

NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2009

Editorial.

November can be a depressing month, but also it can be a period of clear cold weather when we can get out into the hills and enjoy cloud inversion and other wonders of the mountains. This month is a little different from usual. I have added a long article by Sally Dipple on the May Bank Holiday Meet in Devon. This is in pdf format and will be separate from the rest of the newsletter. If you still receive your information by post, it will be part of the main magazine. Spring seems a long way off, and yet as the year draws to a close, we can look forward to the delights Mike has got for us in 2010. The new Meets List should also be with this edition, as a supplement. If anyone would like to lead a meet next year I'm sure Mike can sort out something for you. We also have an invitation to visit a display of Harry Pretty's artefacts from his trip to the Antarctic in 1954, in Derby Museum, sound's good. Your President and Editor will definitely be there.

Dovedale Dash, Sun 1st November Rob Tressider.

For the third year running, I have my sick note already: plantar fasciitis and that does have something to do with fascism but I won't go into that now. It IS that time again although of course years ago, it would have been held a week later. Start is 11 o'clock. You are strongly advised to try and arrive by 10. That gives you loads of time to queue in the village, enter the race and enjoy the craic. Entry is £4 per runner with "no reductions". It'll cost you a couple of quid to park. Chris and Gill successfully flushed out some secret runners with their revival of the Heathy Lea Fell Race, so let's hope we'll see lots of you at this event. 4.75 miles, sometimes deliciously muddy. The winner gets round in about half an hour usually. Traditionally, we have repaired to The George at Alstonefield after the race, but there have been mumbblings about the inn's transformation to gastro-pub. So let's go with the flow on the day. The race has a website, here <http://www.dovedaledash.acwager.co.uk/> It also has a Wikipedia entry, a bit slapdash and inaccurate but interesting none the less.

Heathy Lea Bonfire Night Sat 7th & Sun 8th November. Dave Roscoe.

A repeat event, by popular request, following the successful summer festival. On Saturday evening, there will be bespoke beers from the Roscoe and Weatherspoon breweries. Mike Wren will be bringing a guitar, with a view to a bit of impromptu music in the barn. Any other musicians coming? If so, let him know.

60th Annual Dinner 14th November 2009. Neil Weatherstone.

The 60th Annual Dinner is almost upon us. The closing date for confirming your attendance is 2nd Nov. We already have over seventy Oreads attending, so there is a good chance you will see old climbing friends that you've not seen for a while. In addition to our guest speaker, Richard Mayfield, we will also have a BMC Vice President attending (Audrey Seguy or Pat Littlejohn). If you are concerned that the postal strike may have delayed your form and payment please call or email me to confirm. See previous newsletters for the menu, invite and forms.

Post Prandial Walk Sun 15th November 2009. Rob Tressider.

Richard Hopkinson was going to do this for the club but on balance a trek to Kanchenjunga BaseCamp seems a bit much after the indulgences of the night before. So I will lead a walk of about five miles from Matlock rail station on Sunday 15 November, starting at 1045. We'll make our way to Bonsall (details available from me nearer the time) and after refreshment at a friendly hostelry, we'll walk back to the New Bath Hotel from where a frequent bus service can return folk to the train station in Matlock. Richard has chosen quite long walks (well, not by his standards, I know) in the past. I hope this shorter outing, which reflects my invalid status, will attract a wider range of ages and fitnesses! So... details. I will depart the front of the New Bath at 1020. This should allow folk staying at the hotel plenty of time for a leisurely breakfast and a glance at the Sunday prints. I'll pick up the TransPeak bus at the Fishpond. This bus leaves Nottingham Broadmarsh at 0910 and Derby (Y1) at 0950. There is also a handy train which leaves Nottingham at 0923, Derby at 0958 and arrives in Matlock at 1032. There is parking (at a fee!) near the station. Those arriving by car would do better to park at or near the hotel as we do for Wildcat evenings. If you need info on getting back after the walk, do come back to me or visit: <http://www.transportdirect.info/>

T-shirts

I still have a few T-shirts left. If you would like one of these, please let me know and you can collect from me at the dinner on 14 November.

TWO LARGE red T-shirts with faulty print. FREE

Skinny fit in Medium (size12) in white and small (size10) in white, pink or black. £5 each

Pale blue in M, L and XL. Navy blue in M and XL. £10 each.

Bullstones Sat.12th - Sun. 13th Dec. 2009. Derek Pike.

Unwitting victims to the last two attempts that I have made to run this meet successfully will probably be keen to avoid this year's debacle. Knowing nothing of the area I have decided on a trip around the Forest of Bowland. Careful perusal of O.S. map OL 41 or Landranger 103, will bring forth such words as swamp and spring. Hailshowers Fell may or may not live up to its name. It is possible that the sun may shine in which case only the lower halves of our bodies will get wet.

We shall meet on Friday night at the Crowtrees pub and restaurant, (G.R.780558) this is off the south side of the B6478 Tosside to Wigglesworth road. If it appears that you are entering a caravan cum holiday home site you are in the right place. Parking courtesy of the landlord, although he might be expecting to sell us some beer and a few dinners on Sunday. After suitable lubrication a walk in a northerly direction will take us to bivvy at or near Whelp Stone crag (G.R.759592).

The morning will find us trying to get to Bowland Knotts,(G.R. 726607) if this is successful we shall continue in a roughly westerly direction to Cross of Greet (G.R.683608). Moving now in a more southerly direction we come to White Hill. Those members who expect the meet to live up to its name may wish to visit the Great and Little Bullstones a little further to the south whilst I shall bear west and south heading for Dunsop Bridge and the village hall (G.R.658501) where we are booked in for the night. There is a cafe in the village but no pub for at least two and a half miles. Sunday will see us returning to our start point, probably by the shortest route. Any more info required or to arrange lifts please phone me. See you all there.

News, Articles and Reports from past meets.

North Pembroke Meet Aug 31st Keith Gregson.

Unfortunately Pembroke was pretty-well a wash out. The fish shop in St Davids was awful, the pubs get more expensive, and less like pubs, and the weather was miserable. We did walk, and there were routes (some good) done during odd breaks in the weather. The turnout was remarkable considering the weather and the company was its usual good natured self, despite the weather.

Curry Meet: TyW 9th - 10th October 2009 Tony Howard.

Another year; another Curry Meet! Nineteen Oreads & guests assembled at Tan Yr Wyddfa on the Friday afternoon & evening, despite a mixed weather forecast. The fire was going & the hut felt very cosy indeed. Saturday started dull with low cloud, although the forecast promised brighter weather later on. The Duchess of Lancaster & Dr Wison were the first to propose a plan & this resulted in six of us walking the Nantlle Ridge. The Duke of Lancaster, Stopher Wislon, SNOD & just about everybody else went to Holyhead after the usual climbers' indecision.

Thanks to Pam & Stopher, the six walkers were dropped near the Cwm Silyn end of the Nantlle Ridge, before embarking on the walk in dull conditions. A cloud base of perhaps 2000 ft meant that the first part of our walk offered no scenic delights. However, after we descended from Craig Pennant the visibility improved & we could see Cwm Pennant & much of southern Snowdonia. By the time we reached the obelisk on Mynydd Tal-y-mignedd some felt their future so bright, they had to wear shades. Slippery rocks meant interesting scrambling sections throughout the day. The descent from Y Garn - with tired legs - brought us directly back to the hut of course, where hot showers, coffee & wine eased us from one form of pleasure to the start of another: the curries! Tim had arrived a day late with urgently needed supplies of somozas but in doing so had abandoned a young Pike by the roadside near Chester!

The climbers at Holyhead Mountain all managed some good routes. The Duke of Lancaster's 'last of the summer wine' team, as they were described by Pam with much agreement from Derrick, Mick and Nick did manage to climb the only two tree stars routes in the guide book on Holyhead Mountain and in doing so seemed to unsettle/amuse other climbers out for a pleasant relaxing day! You might guess who the main culprit was? They climbed King Bee Crack and Breaking the Barrier. Back at the hut the 'last of the summer winners began wining themselves & preparing the culinary feasts - which were appreciated by all, including newly arrived visitors Merle & Bob from Llanberis. Towards the close of the evening our youngest guest: 5 year old Tom Bate was put to bed with his customary climbing bedtime story: no soppy nursery rhymes for future Oreads! On Sunday morning the weather was CRAP and our time was spent in cleaning the hut. As people drifted away in the afternoon the remaining few were compelled to address the important philosophical questions. Who is the noisiest Oread & does he have a future as a barman? Will the drying room ever work properly? Will its debate ever cease to provide a source of amusement? Will a man own up to having a pink sandwich box? Did someone steal Annegret's blue sock or are we about to witness an international insurance fraud? Time would provide some of the answers, but some will no doubt have to wait till next year?

Winter Lecture Programme 2009/2010 Tony Howard

The next lecture in the programme is by Mike Wynne, an ex-Oread who now runs a trekking company and guides clients through some of the most fascinating places on earth. He will be talking about his visits to Ethiopia. Ethiopia you say? War - famine - poverty - aids?

Fortunately there is far more to this fascinating country than the images our blinkered media portrays. **Find out more at Mike Wynne's talk on Trekking in the Simien Mountains.**

Tuesday 3rd November 8pm at the Royal Oak Ockbrook. I hope to see you there. On 1st December we will have our Members' Slide Evening. We have 9 speakers, who will each be limited to 10 minutes. These are:

MEMBERS' EVENING

Malcolm Leick Morocco and the Todra Gorge

Annegret Via Ferratas somewhere?

Jack Ashcroft - 10 minute slot 50 Years Ago!

Chris Wilson Lycian Way in Turkey

Neil Wetherstone Downfall

Colin Hobday Oread New Year at TYW!

Paul Bingham My 2009 upland birds"

Freda Raphael Taiwan

Ian Spare Snow shoeing somewhere?

The full programme list for the remainder of the season is as follows.

3rd November Mike Wynne Trekking in the Simien Mountains of Ethiopia

1st December Members' Slide Evening 9 speakers allocated 10 minutes each

5th January Mike Mortimer New routing on the North Side of Jebel el Kest Morocco

2nd February Nick Evans + C Radcliffe Hot Rock: Four Italian Volcanoes' + 'The Alps 2009'

2nd March Paul Bingham Svalbard, days without nights at the north pole rim

I hope to see you all at as many of these as possible.

Membership Renewals for 2010 Reuben Dakin

As explained above, there was a significant shortfall between club income and running costs in 2009, which is likely to continue. In an attempt to correct this, all club membership rates have been increased by £5.00 per head. The rates per person for 2010 are:

Ordinary Member £40.00

Senior Member £25.00

Joint/Family Member £32.50

Senior Joint/Family Member £21.00

Prospective Member £25.00

Two ordinary members living at the same address are eligible for **joint/family membership**. You are eligible for **senior membership** if you will have reached "state pension age", which is 60 for ladies and 65 for gents, on 1 January 2010.

The rates quoted above are per person, so for example the amount due from a couple both aged 62 will be £53.50. If your permanent address is outside the UK you will not be a BMC club member, and so your rate will be reduced by £11.75 per person for all membership

classes.

Prospective membership provides an intending member with the low cost opportunity to gain climbing experience and the confidence of other members, to support their application for full membership. However, a "long term" prospective member receives most of the benefits of full membership (including BMC insurance) without making a fair contribution to the running costs of the club. It has therefore been decided that, from January 2010, the reduced rate for prospective members will only apply for two calendar years, and then will rise to the full ordinary members' rate. This means that if you are already a prospective member, you now have two years to progress your application for full membership. An application form can be obtained from me.

How to pay:

" If you catch me at the dinner with the money in your hand, I will give you your new membership card straight away without any need for posting.

" Cheque, payable to Oread Mountaineering Club

" Bank transfer: Please let me know if you pay by bank transfer.

Please do not send me any payments of hut fees.

You need to pay before:

" 31 December to ensure that your BMC 3rd party insurance remains current

" 31 January to maintain your Oread membership

Please make sure that your payment is clearly dated. I will be very busy over the next few months, particularly during December and early January, so please do not be alarmed if I am slow to respond to your message. If you have any queries regarding your renewal, please contact me. Many thanks

Early Notice - Christmas and New Year at Tan yr Wyddfa. Rock Hudson.

The end of another year! Come along for a few days at Tan yr Wyddfa, it's an informal meet, you can do whatever you like. There will be a buffet meal on New Years Eve. Please bring along some food and drink. Book your place with Colin Hobday until 15th December and me after this.

Harry Pretty's Antarctic Artefacts on show at Derby Museum

From 22nd November, Derby Museum and Art Gallery will be showing artefacts from Harry Pretty's 1954 expedition to the Antarctic in their 'Light on Snow' exhibition. The objects, including a sledge box, preserved provisions, photographs and natural history objects have been loaned to the museum by Harry Pretty's daughter, Laura.

The exhibition has been developed by Jane Hardstaff, Community Learning Officer at Derby Museum and Art Gallery. Laura approached Jane when she was considering what to do with her father's belongings. Jane thought they would make an interesting exhibition in the museum's Community Gallery, a space dedicated to showcasing the creativity and achievements of local people. "I was amazed when Laura showed me the objects - they are a fascinating collection and give a real sense of the expedition. I knew we could develop an exhibition, as well as education and outreach work, around them. I feel privileged that Laura has loaned such precious and personal items to us - they have already proved really interesting to the public". The education programme began with poetry workshops lead by River Wolton, former Derbyshire Poet Laureate. Jane took along some of the objects and they have inspired poems which will be exhibited alongside the objects. The exhibition will show photographs which Harry took on his trip along with the camera he used. It has since been

used by Laura, who won a photography competition with it in 1964 and Laura's daughter Kate, now a professional photographer. The exhibition will also feature diaries which Harry kept throughout the expedition, notebooks, items of clothing and climbing equipment. The Antarctic expedition was a great achievement for Harry Pretty, for the 'Oread', and for Derbyshire. Derby Museum is pleased and proud to be showing this collection which is not only testament to one man's journey, but also to our continuing fascination with the Antarctic. The exhibition continues until 24th January 2010.

'Light on Snow'

November - 24 January 2010 Derby Museum and Art Gallery The Strand, Derby DE1 1BS
01332 641901 www.derby.gov/museums

Lundy 2011 Derek Pike.

The Barn has been booked from the 10th Sept. to the 17th Sept. 2011. It accommodates just fourteen people. It has been necessary to book this far ahead as the Barn is much in demand. I was not going to advertise this meet for at least another year but some members have already heard about it and are booking their places, so to be fair to all if you would like to add your name to the list please let me know.

Hut Bookings. For November.

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

HEATHY LEA

Nov. 6/7th. Oread meet.
Nov. 11/12th. Oread Dinner (reserved for members use)

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

Nov. 6/7th. Mercian M.C. 16 beds.
Nov. 13/14th. Southampton M.C. 16 beds.
Nov. 20/21st. Coventry M.C. 10 beds.
Nov. 27/28th. Scunthorpe M.C. 16 beds.
Dec.4/5th. Wrekin M.C. 16 beds.

At a recent Committee Meeting the following hut fees were agreed.

HUT FEES FOR 2010 FROM 1st. JANUARY

Tan-yr- Wyddfa

Members and Reciprocal rights. £4.50 p.p.p.n.
Prospective members . £ 6.00 p.p.p.n.

Guest. £ 7.50 p.p.p.n.

Heathy Lea

Members and reciprocal rights. £4.00 p.p.p.n.

Prospective members. £5.00 p.p.p.n.

Guest. £6.00 p.p.p.n.

Day fee (use of cottage car parking) £1.50 per car.

Forthcoming Meets

November

Sun 1st Dovedale Dash Rob Tresidder

Tues 3rd Lecture Royal Oak Tony Howard

Sat 7th Sun 8th Heathy Lea Bonfire

Tues 10th Committee Meets Smithfield Derby

Sat 14th 60th Annual Dinner Neil Weatherstone

Sun 15th Post-prandial Walk

December

Tues 1st Lecture Royal Oak Tony Howard

Tues 8th Committee Meets Smithfield Derby

Sat 12th Sun 13th Bullstones Derek Pike

Wed 16th Black Rocks Rob Tressider

Thurs 24th to Thurs 31st Christmas & New Year at TyW Rock Hudson

Indoor Climbing Wall Meets Programme 2009-2010

One per month October to March. For the rest of this year, please note...

Wednesday November 18th Alter Rock Derby, followed by The Smithfield (DE1 2BH)

Wednesday December 9th Foundry Sheffield, followed by The Fat Cat (S3 8SA)

See 2010 Meets list (1st edition in this newsletter) for subsequent meets

Oread Mountaineering Club - Meets List 2010 Edition1 (November 2009)

2nd edition to include updates and contact details due December 2009

Please read in conjunction with attached notes

Month Day Meet Meet Leader

Jan Fr 1 New Year's Day Rusty Russell

Jan 2-3 Possible Scottish Winter Meet (decision via email) Simon Pape

Jan Tu 5 Royal Oak Lecture - Mike Mortimer - New Routing on the North Side of Jebel el Kest, Morocco Tony Howard

Jan 9-10 Possible Scottish Winter Meet (decision via email) Simon Pape

Jan Tu 12 Committee Meeting - Smithfield Committee

Jan 16-17 Possible Scottish Winter Meet (decision via email) Simon Pape

Jan We 20 Wall - Nottingham + Horse&Groom (NG7 7EA) Committee

Jan 23-24 Possible Scottish Winter Meet (decision via email) Simon Pape
Jan 30-31 Possible Scottish Winter Meet (decision via email) Simon Pape

Feb Tu 2 Royal Oak Lecture - Nick Evans/Chris Radcliffe - Hot Rock: Four Italian
Volcanoes and "The Alps 2009" Tony Howard

Feb 6-7 Possible Scottish Winter Meet (decision via email) Michael Bate

Feb Tu 9 Committee Meeting - Smithfield Committee

Feb 13-14 Fylde MC Hut, Stair ("Tan Yr Wyddfa hut swap") It could be you !

Feb 13-14 Possible Scottish Winter Meet (decision via email) Michael Bate

Feb We 17 Wall - Edge, Sheffield + Stag Hotel (S11 8YL) Committee

Feb 20-21 Tan Yr Wyddfa - Wintry Climbing Reuben Dakin

Feb 20-21 Possible Scottish Winter Meet (decision via email) Michael Bate

Feb 27-28 Possible Scottish Winter Meet (decision via email) Michael Bate

Mar Tu 2 Royal Oak Lecture - Paul Bingham - Svalbard: Days without nights at the North
Pole Rim Tony Howard

Mar 6-7 Patterdale - George Starkey Hut Stuart Haywood

Mar 6-7 Possible Scottish Winter Meet (decision via email) Steve Christian

Mar Tu 9 Committee Meeting - Smithfield Committee

Mar 13-14 Possible Scottish Winter Meet (decision via email) Steve Christian

Mar We 17 Wall - Wirksworth + Royal Oak (DE4 4FG) Committee

Mar 20-21 Heathy Lea - Fell Race Simon Pape & Pete Scott

Mar 20-21 Possible Scottish Winter Meet (decision via email) Steve Christian

Mar Sa 27 AGM Chris Wilson

Mar Su 28 Spring Stride Tony Howard

Mar We 31 First Evening Outdoor Meet Neil Weatherstone

Apr 2-5 Easter - Jersey Derek Pike

Apr 10-11

Apr Tu 13 Committee Meeting - Smithfield Committee

Apr 17-18 Wye Valley Meet - Fountains Inn bunkhouse - Parkend It could be you !

Apr We 21 Evening meet - crag(s) TBA - pub: Robin Hood Committee

Apr 24-25 Heathy Lea Beginners Meet (Simon Cooke training) Michael Bate

May 1-3 Early May Bank Holiday Gower camping (campsite needed) It could be you !

May 8-9 Northumberland - Demesne Bunkhouse & Campsite Bellingham Dave Helliwell

May Tu 11 Committee Meeting - Smithfield Committee

May 15-16 Tan Yr Wyddfa It could be you !

May We 19 Evening meet - crag(s) TBA - pub: Millstone Committee

May 22-23 Cadair Idris Reuben Dakin

May 29-30 Spring B H - Arran - Lochranza Chris Wilson

May 29-30 Spring B H - Cornwall (Parallel Meet) Roy Eyre

Jun 5-6

Jun 12-13 Heathy Lea Work Party HS Committee

Jun Tu 15 Committee Meeting - Smithfield Committee

Jun 19-20 Tan Yr Wyddfa John Green

Jun We 23 Longest (Wednes)Day - esoteric climbs + pub James Tubby

Jun 26-27 K Fellfarers Hut - High House - Borrowdale It could be you !

Jul 3-4

Jul 10 -11 Heathy Lea - Barmy Beer Festival Snod/Neil/Dave?

Jul Tu 13 Committee Meeting - Smithfield Committee

Jul We 14 Evening meet - crag(s) TBA - pub: Royal Oak Wetton Committee

Jul 17-18

Jul 31-1 Alps - Salbitchen area Steve Christian

Aug 7-8 Alps - Salbitchen area Steve Christian

Aug 14-15 Alps - Salbitchen area Steve Christian

Aug W 18 Evening meet - crag(s) TBA - pub: Moon Committee

Aug 21-22 Tan Yr Wyddfa Family Meet It could be you !

Aug 28-30 Bank Holiday - North Pembrokeshire (other venues could be considered) It could be you !

Sep Su 5 Day Meet Agden Rocher Dave Helliwell

Sep 11-12 Baggy Point - suggested date (best tides after end of bird ban) Sally

Dipple/A.N.Other

Sep 18-19 Tan Yr Wyddfa - Work Party Hut Sub-committee

Sep We 22 Last Outdoor Evening Meet & Curry James Tubby

Sep 25-26

Oct 2-3

Oct 9-10 Tan Yr Wyddfa It could be you !

Oct 16-17

Oct 23-24 Heathy Lea - It could be you !

Oct 30-31 Tan Yr Wyddfa - Curry Meet Tony Howard

Nov Su 7 Dovedale Dash Rob Tressider

Nov 13-14 Bonfire night Beer Festival Heathy Lea (Run again?) It could be you !

Nov Sa 20 Annual Dinner - 61st

Nov Su 21 Post-prandial Walk It could be you !

Nov 27-28

Dec 4-5

Dec 11-12 Bullstones Rob Tresidder

Dec We 15 Black Rocks It could be you !

Dec 18-19

Dec 25-31 Christmas & New Year at Tan Yr Wyddfa It could be you !

Notes for 2010 Meets List

Contact details

Full list of meet leaders' phone numbers will be included in Edition 2 to go out with December Newsletter

Summer Evening Meets

Note that these have a pub included, so that all members out walking, running or living in the meet area can congregate too.

South Pembrokeshire - WATCH THIS SPACE (especially people who can have the odd Friday off)

The president and I went on a splendid impromptu meet there with Roland and Angela and a friend from a Thurs night to Sunday (3 days climbing) . It is hoped to arrange some more windows like this in 2010, on "good" weekends (tides/birds) in a similar way to the Scottish winter meets. < Email round to **GO!** when the weather outlook looks OK for an approaching "window" weekend>. Details to come in December 2nd edition.

Early bookings needed on meets below

If you would like to go on them, please contact the following people to book places on the following meets, as soon as you know you will be able to attend.

To protect club funds, we need to match the portion of booked accommodation that we retain, to the numbers likely to go.

April 2-5 Easter - Jersey Derek Pike

April 17-18 Wye Valley - Fountains Inn Bunkhouse meet leader (TBA) or Mike

May 8-9 Bellingham Northumberland (if wanting to be in Barn) Dave Helliwell

May 29-30 Arran Spring BH Chris Wilson

Extremely early bookings - Lundy 2011

These can be made with for some of the 14 places in "The Barn" on Lundy, 10 - 17 September 2011 Lundy Derek Pike

Meet leaders required "It could be you" means just that. Please step up to offer to lead any of these planned meets. Contact Meets sec, a.s.a.p. , preferably by email. Committee will look at applications at meeting Nov 12th, and names will appear in 2nd edition of meets list for publication in December Newsletter.

Members with children note particularly the idea of a family meet (TYW). You know the sort of thing - jelly/games/seaside/kids play with chums/mums natter/dads go to the crag. Offers to lead one at Heathy Lea also invited.

We want to see more of your names up as meet leaders on edition 2 in December !!.

Please send me any suggested additions/deletions and comments to:-

Mike Wren - Meets Secretary