



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 1998

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

Feb 3 (Tues)	Indoor meet
Feb 8 (Sun)	Winter Wander
Feb 14/15	Alex Macintyre Hut
Feb 25 (Wed)	Climbing Wall Nottingham
Feb 28	Fell Race
Mar 3 (Tues)	Indoor meet
Mar 7/8	Patterdale

Feb 3 (Tues) Indoor Meet

The speaker for the February indoor meet, starting at 8pm in the Royal Oak, Ockbrook, will be Bill Kenyon

Feb 8 (Sun) Winter Wander Colin Hobday

For the Oread's first walk of '98 I propose to meet at the public car park adjacent to the Chatsworth Garden Centre at Chatsworth park for a 10.00 start

We shall endeavour to move off in an orderly fashion for the first few hundred yards if only to impress the tourists before the whole party reverts to its usual shambles. Our route will take us to Calton Pastures Bowling Green Farm and down to Haddon Park. A short walk along the main road, to pick up the footpath which bypasses the Haddon Plantation and Shining Bank Quarry. Cross the B5056 up through the toll woods for refreshment at the Flying Childers

Food Cobs are available. However it would help the landlord if he could know in advance what people require, to minimise waiting time. Price. meat cobs £1.10, cheese cobs £1.00. Anyone wishing to order in advance please contact me by Tues 3 February.

There will also be a free pint for the first correct answer, drawn at 11.00, to the following questions:

1. How did the Flying Childers get its name?
2. How many pubs used there to be in Stanton in Peak and what were their names?

After a suitable rest, and fully refreshed, we shall endeavour to find Pilmough Lane and the footpath to Rowsley, then the River path back to Chatsworth There will be a guest appearance by Brian West during the day!

For further details see me in the Smithfield or telephone 01332 551594.

13/15 February Malham Michael Hayes. (Extra Meet)

Stop press - extra beds may be available-contact M. Hayes before Monday 3 February ! (I hope you get this in time)

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 (Gr 045 611)

(Tel 01298 25835)

There are still a few beds left so give me a ring as soon as poss even if you can't make the full week. At £3 per night it's a cheap week in what is usually the best month for winter conditions in Scotland

The hut is approx 1 mile North of the Ballahulish Bridge, next door to the Creag Mhor Hotel. Turn sharp right just after the hotel at a brown painted sign "Tom - Na - Creige" B & B.

Park right behind the hut and please don't slam car doors late at night - the neighbours don't like it!!

We will be based in an ideal spot for access to the Ben, Glen Coe and the Mamores, skiing is also close at hand in Glen Coe and on Aonach Mor.

See you in the Creag Mhor Hotel Saturday evening?

For beds etc. ring me on 01298 25835

Feb 25 (Wed) Climbing Wall Nottingham

The usual situation appertains, I have no information about this meet, and personally prefer to climb out of doors, but each to their own, so I suggest you contact Mike Wren (01332 840336) for particulars.

March 1 Fell Race Keith Gregson

The laws of physics are not to be denied, Gregson did not win last year's fell race. However, since Rob Tresidder will be out of the country Keith has generously agreed to organise this year's event in his stead. Now read on:

This will be different, with something for everyone. You will be able to gain points for walking, running, climbing (climbs above moderate must be done in style i.e. carefully with a rope etc.) and thinking. If you can do more than one of these things you should do well.

The race / treasure hunt / walk will be based upon Heathy Lea and entrants will find a good map and local guide book (new and old for preference) to be useful. It will also help if you know the area!

You can enter as a team or individually.

Destructions will be issued at 10.30 for an 11.00 start. You may need time to plan your strategy so don't be late.

Get in touch re lifts, accommodation, bribes etc either at the pub on Tuesdays or telephone 01332 792147 after 6pm.

March 3 Indoor Meet

The title of the March indoor meet is "From the wind river mountains, to the Tetons and on to Colorado" Speaker Chris Radcliffe

7/8 Mar Patterdale Colin Barnard

Places at the George Starkey Hut (GR 394162) started to fill up before New Year, so if you are hoping to join this hardy annual move, move, move. Best give me a ring on 01785 664644 quickly. Last year was superb, socially, weather - wise and on the hill. This year could be even better. So reach for that 'phone now. Those of you who know my habits will know where to look for me on Friday evening, "when I touil" See you there.

FUTURE EVENTS

Annual General Meeting

This will take place at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook on 28 March 1998. 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 28 February 1998. Any member willing to serve on the committee or to help run the club in any capacity is invited to make their willingness known to a committee member.

Supplementary Meet - Tan-Y Wyddfa Family Meet - 1 To 4 May 1998.

Following the success of the Larkhams complementary dinner, the new generation of young [or not so young] parents are planning to go along with their offspring to the Welsh hut for the May Day weekend for a few days of childish play. This will be interspersed with impromptu creche facilities allowing the grown-ups to indulge in the local hostelry as well.

It is suggested that if you would like to come and play on the Ffestiniog railway, visit Canarvon castle or maybe even do a bit of climbing/walking/running that you let me know so I can co-ordinate who is coming. However you will need to book yourselves into the hut with Colin Hobday asap as I will not be doing a block booking. I also suggest

the little people may be able to kip on the floor to allow the beds for the big people.

Members without little people in tow are obviously welcome as well, especially if they like changing nappies!

Lets hope for some sunshine.

Mike Wynne

I am reasonably happy to publish the above, because it is unlikely to conflict with the Oread's pre arranged meet in Northumberland, but I would again ask everyone to clear it with the meets secretary before asking for the use of club facilities to publicise additional functions. The only reason for this caveat is that a fair amount of thought is put into the program, especially the frequency of local and long distance meets, with a view to optimising the attendance on official meets and repaying meet leaders for their efforts. *CR*

Alpine Meet To Bregaglia July 25 - August 9 Richard Coghlan

I picked this area because I have not been to it yet and because a lot of people on the very successful Michael Hayes - led meet last year said that they would like to go to a rock area. The problem with going somewhere new is that I cannot comment from experience, so what follows is my interpretation of the guidebooks which Julia Stowell and Michael Hayes have kindly let me see.

The Bregaglia is primarily a granite rock climbing area with the Piz Badile the best known mountain. There are climbs from severe upwards and more than enough routes to fill a few weeks holiday. Those who fancy snow routes will find the Bernina only one hour's drive away (Piz Bernina, Piz Roseg, Piz Palu etc.)

The 1995 guide book implies that we would be stupid to camp anywhere other than Vicosoprano. The listings of campsite fees sent to me by the Swiss Tourist Board did not cover Vicosoprano, but it is meant to be significantly cheaper than the next campsite up the road (Maloja) which charged £3.20 per

person and £2.40 per small tent per day in 1997. Vicosoprano is just on the Swiss side of the Swiss - Italian frontier and cheap food is reported to be available just inside Italy.

If you are interested in coming please let me know so that I can organise lifts in advance

PAST EVENTS

Autumn Amble 1997

I was taken aback by the number of Oreads assembled at the car park when we arrived early for once. I immediately made a head count, and by the start time there were 53 members and children.

The walk commenced in an atmospheric state with mist engulfing the walk, along Bradford Dale and the fields to Long Dale

The sun burnt off the mist just as the leading walkers reached the highest point of the walk, overlooking Long Dale, where we took a coffee break. Uschi then assembled us all in a group for a club 'photo for the next club journal. Unfortunately I wasn't in the photograph as I was rounding up the strays, Auntie Wainwright and John Shreeve, Burgess, Harry and the Larkams. Harry had taken the shortest route to the pub.

The walk (snake) continued it's way down Long Dale, Gratton Dale and on to Elton to join Harry and the other Oreads in the Duke of York.

After the usual beverage the snake re-formed (without the hyphen this would be wishful thinking - Ed) and returned to the cars via Cliff Farm, Tomlinson's wood, with tea being taken at the tea rooms in Bradford Dale, ending with Colin and Uschi, Brian West and Janes, and Digger sampling the joys of swings, seesaws and spring chairs in the play area at the car park.

There were over 60 members altogether out for the day including Thomas and Hannah Larkam Emma and Libby Kenyon, Katherine and Sarah Griffiths, Francis Wilson and friend, Michael Gregson

and Alfredo (Grego's guest). Well done to all the children, thank you all for coming.

George Reynolds.

SHORT NOTICES

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 co-operation. **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, 23 Birley St. Stapleford, Nottingham NG9 7GE

This is the last newsletter which prospective members will receive unless they indicate their continuing interest by forwarding a subscription, which I hope they will do.

Peter Janes was made an Honorary Member at the December Committee meeting

Discounts of 10% are now available on purchases of £50 or more at the Warehouse at Beddellert on production of a membership card (non - sale items).

Change Of Address

Nigel Playdon, 25 Ashbourne Road, Kirk Langley, ashbourne Derbyshire DE6 4NS

HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy Lea

Mar 13/14 Working party

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

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

Bosigran Count House, R.O. Downes Hut, May Cottage.

BRAIN TEASER

Last Month's Solution

Because the square was symmetrical and each person moved at the same speed, the course of each runner was at the same angle to that of his neighbour, and since there were four, this angle was 90 degrees. Since the runner which each was approaching was running at right angles to his path, he neither neared nor receded, and so the distance run by each was equal to the side of the square. The five multiples of seven were 14,21,28,35,42 the fifth multiple was 42, its two lowest factors 2 & 3 so the speed was 6 kph and the time 40 mins. (no one attempted this, you clearly want something different.)

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Friday 27 February*
It is essential that all material reaches me by Thursday 19 February I look forward to hearing from the hut sub committees re working parties, myself, and the main committee re the AGM (~~reliable men all~~).

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