



February 2009

Oread M.C. Newsletter

Editorial. (Last Date for next edition 25/02/09)

Hi everyone, February again, does not seem like two minutes since Christmas. I have a little treat for you this month. Mike Hayes loaned me a copy of "The Oread Mountaineering Club Songsheet". As you are probably aware Dennis Grey has been doing some sterling work to publish and preserve our mountain song heritage. So I thought it would be a good idea to publish one of the songs from the sheet and see what, if any, reaction it gets. See what you think. After the cold spell of early January, it looks like we could be in for a good winter, only time will tell, keep climbing!



Parsley Fern Gully 2009

Winter Climbing Meets - January to March 2009 Steve Christian.

Through February the winter climbing meets will be coordinated by Simon Pape. We had a successful trip to North Wales in January in the cold snap, climbing Sergeant's Gully and Parsley Fern left hand. The same approach will be taken, with a venue being decided on the climbing conditions and forecast for the weekend during the week preceding, this being communicated via the e-mail circular. Those not on this e-mail circular can find out what's happening, and where, by contacting Simon on 01629 822450 or 07813 616563.

Indoor Meet - Royal Oak - 3rd February.

Tony Howard.

Gordon Gadsby is giving a talk on "Magic of the Mountains". Should be good, Starting 20.00 approx.

Seathwaite 7th & 8th Feb – Neil Weatherstone.

It has been quite a while since I last spent a winter weekend in this part of the Lakes and I suspect that might be the same for a few other Oreads. If the recent cold snap continues, we could be in for some excellent winter conditions for walking and climbing. I have booked the K-Fellfarer's High House hut in Borrowdale and the intention is to have a joint meet similar to that held at TYW last year. High House can be found at NY235119 and is at the end of the road in Seathwaite. High House has all the usual amenities, such as drying room, kitchen and common room. Just bring food, drink and something to sleep in. There is more info and a map on the K-Fellfarer's website (www.kfellfarers.co.uk) and the cost is £2.50 per night.

My main idea is to spend Saturday completing a circuitous route on the high fells from the hut and calling in at an inn on the way back. There are obviously more adventurous things to do considering the location for those who are up for it. Sunday will be figured out on Saturday night whilst under the influence of Cumberland Ale. Some places in the hut have been snapped up already, so contact me soon via phone or email to book you place.

(weatherstone@ntlworld.com 01332 726116). I'll see you in the Yew Tree Inn in Seatoller on the Friday night. Neil.

Tan yr Wyddfa 7th-8th March – Derek Pike.

Having just read the 2009 Meets List I find that I have put my name down to lead this meet. I am not going to make any rash promises about fine winter conditions or fine warm and sunny conditions suitable for climbing, so any of you who wish to attend this meet will, as always, have to make do with whatever the weather god or goddess provides.

If you would like to come please contact me on 01332 670459 or e-mail

derepike1234@btinternet.com Derek.

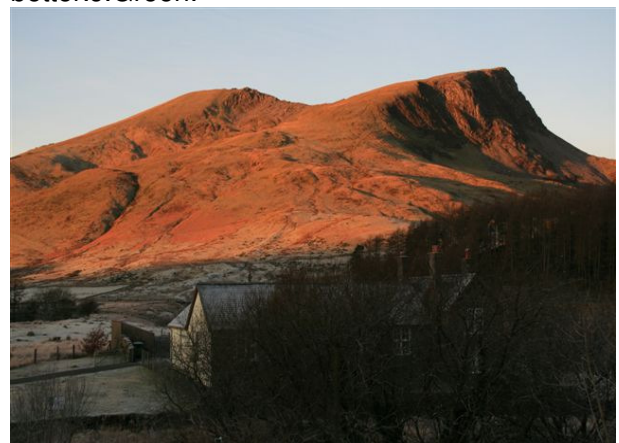
Reports from past meets and news.

New Year Walk

Although literally pedestrian, this traditional walk is considered worthwhile by a select few. Chris and Roy Eyre, Mike Wren, Peter Amour and Rob Tresidder joined me in a traverse of the steep little side of Iron Torrs, a dry side valley to the Dove, having approached in a circuitous manner via Alsop Moor. The weather was superb with the white frosty effect setting off the tree clad scenery, and even those with a history on the much greater crags of the continent and elsewhere found some interest in the terrain. At the George, we saw Mick and Gill Keeling, Pam and Dave Weston, the Janes clan, Pete Hassal, George Fowler, Freda Raphael and Gordon Stainforth. Doubtless there were others. C.Russell.

Tan yr Wyddfa New Year.

Rock Hudson, the meet leader for this meet was ill, as were many others around at Christmas, myself included. Our hutte had a wonderful atmosphere, as usual, and a good time was had by all. The New Years Eve walk, consisted of an ascent of Yr Wyddfa by the Rhydd Ddu path returning by the Snowdon Ranger and arriving well after dark, to the consternation of some partners! Explorations of new quarries were also carried out and new devices found. Cables used as cranes to lift stone! Fascinating. Other walks included traverses of the Hebog ridge and shopping visits to Carnarvon and Porth Madog. Really good food was provided by everyone somehow pulling it together, yet again, for a party atmosphere. Pass the pigs and 2 puzzles kept everyone busy for some time, while we waited for midnight. Champagne was shared by Pam and Nodge and the celebrations went on well into the night. Every year it just gets better. J.Green.



Y Garn at New Year 2009 – Note the sky!

Puttin On The Style.

Now here is a story, that is not often told,
Of climbers in Derbyshire, both young and old,
The names of these characters, maybe you
know,

Names like Geoff Hayes, the Gadsby's, John
Welbourne and co.

CHORUS.

*Puttin on the agony, Puttin on the style,
That's what Chuck Hooley's doing all the while,
If you go to the club hut, Chuck Hooley's waiting
there,
His rules and regulations give you quite a scare.*

The Cook's they want to leave us, that is not
very nice,
Because we like their company, as we do
realise,
They're going to the far North, but we still hope
to see,
Them climbing at the weekends, no matter
where they be.

CHORUS.

Now we have the Gadsby's, to Stanage they will
go,
And you can bet your life, that every climb they
know,
And if they ever want a change, it always ends
the same,
It's Stanage at the weekend, in sunshine or in
rain.

CHORUS.

John Welbourne he's a fine man, he's done it all
before,
One first ascent in Norway, and many mountains
more,
Now if you go to a strange place, where you've
never been before,
Just mention Johnny Welbourne, and they'll
open up the door.

CHORUS

Here is Roger Turner, he is a V.I.P.
He is the secretary of the Oread M.C.
If you want to see him, on one of the club meets,
I will tell you will be lucky, if he's there to greet.

CHORUS

The Craddocks are a funny lot, Rod is the oldest
one,
And then comes Paul who loves Loni, for him the
only one,
The little one called never change, Peter is his
name,

Without money he goes to Switzerland, with his
brothers he'll arrange.

CHORUS

There is a certain fellow, who's face you can't
forget,
His gear you cannot trust, in weather when its
wet,.

His clothes you can distinguish, his walk you
can't disguise,
His name it must be Geoff Hayes, we all do
realise.

CHORUS

Now Wally Smith, you must admit, drives a
fabulous car,
He drives it round the countryside and to his
favourite bar,
He has been out walking and done some climbs
untold,
But now he goes a golfing, to Stanton-on-the-
Wold.

CHORUS

That is the end of our song, we hope you didn't
mind,
Forgive us if we've done wrong, and if the words
aren't kind,
We're sorry if we missed you out, but we've
already been to long,
Thank you all for listening, to this awful song
CHORUS.



**Bullstones 1980 – Reg Squires used to
read monologues similar to the above at
such times.**

Oread T Shirts – Last Chance!

Please get your order to me by 28 February.
A few words of history around this T-shirt. The idea
of having a club T-shirt was Simon Pape's. Simon
felt that our profile could be improved at climbing
walls; hopefully this will lead to improved
recruitment rates. I rashly volunteered to carry the
project through because I had a novel idea for the
design. I had no idea then how complicated the
whole process would be! I was much taken with the
story of the origins of the club's name as relayed in
the Jubilee journal edited by Harry Pretty. I
succeeded in contacting George Sutton, one of the
club's founder members and its first secretary. He
was vague about which newspaper's crossword
had contained the Oread clue and indeed when it
had been published. With the help of the Daily
Mirror, I managed to track down the relevant puzzle
and here it is. The club has purchased a facsimile

edition of the paper which will be deposited in the club archive at County Offices. At a very early committee meeting, it was agreed that the club should be called the Burton-on-Trent Anorak MC! George's felicitous encounter with a simple crossword puzzle saved the club from becoming the dorks of the climbing world. Many thanks to Sally Dipple for the design of the front of the shirt and general help with scanning etc. So to the shirt. It is made by Gildan and comes in the following colours: Ash, Azalea, Black, Cardinal Red, Carolina Blue, Charcoal, Daisy, Dark Chocolate, Forest, Irish Green, Light Blue, Light Pink, Lime, Maroon, Navy, Orange, Purple, Red, Royal, Sapphire, Sport Grey, Tangerine, Violet, White. Price is £11.50 per shirt. Add £1 for dark colour and £1.50 for girls' skinny fit. I'm not sure what the "ski fit", referred to in the last newsletter, looks like! Orders will only be accepted accompanied by cheque. Please get these to me by 28 February. Rob Tresidder 61 West End, Wirksworth, DE4 4EG



Address Changes.

Wendy Lawrence, new email address. wendy.lawrence2@virgin.net mobile: 07747 843480 work: 01332 260141

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Alistair and Ruth Gordon new email address. <mailto:alistair.ruth@btinternet.com>

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Lectures.

It may be of interest to know about a talk Karen Darke's giving at the Assembly Rooms on the **26th of March** about skiing across Greenland, cycling over the Himalayas and climbing El Cap (oh yes she was paralysed in a climbing accident when she was 21 - and I think people should remember her from the Xmas dinner). You can find out more about her at <http://www.karendarke.com>

Hut Bookings. For February.

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

HEATHY LEA
FEB. VACANT

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

THE HUT WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS WHILST THE BUILDING WORK AND DRY ROT TREATMENT ARE CARRIED OUT, FOR THE WHOLE OF FEBRUARY.

OREAD JOURNALS

I REQUESTED IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER TO LET ME KNOW IF ANY MEMBERS STILL HAVE PACKETS OF THE OREAD 50th JOURNAL IN THEIR ATTIC!, THIS ONLY PRODUCED ONE REPLY. WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?????. PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU STILL HAVE COPIES, THANKS.

Colin Hobday Tel 01332 551594 Email colinanduschi@talktalk.net tel. 0-7951 625 378

New Members.

Annegret Siebert was elected a full member at the January committee meeting. We wish her well in her climbing with us.

Announcements.

Dear Oreads,

Chris and Heather Seaman are happy to announce the arrival of baby Samuel James Seaman at the QMC on Tuesday the 20th of January. Heather stayed in hospital Monday night and came home Tuesday afternoon. Isabel is very proud of her new baby brother. We are all doing fine just a bit tired. Looking forward to seeing some of you as we start finding our feet again.

I hope to make one of the slide lectures before they end.

Chris, Heather, Isabel and Samuel.

The 60th Annual General Meeting of the Oread Mountaineering Club.

This will be held at The Robin Hood Inn, Chesterfield Road, Baslow DE45 1PQ at 8.00 p.m. on Saturday 28 March 2009

In accordance with the constitution, members are reminded that any proposal for a change to Club Rules must be lodged with the Secretary at least 28 days before the date of the meeting (Rule 17).

The Committee is proposing that two of the Club Rules be amended:

Rule 7(6): concerning Hut Sub Committees. The current rule states:

*A Club Hut shall be managed by a Hut Sub-Committee, consisting of the Hut Custodian **and two other members**. The Hut Sub-Committee shall administer the affairs of the Hut, and be responsible to the Committee for Hut Rules, improvements to amenities, and negotiations for the arrangement of reciprocal rights. Expenses shall not be incurred by the Hut Sub-Committee without prior consent of the Committee. The Ordinary Members of the Hut Sub-Committee shall retire annually, together with the Hut Custodian but be eligible for re-election.*

For many years the Hut Sub Committee has had more than two members in addition to the Hut Custodian. The proposal is to amend the first sentence to reflect this and to incorporate a Secretary whose purpose would be similar to that of the General Secretary on the main committee. The proposed Rule 7(6) is:

*A Club Hut shall be managed by a Hut Sub-Committee, consisting of the Hut Custodian, **a Secretary and a minimum of two other members**. The Hut Sub-Committee shall administer the affairs of the Hut, and be responsible to the Committee for Hut Rules, improvements to amenities, and negotiations for the arrangement of reciprocal rights. Expenses shall not be incurred by the Hut Sub-Committee without prior consent of the Committee. The **Secretary and** Ordinary Members of the Hut Sub-Committee shall retire annually, together with the Hut Custodian but be eligible for re-election.*

Rule 8: concerning the number of years that officers may serve consecutively on the Committee. The current rule states:

*The Officers and the other members of the Committee shall be elected for the ensuing year at the Annual General Meeting. **No elected member, with the exception of the General Secretary, Meets Secretary, Hut Custodian and Treasurer, shall serve more than two years consecutively in any one office.** An Honorary Auditor, who is not an officer or member of the Committee, shall be appointed each year, and the appointment shall be ratified at the following Annual General Meeting.*

As with Rule 7(6), this rule has been contravened on several occasions. The Committee propose that only the President should now be restricted to serving for a maximum period of two consecutive years in office, again reflecting reality. The posts affected by this change are the Vice-President, Assistant Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Hut Booking Secretary.

The amended rule would be:

*The Officers and the other members of the Committee shall be elected for the ensuing year at the Annual General Meeting. **No one shall serve as the President for more than two years consecutively.** An Honorary Auditor, who is not an officer or member of the Committee, shall be appointed each year, and the appointment shall be ratified at the following Annual General Meeting.*

2009 – 2010 Committee

Nominations for the following Officers and Committee members have been received:

President	Simon Pape.	Vice-President	Tony Howard.
General Secretary	Chris Wilson.	Assistant General Secretary	Reuben Dakin.
Treasurer	Steve Christian.	Meets Secretary	Nomination Required
Newsletter Editor	John Green.	Hut Custodian, Tan yr Wyddfa	Chuck Hooley
Hut Custodian, Heathy Lea	Mike Hayes	Huts Booking Secretary	Colin Hobday.
Committee Members	Neil Weatherstone.	Richard Hopkinson.	Nomination Required.
Librarian and Archivist	Rock Hudson		

Tan yr Wyddfa Hut Sub Committee Members:

Tony Smedley, Mike Keeling, Keith Gregson, Pam Storer, Graham Foster.

Heathy Lea Hut Sub Committee Members:

Pam Storer, Dave Helliwell and Steve McDonagh

May I remind members that, subject to Rules 8 and 9 of the constitution of the Club, the General Secretary must receive any nominations for election of Officers and Committee members at least 14 days before the A.G.M. **Nominations close on 14 March. No nominations have been received for the positions of Meets Secretary and one of the Committee Members.** Please step forward for these or any other post and take

this opportunity to ensure that this bunch of megalomaniacs are prevented from controlling your club. Get your nominations in to the General Secretary, Chris Wilson (Beech Mount, 10 Beacon Road, Rolleston on Dove, Staffordshire DE13 9EF or chrisandjanwilson@talktalk.net) before 14 March.

Forthcoming Meets

February	Tue 3 rd	Royal Oak, Ockbrook – Gordon Gadsby.	Tony Howard	01332 273307 07762 268181
	Sat 7 th – Sun 8 th	Seathwaite – Joint Meet with K- Fellfarers	Neil Weatherstone	01332 726116 07946 825798
	Tue 10 th	Committee Meets Smithfield Derby		
	Sat 14 th – Sun 15 th	Scotland Where there's Snow	Simon Pape	01629 822450 07813 616563
	Sat 21 st – Sun 22 nd	Scotland Where there's Snow	Simon Pape	01629 822450 07813 616563
March	Tue 3 rd	Royal Oak, Ockbrook – Richard Hopkinson/Steve Christian	Tony Howard	01332 273307 07762 268181
	Sat 7 th – Sun 8 th	Tan yr Wyddfa	Derek Pike	01332 670459
	Tue 10 th	Committee Meets Smithfield Derby		
	Sat 14 th – Sun 15 th	Patterdale – George Starkey Hut	Stuart Haywood	01332 882331 07836 314403
	Sat 21 st – Sun 22 nd	Heathy Lea – Fell Race	Gill Radcliffe	01246 569134 07816 072138
	Sat 28 th	Annual General Meeting – Robin Hood - Baslow	Chris Wilson	01283 520911 07881 698758
	Sun 29 th	Spring Stride	Rod Tresidder	01629 823953 07951 625378
April	Wed 1 st	First Evening Outdoor Meet	Neil Weatherstone	01332 726116 07946 825798
	Sat 4 th – Sun 5 th	Stair Meet Newlands Valley	John Green.	01332 832101
	Tues 14 th	Committee Meets Smithfield Derby		
	Fri 10 th – Mon 13 th	Easter		
	Sat 25 th – Sun 26 th	Heathy Lea – Joint Meet with Gloucester M.C.	Mike Wren – Tony Raphael.	01332 840336

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