



December 2006 & January 2007 Newsletter

Editorial December 06 – January 07

What an enjoyable annual dinner we had – a big thanks to Neil and Tracey. The Photo Competition, re-instated in digital form is our December indoor meet, promptly followed by the Bullstones, the quintessential Oread outdoor meet. I hope there is a goodly crowd to enjoy a night on the hill and some good walking to mull over the pleasures of Black Rocks in the darkness of winter's solstice.

I have combined December's and January's newsletters because I will be away between Christmas and New Year and thus unable to publish a newsletter at the end of the year. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and good days on the hill in the forthcoming year.

Forthcoming meets

December	Tu 5th	Indoor Meet - Photo Comp	Rob Tressider	01629 823953
	9th & 10th	BULLSTONES	Simon Pape	01629 822450
	Tu 12th	Committee Meeting - Smithfield		
	We 13th	BLACK ROCKS	ROB TRESID- DER	01629 823953
	We 20th	Wirksworth Evening Meet	Wall and Royal Oak Pub	
	23th & 24th	CHRISTMAS AT TAN-YR- WYDDFA	TBD	
January	M 1	New year's Day	Rusty	
	Tu 2nd	Cancelled (Indoor Meet)		
	Tu 9th	Committee Meeting - Smithfield		
	6th & 7th	Cairngorms - Glenmore YH	James Tubby	
	W 17th	Wirksworth Evening Meet	Wall and Royal Oak Pub	
	20 & 21	Maron Glace	Simon Pape	01629 822450

Meets Secretary Message

You will find attached with the newsletter the final 2007 meets list. Please note that there have been several date changes, I suggest you double-check your diaries so you don't get caught out. Most prominent changes are Lagangarbh (10th & 11th Feb), JMCS Hut Coruisk (now 5th to 12th May) and the Annual Dinner 2007 has moved to Saturday 24th November.

Monthly Wednesday Night Meet

We will have a monthly Wednesday night meet in Wirksworth. This will consist of climbing at the wall followed by a drink or two in the Royal Oak which is on Harrison Drive, DE4 4FG. It is scheduled for the 'Fourth' Wednesday of each month and will provide a regular social occasion in addition to the slide shows and committee meetings during the winter. NOTE the change since the last committee meeting from the third Wednesday to the Fourth Wednesday is to fit in with our President's needs.

Bullstones Meet - December 8th - 10th 2007

We shall meet in the Golden Lion in Horton in Ribblesdale on the Friday evening. Parking is available behind the pub, for the small price of £2. After that things will happen in the way they do on the Bullstones, i.e. probably not according to plan. After sufficient pre-hydration, we may head north along the Pennine Way to find a suitable bivvy site somewhere around Old Ing or Birkwith Moor, or maybe in the woods. From there, along the ridge between Langstrothdale and Littondale. This is unpathed, but it is now access land so we shouldn't have too many problems. Things after that are more vague. Further refreshment may be called for, or we may wish to solo up those easy routes at Kilnsey. Somehow, we will doubtless arrive in Kirby Malham, where we will be sleeping in the Parish Hall (which is next door to the pub). I'm thinking of a more direct route back on the Sunday, over Fountains Fell and Penyghent, returning to the Golden Lion for lunch.

Come one, come all. If you've not been on a Bullstones meet before, it's an experience not to be missed. Do get in touch if you've any questions or want to share transport.

Simon Pape

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BLACK ROCKS MEET Wednesday 13 December

Advance notice of the Oread's only official night meet! I intend to go to Black Rocks on the Saturday afternoon before the meet (9 Dec.) for a bit of a clean-up. The crag can become a bit beset by barbecue trays, cans and bottles. It's bound to be wet, cold and greasy on the night; let's try and make sure it isn't filthy as well! I would welcome some help with this.

Please try and contact me beforehand, though of course, casual assistance will also be welcome.

Rob Tresidder

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1 Jan '07 - New Year Walk C. Russell

If there are still any antediluvian Oreads who fancy the traditional walk to the George Inn at Alstonefield on New Years Day, then I would be

delighted if they would join me in a stroll up from Ilam, via Castern and Hopedale, to Alstonefield. We shall meet on the road in Ilam Village, opposite the cross in time to move off at 10.45. I usually have difficulty in restraining those would-be drinkers who are punctual, if there are late-comers reportedly on the way, so please spare me this dilemma.

It is perhaps a good idea to leave cars in Dovedale car park and walk to Ilam before the start, rather than doing the equivalent distance at the end of the day, when the legs may be a little fatigued.

Afterwards, if a sufficiently sober and coherent party can be assembled before the onset of darkness, we shall return via Milldale, Dovedale and Bunster Hill.

Cairngorms 5 – 7 January (James Tubby)

At this time of year it can be hard to look beyond the Christmas festivities, however now is the time to start planning for the new year. The first Scottish winter meet of the new season will take place on the first weekend of the new year 5-7 Jan in the Cairngorms. This meet is the perfect opportunity to get over those post-Christmas blues and start to work off the excesses of the festive period. Once again we will be staying at Caringorm Lodge (Loch Morlich) Youth Hostel at Glenmore. It is located 5 minutes drive from the ski area car park which means that you can lie-in until 6:30 a.m. and still begin your walk-in as day breaks. It is also 5 minutes walk from Glenmore Lodge and its bar, where meals and fine Scottish beers (such as The Cairngorm Brewery's 'Wildcat') are served. The area has plenty for everyone, Coire-an-t-sneachda has been described as 'The Stange of winter climbing' due to its short walk in and many routes of all standards. More remote crags such as Hell's Lum offer the possibility of climbing in quieter venues. The presence of Britain's 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th highest mountains and many other Munroes give plenty of winter walking options.

I intend booking beds at the youth hostel on Saturday 16th December. After this date please book directly with the youth hostel on 0870 0041137 (or online) and say that you are with the James Tubby/ Oread Party and hopefully we'll all end up in the same room (or rooms if we are a mixed party). The cost is £13 per night. There

is a campsite over the road for anyone inclined to camp. To book a bed before 16th December, or make transport arrangements nearer the time please contact me on 01332 571166 or jamestubby@hotmail.com

Continental Ice - January 19th-21st.

A team is heading out to Switzerland to play on their ice, without the misery (and long drive) associated with a Scottish trip. We are going to fly from East Midlands to Geneva on Friday lunchtime, returning Monday afternoon and staying in Trient, between Chamonix and Martigny. There is scope to come for a shorter (or longer) break. At this stage I suggest you make your own travel arrangements if you want to join us. Please get in touch with me if you want any more details.

Simon Pape

Tan-yr-Wyddfa meet 3-4 February 2007

I have booked the weather to ensure a perfect weekend. The remnants of hurricane Zebedee will pass over North Wales on 27 January to saturate the water table high on the mountains. This will progressively freeze under the influence of an immovable high pressure system bringing Siberian air for the week. The weekend will bring cloudless skies enabling you to admire the breathtaking beauty of the perfect water-ice which will be solid down to the hut.

So do come along for what will be a superb and convivial weekend. It may be so convivial that Zebedee will wish to come along too!

Reuben Dakin

Slide Show 8th February 2007

The slide show in February will be a talk by Rock Hudson on a trip he made to the Butterfly Mountains. As butterflies are pretty I am hoping the butterfly mountains will also prove to be pretty spectacular too. Be there!

Tim Cairns

(I am due to finish organising the Indoor Meets after the March Indoor Meet. I've done it for 3 years and it needs a fresh mind to keep the meets up to date. Would you like to organise the meets? please come and talk to me.)

Lagangarbh (10th & 11th Feb)

We have 14 places at the SMC hut at Lagangarbh (Glen Coe) for Fri 9th & Sat 10th. The hut is situated north of Buachaille Etive Mor near the River Coupall (NN 22072 55970) and is reached

via a footbridge. It is better to park next to the main road rather than on the dirt track as you could easily get your car stuck on ice overnight if you did attempt to drive to the footbridge (as happened to an unfortunate Oread last time we used the hut). The hut is a typical crofters style cottage and has good facilities, including mattresses, stoves, fuel, cooking pots/pans, crockery and cutlery. Obviously the huts excellent location provides a multitude of outdoor options within the Glen Coe area. Fingers crossed for good winter conditions.

Drop me an email or phone me to book a place. Cost is £14 each for the weekend (weatherstone@ntlworld 01332 726116) also see the SMC website for further details of the hut (<http://www.smc.org.uk/huts/lagan.htm>).

Skye meet 5 - 11 May 2007 Rob Tresidder

I have allowed an error to creep into Neil's provisional meets list. I have booked the Coruisk Memorial Hut for the nights of 5 - 11 May. Many of you will be familiar with the amazing location of this hut belonging to the JMCS. Those on SAS training may want to walk in via Camasunary and the Bad Step with provisions for a week, but for the rest of us I intend to hire a boat to carry us from Elgol into Loch Scavaig for disembarkation almost outside the front door of the hut. The launch will be booked for the 5th and again for the 12th when we sail out. NOTE: this is not the half term week (Roy's Cornwall meet).

Skye should need little introduction. It is almost my all-time favourite place. The hut puts us in a unique position for attempts on the main ridge without the huge walk in from Glen Brittle. Also highly accessible is the simply beautiful Dubhs ridge as well as the less accessible rock climbing areas. I have booked NINE places; Jane and I have already taken two of those places. I will accept bookings on payment of £7 deposit. The balance of £28 will become due in March. For more information on this unique opportunity, please contact me:

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LUNDY September 15th- 22nd. 2007

Only fifty yards from the Marisco Tavern, the Barn will be our home for a week of climbing, walking [though not far as Lundy is only three miles long], idling, snorkelling, seal watching, feeding the ducks or just exploring.

The Barn accommodates just fourteen people so this early notice will enable you to book your holiday early and get your name down on my list before the rush starts. The cost of the accommodation and the boat to get you there and back will be around £95.

More details on this nearer the time, so hurry up and give me a ring on 01332 670459 or e-mail derek.pike1234@virgin.net to book your place.

Derek.

Membership Renewals for 2007

Your subscriptions for 2007 will soon become due. The rates have been held at this year's level and so represent even better value for money than ever:

Full Member	£26.00
Family	£39.00
Senior Member	£13.00
Senior Family	£19.50
Prospective Member	£13.00

It would be appreciated if you could please renew in good time before I have to send you a reminder! Please send payments by cheque, payable to Oread Mountaineering Club, to

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If you prefer to pay by bank transfer, the Oread bank account details are:
Sort code is 05-04-07 and the account number is 45028744 (Yorkshire bank).

Please let me know if you have paid by bank transfer; otherwise your money may disappear into the pot without a trace!

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

Many thanks, Reuben

HUT BOOKINGS NOVEMBER 2006

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

NOV. 5th -11th	K & M Sarson
NOV. 17-18th	Mercian C C 16 beds
NOV. 24-25th	King Edward School (to be confirmed)
DEC. 1-2nd	vacant

HEATHY LEA

NOV. 10-11TH.	D Helliwell cottage and barn
NOV. 17-18th.	Polaris MC cottage.
NOV. 24-25th	Liverpool Uni. cottage and barn.

Reports from past meets

Annual Dinner 2006

This years Oread Annual Dinner was attended by almost 60 jolly members. The beer was good, the food great and the disco fun with plenty of dancing of a fervent and unrestrained style. Our guess speaker David Craig retold tales of climbing in the Alps with great climbers of the past (Puuullllll David, Puuullllll...) and our Club President re-distributed the club's lost property in his own humorous way. Thank you to the person who lost the bottle of whiskey, it has now found an appreciative new owner! Unfortunately a couple of people forgot to turn up, but their food didn't go to waste and was snaffled by some hungry rock nymphs. If you weren't able to make it this year please do attend next year's frivolities. Tracey and I enjoyed organising this year's dinner and shall be organising the event again next year. We have booked the same venue for Sat 24th Nov 2007. See you all there.

Future newsletters - call for reports and notices of meets

Please send me all articles, notices of future meets and reports of past meets by 22 January 2007.

In particular I would like to receive reports from Simon Pape (Bullstones); Rob Tresidder (Black Rocks); James Tubby (Cairngorms) and Simon Pape (Maron Glace) .

Notes from the November committee meeting

The committee in pictures

A rogues gallery of the committee members is being compiled on the website. This is to help potential new members identify members at the

climbing wall. Committee members are asked to forward their favourite picture of themselves to Graham Weston by e-mail.

Child protection policy

R. Tresidder now has a copy of the B.M.C. Child Protection Policy accompanied by a note from Nick Colton of the B.M.C, also a copy of the Fell and Rock safety policy. Jane Tresidder is producing her own version of the C.P.P. for the Committee's consideration. It appears that the Club does not require a C.P.P. if no person under the age of eighteen is allowed on Club meets without a parent or an adult in loco parentis. The Committee has decided to ask the membership at the next A.G.M. to vote for the alteration of Rule 12 so that the minimum age for Associate Membership is eighteen years. The secretary is to inform the Membership of this proposal as required under Rule 17.

At present Rule 12 states:-

A person may be elected as associate member if under 18 years of age and a minimum of 16 years old (they should have permission from their parents). Associate members shall not be eligible to vote at any official meeting, nor lead official Meets. Other organisations that use our huts may need to have their own C.P.P. in place at the time of booking.

R. Tresidder has volunteered to rewrite the Fell and Rocks policy on young people to suit our Clubs particular circumstances.

Fire Regulations at the huts.

The new Fire Regulations came into effect on the 1st October 2006. The effects of this are unclear so we will have to wait and see what happens.

Handbook

The Handbook and the Constitution of the Club are to be subject to another evening of the Committee's deliberations; the aim being to bring the Constitution up to date. R. Tresidder volunteered to find a timetable in the New Year for this discussion that is agreeable to all the Committee

Oread Mountaineering Club Meets List for 2007

Note: weekend dates are listed for the Sat and Sun only, not the adjoining Fri.

Month	Day	Meet	Leader	Contact
Jan	M 1	New Year's Day Walk	Rusty Russel	01335 390369
	Tu 2nd	NO Indoor Meet		
	6 & 7	Caimgorms	James Tubby	01332 571166
	20 & 21	Maron Glace	Simon Pape	01629 822450
Feb	3 & 4	Tan-Yr-Wyddfa	Ruben Dakin	01332 834543
	Tu 6th	Indoor Meet - Butterfly Mountains	Rock (John) Hudson	
	10 & 11	Lagangarbh	Neil Weatherstone	01332 726116
Mar	Tu 6th	Indoor Meet - Mountains and their use in Art	Rob Van Beek	
	10 & 11	Patterdale	Stuart Haywood	01332-834449
	Sa 24	AGM	Derek Pike	01332 670459
	Su 25	Spring Stride	Rob Tresidder	01629 823953
	W 28	First Evening Meet	Rob Tresidder	01629 823953
Apr	6 to 9	Swanage and Portland	Sharon Fletcher/Roger Gibbs	01246 238039
	21 & 22	Healthy Lea		
	24 to 25	Tan-Yr-Wyddfa Mid Week Meet	John Green	01332-832101
May	5 to 12	JMCS Hut Coruisk	Rob Tresidder	01629 823953
	12 & 13	Tan-Yr-Wyddfa WP	Hut Sub-committee	
Whitsun	26 to 28	Cornwall	Roy Eyre	01623 469658
Jun	2 & 3	no meet presently planned		
	16 & 17	Tan-Yr-Wyddfa	Derek Pike	01332 670459
	We 20th	Longest (Wednes)Day - esoteric grit	Neil Weatherstone	01332 726116
	23 & 24	Summer Stroll		
	30 & 1	Heathy Lea WP	Hut Sub-committee	
Jul	7 & 8	Black Sail YH/Pillar	John Green	01332-832101
	21 & 22	Derbyshire schools holidays start		
		Alpine Meet		
Aug	23 to 27	Golden Oldies T-Y-W - mid week	K Gregson	01332-792147
	25 to 27	North Pembrokeshire	K Gregson	01332-792147
Sep	15 to 22	Lundy	Derek Pike	01332 670459
	W 26	Last Evening Meet & Curry	Simon Pape	01629 822450
	29 & 30	Heathy Lea BBQ/Bonfire/Beer	Neil Weatherstone	01332 726116
Oct	13 & 14	Tan-Yr-Wyddfa	Tony Howard	01332 273307
	27 & 28	Heathy Lea		
Nov	Su 4	Dovedale Dash	Rob Tresidder	01629 823953
	Sa 24	Annual Dinner	N & T Weatherstone	01332 726116
	Su 25	Post-prandial walk		
Dec	8 & 9	Bullstones	John Green	01332 832101
	W 12	Black Rocks	Rob Tresidder	01629 823953
	22 to 31	Christmas/New Year at T-Y-W		

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