



November 2008

Oread M.C. Newsletter

Editorial. (Last Date for next edition 26/11/08)

Bonfires, Christmas shopping, snow, frost and clear beautiful winter conditions. There is always something to look forward to! Soon after this edition is published I shall be away climbing in Mexico for three weeks. This means that I will not be able to prepare the December edition until just before it is required by the printer. Would you please let me have your contributions, as usual, before this date, I will not reply until I return and missing items will have to wait until the January deadline. I look forward to telling you all about climbing volcanoes in the New Year.

Please note the change of date for the Black Rocks Meet. It's back to its traditional pre Christmas Wednesday.

Forthcoming meets.

November	Sun 2 nd	Dovedale Dash	Rob Tresidder	01629 823953
	Tue 11 th	Committee Meeting - Smithfield		
	Sat 15 th	Annual Dinner	Neil Weatherstone	01332 726116 07946 825798
	Sun 16 th	Post Prandial Walk	Richard Hopkinson	01629 823392
	Sat 29 th – Sun 30 th	Coniston	Tony Howard	01332 273307 07762 268181
December	Tues 2 nd	Royal Oak, Ockbrook – Robin Beadle.	Tony Howard	01332 273307 07762 268181
	Sun 7 th	Black Rocks Tidy	Rob Tresidder	01629 823953
	Tues 9 th	Committee Meeting - Smithfield		
	Sat 13 th – Sun 14 th	Bullstones	James Tubby	01283 736737
	Wed 17 th	Black Rocks	Rob Tresidder	01629 823953
	Wed 24 th – Wed 31 st	Christmas at Tan yr Wyddfa	Rock Hudson (New Year)	01159 333031
January	Thu 1 st	New Years Day	Rusty Russell	01335 390369
	Sat 3 rd – Sun 4 th	Scotland		
	Tues 6 th	Royal Oak, Ockbrook – Mike Mowbray.	Tony Howard	01332 273307 07762 268181
	Sat 10 th – Sun 11 th	Scotland		
	Sat 17 th – Sun 18 th	Scotland		
	Sat 24 th – Sun 25 th	Ta Yr Wyddfa – Wintry Climbing	Reuben Dakin	01332 834543

Dovedale Dash - Sunday 2 November 11.00 a.m.

4.75 miles, downhill start, uphill finish, remainder flat and often entertainingly wet and muddy.

Registration from 9. Entry fee is £3. Leave plenty of time. Cars start backing up in the village

from about 10 o'clock. If travelling by car, please try and share. If you are looking for a lift or

have a space to offer, please contact me below. Car parking is £2 per vehicle. (Thorpe Pastures and down by the river). You all know how to do it! Well do you? I hope we will have some newcomers from the club to this famous race, probably Britain's oldest off road fun run. Fun? It can get pretty intense up at the front; I know, not from being there you understand, but from spectating last year, the very first time for me. More (especially last minute) from me or on the Dash website — www.dovedaledash.co.uk/

Here's hoping Uschi will be in good voice at the Stepping Stones! Not running? Why not join

Uschi and give *her* a bit of support. AFTER the Dash, please let me have your finish position. There are some obsessive's in the club for whom these things are important!! Enjoy your run.

Rob Tresidder Rob61.Tresidder@virgin.net
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Post Dinner Walk. Sunday 16th November.

Richard Hopkinson.

This year's walk will start from the Bear. We will make our way to the Barley Mow at Kirk Ireton for refreshment (for which the Barley Mow is renowned) before returning by a shorter route.

We can park in the Bear car park, but please park on the left (as you enter) so that their lunch time custom is not affected.

As the Barley Mow closes at 2pm I propose that we aim the meet at about 10.15 for a prompt departure at 10.30, to allow time to rehydrate at the Barley Mow.

The Barley Mow serves cobs but not meals. Any queries please give me a ring 01629 823392, or email richard.hop@w3z.co.uk

Coniston: 29th – 30th November. Tony Howard.

I have booked the church hall in Coniston again for 29th-30th November. This is only a week after the Oread Annual Dinner, so I do not propose to have a communal meal – unless there is a strong appeal for one. However, the Lakes at this time of year can be very entertaining and should offer good walking and/or climbing at a time when the exercise will do us all good. If you would like to come & join me, please let me know ASAP. tony.howard46@btinternet.com - Home: 01332 273307 Mobile 07762 268181



Who is this man?

Black Rocks Tidy - Sunday 7th December. Rob Tresidder.

As I cycled past the other day, the late afternoon sun was just catching the N face of the rocks making them look especially seductive. But I know that there is a lot of litter above, below and in amongst the rocks. I had a clean up before the meet a couple of years ago and easily managed to fill three sacks. I'm looking for some help this year so please come along. Old gloves, old rucksack useful. I will provide the bin liners. I expect to be at the rocks at about 1040. There is a Trent 6.3 bus leaves Derby Full St (X6) at 0935. Change to 6.1 in Belper bus station. Alternatively catch the TransPeak which leaves Derby Derwent Street (Y1) at 0955. Alight at Cromford and walk up Intake Lane, drag the President out of bed, then make your way to the rocks via the High Peak Trail. This is hardly going to take all day so consider driving on into the Peak or climbing with me on Black Rocks.

Bullstones Meet 12th -14th December. James Tubby.

This years Bullstones meet route is inspired by the Derwent watershed in the Dark Peak. In my opinion this is the best area of the country for walking and bog trotting. Traditionalists will also be pleased that the route passes the site of the original Bullstones cabin.

We'll be meeting on Friday night at the Ladybower Inn, near Bamford (GR205865), from around 8pm onwards. Cars can be left for the weekend at the car park over the road from the pub, or just along the A6013 Bamford road. When the time is right (probably about 11pm) we'll head off onto Derwent edge. The likely bivvy spot is Back Tor, but I have identified another suitable location place a couple of miles further North if we feel like making more progress. If we are really keen we could get all the way to the remains of the Bullstones cabin, but most likely the pilgrimage will be on Saturday morning. Saturdays walk will be a long one, so a prompt start will help. We'll head up to Margery Hill then take in Howden Edge & Bleaklow, picking up the Pennine Way at Bleaklow Head. We'll then follow the Pennine Way to Kinder Scout, with numerous route options to finish in Edale. The peat bogs provide excellent opportunities for bog jumping, getting muddy and taking spectacular photos of Oreads in mid-air. The Fieldhead campsite at the Edale visitor centre provides somewhere to pitch tents and wash. More importantly, the Rambler Inn will supply food & drink. If for some reason you don't wish to camp for a second night, alternative accommodation is available in Edale but please make your own arrangements. Sundays route is much shorter and will take in Hollins Cross, Lose Hill & Win Hill on the way back to the Ladybower Inn and the cars. There are many options for shortening and lengthening the walk, which I'm sure we will discuss on the Friday night. I need to reserve places at the campsite and the Rambler Inn, so please let me know if you are coming (& whether sharing a tent) so I can ensure we all have a pitch and seat at the table on Saturday night. Also please let me know your transport arrangements and I'll try to co-ordinate lift sharing where needed so we can minimise the number of cars to leave. The best way to contact me is by email: jamestubby@hotmail.com or if not, phone 01283 736737.

New Year at Tan Yr Wyddfa Rock Hudson.

This will be an informal meet. So come to the hut for a night or a full week, after the Christmas festivities. We shall have an informal buffet on New Year's Eve provided by those attending. Activities will include walking and scrambling, eating, drinking, perhaps even a slide show. I shall be abroad until December 8th so book through Colin Hobday before, or await my return. 0115 9333031



Tan Yr Wyddfa New Year 2007 Indoor Meets Programme to the End of 2008/9 Season Tony Howard.

The programme has now been finalised to the end of the season and is as follows:

December 2nd Robin Beadle - Title to be announced.

January 6th Mike Mowbray, - "From the heights to the depths - or the sublime to the ridiculous: The physiology of extreme sports"

February 3rd Gordon Gadsby, - "Magic of the Mountains"

March 3rd Richard Hopkinson/Steve Christian, - "Climbing in the Picos De Europa"

Robin Beadle is a professional guide and will be talking about his recent ascent of Everest and other aspects of guiding. Mike Mowbray is an anaesthetist with professional as well as sporting interests in his subject. This should be an informative and entertaining talk bristling with good humour. Gordon Gadsby is known to most, if not all of you, as is the quality of his photographs. His talk 'Magic of the Mountains' will be real eye candy! Last but certainly not least we have Richard & Steve who will be talking about their climbing trip to the Picos last year.

I look forward to seeing you at each lecture.

Reports from past meets and news.

Subscriptions and Hut Fees 2009

The Committee has decided to increase subscriptions for 2009 by £5 per head. We have also increased the hut fees at Tan yr Wyddfa to £3 per night for members, £6 per night for guests. This is due to increased costs to the Club. BMC subscriptions have risen by £2 per head; hut insurance and energy costs have also risen considerably. Additionally we will need to spend some money on Heathy Lea once the lease has been renewed. Hut fees at Heathy Lea have been left unchanged to encourage more use of our Derbyshire hut.

Simon

Membership Renewals for 2009

Yes, it's that time of year again! It helps me very much if you can renew promptly, and you will remember that the club rules have now changed so that I need your subscription by the end of January. The rates for 2009 are:

Full Member	£35.00
Family	£55.00
Senior Member	£20.00
Senior Family	£32.00
Prospective Member	£20.00

If you catch me at the dinner with the money in your hand, I will give you your new membership card straight away without any need for posting.

Please send payments by cheque, payable to Oread Mountaineering Club, to
Reuben Dakin, 14 New Street, Little Eaton, Derby DE21 5AF.

If you prefer to pay by bank transfer, the sort code is 05-04-07 and the account number is 45028744 (Yorkshire Bank). Please let me know if you pay by bank transfer.

Please do not send me any payments of hut fees with your subscription.

If you have any queries regarding your renewal, please contact me at reuben@signet-solutions.com, or on 01332 834543.

Many thanks, Reuben Dakin - Assistant (Membership) Secretary

Heathy Lea Meet 11th 12th October.

The weather promised to be fairly reasonable and the hut was not too cold. I arrived full of

hope in the late afternoon, went to the pub, which was filled with four other people, all evening, and on return to the hut found a lone member and his two children. They were staying just the one night. After a comfortable night's sleep and a good breakfast, I returned home to Morley to do some gardening.

J.Green.

PS Thanks very much Mike for turning up, it could have been very lonely.

Heathy Lea Beer Festival - July 2009

This is just an early warning that I'm planning to hold a beer festival at HL next summer. The idea is to have various Oread's brew up some beer and have a tasting competition to win the 'Oread Champion Beer of 2009 Title'. I know that there are a few Oreads that also make their own wine and flavoured gin, so I'd also like to include those. Hopefully now that everyone has some notice there will be time to make wort, ferment and bottle up. If you are interested let me know so I can gauge interest.

Neil Weatherstone

(weatherstone@ntlworld.com / 01332 726116)

New Addresses and Emails.

Stuart Haywood has a new email address

stuart.haywood8@yahoo.co.uk

Lisa Welbourn is now lisa@lisaw.me

New Members.

Michael Bate has applied for membership of the club. Will anyone with views about his suitability, please speak to the committee.

Hut Bookings for November.

Please note that hut fees should always be paid to me and no one else. Colin Hobday.

Tan-yr-Wyddfa		
Nov. 7/8 th	Vacant	
Nov. 14 th /15 th	Coventry	10 beds.
Nov. 21 st /22 nd	Vacant	
Nov. 28 th /29 th	Vacant	
Dec. 5 th /6 th	Wrekin M.C	16 beds.
Heathy Lea		
Nov. 7 th /8 th	Surbiton Kingston	Cottage/Barn

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