



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 1998

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Summary

Mar 3 (Tues)	Indoor meet
Mar 7/8	Patterdale
Mar 14/15	Heathy Lea Work Party
Mar 21/22	President's Barn Meet
Mar 25 (Wed)	Rock Face Birmingham
Mar 28 (Sat)	A.G.M.
Apr 4/5	Tan yr Wyddfa Work Party
Apr 8 (Wed)	Harborough Rocks

### March 3 Indoor Meet Royal Oak Ockbrook

The title of the March indoor meet is "From the wind river mountains, to the Tetons and on to Colorado" Speaker Chris Radcliffe has provided first class entertainment in the past, and this extravaganza will be no exception, so don't follow my bad example, be there and support him. (The evening can only be further enhanced by the charisma of the indoor meets organiser).

### Mar 7/8 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.

### Mar 21/22 President's Barn Meet

Veterans of barn meets in the eighties will recall all manner of occurrences such as cattle escaping during the night. We are all older, but I hope not too much wiser to let our hair down again.

Attempting to be politically correct and also to avoid having to start and finish the weekend at the same place, we shall meet at the Tissington Trail car park at the North end of the tunnel at Ashbourne having arrived on the 107 bus from

Derby (9.15 and 10.15 from Derby), and amble up the Dove to Ilam, then by Bunster, Ilam Rock, Milldale, Iron Torrs and Eaton Dale to a sumptuously appointed Barn at a secret location not a million miles from Parwich British Legion Club. Orders will be taken during the day for a Chinese meal (cash up front), which will be brought to the barn. On Sunday we shall look a rocks selected from Roystone Grange, Jeffcoats Pinnacle, Rainster East and West and Harborough, passing the Gate by the merest chance about lunch time, before finishing at Wirksworth (buses to Derby at 14.45 and 16.45).

There will be underfloor heating of the biological variety in the barn, so bring a groundsheet to put under your bug bags, also cooking may not be possible owing to fire risk, bring cold food and flasks, and I may provide a couple of calor rings to enable a late breakfast to be cooked at Slate House sometime Sunday morning.

Please give me a ring ASAP if you intend to come, I have numbers of the order of 10. in mind but overflow accommodation might be arranged if there is demand. (01335 390369).

### March 25 (Wed) Rock Face Birmingham

Under pressure, I cannot improve on last month's boring and shameful spiel "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." When I retire (perhaps next year), I hope to be shown the ropes at one of these indoor venues, in the meantime, will someone please write something for me

### March 28 (Sat) Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting will take place at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook., 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: Clive Russell (President), Brian West (Vice President), Michael Hayes (Meets Secretary), Daryl Kirk (Treasurer), Shirley Wainwright (Secretary), Mike Wren (Assistant Secretary), Chuck Hooley (Huts Custodian), Colin Hobday (Hut Booking Secretary), Clive Russell (Newsletter Editor). Rock Hudson 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.

### *April 8 (Wed) Harborough Rocks*

A red letter day this, the beginning of the evening climbing season and at a friendly venue where nerve and sinew, weakened by winter debauchery, will not be too severely tested.

## HUT NEWS

### *Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa*

Mar 6/7	Derwent MC	Whole Hut
Mar 13/14	Derby MC	16 beds
Mar 20/21	Queen Mary West Coll	16 beds
Mar 27/28	North Kingsbury	16 beds
Apr 3/4	Working Party	vacant
Apr 10 - 13	Easter	vacant
Apr 17/18	Southern Trekking	16 beds
Apr 24/25	Stapleford CC	Whole Hut
May 2 -4	May Day	2 beds

### *Bookings Heathy Lea*

Mar 14/15	Working party	
Mar 28/29	Scunthorpe MC	Cottage.
Apr 10 - 13	Easter	Vacant
Apr 18/19	H Pretty	Cottage & barn
Apr 25/26	Oread meet	

## FUTURE EVENTS

### *Annual Dinner 1998*

This will be at the Marquis of Granby in Bamford. The date is Saturday 14 November. I am taking bookings and will require a deposit of £5 per person. Accommodation is limited at the hotel. I have a list of B & B's if anyone is interested. Camping is allowed and use of the hotel facilities. For any further information ring me.

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## SHORT NOTICES

### *Trip To United States (Ernie Phillips)*

Jim Bury and I are fixing a trip to the U.S.A. Does anyone want to join us? Period - end of May into June, 4 weeks.  
Fly Birmingham - Las Vegas about £340  
Rent vehicle 4 weeks £200  
Camp site fees, petrol, etc say £150  
Food same as UK  
Itinerary - flexible: Arizona, Cal, Colorado, Utah,  
Objectives - Gorges, canyons, deserts, National parks, etc  
If interested ring me on Derby 550078. I shall be skiing for 2 weeks from arch 15th.

*Merle Gartside's* tel number is 01766 890361, not as published.

### ***Subscriptions***

Despite threats and entreaty, there are still about a score of members who have not yet paid their subscriptions. Endowed, like Clinton, with forbearance though not with all his other attributes, we have not yet exercised the threatened sanctions against these defaulters but it could happen!

### **BRAIN TEASER**

A Russian had three sons. The first was called YMRA and became a soldier. The second called RAB became a lawyer. The third son became a sailor, What was his name?  
(replies to Ernie Phillips)

### **NEXT EDITION**

I hope to post this on *Friday 27 March It is essential that all material reaches me by Thursday 19 March. I look forward to hearing from George Reynolds, John Green and Kevin Alsobrook.*

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