

JUNE 2011



Editorial. (Last Date for July/Aug edition 24/06/11)

Writing this after a lovely dry Spring makes one wonder what we will get for June and the rest of the summer. It does of course bring the midsummer change to days becoming shorter, but it will be sometime before we notice. This month we have the Heathy Lea work party, a Tan yr Wyddfa meet and a trip to Gogarth, all good fun. Some of Peter and Judy Scott's adventures in Ethiopia are our main article this month, -would love to go.

Fairhead Sat 4th – Mon 6th June Roger Gibbs & Dave Mawer.

Fair Head is the greatest expanse of climbable rock in Britain or Ireland. It's massive, 100m high for much of its length and forms an impressive bulwark above its extensive boulder fields. It is a place of big skies, big walls and columns and has a compelling, somewhat gothic atmosphere. This is softened at either end as the rock sill tapers off into smaller cliffs and the western end, in particular has a friendlier sunnier aspect. If it was on the mainland it would be busy every weekend, instead you can have the whole place to yourself.

The cliff is formed from a sill of dolerite, which was cooled in columnar form to produce characteristic cracks and chimneys, similar to those of the Giants Causeway. The rock is smooth on the hands, offers great friction and is very sound.

The cliff stretches for three miles, sporting some 366 routes. These are the best that traditional climbing has to offer, straight lines, with striking cracks that shoot up all over the place, providing bomber protection,

indeed the phrase "protection on demand," sums up Fair Head Climbing. It is the ultimate climbers' playground and the quantity of three star routes is testament to its brilliance. With short walk ins you can be on a route within ten minutes from leaving the car. Beautiful views stretch over Rathlin Island to the North and the Mull of Kintyre to the East, a spectacle to behold from the solitude of the belay.



Fairhead Cliffs and the Coast to the East

Here is a selection of routes from one weekend a few years ago to whet your appetite:

Midnight Cruiser. Apparently first done in the dark, you certainly wouldn't get lost, all the routes seem to follow superb lines.

Fireball. A little tougher but still giving excellent climbing on perfect rock with gear on demand. A superb jamming crack -get used to it!

The Brassier. Belfast slang for a lady of ill repute apparently. Superb jamming, perfect rock, a superb line, gear on demand. It even has a comfy belay! Both pitches are excellent, but the first one is the crux. Just do it!

Jolly Roger. Well it had to be done didn't it! A committing sequence up the thin crack on the first pitch which Squib led, and then steep and sustained on the (long) pitch two. The best route of its grade in the UK?

Blade Runner. We had to walk all of 20 yards to find another gob smacking line with brilliant climbing. A couple of stiff moves over the bulge on pitch 1 and some steep jamming on pitch 2. Brilliant again, but a little bit dirty in places and the odd bit of suspect rock. Three stars anywhere else but a mere two here!

Equinox. Steep jamming, bridging and laybacking on the first pitch to a cramped stance. Steep and intimidating moves over a small roof on the second. Another contender for the best route at its grade in the country. A bit like Cenotaph Corner but slightly harder, better and not polished.

Salango. Steep and sustained laybacking/jamming up a brilliant line. I know I'm being repetitive but they are stunning! The top pitch was the crux with proper jamming: both feet and both hands in the crack, a bit like being in the US – solid 5.10!

We had a chat to one of the local pioneers, who put up most of the routes we had done. He is still at it 40 years on! And the Guinness is superb! And the craic is mighty – if you manage to get out of the pubs before dawn it'll be a miracle. Please let me or Dave Mawer know if you want to come. Campsite details to follow.

For ferries it costs around £100 more for the holyhead to Dublin ferry which is effectively 3+3 hrs of driving from Derby to Fairhead vs. The Stranaer to Belfast ferry which is 5+1 hrs of driving.

Maguires Strand Caravan Park. 32, Carrickmore Road, Ballycastle, Co Antrim. BT54 6BH. It's a small site that takes Caravans, Campervans and tents within spitting distance of Fairhead. Not particularly cheap but it has its own beach and the nearest pub is apparently quite near. There are currently 8 pitches for Caravans/campervans left (plus more for tents) so book soon! Caravans/Campervans are £20 per night and tents are £15-18 depending on size. No further charges per person (within reason).

I've booked families Mawer and Gibbs on. Please phone the site direct on 02820763294 to book your places if you're coming for some cracktastic adventure! After 6pm is best and mention Oread when you do. Let me or Rog know if your coming too.

Note from Chris Radcliffe -I noticed in Summit magazine that there is an MCI meet at Fairhead from 3 – 5 June. Last year 150 people turned up at the equivalent meet, so it might be a bit crowded at the end of the week.

Let me or Rog know if your coming too. Roger Gibbs [-roger@tilda.com](mailto:roger@tilda.com) -07770 237270

Heathy Lea Working Party & BBQ 11th-12th June Mike Hayes

This year's working party will once again be a mixture of cleaning, painting and woodcutting. The Hut is in a good condition and by the time the working party comes around we should even have a new washroom. I would like to encourage as many Oreads to turn up and help, I plan to be there all weekend but even an hour or two will make a real difference. You do not need to bring any tools as these will be provided. If you have a chain saw, then please bring it along. The weather will of course be good so I plan on having the usual large bonfire on the Saturday evening to get rid of the rubbish. Bring your BBQ and Liquid refreshment and join in the party. As usual it will also be a good occasion to grab a few hours out on our local crags over the course of the weekend. So please make the effort and come along to help and support (tea making is appreciated as well!) The Hut is seeing increasing usage and even made a profit last year so we need to make sure we don't let it slip back into disrepair. If you need more information then please give me a call on 07771700913.

Longest Wednesday Meet Dovedale – Wed 22nd June Steve Christian.

This year we miss the solstice by one day so our evening cragging should leave us late for last orders, which will be taken at The Royal Oak at Wetton. We break with tradition and opt this year for some trad limestone along in Dovedale, where I hope to see or hear Oreads cranking up the old favourites on Tissington Spires or taking the wade over to Dovedale Church. All we need is some reasonable weather and good company so if you would like to join us and don't have a climbing partner please call me on 01629 825292 or 07824 623945.

Gogarth Meet. Saturday 25th to Sunday 26th June, 2011.

For most of you the cliffs of Gogarth on the Isle of Anglesey will need no introduction. If I had to describe it with a single word I'd pick "Adventure". So to wet your appetites let us begin with Lighthouse Arete or Rap and Pel, three fantastic VS's at Castell Helen. Then we have the HVS classics of Wen, Concrete Chimney and A Dream of White Horses (the VS which thinks it's a HVS ;-). Cranking it up a notch, why not try Gogarth, a fabulous E1 weaving its way up the right hand end of the main cliff or the excellent Hombre in Easter Island Gully. For those sporting huge arms and a rack to match, the Strand must not be missed, an energy sapping 40-ish metre E2 crack line on the upper tier. Dashing back to Wen Zawn a must is the "immaculate" Quartz Icicle tracing its way up a band of yes you guessed it Quartz. For those of you with who have been pulling hard on plastic getting big and strong over the dank winter months there's the E3 line of the Big Groove on the Main Cliff or Super crack and Wonder Wall in Easter Island Gully area and of course T-Rex in Wen Zawn. Now then that could be Saturdays tick list, ooh did I mention the "Gogarth Grip", probably better not say too much about that!?! Then for Sunday, what about a sandcastle competition or some rock pooling in the delightful Trearddur Bay? Which leads me to accommodation: Valley of the Rocks Camp site, Portdafarch Road, Trearddur Bay, Isle of Anglesey, LL65 2LL. Tel: 01407765787. The

site is basic but quite cheap in comparison with other campsites on Anglesey. The camping area has no electricity supply so those with fancy vans/caravans will have to pitch away from the campers unless they wish to rough it. According to the owner the post code will lead you astray if you use Satnav. The best approach is to follow signs for south stack but then turn left and follow the coast road, then take the second road on the left called Portdafarch Road. The campsite is about 5 mins walk down this road from the bay at the junction. The tides are good with low tide around midday for the weekend and the weather will be awesome! If you fancy coming email me at dtmawer@yahoo.co.uk or phone on 07790715520.

Tan yr Wyddfa Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd July Tony Howard

Unfortunately this meet is cancelled because there are no Hut Sub-Committee members available to lead the meet. We will try to arrange another date ASAP. The hut is of course booked for Oread use, so please feel free to go down there for the weekend. Book in with Colin as usual please. Sorry about this,

Tony Howard, Hut Custodian

Summer Alpine Meet in the Bregaglia 23 July to 7 August (+/- a few days) Chris Wilson

The meet this summer is at Vicosoprano in the Bregaglia, an area of the Bergell Alps in southeast Switzerland close to the Italian border which is a paradise for walkers and climbers.

Walking:

Walking in the area is suitable for everyone. The walks vary between short 1 hour trips

(e.g. Vicosoprano, Borgonovo, Stampa; 4 km) and multi day ventures (Bregaglia circuit, 65 km, 6 – 7 days). The Bergell Panorama Trail passes Vicosoprano on the northern slope of the valley and there are over 180 km of historic and scenic trails nearby. Paths wind through unspoilt countryside, deciduous and pine forests and then in “romantic solitary pastures next to mountain peaks”.

Climbing:

Bouldering to full-on Alpine routes with lots of everything in between, as well as indoor walls! The Bregaglia provides Alpine mountaineering on the high peaks and ridges at the head of the valleys and enjoyable granite slabs, cracks and faces in the sub-alpine areas. Some of the routes must be amongst the best in the world! Some three star rock extravaganzas:

Piz Badile North Ridge 700m 4b/c (“one of the truly great climbs of all time”) Piz Gemelli, Bugeleisen 300m 5a (lovely granite slab climbing) Piz Badile Cassin 800m 5c (climbing nirvana!)

Spazzacaldeira; Leni Route 140m 6a (“superb”) and Mosaico 350m 6a+ (wonderful!) Piz Badile Another day in Paradise 700m 6b (“a great experience or bolting with no line”) Sciora Daffora Direct Integrale 860m 7a (22 stunning pitches) Piz Cengalo NW Pillar 900m TD 5a (“one of the Bregaglia’s top 5 climbs”)

Valley Crags

There are more than 14 crags in relatively easy reach of the campsite, mainly granite and limestone. They include Maloja (20m high, F4 to F6c), Spluga (20m, mainly 6a) and Plaun da Lej (25m, F4 to 8a) on the road to St Moritz and Sasso del Drago (37m, mainly F5’s), Acquafraggia (200m F5 to 7a), Sasso Bianco (50m, F5 to 6c) and VHO (90m, 60+ routes F4 to 8a) towards Chiavenna. Bouldering can be enjoyed on over 30 local boulders and the Val di Mello about 2 hours away.

Bernina

High snowy summits and large glaciers about an hour from the campsite. Piz Morteratsch gives stunning views of the Biancograt (AD III), a magnificent arcing snow crest of 800m in a stupendous position on Piz Bernina 4049m. Piz Palü 3905m (the traverse is outstanding, PD), Bellavista (try the traverse PD-) and the slender snowy spire of Piz Roseg 3937m (NNE Ridge, a safe classic mixed climb in a splendid position, AD).

Mountain Biking

Ride next to majestic granite peaks dazzled by the sun, on tracks in wild forests and lush meadows. A new trail "Pearl in Bloom", from Casaccia – Castasegna, and the trail leading from Soglio -Castasegna are said to be superb. Bike rental is available. Other activities in the area include sailing and windsurfing at Silvaplana (site of World Cup events) and on Lake Como. Kite-Surfing. Wild water river rafting. Road cycling. Festival da Jazz in St. Moritz July 14 – August 14; Engadin Windsurfing Marathon (13/14 August)

Weather

As Alpine regions go it couldn't get much better with an average of 8 / 9 hrs of sunshine daily during July / August and only 10 wet days each month. Vicosoprano can have an almost Mediterranean feel to it.

Travel

Vicosoprano is just over 1,000 km / 10½ hrs from Calais, or 1200 km / 12½ hrs without tolls. Zurich is the nearest airport.

Vicosoprano

The small village (1,067m; pop. 400) is comprised of old stone buildings and narrow lanes. It has a butcher's shop, two grocer's shops and a dairy (Latteria Bregaglia for local milk, yoghurt and cheese). The "DoIt" DIY store sells camping equipment and there are also two hairdressers and a chiropodist. It has a bank with ATM, a post office and Centro punto Bregaglia has an Internet point. The sports centre offers fitness facilities, a climbing wall and tennis courts. Local specialities are served at Hotel Corona, Ristorante Piz Cam, Cotto Albinga and Hotel Pranzaira.

Campsite

We shall be camping at Camping Mulina <http://www.camping-vicosoprano.ch/> Tel: 081 822 10 35. Camping Mulina, 7603 Vicosoprano The site has 100 generally grassy pitches. It is lit, guarded and fenced. There are 60 electric hook-ups, 2 sewage hook-ups, 16 washbasins, 6 showers and 8 bathrooms. There's a sink for doing the dishes, a washing machine and drier. The site has a public lounge and children's playground. **Rates** (*latest available, 2009*; CHF 1 = £0.70) Per person per night Adult CHF 5.50 / £3.80, Children (6 to 12 years) CHF 3.50 Per pitch per night:

Caravan plus vehicle or Camper van CHF 13.00 / £9

Tent plus motor vehicle CHF 11.00 / £7.50

Small tent without vehicle CHF 5.50

Electricity CHF 2.00; Fridge space CHF 0.50 (per night)

Warm-water showers per token (2 minutes) CHF 1.00 / £0.70

Tourist tax per person / per night CHF 2.00 / £1.40 I will be booking the campsite sometime in June as they have said that "*a reservation is advantageous because we can reserve a beautiful place so that your group is together.*" If you are interested in coming along on what promises to be a superb meet let me know. Chris

News, Articles and Reports from Meets.

Patterdale Meet 12th – 13th March 2011. Stuart Haywood

17 Oreads and guests amassed at the George Starkey Hut at various times during the course of Friday. Saturday began with low cloud and light rain but with a local forecast of heavy rain and sleet later in the day it soon became apparent that the wintry conditions would have a decisive influence on the day's activities. Accordingly the Ullswater Lake Steamer proved a popular option. John G & Peter Amour chose to 'cruise out' to Pooley Bridge and return via the Lake path, while Tony S & Pat disembarked a little closer to home and also returned via the Lake. Team Radcliffe and Mike & Helen used the same outward method of transport but threw caution to the wind and ascended High Street by a somewhat circuitous route before returning to the hut clearly having been exposed to inclement weather. Graham W departed from the Hut on his mountain bike early in the day and to the best of my knowledge was not seen again. Brian, Andy, Rock and Tim chose St. Sundays Crag before seeking shelter from the conditions in a local hostelry and switched their sporting allegiance to Rugby. Georgina & Syl kept the home fires burning, literally, and very welcome it was too. Fortunately Sunday was a much better day, blustery but dry and bright. After a fairly leisurely start Team Radcliffe elected (or should I say Chris elected) fell running via Grizedale and St Sunday Crag, incidentally arriving back at the Hut before Andrea and I reached Grizedale Tarn! John & Peter traversed St Sunday Crag and Fairfield, returning via Hart Crag and Hartsop while Rock & Tim chose Place Fell. Thanks to everyone who came along -John & Syl, Brian & Andy, Graham Weston, Mike & Helen, Chris & Gill, Tim, Rock, Peter & Georgina, Tony & Pat and of course Andrea.

Cadir Idris Meet 1st & 2nd May. Reuben Dakin

The party arrived at the site over the day on Thursday. Early arrivers chose the confined and busy flat land in the woods next to the river, whereas the later arrivals spread out over the large and very slopy top field. Debate continued over the merits of each field, the "slopers" enjoyed sunshine and views, the "flatties" kindly shared their campfire and midges with all. The weekend provided four days of glorious sunshine, albeit with a very strong wind. A bonus was that it was wedding free – although a dissenter who shall remain nameless sneaked a look at "the dress" in the paper! The classic Cyfrwy Arete on Cadair, visible in fine profile from the campsite, was climbed by several parties over the weekend, besides several walking traverses of the mountain. There was also climbing at Craig yr Aderyn & Cwm Cywarch, underground exploration of slate mines near Corris, cycling to Barmouth and Dolgellau, and some sedentary visits to tea shops and other diversions.

Thanks to all who came: Nick & Pam, Chris & Roy Eyre, Mike & Sue Wren, Simon Wren & Abi, Pete & Ali Kennington. Thanks – Reuben & Chiz



Panorama of Penygadair and Craig Cau, February 2005

Heathy Lea Floor.

An almost unbelievable story emerged at the last committee meeting. I shall not name names in order to protect the innocent. One of our members very kindly gave of his time to prepare and paint the kitchen floor at Heathy Lea. Having done this he proceeded to put up a notice on the kitchen door saying “Wet Paint” as of course you would, but being a careful man he also put the paint tin and brush in front of the door, as well, just in case. After he left, another member also gave some of his time to repair the electric heater, if it could be repaired. On arrival this member moved the paint tin and brush ignored the “Wet Paint” sign and crossed the floor to the heater where he found he was stuck to the partially dry floor. Notwithstanding this error he then proceeded to lay newspaper on the floor in order to complete his task, throwing his shoes away as he left. We shall now be able to read what happened around the world on that day, as the paper is permanently fixed to the floor. The members concerned were not happy and Mike Hayes now has the unenviable job of stopping manslaughter occurring for the first time in the club’s 60 year history.

Best Wishes.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to two of our very active members. “Emperor” Dave Roscoe who is recovering from an operation, and our Treasurer Mike Bate, who for the second time in a year has decked out on a climb, and has a damaged wrist. The committee are wondering if Mike will try for a third and even better attempt at getting out of the job before the AGM next year!!

3 Weeks Trekking and Culture in Ethiopia, November 2010. Peter and Judy Scott.

For me and my three companions it was the first time we had experienced a fully guided holiday from the moment we arrived in Addis Ababa until flying home three weeks later. To be met at the airport by a person with a sign with our name on was a treat. There was none of the hassle of sweeping aside taxi drivers and searching for a bus in a strange dusty airport while thumbing through the Lonely Planet Guide for the cheapest budget ‘hotel’.

I had been inspired after attending an illustrated lecture at Ockbrook by Mike Wynne of Walks World Wide. Encouraged by images of the unusual Simien mountains and the historical cities of Tigray in the devoutly Christian northern Ethiopia I was raring to go. “Well blow me” exclaimed Jude politely. “I’ve been suggesting such a trip for years and receiving little or no response. I was planning a 60th birthday party for my friends in the village hall”.

In the event the 60th celebration comprised a gluten free chocolate brownie, with a single candle, for breakfast in a hotel somewhere in Ethiopia, courtesy of Regina who had managed to transport it without

destruction, a thousand miles by air, minibuses along dirt roads and mules over the mountains. My third companion was a friend, Rya, a member of the Climbers Club.

After consulting friends and brochures we devised our own itinerary and communicated entirely by email with Solomon, the owner of an agency in Addis Ababa. This was very successful and we booked our return flights with Ethiopian Air through STA. Two necessary internal flights were booked by Solomon and were included in the full cost of the

tour:

Tour (all found)	£1677
Tips (necessary)	£65
Flights (international)	£522
TOTAL (per person)	£2264

We spent two nights in Addis which has nothing to recommend it other than its two museums, the National Museum (where we met Lucy!) and the Ethnological Museum which we visited. Both are excellent.

We then flew to Gonder, one of three cities, Gonder, Axum and Lalibela, which during the past 2000 years have in turn been the Ethiopian capital city. We eventually visited all three during the cultural part of the tour.

A day later, after many miles driving along dirt in a minibus, we started our trek. The Simien mountains are a national park and it was necessary to sign-in and engage 'staff'. Our caravan finally comprised a trek guide, a scout with an AK 47, a cook, an assistant cook and five muleteers. We trekked for 10 days, usually from 8 am until 3 or 4 pm, up and down and along through varied and stunning scenery at or around 3000m, except for the ascent of Ethiopia's highest peak Ras Dashen 4543m. The weather was kind except for the first night's camp when an unusually heavy rain storm tested the tents to the limit and a young person was struck by lightning suffering third degree burns. Usually there was a ground frost at night under a clear sky. During the day it was either T-shirts and shorts or fleeces and wind proofs. The Simien mountains are not a wilderness and are dotted with tiny village farms with a few animals and crops. The government are in the process of 'encouraging' the farmers to move out of the National Park in order to ensure the survival of the few rare indigenous species of flora and fauna.



The following cultural 10 days were very interesting. Our first stop over was in Axum, much celebrated for its connections with the Queen of Sheba, stelae (stone pillars) and the final resting place of the Ark of the Covenant in which are kept the Ten Commandments*. *Solomon and Sheba having had a night of passion produced a son who many years later visited Jerusalem, the home of his dad. He pinched the Ark of The Covenant and brought it back to Ethiopia where it is so well guarded no one has actually seen it except the guardian.

Between Axum and Lalibela we drove through the sandstone peaks and cliffs of Tigray province. There are many rock churches hewn out of the cliffs, some of which require a vertiginous scramble and exiguous ledges to traverse in order to reach the entrance. Inside the rock pillars, walls and ceiling were covered in vivid paintings (circa. 15th century) illustrating stories from the Bible, the priest, a local farmer showed us an illustrated bible.

Our final destination was Lalibela where the rock churches are not hewn from high on cliff faces but out of the ground. Many of the churches are now covered in huge modern canopies to protect the soft rock from weathering.



We flew home at the end of 3 weeks feeling we'd had a perfect holiday accompanied by lovely companions, excellent friendly guides and trekking staff and smiley friendly Ethiopians both in the mountains and cities. Apart from Lalibela we were hardly aware of other tourists**.

**Probably a good time to go is now. The Chinese are everywhere doing 'good works' particularly improving the road infrastructure. The potential for oil and important minerals is huge in Ethiopia!! Ethiopia is politically fairly stable at the moment, conflict with Eritrea and Somalia in abeyance. Tourism may well soon increase substantially.

Wally Smith 12 November 1941 – 26 April 2011

I first met Wally early in 1958 at a night school class on mountaineering run by Bob Pettigrew at Cottesmore School in Nottingham. Wally, along with Frank Goldsmith, Doreen, Shirley and I, soon became proficient at belaying on the wall bars, traversing the ceiling beams and abseiling from the highest point of the gymnasium.

That summer we became prospective members of the Oread and soon put our indoor skills to good use on the Derbyshire edges, the Lakes, Wales and Scotland. The mountains became our way of life with every weekend spent climbing or mountaineering. In the summer of 1960, Wally, Doreen and I, now full members of the Oread, travelled to Switzerland on the train (£19 each way) to attend a course on Alpine Climbing at the Chalet Rosa in Saas Fee instructed by both Bob Pettigrew and Ian Clough.

Our first Alpine peak was the Fletschhorn 3996m followed by the Lagginhorn 4010m and in the second week the Weissmies 4023m by the south west ridge. The day before we came home Ian and Bob guided us along the Jaggigrat (the best rock climb in Saas Fee according to the guide book).

Back in the Derbyshire Peak, Wally was now an accomplished rock climber and teamed up with Eric Wallis doing some classic routes on High Tor, Stoney Middleton and Stanage etc. Also with Eric he climbed in the Dolomites and the Alps.



In the winter months we also used to attend the Nottingham Ice Stadium on a Thursday night along with Colin Hobday, Ruth Welbourn and Geoff Hayes. Wally was very friendly with one of the ice dance professionals and so the group of us would get free tips on skating whenever she was available. One night, however, as we were fitting on our skates, Wally told us he would not be coming to the rink anymore as he had seen the girl he was going to marry and would be saying goodbye to the ice dancer that night! Geoff was aghast “What about our free lessons?” he exclaimed. “Too bad” replied Wally. We asked who this girl was. “Her name is Jean and I’ve not spoken to her yet, but I know she is the girl I’ll marry”.

The wedding was a sumptuous affair with caviar and all the trimmings and the Oreads who attended (I was in the Alps) talked about it for many years. On the wedding day Paul Grainger traversed the roof of Wally and Jean’s new house in Hush Puppies, after climbing the drain pipes, so he could lace toilet paper and ribbons round the chimney pots and along the ridge. It took scaffolders to get it down. Geoff Hayes and team re-arranged the furniture and re-made the bed!

As the years passed we in the Oread saw less of Wally as he immersed himself in local life and business. He became a member of the Chamber of Commerce and Parish Council culminating in the construction of the wonderful Grange community centre. He worked himself up from automobile electrician to managing director of the Nottingham Branch of Shippies Motors.

After four years living in Bunny near Ruddington, Wally and Jean moved to the magnificent House on the Hill in Radcliffe on Trent where their children Bruce and Nicola grew up. They both spoke admirably at their Dad’s funeral giving praise for the idyllic life he gave them; not least the outdoor connection from numerous walks along the edges and over the moors and glimpses of the climbing world that Wally had experienced. When Bruce and Nicola had grown up and married Wally and Jean travelled the world, visiting amongst many other places, the National Parks of America, The Norwegian Fjords and his favourite place of all, Alaska.



Wally's death was unexpected – a sudden onset of pneumonia whilst he was undergoing chemotherapy. The overcrowded St Mary's Church was testimony to the feelings of goodwill he had inspired in so many people during his life. Wally was a member of the Oread from 1960 until the day he died and will always be remembered by those who knew him. Our thoughts are now with Jean, Bruce, Nicola and family. Gordon Gadsby.

From Ian Spare.

We've just taken on B&B in Leysin in the Swiss Alpes Vaudoise, it's a great area for alpine walking, we've an amount of sport climbing around the area and there's some bigger local peaks for alpinism. The URL is <http://epicea.ch> but if members are interested they should contact me direct by email and we'll knock 10 chf per night off a double room.

From Chris Wilson

Found in our garage and looking for a new home: A traditional canvas castle tent. It works, withstands gales and floods BUT is very heavy and quite bulky. If anyone wants it all you need to do is collect it. Contact Chris Wilson, tel 01283 520911 or 07881698758 or email

c.wilson.48@btinternet.com

BMC Meeting

The next Peak Area Meeting will be on Wednesday 8th June at 7.30pm. It will be held at The Winking Man, half way between Buxton & Leek, details of which are on the BMC Communities Site The meeting is open to all and free, tasty food will be laid on during the meeting. The usual mix of local news and developments will be on the menu, with access updates, news from the guidebook team and any number of controversies

and concerns being aired: the National Park asset review, crag restorations, tree felling, you name it, we got it.

Hut Bookings for June.

Please note that hut fees should always be paid to me and no one else. Colin Hobday. HEATHY LEA TAN-YR-WYDDFA

June 3/4th. D.Thornton cottage/barn June 3/4th vacant June 10/11th. Oread work Party M. Hayes. June 10/11th. Scunthorpe MC 12 beds. June 17/18th. Loughton MC Cottage. June 17/18th vacant. June 24/25th Red Rope cottage/barn. June 24th/25th A.B.S.A.C. whole hut

July 1/2nd S. Christian cottage/barn. July 1/2nd. Oread. (Work party cancelled). Please note that I will be on holiday from July 2nd -July 27th.last minute bookings to Chuck Hooley

Forthcoming Meets

June	Sat 11th Sun 12th	Heathy Lea Work Party	Mike Hayes	01530 231401
	Tues 14th	Committee Meets Royal Oak Ockbrook		
	Wed 15th	Evening Meet & The Millstone Pub.		
	Sat 18th Sun 19th	Tan yr Wyddfa BBQ	No Leader	
	Wed 22nd	Longest(Wednes)day	Steve Christian	01629 825292 07824 623945
	Sat 25th Sun 26th	Gogarth	Dave Mawer	01332 512459
July	Sat 2nd Sun 3rd	Tan yr Wyddfa	Colin Hobday	01332 551594
	Tues 12th	Committee Meets Royal Oak Ockbrook		
	Wed 20th	Evening Meet & The Moon Pub.		
	Sat 23rd Sun 7th Aug	Vicosprano, Bregaglia, Switzerland	Chris Wilson	01283 520911
August	Wed 17th	Evening Meet & The Monsal Head Pub.		
	Sat 27th to Mon 29th	Summer Bank Holiday in South Pembroke.	Annegret Seibert	01332 768860

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