



# October 2006 Newsletter

## Editorial October 2006

October! We've passed the autumn equinox so Summer is over and we've had the last "official" evening climbing on Wildcat, followed by what is beginning to be a tradition, a curry. Many thanks to Simon for his organisation and enthusiasm which opened up many of the discussions on e-mail on where each week's meet should be.

The first of the indoor meets kicks off this month – on the first Tuesday of the month in the Royal Oak, Ockbrook, as usual. Again we all express our gratitude to Tim for providing a very well organised, interesting and entertaining season of indoor meets over the last 3 years. This is Tim's last season of running the indoor meets – so a volunteer to take on the job would be most welcome. It seems as soon as we've started the indoor meets our Annual Dinner is on the table. This year we have had the dynamic duo of Neil and Tracy Weatherspoon organising this event. The menu and reply slip are in this newsletter – please send your responses in quickly.

Winter climbing, in Scotland and Italy, is being discussed, and I'm sure some are already planning ski-ing trips (downhill and cross-country) – the outlook is full of excitement!

## Forthcoming meets

<b>October</b>	Tues 3rd	Indoor Meet: Royal Oak Recent Climbing Expeditions	Tim Cairns	0115 9754750
	Tues 10th	Committee Meeting 8.00 pm The Smithfield		
	Sat 14th & Sun 15th	Curry Meet Tan-yr-Wyddfa	Tony Howard	01332 273307
	Sun 22nd	Autumn Amble - from Heathy Lea	NO LEADER YET	
	Sat 28th & Sun 29th	Yorkshire	Chris Wilson	01283 520911
<b>November</b>	Sun 5th	Dovedale Dash	Rob Tressider	01629 823953
	Tues 7th	Indoor Meet: Royal Oak Tafroute & Colgne	Richard Hopkinson & Peter Scott	01629 923392
	Tues 14th	Committee Meeting The Smithfield		
	Sat 18th	Annual Dinner Lion Hotel, Belper	Neil Weatherstone	01332 726116
	Sun 19th	Post-prandial walk	Richard Hopkinson	01629 823392
	Sat 25th & Sun 26th	Heathy Lea	Brian West	01332 880034
<b>December</b>	Tues 5th	Indoor Meet - Photo Competition	Rob Tresidder	01629 823953
	Sat 9th & Sun 10th	Bullstones	Simon Pape	01629 822450

## Meets Secretary Message

Please don't be afraid to contact me if you would like to lead a meet next year. There are still weekends needing meets and meets needing leaders. Contact me on 01332 726116 or email [weatherstone@ntlworld.com](mailto:weatherstone@ntlworld.com). Alternatively you can speak to me face to face at the indoor meets (Royal Oak) or after the committee meetings (Smithfield). It would be good to see a few more people down at the Smithfield after the committee meetings. The meeting finishes about 9:30pm, so why not pop down for a pint and a chat.

## Autumn Amble 21st & 22nd October, starts at Heathy Lea.

There isn't a leader for this meet, but if you fancy a ramble, turn up at HL for a 10am start and team up with other attendees for a wander.

## Climbing Walls

Alas, the evenings have gone dark and there is no time left for midweek climbing. Many Oreads disappear off to wherever they go in the winter, only to be seen at the occasional lecture or dinner, with only an evening at Black Rocks to sustain them through the dark months. There are however a few of us who continue to climb, albeit inside, through the winter. Most Wednesday evenings a hardy few will be found at Wirksworth Climbing Wall. We start arriving at around 7, although the elite team normally delay their arrival until after 9. All are welcome to join us, or for those who schedule more rest into their training schedule, we tend to rehydrate in the Royal Oak (on North End in Wirksworth) from about 10 (or earlier if muscles have had enough!)

## Hut Bookings for October - Colin Hobday

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> .	Bewdley M C	10 beds
Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> .	Oread meet.	
Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> .	Loughton M.C.	16 beds
Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> .	K. Gregson	2 beds.

HEATHY LEA

Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup>	L.C.C.C.	4 beds
Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup>	London R. R.	cottage/barn.
Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>	Oread meet.	
Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pinnacle Club	cottage.

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WILL MEMBERS WHO HAVE VISITED THE HUTS OVER THE SUMMER AND HAVE NOT PAID THEIR HUT FEES PLEASE PAY A.S.A.P.

## Change of Email address:

Colin & Uschi Hobday have a change of e-mail address - this is particularly important if you use e-mail to book huts.  
[colinanduschi@talktalk.net](mailto:colinanduschi@talktalk.net)

## Dinner Meet

### 18th November, Lion Hotel, Belper

Please read the attached menu and complete the Order form and send it to Neil Weatherstone, either electronically, or by post. NOTE: please record or remember what you order, it will help the smooth running of the Dinner.

## Reports from past meets

### End of Summer Curry Meet: Simon Pape

The drawing-in of the evenings was celebrated by 20 Oreads in the now traditional manner of going for a curry. We were blessed with a beautiful evening - at least until the sun went down - and most people enjoyed the unseasonal warmth at Wildcat. Many routes were climbed, some people started early and others finished late. A breakaway team headed for Black Rocks (Tracey - climbing's not all as bad as that). A few people just came for the curry.

As usual, the Matlock Bath Balti did us proud. Stomachs filled faster than the dishes were emptied and very few people could manage a "wafer thin mint".

There is of course a problem with short evenings and finishing in the dark. Gear gets left behind. Sometimes it is accidental; other times it is left deliberately - in order to get away quicker, of course. Given that it was dark outside the restaurant and it's a long way back to Nottingham, who can say why Malcolm left his wallet and glasses on the table. If anyone sees him, could they tell him that I have them and all I need is his PIN number to supplement the Oread bank account!

### Next month's newsletter

Please can I have an announcement about the Bullstones from Simon Pape.

All material for publication to the Editor by close of business Tuesday 24th Oct., please.