



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Newsletter

Tuesday, 3 January 2006

Forthcoming events

January	7 & 8	Cairngorms	James Tubby
	21 & 22	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	Derek Pike
February	4 & 5	Glen Etive	Rob Tresidder
	Tu 7	Indoor meet	Tim Cairns
	18 & 19	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	John Green
March	4 & 5	Patterdale	Stuart Haywood

January 7 & 8 Cairngorms James Tubby

This meet is definitely ON. Contact via James Tubby: 01332 571166 (eve), jamestubby@hotmail.com or Neil Weatherstone: 01332 726116 (eve)

January 21 & 22 Tan-yr-Wyddfa Derek Pike

There is no long write up extolling the virtues or otherwise of Snowdonia in January as you have all been there before, so anyone wishing to attend this meet is cordially invited to give me a ring on 01332 670459 and book their bed space. No promises about the weather but I'm hoping for snow and ice.

February 4 & 5 Glen Etive Rob Tresidder

This will be a happy return for the Oread. We had an excellent meet here two years ago. An earlier weekend this year promises more reliable snow and ice conditions which were disappointing in 2004. All the usual Glencoe attractions but attacked from the southern side instead. Remarkably, two years ago, it was Hereward and I who found the best conditions (first class cramponing snow) in sight of the hut up the obvious snow gully (II) with interesting chimney exit on the NW face of Stob Dubh. If the sun shines and the ice melts, the Trilleachan slabs are very near, so rock boots recommended on this winter climbing meet.

Map reference is NN 158507. The hut is situated 7 miles down the Glen Etive road from its junction with the A82 Tyndrum - Glencoe road. No gas. Composting toilet. Electricity from £1 coin meter. No running water. We need to take our own coal or wood to fire the stove in the common room. Full info sheet available electronically from me. £4 per person per night. Daryl and Jackie have promised to have the hut warmed for us on arrival!

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February Tu 7

Indoor meet

Tim Cairns

“The Land of the Long White Cloud”. Gordon Gadsby will talk about the trip he made with Margaret just a year ago. They visited both north and south islands and will show slides of mountains and other landscapes. Expect the usual immaculate Gadsby standard.

Advance notices

Notice of 2006 A.G.M.

This years AGM will be held at the Bear Hotel Alderwasley at 8p.m. on the 25th March. Under Rule 17 any proposed alteration to the rules must be notified to the Hon. General Secretary at least 28 days before the AGM (i.e. before 25 February).

Derek Pike

It's not too early to be thinking who you want to be on the club committee next year. The president, Tony Howard and vice-president, Michael Hayes are obliged under the constitution to stand down. The meets secretary (and newsletter editor) has already indicated his intention to stand down. By some constitutional quirk, the outgoing president is automatically and without election entitled to become vice-president, but all the other posts are subject to re-election. Please step forward, push your friend or nominate someone already in post! Names to Derek Pike by 11 March.

Rob Tresidder

Dawn Hopkinson

Her funeral

Dawn's coffin was carried into Markeaton Crematorium to the strains of Dolly Parton and an assembled throng of around two hundred relatives and friends — many from the Oread. Dark Peak Fell Runners and Derwent MC were also represented. The ceremony was conducted by a humanist who gave a warm account of Dawn's life. Tributes to her

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memory were made by Hannah and Phil Larkam and by Judy and Jerry from the Derwent. There were readings from Chekhov and Steiner, music from Lee Ann Womack and Rod Stewart and this message from Dawn herself, written in October, in anticipation of her death:

Look for me in the mountains
And the beauty of nature
Hear me in the breeze
Feel me in the sunshine
For I shall be there

We were invited to sing along to Simply the Best by Tina Turner. None of us did. Dawn would have done AND she would have got us singing too! We missed you then Dawn and will go on missing you.

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An appreciation

Dawn was an extraordinary person and it was not clear quite how extraordinary until she embarked on her struggle with cancer. It was for her like getting up a mountain or completing a race or hang gliding – her tenacity was awesome.

It is clear to me that the word that sums up Dawn is 'inclusive' she hated anyone to be left out in a crowd, not aware of a new philosophy, hearing the latest joke or feeling unheard. She loved nothing more than being in the company of people who had all felt involved because of her skill to make them all feel welcome, all having a laugh.

The wisdom that Dawn has left a lot of us with is her ability to sow a seed in us, about who we are, which she would ask you about from time to time and it feels that we who were helped on our road have changed direction as a result of Dawn's help.

In her struggle with cancer Dawn tried many ways to understand why it had come, why it was there and what she needed to learn from it. She challenged it on all levels and I feel she made some inroads into understanding it and her part in it.

Over the last few years we have walked side by side on our journeys and I feel the more humble for it – a journey of mutual friendship and understanding. I am not unique in that position and yet very grateful for her companionship.

I will miss her and I know you will too. I guess she would like you to remember that she is all around sending you her love.

Thank you Dawn – you are a star!

Philippa Larkam

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Subscriptions

Many thanks to the majority of the Oread who have already paid their subs for 2006. Can I remind the rest of you that subs are now due and cheques should be rushed to the below address (failing that, the post will do, as long as you put a stamp on the envelope!)

Full Members £26, Senior Members £13, Family Members £39, Senior Family Members £19.50, Prospective Members £13.

Simon Pape, 41 Intake Lane, Cromford, DE4 3RH

Hut bookings

Heathy Lea: no bookings.

Tan-yr-Wyddfa

January:

6/7	Southampton Uni.	16 beds
13/14	Polaris MC	16 beds
20/21	Oread meet	
27/28	Hinkley MC	16 beds

Newsletter publication and circulation

The newsletter is published 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 7 February. Please let me have all copy ASAP and in any event **not later than Sunday 5 February**. The edition after that will be published on 7 March.

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