



MARCH 2010

Oread M.C. Newsletter



Simien Mountains - View to the lowlands from Imet Gogo

Editorial. (Last Date for next edition 26/03/10)

We have some great articles and not so many photo's this month. The photo above is by Pete Kennington and really makes me want to go and see Ethiopia for myself. Thanks to Pete Scott for his "accident report"!!!!!! The magazine seems to have matured and I am thankfully getting pieces of writing at a really good standard, as well as meet info and notes. Please keep it coming, it's your mag and will only be as good as the info you send to the editor. It would be very nice to have some write ups from our more senior members, about mountaineering in the 1950s and 60s, ideally with picture as well. If you can dig something out like this and its just hand written, I will type it up for you. Please try. Many of us really enjoy looking back at what the club has achieved, and this gives a good base for all the new members we should attract with our "Beginners Weekend" and our very cool website!

Patterdale Sat 6th – Sun 7th March.

Stuart Haywood

As I'm sure everyone will appreciate it's very difficult to add anything new to the usual Newsletter article regarding this traditional meet; climbing, scrambling, walking, mountain biking, canoeing, fishing and gear shopping are all available in the immediate vicinity of the hut.

Accordingly as usual the only variable will be the weather but unfortunately I can't make any promises on this score – does the phrase 'barbeque summer' or 'mild winter' ring any bells!

Over the next few weeks I will endeavour to contact the 'usual suspects' but in the meantime if you want to book a berth please call me on 07836 314403 or 01332 882331.

Andrea and I aim to arrive mid evening on Friday but others have already indicated that they may travel on Thursday so hopefully the hut will be 'warmed and aired' by Friday evening.

Spring Stride Sun 28th March

Tony Howard.

We will meet in Curbar Gap CP at 10:15 for a 10:30 start, and then stroll to The Grouse for lunch at 12:30 .Please let me know if you want a meal, so I can advise the pub on numbers. After lunch we will wander back via some kind of Froggatt!!!! 01332 273307 or 0776 226 8181

First Outdoor Evening Meet Wed. 31st March

Neil Weatherstone.

The clocks will have changed allowing us rock-hungry climbers to head out onto the real stuff. We'll stick to the tried and tested formula of Harborough Rocks, where there are plenty of easy routes and bouldering, followed by refreshing drinks in Brassington at the Olde Gate. The wet weather option will be the wall at Wirksworth and the Royal Oak. See you all there.

Jersey, Easter 2010 April 2nd – 10th

Derek Pike.

Following a successful holiday to Jersey at Easter last year I find that I am now organising a Club meet to Jersey for this year. Considering the time of year the weather we had this year was very good with only one bad day and that cleared up for the afternoon, this does not mean that I am promising a week of sunshine. The island which is only about eight by five miles appears to have something for everyone from climbing, walking, cycling plus some gorgeous beaches. We shall be camping at the Bleu Soleil campsite in the north west of the island near to the best crags and a fifteen minute walk to the beach or the pub which ever takes your fancy. The campsite which unfortunately boasts a yellow and blue colour scheme has the usual facilities plus a good cafe cum restaurant and a hot tub. You may bring your own tent or rent one of theirs already erected. Your own two berth tent for seven nights £80, four berth £150. Rent a tent around £215 for two people. Bookings for the ferry if done through the campsite, will save you around £100. [Condor ferries from Poole to Jersey via Guernsey, around 4 hours sailing]. Bookings to www.bleusoleilcamping.com or I will book it for you if you wish, If you are intending to come for only a few days it is possible to fly direct to Jersey from Liverpool from around £60 return. A hire car for a short stay will probably not be needed as the campsite is only about 3 miles away from the airport. One benefit of taking your car to Jersey is that when you get there, there is no long drive to your final destination, around 20 minutes should suffice. Anyone taking a caravan or campervan will have to get a permit from the site owners. Caravans are only permitted to travel to the campsite and back to the port, and campervans must return to the site every night, no overnight parking in lay bys is allowed. A 1-25000 map of Jersey is available from the Map Shop Upton upon Severn 0800 085 40 80 or www.themapshop.co.uk Jersey Climbs by Kevin Eloury is available from Cordee books www.cordee.co.uk Any further information required please phone me on 01332 670459 or e-mail derepike@ymail.com

Winter Climbing March 2010

Michael Bate.

In a similar vein to last month we will be looking very carefully at the forecasts in February and making decisions in the week for climbing at the weekend. Scotland seems most likely at the moment unless we have another good cold snap and I'm really keen to get on some of the classic grade 5's

on the Ben, especially point 5 gully!! Communication is normally by e-mail, but telephones work too. So if you want to go up to Scotland this winter or even get out closer to home if conditions allow, please let me know and I'll try and put you in touch with like-minded Oreads.
mjbate@gmail.com 07827972287

Heathy Lea Fell Race, Sunday 21st March, 10-30 a.m. Simon Pape & Pete Scott

Simon and Pete welcome all regular, irregular and non-runners to Heathy Lea to participate in and enjoy this fun fell race.

The format will be similar to last year's run but the course is different.

Teams of two, comprising one fast and one slow runner, will depart at intervals.

Do not worry if you have or don't have a partner before the event, just turn up and enjoy. We joined up a few minutes before the start of last year's race and won!

Members of a team run in opposite directions and exchange batons on meeting.

Each runner should bring a baton and there will be a time bonus for the team judged to have the best baton.

The briefing will be at 10-30 a.m. sharp. Race commences 11-00 a.m.

Entry Fee £1-50 to cover hut fees. Free to those staying overnight.

It'll be really helpful if you let us know in advance if you intend to run so we can estimate the print run of maps and instructions. Thanks. pscott2@toucansurf.com and s.pape@virgin.net

Wye Valley Meet, Sat 17th – Sun 18th April. Angela Pingram.

A great weekend is planned in the Wye Valley on the 17th/18th April with a good hut and some lovely warm sunshine booked. A perfect backdrop to some fine limestone climbing. There is also some nice walking; Offa's Dyke and the Wye Valley Way spring to mind and I believe there's also cycling to be had. And if that's not enough choice for you, there's also the chance to canoe down the Wye (the easy way) and get picked up from various points downstream, depending on how energetic you feel (or how many cafe stops you've had on the way down). www.canoehire.com/contact

Climbing-wise a weekend can probably only concentrate on Shorn Cliff and Wintour's Leap. Shorn Cliff is near Tintern Abbey and matches the best of Peak district limestone for quality and interest. Some good VS's and HVS's with a few HS's to warm up on and some E1's and E2[s to go at. Easy to find and getting plenty of afternoon sun; it is far from the polished horror that is Symonds Yat! Wintour's Leap gives the greatest selection of long routes with a good smattering of starred VS's and a couple of starred HS's although routes are mainly HVS onwards. If all that sounds too strenuous then there are some fine tourist sites and a good few cafes that we really ought to try out. If you finish the day in the vicinity of Tintern Abbey then a small detour is recommended to take in a pint at the Cherry Tree, a very special pub.

The hut is centrally located, at Parkend, Nr Lydney, GL15 4JD, has plenty of space and we have sole use of it. It's next to the Fountain Inn, which I am reliably informed, has good food and beer. If you're interested in eating in the pub on Saturday evening then let me know so I can give them an idea of numbers.

Surprisingly, the last time we went to the Wye Valley, it only took a little over two hours to get there. I remembered how pretty it is but I'd forgotten it was so close.

To book your place in the hut, please email or phone me:

angela.pingram@atosorigin.com 0115 9691992

Arran Spring Bank Holiday. Sat 29th May to Sun 31st May 2010 (or longer).

Years ago we had an annual Arran meet. May will witness the passing of 30 years since my last visit, when Jan and I shared our honeymoon with the Oread in Glen Rosa. This year the club returns. Arran is great walking country, through forests and glens, in the hills and mountains and on the coast. Cycling can be enjoyed both on and off road. Climbing is a delight. Caledonian MacBrayne ferries depart Ardrossan for the crossing to Broddick. There is a train service from Glasgow to Ardrossan and a secure car park adjacent to the Ferry Terminal. Return tickets cost from £10.20 per

passenger/driver up to £164 for a 10m motorhome. A car or motorhome up to 5m is £82 return. Pedal cycles travel free. The Lochranza bus leaves Broddick shortly after the ferry has docked. This year we are forsaking Glen Rosa for Lochranza Golf and Camping (www.lochranzagolf.com). It is the only campsite on the island that is both accessible to vans and also within sight of the peaks. The village Hotel is good as is the restaurant/bar on the campsite. It offers constant hot water and showers, level grass, large hard-stand area, electric hook-ups and taps, and shop on site. The Pavilion serves food and drinks all day. In 2009 the small tent charge was £3.00 per night and per person just £5.00, giving £8.00 per night for a single and £13.00 per night for a double. Larger tents are £6.00. Advance booking at the campsite is essential and Mr Robertson has offered to hold 2009 prices for us if we can muster 10 or more. **Can you therefore please let me have an idea of who and how many are going? Email, phone, write, or send a carrier pigeon to Chris Wilson, 10 Beacon Road, Rolleston on Dove, Staffs DE13 9BG. Tel 01283 520911, email: chrisandjanwilson@talktalk.net**

Oread Summer Alpine Meet 24th July to 14th August 2010 **Steve Christian**

The Uri or Urner Alps

Thank you to those who have e-mailed me about the summer alpine trip. This is confirmed as being in The Uri Alps, also known as The Urner Alps, of Central Switzerland. The dates for the trip as a whole spans a 3 week period, as some people have expressed an interest in joining us at the start of August and staying for two weeks.

The Uri or the Urner Alps is a small, but well-defined mountain range between the Grimsel, Furka and Susten passes, bordering The Bernese Oberland, which lies just to the west. The western part is made up by the large glaciated Winterberg massif, with several distinct summits up to 3630m, whereas the eastern part offer some of the best rock climbing in Switzerland, and perhaps even in the Alps. Rock climbing areas like Handegg, Göschenen and Eldorado are names well known to many climbers and since the region is not so visited by tourists in general, it is likely that we will share the mountains with like-minded people only.

The area we will base ourselves in this year is the village of Innertkirchen at the start of the Susten and Grimsel Passes, on the Eastern edge of The Bernese Oberland. This base gives the advantage of access to The Grimsel Pass areas, the exciting limestone peaks of the Engelhorner and for those with bigger snowy mountains in mind, The Bernese Oberland.

We will be staying at Camping Grund, who can provide plenty of tent space, plus electric hookups for those with vans. The prices are as for the 2009 season with the exception of electricity, which is now \$3.00 per day. Their web site is <http://www.camping-grund.ch> We will need to book spaces in advance to ensure we can be catered for, so please can you contact me to confirm your attendance and for which dates. My contact details are climbersteve@hotmail.com, 01629 825292, 07824 623945 or at 1 Duke Street, Middleton, Matlock, DE4 4NB.

NEWS, ARTICLES AND REPORTS FROM MEETS.

61st Oread AGM – Sat 27th March 2010 at 8.00pm, in the Robin Hood, Chesterfield Road, Baslow DE45 1PQ

To help the pub provide a good service and have the necessary staff numbers present, they would like an idea of the number of meals likely to be requested. Last year there was some delay between ordering and receiving meals and to reduce the chance of a repeat it would be really helpful if you could let me know if you will be eating there. If you intend to stay at the now warm and comfortable Heathy Lea, please book with Colin Hobday.

To help build up a thirst I intend to take a leisurely stroll from Heathy Lea, leaving about 12 and stopping for routes at Chatsworth, Birchens and Gardoms. The ale at The Robin Hood will be sampled on the way by.

The Committee is not proposing any changes to the Club Rules. However, 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 Agenda for the meeting will be:

Apologies for absence.

Minutes of the 2009 AGM held at The Robin Hood, Baslow, on 28 March 2009.

President's Report.

Treasurer's Report.

Appointment of Auditor

Tan yr Wyddfa Hut Sub-Committee Report.

Heathy Lea Hut Sub-Committee Report

Election of Officers.

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2010 – 2011 Committee

The Committee propose the following nominations for Officers and Committee members:

President Chris Wilson

Vice-President Simon Pape.

General Secretary **Nomination Required**

Assistant General Secretary Reuben Dakin.

Treasurer Michael Bate

Meets Secretary Steve Christian

Newsletter Editor John Green.

Hut Custodian, Tan yr Wyddfa Tony Howard

Hut Custodian, Heathy Lea Mike Hayes

Huts Booking Secretary Colin Hobday.

Committee Members Richard Hopkinson and **2 Nominations Required**

Tan yr Wyddfa Hut Sub Committee Members:

Chuck Hooley, Colin Hobday, Pam Storer, Graham Foster

Heathy Lea Hut Sub Committee Members:

Pam Storer, Dave Helliwell and Steve McDonagh

No nominations have been received for the positions of Secretary and the 2 Committee

Members. Also volunteers for Hut Sub Committees would be welcomed. Please step forward and volunteer and help with the running of the Oread.

Members are reminded 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 13 March.**

Please send your nominations to the General Secretary, Chris Wilson (Beech Mount, 10 Beacon Road, Rolleston on Dove, Staffordshire DE13 9EF or chrisandjanwilson@talktalk.net) before 13 March. Also, please let me know if you will be eating at the pub.

Winter Lecture Programme 2010

Tony Howard.

*Our last indoor lecture of this season is by **Mike Mortimer**, who's talk has been postponed from January, when it had to be called off due to heavy snow conditions.*

*Mike has done lots of new routes in Morocco & will be coming to talk to us about **'New routing on the North Side of Jebel el Kest in Morocco'**. But more than this, he will be presenting a **Quiz on climbing/mountaineering**. It should be a really good night! [You will need to bring a pencil & paper along for the Quiz.](#)*

*It's on **Tuesday 2nd March – at the Royal Oak Ockbrook at 8pm as usual.***

I hope to see you there.

Winter Climbing in Snowdonia. January 2010.

Reuben Dakin

I got back from Antarctica on the Tuesday, to be greeted with freezing temperatures at Heathrow, very much colder than the Antarctic summer I had left behind. After a couple of days dealing with post and membership renewals, the temptation of winter climbing became too great. I set out for Wales very early on the Thursday morning, having failed to encourage any Oreads to come along. I always get good conditions, so you missed out again folks. My van hadn't been used for 6 weeks, so it took a good 10 minutes to clear the inside and outside of the windscreen of ice before setting out. Then when it came to move, the wheels were locked solid with rust and ice, taking several back-and-forth attempts before shifting. The journey was uneventful apart from the temperature gauge finally

reaching “normal” at about Stoke, and several stops to water the windscreen. On a coffee stop, the description of Grugog Gully (600m of grade II) on Pen yr Ole Wen sounded tempting, so that was a plan. The short walk in along the road and up the snowy slopes above went well, but then it changed. As soon as I started getting off the ground on any ice, the apparently firm outer surface broke away in dinner plates, leaving front points flailing without purchase in deep graupel. Any further movement caused the outer crust of ice to break away upwards, threatening to release axes also. Going around up side gullies to look for better conditions higher up, the snow became thigh-deep floundering, with no trace of neve’ or frozen turf underneath. Good time to give up and rethink. A quick walk into Cwm Idwal revealed the solution: water ice was good, but deep powder would fill any gully, without any benefits of freeze-thaw. The strategy for Friday was therefore to go for exposed water-ice, avoiding an abortive walk-in to misleading gullies. Cwm Idwal was an obvious location for convenient access, where after a late start I climbed the Idwal Stream, which gave a good climb on good ice, sometimes banked out. Arriving at the summit plateau of Glyder Fawr without much of a plan, I descended the Gribin with excellent views in the fine weather, quite reluctant to return to the hut. First thing Saturday, I took Roger and Tom Larkham, who had arrived late at night, to Pen y Pass to allow them to make a winter traverse of Snowdon. I didn’t see them again, so I assume they had a successful day! I set out from the Cromlech Boulders into Cwm Glas Mawr, passing beneath Craig y Rhaeadr in spectacular condition. Sargeants Gully is no classic deep gully, so again was quite clear of snow. Gearing-up at the bottom of the route, a couple asked after the third member of their team, a mysterious Tony, whom I had not seen. Failing to find him, they walked round without climbing, while I zipped up the route, again good ice with some banked snow. At the top, I made my way towards Parsley Fern Gully, dreading its potential for deep snow, but hoping that the left-hand variation, being more exposed, would be clear. In the crowds funnelling towards the gully entrance I passed the same couple again. Close to the start of the left hand variation in the tiring deep powder, a lone figure seemed to be stationary: “Have you got separated from the couple you were climbing with?” “Yes I have – is that Reuben? - I’m Tony Raphael!” Tony was climbing with Munie and Rosie on a Gloucester MC meet. It seemed to suit everyone that I team up with Tony for the climb. A rope appeared from Tony’s rucksack which tied round my waist – nobody could remember how to tie a bowline you’ll be horrified to read, and a single screwgate with Italian hitch was the belay device. Some nuts and borrowed slings comprised our protection, so a good thing I was planning to solo the route. Five pitches with one runner in total, and not much more for belays, brought us up the steeper ice and rime encrusted shallow ridge above to the summit of Crib Y Ddysgl. We got very cold in the howling wind waiting for Munie and Rosie, before descending by the zig-zags and Pyg track. Swimming down through the drifts, the Trinity face opposite was spectacularly plastered in snow. Sunday, needing a short day on account of frostnip and the journey home, I headed to the “roadside crag” of Craig Cwm Dulyn. The walk-in was very short as promised, the routes looked in perfect ice condition, coupled with little snow. There were a few parties enjoying the good routes without queues. Round the corner, The White Nile took me pleasantly to the top of the crag. There I discovered that, although the face was holding little snow, the summit and descent harboured plenty, often supported well above ground by the heather, making every tiring step a “lucky trip” of hidden holes and ankle-turning rocks. Eventually I got back to the van, and the drive back home gently returned my frame of mind to the idea of going back to work after 6 weeks. One week later, the freeze has passed, so I’m very glad to have made the most of the conditions whilst they lasted. Sorry there are no photos – my photographer and her cameras are still in New Zealand.

Welsh Ice – Tan yr Wyddfa. 23rd – 24th January 2010. J.Green.

It was all arranged, a good weather forecast, good capable companions and a great location, what could go wrong? Sylvia and I arrived just before Pete and Ali on Friday afternoon, in sunshine. The next day was a damp miserable morning 4°C! Not to be deterred Tim, Derek, James, Reuben and I, set out to climb a long ambition of mine, the Tregalen gullies. As we walked into the mist it started to rain and things just got worse! After crossing the Bwlch Cwm Llan we traversed around the crags until we saw our objective. What a disappointment, no snow or ice to be seen! A drink and conference decided that we should carry on to the Bwlch Ciliau col and see what conditions were like on the north face of Yr Wyddfa, possible ascents of one of the Trident gullies could be done we thought. No chance, it too was almost devoid of snow. So on up to the crest of Bwlch Main we went, and I carried on to the summit where I met Roland and Angela on the way down. It was very icy, the

temperature had dropped to -1°C and everywhere was like a skating rink. I decided to put on the crampons, having carried them and all the gear it seemed logical to use them. We started the decent with the excellent snow underfoot, why wasn't it in the gullies? Then we heard a shout and found Derek had fallen, badly bruising an important part of his anatomy. After a few minutes rest he carried on down but started to cease up later on! The Kenningtons had done a walk into Beddgelert and found a little sunshine. In the evening after much deserved cups of tea, Sylvia and I went for a meal in the Cwellyn, which was excellent, if a little expensive. It is 30 years since Julie and Graham took on the local pub, doesn't time fly? Sunday saw the weather even worse, but not to be deterred Reuben took his trusty bike and rode around the Yr Wyddfa massif, good effort. Many Thanks to all who came and made it a great success.



100_3427.JPG Drinks on the Hill Saturday, January 23, 2010



100_3432.JPG Traverse on way to summit Saturday, January 23, 2010

A drink to cover our disappointment

The traverse across Bwlch y Saethau

Simien Mountains – Ethiopia

Peter Kennington

The Simien Mountains situated north of Addis Ababa in Ethiopia and squeezed between Sudan and Eritrea are rapidly gaining fame as a trekking location. The Simien National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is home to the Gelada Baboon and Walia Ibex and many other endemic birds and animals.

What makes this an unusual trek is the unique landscape including 1500m rock faces, soaring pinnacles, an abundance of wildlife and an area where conservation and the environment are primary concerns.

Having missed our opportunity to book on an organised tour, as usual a late decision of where to go to escape this lousy UK weather, we came upon the Ethiopian company Solomon Behre. They normally organise birding trips mostly for Brits but had run trips into the Simien many times before. Most companies run the same itinerary as the campsites have been established to protect the environment, you can however choose between one to ten day treks depending on the time available.

After attending Mike Wynne's enlightening lecture we were sure our ten day trek starting the following week was the right choice. Most of the trek is above 3000m and daily walking times varied between 5 to 9 hours covering an average of 20/25km a day. Acclimatisation wasn't a problem as the ascent from Addis at 2300m to Ras Dshen at 4550m took place over several days.

We collected our guide, cook and man with a gun from Debarq (the National Park entrance) and drove part way up the dusty dirt road to the escarpment edge just 3-4 hours walking from Sankaber where our two horsemen were waiting. So we were a jolly crew of seven unlike the Exodus group that paralleled us and ran at nearly 30 strong (thank goodness their trip was full when we tried to book!)

In the first day we saw troops of Gelada Baboons letting us pass within a few metres and giving us no real attention. These sightings were a daily event until the camp at Chennek where our attention was turned to the Walia Ibex. Only 500 in the world and all in the Simien we spent time trying to spot individuals grazing on the precipitous faces as this was a unique chance to this endangered species. Our guide Mulat was more surprised than us when a group of 25 appeared on the horizon and proceeded to graze its way to within 30m of our viewpoint. The days were punctuated by watching the antics of thick billed ravens, lammergeiers, eagles, hawks, all of which had little fear of us.

The November days were long with sunrise at 6.30am and sunset 6.00pm, in the sun at 3600m it was pleasant walking with little need for more than a T-shirts and windproof, at night it could drop below freezing. As we descended to the lowlands (only 1900m) it became hot enough to swim in the rivers and enjoy the relative warmth (+30deg C).

The rewards for the extended trek were fantastic views of the entire high level trek with the sheer cliffs extending along the skyline, traversing the local villages with friendly locals and not repeating parts of the trek that the shorter options require.

We travelled with Ethiopian Airlines out of Heathrow (good service) and organised the trek with Solomon Behre in Addis Ababa (unable to fault the organisation). We spent 18 days away with days in Addis, Gondor and Lalibela. We're glad we didn't miss Lalibela but wished we had gone to Axum to see the ancient town and monuments. The people were friendly, helpful, extremely poor and the fresh coffee served everywhere was excellent. The food on trek was some of the best we've ever had with regular supplies of fresh vegetables from the villages.(No there is no shortage of food in the Simien)

The trek cost us less for just the two of us than the popular trekking companies charge with more people (Exodus had 18 members) and a shorter itinerary. The guide was knowledgeable on all the flora and fauna and had a good understanding of all things geological. Private transport and hotels are not particularly cheap but eating out with a good range of western cuisine is incredibly good value.

There are plenty more opportunities for extended trips to Ethiopia some go to the Danakil Depression, others to the Omo Valley in the south to see the ethnic tribal areas. Many people go just for the bird watching and Solomon Behre is an expert in this field. Local transport is very cheap but some areas require private transport and this is more expensive as their fuel prices are only just lower than ours.



View from Mulit camp in the lowlands



Imet Gogo from the lowlands

Hut Bookings for March.

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

HEATHY LEA

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| March 12/13th. | Croydon MC | cottage. | |
| March 19/20th. | Oread meet. | | |
| March 26/27th. | Oread A.G.M. | Bookings to Colin Hobday. | |
| April 2/5th. | Easter | | |

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| March 6/7th. | Slough MC | 10 beds. |
| March 12/13th. | Bedford MC | 16 beds. |

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| March 19/20th. | Derwent MC | 10 beds plus |
| Oread room. | | |
| April 2/5th. | Easter | |

Coffee if you will...

Rather than attend a climbing meet to Langdale, Pete changes his mind and opts instead for a...



Air Cumbria have frequent flights...



...quick winter break in Grasmere.



...(first class)...



...to comfortable accommodation in Carlisle



...ouch!

"Climb if you will, but remember that courage and strength are nought without prudence, and that a momentary negligence may destroy the happiness of a life time. Do nothing in haste; look well to each step; and from the beginning think what may be the end."

Edward Whymper, 'Scrambles Amongst the Alps'.



Llanberis Mountain Film Festival

5 to 7 March in and around Llanberis. This is a community event organised by volunteers. Featuring a quiz, bouldering competition, lectures, best of Banff, party, exhibitions, master classes and lots of films. Not forgetting a Welsh male voice choir, a photo competition and trade stands. Visit www.llamff.co.uk for details.

Forthcoming Meets

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| March | Tues 2 nd | Royal Oak Lecture | Tony Howard | 01332 273307 |
| | Tues 9 th | Committee Meets Royal Oak Ockbrook | | |
| | Sat 6 th Sun 7 th | Patterdale | Stuart Haywood | 01332882331 |
| | Tues 13 th | Committee Meets Royal Oak Ockbrook | | |
| | Wed 17 th | Wirksworth Wall/Royal Oak | | |
| | Sat 20 th /Sun 21 st | Heathy Lea Fell Race | Simon Pape/Pete Scott | 01629 822450 |
| | Sat 27 th | Oread AGM | Chris Wilson | 01283 520911 |
| | Sun 28 th | Spring Stride | Tony Howard | 01332 273307 |
| | Wed 31 st | First outdoor evening meet | Neil Weatherstone | 01332 726116 |
| April | Fri 2 nd / Mon 5 th | Easter Jersey | Derek Pike | 01332 670459 |
| | Tues 13 th | Committee Meets Royal Oak Ockbrook | | |
| | Sat 17 th /Sun 18 th | Wye Valley Meet | Angela Pingram | 01159 691992 |
| | Wed 21 st | Eve meet - pub Robin Hood | | |
| | Sat 24 th /Sun 25 th | Heathy Lea Beginners Meet | Michael Bate | 07825 629061 |
| May | Sat 1 st to Mon 3 rd | Gower Camping Meet | NO LEADER !!!! | |
| | Sat 8 th – Sun 9 th | Northumberland Bellingham | Dave Helliwell | 01298 812753 |
| | Tues 11 th | Committee Meets Royal Oak Ockbrook | | |
| | Wed 19 th | Evening Meet Pub Millstone. | | |
| | Sat 29 th – Mon 31 st | Arran Lochranza | Chris Wilson | 01283 520911 |
| | Sat 29 th – Mon 31 st | Cornwall (Parallel Meet) | Roy Eyre | 01623 469658 |

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