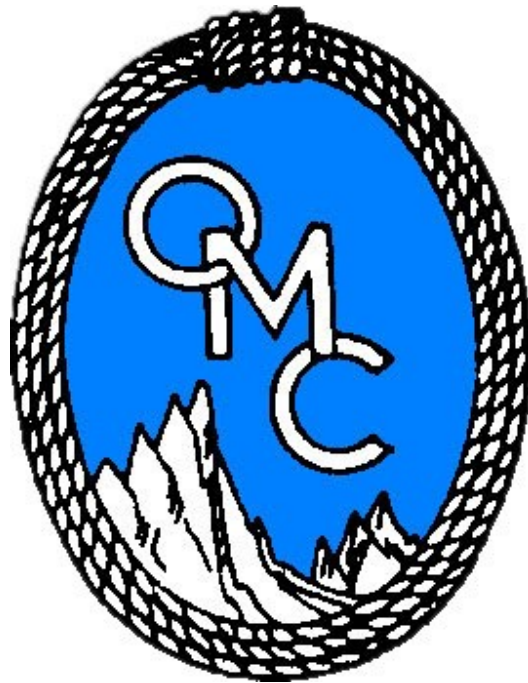


Oread Mountaineering Club



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OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 1999

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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Jan 1 (Fri)	The George Alstonfield
Jan 5 (Tues)	Indoor Meet Ockbrook
Jan 16/17	Tan yr Wyffa
Jan 23/24	Little Langdale
Feb 2 (Tues)	Indoor Meet Ockbrook

Jan 1 New Year Walk The George Alstonfield Clive Russell (Repeat Notice In Case You See This In Time)

This is the only meet I ever lead which attracts more than a small handful of customers. (I have no illusions, either, that the seasonally larger attendance is in any way connected with my personal charm). The George has the most accommodation for the seasoned drinker, only the route can be varied. We shall meet at the Manifold Valley visitor centre just West of Hulme End on B5054 at 10 30 am. ready to move off shortly afterwards, (car park £2 per day), and stroll up to the George via Manifold Way, Ecton Hill, Gateham Grange and Narrowdale. West and other hard men, according to the seasonally adjusted definition, will have ample scope for taking voluntary additional exercise by going down to Wetton Mill and possibly ascending the limestone bluff. I shall make no attempt to co-ordinate the drunken shambles of a return journey for which a variety of easy routes is available, such as that via Gypsy Bank and Beresford Dale Ford. Once again, unless the temperature drops considerably, the going may well be extremely unlikely to cause shin splints, and some alternative indoor footwear would be a good idea.

5 January (Tues) Indoor Meet Royal Oak Ockbrook (8pm)

Honorary member, Dennis Gray will speak around his new book "Slack". After "Rope Boy" and "Tight Rope", this is his third

volume of autobiography and covers his return to Leeds in the sixties and the start of his employment by the BMC.

Jan 16/17 Tan Yr Wyddfa B West

This weekend's activities will depend almost entirely upon the weather, and your guess is as good as mine. As always we shall travel hopefully and be prepared for almost everything whilst expecting almost nothing. As it has been said of other things, when it is good it is very good, and when it is bad it is horrid. Let us hope it will be good. Bookings etc. -01332 880034.

23/24 Jan Little Langdale Nick Evans

This is the return of an old favourite. We have only the Fyldy Hut this time so there are only 16 places. Book early to avoid disappointment. For those who have not been here before the hut is down the lane on the left after the Three Shires pub. It is in the middle of 3 cottages, address 2 Newhouses Little Langdale. Grid Ref: 315 030. There is a small car park opposite. I think the pub does not do meals in the winter so bring your own grub.

The hut is handy for both Coniston and Langdale areas. There used to be ice climbing in the days when we had winters. There is sheltered rock climbing in slate quarries nearby, and it is not far to the shops and tea houses of Ambleside.

Ring me on 01332 774221 to book a place.

2 February (Tues) Indoor Meet Royal Oak Ockbrook (8pm)

Phil Bartlett will present an evening of two halves: "Why I climb" (or "Why I think I climb"), loosely based around his book *The Undiscovered Country*, with slides in the first half and "Greenland" in the second half,

possibly with a video and limited footage of our own Rock Hudson!

FUTURE EVENTS

Winter Lecture Series 1998/9

The final indoor meet on 2 March will feature Hereward Tresidder, his title will be "A Novice on Elbruz"
(All lectures start at 8 p.m. and are held at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook.)

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Jan 8-9	Kinder MC.	16 beds
Jan 15-16	Oread meet.	
Jan 22-23	Bedford MC.	16 beds
Jan 29-30	Yorkshire Ramblers	16 beds
Feb 5-6	Brighton University	16 beds

Bookings Heathy Lea

Jan 1999 No Bookings

PAST EVENTS

Annual Dinner 14 Nov

Sixty eight Members attended the gathering at the Marquis of Granby at Bamfod, Derbys.

Our Guest Ian Frearson was hugely entertaining aided and abetted by various Members including Brian West who sported a pair of ladies' pantaloons about size 8 1 reckon (ouch)

The performance was so good that the professional entertainment never got a look in until approx 10.30pm.

By then of course many Members were well 'watered' and it was quite a sight to see many Woodland Nymphs dancing around to the sound of Calico Jack. I only wish that Janes knew his right from his left.

Thank you too Mr H Pretty for the meticulous seating plan the only thing he forgot was to put the scale on. Also thank you to the

Committee for their support. (As worn by B. West Esq).

Next year 1999 will be the 50th Annual Dinner. This will be a special one. Look out for notices in the Newsletter.

Shirley Wainwright.

Dec 4/5 Bullstones

Like the November indoor meet this was a tale of two failures. I failed to walk to the hut, and Dave Jones failed to keep up with his mother - in - law. We have our excuses of course, but who's listening?

Friday night's flounder through the forestry ended comfortably enough in the heather - except for John Green, who's minimalistic bivouac technique looked like no bivouac at all, and apparently felt like no bivouac at all. After a night of fitful snow showers John greeted the morn a sadder and wiser man, and was first away on Saturday's traverse of the Ffestiniog ridges.

Miraculously together as far as Cnicht, we then succumbed - as always - to the first law of Oread Motion; the party will expand to fill the space available to it. Our subsequent wanderings culminated in the Tan Rossen bar, where it was democratically resolved - despite my protests - that in default of a suitable train we should go in search of a 'bus.

"The wind was a torrent of darkness among the gusty trees, The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas, the road was a ribbon of moonlight over the purple moor, and the omnibus came driving, up to the old inn - door"

And weren't we glad to see it.

Sunday dawned cold clear and invigourating, with snow on the tops and blue skies all around; a Sunday to savour; a Sunday on which to linger long. It was however Bullstones Sunday, to be conducted in the traditional "stuff you" basis; and so it was.

All's well that ends well, and everyone, including the hut party, made it back to the

Gwydyr for an excellent lunchtime get - together.

My thanks to everyone who turned out, and especially to Margaret and Kevin, Wendy and Doug, who had the hut warmed and ready for us, tidied after us, and provided ambulance facilities for the aleing ailing .

Present on the meet were :- Roy Eyre, John Green, Brian West, Derek Pike, Richard Coghlan, Freda Raphael, Pam Norris, Mike Hayes, Daryl Kirk, Phil Arrowsmith, Simon White, Dave Jones, Roger Larkam, Rob Tresidder, Margaret and Kevin Sarson, Wendy Lawrence and Doug Scott.

Brian West

Dec 16 Black Rocks

It is not possible in the viewing and drinking conditions to ascertain what was or was not done, but it is pleasing to report that in spite of the conditions (the usual jellyfish besporting themselves on the rocks in winter had brycreamed their hair this year), there was an extremely good turn out, with queueing reminiscent of Stanage on a fine Sunday, and glow worms of light all over the crag. The evening was only marred by some verbal barracking about the slow progress of an elderly gentleman wearing a balaclava, in the neighbourhood of Queen's Parlour Chimney. The Rising Sun afterwards was packed, the numbers further swelled by non - climbers such as Squires, and as well as the liquid refreshment excellent pie, chips and mushy peas was on offer.

PS A pocket knife was found below the rocks after the meet, if the owner will give me a ring stating the type, I will return it.

Steve McDonald has also unintentionally acquired a rope sac, colour black, and will return this to its rightful owner when asked
CR

SHORT NOTICES

Subscriptions

These fall due on 1 Jan 1999. The treasurer's notice was published last month with rates etc. Daryl, and his predecessors as Oread Treasurer do an excellent, unsung and un - glamorous job for our benefit, I am sure he would rather be out climbing or pursuing his vigorous night time sorties in the Nottingham area (just try 'phoning him at night if you don't believe me), than hounding recalcitrant members for their subs, so please do make it easier for him this year, and send your subs with the least possible delay. CR

Membership

"Pam Norris has applied for membership of the Oread, and any member with views on her suitability is asked to make these known to a committee member before the December committee meeting (8th Dec?). (Husband Nodge is reputed to have lost the relevant bits of paper, seeing Pam paying cheaper hut fees should stir him up!)."

This notice appeared in last month's newsletter, but at the committee meeting in December it was decided that all applications for membership will be determined after the existing members have been allowed a period of a whole month for comment. Pam's application, and all subsequent ones, will therefore be determined at the committee meeting in the month subsequent to that in which the notice appears in the newsletter. This situation arises because of the short interval each month between the issue of the newsletter and the committee meeting on the second Tuesday.

Shirley Is A Grandma Again

Julia and Graham Willson now living Bishops Storford, had a son on November 4th.

Nuptials

Belated congratulations to Jenny and David Jones on their recent marriage.

Change Of Address

Jill Westrick, Greenlands, Brandside, Nr. Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 0SE

From A Reliable Source

Which male Oread, a former noted hard man, a rock climbing leader gone to seed, confessed himself to be "knackered" after finishing his wife's ironing. (overheard in a low tavern). And who was it, another previously of some repute, who was uncertain at which house he had lost some of his inner apparel (a well built lad, who else would it fit?).

BRAIN TEASER

The Oread's 1998 Himalayan trekkers, Ernie Phillips, Colin Barnard, Bob Pettigrew, Barbara and Tony Smedley and Digger decided to meet up for a last night bonfire and camp before going home. A local herdsman then approached the camp. Digger had wandered off and was lost, Ernie was asleep by the fire and Tony and Colin were smashed out of their skulls on the local firewater. The old herdsman was diffident about addressing a European woman and so addressed himself to Bob, not realising that whereas Barbara was of exemplary character and intellect, Bob's every alternate statement was erroneous. He wanted to know whether the plain on which they stood was eligible for the Blair government's third world Yak subsidy for land over 10 000ft. Bob was first asked whether they had any suitable instrumentation, and having confirmed that this was the case, consulted the radio altimeter (on loan from the BMC), and replied to the second question by stating that the altitude was 3030m. This, using the rough metres to feet conversion of multiplying by three and adding ten percent to

the answer which is the usual layman's method, led him to advise the herdsman that the land was too low. At this point Ernie, who had actually been listening with his eyes closed, suddenly interjected and said that there was just over 1 percent in hand, and that the subsidy was there for the asking. What was the most likely actual reading of the altimeter? (Book token for the best answer and explanation before 20 JAN 1999) (The characteristics attributed to persons in this puzzle are fictional, with the exception of Mrs. B. Smedley.) Any resemblance to their true behavioural pattern is purely coincidental. The source of the text is anonymous and the originator, whose identity is not known to the editor, is a man of no resources and not economical to sue.)

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Fri 29 Jan. It is essential that all material reaches me by Thur 21 Jan. I look forward to hearing from Jack Ashcroft, Daryl Kirk and Colin Barnard* Clive Russell (Newsletter Editor)
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OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 1999

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

Feb 2 (Tues)	Indoor Meet Ockbrook
Feb 13/14	President's Meet
Feb 20/21	MAM Hut Glan Dena
Feb 27/28	Scotland
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Feb 13/14 President's Barn Meet

This meet will consist of a walk up the limestone side of the Peak on Saturday, with a night in a barn (straw bedding and hot meal arranged, and a drink in the evening), followed on Sunday by an hour or two on either unexplored crags above Roystone, or Rainster Rocks or perhaps both, then a drink in the Gate Sunday lunchtime and finish with a walk to a bus stop (perhaps Wirksworth.). The programme will be kept fluid (sic) depending on conditions and who attends. Last year's barn is now occupied by a sixty stone lady called Julia, but I shall find-another suitable barn in the Parwich area (depending on numbers), which will enable us to have a drink in Parwich British Legion Club. -

The intention is to make the weekend non-car dependent *We shall meet on the corner opposite the Dog and Partridge at Thorpe at 10.30 am on Saturday.* One or two cars can be left in my yard, at Parwich for the weekend

by arrangement, and Margaret could possibly be persuaded to transport a few bodies to the start at Thorpe. Sleeping bags will be required but a chinese meal will be supplied to order on Saturday night (bankers reference required) and if we have a cold breakfast on Sunday we can avoid carrying cooking gear, and eliminate any fire risk in the barn. The arrangements very much depend on the numbers and so please let me know by *Sunday 7 Feb* if you are coming, and I will confirm detailed arrangements with everyone then.

Feb 20/21 Mam Hut Glan Dena Jack Ashcroft

Ogwen in February needs little introduction to club members. If anyone has friends in high places, can they put a word in for us in the meteorology department. Ring me on 0114 2890717 to book a place.

Feb 27/28 Cairngorm And Ben Nevis Daryl Kirk/Tony Howard

Yes - the above is correct, I have booked Chalets at Aviemore Mountain Resort for Fri 26 and Sat 27 so all interested parties can go and play in the Cairngorms., then on Sunday night for the die-hards I have booked the bunk house at Achetee for the Ben.

Unfortunately I cannot attend this meet personally and so Tony Howard has kindly stepped in. You can contact Tony on 01332 273307.

March 6/7 Patterdale Colin Barnard

There can be few now who do not know the form for this hardy annual. The excellent George Starkey Hut at Patterdale is booked for the week end (Grid Ref. 394162 - just alongside the track to Side Farm). Top class potential for walking, rock climbing and - who knows! - maybe even winter work if the weather is kind. Places are already going

quickly so please do not leave it too late to ring me on 01785 664644. I propose to check out the flexibility of my right arm at the White Lion in Patterdale on Friday evening - see you there. (The said arm displays metronomic speed and dexterity at conveying the receptacle to the lips, allied with almost palsy like paralysis at extracting the wallet from the inner recesses. - Ed.)

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Annual General Meeting

Please note that the date of the AGM has been changed to April 24. The event will be incorporated into a full weekend meet and combined with the Spring Stride. Any proposals for rule change must according to club rules be in the hands of the secretary 28 days prior to the meeting.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Feb 5-6	Brighton University	16 beds
Feb 12-13	Orpheus CC	16 beds
Feb 19-21	Vacant	
Feb 26-27	Hut full	
Mar 3-8	P. Craddock	5 Beds
Mar 6-8	GS Exiles	16 beds

(Hut full this w/e with P. Craddock + GS exiles)

Bookings Heathy Lea

No Bookings

The wood burning stove and the replacement cash box have been taken to Heathy Lea and will be installed shortly.

PAST EVENTS

New Year Walk

This write up is by way of a personal apology for my fairly brief attendance at the George. The usual approach walk was well attended and enjoyable, with the Hayes team, Pete Lancaster Chris Wilson and both their families, Mick and Gill Keeling, John Fisher, Mike and Sue Wren, Digger and others traversing Ecton Hill and fighting the mud. I was just shaking off the 'flu however and after getting a bit clammy on the walk did not stay long outside the George, which was full to the gunwales when we arrived, many more Oreads made their diverse ways there, and the day was I hope, enjoyed.

SHORT NOTICES

Harry Pretty has now almost completed his journal depicting the fifty years existence of the Oread and the committee have agreed to underwrite the cost of publication, although it is still hoped to attract commercial sponsorship.

Sponsorship

The committee have received a request for sponsorship from Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service who have a team attempting the three peaks challenge in the Himalayas during march - April 2000. Anyone requiring more information or a sponsorship/donation form should contact Steve Bennet (01332 516297) who has more details.

Lost Property

Yet another red penknife has been found, this one appeared by magic in the Hobdays' food box at Tan yr Wyddfa in January. Colin H.(01332 551549) will return it to its rightful owner on request.

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Membership

Congratulations to Pam Norris who was duly elected as a full member of the Oread at the January the committee meeting.

Wirksworth Sports Centre

After many delays work has finally started on the new sports and leisure centre with climbing wall which is being built alongside Anthony Gell School. There will be a public meeting in Gell Hall (at the school) on Fri. 5 February at 7. 30 p.m. when details of the plans for the building, opening and operating the centre will be shared with community supporters. "Please come along and ensure that any group of which you are a member is represented. Your ideas and suggestions at previous public meetings have been vital in developing our plans for the centre - come and contribute again, so that local opinion is consulted as we move into the next exciting stage of the project. Have your say!" (Roy Pearce, Hon Sec Action Group.)
Rob Tresidder

BRAIN TEASER

Last Month's Solution

Last month's brain teaser strategy was to disguise the simple nature of the arithmetic with irrelevant waffle, and although I succeeded there I should hang my head for insufficient care in wording the question. My intended solution was Q1 Whether the team had an instrument A1 yes (correct), Q2 was the land over 10000ft? A2 No (incorrect based on an incorrect reading.) The approximate, as distinct from exact feet to metres conversion was a red herring. Ernie's statement that there was just over 1% in hand (presumed correct from the Oread's premier technologist) implied an altitude of around 10100 ft or 10100 times 0.3048, 3078.5 metres, so that the likeliest scenario was that Bob had misread 3080 as 3030 metres and the device was actually reading 3080. My errors were to speak of a radio altimeter when aircraft type altimeters measure distance above ground not ground above sea level, the hypothesis was that the BMC had provided a GPS three dimensional device, (this ambiguity pointed out by Roger Chapman), and to be imprecise about whether Bob's second and third remarks constituted a single or dual reply with strictly alternating veracity. Hereward examined the chain of statements logically but took on board the approximate conversion factor. The answer nearest to my own came from Barbara Smedley (ex dramatis personae) who postulated 3078.48 m. (token to follow.) Digger also replied but was in antiquated units. Thanks to all my correspondents for a bit of amusement.

Next Problem

An elderly mountaineer was approaching Wildcat with a little trepidation on account of declining nerve and sinew, but his connections with the joinery trade had implanted the idea of closely spaced attachments, and so he



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March 6/7	Patterdale
Mar 13/14	Working Party Heathy Lea
Mar 20/21	Tan yr Wyddfa
April 3/4	Easter Devon

2 March (Tues) Indoor Meet Royal Oak Ockbrook (8pm)

Many thanks to all those who have attended this winters evening meets and helped to make them such a success. I hope you have enjoyed them. If there is anyone you would like to hear speak or if you have any suggestions as to how the programme might be improved please contact me.

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Mar 13/14 Working Party Heathy Lea

No specific details have been received regarding the proposed work at this event, but I understand a fair amount of specialist work has been already carried out by our retired experts during the week, and the proposals for utilising the abundant general labour are in the nature of "general clean up, grass cutting, collecting and cutting up fallen trees for the fire etc." I shall be there with the chain saw, and a supporting gang for dragging back timber would be appreciated.

Mar 20/21 Tan Yr Wyddfa John Salmon

No details have been received from the meet leader, but the attractions of Snowdonia during an early and fine Spring are well known to most, I predict an early start to the rock climbing season, and whereas most of those present will have done all the hard routes in the pass and on Cloggy etc., and also at Tremadoc, there remain less frequented crags within walking distance of the Hut, all along the Valley from Hebog back towards the hut. Others will wish to get seriously fit for the Summer, and this class of person may well wish to repeat the longer walks in the area, and epics in the past such as the fourteen three thousanders extended towards the Pennant Valley should not be forgotten even though the season will not be advanced enough to offer daylight for this class of exertion. (I have to write something to fill the space). C.R.

Apr 3-5 Easter South Devon/Dartmoor Steve Bennet.

What would the world be, once bereft of wet and wildness? Let them be left, O Let them be left, wildness and wet; Long live the weeds and the wilderness yet.

What poet?

On a recent pre-meet visit the sun shone all day displaying the wonderful scenery in all its glory. For those not acquainted with Devon and Dartmoor it is certainly an area of outstanding beauty.

The campsite is first class with shower blocks and a laundry room, and is situated in a sheltered wooded valley on the edge of Dartmoor 1 1/2 miles from Ashburton.

For the walkers the choices are endless with many options including high moorland, river valleys and coastal paths.

For the upwardly mobile (hopefully) there are many classics of all grades in superb locations. Haytor-10 mins, Dewerstone-30 mins, Torbay approx 20 mins.

For the less adventurous or those feeling inclined to fester can choose from a sheer myriad of attractive pastimes. Why not go Pony TREKKING OR Visit Buckfast Abbey, The South Devon Railway, or numerous castles, Museums, Caves and Caverns, a Butterfly Farm and Otter Sanctuary, and - a must for all, Cider Making - the traditional farmhouse way. All of this before even a mention of Cream Teas or the Pubs and Restaurants in Ashburton.

The usual request for good weather has been submitted to the relevant (heavenly) body.

Camping costs are reasonable at £4.00 for someone alone in a tent, £7.50 for a pair sharing and £1.50 for each extra adult or child. I have had indications of a good turn out and all are most welcome, so come along and make this an enjoyable Easter.

For more information and lifts give me a call on 01332 739343

Getting there:-Join the A38 via the M5 at Exeter. Take the first turn off for Ashburton. The road is followed into the centre of Ashburton to Lloyds Bank which is on the left

and faces a T junction. Turn right into this T junction. Continue for 200-300 yards until the road swings left over a narrow bridge. Turn right here into Rew Road (also look out for brown Camping and Waterleat signposts). This road becomes a winding lane. Follow it without deviation at junctions for approx. 1-3 miles to Ashburton Caravan and Camping Site. G.R. 753 720 nr. Waterleat Tarn (Outdoor leisure map 28)

FUTURE EVENTS

April 24 Annual General Meeting

Please note the change of date from 27 March.

The new date, 24 April, is now the Saturday night before Colin Hobday's Spring Stride on Sunday 25th.

The formal A.G.M. will commence at 8pm. and next month's newsletter will contain details of the business of the evening with nominations etc. After the formal meeting however, it is the intention to make this more of a festive occasion since it marks the 50th Birthday of the club.

A large room has been booked at the Old Bear, Alderwasley, together with a buffet provided by the committee.

B&B is available at the pub (tel 01629 8225850) as is a bunk house, caravan parking and an adjacent camping field, so why not make a weekend of it?

For further details and a map of the location contact me (tel 0115 9279384)

It is important that we have a maximum attendance, so mark this up on your calendar and show your interest by turning up.

Auntie Wainwright.

Aug 21 - 27 Lundy Daryl Kirk

If you have read the current 1999 Meets list you will see I am running a meet in Lundy from 21st to 27th of August.

Firstly I need to organise this trip NOW !

Secondly I need to know how many want to go and if you desire to camp or stop in accommodation.

Thirdly Once organised, payment in full will be required and is non-refundable.

I enjoyed my last visit, and with so many classic three starred routes at VS and HVS, it's a great place to experience. Please call me A.S.A.P. to avoid disappointment.

Daryl Kirk

'phone 0115 9397710 (home)

0114 2834949 (work.)

Mobile 07803 010414

20 Nov 1999 50th Anniversary Annual Dinner

This event is to be held at the Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis. I am taking bookings now. At present there is ample accommodation at the Hotel should anyone require it. The price is £27.50 per night for the night of the dinner only otherwise it is £47.50. Members should contact the hotel to book. (tel 01286 870253), otherwise ring Colin Hobday to book at the hut. For any further information ring me at home (tel 0115 9279384)

Shirley Wainwright

HUT NEWS

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Bookings Heathy Lea

No Bookings

SHORT NOTICES

Jamie Fisher 1971 - 1999

Oreads may wish to share my sadness at the death of Jamie Fisher on 29 January in a bivouac on the Brhche des Droites. Many of us were present at the Oak in November to enjoy his enthralling lecture on an attempt to climb the E face of Savoia Kangri. Preferring then to let the man speak for himself, I was perhaps a little coy about his relationship with me and my family: he has been a very dear friend to all five of us. My earliest memory is of him as a two

year old taking his afternoon rest in the little cave below Kelly's Overhang at High Neb. He always loved gritstone which he used to attack with a brutal directness. Early last year I did the three unconquerables with him - he never lived in the area so there were big gaps in his climbing record! While at Edinburgh University, he became president of the mountaineering club and had just returned to a full time job in the city with Dr Barnardos at the time of his death. Although he had two Himalayan expeditions to his name and was an accomplished Alpinist, Scotland was his real love. He coped especially well with the uncertainties and snatched opportunities that are the hallmark of winter climbing. His ascents included the rare prize of a winter traverse of the Cuillin ridge. He developed a real affection for Skye returning again and again and making at least four traverses of the ridge. The most recent, in less than five hours, was at the end of his Classic Rock round which he accomplished by bike while raising money for the John Muir Trust. Jamie had a rare gift for relating to people of a huge variety of background and irrespective of age or ability. This was most apparent in his work with the disadvantaged and in his enjoyment of climbing with me!

Rob Tresidder

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0114 2834949 (work.)

Mobile 07803 010414

Last month's notice above is repeated. Daryl, the treasurer, is now getting seriously anxious to collect outstanding subscriptions. He tore a strip off me for typing his post code wrongly

last month, and the address above is now correct. We try to run the Oread in a friendly manner rather than like a business, but the time for which non payment of subs can be regarded in a light hearted manner is now over, and remaining debtors who are serious about remaining in the club and enjoying the use of the facilities should pay up and avoid creating any further work for the voluntary club officers.

Rates are as follows:

Full membership	£16.00	
Family membership	£24.00	
Senior membership	£8.00	
Senior family membership	£16.00	
Provisional membership	£8.00	
BMC membership	£3.50	before Mar 31!

Change Of Address

Julia Stowell is working in the USA until September 2000 and her work address is:

Department of Geological Sciences

University of Texas at Austin

Austin, Texas

e.mail Julias@mail.utexas.edu

her present home address is:

2502 East Oltorf, #1120

Austin, Texas 78741 (phone 512 443 7545)

(This may change soon however).

Julia will return to her old Derby address when she comes back to UK

Ageism (anon) It is rumoured that anyone wishing to join the Thursday walk for the elderly should procure a current bus pass.

BRAIN TEASER

Last Month's Solution

The problem was easy, the two bags were one inside the other, the inner bag containing 27 krabs. The sting in the tail was intended to be that the regular respondents did not have themselves to name as co - solvers.

Beryl Strike and Chuck Hooley (an unlikely pairing in geometrical as well as temperamental terms) suggested that there may have been two bags with 27 in each, and that the question (not for the first time) was worded ambiguously. No award of tokens will take place.

4WD Vehicles

I have been asked to write on the club's behalf to the local planning and highway authorities to protest about the nuisance and damage which these vehicles cause, especially to the ground in the current very wet winter, on unsurfaced minor roads. Clearly we must draw a distinction between justifiable agricultural use and leisure use. The situation is difficult however on several grounds. Green lanes, although un surfaced are frequently vehicular rights of way, and so we cannot ask for police action on grounds of illegality, and environmental weight restrictions are only available at 3 tonnes minimum, so this would not prohibit Land Rovers and the like. The only action which could be taken, were the authorities willing would be closure of unsurfaced roads to vehicles. We could also ask for restrictions on any planning consent for the use of private land for trials etc. where this could generate hobby use of nearby lanes. Any members with views could get in touch with me or write the Highway and Planning Authorities at Matlock, who are also represented on the Peak district National Park Board. CR

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OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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April 10/11 Fell Race
April 17/18 Tan yr Wyddfa Work Party
April 24/25 AGM/50 Birthday/Spring Stride
May 1/3 May Day Northumberland

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Don't miss the chance to begin the outdoor evening climbing season on this friendly venue before venturing onto sterner stuff in the later Spring.

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April 17/18 Tan Yr Wyddfa Work Party

It's time again for a good spring clean! The jobs needed to be carried out are:-

- Painting back bedrooms
- Tidy of garden and parking area
- General cleaning of interior
- Fit glass above front door
- Paint toilets
- General painting of doors

Please ring either John Shreeve, Rock Hudson, Chuck Hooley, Colin Hobday for further details, transport and if you are going to help out.

(Notice supplied by Rock Hudson.)

April 24/25 A G M /50 Birthday /Spring Stride

Now At Jug And Glass, Lea, Derbyshire.

The weekend will be in three notional parts, the formal Annual General Meeting, a buffet

celebration to commemorate the 50th anniversary and, on Sunday morning the Spring Stride. The various sub parts of the composite event were organised by Mesdames and Messrs

Wainwright (buffet and accommodation), Pretty (ex - officio adviser and ghost writer), and Hobday (Spring Stride). As president, I bear overall responsibility (although I have of course typically done nothing), and offer my own apologies and those of the committee for the changes which have evolved to the arrangements. The date was first altered to accommodate vacancies at the Old Bear at Alderwasley, this hostelry then changed hands and reneged on our booking. A second date change was felt unacceptable and so a fresh venue was booked. The information given below, in the separate parts, is now final and supersedes that given in good faith in previous Newsletters. C.R.

April 24 (Sat) Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting will take place at the Jug and Glass, 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: Harry Pretty (President), Clive Russell, (Vice President), Michael Hayes (Meets Secretary), Daryl Kirk (Treasurer), Shirley Wainwright (Secretary), Steve Bennet (Assistant Secretary), Colin Hobday (Hut Booking Secretary), Chuck Hooley (Huts Custodian), Clive Russell (Newsletter Editor). Roy Eyre and Tony Howard (Ordinary committee members) CR

Buffet

After the formal meeting, which will commence at 8p.m., there will be a buffet. As seen above, this will be at the Jug and Glass, not the Old Bear. Unfortunately there are no camping facilities.

I hope as many members as possible turn up for this important event, to commemorate the club's 50th anniversary and make it an evening of festivity and nostalgia.

For further details contact me
Shirley Wainwright Tel 0115 9279384

Sunday 25 April Spring Stride Stretch Saunter Colin And Uschi Hobday

Due to the change of venue of the AGM, the spring stride has been revamped as follows.

After the festivities of the AGM on the Saturday night, we will drive to Heathy Lea for the night, savouring the warmth of the new wood burning stove. The AGM Date is to be the start of the celebrations for the Oread's 50th Anniversary and with this in mind I will endeavour to continue the theme.

Meet on Sunday at Heathy Lea for a 10.15 am start. The master plan is to visit one of the quieter gritstone edges, Gardoms, for a mass ascent of Oreads on Classic Gritstone routes. All gradings taken from the Sheffield Area guide book 1956 edition (just to help you feel at home). Will we see the likes of Ashcroft, Janes, Shreeve or Pretty on rock? Don't forget the camera!! Meanwhile it is hoped that the climbing wall team will also grace the crag with their presence.

For anyone trying to find an excuse not to climb, a saunter led by Uschi across the top of Chatsworth to Beeley Moor, down to the Devonshire at Beeley and then back to Heathy Lea is on offer.

The Grand Finale will take place at around 4.15 pm at Heathy Lea with the cutting of the 50th Anniversary cake, with mugs of tea (if anyone this half century can cut a mug of tea it has to be Uschi - anon.), while comparing notes on the day's activities.

Bookings for beds to Colin Hobday Tel 01332 551594

May 1/3 May Day Northumberland Freda Raphael

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FUTURE EVENTS

20 Nov 1999 50th Anniversary Annual Dinner (Repeat Notice)

This event is to be held at the Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis. I am taking bookings now. At present there is ample accommodation at the Hotel should anyone require it. The price is £27.50 per night for the night of the dinner only

otherwise it is £47.50. Members should contact the hotel to book. (tel 01286 870253), otherwise ring Colin Hobday to book at the hut. For any further information ring me at home (tel 0115 9279384)
Shirley Wainwright

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

April 2-5	Easter	Vacant
April 9/10	Capre Montis	16 Beds
April 16/17	Work Party	
April 23/24	G. Gadsby	Whole hut
April 30)	May Day	Vacant
May 1)		

Bookings Heathy Lea

April 16/17	K Fellfarers	Cottage/Barn
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A party of Oreads, including some partners friends and offsprings who are not club members, have asked to book Tan yr Wyddfa for the Millennium new year. Whereas a strict application of club rules requires that the Hut is reserved for members only until 14 days before a bank holiday, this would seem unreasonable in the circumstances, and it is proposed to give priority to any full Oread members until say 1 May, and then to accept bookings on a first come first served basis,

SHORT NOTICES

Change Of Address

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Oread 50th Year Journal Progress Report

The draft of the journal was more or less complete by January and, since then, Colin Hobday has been coordinating transfer on to hard disc by Pam Weston, Uschi Hobday, Barbara Smedley and Mike Hayes. This task is virtually complete and the first proofs have been

printed by Bemrose. The picture selection committee (Hobday, Gadsby, Ashcroft and Radcliffe are on the verge of making a final selection of approximately 100 photographs - a daunting task from the numbers submitted.

Based upon the recent experiences of another senior club it is important that, as editor, I make the following statement:

Approx. 75% of the journal has been editorially selected from previous writing in Oread Newsletters and Journals between 1953 and 1998. I have freely quoted from past writing without concern as to any copyright limitations (in respect of individual authors), and have positively welcomed extracts from articles, editorials, letters etc. which either criticise or make humorous sport with the characteristics of other members - for this has always been the Oread way.

I am therefore giving due notice that any member or associate who has been published in any Oread literature and may now have reservations as to content, or who may consider his copyright to be infringed, should now declare his interest. This is a formal statement on behalf of the Oread MC and myself as editor.
Harry Pretty.

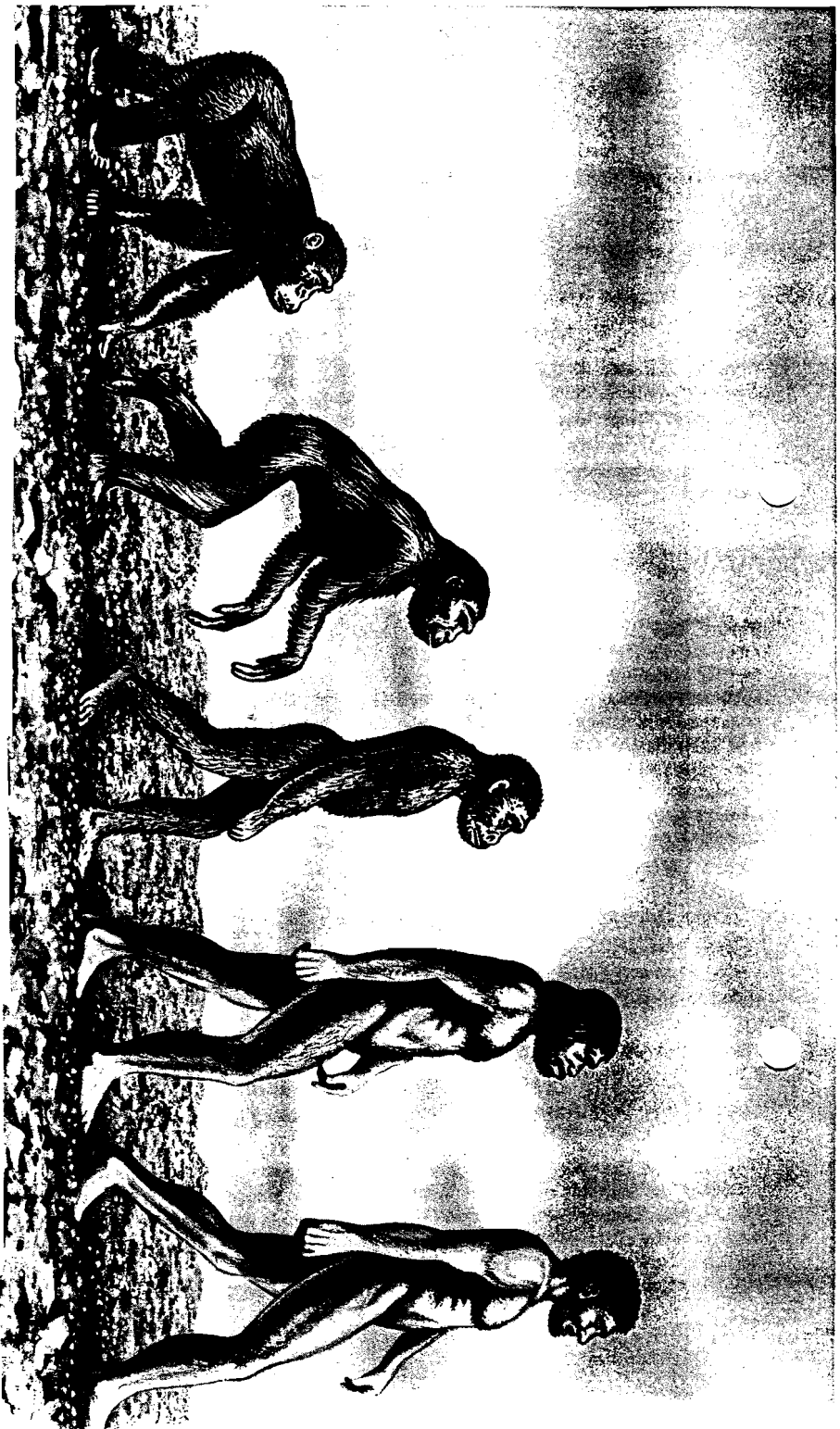
BRAIN TEASER

In which article in this Newsletter can be found missing definite article and a popular sport, and what are the particulars of the latter? (In response to popular request, this question is entirely non - numerical. Prize for first correct solution received before 1 May).

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NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 1999

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May 15/16 "Have A Bash" Climbing Meet Tan Tr Wyddfa David Jones

A few years ago Bobby Gilbert did a meet called "Pinnacle of Achievement", intended to spur club members on to try and achieve their greatest climbing ambitions. (well, those achievable in Derbyshire). I was put off it, partly by the rain and partly by the title. What if my "Pinnacle" looked puny compared with others? What if others thought I was boasting at the size of my "Achievement"? How un - British.

So! For this meet I am encouraging all the climbers to come along and have a good bash at something, preferably something you've meant to have a go at before, and then tell us how it went. No points awarded for the climbing, but for those that enjoy that sort of thing, a ceremonial pint for the best story of the day.

In addition, I have a warm, confident feeling that the sun will shine on our efforts, both literally and figuratively. Please come along, the more the merrier.

May 23 (Sunday) Laddow Rocks Richard Coghlan

I often use the meets that I lead as an excuse to explore somewhere different and this will be no exception. Laddow Rocks is a North-east facing Gritstone edge high up above Longdendale at Grid Ref 064001 on the Dark Peak map. Being slightly inconvenient to get to, it doesn't get much traffic. However, provided that the weather is reasonable (and we should be well into summer by then), it should provide both excellent views and climbing. The routes listed

in the Paul Nunn area guidebook suggest that there is enough rock to keep anyone and everyone entertained for a full day, at all grades below E1. There is a three star VS and a three star Vdiff, so we should get quality as well as quantity.

There is a campsite at Crowden, below the crag, but I plan to make this a one day event, starting from the car park at Crowden (Grid Ref 072993) at 10.00 am on Sunday.

Some people may wish to use this as a starting point for a walk instead of a day's climbing. The Pennine Way crosses just below the crag on its way up to Black Hill and there are plenty of opportunities for a circular return route.

I will be at the Smithfield the Tuesday beforehand to make travel arrangements. Alternatively, if you need a lift or climbing partner please phone me at home on 01332 865934.

May 29/31 Skye Tony Howard

Unfortunately, no particulars of this meet have been received. I can only refer you to the meet leader (tel. 01332 273307).

June 12/13 High House, Borrowdale Richard Coghlan

Kev Allsobrook led a very successful meet to this, the K Fellfarer's hut at Seathwaite a few years ago and I hope to repeat the experience. The hut is in an ideal position, far enough down Borrowdale to give easy access to Great Gable and Gillercombe as well as all the Borrowdale crags. However, with the amount of daylight available, epic treks to more distant climbing areas may not be out of the question. I will not dwell on all the possible things you could do from this hut by way of walking or climbing -it doesn't need much imagination for anybody familiar with the Lakes. Off-road cyclists might like to note that the track going past the hut up to Styhead Tarn is a bridleway.

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See me at the Smithfield before the meet or 'phone me on 01332 865934 to book you place and arrange lifts.

FUTURE EVENTS

June 26 Heathy Lea Barbecue Steve Bennet

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The Oread Mountaineering Club 50th Anniversary Dinner

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The venue is the Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis.

Bookings are good so far and three quarters of places are booked already.

The Royal Vic has plenty of accommodation and members are asked to contact the Hotel directly should they wish to stay there.

The price of B & B there is £27.50 per person per night This applies to Saturday night of the dinner and also the Friday previous.

I was earlier given the wrong information regarding the Friday and now have it confirmed that the £27.50 is also for the Friday)

This year there will not be any 'professional' entertainers but special guests have been invited and there are plans for 'something' to add charm to the 50th Annual dinner.

For further details contact me

Shirley Wainwright - otherwise known as Auntie (and that's not all - Ed.)

0115 9279384)

PAST EVENTS

Patterdale

Event though this meet is a hardy annual the demand never seems to flag, and the hut was comfortably full. The faithful this year were rewarded with real snow on the mountains, to new for gully climbing, but infinitely preferable to the rain not unknown in these climes. There was jollity in the White Lion both evenings, a nice fire in the Hut, and on the Saturday, teams in plenty on the hill. I personally enjoyed the company of M/S Smedley on a walk over from the Troutdale area, skirting Thornthwaite Beacon, along High Street and back to the Hut, with reasonably deep snow and white out visibility to make it interesting. (Her superannuated and debauched spouse, and the meet leader in an equally deplorable state of fitness could not keep up). Unlike our team, elderly gentlemen in the building and printing trades, whom I shall spare from being identified, were not equipped with the necessary navigation aids and somehow arrived at the Thirlspot Inn or thereabouts, via Striding Edge, returning late and weary to the hut. Others ascended Pinnacle Rib and sundry local routes. The was a pleasing mixture of age groups, old and new members, and this meet continues in my view to be a highlight of the calendar.
C.R.

Easter South Devon

Unfortunately the good weather as previously forecast did not materialise although it did stay dry for most of the daylight hours. The campsite proved to be comfortable, well equipped and without disturbance.

The local hostelry was very accommodating and apparently competing in the "largest pub meals in Britain" competition. Routes were done on Dewerstone, Chudleigh, Berry Head and Luckey Tor. Various moorland walks and cycle trips were completed, although the serious cyclists (Lisa and Alison) found the going too heavy on the bridleways and so contented themselves with a tea shop to tea shop tour. Map reading lessons will be undertaken before the next trip as the meet leader was constantly led astray by his navigator (Julie) and spent the holiday arriving at crags at least 1 hour behind everyone else. (Diversions North on the M5 were not unknown).

Everyone agreed that the meet was successful and in my opinion made more so by the good company. Thanks to all the attendees who were Lisa, Wendy and Doug, Julie Wearing, Simon and Debbie, Graham and Alison, John Salmon, Richard Coghlan, Roy and Chris, Dean Bennet, new member Rob and a flying visit from Steve Bashforth.

Steve Bennet.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

April 30 -May 1(May Day) Vacant
May 7/8 Steve Bennet (Whole Hut)

Bookings Heathy Lea

No bookings notified for May

SHORT NOTICES

For Sale

DUVET JACKET

Mountain equipment Red line Medium.
Virtually un - used £125

ROAD BICYCLE 25 INCH FRAME

High spec touring bike by Peak cycles. Very good condition £125

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BRAIN TEASER

Last Month's Solution

n Freda's write up for Northumberland the place name "Wooler" was also the surname of the former Glamorgan cricket captain who achieved fame by being to cricket what John Welbourne is to mountaineering. (The sentence was identified by the omission of the introductory definite article).

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June 19/20 Gogarth Graham Weston /John Salmon

Gogarth home of the Gogarth grip! The Paul Williams guide states "The situation can often be very dramatic, and it is not unusual for some climbers to feel a little daunted during their first few visits.

The area needs little introduction to the already initiated. At V.S. there is Lighthouse Arete, Rap, Scavenger and Cordon Bleu. At H.V.S. Wen, Concrete Chimney, the magnificent Dream of White Horses, and Briomartis.

We will be camping at Bagnol campsite 3 to 4 miles West of Valley near Trearddur Bay, G.R. 258781. Meet us there or at the pub at the cross roads in Valley (what's it called?)

Stop Press for Bagnol Caravan site turn left off A5 at Valley, then left again at Trayarder (Ravenspout Rd.), and follow signs to site.

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July 3/4 Golden Oldies Shirley Wainwright

I am taking bookings now for this weekend.

I am looking forward to a relaxing weekend with all the silver hair - no hair brigade.

Nothing spectacular is planned except for a meal at the Saracen's Head Hotel which is booked.

I would like to ask anyone who is coming to bring some old 'photos/slides for Saturday evening showing after our evening at the Saracens.

Contact me for bookings
Auntie Wainwright 0115 9279384

FUTURE EVENTS

July 25 Summer Stroll Gordon Gadsby

Join us on this grand walk - 10.30 a.m. start from the large lay-by on the A57 Snake Road 200 yards east of Cutthroat Bridge below the distant crags of Stanage End.

From the old bridge follow the track up and along Derwent Edge via Wheel Stones (Coach and Horses). White Tor 1599', Salt Cellar. Dovestone Tor 1656', Cakes of Bread, to lunch on Back Tor 1765'. In good weather the panorama from the trig point is superb.

After lunch descend the improved track (slabs) via Lost Lad and Mill Brook down to Ladybower. Follow the reservoir for a mile or so towards the Snake Road, turning left just before the A57 and following the track that runs behind the Ladybower Inn back to Cutthroat Bridge.

After the walk we shall call at the Plough Inn near Leadmill Bridge for a pint and an evening meal.

The Oread Mountaineering Club 50th Anniversary Dinner 20 November 1999

This will be held at the Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis.

I have so far 141 bookings and the full seating capacity is 150. If you wish to attend this event please do not delay in booking now.

The price of the dinner will be £15.00 for 3 courses and there will of course be a vegetarian option.

The hotel still has accommodation and I also have a list of B & B's in the area.

Contact me for dinner bookings or any other problems you might have (to do with the dinner that is!)

Shirley Wainwright tel 0115 9279384

PAST EVENTS

April 11 Fell Race Graham Weston

Although the attendance was not large, either numerically or in body, I personally thought the organisation was excellent, and would like to thank Graham and Alison for their efforts, which merited more support.

Rob Tresidder used his navigational skills and lynx like vision to good effect and despite his only moderate speed capabilities obtained maximum points for a runner. He was however denied the prize ~~the prize~~ and supreme privilege of becoming next year's organiser by the ludicrous classification of Radcliffe, who had clearly greased the palm of the organiser, as a walker, with a consequent enhancement of bonus points.

C.R.

50th Anniversary AGM

This was attended by approximately 70 Oread Members and friends.

Harry Pretty was elected to be President for the 50th Anniversary year only instead -of the usual two year term of office.

Discussions from the floor centred on many aspects/ problems facing the Oread. The Welsh Highland Light Railway is proving a contentious subject, so much so that the Committee are to have a meeting of members to discuss this subject only. This date will be announced when there is more to discuss.

The festivities carried over to the following day of Colin Hobday's Spring Stride meet - I'll leave him to tell you all about that day.

Thank you all for attending this important date.

Shirley Wainwright.

Other Club officers, in addition to myself, were elected as follows:-

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Spring Scramble / Saunter

After the wheeling and dealing of the A.G.M. around 20 members returned to Heathy Lea to stay the night, where they proceeded to drink Reg's whisky only presented to him a few hours earlier, finally retiring to bed at 3.30 a.m. only to be awakened by Welbourne kindling the fire at 6.30 in the morning, the new president not being amused at the lack of sleep.

Sunday morning was overcast but fine as a large group of Oreads posed for a 50th anniversary photo shoot before departing, the climbers heading for Gardoms while the saunterers set off for Beeley, only to reappear at Gardoms - possibly navigational error, though I understand that they did make it to the 'Devonshire at Beeley much to Gordon Wright's relief who had been waiting since opening time. (One is not sure whether Gordon's relief was a night shift assistant, a necessary bodily process or a state of mind - Ed.)

Meanwhile on Gardoms well over 40 Oreads and friends gathered at the foot of Apple Buttress, the crag was soon festooned with ropes on Apple Crack and Apple Buttress, Cider Wall, N.M.C. Layback Crack. It was good to see John Fisher, John Shreeve, Peter Janes and Harry Pretty on Rock again.

Many routes were done of various standards by probably the largest turnout on a climbing meet. Quite a few managed a quick pint at the Robin Hood before returning to Heathy Lea for an informal cutting of the 50th Anniversary cake. I of course missed the cake due to a motorist trying to run Rock Hudson over, resulting in a

climber's road rage. (this incident could clearly have been more unpleasant had a person of less equable temperament been involved - Ed.)

How many were at Hethy Lea I don't know, but at a guess around 60 people, names too numerous to mention, but thank you all for coming and making it a success, perhaps we shall do the same again next year.

Colin Hobday.

May 15/16 "Have A Bash" Climbing Meet Tan Tr Wyddfa David Jones

I rashly predicted in the 'preview' for this meet that the sun would shine on our efforts, and for once my prediction was at least half right. Beautiful mornings on both days lured the hopeful Oreads out of the comfort of Tan-Y-Wyddfa to pit themselves against the Welsh landscape.

Most people were 'on the crag' on the Saturday, with visits being paid to Cwm Silyn (the family Pike team, climbing Kirkus's Route), and Idwal Slabs (the Johnston team) but the most popular was Tremadog, enjoying a very warm day and a very relaxed 'holiday' atmosphere. John Salmon and Paul Howe climbed Meshach and others, and John Gresty and DJ gibbered and sweated up Vector and Striptease.

On the Sunday, the Llanberis Pass seemed the most popular destination but I don't know how anybody got on' Attempts to find out subsequently have failed, so I'll have to apologise for not publishing what I hope were memorable climbs. John Gresty jinxed everyone by announcing that he was going to break with tradition and go up Snowdon on a day on which he would actually be able to see the view from the top. My prediction that the cloud would descend to greet him at the summit was proved all too sadly true. John Green and I struggled up to the East Arete on Y Gam, and then climbed up it as well, the warmth of the early

morning having been replaced by lowering cloud and a chill wind, causing active shivering at the bay ledges.

My thanks to those that turned up, for a jolly sociable weekend, and especially to those that 'pushed it' a bit. Those present were: -
John Gresty, John Green, John Moordew, John Salmon, Tony Howard, Derek Pike, Adrian Pike, Mrs Pike (many apologies, I've forgotten your first name!), Gill Heys, Tracey Johnston, Robert Johnston, and Paul Howe.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

June 4/5	A.B.M.S.A.C.	Whole hut
June 11/12	Duffield A.T.C.	16 beds
June 18/19	Fylde M.C.	
June 25/26	Tuesday C.C.	16 beds
July 2/3	Oread Meet	16 beds
July 9/10	Aldermaston M.C.	16 beds
July 11/17	Foxhill School	16 beds
July 23/24	Leics M.L.C.	16 beds
Summer	Oread use (with guests)	

Bookings Heathy Lea

June 18/19	Lancs C.C.C	12 beds
June 25/26	Oread Meet	
July 2/3	Leics CC	cottage/barn
July 16/17	Midlands Ski Club	cottage/barn

SHORT NOTICES

Membership

Chris Eyre has applied for membership of the Oread, proposed by Barbara Smedley and seconded by Uschi Hobday. Any club member having views on her suitability is requested to lodge these with the secretary before 1 July.

Change Of Address

Robin and Rebekah Beadle are now at Bare Syke, Backbarrow, Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 8QF (tel 015395 31598). I am informed that camping for Oreads visiting the lakes is a possibility, and that there is an excellent bouldering crag in the garden!

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Thurs July 1. It is essential that all material reaches me by Thur June 24. I look forward to hearing from Derick Burgess and Graham Weston (re Yorkshire)*

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OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR JULY 1999

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

July 3/4 Golden Oldies
July 10/11 Buttermere
July 24/25 Summer Stroll
August 7/8 Yorkshire

July 3/4 Golden Oldies Shirley Wainwright

I am taking bookings now for this weekend.
I am looking forward to a relaxing weekend with all the silver hair - no hair brigade.

Nothing spectacular is planned except for a meal at the Saracen's Head Hotel which is booked.

I would like to ask anyone who is coming to bring some old 'photos/slides for Saturday evening showing after our evening at the Saracen's.

Contact me for bookings

Auntie Wainwright 0115 9279384

July 10/11 Buttermere Derrick Burgess

This will be a camping weekend based at Gatesgarth Farm, pleasantly situated at the head of Buttermere Lake. Access to the site is through the farmyard (or was when I last went); facilities are basic but adequate and the camping fee is £2.50/night.

The area has much to offer to both the walker and climber, with circuits around the valley or longer mountaineering days over to Gable Crag or Pillar.

Nearer to hand is Buckstone Howe at the head of the Pass with the excellent Cleopatra (HVS) only 10 minutes from the road - a route for the crag rats.

The gems of the area lie in Birkness Combe with the sombre Eagle Crag on the one side of the valley and the sunny and clean Grey Crag on the other. Both of these crags boast excellent routes with Eagle Front being one of the best VS routes in the Lake District, whilst

the combination of Suavitor and Oxford and Cambridge Direct on Grey Crag gives an attractive route which will be in the sun.

There is a convenient hostelry between the lakes in Buttermere village where I will be on the Friday evening.

July 25 Summer Stroll Gordon Gadsby

Join us on this grand walk - 10.30 a.m. start from the large lay-by on the A57 Snake Road 200 yards east of Cutthroat Bridge below the distant crags of Stanage End.

From the old bridge follow the track up and along Derwent Edge via Wheel Stones (Coach and Horses). White Tor 1599', Salt Cellar. Dovestone Tor 1656', Cakes of Bread, to lunch on Back Tor 1765'. In good weather the panorama from the trig point is superb.

After lunch descend the improved track (slabs) via Lost Lad and Mill Brook down to Ladybower. Follow the reservoir for a mile or so towards the Snake Road, turning left just before the A57 and following the track that runs behind the Ladybower Inn back to Cutthroat Bridge.

After the walk we shall call at the Plough Inn near Leadmill Bridge for a pint and an evening meal.

August 7/8 Yorkshire Meet Graham Weston

Yorkshire has much to offer in the way of climbing, gritstone and limestone, walking and even (dare I say it) mountain biking. I intend to camp at -Bell Bank- (grid ref. SD 979639) this is near the village of Threshfield and allows easy access to both gritstone and limestone areas. I will be hoping to head for the grit myself and the edges of Rylstone and Crookrise will be near to hand. For those who prefer limestone (and are climbing well enough) Malham and Gordale Scar are not far away.

If you intend to come please let me know (01943 603896) as campsite spaces are limited, although more may be available if I can give sufficient notice. So I hope to see people in the nearest pub (I can't remember the name) on Friday night.

PAST EVENTS

Skye 28 To 31 May

The Cuillin of Skye is for many people the best mountain scenery in the UK, and it is some time since the club last had a meet here. Perhaps it was because of the quality of the place, or because it was some time since the previous meet, that this was a popular meet. I counted twenty-two of us on the Glen Brittle campsite, and there were another 6 staying nearby in cottages and one group at Sligachan campsite!! Although the meet was officially for just the bank holiday weekend, many people stayed an extra day or two, and some stayed the full week.

The weather was typical of Skye: we had strong winds and rain, which terminated at least one tent. There were at least two excellent days with clear, long distance visibility, and of course days of swirling mist, sunny periods and outbreaks of rain-

Sunday was the first good day. Several people walked part of the main ridge; Sgurr na Banachdich to Bealach Choire na Banachdich, and Sgurr na Mhadaidh to Bruach na Frithe were both popular, as was the traverse of Pinnacle Ridge on Sgurr nan Gilleann. The views of the Cuillin peaks, Coruisk, the Outer Isles, and the mainland hills were all superb! Unfortunately, finding solitude to enjoy the vista was not an option on the main tops - there were lots of people about, with queues at the awkward bits. However, occasionally other friendly Oreads would appear to brighten the day, offer a lift back, and even provide a beer. One could not ask for much more out of a day on the hill!

Most people went rock climbing in Corrie Lagan for at least one day, and the classics such as Cioch Direct, Arrow Route, Integrity, Trophy Crack, and Wailwork's Route all saw ascents. Of those who stayed the full week, some ventured round to Coruisk, and returned via the slabs of the Dubhs. Most people seem to have enjoyed the trip. I know I did. Here's to the next time!

Tony Howard

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SHORT NOTICES

Membership

The address list circulated with the last newsletter was the one originally promised for the AGM. Preparation of the fairly large number of copies is a reasonably big job however (I shall not disclose the Treasurer's metaphor!) and took a little longer than anticipated. This list is subject to continuous review over the years, and anyone who, like Stuart Firth who wrote to us, wishes to point out any outstanding amendments should write to either myself or Daryl Kirk. The Treasurer keeps the official list of who are club members in the various categories since he is the arbiter of who has or has not paid their current subscriptions. This of course could have considerable implications under certain circumstances if for example there was a crucial vote at a Special General Meeting regarding the Welsh Highland Railway. I keep a separate list as a newsletter circulation list which is not necessarily quite the same. (For example, I do not want to publish telephone

numbers on the address labels or to bother with filtering out info not to be printed in my mail merge, and I try to keep abreast of who is shackled up temporarily with whom). Daryl and I do however occasionally speak to each other and endeavour to keep our lists in correspondence.

The above, although mundane, is a typical example of the sort of thing which occupies our time during committee meetings, and is reasonably necessary to keep the club running in a practical way. Although I gripe occasionally about the time taken distributing newsletters, some of the other club admin jobs (insurance, arranging cess pit emptying etc.) take just as much time and are much less amusing. I am personally glad we have un sung heroes willing to do these things

Change Of Address

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(work)

So far as I can see, only the 'phone number requires amendment.

BRAIN TEASER

Consider the crossword type grid on the back page. Each number represents a letter. those squares with no numbers in should be left blank. when the correct letters are substituted for each number, all the rows and columns read the names of climbing venues Number 5 represents the first letter of the two letter part of the name of that mountain on Skye of which the Inaccessible Pinnacle forms the summit. (Book token for first correct grid, closing date 1 August.)

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *Thurs August 5. It is essential that all material reaches me by Thur July 27. I look forward to hearing from Daryl Kirk Keith Gregson and Michael Hayes*
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OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 1999

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

August 7/8 Yorkshire
August 21/27 Lundy
August 28/30 Pembroke
September 11/12 Newlands

August 7/8 Yorkshire Meet Graham Weston

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August 21/27 Lundy Daryl Kirk

The arrangements for this meet were made some time ago in response to an earlier write up, but last minute information in case there might be cancellations etc. can be obtained from Daryl (0115 9397710).

August 28/30- Pembroke - St Davids Keith Gregson

Camping will be at Rhosson Ganol Farm, St Justinian's (GR 727252)

To find us, follow signs for St Justinian's lifeboat station from St David's: from the Cross, down the hill past the Farmer's Arms, then sharp right, 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 the "Rugby Club all-nighters" but they have been replaced by Old Eltonians with the Carnells, barbeques with the Fosters (depending on the fishing), and Feeling Foul ale at the various hostelries - the Farmer's Arms seems to be gaining popularity! 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. I understand that there is a new "99" guidebook which reveals many of the 44 secret crags", but even better. I'm assured that Whympers' old guide "Big Foo" will once again be with us to direct exploration.

For those intent on high grade climbing Carreg-y-Barcud should keep you off the streets, and of course if you seek the popular hot spots you can easily drive down South to join the crowds.

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, though unfortunately I have to be at work on either the Friday or the following Tuesday or both (work's a bitch) so I may not be coming down until Friday night. However I'm confident that there will be an Oread presence until the following weekend so you will be sure of a welcome over the whole holiday period.

If you need any further information please get in touch.

Keith Gregson

**September 11/12 Stair, Newlands
Valley Michael Hayes**

The venue for this meet will be the Fylde MC Hut in Stair (GR 237 211) just south west of Keswick and will be run as joint meet with the K Fellfarers.

My plan is to meet in the Swineside Inn (243 217) on Friday evening where I am told they serve Jennings, have good food and are not too fussy about when they shut! The hut is just a few minutes way, just outside Stair (not the wooden Ramblers Hut but the Flat roofed one in the trees)

Walking and climbing in the area is of course superb and with Derwent Water and Keswick close by it should keep us all entertained.

I should be back from the Alps on the 9th of August so just give me a call on 01530 231401 if you're interested.

FUTURE EVENTS

**September 19 September Saunter
(President's Meet) Harry Pretty**

Commencing Saturday 18, at the George, Alstonfield - camping in the Paddock Sat night:- I am arranging a buffet meal at the George for the Saturday night (Have spoken to Richard at the George but have not fixed a price yet - obviously depending to some extent on numbers - but will not be exorbitant).

A walk will take place on Sunday as per meets list.

Will all those interested in a Saturday night buffet please contact me ASAP to enable me to get some idea of numbers. (01332 880762). Full details will appear in the September newsletter.

**The Oread Mountaineering Club 50th
Anniversary Dinner Royal Victoria
Hotel, Llanberis. 20 November 1999**

To date of printing this newsletter there are 4 places left. The price of the dinner will be £15.00 per person. Please make your cheque payable to the Oread MC. I should like all monies in by the end of October.

The menu is as follows:-

Leek and Potato Soup

Roast Welsh Lamb
Vegetables

Snowdon Pudding with Vanilla Sauce

Coffee and Mints

Vegetarian option main course:
Cashew and Mushroom layered
Roast with Tomato and Basil Sauce

Please let me know if you require a vegetarian meal. If anyone has any allergies or ethical reasons and want something else let me know.

Shirley Wainwright t

PAST EVENTS

Northumberland

This was my first Oread meet as leader, and so I was not a little anxious that anyone would turn up. So it was a delight to discover twenty-six assorted Oreads had made the journey north. It would appear there were a few others in addition who I failed to find. Even Reg and Anne came, wooed by a cosy chalet a deux with en suite..... The sun shone; coast, hill and crag beckoned; and the Black Bull provided weary, thirsty bodies with much needed rehydration in the evening. Kim and myself spent Friday biking up the College Valley. On Saturday an assorted group set off from Hethpool with the gentle group taking the line of the College Burn, and the tigers heading for the Pennine Way and traversing The Schil en route for that unending bogginess aka The Cheviot. Uschi made a rather disturbing discovery in the Cheviot refuge logbook when she noticed that "Colin of Derby", the self-styled "Pennine Pussy" had passed that way the week before. Sunday necessitated a pilgrimage by bike to Holy Island, where much reminiscing of Saints Cuthbert and Aidan was helped along with draughts of Blessed Ale. Surprising how much

easier it was to bike *back* from the island. By Monday the strong parties were becoming slightly jaded. Forays to Flodden Field battle site and Kyloe crag exhausted any remaining energy, which left the final option - crab sandwiches at Craster in the golden evening glow of the close of a perfect weekend. I was touched later to receive letters, e-mails and phone calls from Oreads expressing their satisfaction with Northumberland's delights. To all of you, thank you. Oh, and I lent my Jedburgh (Landranger 74) OS map -to someone, and forget to whom....

Freda Raphael

(Freda posted this to me for publication some time ago but the Summit MC republican army or their ilk blew up the letter box. This is the second copy. CR)

Barbecue Heathy Lea

This year's barbecue was once again a great success. Thanks must be extended to those who helped with the mundane tasks during the afternoon and also tot he massed renks of the Oread band all expertly drilled and marshalled by 'Gil mail and conducted by /Ron Chambers and Mike Wren.

Thanks very much.
Steve Bennet.

Golden Oldies

21 members and friend descended on T W for this grand reunion.

There was a great deal of activity during the weekend - the outdoor kind you understand - Some of us went walking to Snowdon, some of us went on Forest walks and some of us went on sunny beaches at Nevyn and Anglesey.

Although we had some early morning rain we had lots of sunshine and fine weather.

We sampled the hospitality of the Saracen's Head on Saturday evening, returning to the hut for nostalgic slides, well! apart from Jack Ashcroft who had his lines crossed and brought his latest holiday slides. Otherwise we had a great time sorting out who was who in baggy trousers and had lots of hair.

The crowning event was Mick Keeling's coming of age (he was 60) we all wished him well with birthday cake and some Bucks 'fizz'

A good weekend was had by all and I look forward to next year's meet. Thank you all for coming.

Auntie Wainwright.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Aug 16 1 week R Handley (2 beds)
Aug 19 1 week K Fellfarers (4beds)

Bookings Heathy Lea

Aug 21/22 P Hearsly (pros mem) cottage/barn

A car was recently broken into at Tan yr Wyddfa and members are advised not to leave valuables in view or vehicles insecure.

SHORT NOTICES

Membership

Congratulations to Chris Eyre who was recently elected to full membership.

BRAIN TEASER

Last Month's Solution

The initial letter was "a" (An Stac).
1=r, 2=c, 3=u, 4=b, 5=a, 6=i, 7=n, 8=s, 9=w, 10=t, 11=b, 12=h, 13=e, 14=l, 15=d, 16=g, 17=f. No solutions were offered, but Tony Smedley confessed to having the problem under review. (see back page).

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NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 1999

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

September 11/12 Newlands
September 18/19 September Saunter
September 25/26 Family Meet
October 2/3 Kirby Lonsdale
October 5 First Indoor Meet Ockbrook

September 11/12 Stair, Newlands Valley Michael Hayes

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September 19 September Saunter (President's Meet 2) Harry Pretty

Commencing Saturday 18, at the George, Alstonfield - camping in the Paddock at the rear of the pub on Sat night:- There will be a buffet on Saturday night at an approximate cost of £6.75 per person.

camping /climbing meet at the George, organised by Derek Carnell was once a n annual event on the Oread meets list- always very popular. The 50th anniversary year seems a good time for another rollicking weekend. Limestone is at hand for the climbers and a good walk to disperse the vapours of extended social intercourse on the Saturday night.

Not many members/guests have indicated their support since the advance notice in the August

Newsletter so I hope those wishing to partake in the buffet will contact me A.S.A.P.

The price is based on approx 40 taking part so get in touch (01332 880762). George buffets are famously lavicious (or was it lavish - Ed) so I am sure additional numbers can be accommodated.

September 25/26 Family Meet Tan Yr Wyffa Mike Wynn

Firstly apologies from the meets leader for not being able to attend the meet this year due to clashes with running events for both myself and Annie - got to keep the training in for the Dash! However, as last year, please book yourselves in the normal fashion with Colin. It seems traditional to do a mass ascent of Snowdon on the Saturday, armed with buggies, baby backpacks, a lot of encouragement and a prayer for good weather. Last year, with unpromising weather on the Sunday, we found a pleasant 'nature' centre (whose name escapes me) near Caenarvon to take the kids to, where there were trails, swings etc, set in natural Woodland. Maybe in the future we can take them on a little train from the doorstep!! (whoops).....

October 2/3 Kirby Lonsdale Graham Foster

Unfortunately I have been unable to contact Graham Foster and so have no details of the meet. I can only suggest the that you contact him direct if interested. (Ring before 6am in the time honoured manner, the number is 01332 662935)

October Indoor Meet

5 October at 8 p.m. at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook

By special request of the committee, I have chosen the first evening of the winter's indoor

meets to mount a "members evening". These are usually very popular and we didn't have one last year. As this is our Golden Jubilee year perhaps there will be space for more ancient history rather than just this summer's tales of derring-do (but let's have those as well). It would help me (and the audience) if you could let me know ASAP if you intend to show pictures. That way we won't find ourselves fighting our way through ten carousels before closing time. I expect committee members will be out in force for this one but don't let that put the rest of you off. If there aren't enough volunteers you may be subjected to an illustrated diatribe from me on the depredations inflicted on the alpine environment by the ski industry.

As for the rest of the winter, amongst others, I expect to have Ian Frearson along to talk about Spitsbergen and Russ Clare has promised to come down from Holmfirth. Dates and more, details in next month's newsletter.

Rob Tresidder

FUTURE EVENTS

October 16/17 Gower South Wales Digger Williams

Originally this meet was for the Black Mountain area, but after a reconnaissance of the Hereford M.C. hut, the location was deemed to be of difficult approach, rather basic, limited car parking, up a dead end valley and *11 miles from the nearest pub* (Williams clearly assigns equal significance to each of these factors - Ed.).

At the same time I pursued alternatives, one being a camp site and the other at the bunk house of Llantory Priory. The latter carried a minimum of £130 for the weekend and £6.50 per person plus electricity charges.

I have now obtained an ideal alternative at Rhossili at the South Western end of the Gower peninsula. This area is of outstanding beauty and provides excellent climbing and walking. The beach is nearly 4 miles long and is mostly

empty of people. Anyone who hasn't been to this area is sure to be favourably impressed.

I have booked the Village Hall at Middleton - very near Rhossili. The facilities include a small kitchen 2 showers and 2 toilets and plenty of car parking outside. There are no bunk beds so bring something to lie on. The charge is £4 per night plus electricity used.

The village of Rhossili has a shop and eating room and Hotels with public bars (Worms Head) near the public car park.

I intend to arrive possibly on Thurs or Friday and open up the Village Hall in good time. Take the M5 M50 A40/A449?M4 to Swansea and the Gower Turn right at Scurlagh which leads direct to Middleton Rhossili.

Contact me near the date.

Digger

50th Anniversary Dinner Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis. 20 November 1999

All places for the annual dinner have been booked.

I have a reserve list in case anyone should cancel.

So far I have received cheques from many of you. Please let me have all of your monies and choices (veg or otherwise) by the end of October. For any further info' give me a ring (0115 9279384)

Auntie Wainwright.

PAST EVENTS

Summer Stroll 25 July 1999

A large party of Oreads and friends enjoyed this grand walk along Derwent Edge.

Fine, but cloudy weather prevailed as we set off from Cutthroat Bridge and as we lunched on that fine viewpoint Back Tor at 1765'. Several members wandered and did various scramble routes here, whilst Keith and Michael Gregson

plus Tony Smedley did some real climbs on the lower walls.

Later as we descended Lost Lad the sun came out and the rest of the day remained warm and sunny. The panoramic plate on Lost Lad was erected by Sheffield Clarion Ramblers in memory of one their members, W H Baxby.

In the early evening we wine and dined in the garden area of the Yorkshire Bridge Inn and were joined by Chuck and Margaret Hooley, Shirley Wainwright (who waved to us earlier from a helicopter over the moors), Graham, Julia, Alex and Oliver Willson (making his Oread debut at 8 months old).

The main highlights of the walk were Keith Gregson's ascent and descent of the Salt Cellar pinnacle with everyone else looking on; sunbathing and picking wild cherries on the beach of Ladybower Reservoir near Millbrook Bridge. I hope Barbara Smedley's and Lisa Welbourne's cherry pies came out well.

Also on the walk George and Janet Reynolds, Ken and Doreen Hodge, Colin Hobday, John and Lisa Welbourne, Eileen Gregson, Janet Ashcroft, Harry Pretty, Digger, Mike Keeling, John Shreeve, Clive and Margaret Russell (not forgetting Fred), Fiona Smedley, Margaret Gadsby, Stuart Bramwell and son - in-law Mick. Tony and Viv Smith, Rick and Cath Eagles, Gerry Shaw.
Thank you all for coming and hope to see you all next year.

Gordon Gadsby

Lundy 1999

A good selection of Oreads assembled at the quayside on Saturday morning to catch the boat to Lundy. The crossing was fairly mode-rate with only a few of the less hardy passengers displaying weak stomachs.

After promptly, - bagging the most sheltered of the camping spots most people went in Search of their first route. Apparently esoterica was to be the order of the week in the Burgess camp, and this proved to be the case with their accommodation too. The 'tent' rapidly became christened 'The Jelly Mould' due to the large amount of wobble in all but the slightest breeze. Its size was such that no one suffering from agoraphobia was allowed in. An old cable drum looked as though it would make a very convenient communal table. The occupants of the Jelly, Mould assured the rest of us that it was solely for their use, and it disappeared into the depths, not to be seen again until the day we all went home.

The early sun on the first couple of days enticed people out, only so that they could get wet later when it rained. The middle two days were less subtle, the days started with rain, but the sun came out later. The last three days however, were warm, dry and sunny all day long. Most people managed to climb every day and a good range of routes were completed, from Diff to El from well protected crack-lines to long run out slabs and from good solid rock to more crumbly, suspect stuff.

Some people resorted to activities other than climbing at times too. Two went snorkelling, others were seen bird watching, flower spotting and even kite flying.

On the whole a very enjoyable week with very good climbing and excellent company. Those in attendance were DB, CR, CIN7, RL, GW, AW, NE, PS, DK, and SB.

Graham Weston

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

September 10/11 Lancs CC 16 beds

September 17/18 South Cheshire 16 beds

September 17/18 G Foster Oread room (full) 1 ?

September 24/25 Family Meet

October 1/2 Slough MC 16 beds

Bookings Heathy Lea

September 4 Wathall (D Weston) 4 beds

September 10/11 T.C.C.

Cottage

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Colin Hobday

SHORT NOTICES

Steve Miller

Sadly, I have to report that Steve Miller, chairman of the Tuesday Climbing Club, the ABMSAC, whose hospitality we enjoy at their Patterdale Hut, was killed recently on the Sonighorn at Saas Fee.

High And Mountain Collection

Due to reorganising the house (again), to make space for more inhabitants, I have decided that my collection of High and Mountain magazines could find a better home rather than collect dust in the attic. Therefore, free to a caring home are:

High - 1 to 198 less 169/138/34

Mountain - 47 + 51 to 145 (the last issue)

Crags - almost a full set

Any offers please contact Mike Wynne

Change Of Address

Tim Cairns has moved to:

161 Rolleston Drive

Lenton

Nottingham

(tel 0115 9475180)

BRAIN TEASER

The beach was 40m wide, from the waterline to the edge of the promenade at Rhossili, and the breeze exactly offshore when Digger's cap blew off and headed for the briny. One of the mountain bike Mafia was at the edge of the promenade a short distance along the shore from Digger who was also sitting at the edge of the promenade, and with 9 metres per second at his/her disposal over soft sand, was just able to reach the cap before it entered the water. All witnesses were able to assess the optimum

course and distances involved without recourse to pencil and paper. What was the likely speed of the wind?

(Book token to the author of the first correct solution received in writing)

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I hope to post this on *Thurs SEPTEMBER 30. It is essential that all material reaches me by Thur SEPTEMBER 23 I look forward to hearing from Peter Janes re Autumn Amble. (An exceptional effort at character assassination, for which there is material in plenty, will result should he default).*

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OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 1999

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

October 5	First Indoor Meet
October 16/17	Gower
October 31 (Sun)	Autumn Amble
November 7 (Sun)	Dovedale Dash

October Indoor Meet

5 October at 8 p.m. at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook

By special request of the committee, I have chosen the first evening of the winter's indoor meets to mount a "members evening". These are usually very popular and we didn't have one last year. As this is our Golden Jubilee year perhaps there will be space for more ancient history rather than just this summer's tales of derring-do (but let's have those as well). It would help me (and the audience) if you could let me know ASAP if you intend to show pictures. That way we won't find ourselves fighting our way through ten carousels before closing time. I expect committee members will be out in force for this one but don't let that put the rest of you off. If there aren't enough volunteers you may be subjected to an illustrated diatribe from me on the depredations inflicted on the alpine environment by the ski industry.

As for the rest of the winter, amongst others, I expect to have Ian Frearson along to talk about Spitsbergen and Russ Clare has promised to come down from Holmfirth. Dates and more, details in next month's newsletter.

Rob Tresidder

October 16/17 Gower South Wales Digger Williams (Repeat)

Originally this meet was for the Black Mountain area, but after a reconnaissance of the Hereford M.C. hut, the location was deemed to be of difficult approach, rather basic, limited car parking, up a dead end valley and 11 miles

from the nearest pub (Williams clearly assigns equal significance to each of these factors - Ed.).

At the same time I pursued alternatives, one being a camp site and the other at the bunk house of Llantory Priory. The latter carried a minimum of £130 for the weekend and £6.50 per person plus electricity charges.

I have now obtained an ideal alternative at Rhossili at the South Western end of the Gower peninsula. This area is of outstanding beauty and provides excellent climbing and walking. The beach is nearly 4 miles long and is mostly empty of people. Anyone who hasn't been to this area is sure to be favourably impressed.

I have booked the Village Hall at Middleton - very near Rhossili. The facilities include a small kitchen 2 showers and 2 toilets and plenty of car parking outside. There are no bunk beds so bring something to lie on. The charge is £4 per night plus electricity used.

The village of Rhossili has a shop and eating room and Hotels with public bars (Worms Head) near the public car park.

I intend to arrive possibly on Thurs or Friday and open up the Village Hall in good time. Take the M5 M50 A40/A449/M4 to Swansea and the Gower Turn right at Scurlagh which leads direct to Middleton Rhossili.

Contact me near the date.

Digger

October 31 (Sun) Autumn Amble Pete Janes

The area chosen for this day of unsolicited pleasure is the North West of the Peak District - Ashcroft country. In consultation with the master himself and bearing his stamp of approval, the following itinerary has been set.

We shall commence walking from the National Trust car park at the Fox House Inn (Grid ref 266802). If for any reason this is unavailable we should transfer to the car park on the Hathersage - Fox House road North West of Millstone Edge (ref. 252801).

The route will take in Burbage Edge, Stanage Pole, Redmires Reservoir and hence to the 'Three Merry Lads' at Lodge Moor for a lunch

time jug. The return is via Lady Canning Plantation.

Jack assures me this is a good area for a tramp. Let's hope we can find one for him.

November 7 (Sun) Dovedale Dash

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FUTURE EVENTS

Bullstones

This year the Bullstones meet moves to the Yorkshire Dales. Weather-proof accommodation has been arranged for the Saturday night, which means that it doesn't really matter too much if the arrangements for Friday night's bivvy are a bit less civilised. I haven't yet worked out details of the Friday evening, but it will (following the usual tried and tested formula) involve staying in a pub until closing time and then walking to a bivvy,

accompanied by cries of 'Are we nearly there' and then 'Is this really it?' when we get there.

I am advised that Saturday night's accommodation has an absolute maximum of 12, so book early! (determined bivviers could, of course, spend the second night just outside the 'hut' after the usual sociable evening)

David Jones 01773 824279

HUT NEWS

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November 5/6 Duffield Air Squad	16 beds
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Bookings Heathy Lea

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(All other dates vacant)

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Colin Hobday

Reminder

All those who have used the facilities of the huts over the Summer season and have overlooked paying their fees should forward a cheque for the correct amount to Colin Hobday.

SHORT NOTICES

Membership

Julie Wearing has applied for full membership of the Oread, proposed by Tony Raphael and duly seconded by someone with bloody awful handwriting. Any member having views on her suitability for membership should make these known in writing to a committee member before

the end of October, so that the application can be decided upon at the November committee meeting.

Committee Meetings

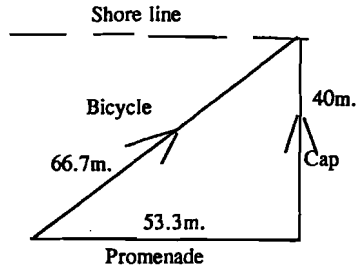
The main topics at the last meeting, were the perennial Welsh Highland Railway and its effect upon Tan yr Wyddfa, and the production of an Oread web site on the internet to enable local computer literate climbers to locate us.

Change Of Address

Kev Alsobrook has moved to:
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BRAIN TEASER

If those present were easily able to do the sums it could be inferred that the trigonometry involved a "3,4,5" triangle for which pythagoras' equation can easily be solved in the head (three squared plus four squared equals five squared). The forty metres from promenade to the water line would form one of the perpendicular sides of a right angled triangle, and the path taken by the cyclist would be the hypotermuse, i.e. at an angle to the shore line . The distance cycled would therefore be either five thirds or five fourths of the perpendicular distance, and since the wind was described as a breeze, the former option, leading to a lesser wind speed, is the more likely. The cyclist was therefore 53.33 metres along the shore from Digger and rode 66.67 metres, which took, at 9 mps, 7.407seconds. The cap therefore travelled 40 metres in 7.407 secs, and so its speed, and that of the wind, was 40/7.407, or 5.4 metres per second



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The information flow for the last two editions has been disappointing. There will be those who will feel that I should have got this one to you earlier as a reminder for the October indoor meet but once again I shall have no possible opportunity to complete the typing until Thursday evening, when I had planned to be in the pub, and so the material can only be copied on Friday and inserted into the envelopes when I get home from work on Friday evening. Unfortunately I have to ask again for your collective cooperation without which this job cannot be performed to your full satisfaction.

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10 am for 10-15.



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

November 2 (Tues)	Indoor Meet Ockbrook
November 7 (Sun)	Dovedale Dash
November 20/21	Annual Dinner
December 4/5	Bullstones

2 November (Tues) Indoor Meet

The second indoor meet of this season will be held at 8 p.m. at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook on Tuesday, November 2. The evening will be in two parts. Richard Hopkinson will talk about the trip he and Dawn made to Bolivia this year. And... there will be a pub style quiz with suitable prize. So come along and see who can be this year's top nymph. Can't dance on the rock or hack it on the ice... come along and prove that your grey cells are the most nimble. Perhaps you have a question you would like to hear put - then let me have it please in writing before the meet. I hope in this our jubilee year, to include several questions with a historical slant. Questions that are too easy (like "Why did Doug Scott leave the Oread?") or too abstruse ("Who was the third sirdatr on the 1951 Mount Everest expedition?") are unlikely to be put. Please write to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth, DE4 4EG or e-mail me: rob.tresidder@virgin.net

AND

7 December. Russ Clare on the Mulanje mountains of Malawi.

4 January. Ray Handley showing cine film of the early Oread. Will be assisted by Harry Pretty, Derrick Burgess and Pete Janes.

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November 20/21 50th Anniversary Annual Dinner

This is now fully booked. Anyone who wishes to come can be put on the reserve list. In all events members and friends can join in after dinner in the bar.

The dinner will be 7pm for a 7.30 start.

This is to be held in the PADARN Banqueting Room and afterwards we make our way down to the GWYNEDD room where the bar is.

This year there will not be any professional entertainment as it is considered that this will be a nostalgic evening for friends.

The price of the Dinner is £15.00. (Cheques payable to "Oread M.C.") I need to have the money as soon as possible.

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Let me know if you require a vegetarian meal and who you would wish to sit near.

Smart Casual Dress please - no jeans

Auntie Wainwright tel 0115 9279384

Dec 3-5 Bullstones David Jones

More details were requested and now follow. Well, it will be on December 3, 4, and 5.

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Book soon to avoid disappointment.

David Jones 01773 824279.

FUTURE EVENTS

Ennerdale And Pillar Rock Meet - 1/2 Nd July 2000.

For something completely different, we have booked the whole of Black Sail Youth Hostel for the above weekend. If the weather is kind, I shall certainly be climbing on Pillar for the first time in years. The hostel is situated at GR 1948 123 8 in the Ennerdale Valley. It is best reached from the top of the Honister Pass, where there is parking, by a 4.5 km walk. The warden will provide meals if prebooked and the overnight cost for next year is thought to be £8-10p per person per night. An evening meal will set us back £4-60. If you have stayed here before I am sure you will want to again, if not then this is the nearest to an alpine hut in England. As the cost of this is so high and we do expect great demand, I would ask if you would pay in advance for the overnights and let me know your wishes regarding meals. Lets

have a good turn out. Maybe a new route on Pillar for the Oread in the new millennium? Contact me at "Ivy Cottage", Church Lane, Morley, Derbys, DE7 6DE. or ring for more information, 01332 832101.

J. Green.

HUT NEWS

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November 5/6 Duffield Air Squad 16 beds
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 November 19/20 Oread Dinner 12 Beds
 November 26/27 Vacant
 December 3/4 Vacant
 December 7/10 K Griffiths 6 Bed
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SHORT NOTICES

***50th Anniversary Journal Editor
 :Harry Pretty***

The 50th anniversary journal will be available at the annual dinner in North Wales on Saturday 20 November at a membership price of £13.00. The membership price will also be available to non - members during the dinner week - end only. The volume can also be ordered by post at the membership Price of £13 +£4 post and package from:

Copies can also be obtained directly from the above to avoid postage costs.

It is anticipated that the volume will be available to non - members by post and at restricted public outlets at a cost of £17.00 (+ p. and p. if applicable). After the official date of publication enquiries can also be made to Cordee, 3A De Montfort Street, Leicester LE1 7HD, or Jarvis Books, Matlock.

If ordering by post pl. complete the booking form at end of page.

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BRAIN TEASER

Previous Problems

I omitted, in haste, to acknowledge last month, a solution from Digger, the role model for the problem. Rather than involved calculation, the "cap on beach" problem involved some guesswork regarding the relevant parameters. With the deleterious effect of years of brown ale, Digger, this time, guessed rather differently from what I intended. Subsequently, Ernie queried my estimate of the fitness of the modern mountain biker. (He was probably justified).

Cuurent Problem

What object remained in the crack more due to providence than dexterity, and what is the connection with rescue equipment?
 Usual prize on offer i.e. nominal. Preference will be given to youth in the event of multiple correct solutions.

Booking Form For Journal

Please sendcopies of the 50th anniversary journal the following address

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I am/am not a member of the Oread Mountaineering C and enclose cheque/p.o. (Payable to Oread M.C.) for (incl. £4 /volume p. and p.)

Name
 Date.....

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December 4/5 Bullstones
December 7 (Tues) Indoor Meet Ockbrook
December 15 (Wed) Black Rocks
Jan 1 2000 (Sat) New Millennium Walk

Dec 3-4-5 Bullstones David Jones (Repeat)

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December 7 (Tues) Indoor Meet Royal Oak Ockbrook

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December 15 (Wed) Black Rocks Michael Hayes

It's time again to break into your stock of head torch batteries, being readied for the Scottish winter, and join me for an evening of fun on Black Rocks

The combination of rock boots, snow, lichen and cold fingers are I find a great leveller of climbing standards and it is with some amusement that we gather annually to renew our acquaintance with the easier green gullies of this traditional venue

As usual, time of arrival and choice of routes is up to you, but I plan to arrive at about 7.30 p.m. If tradition continues a couple of hours should be freeze the fingers and scare the soul allowing for another couple of hours of liquid refreshment and tale telling in the Rising Sun at

Middleton . From the venue of the first climbing meet in 1949 to the last of 1999 I expect to see you all there, to set us up for the next 50 years.

Jan 1 2000 (Sat) New Millennium Walk Clive Russell

The party normally divides into those more interested in travelling hopefully, and arriving. The vociferous hardened drinkers in the latter group have expressed a preference to stay with the George at Alstonfield, as a destination. In consequence, it is not possible year after year to devise fresh routes for the walk and so the meeting place will be Tissington trail car park at Tissington Village (map ref 177 521). 10.45 am for 11.00 start. (Plonkers with GPS devices should remember the millennium bug and just follow the signposts.) We shall then, relying on my vague recollections of where are the footpaths, meander in a generally North Westerly direction and follow the Derbyshire bank of the Dove before descending to Milldale. "Pulmonary panting" up the steep bank to Alstonfield will then take place. (Anyone burdened with age, pets or small children will receive a measure of assistance, prioritised on the basis of need). I shall make no attempt to control the return journey, but it may be worth pointing out that the Tissington Trail requires neither illumination nor any attempt at direction finding.

P.S. Can one of the educated amongst you please advise me whether "Westerly" is an adjective or an adverb?.

FUTURE EVENTS

Remainder Of Indoor Meets Programme

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Masham - June 17/18 2000

I'm planning a weekend at Masham next June with walking/climbing/biking in the Eastern

margins of the Yorkshire Dales. The area looks really promising with something for everyone but not, perhaps, as crowded as the main dales. The highlight will be a trip round the "Black Sheep" Brewery at 5pm followed, at 7pm, with a meal in the Brewery Bistro which is reportedly rather good. I'm still sorting out accommodation but I'll keep people informed. There is a campsite ca 2-3 miles out of Masham and right next to a pub so that is a possibility.

If you are interested then I'll need to have some idea of numbers and a deposit soon. The numbers for the Brewery tour could be limited so if you are interested let me know asap!

Tony Raphael (tel 01509 672175)

PAST EVENTS

Pembroke -August 1999

Once again the weather, company and activities were excellent. Henry's field provided a relatively quiet and welcoming base with many Oreads in evidence.

The St Davids scene is somehow timeless, it's almost as though the meet is a continual event with a 51 week break thrown in. I always look forward to this holiday and I'm never disappointed. And so it was this year, though work limited the stay to a miserly three days. Lots of good things were done: in the sea, on the crags and over the various coastal and inland paths. Other activities of a carnal nature went on, somewhere! but you'll have to discover these for yourselves. The Pikes worried about it, and we all speculated about it, while one of our guests apparently lost all sense of time and direction over it!

The fishing provided splendid barbecue fodder and the weather allowed us to sit or stand around till well after dark. Then we were treated to satellites overhead in a black sky lit only by millions of stars.

On Monday evening we had a mass ascent of Purple Crack, followed by shandies at the Grove, a splendid event and a fitting climax to the weekend for Michael and myself

Many thanks to everyone who came. Included were:

Mick & Jill, Stewart & Edith, Tony & Barbara, Roy & Chris, Derrick & Joan, Allen Alsop, Paul Howe, John S, Jill H, Tony, Rob & ??, George, the Oreilly's, Ray, (Pat & Derrick) x2, Les, Graham & Margaret + the Outlaw, and of course Michael and myself.

To those present and not mentioned, I'm sorry.

To those not present and not mentioned, you missed a good un. Make an effort next year.

All the best and thanks for your company, Keith Gregson

nam. **Gower 16/17 Oct**

Those of us not burdened with work arrived at Middleton/Rhossili on Thurs, having OK'd the village hall which provided us with ample space and a well equipped kitchen. It could not have been better. By 3.30 ish Derick, Andy, Dave and self made for Worms Head and crossed the estuary at low tide. Derick and Andy pressed on and climbed the head at Hasco. The intermediate rock strata requires care and can be time consuming.

Back at the hall the favourite sleeping spot seemed to be the stage but not so if frequent trips to the bog during the night. Noisy evening at the pub (bar full of young girls).

Friday a.m. cloudy and windy, decided to walk over to Rhossili down to Llanmadoc with Iron age fort and extensive views over the Gower. Had enjoyable pint in the Britannia pub and watched the rugby world cup. Weather cleared to blue skies and had a lovely walk back via Rhossili beach.

Most of the party arrived at the pub well before closing time, Stuart Firth had arrived earlier making a total of 12 Oreads. After much jollification we all settled down in the spacious village hall.

Sat a.m. - thin cloud cover but looking promising so decided to walk and to climb. Stuart and I drove to Oxwich Bay with Dave, Andy, Derick and Joan and after a steep start led by Stuart followed the coastal path via Port Eyrton with a refreshment stop at the Ship Inn

amongst convivial S. Welsh company. (Lovely to here my native tongue again). We met up with the climbing group again on return in warm sunshine and lovely cliff scape scenery. They had had a full day climbing on the limestone cliffs of Meurslay bay on routes up to H.V.S.

After a good meal (at least some of us), we gravitated to guess where, and had another enjoyable drink.

Sun. a.m. fine and dry and except for Dave, Andy and self, all went to climb everything they came across. They were still at it after I left (5.30 ish) and I'm sure they had a satisfying day. As for me I can only say thank you all for coming and I hope the 210 mile drive was worth it.

Those present:-

Derick Burgess, Stuart Firth, Dave Weston, Andy Oakden, Tony Howard, Gill Hayes, Richard Coghlan, Nick and Pam, Derick and Joan Pike and Self.

Digger.

(Digger went to a lot of trouble to organise this, and I'm glad the meet was a success. I've seen better handwriting in crayon on a "brickhouse" wall though! - Ed.)

November 7 (Sun) Dovedale Dash

The newspapers tell me it was wet and muddy (everything seemed normal to me). It was enjoyable to see old friends and to get encouragement from the crowd which included Uschi and Colin H., Derrick Burgess, Digger Mick and Gill Keeling and others. There were more strangers and foreigners present than used to be the case in the old Ilam Hall days. Many Oreads performed valiantly, and I list below the results as I recollect them. (Mike Wynn ran from Derby and then cruised round as first Oread. Richard H. had run the Karrimore the week end previously or he would have done much better.) Larkam was going splendidly at the four furlong mark but was crudely jostled aside and thereafter seemed unable to regain his rhythm.

M. Wynn	56
C. Russell	76
R Hopkinson	129
R. Larkam	189
R.Sedgewick	217
R. Tresidder	267
H Tresidder	423
R. Chambers	mid field
Helen Griffith	mid-mid field
D. Jones	mid field
B. West	Like Ghandi, non competitive, but he was there
Others	totalling just under 1000

Those who were undoubtedly present either running or spectating and who are not mentioned here are asked to forgive my fallible memory and eyesight.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

December 3/4	Vacant
December 7/10	K Griffiths 6 Beds
December 17/18	Vacant
Christmas	Vacant
New Year	20 Beds booked

Bookings Heathy Lea

(All dates vacant)

SHORT NOTICES

Membership

Julie Wearing was elected a full member of the Oread at the November committee meeting

Subscriptions

These are due for renewal on 1 January.

Please pay promptly and spare the voluntary club officers the additional and unpleasant task

of chasing up late payers. Rates will be published as soon as I receive them.

Ron Chambers' Phone Number Is 01298 25835 Not 01298 25935 As Published In The Club's Address List. (The treasurer, not myself, keeps the clubs address list, as distinct from the newsletter circulation list).

Change Of Address

Wendy Lawrence is residing temporarily at 1 Derby Hills Farm Court The Common, Melbourne, Derby DE73 1EE
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Steve And Marina Mc Donagh

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(Steve and Marina are also to be congratulated on the recent birth of their daughter Madalyne Hazel.)

BRAIN TEASER

October Solution

The object(s) in the crack were the chockstones inserted in the crack for protection during the first ascent of Piggot's route on Cloggy. (See the description in the back of the old grey guide book to Llanberis).

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on **THURS DECEMBER 23. It is essential that all material reaches me by Thurs December 16 I look forward to hearing from and Daryl Kirk and Brian West**
PLEASE REMEMBER TO POST INFORMATION IN TIME, BEFORE TH^{RS}, WORLD STOPS FOR THE BAN^{ISE} HOLIDAY, COMPUTER BUGS AND ARMAGEDDON FOLLOWING THE NEW MILLENNIUM

(Adherence to the scheduled dates is more than ever necessary immediately before Bank Holidays, to keep the programme on track.)

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