



# February 2008 Newsletter

## Editorial - AGM Notice

The focus of this month's Newsletter is our AGM at 8.00 pm Saturday 15th March 2008 at the The Bear Hotel, Alderwasley. This newsletter gives you the constitutional 28 days' notice. It is an important event because it is the forum in which we can decide on key issues, like rules and our huts. The leases on the Cottage and Barn at Heathy Lea are up for renewal in 2009 and the Committee feels that a decision on its future must be made at this A.G.M.

Neil is off to Ballachulish this month to seek out some snow. The Patterdale meet in late March has traditionally been a "last chance" to indulge in some winter climbing, though of late global warming has made it more of the first of Spring expeditions – what will it be this year? Join Stuart to find out which!. This newsletter is my penultimate epistle, and a volunteer to take up this activity is still sought.

## Forthcoming meets

February	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	Brian West	01332 - 880034
	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Indoor Meet - Royal Oak, Ockbrook John Hudson	Tony Howard	01332 273307
	16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ballachulish	Neil Weatherstone	01332 - 726116
	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wirksworth Evening Meet	Wall and Royal Oak Pub	
March	Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Indoor Meet - Royal Oak, Ockbrook Chris Radcliffe - Highlights of 2007 including the High Sierras	Tony Howard	01332 273307
	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting - Smithfield		
	<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AGM</b>	Derek Pike	01332 - 670459
	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wirksworth Evening Meet	Wall and Royal Oak Pub	
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Stride	Rob Tresidder	01629 823953
	21 <sup>st</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup>	Easter at Swanage and Portland	Sharon Fletcher & Roger Gibbs	07770 237 270
	29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	Patterdale	Stuart Haywood	01332 834449
April	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	First Evening Outdoor Meet	Tony Howard	01332 - 273307
	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	Heathy Lea	no leader	
	Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting - Smithfield		
	19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	Gill Heys	01246 569134

## Annual General Meeting of the Oread Mountaineering Club.

To be held at The Bear Hotel Alderwasley, at 8 p.m. on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

### Agenda.

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 2007 AGM.
3. President's Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Huts Sub-Committee Report.
7. Resolution 1: Ratification of Club Rules. [see Note 1].
8. Resolution 2: Alterations to Rule 15. [see Note 2].
9. The Future of Heathy Lea. [see Note 3 ].
10. Election of Officers.  
A.O.B.

### The officers and committee members listed below are prepared to stand.

#### Officers:

President	Simon Pape;
Vice President	Tony Howard;
Secretary	Chris Wilson;
Assistant Secretary	Reuben Dakin;
Treasurer	Steve Christian;
Meets Secretary	Neil Weatherstone;
Newsletter Editor	Position Vacant;
Huts Custodian	Chuck Hooley;
Huts Booking Secretary	Colin Hobday.
<u>Committee Members:</u>	Keith Gregson;

Nominations for a further two Committee Members to be taken at the Meeting.

### Note 1 to the AGM Agenda: A Definitive Set of Club Rules

It is several years since we produced a club handbook and we are therefore in the process of revising and reviewing the old text, which contains various typing errors, spelling mistakes etc. Much of the work has been completed, but ensuring the integrity and accessibility of the Club Rules is critical. To this end we have searched for and examined the old versions of the Rules and all amendments recorded from the General Meetings.

To the best of our belief the attached document is a correct version of the Club Rules. We have endeavoured to maintain the original wording

and meaning throughout, though where there were obvious spelling mistakes, grammatical or typographical errors we have done our best to render the meaning (and English) as clear as possible. We have also tried to remove any possibility of misinterpretation by replacing unhelpful jargon with simple English.

We would be grateful if all members would read and check this document to ensure that there are no changes to the meaning or principles, other than amendments passed at General Meetings.

If you detect any errors/problems would you please direct them to the General Secretary as soon as possible so that we can make any necessary corrections in advance of the next AGM. We would like to ratify the document at the AGM so that every member will have access to the definitive version.

The Committee

### Note 2 to the AGM Agenda

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### Note 3 to the AGM Agenda

The leases on Heathy Lea are up for renewal in 2009 and the Committee feels that a decision on its future must be made at the A.G.M.

The decisions to be made are:-

Do we keep the Cottage.

Do we keep the Cottage and Barn.

Do we surrender both and have no presence on the Chatsworth estate.

In view of the importance of any decision made I strongly urge all members to attend the A.G.M.

### Some facts and figures to inform the debate on the future of Heathy Lea.

In the treasurer's budget for 2008 a loss on the hut has been included, equivalent to more than £15 per full subscription. Bednights at the hut for the three years 2005, 2006 and 2007 were, respectively:

Members: 30, 57, 25

Non-members: 241, 426, 210

If member bednights for 2008 remain the same as 2007, the club subsidy will be £77 per member bednight. If we consider the total (members and non-members) bednights (235), the subsidy will be £8 per bednight.

The above figures are a distillation of information

## Club Rules

- 1 The Club shall be called "OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB."
- 2 The Club shall comprise Ordinary Members and Honorary Members (collectively Members).
- 3 The Objects of the Club shall be mountaineering in every aspect.
- 4 There shall be an Annual General Meeting.
- 5 The Officers of the Club shall be: President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Assistant General Secretary, Meets Secretary, Hut Custodian(s), Treasurer, Hut Booking Secretary and Newsletter Editor, all being Honorary Officers who shall retire annually but be eligible for re-election. The retiring President shall have the option to become the new Vice-President for a maximum of two years. Additional officers may be appointed at the discretion of the Committee. Such offices shall discontinue at the next Annual General Meeting.
- 6 The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the officers and THREE other elected members who shall retire annually but be eligible for re-election. SIX shall form a quorum. In the event of a vacancy on the Committee occurring before an Annual General Meeting the Committee shall have power to fill such a vacancy.
  - 7 (1) The Committee shall have power to administer the property of the Club.
  - 7 (2) Any freehold and leasehold property of the Club and any investments authorised by the Committee (other than cash which shall be under the control of the Treasurer) shall be vested in Trustees for the Club and all property vested in them shall be dealt with by them as the Committee shall from time to time direct by resolution, of which an entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence. The number of Trustees shall not be more than FOUR and not less than TWO. The Trustees are entitled to an indemnity from the Club's Members against all claims for damages, interests and costs as a result of their holding of their office.
  - 7 (3) The trustees shall not be EX OFFICIO members of the Committee. Not more than three Trustees may be Committee members simultaneously.
  - 7 (4) The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution of the Committee who may, for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of them present and voting at any meeting, remove any Trustee from the office of Trustee.

If by reason of any such death, resignation or removal it shall appear necessary to the Committee that a new Trustee shall be appointed or if the Committee shall deem it expedient to appoint an additional Trustee, the Committee shall by resolution appoint the new Trustee. Trustees shall execute and do all deeds, documents, matters, and things necessary for the purpose of giving effect to any resignation or removal from office of a trustee on appointment of an additional Trustee and for vesting of any property in the continuing Trustees. Any statement of fact in any such deed of appointment executed by the Trustees shall in favour of a person dealing BONA FIDE and for value with the Club or the Committee be conclusive evidence of the fact so stated.
  - 7 (5) In the event of the club becoming moribund, all property shall be sold, all grants

appertaining shall be repaid to the appropriate authorities as defined in their contracts, and the balance distributed between the remaining members.

7 (6) A Club Hut shall be managed by a Hut Sub-Committee, consisting of the Hut Custodian and two other Members. The Hut Sub-Committee shall administer the affairs of the Hut, and be responsible to the Committee for Hut Rules, improvements to amenities, and negotiations for the arrangement of reciprocal rights. Expenses shall not be incurred by the Hut Sub-Committee without prior consent of the Committee. The Ordinary Members of the Hut Sub-Committee shall retire annually, together with the Hut Custodian but be eligible for re-election.

8 The officers and the other members of the Committee shall be elected for the ensuing year at the Annual General Meeting. No elected member, with the exception of the General Secretary, Meets Secretary, Hut Custodian and Treasurer, shall serve more than two years consecutively in any one office. An Honorary Auditor, who is not an officer or member of the Committee, shall be appointed each year, and the appointment shall be ratified at the following Annual General Meeting.

9 Subject to Rule 8, the Committee or any two Members of the Club may nominate any other Member for election as an Officer or member of the Committee with the consent of the nominee. All nominations must be received in writing by the General Secretary at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting.

10 The Club may, on the nomination of the Committee, elect Honorary Members on account of their eminence in advancing the objects of the Club. Honorary Members shall have the same privileges as Ordinary Members but shall not be liable for payment of subscriptions or an entrance fee.

11 The following shall be eligible for membership of the Club: Persons over the age of 18 years who are considered by the Committee suitable for Ordinary Membership, and who possess reasonable previous mountaineering experience.

12 *Rule (Associate Membership) deleted at AGM of 24th March 2007.*

13 The election of Members shall be at the sole discretion of the Committee through a simple majority vote.

14 A candidate for election to Ordinary Member shall complete an application form prescribed by the Committee, which must be signed by TWO Members as Proposer and Seconder; the Proposer shall have been a Member for at least one year. The Proposer must also write a letter to the committee stating that he has personal knowledge of the candidate.

15 (1) Full Members shall pay an annual Subscription.

15 (2) Family membership: the Subscription for a couple living together who are both full members of the Club shall be 150% of the Full Member's Subscription.

15 (3) *Rule (Associate Membership fees) deleted following AGM of 24th March 2007*

15 (4) Prospective Members shall be charged an annual fee of 50% of the Full members' subscription.

15 (5) An entrance fee of 50% of Full Members' Subscription shall be due on notification of election. Subscriptions due on election will be calculated as one-twelfth part of the Full

Members' Subscription multiplied by the number of full calendar months remaining in the year. Thereafter subscriptions will be due on 1st January each year.

- 15 (6) Members attaining State Pensionable Age will be classed as "retired" and will be entitled to subscriptions of 50% of full membership. Such members will enjoy all the benefits of full membership. Retired family membership will be 150% of the retired subscription
- 15 (7) Members who are permanently resident abroad may, if they wish, pay a reduced subscription of half the normal membership subscription. Married couples both being members and resident abroad may, if they wish, pay reduced subscription of half the family members' Subscription.
- 15 (8) The last date for payment of subscription will be the date of the A.G.M. Anyone failing to pay by this date will be struck off the list of members, subject to the discretion of the Committee.

16 A Special General Meeting must be called by the Committee within 28 days of receiving a requisition signed by ten Members specifying the subject, to which the discussion shall be confined.

17 No alteration to these rules shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting and only if supported by not less than two-thirds of those present and eligible to vote. One-quarter of the membership of the Club forms a quorum. Proposed alterations shall be submitted in writing to the General Secretary not less than 28 days before the Annual General Meeting, and the General Secretary must notify all Members of the proposed alterations at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting.

If an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting is inquorate then the Meeting can request that the General Secretary conduct a postal ballot of the Members of the Club on the resolution. The resolution shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

18 The Committee may, on giving reasonable notice, call before it any Member whose conduct it considers detrimental to the interests of the Club, and subject to that Member's right of appeal to a decision of a General Meeting, shall have the power to remove the name of such a Member from the list of Members.

19 The Committee shall have power to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules.

20 The Club and its officers are not to be held liable for any act or negligence between one Member and another.

**NB**

A supplement to the above Rules relating to the purchase of the Club Hut can be obtained by members upon application to the General Secretary.



## **Note 2 to the AGM Agenda.**

The first proposed change to the Rules concerns the level of discount different membership categories receive. If we hadn't had to raise subs in 2008, Senior Family Members would just be paying their B.M.C. subs and not contributing anything towards the Oread. If the A.G.M. decides not to renew the Heathy Lea Lease and the Committee reduces subs, we may end up with the ludicrous situation that subs from Senior and Prospective members do not even cover their B.M.C. subs and they end up costing the Club money. I should stress that I do not see the Committee radically altering subs in any one year, it would be more of a gradual realignment to a fairer position.

The second change is probably more controversial. I'm proposing to change the last date for payment of subs to the 31<sup>st</sup> January. Subs are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> January and in practice 95% of Oreads pay them by the end of January. This change is simply to make the Assistant Secretary's life easier.

**Simon Pape**

## **Change 1**

15 (1) Ordinary members will pay an annual subscription. This subscription, and all reductions for other membership classes, will be decided by the Committee.

15 (2) Members attaining the State Pension Age will be classed as Senior Members. Senior Members will enjoy all the benefits of full membership and will be entitled to a reduced subscription.

15 (3) Joint membership: the subscription for a couple living together, who are both Ordinary members of the club, will be less than double the Ordinary Member's subscription. The subscription for a couple living together, who are both Senior Members of the club, will be less than double the Senior Member's subscription.

15 (4) Prospective members will be charged a reduced subscription.

15 (5) Members who are permanently resident abroad will pay a reduced subscription.

15 (6) An entrance fee of half the Ordinary Members' subscription will be due on notification of election. Subscriptions due on election will be calculated as one-twelfth part of the Ordinary Member's subscription multiplied by the number of full calendar months remaining in the year less any subscription already paid.

15 (7) Subscriptions will be due on 1st January each year. The last date for payment of subscription will be the date of the A.G.M. Anyone failing to pay by this date will be struck off the list of Members subject to the discretion of the Committee.

## **Change 2 – the last part of the final clause**

The last date for payment of subscription will be the 31<sup>st</sup> January. Anyone failing to pay by this date will be struck off the list of Members subject to the discretion of the Committee.

Simon Pape.  
Treasurer.

provided by Colin Hobday (Hut Bookings Secretary) and Simon Pape (Treasurer). I'm sure they would be willing to provide a more detailed breakdown.

Rob Tresidder, President, OMC

### Meets Secretary Message

In April (5th/6th) Heathy Lea is booked for a club meet, but I've not been able to persuade anyone to lead this yet. If you have an idea or are tempted please get in touch.

I'm currently compiling the 2009 meets list, so if you have a regular meet that you enjoy leading or any new ideas please contact me.

### Tan Yr Wyddfa Meets Feb 2nd & 3rd and April 19th & 20th 2008

Currently there is no meet leader for the TYW meet in April. As I have another commitment for the weekend of February 2nd and 3rd I have requested to lead the meet in April and Brian West has kindly agreed to takeover the February meet to TYW.

Hopefully there will be reasonable winter conditions by early February to allow a good stomp on the hills and a return to the comforts of our well appointed club hut. If you're planning to go in February please contact Brian on: 01332 880034

Gill Heys

### Ballachulish 15-17th Feb 2008

I have booked the Alex MacIntyre Memorial Hut (NN 044612, OS41) and have room for 18 people. The cost is £5.50 each per night. This location will provide a good launch point for both Glen Coe and the Nevis area and there is a pub close by. Please contact me to book your place (Weatherstone@ntlworld.com / 01332 726116). I'll also help to organise those driving to fill their cars with other Oreads.

Places are filling up, so I'd appreciate it if those who have confirmed their attendance could pass me their accommodation fees in order to book their place. I'll be at the next lecture and committee meeting. The conditions seem to be quite reasonable at the moment with more winter weather forecast, fingers crossed.

Neil Weatherstone

### Hut Bookings for February 2008

HEATHY LEA - Vacant

TAN YR WYDDFA

Feb. 1/2nd Oread meet.

Feb. 8/9th. Polaris M.C. 16 beds.

Feb. 11/14th. Pam Storer plus guests.

Feb. 15/16th. Bewdley M.C. 12 beds.

Feb. 22/23rd Vacant.

Feb. 29/1st, Pam Storer whole hut ?

Colin Hobday,  
Hut booking Sec.

### Membership Renewals for 2008

Thank you if you have already paid. Your new membership card for 2008 should be on its way if it hasn't already reached you. If you haven't yet paid, you have until the AGM to pay up, but it makes my job much easier if this can be sooner rather than later. Please be aware that your club membership of the BMC, and associated third party insurance, has already expired. The subscriptions for 2008 are:

Full Member	£30.00
Family	£45.00
Senior Member	£15.00
Senior Family	£22.50
Prospective Member	£15.00

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

Many thanks, Reuben

### Swanage and Portland for Easter

Hello, Sharon would like to invite you all on her traditional (or sporty) meet to Swanage and Portland for Easter, from the evening of Thursday 20th March to Monday 24th March.

Sharon has suggested the same campsite as last time: Birchwood Tourist Park, North Trigon, Wareham, Dorset BH20 7PA

<http://www.birchwoodtouristpark.co.uk/index.htm>

It's not cheap, but it's quite nice and near the pub: small tent, 2 people, 4 nights, £44

small tent, 1 person, 4 nights £35  
2 people, caravan no electricity, 4 nights, £50  
2 people, campervan, 4 nights, £50

The nearest pub would appear to be The Silent Woman (if only!) Bere Road, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 7PA. It doesn't appear to allow kids.

[http://www.beerintheevening.com/pubs/s/13/13764/Silent\\_Woman/Coldharbour](http://www.beerintheevening.com/pubs/s/13/13764/Silent_Woman/Coldharbour)

In case anyone had forgotten Dorset has something for everyone: super safe bolt clipping (for red point heroes like Chris Radcliffe) at Portland; an enjoyable, fun introduction to sea cliff climbing at Subliminal (ask Sally how much airtime she got last year); and classics across the grades on perfect rock in a stunning setting in the Boulder Ruckle (which can be quite exciting!)

Route descriptions to whet your appetite are here: [http://www.rockfax.com/databases/results\\_area.html?id=6](http://www.rockfax.com/databases/results_area.html?id=6) including the best HVS in the country (happy to debate this over a pint): <http://www.rockfax.com/databases/r.php?i=4322>

Hope to see you all in the Silent Woman.

Please call Sharon if you have questions (only kidding, my mobile is best)! Will you let me know if you want to come by Friday 8/2/08?

Cheers, Sharon (with a little bit of help from Rog)  
Roger Gibbs

07770 237 270 [roger@tilda.com](mailto:roger@tilda.com)

## Reports from past meets

### From the Committee Meeting

T.Howard reported various digital projectors had been tested, though not yet clear which projector will suit us best. Bookings were good for T-y-W but only one booking for Heathy Lea. There has not been a Hut Sub-committee meeting of late. The proposed trip to Wales to purchase furniture for T-y-W has been cancelled. Pam Storer has already visited the furniture shops in Bangor and declared them useless for our purposes; other outlets are being pursued.

Meets Secretary reported that he has started on the 2009 meets list. We are hoping to arrange a joint meet between ourselves and the K.Fellfarers. Plans for this year's Annual Dinner are underway, with the intention of finding a venue different from that in 2007. The Bear Inn at Alderwasley

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was suggested. Membership Secretary reported that about two-thirds of the membership have now paid their subs. It was pointed out that the B.M.C. insurance runs from the beginning of the year (i.e. 1 Jan) and that those members who have not paid their subs by the first of January are uninsured until they pay and the BMC receive their fee.

### Items for March Newsletter

Please send me any items (meets notices, letters, reports of past meets) for publication in the March newsletter no later than 21 February.

### Trient photo-report

No words - just the pic!



### Change of Address

Please note John Fisher is now at:  
2 Primley Park Mount  
LEEDS  
LS17 7JJ  
tel 0113 268 7348  
mob 07847 060143

### Mexican Volcanoes

John Green and Nick Moyes are attempting an ascent of Pico Orizaba 5636mtrs, in November this year. We have already obtained info from the web and bought the American guidebook "Volcanoes of Mexico", more information from anyone who has been to this area would be appreciated. Many Thanks, J.Green.