

Cure for the Shivers

NEWSLETTER OF THE DREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

December 1990

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary (for Steve)

7 - 8 December	Bullstones	Jack Ashcroft
W 12 December	Black Rocks	
25 - December	Christmas at Tan-y-Wyddfa	
1 January 1991	The Olde Gate, Brassington	
Tu 15 January 1991	A Roberts on "Caving" at the Royal Oak	

Wednesday 12 December Black Rocks Rob Tresidder
This meet has grown and grown over the years. Time was when only a small group of hardened Wednesday nighters could be relied on. The crag has not yet reached saturation point but the parties immersed in Queen's Parlour Chimney seem to get larger and jollier. Some quite hard routes have been done by torchlight and one year snow and ice conditions gave good sport in Fat Man's Chimney and South Gully. If you see a dark shadowy unlit figure wandering around, please don't shine your torch in my face: my eyes will have just become adjusted to the dark since the last person did it. Most people seem to climb sometime between 7 and 9. Oh and don't forget the main event - afterwards in The Olde Gate at Brassington to which some cycle.

New Year's Day

This used to be the ski-ing and tobogganing meet, but whatever happens in the morning it provides another excuse to reappear to the Gate in the early afternoon.

PAST EVENTS AND ANCIENT HISTORY

ALPINE ROUND-UP

Not a lot to report either because you aren't telling me about it or because it isn't happening.

Gordon Gadsby had a good holiday based on Zinal with some other Dreads, friends and families. Highlight of the trip seems to have been an ascent of the Zinal Rothorn.

Trevor Willis and John Salmon climbed the Mittellegi ridge on the Eiger, descending by the west flank of the mountain. The ridge is now so over provided with fixed ropes etc that they found its ascent a great deal easier than the way down what used to be the voie normale.

Nick Moyes, Steve Bashforth and John Green based themselves at Randa in the Mattertal and climbed the Weisshorn and Monte Rosa.

DOVEDALE DASH

The 38th dash was held in traditional conditions. The preceding week had been wet making the river crossing deep and the mud muddy but the day itself was sunny and sharp and quite cold in the shade. For the first time since Radders edited the newsletter sometime last century, here are as many of the Oread placings as I could find:

85	Rusty	691	Ron Chambers
127	Richard Hopkinson	775	Steve Bissell
135	Mike Wynne	837	Ruth Gordon
190	Chris Radcliffe	877	Chris Wilson
246	Rob Tresidder	1060	Andy Dakden
269	Roger Larkam	1088	Dave Helliwell
323	Bobby Gilbert	1111	Richard Halam
329	Bill Kenyon	1116	Graham Foster
330	Richard Freestone	1180	Roy Sawyer
379	Pete Lancaster	1198	Nat Allen
458	Esmond Tresidder	1206	Jenna Allen
530	Gwen Tresidder	1286	Hayley Allen
579	Annie Carrington	1287	Richard Allen
581	Tony Raphael	1412	Sally Tresidder
668	Jane Tresidder		

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COMMITTEE MEETING

It was reported that Mr Breakwell wants a fee of sixty pounds to allow the Oread one evening meet at Rainster. The committee decided against this. The Secretary of State has dismissed the scouts' application for planning permission for the second barn at Heathy Lea. Attention was drawn to the very dangerous access to the hut. Visiting clubs should be warned in advance and the gateposts should be painted white. Kindredship with the Climbers' Club, while never actually broken, has been re-asserted. A large chunk of the meeting was taken up with consideration of Roger's budget and its implications for subscription levels. There was lively discussion and many different views were aired. Some wanted to abolish hut fees altogether. Some wanted to increase subs dramatically and create a bigger financial cushion. The matter has been considerably complicated by the BMC's new arrangements for third party liability insurance and the need to see that climbers who are members of more than one affiliated club do not pay their premium twice over. See Roger's note on subscriptions on another page.

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ANNUAL DINNER

This took place in Derby for the first time in the club's history (I think). Your correspondent was found a chair and a meal before we could all sit down to what I think was a better repast than we have enjoyed recently. John Linney stood in for Rock Hudson who was absent "in the greater ranges". He told some bizarre tales of Rock's exploits in Argentina which might (or on the other hand, might not) have caused the Falklands war. He also welcomed the club's guests: Dick Dalton from the Cave and Crag and Alan Cameron from the Derwent. John reviewed the last year and looked optimistically at the year ahead. It was left to Dawn Hopkinson to welcome the principal guest - Alison Hargreaves. Dawn spoke warmly of Alison's considerable achievements and on the subject of women in general. Alison seemed to drop the baton and spoke only of ladies, dipping deeply into Colin Kirkus' "Let's Go Climbing" in which he wrote fifty

years ago that ladies do not usually lead; plus a change... Steve Bashforth read from the literature, but by this stage I had broken my pencil. A tankard was presented to newly wed Julia Willson and her swain. The tables were cleared; the disc jockey took his place behind the turntables and eventually persuaded a respectable number of disreputable Oreads to dance. In the relative quiet of the bar behind the swing doors, old times were chewed over and hopefully new plans were hatched.

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DAVE OWEN
Dave's parents are seeking photos of Dave climbing. If you have any good pictures, please contact Rock Hudson.

COMMON LAND
The government has reneged on an undertaking to provide legislation granting the right of access to common land. The promise will now be restricted to public rights of way. Please protest via your MP or direct to the environment minister, David Trippier, who may of course have been re-shuffled by the time you read this.

WELSH HIGHLAND LINE
Ernie Phillips has drawn my attention to a fight at present going on in the courts between the Welsh Highland Railway (1964) Ltd and the Ffestiniog Railway for control and possession of the trackbed which runs past Tan-yr-Wyddfa. It's a complicated story of receivers, bankruptcies and local government and doesn't seem to require any action by us just now, but watch this space. More details from Ernie.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS 1991 Committee
Subscriptions for 1991 payable on 1 January 1991 to the club treasurer, Roger Larkam, 5 St John's Terrace, Derby DE1 3LJ are as follows:

	with insurance	without
Honorary members	-	-
Ordinary members	13.00 (7.50)	11.00 (5.50)
Family members	20.50 (12.25)	16.50 (8.25)
Prospective members	not available	5.50
Joining fee	5.50	

(N.B. Figures in brackets refer to rates for retired persons. All figures given are for pounds sterling.)

In accordance with the resolution of the 1990 AGM these rates have been set by the committee at their November meeting following discussion of the 1991 budget. For the purposes of Rule 15 the "full membership fee" has been taken as 11 pounds.

The increase is due principally to inflation, lower interest rates, an increase in BMC subs and increased expenditure on Tan-yr-Wyddfa. The increase in BMC subscriptions is coincident with

third party liability insurance for named members of the club. This cover was previously available only to individual members of the BMC. The club must now submit a list of all persons who are members of the club and wish to take advantage of this insurance. Should you wish to opt out because you already have cover through membership of another club, then you Oread subs will be subject to a reduction of 2 pounds. Only those members whose subscription includes this element will have their names forwarded to the BMC. Honorary members' names will be included unless wishes to the contrary are expressly directed to the treasurer.

HUT BOOKINGS

Colin Hobday

Tan-yr-Wyddfa

January	4-5	VACANT
	11-12	16 beds
	18-19	16 beds
	25-26	16 beds
February	1-2	Oread meet
	8-9	16 beds
	15-16	16 beds
	22-23	16 beds
March	1-2	Oread meet

NEXT EDITION

I intend to publish the next edition on Tuesday, 8 January 1991. Please send all written material to me at 61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG to arrive by Wednesday, 2 January 1991. I especially look forward to hearing from Jack Ashcroft.

Rob Tresidder

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OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB 1991 Provisional Meets list

Tue	1 Jan	The Olde Gate, Brassington	
Jan	4 - 5		
	11 - 12		
	18 - 19		
	25 - 26	Little Langdale (hut)	Pete Amour
Feb	1 - 2	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	Richard Coghlan
	8 - 9		
	15 - 16	HALF TERM	
	22 - 23		
Mar	1 - 2	Tan-Yr-Wyddfa	
	8 - 9	Patterdale (hut)	Colin Barnard
	15 - 16	Heathy Lea Fell Race	Rob Tresidder
	22 - 23		
	28 -	EASTER ? Fairhead	Rob Tresidder
Apr	3 (Wed)	Harborough Rocks	
	12 - 13	Tan-yr-Wyddfa WP	
	19 - 20	Derbyshire Walk	Colin Hobday
	26 - 27	AGM	
May	3 - 5	MAYDAY Yorkshire Dales	Mike Wynne
	10 - 11	Dow Crag	Lisa Welbourn
	17 - 18	Cloggy Bivvy	Bobby Gilbert
	24 - 26	"WHIT" Annan	Trevor Willis
	27 - 30	Family meet	Gregson/Tresidder
	31 - 1	Derbyshire grit	Roger Larkam
Jun	7 - 8	Lakes	Chambers/Burgess
	14 - 15	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	
	21 - 22		
	28 - 29	Northumberland	Chris Radcliffe
Jul	5 - 6	Tan-yr-Wyddfa (Wilmorton College WP)	
	12 - 13	Borrowdale	Roger Larkam
	19 - 20	Tan-yr-Wyddfa Four Craggs meet	Rob Tresidder
	26	Alpine meet	
Aug	2 - 3		
	9 - 10		
	16 - 17		
	23 - 25	BANK HOLIDAY	
	30 - 31		
Sep	6 - 7	Mid-Wales	Helen Griffiths
	13 - 14	Cloggy	Ian Spare
	20 - 21		
	27 - 28	Golden Oldies	Doreen Hodge
Oct	4 - 5	Photop meet	Peter Scott
	11 - 12		
	18 - 19	Lakes	Richard Coghlan
	23 (Wed)	Wildcat	
	25 - 26		
Nov	1 - 2	Stair	(no leader)
Sun	3 Nov	Dovedale Dash. Start 11 a.m.	
Nov	8 - 9		
	16	Annual Dinner	
	22 - 23		
	29 - 30		
Dec	6 - 7	Bullstones	Brian West
Wed	11 Dec	Black Rocks	
	13 - 14		
Wed	1 Jan 1992	The Olde Gate, Brassington	