomer if you've come down to chat to your mates. Let's draw them into our conversations and be pro-active in inviting them to our evening meets. We could provide them with a 'handout'. This could inform them of our activities - Wednesday nights and at weekends. It could include the telephone numbers of a few activists - at least one from each clique (yes we do have cliques). It could

point out the advantage of attending weekend meets as the best way to meet people, and the advantages of club membership.

In the summer evenings we tend to climb multi-pitch routes, which encourages pairing up as ropes of two. We should all be willing to accept a third on our rope from time to time to accommodate the 'odd man out'. (I would have said man or woman to be PC, but I don't think ladies have the same trouble - surprise surprise!) Winter evenings on the climbing walls are easier because we don't pair up and it's easier to 'mix and match, and meet people. Its ideal to draw in the newcomer.

A little effort in this way could bring in happy new members widen our age spectrum, and secure the future of the club in the long term. I would be willing to put together a leaflet and co-ordinate an approach to the problem if this is of interest to the club. Does anyone else have a view on this matter, if so please let me know.

Tony Howard

(I am told this was handed to Reg Squires, the originator believing him to be me. No further comment CR)

BRAIN TEASER

The BMC committee decided to blow their expenses on a Land Rover safari trip up Snowdon. Passing Cloggy at a discrete distance they saw, through binoculars, the amazing sight of three domestic felines attempting to ascend the Faith and Friction Slab on Longlands. Sadly, all three failed and perished nobly. Which one fell off first?

Book token for the most reasoned and best presented answer. Uschi will arbitrate on style and presentation. (Due to pressure of work I have not yet despatched some tokens to previous winners, sorry.)

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Friday 22 December* It is essential that all material reaches me by *Thursday 14th*

December I look forward to hearing Richard Coghlan Since no one has volunteered to produce a journal, I shall attempt to provide an enhanced newsletter for Christmas. If you have anything suitable for inclusion please let me have it ASAP. I would also like to thank Mike Wren who has helped with this edition whilst I have had to work weekends

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Radders Sampling the Flesh Pots at the
Fell and Rock dinner while others ran
the Dash



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

Jan 1st 1998	The George Alstonfield
Jan 6th	Indoor Meet
Jan 21 (Wed)	Foundry
Jan 31/1	Tan yr Wyddfa
Feb 8 (Sun)	Winter Wander

Jan 1 New Year Walk Clive Russell

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Jan 6 Indoor Meet Royal Oak Ockbrook

The title of this months meet, starting at 8pm, is ""Kulu and over Rohthang La" by Jack Ashcroft. The presence of one of the Oread's pre-eminent walkers and expedition men should guarantee a good turn out.

Jan 21 The Foundry Sheffield

This climbing wall event will be followed by real ale in the Fat Cat. Unfortunately I am not personally familiar with the scene. Mike Wren would be a good starting point for anyone wanting to know more.

Jan 31/1 Tan Yr Wyddfa Richard Coghlan

I am going to treat this as a training weekend for Ron's Onich trip which will follow two weeks later. It will be the best chance to catch North Wales' winter routes in condition (on an official meet at least), though I remember this meet at the end of January 1997 we were climbing Rock in shirt sleeves. What will global warming do for us this time? To book

your place and arrange lifts etc. please 'phone me on Derby 865934 (note that this is not the same as in the handbook), or see me in the Smithfield the Tuesday beforehand.

Feb 8 (Sun) Winter Wander Colin Hobday

Book this date in your diary for another big Oread turn-out. Full particulars will appear in the Feb newsletter. Williams, who publicly molested the club secretary in Gratton Dale and who has not appeared since to be admonished, will be kept under closer control on this walk.

FUTURE EVENTS

Supplementary Meet

Malham 13/15 February Michael Hayes.

We have been invited by the K Fellfarers to take part in a meet they are holding in Yorkshire. The accommodation will be at Hill Top Farm Barn in the village of Malham at a cost of £5.00 per night. Malham itself obviously needs no introduction with excellent climbing and walking, in addition the K Fellfarers have offered to take those interested on a caving trip. If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible as we have only 10 places. You can contact me at the Smithfield on Tuesday nights or telephone 01 15 9490026

14/20 Feb Alex Macintyre Hut Onich Ron Chambers

An "early warning" for this meet so no excuses for missing out! The hut is booked for the full week, not just for the weekend, The cost is £3 per night, and there are 10 beds available for Oread use. Ruth and I will be away 10th Dec. 10th Jan and 17th-24th Jan but messages can be left on the answerphone. (Tel 01298 25835) More info' in the February newsletter.

PAST EVENTS

The Annual Dinner 1997

From comments which I have received, the Annual Dinner appears to have been successful. Perhaps it was the change of venue to Wales had something to do with it.

Accommodation was not a problem.

The hut was filled to overflowing. The Oread virtually took over the Saracens Head Hotel for the weekend as many members stayed for the Friday night prior to the dinner. No doubt the idea was to have a day in the hills prior to the festivities. Despite the downpour on Saturday the Oreads were out in force.

Harold Drasdo and his wife Maureen were welcomed by the President. Harold gave a very interesting and entertaining talk.

We had a raffle which raised £67.50 for a Mountain Rescue organisation.

Pete Janes and Christine were presented with their wedding tankard.

The jollities continued afterwards as there was live entertainment in the hotel lounge. This was the usual sight of Oreads drinking, dancing and "frivoliting".

The entertainment really started though in the Hotel lounge before the dinner began, when we witnessed Janet Reynolds drying out the Presidents trousers with her hair dryer. I may add that he as wearing them at the time!

I wish to thank the Committee for helping organisation - this was the first time I have organised the dinner. Thanks to John Shreeve for being my chauffeur and porter for the weekend. I was grateful for this as I was recovering from flu.

Thanks also to Molly, Harry, Uschi and Colin for, help with the seating plan and menus.

Thank you too everyone who donated raffle prizes

I was sorry not to see Merle Gartside (who was in Hospital) and Bob, also Digger and Dawn Hopkinson. I hope they are recovered from their ailments now.

I am organising 'Dinner '98' and hope to announce some details in the newsletter shortly. Let's hope none of you 'blink' and miss the details.

Auntie Wainwright

SHORT NOTICES

Journal - 50th Anniversary

Harry Pretty has now assumed control of the above, and will be collecting suitable material for a commemorative journal, which we hope will be a worthy and worthwhile document to celebrate the club's anniversary.

Trip To East Greenland

July/August 1998 5 weeks exploration /mountaineering. Oreads and people you know who might be interested contact Rock Hudson for information ASAP. (0115 9333031)

Subscriptions

These are now due, and Daryl Kirk, our treasurer, has sent out a routine request to full members. Please make his time consuming job as easy as possible by your prompt cooperation. **No reminder will be sent to prospective members.** but if they wish to continue to be associated, and to receive this newsletter, they are most welcome to send a further year's subscription (£8 for prospective membership), to Daryl Kirk.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy Lea

Jan 23/24	Oread meet	
Jan 30/31	D Weston	Cottage/barn
Mar 13/14	Working party	

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Jan 9/10	Kinder MR	16 beds
Jan 16/17	Uni 16 Brighton	16 Beds
Jan 23/24	Polaris MC	16 Beds
Jan 30/31	Oread Meet	
Feb6/7	Scunthorpe MC	16 Beds

Feb13/14	Orpheus CC	16 Beds
Feb20/21	Oread Meet	
Feb27/29	Vacant	
Mar 6/7	Derwent MC	whole hut

Reciprocal Rights C C Huts

We would like to remind members of the booking procedures when wishing to use the Climbers Club huts: Extracts from the C.C. Handbook. All applications for use of all the huts should be made in writing to the hut booking secretary,
 M H Burt 14 Hanbury Crescent
 Wolverhampton Staffs WU4 4BW Tel: 01902 38282

In all instances bookings will be confirmed or refused. Non members may use a hut only if they are guests of a member or have a booking card as written authorisation of their visit. See hut notice boards for hut fees. Huts for which we have reciprocal rights: Helyg, Ynys Ettws, Cwm Glas Mawr, Bosigran Count House. R.O. Downes Hut, May Cottage.

BRAIN TEASER

Last Month's Solution

The cat which fell off first was the one with the lowest mew (mu). Mercifully, no solutions were proffered.

This Month's Problem

All the remaining Oreads were too infirm to go on proper mountains, and the organiser was desperate to devise an attraction to lure people to the fell race. Wynn had retired, and Hopkinson Larkam O'Reilly and Fowler staged a four cornered contest to replace him as number one, starting at the corners of a 4 km square (facing inwards). Each was instructed to head towards the one on his right at all times with a view to catching and eliminating him (their eyesight was phenomenal). The result was a dead heat. each ran a spiral course at an even pace. The sum

of five consecutive multiples of seven was 140, and the product of the two lowest factor of the fifth multiple was the speed of the men in kph. How long before they all met in the middle? (Book token for the first correct answer received).

XMAS SUPPLEMENT

Stickman Versus The Overhang (A Crap Story By Tim Cairns) (His Words Not Mine! Ed.)

The day had arrived, oh yes!!, today would show the world who was boss. Would it be Stickman or would it be a rock climb called the overhang. Stickman pulled his head out from under the blankets. It was only 9.30 am, not a time to be up and about, but there directly in front of his eyes was a poster saying in big green letters "TODAY IS THE DAY SO GET UP!!!"

A bit of planning the previous evening, Stickman had made this poster the previous evening to help him get his arse into gear. However it was nearly ten by the time he was out of bed. Five minutes later the kettle was on and the Tobago was waiting in the cup. "Mmmm" thought Stickman "I'll have five sugars in my tea today, got to keep my energy up if I'm gonna succeed.

The route Sticky, as he was known to his mates, had chosen was of the overhanging nature, strangely enough called the overhang. It had a reputation for being a tad on the steep side. Stickman on the other hand had a reputation for getting pumped climbing a flight of stairs, but today he was convinced he was going to succeed.

As the kettle started to boil Stickman got a bowl from the cupboard and made his breakfast, 3 shredded wheats with lots of milk. Being a strange character this was not ordinary milk (not MILKO no), Stickman preferred strawberry milk on his Shredded Wheat, but, if he had rice krispies he'd only accept banana flavour.

These were gulped down with a massive effort. (WE all know nobody can eat 3 shredded wheat), and washed down with the sweet tea.

It was now 11 am and the rucksack was packed, the ultralite super 10mm rope was in, the rack of gear was in, and of course the new pair of "dooper" rock shoes were in. These were part of the new "Super" range which included "Poopers", "Scoopers", and "Loopers". The "Doopers" were specially for overhanging rock.

Stickman mate Jock Rock was due round at any minute, but as he usually arrived late on went the video.

Jock arrived at 11.30 am, only half an hour late just as Stickman was getting into his favourite film "Dancers in Corduroy Trousers" This film was about a group of high school kids in America who wore flared jeans and how between them they started a special school dedicated to dancing. However this was no ordinary school of dance, it was aimed at young people who wanted to learn to dance, but only ones who wore trousers of 30% polyester 70% cotton mix.

Now if you don't know what a dull film is then get this one, it beats them all. Unfortunately both Jock and Sticky love this film and didn't aver their eyes for its full six hour length.

The film eventually finished and Jock said "So you're on for this route then" "Yeah sure what time is it?" "Urr, just gone 5 o'clock, how long will it take to get out?" "You're kidding! five already, it's dark at six at this time of year, it'll be dark by the time we get out there. Oh, SOD IT, I'll do it another time, fancy a beer?" A smile came on Jock's face. "Yeah alright". He'd hoped Sticky would back off this route, he didn't fancy holding the ropes anyway. The overhang had beaten the Stickman with no contest at all.

THE TRAVELS OF ASHCROFT IN HIS SEVENTH DECADE

(Typed And Annotated By Mike Wren)

The Forest of Bowland - Slaidburn Youth Hostel - December 1993

The theme of the meet was the same as always on this seasonal meet, some brisk moorland walking to exercise body and mind before any Christmas excess sets in. Certain members passed ungratifying remarks, as the meet leader brought tea around at 6.00 a.m. ! I'm beginning to think cold uncomfortable nights in draughty bothies are best. People get out of bed easier.

All that apart a team of eleven were away at 8.30 a.m. for Dunsop Fell. Ron C, President, nodded he would see the rest out - George Reynolds etc., who I understand had a leisurely breakfast, redrafted a route farther north traversing Great and Little Bullstones (we only have Bullstones in the Peak) and then dispatched Janet, June, Mike M and Meg to Skipton for Christmas shopping or something. It was raining. The weather was poor, if that's not the understatement of the year, and it was not until midday that some improvement was seen. The early team crossed the Trough of Bowland transitorily transformed to the Mer de Bowland with the globules of hail which suddenly settled on the road surface in a flash storm.

The walk up Langden Brook and onto Fair Snape and Porlick gave steadily improving weather culminating in what was hoped for.... winter sunlight across the Lancashire landscape to Morecambe Bay and the snow covered Lakeland fells. Seven of us were to enjoy this afternoon winter panorama (Chris R, Dave P, John L, John G, Roy E, Pam S and J A). Four others (Gordon W, Colin B, Kevin S and John H) had chosen an inner circle route back to Slaidburn via Dunsop Bridge, with a visit no doubt to the Parker Arms, and missed a game of what I can only describe as vertical golf, swinging a metal ring suspended from the ceiling to a hook on the wall in The Sun at Chipping whilst awaiting transport back to Slaidburn.

Saturday night, after sumptuous meals prepared to individual preference (eye bogging cuisine some of it) a convivial late evening was spent in the Hark to Bounty Inn just 15 seconds from the Hostel. The evening was complete with a Burgess gymnastic display by leaping for his top bunk, landing like an India rubber ball over the other side and burbling " I must do this again.....it reminds me of my youth."

Sunday's weather was worse than Saturday. Snow just sticking about a low cloud base. Seven of us, June w, Janet and Dave P, John H. Kevin S, Meg M and JA. walked west to Dunsop Bridge and back to Slaidburn along the River Hodder Valley. Didn't see a lot, except after three hours there was an order from Meg. "Hi. Stop ! When do we eat ?" And all to a man (and woman) scuttled back to the shelter of a sleet dripping tree to partake of a frugal lunch. Sorry Meg, I forgot about lunch.

Dawn and Richard H, Roger I, Chris R. Chris B and President ran cross country as a team through the snow and were away from the valley at lunch time. A few stayed over Sunday night when a copious meal of spaghetti Bolognese was prepared completed with wine. It was back to the deep south Monday in still inclement weather.

Twenty three members on the meet; two teams and a referee. Keith G, who interrupted his packing for the USA for a Saturday night visit to a village of true English heritage. I note nowadays there are 39 designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty by the Countryside Commission. Did they all have bad weather that weekend of the 10th December 1993? Must keep trying. It will, however be difficult to repeat hostel and hostelry in such idyllic setting for a December meet. Forget the weather . It can only get better.

Appendix - Walks Around Ribblesdale And Bowland : A

Selection - Os Landranger Sheets 102,103 And 104

1. "The Bowland-Dales Traverse" - A Long Distance Walk from Garstang to Richmond - 95 miles. By John Gillham.
2. "The North Bowland Traverse" - A one day walk Stainforth / Slaidburn for the fit. Can be divided into two or three stages with off route accommodation - 31 miles. By David Johnson
3. "The Witches Way" - A 30 mile walk through upland Lancashire from Rowenstall to Slaidburn. A one day challenge walk, can be divided into two stages with accommodation in the Pendle Hill Area. By David Johnson and Jim Ashton.
4. "Pendle Way" - A round walk of 45 miles to the east of Pendle Hill. The Leeds and Liverpool Canal country.
5. "The Bronte Way" - A nine mile linear walk linking Wycoller and Haworth and crossing "The Pennine Way". Further information from Haworth Information Centre.
6. "The Heart of Bowland Challenge Walk" - 18 mile walk to the North of Slaidburn (Croasdale Fell and Stocks Reservoir) A badge, certificate walk. 12 hours. Sponsorship etc. Donations to St. Catherines Hospital for the terminally ill, near Preston.
7. "Hallowe'en Happenings Walks" -
 - (a) 23 mile route. SE of Slaidburn via Bolton-by-Bowland, Chatburn, Waddington and Easington Fell.
 - (b) 31 mile route. SE of Slaidburn via Bolton-by-Bowland, Downham, Pendle Hill Summit, Nick of Pendle, Waddington and Easington Fell.
 These are challenge walks-badge certificate routes. from Youth Hostel at Slaidburn.
8. "Croasdale Fell-Fair Snape Walk" - 21 miles. From Slaidburn via Croasdale House to Hard Hill Top (662578), Whins Brow Sykes (630515), Langden Brook, Holme House Fell, Porlick Summit. Chipping (623433). N.B. Car

transport planned between Chipping and Slaidburn - walk back increases distance to 30 miles.

9. "Whitenden and Brennand Walk" - 14 miles from Slaidburn via Proctor Farm and Dunsop Fell to Whittendale (661550), Brennand Farm, Whins Brow Sykes (630515), Closes Barn, Barn House (682528), Slaidburn via Laythams.

10. Ward's Stone (Bowland's highest hill).
(a) From Tower Lodge (604539) via White Moor - 7.5 miles (one way)

(b) Start from Tarnbrook (589557) - 6 miles (one way)

(c) Start from Jubilee Tower (542573) 4 miles (one way)

11. Pendle Hill Summit (804414)

(a) From Pendleside - Direct ascent of Pendle's Big End. Start at 815416 - 1.25 miles (one way)

(b) From Barley via Ogden Clough. Start at 823403 - 4.5 miles (one way)

(c) From Nick of Pendle. Start at 770428 - 4 miles (one way)

(d) From Worston via Mearley Clough. Start at 770428 - 4 miles (one way)

12. Slaidburn - Pendle Hill via Easington Fell, Grindleton, Worston - 14 Miles. Add 4 miles to Clitheroe - total 18 miles. Bus transport back to Slaidburn (not Sundays). Last bus 18:15 hours [note - as of Dec 1993 - check current timetable! - Ed]

N.B The walks itemised in paras 10 and 11 are detailed in "Bowland and the South Pennines" by John Gillham. Published by Grey Stone Books, Hoddlesden.

What Is All This About Munros? Leave Them For A Summer's Day - Easter 1994 And 1995

I returned from the Highlands on the 9th April 1994 after what must have been the worst weather over an Easter I can remember. It snowed on the mountains every day with considerable accumulations in the corries, and the formation of large unstable cornices on the

tops. The beginning of the week had the added bonus of gale force winds; these calmed by the end of the week, temperatures increased a little and it was rain in the valley.

That was a general report of Easter 1994 in the Glen Affric and Strathfarrar Hills. Not that it made too great an impact on a determination to get on the hill. A brightening of the sky and Nick Evans enthused with "The sun will be out soon"

"And so will a thaw" was the rejoinder; caution was high with some of the team, particularly bearing in mind that from the word go on the Saturday John Linney followed by Colin Barnard had the misfortune to walk through a cornice in white out conditions and gale force winds. They had found themselves alive several hundred feet down the east slopes of Tom A' Choinich, Colin having leapfrogged down and over John. On stopping, in the murky conditions, John shouted uphill "I'm OK Colin", to Colin who had arrived stationery on the slope below him.

[Colin's reply is not recorded as this is a family publication! - Ed]

They gathered themselves together and descended the mountain on a route which had been rudely determined for them by the involuntary fall. Not to worry: the major injury was a bruised leg and sprained hand to John. Colin had lost his ice axe and compass. That was the bad news.

The good news was a day when Rock Hudson, Nick and I traversed Mam Sodhail, and Cam Eighe via the Sgurr Na Lapaich Ridge. The day started in bright sunlight with an inch of fresh snow on the road up Glen Affric. From Affric Lodge the whole setting was idyllic. Yes, Glen Affric was living up to its reputation of being the most beautiful glen in the Highlands.

This was only short lived, when at about the 700m contour in came a storm. Crampons on, we crisply walked onto the Sgurr Na Lapaich cairn in the face of a further deterioration in the weather. At this juncture the Elder of the

party began to whimper "Not going on in this" ... reversing the bearing on his compass. "Stop moaning" was the retort through the blizzard. The Elder had traversed the main summits many years ago in fine weather. What the hell was he doing traversing them again in poor weather? "Ah well", he thought, "Don't split the party. The young men wanted their Munros - Don't mess the day up" On we went. [Such altruism! - must pause to mop a tear - Ed]

Half an hour later there was a clearing of the sky and a ray of sunlight - just before a rise in the ridge blended with one of the most spectacular mushroom like cornices I've seen or many a long year. Camera out; waited for Nick to walk onto the top; photograph taken; but a minute too late. The ray of sunlight and the cornice silhouetted against the unlit summit ridge behind had been a perfect picture. The image remains a memorable moment.

A few minutes later it got stormy again. The camera went back into the rucsac and remained there for the rest of the day. The last few hundred feet of the Sgurr Na Lapaich Ridge to Mam Sodhail looked a spectacular icy edge finish, but proved easy. Snow aretes often appear more spectacular than they are.

Our arrival at the large circular cairn, which was a principal point in the primary triangulation of Scotland by the Ordnance Survey in the 1840s, coincided with the arrival of two others having walked to the summit via Coire Leachavie. They said their route at the head of the corrie had proved difficult - too much fresh snow. The five of us sat at the summit munching our lunch relatively sheltered in the lee of the cairn. In 1840 the cairn had measured 60 feet in circumference and 23 feet high. It has shrunk since those heady days, when the Industrial Revolution was gaining momentum across the world, but the now modest size worn away by the ravages of nature over the previous 150 years was appreciated as shelter for our lunch, on

one of the two highest mountains west of the Caledonian Canal.

There was a strong wind as we set course for Carn Eighe, but the visibility was good in reasonable sunlight. Soon over the summit we embarked on the long east ridge of Carn Eighe, onto the narrow rocky ridge with a snowed up crest, and fine views in all directions. The Elder must have been engrossed with the temporary magnificence of the situation, since he got his rucsac jammed in a little 'V' notch near the summit, with crampons flashing in space. The tail man, Rock gave a 'heave - ho' to the sac and a sense of terra firma came to the crampons again. The bealach between the Pinnacles and Sron Garbh with the weather suddenly having come in again, decided us on a direct descent south, into Gleann Nam Fiadh; and so it was a steady 500m descent at relative speed into the Gleann as simultaneously the snow storm gathered pace.

Some two and a half hours after a laborious plod through soft snow we descended to Glen Affric Lodge and so to the car park. The sun came out again to end the day - a good day which proved to be the best of the week. The late afternoon sun gave Sgurr Na Lapaich an ethereal presence. Glen Strathfarrar was visited and Sgurr Na Muncie, but everyone had had enough of snow blizzards and soft snow by the Friday.

Only Nick who was intent on Tom A' Choinich (hill of the moss) ventured far. A straight forward stalkers path in summer, but in stormy winter conditions and poor visibility, he experienced a similar day to the one with which John and Colin started the week. When overcorrecting his compass bearing to avoid their error, he in turn plopped through a cornice. No harm done.

[Was the Winter Lemmings computer game based on this story? - Ed] The summit was as inhospitable as ever in Easter 1994.-----

-----Yes it was a grim weeks

weather, but as a corollary, we were there again in Easter 1995 and conditions were much better: firmer snow and more sunlight. Nothing to compare with those Easters of the 1950's and 60's. What ever happened to those, I wonder?-----

-----Mam Sodhail -
pronounced Mam Soul 1181m
Carn Eithe - pronounced Carn Aye
1183m

Clwydian Hills - 4/5 May 1997

It was a modest gathering of Senior Citizens at Bodfani for the Official Meet. The Club membership seemed dispersed from America to the Hebrides, Torridon to the Scottish Borders, the Yorkshire Dales to the Shropshire Hills.

Jack and Ruth (or Ruth and John), Janet and John (or Jack and Janet) - you takes your pick - camped at Bodfani on the Friday afternoon, and John Welbourne and I (at least the meet leader was in attendance) were away from the campsite at the northern tip of the Clwyds by 6.45 am. Janet and Ruth (JR) met us sometime before 1:00 pm for a pub lunch at the Clwyd Gate Inn. The Theakstones was welcome. At this point John decided a 6 hour walk was enough for a Senior Citizen plus nine years, or was it the Theakstones?

I continued on my planned route obstructed by a locked gate or two on rights of way, after leaving the way-marked Offa's Dyke Path. (King Offa of Mercia built the Dyke to keep the Welsh in, but we know at least one Daffydd Williams who got out. Do we not?)

[Note for younger readers - I think he means Digger! - Ed]

I rested at the Horseshoe Pass between 5:45 and 6:00 pm and then traversed Llantisilio Mountain, arriving at the Grouse Carrog - late. Ask Janet. The gathering storm clouds, reducing visibility, decided me to aim for the road walk after traversing the summit of Moel Morfydd, possibly adding half an hour to the

time, as planned. The welcoming lights of Carrog were appreciated at 9:25 pm.

It was an excellent day's walk in near perfect conditions on the highest range of hills between Snowdon and the Peak. Sets you right on line for the Berwyn - Arans north to south somewhat tougher walk. (that takes us back a bit) [Maybe he

could have pulled that in as well if he'd had less Theakstones! - Ed]

Sunday, a gentle walk was taken for a few miles around Brenig Reservoir with a shower of rain to contend with. Monday - home early - torrential rain mid-day. Don't disregard the little hills of Wales. We don't in the Peak! When is the next stroll or wander?

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Friday 29 January*
It is essential that all material reaches me by Thursday 21st January I look forward to hearing from Colin Hobday, Ron Chambers, Rob Tresidder and Colin Barnard (reliable men all).

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