

OREAD MOUNTAIN CLIMBING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 1993

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

- 10-11 December Bullstones
- 15 December (Wed) Black Rocks
- 1 January (Sat) Alstonefield (The George)
- 4 January (Tues) Indoor Meet Royal Oak Ockbrook
- 14-15 January Wasdale (Hut meet)

10-11 December Bullstones Jack Ashcroft

Don't hesitate to book on this meet. The Ribblesdale, Bowland Forest area is a blank on many an Oread map. The village pub at OS. 103 GR. 712524 within 100m. of our accommodation, will help to rectify this.

I look forward to hearing in particular from scintillating sexagenarians and garrulous seventies, several of whom I hope will be able to extend the weekend for further walking in the Pendle country

Excellent accommodation has been booked at £3.00 per night for Friday and Saturday. A stay over Sunday night will cost more, depending upon the numbers.

(Ashcroft, although a splendidly enthusiastic fellow, is now too elderly and infirm to withstand the rigours of the traditional type of Bullstones meet, with spartan accommodation on Bleaklow -Ed.)

15 December (Wed) "Black Rocks" Keith Gregson

Yes it's that time again, the last wednesday night fling before the get-fit season hits us. As in previous years, the climbing/walking is optional but this time we shall be retreating to the **Princess Victoria in Matlock Bath**. We shall be well looked after there and I am assured that there will be excellent fine and simple but warm food for less than the price of a pint! The scope for climbing is obviously wider with the meeting point in Matlock, but I for one will not be climbing on High Tor-- lights or no lights. Doubtless there will be teams on the traditional venues of Black Rocks and Brassington and several walks can be invented. This will be one of the last occasions that Eileen and myself will see the Oread before our American trip so it will be specially good to see you all there.

Following my light hearted threat to embarrass Keith with a photograph, he wrote a threatening letter, too long to include in full, extracts from which were "is the Oread newsletter to appear in the gutter alongside the Mirror?" "Whatever next, Dawn on page 3", "I was simply demonstrating the use of a friend", and "the lady in question has been making an effort to get fit to further her climbing ambitions". My case rests. Ed.

1 January Alstonefield (The George)

Owing to the decline in the available facilities at Brassington, it has been decided to move the location of the traditional new year meet to more hospitable surroundings. I have also agreed to lead a short approach march, starting from Alsop-en-le Dale car park on the Tissington Trail (map ref 153550, off the A515) at 11am.

CR.

4 January Indoor Meet Ockbrook

The subject for the January Indoor meet, starting at 8pm. at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook, will be "Ski Touring in Scotland and New Zealand", by Rupert Hoare. As always, a good turnout would be a courtesy to our speaker.

14-15 January Wasdale Rob Tresidder

I have booked places for 9 males and 7 females in Brackenclose, the Fell and Rock's spacious hut situated on the lower slopes of Scafell close to Wastwater. If you want to hear more about the cradle of English rock climbing or just want to

PAST EVENTS

Stair Meet

"No Fruits, No Flowers, No Birds, November". Horrendous forecasts failed to deter the twelve members who struggled through M6 roadworks to get to Newlands. Their well merited reward was to escape altogether the downpours that lashed the midlands.

On a dry but dull Saturday most people put on their ploddy boots and gave the fells a pounding but the irrepressible team of Roy and Pam braved icy belays and went cragging. Next day we woke to find it had dumped a load of new snow in the night, which was down to 900 ft. and more than a foot deep in drifts higher up. The weather was perfect if a touch blowy. The various teams went their separate ways, blinking in the unaccustomed brightness. A good day on the hill was there for the asking and I have no doubt the opportunities were seized

.. November Committee Meeting

The committee met on 9th November. The main items for discussion were the budget for the next 12 months, and the necessary repairs to Heathy Lea. After a thorough examination of club finances generally, the Treasurer's budget proposals, which required no increase to subscription levels, were adopted. The Hut Custodian was authorised to write to Chatsworth Estates regarding repairs to Heathy Lea roofs, and agree that the Estate workforce should carry out the work, and the Club would pay the commensurate future rents. There was to be an increase in fees for both huts from 1st Jan 1994.

Dovedale Dash Results

77	C. Russell	639	R. Chambers
95	R. Hopkinson	746	C. Wilson
122	Esmond Tresidder	782	Jane Tresidder
218	J. O'Reilly	844	Gwen Tresidder
226	T. Fidler	977	R. Sedgwick
266	D. Jones	994	Dawn Hopkinson
283	R. Tresidder	1001	Julia Stowell
319	C. Radcliffe	1024	G. Fowler
554	W. Kenyon	1030	Freda Raphael
615	G. Weston	1094	G. Foster
628	A. Raphael		

In addition to his fine overall placing, Esmond Tresidder, too young to be a member but with us in spirit, won the prize for the first 14 year old. The above results were kindly provided by his sire and handler, Rob, who has intimated that this will be my last year as first Oread finisher, and by inference, the young prodigy will conquer all in 1994

Raffle prizes for the Oread Dinner were kindly donated by:

David Appleby, Judith Appleby, Harry Pretty, Derby Mountain Center, Roger Turner Mountain Sports, Prestige Mountain and Water Sports, Outside, Rab Down Equipment The Brunswick Inn, Millfields.

SIR JACK LONGLAND

The death of our distinguished honorary member, possibly best known for the magnificent route on Cloggy which bears his name, is recorded with sadness. A full appreciation will appear in the next Newsletter.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The 1994 subs were set at the November committee meeting. It was decided that no change to the level of the 1993 subscriptions was necessary, but that hut fees should rise by 25p. The 1994 Subs are:

	--Ordinary		--Senior--	
	BMC	non-BMC	BMC	non-BMC
Member	£19	£16	£11	£8
Family	£30	£24	£18	£12
Partner of Hon.	£15	£12	£9	£6.
Member				
Prospective member	N/A	£8	N/A	£4

Notes: 1.) Payment is due on 1st. Jan 1994

2.) Payment should be by cheque, payable to "OREAD MC." No other form of payment will be accepted.

3.) Cheques should be given to the treasurer in person or sent to Rich. Coghlan, 4 Peterlee place, Alvaston Derby DE24

Past experience has shown that the majority of members pay up on time, but that a few people each year cause extra work for the committee by paying late. Put bluntly, the club rules say that anyone who does not comply with the above request for subs should eventually be ejected from the club. Please do not put me in the embarrassing position of having to write a final reminder letter, it is this aspect of my job as treasurer that I least enjoy.

Would those members who attempted to pay by standing order last year please see item 2.) above.

I shall compile a list of members paying the higher BMC. membership rate on 1st. Feb. 1994 and send it to the BMC. Any subscription reaching me after this date will result in the member's name being omitted from the BMC. list even if the relevant subscription has been sent. The subscription surplus will not, in these circumstances, be returnable. Will honorary members wishing for free BMC. insurance through the club please let me know.

The recent high expenditure on the huts has been borne by funds built up for that purpose by my predecessor. It is as a result of his careful budgetting that a the need for a major subscription increase this year has been averted.

R.C.

HUT NEWS

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Dec 10-11 Mercian M.C. 16 Beds

Dec 17-18 Avon Outdoor Club 16 Beds

Bookings Heathy Lea

Dec 10-11 Aylesbury M.C. Whole Cottage

There have been instances of Heathy Lea being left insecure, and the toilets left excessively full. Also members have recently booked places which have not subsequently been taken up, resulting in others being turned away unnecessarily. Please exercise consideration for other hut users and observe the instructions posted in the huts.

There are still hut fees outstanding for both huts, and these should be remitted to Colin Hobday without delay. Colin is now quite anxious to hear from a few members, who will recognise themselves, about hut fees long overdue.

Revise hut fees apply from 1st. Jan. Full details in the next Newsletter.

NEXT EDITION

I hope to publish this on 4 Jan 1994. Please let me have written contributions by **28 Dec.** I look forward to hearing from **Roy Darnell** and **Peter Amour**

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Stop Press Circuits for Climbers starts again in Wirksworth on Wed 12 Jan from 6.15 to 7.15., Taken by a P.E teacher/climber. Ring Rob Tresidder for details. (0629 823126)