



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER 1996

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Summary

Dec 3 (Tues)	Indoor Meet
Dec -7-8	Bullstones
Dec 11 (Wed)	Black Rocks
Boxing Day	Brassington
Jan 1 1997	The George

Dec 3 (Tues) The John Muir Trail (Indoor Meet Royal Oak Ockbrook)

This month's indoor meet features the well-travelled Bill Kenyon (a veteran from the days when cyclists rode on the road, and still 300th in the dash!) who will expect to entertain a spectacular crowd.

December 7-8 Bullstones

Michael Hayes

The glorious December weather of last year has again persuaded me to base this year's weekend around the Lower Small Clough Cabins on Bleaklow. Saturday will probably be spent walking over Bleaklow Head and then down to Grinah Stones to spend the night at the cabins GR 145 957. Judging from past experience Sunday will probably be spent nursing a hangover and getting back to the car before the blisters get too big!

Friday night at Oyster Clough has been suggested so please let me know if you are interested. I plan to be at the Snake Inn at 9pm.

Contact me in the Smithfield on Tuesdays or on 01 159 490026 for more details.

Dec 11 Black Rocks Mike Wren

Break out your thermals and head torch batteries, and come along to this traditional Seasonal meet! If old and going by bike, insist on at least two pub stops on the way, to give you a shot at catching up with the likes of Messrs Larkam etc.

Refreshment will be taken at the Hollybush at Grangemill. Hot Turkey, and stuffing cobs @£1.50 will be on offer.

There will be an opportunity for making a bit of music later on, so bring along any songs, words and instruments you can. (This conjures up a mental picture of a certain large booted individual known to us, struggling ill-equipped up Fat Man's Chimney with a guitar-Ed)

I hope for a good turn out from all sections of the club, for some or all parts of the evening. - Let's be 'avin' you!

Boxing Day

The major Oread drinkers have expressed a desire to attend the Brassington emporia (Gate/Miners) for boxing day. One or two teams might arrange a semi-organised short walk in. I can recommend parking at 202 563 (thro' Ballidon Quarry) and walking over via Ballidonmoor farm and the track East of Rainster, returning via High peak Trail and Daisy Bank.

Jan 1 1997 The George (Alstonfield)

C Russell

This is another attempt at a permutation of the many scenic paths leading indirectly to our regular New Year's Day venue. Meet at Tissington car park 178 520 in time to move off at 10 30 am. We shall cross A515 and Gag Lane, stroll up the East bank of the Dove and approach Alstonfield via Bostern Grange, Nabs Dale, Hall Dale and Stanhope. A suitable return for those unsteady in the head and dim of vision would be via Coldeaton Bridge, Iron Torrs and Tissington Trail.

PAST EVENTS

Swanage 11-13 October

For a distance rock climbing meet this was well attended with representation from all sections of the club. The weather was good, although strong winds dominated especially on

Sunday. *Tom's Field* was not all crowded and provided a good base, with the pub within easy reach.

Saturday was cloudy but bright with the sun occasionally breaking through and we caught a glimpse of the eclipse in the afternoon. The Burgess/Wilson/Larkham/Moss team went to the Boulder Ruckle while most of us climbed at Guillemot Ledge. Tim and Dave, together with Pete Holden & Ollie Howard did some of the harder lines including the classic Tudor Rose. Tim strayed onto an nearby E5. Pete became totally confused having been introduced to Jones, D. the night before, then met Jones, M. who said he had just arrived from Bristol! Most of us climbed the more moderate, but really enjoyable lines on the cliff while Jack & Janet roamed along the cliff path taking in the bracing sea air. This went to Jack's head so we all benefited when he bought a round for everyone in the evening to celebrate having become an official pensioner.

Sunday brought clear blue skies, but with strong southerly winds accompanied by a high tide, the seas were crashing into the cliffs in a most spectacular way, which made many of the climbs inaccessible. However Dancing Ledges were clear and most went here to sample the modern sport routes. Pete and Ollie, together with myself and local activist Pete Finclair, were able to access several routes in the Marmolata Buttress area on the Boulder Ruckle. We were joined later by Gwen Tresidder and Jamie Fisher from Oxford. My life literally hung on a thread when I abseiled with my krab inadvertently attached to a gear loop instead of the harness loop. However, having survived this error, we did some excellent climbs including the Adventures of Portland Bill. This traversed about 60 ft up the cliff, with the seas almost reaching the line giving a most spectacular and exhilarating climb.

Thanks to everyone who came along to make this an enjoyable and convivial meet: Derrick Burgess, Chris Wilson, Mike Moss, Roger Larkham, Pete Holden, Ollie Howard, David Jones, Tim Cairns, Mark Jones, Steve McDonagh, Nick Evans, Pam Storer, John Green and his lad, Stuart Firth, Jack & Janet Ashcroft, Gwen Tresidder, Jamie Fisher, Pete Finclair.
Chris Radcliffe

Dovedale Dash

The Dash was a re-run of an old traditional scene, the weather is always fine, in all the years I have run I cannot remember a single rainy day. The crowding is now horrendous, and the Oread presence diluted by a river of non-climbing humanity, but none the less, we were there! I saw and remembered Bill Kenyon, Dawn Hopkinson, Chris Radcliffe, David Jones Ron Chambers, Rob Tressider, (there must have been many more). Mike Wynne left us all standing and added to many good running performances this year, including a 2hr. 53 min. marathon, with 31st position. Also, I think we all enjoyed it, and it was nice to see and hear old friends giving encouragement in the crowd.

Annual Dinner

I did not personally stay for the dancing and music, and so cannot comment on this, but the meal I felt was most excellent and the organisation appeared to a simple bystander to be without problem, so I hope those who attended would wish to join me in thanking Lisa.

SHORT NOTICES

1997 Subscriptions Richard Coughlan

At the November committee meeting it was decided to leave the subscription rates unchanged from last year, ie.

Member £16 Family membership £24
Prospective membership £8 Senior member £8
Partner of Honorary member £12
Please make your cheques payable to "Oread
M C," and send them to Richard Coghlan, 4
Peterlee Place, Alvaston, Derby, DE24 0DN,
to arrive before December 31st.

During the last year I have looked into setting
up a Direct Debit scheme. Unfortunately I
could not find a bank willing to operate such a
scheme without high bank charges. Standing
order was tried a few years ago, but did not
work properly and the system had to be
abandoned. This leaves the old fashioned
method as the only option. The problem with
the old method is that some people forget to
send their cheques, leaving me unsure as to
whether they genuinely want to leave the club
or whether they have merely forgotten. The
ensuing reminder letters have to remind people
of the consequences of lapsed subscriptions
and are therefore found to be offensive by
those who did not intend to resign
membership. I will apologise for this in
advance, but you can save us both the trouble
by sending your cheque now (yes, now - while
you have still got this newsletter in your
hands, not manana.)

*PS Please enclose an additional £3.50 if you
want BMC membership.*

Changes Of Address

John and Denise Theobald now live between
Lyon and Grenoble and would be pleased to
see any Oread members.

Their address is Chemin Michenant, Benevais,
Nr Le Grand - Lempis, France (Tel 010 33
76555018)

Kevin Alsbrook will be out of the area for a
while. His accommodation address is 41
Blenheim Drive Allestree Derby.

David Wright - 14 Butt Lane, Woodville
Derbyshire DE11 7 EL (Tel unchanged)

For Sale

2 Whillans harnesses

2 pairs EB boots size 7

selection of karabiners

selection of chocks

1 helmet

2 100 metre length ropes

ice axe

£100 the lot, or will sell separately (all in good
condition)

contact Mrs. B Firth 01785 243279

HUT NEWS

Bookings Heathy Lea

Dec 6/7 B Strike Cottage/Barn

Dec 13 Vacant

Christmas/New Year Vacant

Bookings Tan Yr Wyddfa

Dec 6/7 Capel Montis MC 16 beds

Dec 13/14 Loughton MC 16 beds

Dec 13/14 Oread Room 4 beds

Christmas R Handley 4 beds

New year Vacant

**Signs of intruders have been observed
recently at Heathy Lea, and so all users are
asked to take special care to secure the
premises at all times when the hut is
unattended.**

BRAIN TEASER

Last Month's Problem

Weight of block 300kg (easy) The only
external forces on the block are gravity
through its centroid, and the tension in the
rope., so taking moments about the front
edge, stabilising moment from gravity = 300kg
by 250 mm, or 75 kg m. Therefore maximum
rope tension allowable = 75kg m. divided by
rope eccentricity of 200mm or 0.2 m. ie 75/0.2
or 375 kg. The other forces mentioned, such
as rope friction, were red herrings because
they are internal, ie equal and opposite. Digger
fell into the trap this time, no one else replied.

NEXT EDITION

I hope to post this on *25 December*. I do not know quite how the post will perform over the bank holidays, that is out of my hands, but ***I would appreciate information from Messrs. Hudson, West and Bashforth re the January events absolutely as soon as possible,*** because if the edition is not photocopied by say 23 December, then everywhere will be closed down for about a week. This month, once again, I received some material after the edition was photocopied.

Please don't give me the excuse for more bad-tempered outbursts!

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DINNER ORGANISER AND FRIEND

Oread Mountaineering Club Meets List 1997							
Month	date	Meet	Leader	Month	Date	Meet	Leader
January	1	New Year Walk	C. Russell	July	2	Dovedale (Tissington Spires)	Dog & Partridge, afterwards
	4 & 5				5 & 6	"Golden Oldies"	J. Reynolds
	7 (Tues)	Indoor Meet	S. Bashforth		13	Summer Strol	S. Wainwright
	11 & 12				16 (Wed)	Beeston Tor	The George, afterwards
	18 & 19	President's Meet	B. West		19 & 20	Yorkshire Dales	C. Russell
	22 (Wed)	Climbing @ The Foundry	"Fat Cat" pub afterwards	26 onwards	Alps meet - The Gran Paradiso	M. Hayes	
	25 & 26	Tan -yr- Wyddfa	J. Hudson	August	2-3	Alps	
February	1 & 2			6 (Wed)	Cratcliffe	The Miners Standard, Winstler, afterwards	
	4 (Tues)	Indoor Meet	S. Bashforth	9 & 10	Alps meet		
	9	Winter wander	P. Janes	20 (Wed)	Willersley	Princess Vic, afterwards	
	16	Fell Race	D. Jones	Bank-Holiday	23 to 25	Pembrokeshire	K. Gregson
	22 & 23	"Glan Dena" - Ogwen	R. Chambers	September	3 (Wed)	Wildcat	Princess Vic, afterwards
	26 (Wed)	Climbing Wall - Nottingham		7	September Saunter	H. Pretty	
March	1 & 2	Tan -yr- Wyddfa	N. Evans	13 & 14	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	T. Howard	
	4 (Tues)	Indoor Meet -Photo Competition	J. Hudson	20 & 21	Heathy Lea	D. Burgess	
	8 & 9	Patterdale	C. Barnard	27 & 28	Kirby Longsdale	G. Foster	
	15 & 16	Heathy Lea - working party	J. Shreeve	October	4 & 5		
	19 (Wed)	Climbing @ The Rock Face, Birmingham		7 (Tues)	Indoor Meet	S. Bashforth	
	22	A.G. M.	Committee	11 & 12			
	28 to 31	Tan -yr- Wyddfa	R. Coghlan	19	Autumn Amble	G. Reynolds	
April	5 & 6			22 (Wed)	The Foundry	The Fat Cat, afterwards	
	9	Harborough Rocks	The Gate @ Brassington, afterwards	25 & 26	Seathwaite "High House"	K. Aillsbrook	
	13	Spring Stride	C. Hobday	November	2	Dovedale Dash	
	19 & 20	Tan-yr-Wyddfa Working Party	C. Hooley	4 (Tues)	Indoor Meet	S. Bashforth	
	23 (Wed)	Wildcat Crags	Princess Vic, afterwards	8 & 9			
	26 & 27	Heathy Lea	S. Haywood	15	Annual Dinner	J. Shreeve	
May	3 to 5	May Day - Cwydian Hills	J. Ashcroft	19 (Wed)	Nottingham Climbing Wall		
	7 (Wed)	Willersley	The Princess Vic, afterwards	22 & 23			
	10 & 11	Tan -yr- Wyddfa - Barmy Competition	K. Gregson	29 & 30	Tan-yr-Wyddfa	R. Coghlan	
	17 & 18	The Edges	M. Wren	December	2 (Tues)	Indoor Meet	S. Bashforth
	21 (Wed)	Black Rocks	The Malt Shovel, afterwards	6 & 7	Bull Stones	B. West	
	24 to 26	Arochar	R. Coghlan	13 & 14			
	31 to 1			17 (Wed)	Black Rocks	The Rising Sun, afterwards	
June	4 (Wed)	Aldery Cliff (Earl Sterndale)	"The Quiet Woman", afterwards	20 & 21			
	7 & 8	Blaen-y-Nant, Crfnant	R. Chambers	26	Brassington, lunch at Miners arms	C. Russell	
	14 & 15	Roaches	R. Larkam	27 & 28			
	18 (Wed)	Froggatt	The Bridge, Calver, afterwards				
	21 & 22	Wasdale	C. Radcliffe				
	28 & 29	Heathy Lea Barbeque	C. Hobday				