



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Newsletter

January 2005

Forthcoming events

January	15 & 16	Cairngorms	James Tubby
	29 & 30	AMMH Ballachulish	Chris Radcliffe
February	Tu 1	Royal Oak	Tim Cairns
	26 & 27	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	Derek Pike
March	Tu 1	Royal Oak	Tim Cairns

January 15 & 16 Cairngorms James Tubby & Neil Weatherstone
Details of this meet were published in the December newsletter.

I have booked five beds so far (James, Neil, Derek Pike, Simon Pape & Mike Hayes). If you would like to come on the meet, please phone the YH direct on 0870 0041137. When you book be sure to mention that you are with the James Tubby party, I have warned them that there may be some more bookings so we should have a dorm to ourselves. Please let me know that you have booked and I will help arrange lift shares etc. if needed. If any of those listed cannot make it please let me know.

James Tubby- jamestubby@hotmail.com, tel 01332 571166

Neil Weatherstone- weatherstone@ntlworld.com tel 01332 726116 (mobile, for use on the trip 07946825798).

January 29 & 30 AMMH Ballachulish Chris Radcliffe

The club has booked 16 places at the Alex MacIntyre Memorial Hut (run by the BMC and MC of S). This is situated in North Ballachulish on the A82, 1 mile north of the Ballachulish Bridge (on the right hand side of the road travelling north), 50 metres from the entrance to the Creag Mhor Hotel. O.S. map 41, grid ref: 044612.

This is an excellent location to reach different winter climbing locations, about 15 minutes from Glencoe and half-an-hour from Fort William. There is heavy snow falling in Scotland right now so I will expect to snatch something during the weekend.

At the time of writing (Dec 24) there are 10 places available, so if you are planning to

come, please contact me — cradcliffe@pemnet.com 01246 569134 (home) 01302 893145 (work) 07770 883259 (mobile).

February Tu 1

Royal Oak

Tim Cairns

Gordon Gadsby will take the fifth slot this winter with an illustrated talk entitled "Derbyshire Dales, Peaks and Borders". In this day and age when so many of us travel so easily to far off places, this talk will be an appreciation of the landscapes and interests to be found nearer home.

Hut bookings

HEATHY LEA.

January vacant

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

Jan 7/8th vacant.

Jan. 14/15th. vacant

Jan. 21/22nd Bedford MC 16 beds

Jan 28/29th Rock & Heather 16 beds

Feb. 4/5th vacant

Advertisements

TOP ROPING ALONE

John Walters of Chesterfield, well known to many Oreads and the inventor of a passive camming device writes:

"For the past couple of years or so I've been developing a top-rope soloing device. By last summer I'd got to the stage of patenting a prototype which was subsequently used by myself and a few others until the weather gave out. I'd like to make climbers with an interest in such things aware of the device, because I think it could be of use, and rather than waiting for next spring thought it might be worthwhile giving informal low key presentations to local clubs."

If you are interested in testing such a device or watching a presentation, please get in touch with me and I will try and agree a date with John.

Rob Tresidder

FOR SALE: iMAC Computer

We really only have room for one computer in our study now that Judy has bought an up to date pc. So the *iMac* is up for grabs together with a *Lacie CD rewriter*. Lovely m/c but needs to find a good home. Cost, new, of both items together (exactly 4 years ago) approx. £1000; would accept £200 ono. The computer is the model which just looks like a monitor (deep blue) and of course is relatively portable and comes with all the relevant

software and manuals, together with software and Photoshop for sorting and displaying your digital pictures. It has the connection for computer projector hook up.

Peter Scott pete.judy@virgin.net 01629 534 693

[Peter submitted a photo of all the kit, but after last month's fiasco, I am not publishing!]

APARTMENT TO RENT IN SPAIN

Near Malaga. I have stayed in it — very pleasant. See www.casajacjo.co.uk

Dawn Hopkinson

RUCKSACKS FOR SALE

I have two nearly new rucksacks for sale that belonged to the late Doug Cook.

Brühaus, Blue, 35+8 litre, £15.

Kumor, Jaguar V11, Buff, 45litre £15.

Please contact Colin Hobday 01332 551594

Rule 9

Any two members are entitled to nominate another as an officer or committee member of the club. Nominations must be received by the secretary 14 days (i.e. 5 March) before the AGM which is on 19 March.

Merle Gartside

Merle is stepping down from the post of Dinner Secretary. Very many sincere thanks to her for arranging some excellent dinners. But... please will someone volunteer to take over. I'm sure a word with Merle will reassure you that it need not be a totally daunting task. Names to me please.

Ed & MeetsSec

Rule 17

Members are reminded that any proposal to change one of the club's rules must be in the hands of the secretary 28 days (i.e. by 19 February) before the AGM which is on 19 March.

Jim Bury

Jim Bury died at Christmas. Jim was in the Oread for about ten years some time ago. His funeral will be held on Tuesday 11 January.

Changes of address

Tim Cairns, 79 Broxtowe Lane, Aspley, Nottingham, NG8 5NN

Stu Godfrey, 36a Market Place, Cromford, Derbyshire, DE4 3QE

tel: 07712 655120

Past events

Winter Wander

I didn't know this years Bullstones would meet at Yorkshire Bridge Inn until I received the November Newsletter; and there it was — successive weekends near as damn it starting at Yorkshire Bridge. I suggest Winter Wander meets in future be one day walks titled Lesser Bullstones! Sunday morning 5th December dawned cloudy and misty, not conducive to a day's walk on the moors. However as six of us moved off from Heatherdene the sky brightened and a pleasant day's walk in winter sunlight and a fresh breeze took us via Ladybower Inn, Moscar Cross Road to Stanage End where lunch was taken alfresco below Manhattan Chimney. We walked into a freshening breeze to High Neb followed by a crossing of Bamford Moor to the south end of the Edge, and so on to Yorkshire Bridge with various comments on how little of Bamford Edge we had! We missed the finest views from Great Tor. However we did have extensive views across Kinder and Bleaklow, the route of Mike's Greater Bullstones the following weekend. Present: Ashcrofts, Reynolds, Pauline and Mike Hayes.

JA

Membership Fees for 2005

These are now overdue:

Full £26.00; Family £39.00; Senior £13.00; Senior Family £19.50; Prospective £13.00.

Please make all cheques payable to Oread Mountaineering Club.

Simon Pape (Treasurer), 18 Wolds Rise, Matlock DE4 3HH

Newsletter publication and circulation

I have hesitated in the past when asked to publish advertisements promoting goods or services offered by people who are not members of the Oread. When I sought guidance at the meeting in December, the committee decided that such notices should be printed.

I intend to publish the newsletter on the first Tuesday of each month. Those who receive their copy electronically should find it in their inbox sometime during the day. Printed newsletters should be available in The Royal Oak. Those not collected will be posted, second class, the following day.

The next newsletter will be published on the 1st of February. Please let me have all copy ASAP and in any event **not later than Sunday, 30 January**. The edition after that will be published on 1st March.

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