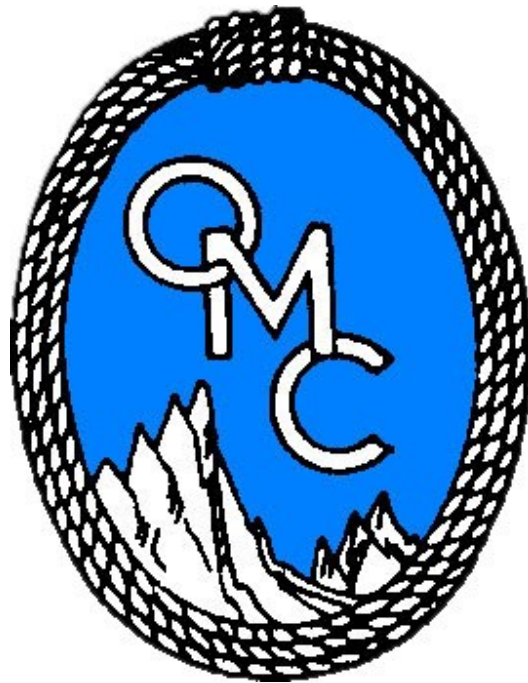


Oread Mountaineering Club



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Jan 1 2000 (Sat) New Millennium Walk Clive Russell (Repeat)

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.

PS Many thanks to Stuart Firth for putting my grammar in order. There is an exception to every rule and a literate Yorkshire resident is one of them. (Is J.A. a double or single

exception, think about this you binary bit twiddlers).

January 4 (Tues) Indoor Meet Royal Oak Ockbrook

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

Jan 15/16 Scotland Dary Kirk

Plan A

I have booked the Achintee Bunk House (£8.50 a night) for Friday the 14th and Saturday 15th for 8 Beds. I intend to drive down Friday leaving about 4.00 pm. Please note that the bunk house is under new ownership and they have asked me not to arrive any latter than 11.00pm. I set my sights on the Ben on Saturday. On Sunday, on the way home, Twisting Gully in Stob Coire Nan Lochan, Glencoe and a revisit to my first winter climb Dorsal Arete, is on the agenda.

Plan B

For the hardy usual mob, drive up Friday 14th beers in, Go to bed, Get up, drive home! Get there, Walk in, Walk back, Get some

Please call to confirm a place A.S.A.P on 07803 010414 to secure a place

Jan 22/23 Tan Yr Wyddfa Brian West

What we do this weekend depends almost entirely on the weather. I had thought of asking you all to close your eyes, cross your fingers and wish very, very hard for what you'd like best, but as we ought to be getting out on the hills I don't think I'll risk it.

Bookings through me please, 01332 880034

Feb 1 (Tues) Indoor Meet Ockbrook Royal Oak Ockbrook

This indoor meet will feature Ian Frearson with details of his trip to Spitzbergen last summer.

Feb 7 (Sun) Winter Wander George Reynolds

George is looking at the Longnor area for this meet. Full details will be published in the next newsletter, but this will only be out a few days before the meet so get the date in your diaries now.

FUTURE EVENTS

Cornwall Spring Bank May 27th To 29th + A Bit Daryl Kirk

If you've been before, this flat piece of land with steep sides at the end of the world needs no introduction.

If not, then consider perfect granite, blue sky's, lovely pubs, very good company and a night out at the theatre perched on the edge of a cliff. The ever hospitable Ron and Pauline at the Trevaunor Camp site at Battlack, St Just will be your hosts. I will be travelling down on Friday 26th and will be in the Star at St Just for last orders. I will stay on for the week, should any one wish to join me.

I of course need to know numbers, hence this early reminder. The contact number is 07803 010414.

PAST EVENTS

One Hundred and fifty six members, friends and invited guests attended the 50th Anniversary Dinner and Book launch at the Royal Victoria Hotel, Llanberis.

Bob Pettigrew opened the proceedings with a witty -speech followed by Ian McNaught-Davis, Tony Moulem and Peter Harding.

Harry Pretty responded and nominated the 'Oscar' winners.

After the serious stuff we retired to the Bar for a musical evening presented by the Oread Band followed by dancing.

Breakfast the following morning was a reincarnation of the Dinner. The dining room

was full of Oreads - 86 out of 106 overnight guests appeared for breakfast.

For me it was an honour to have organised this great occasion. I would like to say thank you to the following-

George and June Sutton ~ without them there would be no Oread and therefore no celebration dinner. They made everything worthwhile.

The Committee for their support during the planning.

The President (HP) for inviting the special guests and also dealing with the hard task of the seating plan

Judith Appleby for the spectacular celebration cake

The Oread band who could show that Oreads are not only first class at mountaineering skills but are talented in other areas.

Lastly I thank you all for coming to this wonderful occasion.

Don't forget, there are some books still for sale - contact Harry Pretty. (see duplicate reminder from HP later - Ed.)

Auntie Wainwright

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

New Year	20 Beds booked
Jan 7/8	Polaris M.C. 16 beds
Jan 14/15	Kinder Rescue 16 beds
Jan 21/22	Oread Meet
Jan 28/29	Hinkley M.C. 16 beds
Feb 4/5	Brighton U.M.C.
Feb 11/12	Orpheus C.C. 16 beds
Feb 18/19	Vacant
Feb 26/27	Coventry M.C. 16 beds

Bookings Heathy Lea

No Bookings

Expenses claimed for petrol to attend working parties, at one time negligible, have risen during the last year or so to a very significant sum. In view of this the committee, although they greatly value the efforts of voluntary workers,

ask that travelling expenses are kept to a necessary minimum, by car sharing etc. wherever practicable when petrol expenses are to be sought.

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SHORT NOTICES

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Please Note

**I will be moving house on
January 7th 2000 The New
Address is:**

**Hill Crest
216 Derby Road
Sandiacre
Nottingham
NG10 5HE**

**My Mobile Phone Number is
07803 010414, This is the one**

and only number to talk to me On.

I will publish a new Membership List In April and will include E Mail Address's, Fax Numbers, Mobile Telephone numbers etc. To ensure I get this right, please send me all your details with your subscriptions, including your full address and post code:

Change Of Address

Gillian Heys
12 St. Swithin's Close
Off St. Alban's Road
Derby DE22 3LF

Daryl Kirk (See subs notice)

Climbing Wall

The new climbing wall at Anthony Gell School, (leisure centre), is to be available for use at an open day, commencing 10 am on 8 Jan. All local climbers are welcome, especially those who contributed.

50th Anniversary Journal

The journal celebrating 50years of Oread history was launched at the 50th Anniversary Dinner in North Wales on 20 November and seems to have been received very favourably. Some letters have even indicated remarkable enthusiasm. Most members and guests present purchased a copy but, on a subsequent check, I note that approx. 60 members have not yet done so. This is a hard cover volume of 300 + pages with 100 illustrations (some in colour), an attractive dust jacket, and sells to members at £13.00. It contains forwards by the Duke of Devonshire Peter Harding and Tom Weir, and a comprehensive anthology of Oread writing 1949-1999, together with many contemporary articles. I am currently marketing the volume to various commercial outlets since it is important that we recover the maximum possible of our substantial costs, particularly in view of further potential costs during the year 2000 in connection with the Welsh Highland Light Railway. So buy one for yourselves (a good

investment based on current values of Climb If You Will), a Christmas present for relatives, and its heavy enough to make a good door stop. A cheque for £13.00, payable to Oread M.C. will secure you a good read during the more tiresome frivolities of the millennium celebrations. Copies are available from Colin Hobday or myself.
Harry Pretty (journal editor)

Booking Form For Journal

Please sendcopies of the 50th anniversary journal to the following address

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

.....(incl. £4 /volume p. and p.)

Name

Date.....

Missing Slide

Did you submit colour slides to Harry Pretty for possible inclusion in the 50th Anniversary journal ? I have lost 1 slide possibly (not certainly) during this period of time. Can you check through the slides you received back from Harry to ascertain you don't have a summit shot of Bobby Robin and myself on top of Karchakund circa 1987. The slide is of exceptional personal value Please help Thanks.
Peter Scott.

For Sale

Macros to print "dinner", "anniversary", "Journal", "Harry Pretty". Not warranted Y2K compliant - cheap

A Personal Note

The last newsletter of the millennium is perhaps a milestone, the last year was a nostalgic exercise, hence the first occasion when a former

president was elected for a second spell of office. In my view the end of this year should then signify the time when a younger generation should take over the running of the club. I shall relinquish the newsletter myself after the AGM. (Many of you have made kind remarks about these writings, and these are appreciated, but there is also considerable criticism in some quarters, and it seems appropriate to afford a new editor the opportunity to answer this).

My I also use this space at the end of the century to remember climbing friends who are not often seen these days. Old memories which spring to mind are gritstone climbs with Doug Cook in the sixties, Wally Smith giving me a tin of rice pudding at North Lees when he broke camp, times with Southern exiles like Mick and Celia Berry and Chris Martin and the immeasurable influence of the late Geoff Hayes who sadly I cannot greet.

It seems a little tame to merely say "Happy New Year" to the rest of you, but there it is.
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Ian Frearson of the Arctic Research Group based in Borrowash will talk on Spitzbergen.

Many Oreads will remember Ian as an entertaining speaker at our dinner a couple of years ago.

Feb 6 (Sun) Winter Wander George Reynolds

For this year's winter wander I propose to meet at Longnor. Car park in the square and if full on the road side below the Crew and Hapur. White Peak Map ref 089 649. Meet at 10.30 am.

The route for the walk, hopefully, will be Heath House Farm, Hall Hill, Boosley Grange, Reaps Moor. Stopping for a breather at the Butcher's Arms. (Bar meals will be available or your own food). Returning to the cars via Ludbury Farm, Ridge End Farm, over Bootlow, above the Manifold!

Perhaps some extra dubbing to the boots might be beneficial.

Feb 12/13 Scotland (Aviemore) Tony Howard

I have booked accommodation at the 'High Range' Chalets in Aviemore. [These are NOT the same ones as we used last year, because they are now unavailable.] This year's chalets are on the south side of town - more details later. Each Chalet has 4 single beds, and the cost is £100 per chalet per weekend. So far I have booked 2 chalets, but more are at present available. The chalets have NO cooking facilities - only tea & coffee making. However, we managed with the same arrangement last year - the eating in town is fine.

Aviemore is a good centre for climbing in the Cairngorms: the Northern Corries, Hells Lum etc. There is a wide range of ice route grades here, and also good skiing. If you want to come along, please let me know ASAP - before the extra accommodation is taken up. There is a 50% deposit required in order to secure a chalet, so I will be looking for some money up front!

Tony Howard

Tel: 01332 273307 (Hm)

0115 936 2648 (Wk)

e-mail: tony.howard@powertech.co.uk

Fell Race - February 19/20 Chris Radcliffe

This year as a slight variation on tradition I will be starting the Fell Race from the R.O. Downes Hut owned by the Climbers Club. This will enable us to cover some slightly different territory, from the ground well covered over the years from Heathy Lea.

The Downes hut has recently been refurbished with the help of a grant from the Sports Council and is an excellent facility--. It is located under Froggatt on! the west side of B6054 1 km uphill from the Chequers Inn. There is a house on the east side of the road about 100m below the hut.

The start will be at the usual time of 11.00, but it will be helpful to arrive by 10.30 to allow time to study the course and consider your options. The race will probably be a score event.

I am planning to try out the hut facilities the night before (and sample the beer at the Chequers) so I would like to invite anyone, regardless of whether they plan to run in the race, to join me. Please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to stay at the hut so I can make the necessary reservations.

Call me on 01246 569134 (home-ansaphone available) or 01302 890983

(Work) or e-mail: cradeliffe@pemnet.com to make your reservations.

I look forward to seeing you all at the race or the night before.

25/26 Feb Low House Coniston (Joint Meet With M. A. M.) Jack Ashcroft

The following epistle has been received from Jack. I quote verbatim. C.R.

"If anyone is interested the MAM have revised their Meets List to incorporate a 'Joint Meet With Oread Club' at Low House 25/26 Feb 2000 Good winter conditions on the Coniston Fells can offer excellent days.

PS 'Get it in writing' is the conclusion to this strange episode. Bugger the telephone!"

Any lack of liaison or clarity implied by this letter would best be adjusted by telephoning Jack on 0114 2890717

March 4/5 Patterdale Colin Barnard

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The Bear Inn and Hotel Tel no: 01629 822585

Shirley Wainwright (Secretary) 0115 9279384

In accordance with the constitution, members are reminded that any proposal for a change to club rules must be lodged with the secretary 28 days before the date of the meeting.

May 20/21 Forest Of Dean (Advance Notice) Colin Hobday

Accommodation for 22 beds has been booked *(this conjures up a mental picture of a working party trying to ram a four poster into a sleeping bag! -Ed.) at the Fountain Lodge which adjoins the Fountain Inn, situated at Park End, near Coleford in the centre of the Forest of Dean.

The Lodge was originally the village bake house and has recently been renovated and comprises of 4 bedrooms, showers, cooking facilities, TV lounge etc. Sleeping bags are required. I propose to book a meal for the Saturday evening at the Fountain Inn (details later).

PAST EVENTS

SCOTLAND JANUARY 2000 ROUND 1

Early Saturday morning saw the arrival at Achintee of six weary mountaineers intent on a weekend of muscle and nerve abuse mixed with lack of sleep and alcohol. The team comprised of three parties of two: Tony Howard and Gill Heys (from now on known as the Skiers) Graham Weston and Roger (Team Fit) and finally Daryl Kirk and Michael Hayes (The Plodders). The three groups all arrived separately within a few minutes of each other. Roger, who should have had a lift with the skiers, returned home from his rendezvous point on the M6 to pick up his missing boots and made the journey up on his own. Rumour has it that the skiers muttered something about wanting to be alone - and so they left him! .

Three hours sleep and the alarm shattered our dreams. It was time for the walk in to the CIC Hut. The Plodders set off first for a three hour stumble in the dark with the aim of getting an early start on Tower Ridge. Next came Team Fit who completed the walk in two hours of daylight finally deciding on an ascent of The Curtain. The skiers eventually surfaced and headed off for Glencoe. The weather although warmer than we wanted was good and with almost no wind a superb day was had by all. The Curtain succumbed quickly, Tower Ridge kept its intruders busy all day and with the aid of the lifts good skiing was had high up. The Plodders were the last to return to Achintee having arrived at the top as the sun set and then descended in the dark on a compass bearing (those bloody zig zags!)

Another warm night was a perfect excuse for as little action as possible on Sunday. The skiers and Roger at least showed willing and disappeared into the hills whilst Kirk's taxi made a steady drive back home.

Round 2 unfolds in a few weeks time so lets hope a few more Oread Mountaineers join the party instead of just talking about climbing in the Pub.

P.S. Tim Cairns - its not good enough being spotted in Glencoe, you have to join in the meet too!

Michael Hayes.

BMC UPDATE

Alpine Lecture Series

Thursday 17th Feb 6.45pm Room B3 Biological Sciences, University Park, Nottingham.
Tickets £3.00 for members Contact the BMC (0161 445 4747)

Peak District Area Committee

Meetings held at The anchor Inn Tideswell crossroads.
23 March, 8th June, 28th September and the 23rd November

Access Issues

Climbers at High Tor are requested to take extra care when belaying at the top to avoid trip hazards and to limit abseiling

M.Hayes

This is a meet that offers something for everyone, climbing at Symonds Yat, and Wintours Leap, walking, caving and mountain biking, Nagg Head Bird Reserve and Narchard Steam Railway.

Cost £8 per night self catering.

So that I can judge interest, please indicate your support or booking to Colin Hobday 01332 551594

PAST EVENTS

Bullstones

re-reading my preview for the meet, I find that most of what I wrote turned out to be true. However, that didn't seem likely at times on the Friday night. Snow, standing traffic, and a poor choice of routes meant that I didn't make it up to Dent to meet Derek Pike and to drop my car off, and, even worse, the Buck Inn in Malham was shut. This was not a 'failure mode' that I had considered. Luckily, Derek guessed correctly, and headed to Malham- thanks for effort! Steve McDonagh and I adjourned to the other pub and awaited the throng to assemble, eager to venture forth into the wintry night. Doubts were present in my mind for a wee while, but eventually most of the expected punters turned up. We lingered as late as possible, but closing time forced us on our way. When I did a reconnaissance in the autumn, I clambered up Gordale Scar in what I thought were wet conditions, and judged it to be an excellent midnight pub-to-bivvy expedition. However, I had under-estimated my previously-stated poor luck with the weather in Yorkshire. The sheer volume of water coming down threatened to wash us off the usually easy scrambles, added to which my poor choice of 'line' (luckily only followed by three other scramblers) upped the danger and soaking stakes. I must thank Kev Fidler for pushing my foot onto a foothold at a particularly wobbly moment. Nonetheless I am claiming the dubious booby prize of 'wettest person on the Friday Night, having slipped and gone in up to my head torch at one point. My prize was a distinctly uncomfortable night. At least we found the 'right' bivvy spot, with some shelter from the wind, though we bivvied on and in the snow, and the wintry showers seemed to continue most of the night. Steve McDonagh's bivvy bag had moved 10 feet by dawn, without waking him.

The Saturday walk started in horizontal snow, but after a good value for money crossing of Fountains Fell, it got slowly better until, ambitions to go over Pen-y-Ghent sacrificed on the altar of comfort, we descended to Horton in Ribblesdale in sunshine and wet boots*, and a glorious snow-covered landscape. After fortification at the café, we strolled by various ways to Ribble Head at sunset. John Grest had heroically prepared the hut, with a hot stove, tea, and mince pies for the weary travellers.

A short walk to the Station Inn later on was rewarded not only by as magnificent a starry night as I have seen in England, but also by very jolly evening, somewhat to the surprise of all concerned (including, apparently, those running the pub).

Dried and refreshed, we all made it to Dent for lunch at the Sun. The keen went over the top of Whernside, and the more leisurely party went over its northern shoulder. Sadly, Dentdale was green, though pleasant, after the whiteness of all the Dales visible from Ribble Head, and the afternoon brought on a thaw, but by that time we were on our ways home, thanks being owed to Pam and Nodge and John Gresty for giving lifts back to Malham from Dent.

All Bullstones weekends are (I think) deliberately silly in terms of deliberately sacrificing comfort and convenience even though you are not undertaking any mountaineering venture, or other great venture. The task is to enjoy the weekend anyway, and I think we all did. Many thanks to all those who came along, and (again) to John Gresty for support and for the hut, and Nodge for repatriating us on Sunday.

Those present:- Steve McDonagh, John Green, Roy Eyre, Pam Norris, Nodge, Brian West, Derek Pike, Kev Fidler, John Gresty, Pete Amour, David Jones.

p.s. Pete Amour came along, but sloped off on the Friday night to the Youth Hostel in Malham, thus missing this particular 'essential' Bullstones bivvy experience. He kept reminding us that he'd had a more comfortable night than the rest of us, so the least that I can do is to broadcast his subversive 'desertion' to the rest of the club.

* There is a name for this figure of speech. The first correct answer received wins one pint, from me.

'Zeugma', I believe. Answers from C.Russell not accepted!

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

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Mar 1/3	P. Craddock	4 beds
MAR 3/5	Surbiton Kingston	16 beds

Bookings Heathy Lea

No Bookings

Last month I omitted in error to report that Ken Griffiths most generously donated a microwave cooker to the Welsh hut

The hut sub - committee are hoping to obtain a hover mower and strimmer for Heathy Lea. Any gifts would be gratefully accepted.

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Nottingham NG10 5HE

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Website The Oread's is now on line (<http://crosswinds.net/~oread/menucont.html>)

Wanted Copy of "Climb if You Will" to replace copy loaned out and not returned. Going rate paid

John Dench (01902 700463)

WHR The committee are continuing to monitor the progress of the railway. The situation is still fluid and definite information will be supplied when possible.

For Sale Dachstein leather walking boots size 43 as new, contact Colin Hobday 01332 551594

Change Of Address (Wef 1 March)

Merle Gartside, Compton House, High St. Llanberis, Caernarvon, Gwynedd LL55 4EU

Fred

A little figure present on numerous Oread walks will sadly not be seen again. Terrier Fred died on 9 Jan after a trip to the Manifold valley. He covered 258 miles last year and was possibly the shortest legged climber ever to ascend a Munro.

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This meet will be in the Northern Cairngorms, which are a popular venue, particularly Coire an t-Sneachda which has good routes of all grades and a relatively easy walk in.

The meet leader is currently unfit and will be aiming to climb at Sneachda! Easier good routes include Red Gully, Goat Track Gully and the Runnel (all two's). Harder routes to aim for include Fingers Ridge< Alladin's Mirror Direct and Doctor's Choice (all fours).

Accommodation is available in either 6 or 4 berth caravans in Aviemore. A deposit is required to book so I need to sort out numbers fairly soon. Contact me on 01332 726052 or chat to me in the pub.

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Shirley Wainwright (Secretary) 0115 9279384

The committee's nominations for next year's officers are:

President	Micheal Hayes
Vice President	Harry Pretty
Secretary	Steve Bennet
Meets Secretary	Rob Tresidder
Newsletter Editor	Richard Coghlan
Treasurer	Daryl Kirk
Huts Custodian	Chuck Hooley
Huts Booking	Colin Hobday

Assistant Secretary Tony Howard
Committee Roy Eyre
member

A change to rule 5 incorporating the posts of Hut Booking Secretary and Newsletter Editor into the list of posts named in that rule has been proposed by Chuck Hooley and seconded by Tony Howard.

March 26 (Sun) Spring Stride

(The Day After The A.G.M.) Leader Gordon Gadsby.

For this year's walk I propose we meet at Grindleford Station GR 251 788 (parking on the nearside of the approach road), at 10 30 a.m. Our route will be by way of Padley Chapel, Lawrencefield, Millstone Edge, Owler Tor, Carls Wark, Higgar Tor, crossing Burbage Brook and Moor to Fox House Inn for a drink. A choice of routes from here by either Longshaw Estate or Padley Gorge back to the cars.

March 29 (Wed) Harborough Rocks

This landmark meet, the onset of the summer evening climbing period, comes round with increasing frequency despite the constancy of astronomical happenings. It must be an age related perception. These friendly rocks are ideal to loosen up before the assault on more serious fare, or for the novice or casual climber to perform in relative ease and comfort. There is however a cloud on the horizon!. Passing by on my motor cycle recently, I noticed an excavator apparently putting mounds of earth in the grassy bay in which we park. This could mean a lot or a little, and further investigation is clearly required. In any case, we should be extremely careful not to cause any offence to the owners or tenants of the land whilst present for climbing purposes, whether the earth moving is temporary or permanent and whether or not its purpose is to dissuade people from using the rocks.

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May 20/21 Forest Of Dean (Advance Notice) Colin Hobday (Repeat)

Accommodation for 22 beds has been booked at the Fountain Lodge which adjoins the Fountain Inn, situated at Park End, near Coleford in the centre of the Forest of Dean. The Lodge was originally the village bake house and has recently been renovated and comprises of 4 bedrooms, showers, cooking facilities, TV lounge etc. Sleeping bags are required. I propose to book a meal for the Saturday evening at the Fountain Inn (details later).

This is a meet that offers something for everyone, climbing at Symonds Yat, and Wintours Leap, walking, caving and mountain biking, Nagg Head Bird Reserve and Narchard Steam Railway.

Cost £8 per night self catering.

So that I can judge interest, please indicate your support or booking to Colin Hobday 01332 551594

Annual Dinner 2000

The date will be Non 25/26 not Nov 18/19 as previously published.

S. Wainwright.

PAST EVENTS

Feb 6 (Sun) Winter Wander George Reynolds

I intended to arrive early, for a change, at the car park, for the first winter wander of the millennium, but the car park was already full and I had to park down the lane. Harry Pretty couldn't wait to sample the brew and started off about 20 minutes before the main party. A quick head count as we left Longnor numbered 39 Oreads and friends.

The weather was kind to us for most of the day. Quite a few members treading on new territory, with Rusty and Roy Eyre, leading the pack, requiring their maps.

To ease the rush on the barman and Clief the party arrived at "Ye Olde Butcher's Arms" in two groups, the landlord, being prepared for a busy lunch time serving the thirsty and hungry, was dressed in shorts and trainers. By the size of the plates, he had also been doing some weight training.

Harry and Malcom Padley formed a welcoming committee at the bar. Chuck and Margaret Hooley and Ernie Phillips eventually found the pub, and Brian West catching up from a route of his choice as usual.

The departure from the Butchers was again split, this time into three parties, I left with the middle party, leaving the Thursday walkers to their usual forage in the dark.

Those present:

Gordon and Margaret Gadsby and friends Tony and Viv Smith, Colin and Uschi Hobday, Peter and Chris Janes, Edith and Stuart Godfrey and friend Carol, Paul and Jean Bingham, Roy and Chris Eyre, Vicky, and Hank Harrison, Tony and Barbara Smedley, Mike and Sue Wren, Pete and Georgina Amour, Stuart Bramwell, John Shreeve, Graham Foster, Rusty, John Fisher (despite the stealthy abandonment of his "cheap clothes" policy, his turn out, especially the cap, left much to be desired in both elegance and efficiency - Ed.). Keith Gregson, Mike Keeling, Digger Williams, Andy Oakden, Derick Burgess, Dave Weston, Harry Pretty, malcom Padley,

Rock Hudson, Lisa Welbourne, Janet Reynolds, Chuck and Margaret Hooley Ernie Phillips and Brian West.

Thank you all for supporting the winter wander.

George Reynolds.

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Mar 1/3	P. Craddock	4 beds
Mar 3/5	Surbiton Kingston	16 beds
Mar 10/11	Surbiton/Kingston	10 beds
Mar 17/18	N. Kingston	16 beds
Mar 24/25	Buxton M.C.	16 beds
Mar 31/Apr 1	S. Bennet	Whole Hut
Apr 7/8	Oread	

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Apr 2	W Party	
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	Nick Evans	Barn

SHORT NOTICES

Membership

Applications have been received from Derek Pike (proposed by Brian West and seconded by Roy Eyre), and Paul Howe (proposed, Roy Eyre, seconded Micheal Hayes).

Any member having views on the suitability of these candidates for membership should make these known to the secretary (remember that the secretary will soon be Steve Bennet) in time for the April committee meeting. (The fact that Derek confessed to riding an old man's BMW will not be held against him in spite of the youth policy).

Subscriptions (A Note From Your Treasurer) Repeat

Please find details of subscriptions for the Year 2000.

Full Member	£17.00
Family Membership	£25.50
Senior Membership	£8.50
Senior Family Membership	£12.75
Provisional Membership	£8.50
BMC Membership	£3.75

(per person - cut off date March 31st 2000)

I will not have the time to chase people for subs or send out reminders, so as you read this, could you please get out the cheque book and send your sub to my new address (see below).

The New Address is:

114 Crosswinds Derby Road, Sandiacre

Derbyshire DE6 1QD 01335 390369
This is the new and only address for the newsletter on.

I will publish a new Membership List In April and will include E Mail Address's, Fax Numbers, Mobile Telephone numbers etc. To ensure I get this right, please send me all your details with your subscriptions, including your full address and post code.

Website Last month's issue read "The Oread's is now on line

(<http://crosswinds.net~oread/menucont.html2>)

This address requires amendment and will be published as soon as the information is to hand.

WHR The committee are continuing to monitor

the progress of the railway. Squires (see below) is keen and vigilant in this duty..

Change Of Address

NEXT EDITION

I propose to publish the April Newsletter myself, to give Richard, my successor, time to get organised after the A.G. M.

I hope to post this final scribbling on **THURS MARCH 30** It is essential that all material reaches me by **THURS MARCH 23** I look forward to hearing from **STUART HAYWOOD, TONY HOWARD, DAVID JONES AND JENNY RAPHAEL**. Please make it easy for me to do my last Newsletter. (Contributions for the May Edition must be sent to Richard Coghlan)

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OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2000

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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April 6 (Thurs)	Lecture (Wirksworth).
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April 8/9 Tan Yr Wddfa Stuart Haywood

If you have'n't dug out your boots, mountain bike, gear etc. now's your chance. As we will be in B.S.T. the days will be longer and obviously good walking, climbing or biking is close at hand. The more astute members will by now have realised that I'm struggling to find something original to say about a meet at the Welsh Hut. However approximately half the beds are taken already so don't leave it too late. Please give me a call on 01332 834449 (ings) or 0836 314403 (mobile) and remember "book early to avoid disappointment"!!!

April 6 (Thurs) Lecture (Wirksworth).

There will be a lecture at Wirksworth Town Hall, in aid of Wirksworth Climbing Wall Development Fund, starting at 8pm. Seb Grieve will lecture on "Hard Grit" Rob Tresidder

April 21/24 Easter France

For details of this meet contact Tony Howard

April 29/1 May Day (Yorkshire) David Jones

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As with most gritstone, these places are fairly family friendly (Brimham extremely so, with its own in-situ refreshments etc.) (I thought in-situ was a term more often applied to concrete -Ed.) and climbing -wise have something for everyone. So come along! I will be going on the Friday night to the Bolton Park campsite, Bolton lane, near Harrogate. Can all people planning to come along please call me (on 01773 824279) so that I can give the campsite some idea of how many to expect. If anyone wants to contact the site direct, please mention my name to avoid confusion. The site can be found as follows: -

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David Jones

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Kitchen tile behind cookers, repair wall, clean, mend extractor fan.
Glass insert above font door
Rear bedrooms clean/paint
Landing ceiling paint
Front door treat with sealer
Wood cut with chainsaw, tidy store
Outside work on garden, tidy spare land, survey of trees, tidy dustbin area

Car park add hardcore! (waterlogged).

Please contact the hut sub-committee, C.

Hooley, J. Shreeve, R. Hudson, C. Hobday, so that transport can be co-ordinated to reduce costs.

May 20/21 Forest Of Dean Colin Hobday

At the time of writing only a few places remain for this multi-activity weekend.

Climbing/walking, mountain bikes, bird watching or just sight seeing.

We shall be staying at the lodge which adjoins the Fountain Inn, situated at Park End, near Coleford in the centre of the Forest of Dean.

Cost £8 per night self catering, with a 3 course meal in the Fountain Inn Saturday evening cost £8 approx.

Final Details will appear in the may Newsletter
Booking tel. Colin Hobday 01332 551594

Masham June 17/18 Tony Raphael

The Masham weekend in June is rapidly approaching 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. We will be staying at the Black Swan Caravan and Camp Site about 2 miles west of Masham (£4 per person per night) with handy pub nearby.

There is an all in Brewery tour plus 2 pints plus main course "package" at £11.95 which seems very good value - additional courses can be added from the main menu if desired.

If you are interested then let me know as soon as possible as numbers are building up the places for the Brewery tour could be limited! I have full details of the campsite and Tour and some information about the area.

Tony Raphael - tel 01509 672175

PAST EVENTS

After a sharp overnight frost, we had brilliant conditions for this years Fell Race with clear sunny weather. Together with my two stalwart marshals - Jack Ashcroft and John Walters, a total of 16 attended the meet and all appeared to have enjoyed themselves. Perhaps given the limited interest in this fixture, we should consider making it a mid week evening meet in the summer?

Based on the recently refurbished Bob Downes hut, we had good amenities for the race and an opportunity to extend the race into the less familiar terrain of Padley Gorge and Longshaw. Perhaps significantly, these cheek points gave the most difficulty in location. The format was a score event with 11 check points, the first and last being compulsory, but otherwise making it necessary for a strategic decision to be made

about which check points to visit, with the additional consideration of picking up bonus points by completing two climbs (on Tegness Pinnacle and Baslow Edge) or visiting two well separated check points. There was a time limit of 1hr 30 mins and severe penalties for any one more than 5 minutes late.

Handicapping was done by assigning runners into three groups, to which I added a fourth to accommodate walkers, with the fastest securing less points at each check point and therefore having to run further to secure points. As the finishing positions were fairly evenly spread over all the groups, this system seemed to work reasonably well.

Roger travelled further than anyone else, but chose to enjoy the fine weather rather than take the obvious turn home and hence was heavily penalised. Congratulations to Rob for a finely judged strategy which, despite the harshest handicapping, secured him first place. Thanks to all who turned up and particularly to Jack and John for your help with the marshalling.

Posn	Competitor	H'cap	Score	P'ty	Total
1	Rob Tresidder	C (fastest)	140	1	139
2	Peter Scott	B (inter)	115	3	112
3	Freda Raphael / Alison Walters	A Slowest	100	0	100
4	M. Hayes & family	Walker	100	1	99
5	Richard Hopkinson	C	100	45	55
6	Jeremy James & Jonathan Straw	B	140	135	5

7	Tony Raphael	B	125	165	-40
8	Roger Larkam	B	220	265	-45
9	Derrick Burgess	Walker	200	295	-95
10	Gill & Mick Keeling	Walker	160	275	-115

CHRIS RADCLIFFE

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Apr 1/2	Steve Bennet	Whole Hut
Apr 7/8	Oread Meet	
Apr 14/15	Caper Montis M.C.	16 beds
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SHORT NOTICES

Web Site

I have been given the following corrected addresses:-

www.crosswinds.net/~oread/
or, linked with the BMC:-
www.thebmc.co.uk (click on "Oread")

BMC AGM

Short notice, but this is at Ilkley, on Apr 7/8, it consists of workshops, free lectures, AGM and dinner.

If anyone is interested the BMC can be contacted by calling 0161 445 4747

1999/200 Winter Lecture Series

Details of the huge profits made this year were available at the AGM. There was so much pressure from Oreads to talk about the variety of their experiences that we only had two visiting speakers. Many thanks to the following

who all helped out with gusto: Rusty, Keith Gregson, Richard Hopkinson, Peter Scott, Derrick Burgess, Chris Radcliffe, Roy Eyre, Jack Ashcroft, Roger Larkam, Ray Handley, Peter Ines and Rock Hudson.
RobTresidder.

For Sale

Saunders Backpacker GC2 Tent, sleeps 2. Weight 2 kgs. As new- used only twice.

Robert Saunders Catalogue with photo available.

Ray Colledge Derby 671967 or at the Smithfield.

A complete (1-145,1969,92) set of Mountain magazines (excluding indexes) but including binders is offered for sale. Sensible offers via Rob Tresidder (rob.tresidder@virgin.net or 01629 823953

A Final Item

The farewells after this 84th and last edition have been protracted as I had to announce my retirement in time to get a successor, and I shall not draw it out further, thanks once again for all the kind letters and messages. I could not, under pressure, devise a final brain teaser, but I leave you with one final amusing item, even though it could not be presented in even a fictitious climbing background. We have acquired, following the demise of poor Fred, a little pup which Margaret predictably treats as a child substitute. In view of the age differential, she addresses me, in its presence, as "Grandad". When it recently exhibited some well known trait (probably the theft of food, I forget exactly what), she said "you are your grandad's son. The logical and genealogical implications of this statement, to say nothing of the contortions required for procreation, reduced me to disbelief, and we still want women on the committee!

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NEXT EDITION

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He will probably require it for the third week in April (Good luck Richard, please treat him well, everyone)



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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May 6/7 Leading Ladies
May 13/14 TYW working party
May 20/21 Forest of Dean
May 27/29 Spring Bank Cornwall
June 4 (Sun) Rivelin

April 21/May 1 France Tony Howard

I will be heading down to France over this period, as will several others. Since the Derwent Club are doing the same, and they have more than one destination, organisation is problematic. Nonetheless, if you want to go, let me know and I will try to arrange a lift for you. Contact me on 01332 273307 (Hm), 0115 936 2648 (Wk).

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Suggested approach routes:- via M50 Ross on
Wye, B4324.

The master plan:-

Climbing: Wintours leap or Symonds Yat
Walk: Symonds Yat, High Meadow Woods, the
walk links together a series of prominent
outcrops of rock, distance 9 miles. On Sunday
for those who are interested we shall try one of
the cycle routes, so bring your bike. There is a
cycle hire centre not far away, cost £7 / £10 per
day. Anyone requiring more details please
contact me on 01332 551594

May 27/29 + a bit Spring Bank Cornwall Daryl Kirk

Further to my letter in the January News letter.
just a reminder of this flat piece of land with
steep sides at the end of the world
called Cornwall.

The ever hospitable Ron and Pauline at the
Trevaulor Camp site at Battlack, St Just will be
your hosts. I will be travelling down on Friday
26th and will be in the Star at St Just for last
orders. I can only stay till Tuesday, however
those wishing to stay on will not be a problem.
Many people have talked to me about going,
could I ask that you reconnect with myself just
to confirm. The contact number is 07803
010414.

FUTURE EVENTS

Jun 4 (Sunday) Rivelin Richard Coghlan

This will be another foray to explore one of the
Peak District's less frequented crags, using the
concept of a club meet as an excuse to break
away from the more usual "day trip" climbing
venues of Stanage and Froggatt.

I hope this can't be any more embarrassing than
the outing to Laddow Rocks last year, when I
lead a large Oread party to the wettest, greenest
gritstone I have ever seen. It was fluorescent
day-glo green all over.

We are going to Rivelin later in the year, it is
low-lying and South facing, so we shouldn't
have a repeat fiasco.

Rivelin is in the Stanage guide (in my 1983
Stanage guide at least). The "classic of the crag"
is the three star HVS 5a Croton Oil on Rivelin
needle itself, but there are twelve HVS climbs in
total, eleven VS 4c climbs and more Severes and
V Diffs than I cared to count.

The crag is situated just up from the A57
Sheffield-Ladybower road at Grid Ref SK
280873 (on latest Dark Peak map). There is a
pub close-by at SK 272871 which may be useful
at lunchtime, but I cannot guarantee that there
will be enough parking here, so I might be using
the parking marked at 292873. Whatever you do,
please use the path that starts from the bottom
dam, about 500m below the pub to approach the
crag (there have been access problems in the
past).

I plan to meet at the crag at 10.30 am.

If you need a lift, see me at the Smithfield the
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865934.

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Alps 2000 Courmayeur Richard Hopkinson

This year's meets list does not contain an Alpine meet. However Dawn and myself, the Lancaster family & the Hayes family are proposing to go to Courmayeur. We are planning to travel out around the weekend of the 29th July and will be staying 2-3 weeks, but this will of course depend on the weather. We haven't fixed a campsite yet. If anyone would like to join us for all or part of the time they will be most welcome. Give me a ring if you are interested. Richard Hopkinson (01629 823392)

PAST EVENTS

March Scottish meet

By now some of you will know that a small band of scottish winter enthusiasts abandoned the meet, preferring the dry rock of Tremadog to the slushy slopes of Sneachta. It was an excellent weekend with plenty of routes done by all who attended. As it was, for some, the first weekend on rock this year many of the easier classic routes were done. These included: Poor Man's Peutrey, Craig Ddu Wall, One Step in the Clouds, Oberon, Shadrach and the very popular Christmas Curry with and without the Micah finish. Christmas Curry was Darryl's favourite route and all oreads were persuaded to climb it.....John Salmon even found a set of car keys on it.....now I wonder who they belonged to?? Thanks to all those who attended and let's hope this meet is the start of a really good season. Gill Heys.

Spring Stride 26th March

A good crowd of Oreads and friends assembled on the approachroad to Grindleford Station on a cold but bright morning. The walk was honoured by the appearance of the new Oread President Mike Hayes, and the retired President Harry Pretty.

As we entered Oxhay Woods the weather turned from good to brilliant and remained so for the rest of the day, giving us great views from Lawrencefields crag, Millstone edge, Owlter Tor, Carl Wark (lunch), Higgat Tor and Burbage Moor. From here we were heading for Burbage Quarries, The Cioch Rock and the largest millstone in the world (?).

Jack, however, was anxious to get to the pub, so we had a group discussion on the merits of Fox House. Jack, to my surprise, was the only one keen to go. He departed in a direct line across the Moor with instructions for the pub party that we would be taking tea and cakes at Longshaw Lodge café (he was not seen again!).

His words must have got through though, because Digger joined us in the sunshine at Longshaw and said that the rest had gone climbing! We returned via Granby Woods, Sheffield Plantation, Yarncliffe Wood and Oaks Wood to end a very enjoyable day. The four young children did very well and for Tom Hayes, 5 years old, this was his longest walk to date. Thank you all for coming.

On the meet were Janet and Jack Ashcroft, Paul Bingham, Richard Coghlan, Gordon and Margaret Gadsby, John Green, Mike, Helen, Emma and Tom Hayes, Colin and Uschi Hobday, Doreen and Ken Hodge, Bill and Ann Kenyon, Bob Pettigrew, Harry Pretty, George and Janet Reynolds, David and Kathleen Stephenson plus friends Keith and Elaine, Shirley Wainwright, Dave Weston, Digger Williams, Mike and Sue Wren, Paul Howe and family Kay, Laura and Jim plus the climbing duo of Keith Gregson and Rock Hudson.

Gordon Gadsby

Heathy Lea Work Party

April 2nd

On what can only be described as a wet weekend did not stop a good turn out of Oreads and friends, many minor jobs being carried out despite the wet conditions. The following work done,

Clean gutters,
Repair to lounge ceiling
Repair to porch ceiling and paint
Fit carpets in lounge and barn
Tidy wood store, cut wood, gather new wood.
New hinges on wash room door.
New clasp on wood store door
Finish off painting inside the barn
Tidy garden.
Assembling and fitting food-box rack in porch.

Many thanks to all who came to work, about 15 in total, special thanks to Shirley who supplied a tin of mince pies and delicious tarts, Uschi's fruit cake, both of which kept all the workers happy, and Gillian Heys who is an expert carpet fitter.

Colin Hobday

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Apr 28/1	May Day	Vacant
May 5/6	G.Gadsby	Whole Hut
May 12/13	Working Party	
May 19/20	Lancashire CC	
May 26/28	Spring Bank	Vacant
Jun 2/3	Swiss Alpine Club	Whole Hut

Bookings Heathy Lea

May 5/6	Jenny Raphael	Whole Hut
May 12/13	Booking pending?	
May 19/20	Oread	
May 26/28	Vacant	
June 2/3	Vacant	

SHORT NOTICES

Derek Pike and Paul Howe were elected to full membership at the last committee meeting. I would like to welcome them on behalf of the club.

I have received the following E-mail from Bob Pettigrew, which I think deserves to be quoted in full:

"Richard,

The following quotation is taken from Hansard - House of Commons Standing Committee B, during the debate on a Conservative amendment to prohibit access to the mountains at night. The MP quoted is one Mr Gray:

"It is hard to imagine any hill that could not be climbed in one day. I accept that some ascents are more difficult than others and some might take more than a day. However, even if there are such mountains, I am not certain that it is the Government's duty to encourage people to climb them. The activities involved are extremely specialist and dangerous operations; only professional mountaineers would undertake such climbs and go bivouacking up mountains. Such people currently have their own ways of achieving access to mountains and they form a group of only half a dozen or a dozen individuals in the United Kingdom."

That is the sort of preposterous rubbish emanating from the Palace of Westminster during the passage of the Bill THAT WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT OUR SPORT! The Oread should take note of the age-old maxim "Men and women deserve the government they get!" "

Bob has supplied the BMC briefing which I have attached to this newsletter. As agreed at the Oread AGM, I would like to remind club members to write to their MPs in support of the BMC position, stressing in particular the BMC amendments and the BMC's opposition to amendments tabled by some other organisations.

EDITORS NOTES

This is my first newsletter and I have tried to follow Rusty's style as far as possible. I can't see any benefit in changing for the time being, bearing in mind that costs will escalate rapidly if we move a way from the current double-sided A4 black & white photocopy. If anyone knows

of a very cheap source for colour photocopying, please let me know.

I don't know whether the Oread is ready for an electronic newsletter service, but if you want your newsletter sent by E-mail I would be glad to oblige. It would save the club money (stamps and stationery), save me time and you would get your newsletter several days early. Please let me know your E-mail addresses and confirm that you want the paper copy stopped, if you want it this way. I may run a parallel electronic and paper newsletter service for a while to check that the technology can cope (or more likely, that I can cope with the technology).

On much the same tack, Daryl Kirk is preparing a new membership address list that we hope to issue with the June newsletter. Daryl is trying to add E-mail addresses to this list, so please E-mail him at daryl.kirk@dtm.ntl.com with your address within the next two weeks if you want it included. I will copy all E-mails that I receive in that time to Daryl, so that he picks up the addresses.

Finally, future contributors might like to note that my typing skills are appalling and the best way to avoid the scrambling of your carefully crafted words is to send them to me by E-mail (address at end of newsletter) or put a floppy disc in the post. Several people have already "jumped the gun" and have sent items for this newsletter via E-mail. Word documents sent as attachments seem to work best.

BRAIN TEASER

I will not be running a brain teaser in every edition – it depends how much space is left on the newsletter, but I propose to continue Rusty's idea. I have cleared with the committee a plan to run a points system, working towards an annual prize of either a bottle of malt whisky or a camming device (eg. Friend, of the size and make of the winner's choice) to be presented at the annual dinner. Formula one scoring system – 10 points for first correct answer to reach me, 6 for second, etc.

Suggestions for questions are welcome. In fact I can see myself co-opting Rusty to do another mathematical one at some time.

For this month's competition, identify this peak from the 1974 guidebook description:

"The most complex mtn. in this guidebook area, and one of the most important from the climbing point of view. It provides an almost equal amount of snow/ice and rock climbing, but the latter is less important because it frequently degenerates into mixed terrain which is serious enough except in very dry conditions. Recent ascents of the N face confirm that this is one of the finest summits in the Swiss Alps."

Further clues: below 4,000m, first ascent 1854.

Most people include this mountain in a traverse including another peak which is just over 4,000m.

I think this one, or a question very like it, came up recently at the last Oread quiz night. That will teach you to pay attention.

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post the next edition on or before **THURS MAY 25TH**. It is essential that all material reaches me by **SAT MAY 20th** (but the earlier the better). I look forward to hearing from **KEITH GREGSON, MICHAEL HAYES** and **JOHN GREEN** (re Black Sail).

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Countryside and Rights of Way Bill

Access legislation update

On 3 March the long-awaited access legislation was published in the form of a Countryside and Rights of Way Bill. In addition to introducing a statutory right of access to open country, the Bill also includes new Rights of Way legislation and tougher protection for Sites of Special Scientific Interest and wildlife. The Bill is currently making its way through parliament.

The Bill is good news for climbers and walkers. For the first time we look set to enjoy a right to climb and walk on open country. Also, occupiers' liability is reduced - a very significant step in protecting the freedom for people to take risks as part of their recreation. It goes a long way towards meeting the principles in the BMC's Access Charter, adopted at the AGM in 1997.

Content of the Bill

[Note: the Bill is subject to amendment as it completes its passage through parliament – this is not the final version.]

- ◆ **Land affected.** The right of access will be to mountain, moor, heath, down and registered common land. This may subsequently be extended to include coastal land, if so decided by the Secretary of State (England) or National Assembly for Wales.
- ◆ **Activities permitted by right.** These include all mountaineering and climbing activities, provided they do not infringe restrictions designed to protect nature conservation and land management interests. *Note: restrictions on climbing to protect the interests of cliff-nesting birds and flora will continue to apply as at present.*
- ◆ **Activities excluded from the right.** Listed in the legislation are activities which cannot be done as of right, but which will continue where permission has been granted, as at present. These include, for example:
 - Organised games
 - Camping
 - Cycling and horse-riding
 - Any activity undertaken for a commercial purpose

The implications of this are not serious, as most of the activities listed in this schedule of the Bill are already subject to regulation through local byelaws or other legislation. Camping, for example, is not strictly legal in most upland areas but is often tolerated by land owners and local authorities provided people are discreet. It is anticipated that this situation will continue.

- ◆ **Occupiers' liability.** Landowners' will not have any liability to people exercising the right of access in respect of 'natural features of the landscape'. (It is likely that parliament will clarify exactly what this means in the coming weeks).
- ◆ **Closures.** Landowners may close their land for any purpose for up to 28 days per year, and for further periods with permission from the access authority.
- ◆ **Dogs.** Dogs must be on leads in all areas between 1 March and 30 June (to protect ground nesting birds) and at all times in the vicinity of livestock.

Opportunities and threats

The Bill is currently being considered clause by clause by a committee of MPs. At this stage amendments are tabled and debated. The BMC is tabling amendments aimed at clarifying and improving the legislation. Of particular interest are:

- ◆ Identification of access land
- ◆ Sea cliffs
- ◆ Status of camping
- ◆ Rights of consultation and appeal for the public where their right of access is withdrawn

Amendments have been tabled by other organisations seeking to restrict the right of access. The BMC is actively engaged in defending elements of the Bill, including:

- ◆ Night-time access. (Amendments to exclude access at night have now been defeated.)
- ◆ Criminalisation of excluded activities. Landowners' representatives are seeking to make it a criminal offence to breach certain excluded activities, a move which would effectively criminalise trespass. If they succeed, it will be a criminal offence to bathe in an upland tarn, damage a plant or annoy a landowner (I kid you not!).

What happens next?

Timetable. The Bill is likely to complete its passage through the House of Commons by mid-May. It will then pass to the House of Lords and, hopefully, will receive Royal Assent in November 2000. However, much work remains to be done in mapping, drawing up regulations and setting up Local Access Forums. It is possible that the right of access to common land and land over 600m will be 'fast-tracked' to become law within the next year. It will probably take a further 3 years to bring the right of access into effect on all open country.

Coastal land. The Countryside Agency in England has recommended that the right of access be extended to include coastal land. (Following representations made by the BMC, it has been confirmed that sea cliffs will be included.) However, the Countryside Council for Wales has recommended that the National Assembly pursues a voluntary approach, ignoring the case made by the BMC and others.

Occupiers' liability. The new level of occupiers' liability only applies on open country. There will be advantages for recreation in pressing for this to be more widely applied to all areas and to other sporting activities. The BMC will follow up on this.

Access Forums. National Forums have been set up in England and Wales, meeting regularly to advise the countryside agencies on matters of policy. Iain McMorrin and Caradoc Jones represent the BMC respectively. As regards Local Access Forums, the membership and operation of these are currently being developed by the countryside agencies, with input from the BMC. Once established, there will be a key role for BMC Access Reps and any interested BMC members in representing climbers' and walkers' interests.

Further information to BMC members. When the final content of the Bill is known, BMC Access and Conservation Officers will run workshops around the country for all BMC areas, to brief Access Reps and any interested members on the new provisions. Details will be announced in the autumn.

8 April 2000



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

May 27/29 Cornwall
June 4 (Sun) Rivelin
June 17/18 Masham
June 21 (Wed) Stanage (longest day)
June 24/25 BARMY/ BBQ Heathy Lea
July 1 / 2 Black Sail, Ennerdale

May 27/29 + a bit Spring Bank Cornwall Daryl Kirk

Further to my letter in the January News letter, just a reminder of this flat piece of land with steep sides at the end of the world called Cornwall.

The ever hospitable Ron and Pauline at the Trevaunor Camp site at Battlack, St Just will be your hosts. I will be travelling down on Friday 26th and will be in the Star at St Just for last orders. I can only stay till Tuesday, however those wishing to stay on will not be a problem. Many people have talked to me about going, could I ask that you reconnect with myself just to confirm. The contact number is 07803 010414.

Jun 4 (Sunday) Rivelin Richard Coghlan

This will be another foray to explore one of the Peak District's less frequented crags, using the concept of a club meet as an excuse to break away from the more usual "day trip" climbing venues of Stanage and Froggatt.

I hope this can't be any more embarrassing than the outing to Laddow Rocks last year, when I lead a large Oread party to the wettest, greenest gritstone I have ever seen. It was fluorescent day-glo green all over.

We are going to Rivelin later in the year, it is low-lying and South facing, so we shouldn't have a repeat fiasco.

Rivelin is in the Stanage guide (in my 1983 Stanage guide at least). The "classic of the crag" is the three star HVS 5a Croton Oil on Rivelin needle itself, but there are twelve HVS climbs in total, eleven VS 4c climbs and more Severes and V Diffs than I cared to count.

The crag is situated just up from the A57 Sheffield-Ladybower road at Grid Ref SK 280873 (on latest Dark Peak map). There is a pub close-by at SK 272871 which may be useful at lunchtime, but I cannot guarantee that there will be enough parking here, so I might be using the parking marked at 292873. Whatever you do, please use the path that starts from the bottom dam, about 500m below the pub to approach the crag (there have been access problems in the past).

I plan to meet at the crag at 10.30 am.

If you need a lift, see me at the Smithfield the Tuesday beforehand or 'phone me on 01332 865934.

June 17/18th Masham Tony Raphael

The Masham weekend in June is rapidly approaching 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. We will be staying at the Black Swan Caravan and Camp Site about two miles west of Masham (£4 per person per night) with handy pub nearby.

There is an all in Brewery tour plus two pints plus main course "package" at £11.95 which seems very good value -- additional courses can be added from the main menu if desired.

If you are interested then let me know as soon as possible as numbers are building up - the places for the Brewery tour could be limited! I have full details of the campsite and Tour and some information about the area.

Tony Raphael -- tel 01509 672175

June 21 (Wed) Stanage

There is no meet leader for this event, it is simply noted that this is the longest day of the year and therefore Wednesday evening climbers should take the opportunity to go a bit further North than usual.

For the sake of making this a social event as well as a climbing event, I would like to suggest that people concentrate on the Flying Buttress end of the crag and drink in the Princess Vic on the way home.

Best All Round Mountaineers of the Year competition (BARMY) and Heathy Lea Barbeque.

**Saturday June 24th Keith Gregson
and Michael Hayes**

Not as daft as it may seem, we have decided to combine two successful meets into what promises to be a busy weekend. Keith will once again be challenging us to prove our mountaineering ability whilst I will be concentrating on the food and entertainment in the evening. The barbecue follows the usual format:- Bring your own portable barbecue or sneak your sausages on to an unguarded one. A barrel of beer will once again be provided for a small fee. (A free pint for the BARMY winners and for any willing musicians who bring and play their instruments). I will be looking for helpers who have not taken up the BARMY challenge for the task of wood collection and if history is anything to go by then get in early and book a bunk space as they are usually in short supply (call me on 01530 231401). Sunday will probably be needed for recovery so we'll leave plans fluid!

The object of the competition is to have a good mountaineering day in the hills. The competition is open to all members of the Oread and is a team event for teams of 2 or more. The event

will be based upon Heathy Lee and will consist mainly of an evening's discussion at the barbecue. However in order to qualify for this you will be expected to have completed a hard day on the edges. The winning team will of course be that which collects the most points.

Each team should sign in at Heathy Lee any time after 9 am and will be expected to keep a record of their exploits throughout the day. The finishing time will be 6:30 p.m. at the Hut and you will be expected to hand in a copy of your record at that time. You may then take part in the major event throughout the evening.

- **Each member of the team will gain points as follows: -**

For each route completed, 2 points plus the guidebook star rating. All routes must be completed using ropes and belays by at least 2 members and the climb must be described in a published guidebook. A maximum of 10 routes per crag to count.

- Each crag on which you complete a route will contribute 10 points.
- You will gain 20 points for each trig point visited.
- In order to ensure that sustenance is taken add 10 points for each country inn (*i.e.* pubs in Baslow and Hathersage don't count) that you visit.

Special Points

There will be additional special points to be detailed on the day.

Penalties

- The use of any form of wheeled transport is FORBIDDEN.
- The mountaineering day will end at 6:30 p.m. EVERY MEMBER of the team will lose one point for each minute that the last member of your team exceeds this time limit.

Each member of the team gains (or loses) points as above and the overall team score is calculated as the average. Scoring will be left largely to the integrity of the individuals, the winners can expect no other prize than the glory (??) and I hope an excellent day.

FUTURE EVENTS

July 1/2 Black Sail, Ennerdale John Green.

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John.

PAST EVENTS

Yorkshire – May Day Weekend

An excellent weekend. Undaunted by a favourable weather forecast, we arrived on the Friday at the campsite near Harrogate with enough time to make a quick trip to Brimham to catch some climbing before evening and impending clouds curtailed our activities, and were able to snatch an ascent of Red Tape, a short but not-to-be-under-estimated expedition (Tim led it, not me!).

Saturday morning paled slowly into life, the campsite being in cloud, so it may have been that the impression I had, that mine was the only tent in the field, was only an illusion. A trip to Caley seemed the best option so off we went to sample the best of Yorkshire bouldering and short routes in not ideal conditions.

Nonetheless, we attacked the Sugar Loaf from all sides, and conquered various boulders despite the greenness, before continuing on to Chevin Buttress in a cloud of midgets. Classic routes were climbed.

The Sunday brought sun, and, our numbers greatly increased, we strode up to Crookrise in the morning sun. What delights awaited us

there! Much rough rock and fine routes, a playground for all. Dodging the top-ropers, we were able to lead such fine routes as the Long Climb, the Crease Direct (Tim), and The Shelf. Our enthusiasm paled in the late afternoon because, bizarre as it may seem, it was too hot! Yes, even in Yorkshire at the beginning of May. Sunday found us at Almscliffe on a day of sunshine and clouds flying by in the breeze, as befitted the season. Playing on the boulders and the easy routes brought us to harder propositions, such as the delightfully-named 'Yorkshire Pudding', as well as the 'showboating' Great Western (billed as the only four-star route on Yorkshire gritstone). The plain thuggy 'Clematis' and 'Oublette' also succumbed. Sadly, Tim's determination to lead the front cover of the guide book were thwarted, and he lowered off after retreating from the horrible top-out with the immortal words "Big Greeny one. Tim nil". Pools of mud and cow-poo limited out ambitions at the eastern end of the crag.

So what does all this add up to? An excellent weekend in good company, of exploring areas previously little known to me, and chancing the arm on a beautiful rough rock.

Many thanks to Tim Cairns and to Roland Prentice-Jones for coming along and sharing it all, and making this a brilliant weekend. I hope to share more of the same with you all.

David Jones

Leading Ladies 6-7 May

Marina McDonagh and myself arrived on the Friday night, lit the stove (what a difference it makes to Heathy Lea) and adjourned to the Robin Hood to decide where to go the next day. Saturday arrived with excellent weather and we went up to Birchens where the day got hotter and hotter. At the top of Emma's Dilemma we got all excited when we saw a streaker run to the three ships.

We climbed Victory Gully, Emma's Temptation, Emma's Dilemma, Sail Chimney, Monument Chimney and Stoker's Hole and both returned to Heathy Lea sunburnt.

Rock stayed over night after an Alpine club dinner, thanks for not being scared off by the

thongs (no not thongs, it wasn't that hot) of leading ladies.

The Sunday saw us off to Lawrencefield and meeting up with Pam Storer, Nick Evans and Dad. We did Three tree climb, Snail Crack and we followed Nick up Tyron.

Thanks to Marina for coming along for the weekend, we both had an excellent time.

Jenny Raphael.

TYW working party May 13/14^h

In what can be only described as the best weather this year, the Welsh Hut Working Party achieved all the work planned and much more besides. Work done :-

Decorate rear two bedrooms - John Shreeve.
Decorate lounge and landing ceiling - Derek Pike.

Gardening, light pruning, tidy wood store - Keith Gregson, Peter Janes, Malcom Padley, Pam Norris.

Tiling of Kitchen behind work top - Colin Hobday.

Electric's, switches, fan, - Chuck Hooley.

Clean outside walls - Nick Evans.

General cleaning - Pam Storer, Julia Wearing

Joan Pike, Tess (the twin)

Catering, i.e. endless cups of tea -Margret Hooley

Thanks to all that came and put so much effort into it. Pleased to say the hut looks in near pristine condition.

Colin Hobday

Easter in France

(The meet leader, Tony Howard, starts the report:)

It was clear from early on that this was going to be a difficult meet to focus. Several Oreads have a history of visits to France at Easter – predominantly with the Derwent Club. This meant that different factions had different ideas on where to go. In the end it boiled down to two venues with – with the two groups consisting of Oreads and others.

Buis Les Baronnies was the centre for one group, which stayed there for a full 8 days, right up to the May Day bank holiday. The Oreads present were Derek Burgess, Chris Radcliffe, Tony Howard and Gill Heys. We had only two wet days, the rest were superb; weather and climbing. The highlight was the Traverse of the Rocher de St. Julien: 600m with two pitches of VS, some narrow ridges and superb positions. Day trips to Orpierre and the Dentelles de Montmirail, revealed extensive opportunities for future trips for those who have not been before.

(Derek Pike continues the report for the second group:)

Some 26 members of the Oread and Derwent MCs alighted upon the small town of St Martin de Londres about 12 miles north of Montpellier. As in previous meets of this kind, the object was to climb every day in warm sunshine and imbibe quantities of alcohol in the evening.

Unfortunately, 3 of the days I was there were blessed with rain, upon one of which it rained diluted mud, apparently the fallout of a storm from the deserts of N.Africa.

Steve Boulton and Jamie Burley of the DMC organised an excellent evening out to a local pizza restaurant where a most convivial evening was had by all.

The climbing in the Herault region of France is well bolted limestone up to about 100 ft in height, descent being by abseil from a chain. Most of the routes are graded about French 4c upwards although there are a few easier routes.

For the energetic, the local high point, the Pic de Loup (658m), could be ascended. Some ran up it, some scrambled up it, I walked up it.

All good things come to an end and on Sunday 1st May nearly everyone was up early and had departed for Calais

Only another year to wait.

Bookings TanYr Wyddfa

May 26/28	Spring Bank	Vacant
June 2/3	Swiss Alpine Club	Whole Hut
June 9/10	C.Hobday	Whole Hut
June 16/17		Vacant
June 23/24	Tuesday C.C.	10 beds
June 30/1	D.Jones	16 beds

Bookings *Heathly Lea*

May 26/28	Vacant	
June 2/3	Vacant	
June 9	P.Storer	Cottage only
June 16/17	Vacant	
June 23/24	Orcad meet	Whole hut
June 30/1	Vacant	

SHORT NOTICES

Changes of Address

Paul Howe's new address:
110 Dale Close,
Langwith,
Mansfield,
Notts, NG20 9EE. Tel. 01623 747870

Gill Heys new phone number: 01332 726052
(this was not given in her previous change of
address notice).

For Sale

Point Five down filled duvet. Red. Women's
size medium. Excellent condition. £20.
John Fisher 0115 9214744

Hut Sub-Committee

A proposal for a shower in Heathly Lea was put
forward at the AGM. The Hut sub-committee
have now looked into this and have concluded
that it would be too costly, mainly because of
difficulties with the drains.

Website

The committee would like to request the
membership to supply more photographs for the
website. To complement the 1950's and 1960's
expedition photos already in place, we are
looking for recent (last 10 years) "action" photos
(ie. climbers not standing on easy ground). Good
photographs of the huts are also required.

We may eventually set up a Members Gallery,
because there seems to be almost no limit on the
amount of space we can use on the website.

Photographs should be sent to me (address at
end of newsletter or see me in the Smithfield). I

will then send these to Gill Heys for scanning.
She has access to professional scanning
equipment and can cope with any format of
slides or prints.

EDITORS NOTES

There has been a favourable response to the
suggestion that the newsletter should be
circulated by E-mail. I will still send everyone
this June newsletter in paper form before going
fully electronic in July (for those who have
given me permission to do so).

I would also like to thank the contributors for
sending in their notices by E-mail. I have had to
do very little typing to prepare this month's
newsletter (and you can't blame me for the
typing mistakes).

You may have noticed that there is no address
list with this newsletter, as promised last month.
The committee decided that it would be better to
delay publication by 1-2 months to get it fully
up-to-date and give more time to accumulate the
E-mail addresses. If you have not already done
so, please E-mail Daryl Kirk at
daryl.kirk@dtu.nfl.com so that he picks up
your address.

BRAIN TEASER

In contrast, nobody has replied to last month's
brain teaser. The mountain described is the
Fletshhorn above Sans Grund. I don't need to
make up space, so there is no teaser this month.

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material reaches me by **SAT JUNE 24TH** (but the
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DERRICK BURGESS, **JULIE WEARING**, and
HARRY PRETTY. Articles in the form of Word
(.doc) attachments to E-mails are preferred.

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OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

July 1/2	Black Sail, Ennerdale
July 8/9	Crowden (Summer Stroll)
July 15/16	Wasdale
July 29/30	Eastern Edges / Heathy Lea

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John.

July 8/9 Summer Stroll – Crowden Valley Derrick Burgess

The intention is for the meet to be of interest to walkers and climbers alike. The scheduled meet has been "stretched" to cover the weekend and the venue chosen offers access to the Northern slopes of Bleaklow and the moors to the north of the Crowden Valley. There is even the Longendale Trail for the mountain bikers.

So there it is. I shall camp at Crowden for the weekend and hope to climb at Wimberry on the Sunday. Wimberry can be approached via Crowden Clough, Laddow and a walk along the

edges by Chew Reservoir to the crag which is above Dovestones Reservoir (there is a direct approach from the reservoir). A pleasant circuit can be made across the moors to Tintwistle en route for Crowden. For those still able to remember the Marsden-Rowsley walks of earlier years there is once more the opportunity to ascend Wildboardclough, a staircase to the Bleaklow plateau.

There is a camp site at Crowden (073994) which quoted me £4.05 per person plus a £1.95 "placement" / parking fee with a reduction for camping club members. It was also suggested we advise how many tents to ensure a "placement". This all sounded very French; I didn't say how many tents we have had on a "placement" in the past. There is also a Youth Hostel (possibly cheaper!) with a pleasant pub in Tintwistle 2/3 miles down the valley. Some indication of numbers would be helpful in order to book our "placements", Y.H. members please book direct.

July 15/16 Nether Wasdale Julie Wearing

We will be staying at the 'Church Stile' Campsite in Nether Wasdale (GR126041). Usual facilities and BBQs are allowed – so let's pray for a pleasant evening. I have reserved some pitches as the no. of tents are limited in the valley, so I hope to see a flurry of Oread's to the Lakes for this weekend.

I plan to go up late on Thursday night and be sitting in the pub next to the camp site (the 'Screens') on the Friday night waiting for the rest of you to join me. Please note the gates are locked to the farm at 11:30pm.

Saturday- with weather and dry rock permitting – I plan to climb on Scafell Crag or if I am going really well (or more accurately if Steve is) then we might even consider East Buttress.

If you are interested or need a lift, contact me on 01509 842467.

July 29/30 Eastern Edges /Heathy Lea Harry Pretty

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PAST EVENTS

Forest of Dean May 19/20

Despite last minute cancellations (the best excuse being I have just been rescued by helicopter), 26 Oreads and friends made it to the Fountain Lodge, Parkend. On Saturday with the forecast of rain spreading, parties climbed at Wintours Leap, while a smaller group walked the mass of Bluebells in the woods was very impressive. Needless to say it did start to rain in the afternoon.

The evening was spent in the Fountain Inn, who provided an excellent 3 course meal, Derrek Burgess getting a treble helping of Rhubarb Crumble!. Radders who arrived at midnight (similar to the milk tray advert), complaining that he had to spend the night at a mountain hut in the Ortler, Italy.

Sunday saw the sun shining, some went climbing again, while ten took to the bikes with John Green as navigator, why was Tony Raphael always going in the opposite direction?. The pacemakers for the day were the tandem duo Peter and Georgina, distance covered around 30 miles.

Thanks to all who supported the meet (too numerous to mention) and making it a great success.

Colin Hobday.

**The following report was received
anonymously:**

Harry Pretty recently suffered minor concussion and a bruised hand following a fall down a muddy slope whilst descending into Hopedale. He received attention from the local Medical Response Unit and was airlifted to hospital for X-Rays but was released later.

It was not considered the proximity to the "George" at Alstonfield and the quantity of ale and whisky consumed was at all responsible. Harry was saved from more serious injury by an efficient rugby tackle from Dave Weston. Ron Chambers missed the Heli-Vac rescue being asleep at the time. Dave Williams, fired up on petrol fuel, a lethal mixture of beer and whisky was last seen disappearing over the horizon.

Harry has recently been out of action with a damaged big toe sustained playing crown bowls. He was advised to "bounce his balls" to prevent injury in future.

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July 7/8		Vacant
July 14/15		Vacant
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July 21/22	Duffield cadets	16 beds.
		(Oread room 3 beds)
July 23/27		8 beds.
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August	reserved for Oread use.	

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21/22		Vacant.
28/29	Oread Meet	
August 4/5	H. Pretty	cottage/barn.
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SHORT NOTICES

Ray Handley

It is with regret I have to announce the death of Ray Handley. A full obituary will appear in next month's newsletter.

Change of Address

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(Sorry Merle, I forgot to put this in the last newsletter).

Tony Howard's report about the Dentelles de Montmirail in the last newsletter prompted Merle to send me a letter giving news of her recent move and written record of her 1987 climbing tour of Europe (which included the said Dentelles), which I shall pass on to the club archivist. I will bring the letter along to the Smithfield, because I am sure some of the older members would be interested to read it.

Lost

At Heathy Lea During Barbecue weekend
A Petzel head torch with blue weave petzel tape
belonging to Dave Jones.
If found please call 01773-824279.

Reciprocal Rights

As from the 1 AUGUST 2000 the Oread M.C. will have Reciprocal Rights with the Fylde M. C. They have two huts, one at Little Langdale, and the other at Stair, Borrowdale.
Hut Fees £2 per night.
The booking secretary is,

MICHAEL TOLLEY
9 FAIRWAYS, FULLWOOD, PRESTON, PR2
4FX. TEL. 01772 713817.

Who should be contacted in the first instance,
after which the key can be obtained from myself.
Colin Hobday.

Hut Sub-Committee

Chuck Hooley has organised a CCTV survey of the drains at TYW, carried out by Dyno-Rod. The conclusion is that the pipe leading under the track at the side of the hut, down to the wasteland, has collapsed at one point and is in very bad condition in many places elsewhere.

It is likely that the remedial work recommended by Dyno-Rod will start almost immediately, in order to avoid putting the hut out of action for long.

Website

The photo gallery on the website is looking more complete now. I was surprised to find a picture of myself on it when I last looked! However, the invitation to send in more photographs still stands, as explained in the last newsletter.

A copy of the newsletter (with addresses and phone numbers removed) has also been added to the website – useful if you mislay your paper or E-mail copy.

“Chat Room”

Ernie Phillips has written to me proposing that we look into setting up an on-line chat room of some sort. This could help people who cannot get to the Smithfield. We need to find out:

- (i) Is there a demand for such a service? – please pass your views to Ernie or myself.
- (ii) Does anyone know how to set one up? For example do we need to appoint a “Moderator” who polices the system?

Any comments from our club computer experts would be appreciated.

EDITORS NOTES

Finally, another reminder about E-mail addresses. If you have not already done so, please E-mail Daryl Kirk at daryl.kirk@dtm.ntl.com so that he picks up your address for the soon-to-be-published address list.

BRAIN TEASER

For this month’s question, I shall go to Cornwall. On the first pitch of Right Angle on Gurnard’s Head (nominal length 115ft), the leader is 15ft short of the belay ledge at the end of the pitch when he/she falls off. The last piece of gear was placed 20 ft back along the rope. What is the fall factor on the rope?

Ignore rope stretch, sag in the rope, and zig-zagging. You can also assume that the tide is out. (It helps to know the route and people who went on Daryl’s meet at Spring Bank may have an advantage here).

Don’t forget that a useful prize is on offer, to be presented at the annual dinner.

NEXT EDITION

For the August edition it is essential that all material reaches me by SAT JULY 22nd (but the earlier the better). I look forward to hearing from DEREK PIKE and KEITH GREGSON. I would also be grateful for an update on the Alpine meet from someone. Articles in the form of Word (.doc) attachments to E-mails are preferred, but floppy discs sent through the post are also welcome.

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Alps 2000 29 July onwards Courmayeur

I know this may come a little too late to affect anyone's Alpine plans for this year, but Michael Hayes has sent me some details of the Alpine meet and for the record they are as follows: The campsite is "camping Tronchey" in the Val Ferret (tel. 0039 0165 869707). The Mont Blanc tunnel is still shut, so the best approach is probably via Chambéry and the Petit St Bernard pass. At the moment over 20 people will definitely be there and many more have expressed an interest;

Richard and Dawn Hopkinson	2 people arriving 30 th ish
Pete Lancaster and family	4 people arriving 30 th ish
Michael Hayes and family	4 people arriving 29 th
Chris Radcliffe	arriving 5 th Aug ?
Rob Tresidder	arriving 5 th Aug ?
Gill Heys	arriving 5 th Aug ?
Steve Bashforth and family	4 people arriving 1 st ish
Bev and Cath Abley	2 people arriving 1 st ish
Peter Hayes and family	4 people arriving 29 th
John Green	Maybe
Derek Pike	Maybe
Pete Scott & Judy	Maybe

Aug 12/13 Cader Idris Derek Pike

We shall be camping at Ty Nant GR 698152 OS map 23. Cost £2.50 pppn. Ty Nant is 1000 yds SW of the Gwernan Lake Hotel nearly opposite the car park. The site is situated at the start of the Pony Track which leads to the summit of Cader Idris and ensures easy access for walker and climber alike.

The climbing on Cader tends to be of a mountaineering nature, ie. atmospheric with some loose rock. Craig Aderyn (Bird Rock) is virtually a roadside crag about ½ hour's drive away. It has routes of all grades, but mostly Severe to HVS.

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**Aug 26/28 (Bank holiday) 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

Davids: 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 until you can see the sea in front. 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 and overlooks Bardsey island and the sound: 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 Grove gets my vote, whilst the Cross has an Alpine Club atmosphere and the Farmers Arms the ethereal feel! 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'm assured that Whympers old guide "Big Foo" will once again be with us to direct exploration and point the uninitiated at exciting things.

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 or even earlier. 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.

FUTURE EVENTS

Nov 18th 2000 Annual dinner

The Green Man at Ashbourne has been booked for this year's annual dinner. Members should attempt to keep this date free in their diaries.

Early Sept 2001 Lundy

Daryl Kirk is thinking of leading a meet to Lundy next year. The club will need to book accommodation well in advance and thereby commit itself to expenditure. Before Daryl goes ahead, he would like some indication of who might want to go to Lundy (for a week) – please Email or phone Daryl. Obviously, an expression of interest would not be taken as a firm decision at this point.

PAST EVENTS

Yorkshire Weekend – Masham, June 16-18th 2000

The number (13) may not have been auspicious, but the weekend turned out to be excellent. Superb weather on the Saturday tempted several on to the crags with Julie, Steve, Nick & Pam at Brimham, Tony and Dave on the 20ft high, challenge-packed Slipstones, and several teams walking in lovely surroundings. The cherry on the cake was the Black Sheep Brewery Tour - 1 1/2hr of hilarious entertainment by “Jiny” whose blend of jokes, humour and information about brewing and the brewery was superb. Afterwards, the meal and much sipping of the beer – ranging from “Black Sheep” itself to Yorkshire Square (5%), Riggwelter (5.7%; apparently Norse for “a sheep on its back”) – even Holy Grail was available! The team that walked back (minus map) did make it back to the campsite by a slightly circuitous route (and even got another pub in).

Sunday saw a high level indulgence of Alker-Selzer and aspirin – anything to clear the heads. Pam’s partiality to Riggwelter at the end of an already tough beer session definitely left its mark. A very sultry hot day meant that walking and climbing was kept to a relatively unambitious level, though Julie and Steve did go to Pen-y-Ghent to climb Red Pencil Direct. Dave and Tony’s plans to mountain bike were thwarted by their inability to use a bike pump (MUST be the beer).

Thanks to you all: Keith, Eileen & Michael Gregson, Dave Jones, Nick Evans, Pam Storer,

Steve Bennett, Julie Wearing, John & Silvie Green, Stuart & Andrea Haywood for coming and making it such a good weekend.

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OBITUARY

Ray Handley.

Ray Handley died suddenly on May 13th. His calling was as an electrical engineer on the immediate staff of the Chief Electrical Engineer at Rolls Royce Aerospace. I met Ray in 1948 when he first started climbing. I was a member of the Valkyrie Club then, and our old friend Jack Longland had started Whitehall about that time, so we both became founder instructors there. This was when skis first became available on the market and we missed no opportunities to take them up to the Buxton area. I well remember one time when he was nursing a broken bone caused by the starting handle on his Singer Le Mans car. This didn’t stop him from skiing of course, but he was guarding his pot arm so carefully that he fell over and broke the other arm. He told the Matron at the hospital that he had slipped on the pavement!

Ray and I climbed together for something like thirty years in the Peak, Wales, Cornwall and the Alps. We managed to put up the odd new route together here and there. As his ability improved he was able to join me in the Climbers Club and for a while was Custodian of Ynys Ettws. We were both, by this time of course, members of the Oread and in 1967 he became President. Our visits to the Alps always included some epic features, because Ray didn’t feel that he had had a good holiday unless he experienced a forced

bivouac. He also had a congenital dislike of birds and insects. At Chamonix it was a common sight to see him on the camp site sleeping on the saddle and tank of his motorbike if the grasshoppers were about.

In those days alpine ski resorts didn't boast a lot in the field of lift systems so we decided to go touring from Hut to Hut in the Silvretta area. We recruited some German friends to go with us, and they insisted that we must have a guide, an idea which did not please Raymond. He took an even poorer view when the guide wanted to tie all five of us onto fifty feet of rope to get us up a snow summit. We used our own rope.

Raymond was usually quite kindly by nature, something of a *bon viveur*, probably deriving from his penchant for expense-paid lunches, and he liked his wine. However, he didn't suffer fools gladly. There was the celebrated occasion in the Valais when we were staying at the Bahnhof with the intention of climbing the Matterhorn, amongst other things. Janes, who didn't have any crampons, was supposed to hire a pair from Burgeners, but when we reached the snowline above the Solvay it turned out that Janes hadn't spent the money and we had to wet-nurse him to the summit and back. Ray's address to Peter Janes was really something to be heard.

More recently *anno domini* started to take it's grip, and Ray took up golf "to keep me going", a game which he came to excel at in his local club. He also spent a lot of time making powered model aircraft. In the past Ray was very keen on making cine films, and at a recent club indoor meet he showed a series of climbing films from the past, made at home and abroad and which from the comments of more recent club members produced quite a remarkable impression on them.

I used to meet him now and then for lunch at a pub near Swarkestone, and I shall miss these meetings, miss him, and so, I am sure, will all his many friends both within and outside the Club.

Ernie Phillips.

SHORT NOTICES

Change of Address

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Website

The committee have asked me to remind everyone of the Website address: www.crosswinds.net/~oread/ or www.thebmc.co.uk (select "Oread" from clubs page). Items for the website may be sent directly to Graham Weston's E-mail address : graham@janethood.freemove.co.uk

The Climber's club website has tide time-tables - useful for the Pembroke meet.

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Sept 10 (Sun) September Saunter
Sept 16/17 Clapham
Sept 23/24 Family meet TYW
Sept 30/1 Cwm Eigiau
Oct 3 (Tues) Royal Oak, Ockbrook

10th Sept (Sunday) *September Saunter* *Harry Pretty*

Meet Ipstones (Staffs), 10 am. for 10.15 start. Parking on Church Lane (Leading to St Leonard's Church). Church Lane (Marquis of Granby) off B5053 in centre of village. There seems no local objection to parking at Memorial Hall or along verge adjacent, -on left proceeding towards church (White Peak 25000 GR 019501).

Route North to Staffs Moorside Walk, Sharpcliffe Hall, Combes Valley Nature Reserve, Synney Lane, Cheddleton Heath to the Boat Inn at Cheddleton (N.Staffs RIwy, Canal, R.Churnet combine in a fine setting). The pub is forewarned, food available. Return Staffs Moorside Walk by Upper Fernyhill Farm, Combes and Brockholes Farm.

Total Distance 9-10 miles and plenty of "up and down". Fine views to Roaches and Cheshire Plain and an excellent pub - a favourite of the Thursday walking team.

Sept 16/17 *Clapham* *Richard Coghlan*

It is time to visit the Yorkshire Dales again, so I have booked all 16 places in the Yorkshire Ramblers club hut "Lowstern" near Clapham.

The area is known for good beer, but the locality will support a range of other activities. The hut is right underneath Ingleborough, so the Three Peaks walk could be one obvious objective (from the hut and back for those who want more of a challenge). However, given reasonable weather at this time of year I would prefer to climb - either Limestone (eg. Crummackdale - lots of short VS's and within walking distance from the hut) or Gritstone (eg. Pen-y-Ghent, just up the road).

The hut is just off the A65 between Settle and Ingleton (Grid Ref SD 732691). If coming from the Settle direction, don't take the turnings to Clapham off to the right. Having just passed the third right turn into Clapham, take instead a left turn onto the B6480 heading away from Clapham towards High Bentham. The hut is only about 800yds down this road, in a little wood on the left at the top of the hill.

The cost is only £3 per night because the Oread has reciprocal rights with the Yorkshire Ramblers.

Unfortunately, I have mis-managed my affairs so as to be away during the week running up to the weekend of this meet. Ideally, if you want to book your place please 'phone or E-mail me by Sept 7th (i.e. this Thursday) at the latest (01332 865934 & richard.coghlan@talk21.com). Otherwise, please 'phone Derek Pike (on 01332 670459), who has kindly volunteered to co-ordinate bookings and lifts for me during that final week.

As the newsletter goes to print, four of the 16 places have already gone, so I suggest that you hurry!

**Sept 23/24 Family meet - Tan Yr Wyddfa
Michael Hayes**

The younger generation of the Oread once again take centre stage for this annual event. No real introduction necessary except that everyone is welcome and the location is very familiar. A walk up Snowdon, Scrambles in Ogwen and the beach are all common excursions but many more possibilities exist and will probably be dependent on the weather. Call me on 01530 231401 to book your places.

**Sept 30 / Oct 1 Cwm Eigiau John
Green**

Once again, the Oread are meeting at the Rugby Mountaineering Club hut in the lovely Cwm Eigiau. Memories of Squires sleeping behind the door and people having to climb out of the window to relieve themselves, come back to me from the last time we were here. I think this type of meet is different to most, because you cannot drive all the way and must therefore carry your gear, food and booze in with you for the weekend!

For those who have not been here on previous occasions, the hut is situated on the eastern side of Cwm Eigiau GR 714 638 at an altitude of 1360 ft. It can be most easily approached from Tal-y-Bont in the Conwy valley. A narrow lane leads to a "T" junction and a right turn here leads to a car park at Eigiau Gate or Trasbwl. The walk to the cottage takes about 45 mins from here. There are places for 12.

The attractions from a climbing point of view are Craig yr Isfa, while walking will bring the outer limits of the Carneddws within easy reach. Could anyone wishing to go please ring me on 01332 832101 to book a place.

**Oct 3 (Tues) Indoor Meet - Royal Oak,
Ockbrook**

Rob Tresidder is putting together this year's winter slideshow programme, more details of which will follow in future newsletters.

He would like to give advance warning of the first event on Oct 3. Ed Douglas is coming to talk about his recent biography of Alison Hargreaves. 8.00 pm start as usual.

FUTURE EVENTS

**Nov 25th Oread Annual Dinner
Shirley Wainwright**

This year we have the Annual Dinner at the Green Man, Ashbourne, Derbys.

The venue of course is known to lots of you for annual shindigs over the years. Please look in your October newsletter for the menu and details of booking and available accommodation, etc.

(Note that the date advertised in the August newsletter was wrong - November 25th is correct - Please amend your diaries -Ed.)

PAST EVENTS

Black Sail. 1st and 2nd July.

What a meet! I must first of all apologise to those who turned up for the error on Fridays accommodation. I was on my way to the Lakes when a phone call caused full panic. It would appear that when I asked for the weekend of 1st and 2nd of July the warden booked us for the Saturday and Sunday nights!!! Many thanks to Stuart and Andrea Haywood for all their help sorting out my cock up!. All was not completely lost as we managed a night at the Ennerdale hostel and then walked up to Pillar on the Saturday morning, where many climbs were done. Later in the day the rain started and we all moved on to Black Sail where a very good meal was had with wine and beer, and plenty of humor, thank goodness. The Saturday made it all worthwhile, but I don't think I shall be doing it again for a while! Thanks to all who came at especially Tony Smedley for partnering me up New West Climb.

J.Green.

Crowden 'Stroll' July 8th / 9th

Frequent showers throughout the weekend ensured the Longdendale crags were in no fit state for climbing, so the meet reverted to the traditional "stroll". This was more energetic than usual and included a traditional ascent of Bleaklow by Wildboardclough, followed by a boggy traverse of the summit on Saturday and an even more boggy ascent of Black Hill on Sunday. Radders, wearing only his new 'PARAMO' outfit found it was more useful as a slimming aid (judging by the sweat pouring off him). Ashcroft demonstrated his fitness by cycling from home to the meet (he did not stay in the luxury of the Youth Hostel though).

Janes was very nearly benighted with Christine on Black Hill, craftily arrived too late for a meal at the pub and then found he had forgotten his gas cylinder, cooking pans, food, etc. Needless to say he was well fed by the meet leader!

Attendees to this meet were Ron and Ruth Chambers, Radders, Gill Heys, Jack Ashcroft, Don Cowan and Peter & Christine Janes, all of whom helped to sate the appetites of the voracious midges on the camp site.

A pleasant weekend in the "big country".

Derrick Burgess.

Hut bookings for September

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

Sept. 1/2	Sphinx M.C.	- 16 beds
Sept. 8/9	South Cheshire M.C.	- 16 beds
Sept. 15/16	Rugby M.C.	- 16beds
Sept. 22/23	Oread M.C.	. meet.
Sept. 29/30	G Gadsby	- whole hut.

EATHY LEA

Sept. 1/2	J. Wathell (D. Weston)	- 4beds
Sept. 8/9	J. Salmon	- cottage/barn.
Sept. 15/16	Leic. L.M.A.	- cottage.
Sept. 22/23	K Fellfarers	- cottage
Sept. 29/30		- vacant

SHORT NOTICES

Hut news - Tan-Yr-Wyddfa

On Tuesday September 5th work will commence on the repair to the main sewer pipe which runs from the hut to the main road, the work will involve repair to the broken section, relining the pipe, fit new manhole inspection chamber, and survey the remaining section to the main road. The hut will be CLOSED during the weekdays but will be open at weekends. Work is expected to last about 2 weeks.

The showers should not be used, No1's o'k in the toilets, No2's should be dealt with in the Public Toilets at the car park. Colin Hobday should be back from holiday by the start date - any booking queries should be directed first to Colin, otherwise ring Chuck Hooley on 01335-370463 or mobile 07836-773662 for more details.

Brain teaser

It's a short newsletter this month, so a little padding is required:

- What is a Parisian baudrier?
- In what year was Mt Kenya first climbed?

Answers to either (a) or (b) will be accepted.

The answer to the last brain teaser in the July newsletter was zero fall factor, because the leader is descending vertically from his last runner at the point in the climb described.

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OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2000

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Oct 3 (Tue) Ockbrook indoor meet
Oct 7/8 Golden Oldies T-Y-W
Oct 15 (Sun) Bonsall Bash
Oct 21/22 Coniston Casual Supper
Nov 4 (Sat) Heathy Lea bonfire
Nov 7 (Tue) Ockbrook indoor meet

Indoor Meets

Indoor meets are held at 8 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the months October to March at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook.

3 October. Ed Douglas

Ed Douglas will kick off the indoor winter with a talk on Alison Hargreaves about whom he published a book last year. Alison was brought up in Belper and was a member of the Matlock based Derwent MC and well known to many Oreads. This promises to be a most interesting talk. Ed tells me he will speak about other women climbers as well.

7 November. Andy Kirkpatrick

Andy (or "Bigwall Andy" as your receipt from Outside may betray) will give an illustrated talk entitled Fly or Die: Eight Trips up the Captain. Some Oreads heard Andy speak last winter about his big-walling in Patagonia and on Les Droites. This time he will be speaking about his experiences in Yosemite and may (or may not) talk about the trip he made at Easter up Zenyatta Mondatta ("old wave A5") with Airlie Anderson and our very own Esmond Tresidder.

I hope to run a members' slide evening in December. If you have some fairly recent

pictures you would like to show, please let me know. You can phone me on 01629 823953 or e-mail me: rob.tresidder@virgin.net

Oct 7/8th Golden Oldies Tan-Yr-Wyddfa Shirley Wainwright

I haven't received details from Shirley, but I don't think this meet needs much explanation anyway. Please phone Shirley on 0115 9 279384 if you want to go. (Note for new members to the club - this meet is aimed at people of above average age, but I don't think Shirley will wish to exclude anyone)

Oct 15th Bonsall Bash Keith Gregson

Meet at 10:00 for a prompt 10:15 start at Middleton Top.

We shall follow the H.P. Trail heading towards Brassington for a couple of miles to the top of the Hopton Incline (latecomers could join us here by parking at Harboro'). Here we turn right, up over the hill to meet and follow the bridleway leading to Grangemill via Griffe Grange. At the quarry go through the gate and head down the field to cross the Via Gelia and hence diagonally up through trees, then straight up the field to The Beeches Farm (watch out for the dog) and Ible.

Follow the road (right) through Ible and in a quarter of a mile take the footpath on the left heading diagonally up the hill in the general direction of Bonsall via Upper Town to descend steeply to the Kings Head. We shall harry a while here! It's a proper pub!

The way home is straight, but steep. Follow the road down through the village and the valley to the old "Pig o' lead", sadly now defunct. Cross the main road and follow the path via the mill

pond, then right and so up to Middleton. Head up the hill out of Middleton to pass the old quarry and pick up the bridleway leading back to Middleton Top.

I look forward to a good turnout and an enjoyable day out (and inn).

Oct 21/22 Coniston Casual Supper John Salmon

John Salmon has taken over the running of this meet from Tony Howard, but it will follow the same format as recent years. The Church Hall at Coniston has been booked for accommodation at £3 per night. The supper will be at 7.30 for 8.00pm in the Black Bull at Coniston.

Please 'phone John Salmon on 01332 557918 to book your place. John will tell you how to get to the Church Hall if you don't already know and he will need to discuss your menu choices in advance.

FUTURE EVENTS

4th Nov (Sat) Bonfire party at Heathy Lea. Roy Eyre

I will be at the hut from Saturday morning to collect wood for the fire. Any help with this would be appreciated. So come along with your fireworks and beer and help make the evening go with a bang.

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Shirley Wainwright (otherwise Aunty).

PAST EVENTS

Who's the BARMYest in 2000?

I've finally been persuaded to give a result, much against my better judgement and principles! The point of the exercise being to have an enjoyable day out and perhaps do one or two things that you wouldn't normally do.

However, I'm pleased to report that the scoring system worked almost perfectly in that my team were winners. The Tressiders fell for the stepping stones ploy, finally giving up the search at the top of Grindsbrook! Snod was unable to stand after the seventeenth pub and Mick & Daryl burnt themselves out after a mere 6 hours.

Much fun was had and it was excellent to give and receive some old fashioned banter on virtually all the crags. By some impressive coincidence most of us were in the Grouse during the rain storm where we magnanimously drank a toast to those less fortunate! Rob and Esmond were seen shortly afterwards in full swimming regalia.

Here then is a summary of the efforts:

Snod, Stoffer, Roget, Mike, Toby & Benjy : 236 points

penalty : 50 points - there are no stepping stones outside the Robin Hood!
bonus : 50 points - for taking their own Cairn with them!
net score : 236 points

Rob & Esmond Tressider : 294 points

penalty : 25 points - inappropriate dress code. Evening dress slit to the thigh without thermal underwear is not considered appropriate on British Hills.
penalty : 25 points - running whilst belaying, an extremely dangerous practise.
penalty : 3 points - incorrect spelling of Nelson's Nemesis.
bonus : 5 points - Esmond was clearly handicapped waiting for Rob.
net score : 236 points

Neil & Tracy : 63 points

penalty : 4 points - Neil carried all the gear.
bonus : factor 4 - he was in Tracey's rucksack.
net score : (63 minus 4) times 4 = 236 points

Mick & Daryl : 236 points

bonus : 30 points - I felt sorry for them, they started late.
penalty : 30 points - on second thoughts, sod that!
net score : 236 points

Rock, Keith & Michael : 246 points

penalty : 10 points - the Eagle Stone was not climbed in proper style, i.e. no rope was used.
net score : 236 points

Congratulations to everyone who took part, and thanks for making the effort.

Alpine Meet - Courmayer.

This year's "unofficial" meet to the Alps went very well with over 25 members and family attending at various times. These included the extended Hayes family, the Lancasters, the Bashforths, the Hopkinsons, the Abberlys, John Green, Chris Radcliffe & Jill Heyes. The campsite in the Val Ferret was great with fine views of the mountains from the tents, and booking in advance ensured a good site together. We were even blessed with, according to some locals the best weather of the summer, which wasn't saying a great deal up to that point! Except for a 5-day spell of mediocre weather, and a couple of afternoon "crashes", you could not use the weather as an excuse during the 3 weeks of the meet.

A lot was achieved on and off the hill. Besides the usual excesses of cheap Italian wine and ice cream, alpine starts were not assisted by the discovery that the local supermarket sold a malt whiskey at £4.50 per bottle - the Oread bought the whole stock! However despite these distractions the following was achieved :-
Mont Dolent (Mike, Richard, John & Pete)
Dent Geant (Chris, Jill & Richard)

Rochfort Ridge (John & Steve, Richard & Dawn)
Aig Croix (John & Bev) •
Tour Ronde (Chris & Jill)
Dent Rouges de Triolet (various rock climbs varying 2 to 19 pitches and VS to E1) (Chris & Jill, Richard & Pete)

Aig de Savoie defeated Mike, Richard, Chris, Pete & Jill, although they did manage an extensive unguided tour of the Triolet glacier, before spending the afternoon cragging outside the hut.

Grand Capucin defeated Chris & Jill who discovered that cragging at nearly 4000m requires more clothes than a day out at Termed. Also a lot of serious walking was, done especially by the women, and in particular Dawn, not too mention low level cragging and running.

Achievement of the holiday probably goes to the non climbing party including the Hayes and Lancaster children who visited the Triolet hut which involved 1000ft. of via ferrata type climbing.

All in all a good meet and holiday.

The author apologises for, but accepts no responsibility for any inaccuracies due to the effects of cheap malt whiskey on the memory.

Richard Hopkinson.

Pembroke - August 2000

Friday evening was heralded in with a fantastic firework display over St George's Channel which lasted several hours. It seemed strange to be standing about the campsite drinking and talking with all the thunder and lightning providing spectacular effects over towards Ireland.

Saturday dawned cloudy, and so a mass walk around the coastal path was called for, though we did back the day each way by carrying climbing gear. And so when the sun came out we were able to bag a few routes on Pen Dal Aderyn and various other crags on route to Porth-clais. All but one was lucky enough to see a school of porpoises in the sound, sorry Joan!

Having made its appearance, the sun shone for the remainder of the meet and hence we were all encouraged to do Pembroke things so that much climbing, walking, cycling, swimming and sunbathing was accomplished.

Once again the Pikes were at the forefront of activities, this time on account of their 25th wedding anniversary which started on Saturday and seemed to last the best part of the week. Derrick Carnell also had his 100 and 101st birthday parties which were celebrated in fine style. I'm sure that I am speaking for everyone present in wishing both parties "Many Happy Returns" and saying a big thanks for their excellent hospitality.

One of the locals also wishes to express thanks for our presence. "Brok" enjoyed Graham's cheese, the Pike's bread and sundry gourmet items from the Wren's larder.

Many thanks to everyone who came and contributed to a great weekend. Included were: Mick & Jill, Stewart & Edith, Tony & Barbara, Vince & Tina, Roy & Chris, Derek & Joan, John & Jenny, Neil & Tracey, George, Ray, Tony, Stuart & Edith, Mick & Jill, Mike & Sue, (Pattie & Derek) times 2, Graham & Margaret, Nick & Pam, Richard & Dawn, and of course Charlotte, Eileen, Emma, Michael and myself.

To those present and not mentioned, I'm sorry. To those not present and not mentioned, we hope to see you next year.

All the best, Keith Gregson

September Saunter - 10th Sept

An average turn-out of approx. 25 persons, boosted by the presence of the immaculate Gadsbys and their extended entourage. Of course the arrival of the Gadsbys is enough to put any meet leader on his mettle, and I am no exception - rather like receiving the fashion editor from Vogue. Wearing gear that was second hand 20 years ago one can only feel conspicuously inadequate before this display of the latest Paramo in all its multitudinous coloured layers.

and trailer. Lesser persons were dispatched to move the offending vehicle as the great man, attired only in dhoti and Darjeeling jock strap, was no sight for a God fearing Welshman on a Sunday morning.

Our hero, once the great white hope of a fading Imperial power, modern international icon in all matters concerning access and conservation, was greatly dishonoured by this lapse and subsequently fled to the Indian sub-continent to plead indulgence at the feet of the Dalai Lama. Accompanied by his faithful bearer, Ernesto Phillipus, he crossed the great plain of Rajasthan grinding clouds of devotional petals into dust, spurred on by fiery beacons on every hand, only to find on his arrival that, forewarned by the fiery portents, 15,000 Tibetans had fled North back to Tibet. The Dalai Lama had simply disappeared.

"While Vishnu weeps doth Siva smile"

The 2001 provisional meets list

First: many thanks to my predecessor, Mike Hayes, who has done most of the work on this list. The list is provisional. I have marked the most glaring omissions with an asterisk. If you would like to lead one of these meets please get in touch with me. In addition there are still some blank weekends. If you have constructive ideas about places which you would like to visit with the Oread, again please let me know. Bear in mind the "Burgess formula" which requires that away meets should not occur on consecutive weekends.

The last edition of the meets list will appear in the same A4 format with either the December or the January newsletter.

Rob Tresidder ('01629 823953 or e-mail me: rob.tresidder@virgin.net).

Membership list

Tony Howard has taken over as owner of the "Master" membership list from the Treasurer and Tony has sent me the list for inclusion in this month's newsletter. However, for a number of reasons (I am having a crisis at work and hence short of time to deal with it, the Oct newsletter is a big one anyway, etc.) I would like to delay sending it until the Nov newsletter. My apologies to all concerned.

Brain teaser

Jack Ashcroft replied to last month's teaser correctly with the answer that Mt Kenya was first climbed in 1899 by H.Mackinder and pa

I don't have a brain teaser for this month, so Jack automatically wins the bottle of Malt Whisky to be presented at the annual dinner (what's your choice of malt Jack?).

For the record, a Parisian baudrier is a type of improvised chest harness.

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MONTH	DATE	MEET	LEADER
JAN	1 (Mon)	NEW YEAR WALK	
	6 & 7		
	13 & 14		
	20 & 21	TAN-YR-WYDDFA	*
FEB	27 & 28	SCOTLAND	T HOWARD
	3 & 4	HEATHY LEA	
	10 & 11		
	17 & 18	GLAN DENA JOINT MAM MEET	J ASHCROFT
MAR	24 & 25	SCOTLAND	D KIRK
	3 & 4	PATTERDALE	C BARNARD
	Su 11	SPRING STRIDE	*
	17 & 18	TAN-YR-WYDDFA	
	24 & 25	HEATHY LEA WORKING PARTY	
APR	Sa 31	AGM	S BENNETT
	4 (WED)	HARBOROUGH ROCKS	R TRESIDDER
	13 - 16	EASTER *	*
	21 & 22	TAN-YR-WYDDFA WP	*
	28 & 29	HEATHY LEA FELL RACE	
MAY	5 - 7	MAY DAY *	*
	12 & 13	FOREST OF DEAN	C HOBDAY
	W 16	WILLERSLEY CASTLE	*
	19 & 20		
	26 - 28	WHITSUN GLENCOE	S BENNETT
JUN	2 & 3		
	9 & 10	ESOTERIC GRIT	R COGHLAN
	16 - 17	TAN-YR-WYDDFA 14 PEAKS	M P *YES
	W 23	MIDSUMMER MADNESS	
	Su 24	SUMMER STROLL	*
JUL	30 & 1	HEATHY LEA BARBECUE	
	7 & 8	LLANGOLLEN	R COGHLAN
	W 11	DOVEDALE	*
	14 - 15	LAKES	G I S
	21 & 22		
AUG	28 & 29		
	Summer	Lofoten Isles	G Weston
	3 & 4		
	10 & 11		
	17 & 18		
SEP	25 - 27	BH *	*
	1 & 2		
	8 & 9	TAN-YR-WYDDFA FAMILY MEET	*
	15 & 16	HEATHY LEA GRITSTONE WEEKEND	*
	Su 23	AUTUMN AMBLE	*
OCT	29 & 30		
	6 & 7	TAN-YR-WYDDFA GOLDEN OLDIES	*
	13 & 14		
	17 (WED)	WILDCAT CRAGS	*
	20 & 21		
NOV	27 & 28	HEATHY LEA	*
	Su 4	DOVEDALE DASH	R TRESIDDER
	10 & 11	TAN-YR-WYDDFA EATING MEET	T HOWARD
	17 & 18		
	24 & 25	ANNUAL DINNER	
DEC	1 & 2		
	8 & 9	BULLSTONES	*
	W 12	BLACK ROCKS	R TRESIDDER
	Su 16	WINTER WANDER	*
	22 -	TAN-YR-WYDDFA CHRISTMAS	
??	Cader Idris	D Burgess	
??	Derwent Watershed from Heathy Lea		



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5 Nov (Sun) Dovedale Dash 11a.m.

No you don't have to have done any training for this splendid event. For those who've been here before, please ignore the rest of this paragraph. The course is a little under 5 miles long and flat all the way round except for the downhill start and the uphill finish. The professional athletes finish in under half an hour, but don't worry about them, the lame and halt are still arriving an hour after the off. Car traffic is very heavy between Ashbourne and Thorpe village. If you haven't passed the Dog and Partridge by 10, you may be in trouble! Too late then to consider the alternative flanking manoeuvre crossing Dovedale to the north and approaching the car park beside the river by way of Ilam. From there an easy ten minute walk to the start and the chance to decide whether to wear the wetsuit or not.

Some sad cases (are you looking at me Keith?) remain relentlessly competitive about this fun run in spite of the organisers' refusal to publish results, so it would help me enormously if you could remember your finish position and

transmit it to me after the race.

The George at Alstonefield has traditionally been the place to repeat afterwards the excuses you marshalled before the race and more importantly to meet up with friends you may not have seen since last year's race. But the George is crowded and almost impossible to get served since they stopped the bar-in-the-barn. The Dog and Partridge is on the way home and has a large car park and more accessible bars.

Rob Tresidder

INDOOR MEETS Rob Tresidder

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Andy Kirkpatrick

Andy will give an illustrated talk entitled "Fly or Die: Eight Trips up the Captain." Andy is a very experienced big waller, not only in the USA but also in the Alps and Patagonia.

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Members' slide evening

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9 January. Es Tresidder. Heights of ambition, a year of learning fast.
PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE SECOND NOT THE FIRST TUESDAY IN JANUARY

6 February. Harry Pretty on Corsica

6 March. I am still trying to secure a lecturer from the Eagle Ski Club. I am more hopeful this year than I have been before. If you know the consultant geriatrician from Nottingham please give him/her every encouragement!

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No professional entertainment is booked as we find that members like to use this occasion for seeing long lost friends - and drinking.

The guest speaker is Steve Hilditch - Team Leader Derby Mountain Rescue.

Any enquiries or problems ring me on 0115-9279384 (answer machine hopefully switched on if I am not in).

Shirley Wainwright (otherwise Aunty).

FUTURE EVENTS

Christmas 2000

I have been asked recently whether anyone has plans to form a group at TYW over Christmas. I had to say I didn't know, but this prompts me to put a wider question in the newsletter: is anyone planning any trips anywhere? - if so the newsletter is your last chance to advertise your plans. - Ed.

Lofoten Islands July/Aug 2001

Graham Weston

The meet will take place between the dates of 28th July (Saturday) and the 19th Aug (Sunday). There are many more details on the website and Graham will be updating these as he gets more info.

Himalaya 2001

Ernie Phillips

When Bob Pettigrew and I were in the Himalaya recently, we considered the possibility of organising a "laid-back" trip of roughly three weeks through the foothills, at about 11,000 feet, with the objective of visiting remote villages, looking at the local flora and fauna, and generally having a good time. The idea would be to have four or five mules and a gaggle of porters to do the heavy work. This arrangement ensures that everyone can enjoy great comfort and good food, with absolutely no hardship whatever. Walkers can walk, and the aged and decrepit can have a horse to ride upon - it doesn't matter if you have never ridden a horse before, ask Welbourn or Gadsby! If anyone fancies joining a trip of this kind, ring Bob (01332-864126) where you will almost certainly find yourself addressing a Dalek, or ring me (01332-550078) where you will certainly find yourself addressing an Android.

PAST EVENTS

Cwm Eigiau Meet. 30th Sept/1st October.

A bad forecast looked like spoiling the meet at this remote and beautiful place, however this did not materialise. Saturday saw an ascent of Amphitheatre Buttress and various returns home along ridges. The day was marred by an accident, when an unknown climber who we had watched most of the day, reached the top of Mur y Niwl. He apparently went the wrong way to get off, attempting to climb under the left end of Pinnacle wall. He fell and was badly injured.

Luckily someone on Amphitheatre Buttress at the time had a mobile phone and called the rescue. He was lifted off by helicopter and we were told he was still alive at this point. A sobering thought!

Much alcoholic beverage was consumed on Saturday evening with everyone going outside to see the Milky Way.

Sunday saw a dull start that just managed to stay dry until we left after lunch. I went out to Carnedd Llewelyn, Foel Grach and back along the ridge to the hut, others took similar trips. A grand weekend, thanks to everyone who came, a return in another 7 years perhaps?

J.Green

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The occasional caller to the watering hole at Bangor-is-y-Coed may have discerned a mysterious machine in the potting shed, in the form of a welded steel structure of gargantuan proportions. Long contemplation by a member with a wide-ranging knowledge and experience in the field of engineering suggests that the device's purpose in life is to produce slivers from the edges of logs. This, of course, leaves unanswered the question as to the source of the necessary raw material from which the end product is derived.

However, a perceptive observer peering bleary-eyed through a bedroom window at T.Y.W. in the dank light of a Welsh dawn, with the rain micturating down from a leaden sky, recently observed a gaunt figure clad in a sixty

year old anorak scuttling between the woodshed and a car boot with logs under each arm.

Mystery solved!

As is well known, the answer to one question always gives rise to others. How is the product caused to conflagrate? The traditional boy scout technique of applying friction would certainly fail if a hotwater radiator were used as the abrasive. On the other hand, there is the possibility that truncation to thirty five mm. lengths, followed by conversion into vestas by soaking in hot wax is the order of the day, only leaving the subsequent question as to how the phosphorescent head is made to stick to the waxy wood. It's just one thing after another!

Anon.

Many years ago Charlie Cullum devoted an entire Editorial to imaginative typographical errors that he had enjoyed (Oread 50th Anniversary Journal, page 88) and I am delighted that such opportunities still exist.

My Report on September Saunters (October Newsletter) excites the imagination viz. "The possibility that the lady COMPLAINANT may have been deshabbillé when someone beamed in with the BONOCS". The vision of a red blooded Oread male "beaming in with his BONOCS" in such circumstances would strike terror to the heart of the stoutest COMPLAINANT.

Let us hope that future Oread day walks are spared such Wagnerian overtones.

Harry Pretty

Hut bookings for November

HEATHY LEA

November 3rd/4th	- Oread Meet
November 10th/11th	- Vacant
November 17th/18th	- Vacant
November 24th/25th	- Queen Mary's College Cottage and Barn
December 1st/2nd	- Polaris Cottage and Barn

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

- November 3rd/4th - Coventry M.C. - 16 beds
November 10th/11th - Southampton M.C.
- 16 beds
November 17th/18th - Leicester M.C.
- 16 beds
November 24th/25th - South Kingston M.C.
- 16 beds
December 1st/2nd - Derwent M.C.
- whole hut

Please note this list is only correct at time of going to press. In recent months we have had some short notice bookings, all members are advised to check availability before going to either hut.

SHORT NOTICES

ITEMS FOUND

Found at Tan-yr-Wyddfa
Ladies white cotton annorak, size 14
Colin T. Hobday, Tel. 01332 - 551594

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

As from Saturday 7 October 2000, Mike Wynne, Annie, Zara and Joel will be living at

'Easdale'
81 Robin Lane
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Lancaster
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Tel: 015242 62336
Email address is still
mike@walksworldwide.com

It is actually just in Yorkshire!

COMMITTEE

Gill Heys has resigned from the committee due to work commitments. Dave Jones has been co-opted on to the committee to replace her.

DERBYSHIRE ARCHIVE

The committee are in the process of sending the Oread records to the Derbyshire Archives at Matlock (the County Record Office, which will archive and catalogue relevant material free of charge). If anyone has any records or items of interest that they think ought to be included, please contact Harry Pretty.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

You should receive a copy of the latest membership list with this newsletter. Please can you address any comments, future updates, etc. to Tony Howard who is keeper of the "Master List". Tony will advise the newsletter editor of changes, so that the mailing list can be kept up to date. The newsletter editor can publish address changes, but does not keep records of phone numbers (or addresses if people are on E-mail), so always contact Tony if you want to ensure that your full details are retained by the club.

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It all seemed to work quite well last year on an ad hoc basis: just come with your pictures. The more you bring the fewer of mine you'll have to look at! Rob Tresidder.

Dec 9/10 Bullstones Daryl Kirk

One of the best kept secrets of the year, which will probably need Steve Hilditch's canoe rescue team, if this weather persists. The walk is from Marsden to Heathy Lea. A coach will pick us up from the Wheatsheaf at Baslow at 9.00 pm Friday 8th December. We will arrive approx. 10.00 pm. What time we leave to go onto the moors and where we sleep is still in the hand of the Gods. The same can be said for Saturday night, although food and a drink may be around the Yorkshire bridge area. Sunday will leave us what's left of the journey home to Heathy Lea. Please when you park at Heathy Lea, there will be a club there at the weekend, so park with consideration for others.

Please call me if you wish to attend There are 35 places on the bus. Call 07803 010414.

Dec 13 (Wed) Black Rocks

Now long established meet that should need little introduction. Arrive any time after dark! There is usually a lot of very un-nymph like behaviour in and around Queen's Parlour

Chimney though sometimes more athletic performances have been observed in the Birch Tree Wall area. One year there was even a lot of ice. This year there is more November snow in the Cairngorms than anyone can remember. Maybe some of it will have made its way south by Christmas. Afterwards in the Rising Sun at Middleton. Several cycle to one or both parts of this meet. If you'd like me to reserve you a supper of the pie variety please let me know by the Sunday before on 01629 823953.

Rob Tresidder

***Jan 1 (Mon) New Year Walk Clive
Russell***

Meet on foot at the entrance to Ilam Hall at 10.45 am. It is suggested that you park at the main Dovedale carpark, but please do not assemble there. The route of the walk will eventually take you back to the bottom of Dovedale at the end of the day.

(Rusty has not given me any more details, so the route taken during the day will be a complete surprise - Ed.)

FUTURE EVENTS

Indoor Meets

2 January 2001. This meet has been postponed one week. See below.

9 January. 8 p.m. The Red Lion, Wirksworth. Parking available in the Market Place or through the arch and at the top of the yard. Function room is upstairs above the arch. Bar. Es Tresidder will give an illustrated talk "Heights of Ambition: a year of learning fast". I understand this will cover rock and ice in Scotland, the Alps and Yosemite

Lofoten Meet 2001 **Graham Weston**

The 2001 "Alps" meet will take place in the Lofoten Islands which are located just off the NW coast of Norway. I have never been there before but having studied the guidebook, and seen the video I am convinced that there should be plenty to entertain even the most enthusiastic of Oreads.

Having never been to Norway before I intend to take 2-3 days to drive to the Lofoten and arrive at the campsite around the 2nd or 3rd of August. There is a free campsite that has toilets and water at Kalle, (grid VR 725-646) which is about halfway between Kabelvag and Henningsvaer on the Island of Austvagoya.

This is the island that seems to have most of the documented climbing along with a "climbers cafe" and therefore seems to be the logical place to start. If the free campsite is not up to much it may be that we move to a paying site, (of which the guide says there are plenty) but that will have to be decided whilst there.

The guidebook for the area is: -

Climbing in the Magic Islands

Ed Webster (1994)

Nord Norsk Klatreskole, N-8330, Henningsvaer, Norway.

ISBN: 82-9931990-0-0

I got a copy from Outside but I think it should be widely available.

The maps of the area were obtained from: -

Mountain & Wildlife Ventures

Brow Foot

High Wray

Ambleside

Cumbria

LA22 0JE

015394 33285

<http://www.mountain-and-wildlife.co.uk/>

Enquiries@mountain-and-wildlife.co.uk

The chap there was very helpful and knowledgeable. He supplied me with 2 maps: - Vagan Kommune, 1:50,000 of Austvagoya. Lofoten (tourist map) 1:150,000 of all the islands (no grid).

If anybody would like more information please feel free to contact me.

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All of the above along with some nice pics of the area is available at

<http://www.crosswinds.net/~oread/lofoten>

Hut bookings for December

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Dec. 1/2nd Derwent M.C. whole hut.

Dec. 8/9th Slough M. C. 16 beds.

NEW YEAR 6 Places booked.

HEATHY LEA.

Dec. 1/2nd Polaris M.C. cottage and barn.

Dec. 8/9th Aylesbury C.C. cottage.

Bookings information correct as at November 16th.

Members who are parking cars at Heathy Lea on the Bullstones meet are requested to park up by the barn so as not to cause obstruction to the visiting club.

Please note this list is only correct at time of going to press. In recent months we have had some short notice bookings, all members are advised to check availability before going to either hut.

SHORT NOTICES

FOR SALE

Skis/Cross country/Langlauf

1. Trax Edge XT 210cm Telemark style)

Metal Edges - Rotefella (12-15) Bindings - Scales on Base

2. Fisher E99 Double Crown 200 cm (Telemark style)

Metal Edges, No bindings, holes drilled in ski for binding. Scales on base.

3. Fisher Air Tech 200 cm

Metal Edges, No scales on base. Rotefella Bindings (Telemark Boot)

4. Fisher E99 Crown 180cm Telemark Style - Metal edges - Scales
5. Fischer Double Crown X-Country Ski 210 cm
6. Fischer Fibre Crown X-Country Ski - Rotefella XC Bindings
7. Kastle Telemarmark 210cm - Rotefella Cable Bindings.

If there is no reference to bindings, then there are no bindings with the skis.

There are also some odd pairs of boots and poles available.

Telemark bindings clamp to the toe of your boot. Price - £ 25 without binding £ 30 with binding.

All these skis are new, high quality but slightly spoilt.

For more information, ring C. Hobday, Tel. 01332-55 15 94

I have some odd boots and poles but forgot to make a note of them.

Telemark bindings are style that clamp the toe of your boot.

Price - What ever but £25 - £ 30 would be reasonable.

WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY

The committee has received a letter from the Snowdonia National Park Authority in reply to the club's request for planning permission for direct access to the road at the bottom of the strip of land below the hut. The Park Authority has made two comments:

(i) There should be sufficient access to the hut OUTSIDE the authorised railway corridor.

mission given by the authority for temporary use of land by railway contractors will be conditional upon access being maintained to the hut.

(ii) In view of this our planning application will be held in abeyance until "we have further information which suggests that your club WILL lose its its existing access or car park or both".

The second comment is especially interesting, because it suggests that the Park Authority thinks should be able to continue parking on the Snowdon side of the hut.

HEATHY LEA BENCH

A bench seat has been donated by Mr W.Hayes to Heathy Lea to celebrate the club's 50th anniversary year. The club would like to record its gratitude.

SMITHFIELD

The committee has received comments from some members who would like to move our regular Tuesday evening meeting away from the Smithfield. The committee would like to canvas opinion on this matter. If you have any views on the matter please let any committee member know your answers to the following two questions:

(a) Are you happy to stay at the Smithfield? (Yes or No)

(b) Where else would you like to go? (NB: must have spare room for committee meetings)

2001 MEETS LIST.

This has now "gone final" and a copy should be enclosed with this newsletter. Please use this to replace the provisional version sent out with the October newsletter.

NEXT EDITION

I will be away over New Year and the first week of January, which may delay the issue of the January newsletter. If I have enough material by Dec 27th, I may publish an E-mail version on Dec 28th, but printed versions will probably have to wait until mid January. I look forward to hearing from **TONY HOWARD** and **ROCK HUDSON**

Articles in the form of Word (.doc) attachments to E-mails are preferred, but floppy discs sent through the post are also welcome.

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