



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

**NOVEMBER 2012**



**Memories of summer - our Noble Leader half way up Guy-Ann TD+ behind from left to right are the Petit and Grand Drus, highest is Aiguille Vert, then Aiguilles Droites and Courtes behind the dark mass of the Aiguille du Moine.**

## **Editorial**

So, it really is the Winter season upon us now, with all the sociable events of the year coming up to cheer us through the dark days. The dinner, a bonfire, a superb selection of indoor meets organised by Rob, and the rugged delights of the Dovedale Dash and Black Rocks night climbing to keep us on our toes. Further afield, Cwm Eigiau and Patterdale beckon, while the threat of the Bullstones meet looms ever closer.

## **What's on.**

### **Bonfire at Heathy Lea 3-4 November Mike Hayes**

On Saturday afternoon we will be building the bonfire and once the sun has gone down we will light the fire, start the Barbeques (Please bring your own food and drink) and set off the fireworks. Our esteemed President has kindly volunteered to sort out a barrel of the finest local ale for purchase at a very reasonable cost and our Vice Pres. is once again providing the fireworks (but please feel free to bring your own as well). On Sunday morning Steve Bennett will be leading a mountain bike ride starting at the hut at 10.30am.

There will be a £2 charge per person to cover the Fireworks and the normal hut fees apply for those staying the night. Please let me know if you are planning to go and especially if you are staying the night.

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### **Dovedale Dash Sunday 4 November 11.00 a.m.**

Sorry not to get this notice into the October newsletter. I'm not sure whether the November edition will precede or follow the Dash, but in any case you all know how to do it! More (especially last minute) from me or on the Dash website — [www.dovedaledash.co.uk/](http://www.dovedaledash.co.uk/)

This year the Thorpe village committee have promised an end to queuing but at the price of no runners outside the first 10 being given a finish position! Please let me have your time to the nearest minute. I understand that that will be available at the finish.

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### **Second Evening Meet: Gordon Stainforth Tuesday 6 November 8 p.m. Royal Oak, Ockbrook**

Nineteen year old twins John and Gordon set off, high on enthusiasm and only a little short on experience... to climb Fiva on Store Trolltind in Norway. Forty years



later the two brothers returned to Norway to celebrate their adventure. Gordon Stainforth will talk around his new book *Fiva* - already at No. 2 on Amazon's list of mountaineering best sellers and short listed at Banff and for the Boardman Tasker.

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## **Cwm Eigiau Meet 9 -10 November 2012**

### **John Green**



Taken from the cottage info:-

“The cottage is situated at the head of Cwm Eigiau on the eastern side of the Carneddau, GR OS115 714638. The magnificent Cwm Eigiau is surrounded by some great hills; on the south side of the Moel Elio, Pen Llithrig y Wrach and Pen-yr-Helig-du, show their finest slopes, whilst Craig yr Ysfa and Carnedd Llewellyn frown from the head of the cwm. The northern slopes are vast and set at a more friendly angle, the cottage nestles into these northern slopes at an altitude of 1360 ft, thus making it the highest climbing hut in Snowdonia. The cottage was originally used by shepherds and slate miners. On 12<sup>th</sup> June 1912 it was opened by the Rucksack Club as the first club hut in Britain. Early visitors were WP Haskett-Smith and SW Jeffcoat.”

The above says much about this great place. Getting there is fun! Leave the Conwy Valley at Tal-y-Bont (on the west bank). Follow the narrow road keeping right, passing gates and cattle grids until you arrive at the road end and a good car park.

Leave the car here and walk along the track to the old dam, cross the stream and follow the path on the left then right to the cottage. About a mile and a half.

Climbing is Craig yr Ysfa, Amphitheatre Buttress, Mur y Niwl, Pinnacle Wall and Great Gully; this should keep us going for a while. The walking is magnificent, a cirque of the cwm will be enough for most.

I shall carry in a box of wine to cheer everyone with a drink, bring more of your own if possible. I look forward to another great meet for the start of winter. This was the original date that Reg Squires used to have the meet, when he led it

before me, so get your head torches out and let's have a good time.  
(See below for last year's fun.)



Book with me on 01332 832101 or [green71@btinternet.com](mailto:green71@btinternet.com)

## **63rd Annual Dinner Saturday 17 November 2012. Richard Hopkinson.**

Please refer to October's newsletter for full details of the Dinner. If you haven't replied yet and intend coming please do it soon as I need to know by **Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November.**

In summary, this year's annual dinner will again be held at The Bluebell Inn, Tissington, on Saturday 17 of November, 6.30 onwards to sit down at 7.30. The cost is £20.00 per person for 3 courses (an additional cheese course can be included for an extra £3.95 per person)

If anybody has any questions please don't hesitate to contact me, my home telephone is 01629 823392, I'm also emailable at [richard.hop@w3z.co.uk](mailto:richard.hop@w3z.co.uk) .

Re accommodation if anybody wants to stay overnight there is plenty in the area although not at the Bluebell. Camper vans can be parked discreetly overnight in the car park.

## **Post Prandial Walk: Sunday 18 November Tony Howard**

After another jovial and sumptuous annual dinner there will be the conventional post prandial perambulation the next morning. The walk will start at the public car park in Alstonefield. I suggest meeting at 10:15 for a 10:30 start. We will take a magical mystery tour of approximately 8 to 10 kilometers to arrive at the Royal Oak in Wetton for lunch at about 1 o'clock. The return journey will be shorter and set to return us to Alstonefield at dusk! I might provide more details of the routes nearer the time. Then again, I might not. I might keep it a mystery!

The landlord at the Royal Oak would like to know how many of us to expect, so if you think you will eat at the pub, please let me know whether you are likely to go for a hot or cold meal. If you let me know at the same time as you fill in your Dinner form, I can give him plenty of notice.

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## **Patterdale 1 – 2 December 2012**

### **Tony Howard**

Last year we were singing in the rain!  
We walked down a lane  
With a happy refrain  
'Cause we were singing  
Just singing in the rain... before going to the pub!

This year I expect it to be dry. If it isn't we'll sing in the rain again. Come & join me at the ABMSAC George Starkey hut in Patterdale. We have 16 beds booked for a weekend of fun walking, climbing or dancing like Gene Kelly in the rain.

If you would like to come along, please let me know ASAP. I'll have some spaces in my car & will be in the White Lion on Friday night.

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## **Third Evening Meet: Es Tresidder**

### **Tuesday 4 December 8 p.m. Royal Oak, Ockbrook**

Es Tresidder will give the third illustrated talk of the winter. Provisionally titled something like "Moving fast in mountains". He will doubtless talk about his record running of the Cuillin ridge and some tales of skimo (ski mountaineering) racing. I'm hoping we may see some pics of the N face of Les Droites with ski descent. More details later. The photo shows him down-climbing the Inn Pinn on his Cuillin run.

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## **Bullstones 8-9 December**

### **Derek Pike**

This year's plod through the rain, snow, wind or sunshine, through mud, bog and water, over stiles, locked gates, unsignposted rights of way (and suffering Pike's renowned lack of navigational skills and penchant for thorn bushes), will be centred on the Welsh town of Rhayader.

Those Oreads who have not been put off will be meeting on the Friday night at the Triangle Inn, Llansantffraed Cwmdeuddwr. [G.R.SN 968678] There is parking very close by, about ten yards. After the usual topping up of alcohol levels we shall step out into the night to bivvy i.e get cold and wet somewhere near a large dam. The following day will see us making our way over the hills via somewhere or other to Beilli Neuadd, [G.R.SN 994698] our accommodation for the night [sleeps sixteen]. Pleas for comfort on the Saturday night have been taken into account and it will cost you £16 each for the privilege. A cooked breakfast is available at extra cost. As there is no public house nearby I am proposing to get in some stores to get us through the long winter evening. Those that still have use of their legs on Sunday morning will make their way back to the Triangle Inn and eventually depart for home.

Anybody who feels that they must come on this meet and requires further info must be out of their mind but I will endeavour to obtain suitable counselling if you contact me on 01332 670459 or [derepike1234@btinternet.com](mailto:derepike1234@btinternet.com)

## **Black Rocks Wednesday 12 December**

### **Rob Tresidder**

After Johnny Dawes inspirational talk I'm sure there'll be dozens of Oreads out caressing the wonderful grit and remember that many of Johnny's routes were done in midwinter.

We usually assemble some time after dark and on the rocks. Pie and pea supper (about £3) after at the Rising Sun at Middleton Cross. Don't leave it too late. I have advised the publican that most will arrive soon after 8. Some go straight to the pub — often by bike.

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## **Informal Christmas/New Year Meet at Tan yr Wyddfa**

### **Rock Hudson**

Go to the hut for a few days or a full week in the hope of good weather, a festive atmosphere, a big coal fire, and the normal New Year's buffet. Bring whatever food or booze you want. The full hut is available.

Book with me in December. Tel. 0115 9333031

# News, Articles and Reports from Meets.

## A Significant Birthday



Chris Radcliffe snarls his way up Birthday Crack on a cold and windy morning at Curbar: an inspiration to us all.



Amazingly Chris did survive to reach the grand old age of 70 in spite of planning a hectic round of activities in the week before: the 7 mile fell run took place in a deluge, as the weather joined in the celebrations by attempting to put down 70 inches of rain in the week.

The climbing day took shelter at the Edge but the 70 km bike ride went ahead later in the week when the weather improved.



On the Saturday an impressive number of friends and relations turned out to urge him on and to climb or walk before a splendid party in the evening. Thanks Chris for an inspirational week. Whatever will we do when he's 80?

## **Update on TYW Closure and building work Tony Howard**

Detailed examination of TYW has confirmed the serious leak of water from the lower building roof, where it meets the main building wall. This will have been there for many years and is the likely driving force for the current outbreak of dry rot. The lintel over the entrance door was so rotten that it had to be replaced before other work could start. Dry rot was also found in the adjacent window lintel, the west side wall plate (supports the rafters) and the floor joists and floorboards in and around the west side rear bedroom and the upstairs toilet. Part of the east side wall plate had rotted by wet rot.

The dry rot treatment itself has now been completed. This includes treatment of the floor and joists on the east side rear bedroom, as well the walls and wood in the areas of damage. Lintels have been replaced over the entrance door, the connection to the main building corridor the west side extension window and the kitchen window. The wall plates have been replaced in the older (south) part of

the extension, on both sides. A lot of plaster has been removed in the back room, the kitchen and the lower landing corridor and upstairs toilet. A silicone based damp proof course has been fitted to the older part of the extension.

The internal plastering still needs to be completed as does the external rendering, which extends from the main building corner W of the kitchen window to the corner N of the downstairs toilets. The whole of the lower building roof is being replaced, but has been delayed due to bad weather.

The work should be completed sometime in mid-November and the final cost will be well in excess of £20,000.

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**Please support our campaign to protect the Peak District from damage caused by off-roading: a plea to the Oread from Danny Anderson on behalf of Friends of the Peak District and CPRE South Yorkshire.**

The destruction caused by off-road vehicles in and around the Peak District National Park is something that concerns many of us who live in, or visit, the Peak District.

Most off-roaders are responsible people, and maybe not aware of the damage they cause, which includes erosion, ruts that endanger farm animals, and noisy disturbance. Worse still are those who drive off route onto open moorland and destroy precious wildlife habitats. We know that as a recreational activity off-roading can bring important visitor income to the Peak District. But if it is harming the very landscapes that attract people here, then it needs to be managed.

**Making a difference**

For over two years Friends of the Peak District has been lobbying the authorities to take this problem seriously. We want the most vulnerable areas better protected, both legally and physically. We are delighted that we have had real success in achieving this, with the National Park Authority committing to managing many routes affected by off-roading. You can learn more about this at [www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk](http://www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk)

**We need your support – a big chance to get better protection for areas most badly affected**

However there is much more to do. We need to maintain this campaign to keep the pressure on the local authorities as they review, discuss and consult on what protection is required. We also need to continue our work in raising a better understanding of the problem amongst residents and visitors to the area.

### 3 ways you can help:

**Please respond to the Peak District National Park Authority's public consultation** on banning vehicles from the Roych and Long Causeway. Both these areas have been badly affected by off-road vehicle use. You have until **November 2** to do this. Details on how to respond: at <http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/consultations/tro-consultation-2012>. Please, please take this vital opportunity to make your views known on this issue.

**Please support our charity by becoming a Friend of the Peak District.** It costs from just £27 a year to join us.

<http://www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk/Support us/Become a Friend/> or phone 0114 266 5822

**Or please make a donation,** so Friends of the Peak District can continue with campaigns like this:

<http://www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk/Support us/Please donate/> or phone 0114 266 5822.

Thank you

**Danny Anderson Fundraiser**

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To illustrate the problem is a photo of John Green's from the Berwyn's in Wales. It shows a Land Rover completely stuck with a pack of beer in the back! No one in sight, they just left it!



## Hut Bookings for November.

### HEATHY LEA

3-4 November Oread meet. Whole hut.

### TAN-YR-WYDDFA

**Closed until further notice.**

Will those with outstanding hut fees please pay A.S.A.P.

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

“Whole Hut” includes the Oread room!

Thanks, Colin Hobday.

## Forthcoming Meets

<b>November</b>	Sat 3 Sun 4	Heathy Lea Bonfire	Mike Hayes	01530 231401
	Tues 6	Evening meet, Royal Oak	Rob Tresidder	07951625378
	Sat 10 Sun 11	Cwm Eigiau	John Green	01332 832101
	Tues 13	Committee meets Royal Oak Ockbrook		
	Sat 17 – Sun 18th	Annual dinner and walk	Richard Hopkinson	01629 823392
<b>December</b>	Sat 1 – Sun 2	Patterdale	Tony Howarth	01332 273307
	Tues 4	Evening meet, Royal Oak	Rob Tresidder	07951625378
	Sat 8 – Sun 9	Bullstones	Derek Pike	01332 670459
	Tues 11	Committee meets Royal Oak Ockbrook		
	Wed 12	Black Rocks	Rob Tresidder	01629 823953
	22Dec -1 Jan	Xmas/New Year at Tan yr Wyddfa	Rock Hudson	0115 9333031
<b>January 2013</b>	1 Jan	New Year's Day walk		
	Tues 8	Committee meets Royal Oak Ockbrook		

	Sat 19 – Sun 20	Swanage	Derek Pike	01332 670459
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**Coming soon!**  
**Kalymnos: all will be revealed!**

Readers of a nervous disposition may need to prepare themselves so begin with a flirtatious preview of Mr Helliwell's knees.



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