



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

**MARCH 2013**



**Stanga on a sunny but chill February day, Mike and Helen Hayes on Sociology, with Derek Pike on top of Manchester Buttress on the right.**

## **Editorial**

While some have been enjoying superb winter conditions in Scotland, others have gone ice climbing in foreign parts or chasing the sun on the Costa Blanca. Meanwhile for those at home there have been some cracking sunny days in between the snowfalls to entice us out onto rock.

Spring can't be far off now, with the first of the new season's Wednesday evening meets included in this issue, along with details of this summer's alpine meet.

There is also some serious stuff in this issue, the AGM is coming up and it is particularly important that you attend this year: the club cannot function without people who are willing to do their bit to help run both the club and its huts. Please think about what you could do to help.

## **What's on.**

### **Fifth evening meet:**

**Tuesday, 5 March. 8 p.m. The Royal Oak, Ockbrook**

John Green will talk about a trip to Mexico:



"The story of an expedition with Nick Moyes to the third highest mountain in North America. A month of thrills, spills and learning".

### **Patterdale – 9 - 10 March Stuart Haywood**

It's obviously 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 the only variable will as usual be the weather, and bearing in mind last year's experience I certainly can't make any promises on this score!

There are still a few places left so if you want to book a berth please call me as soon as possible on 07774 – 859553 ; 01332 882331 or e-mail [stuart.haywood8@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stuart.haywood8@yahoo.co.uk) I will of course reply to all e-mail and voicemail messages to confirm bookings. Also if you are looking for, or can offer lifts, please let me know.

### **Night Nav. Round Three: 13 March The Roaches**

The third and last of the Derwent navigational extravaganzas will be on Wednesday 13 March, somewhere around the Roaches, starting around 6.30 to

7.00pm. More details by email nearer the time or contact Ruth Gordon.

## **AGM: 23 March 2013**

This is a reminder that our AGM is coming soon so book the date in your diaries if you haven't done so already. We have some important business to discuss, principally **Tan Yr Wyddfa and its future** so a good turn out is required. It will take place at the Robin Hood once again. If you are intending to eat at the Robin Hood, please let me know so that I can give them some idea of numbers to expect for dining. Thank you.

Pete Lancaster

## **Spring Stride 24 March C Russell**

I propose to take the walk, not near to Heathy Lea, but to the wilds of the Western Peak District where some, who know the Hinterstoisser and the Himalaya like their back gardens, may not have trodden recently. The Oread last visited the source of the Dove during a meet led by Harry Pretty, so far as I know. On route, there is a mini wilderness near Dun Cows Grove in the upper Manifold, where there are few visible features by which to steer, (sharpen up your navigation skills for the Derwent's night exercises). Some small and brief refreshment may be taken at the Travellers Rest, opposite the FTSE 100 quoted **Flash Bar Stores**. On return we shall traverse the stone causeway above Washgate Bridge which, Snod will confirm, was on the route of one of the historic motor cycle trials. The walk will conclude via the terrifying precipices on Hollins Hill. There is a delightful little depression on the side of the hill were I sometimes squat down cosily out of the wind and rain to brew up with my meths stove, accompanied by curious sheep.



*Hollins Hill viewed from the Dove.*

It is a pity to have to consider the banal matter of motor transport, but it would be helpful to share vehicles as much as possible, maybe parking at Longnor market place or nearby, and doubling up for the last couple of miles to meet by the telephone box at Hollinsclough (065665). Six or seven cars or thereabouts would be feasible on the hardened verge there, but we do not want to hog all the space or upset the locals or other walkers. I would like to meet at 10.45 and move off shortly afterwards.

Contact Rusty on 01335 390369, email zrussell2@googlemail.com

### **First Wednesday evening outdoors 3 April**

This is the first Wednesday after the clocks change and, as is traditional, we will go to Harborough, or Rainster if you prefer, meeting afterwards in the Royal Oak, Wirksworth.

### **Wednesday evening 10 April**

Wildcat will be the venue this evening, again gathering at the Royal Oak, Wirksworth afterwards.

### **Gower – 24 - 26 May Derek Pike**

As the Gower is a very popular spot and being on the doorstep of Swansea this note is given well in advance to enable anyone who wishes to attend ample opportunity to book an expensive pitch. All pitches are expensive in the Gower. There is something for everyone, walking, kite flying, wind surfing, in fact a great holiday destination. Oh! Nearly forgot the climbing. Must be something for everyone from short diffs to E 5 and beyond. Three Tors on the vast expanse of sand which is Oxwich Bay permits climbing straight off the beach, or it does until the tide comes in and makes your feet wet, it offers routes from mainly diff to H.V.S. A little to the south west of Port Eynon the boiler Slab offers more routes from V.D. to E3. As you can see I've already got my eye on a few of the crags with routes that I might be able to climb so those members who wish to climb something much harder will have to consult the guidebook, mine has around two hundred pages devoted just to the Gower. We shall be staying at Bank Farm Leisure, Scurlage, Reynoldston, Swansea SA31BA , 01792 390228 , G.R. 473860. They will try to keep us together if you mention my name when booking. **Booking is advisable within the next month or so if you want a pitch anywhere on the Gower.**

Derek Pike tel 01332 670459 email derekpike1234@btinternet.com

## **Alpine Meet: July 20<sup>th</sup> – August 10<sup>th</sup> 2013**

### **Nigel Briggs**

This summer's Alpine meet will be in the Val di Mello, Italy. The area has been described as 'the Yosemite of Europe'. It features high quality rock routes, both short valley cragging to long mountain and 'plaisir' routes. The area is world famous for its bouldering. It also gives the opportunity to explore the Italian side of the Bregalia Peaks. The area is rich in alpine walking, both amongst the peaks or in the valley. For those interested in the higher snowy mountains the Bernina peaks are only a couple of hours' drive away.

If the mountain weather is poor the area allows rapid escape to the Italian Lakes!

If you are thinking of coming along please can you let me know numbers, accommodation (tent or van) and dates so I can get bookings made and keep everyone informed.



Contact me at : [nigel.briggs@btinternet.com](mailto:nigel.briggs@btinternet.com) or on 01203 732925

### **Pembrokeshire 24-26 August.**

This meet still does not have a leader so please step forward all you keen climbers out there.

Derek Pike, Meets Sec.

## **News, Articles and Reports from Meets.**

### **2012 – My Climbing Year Simon Pape**

All the books suggest that setting objectives is a good thing to do to guide one's climbing (or any other) activity. I'd done it once or twice before, and it does seem to help. It's also recommended that if you tell others about your objectives you are more likely to attain them, so I emailed most of my regular climbing partners my objectives in early January. The objective that seemed to capture most

peoples' attention was the list of trad routes. 50 routes to be attempted on the lead, a mixture of routes from VS to E2. 15 Peak gritstone, 15 Peak limestone and 20 routes from other parts of the country – these last 20 could be changed for similar routes, depending on where I went and what the weather was like when I got there. The routes were a mixture of routes I'd failed on in the past, routes I really wanted to do and routes on crags I'd never visited, but felt I should.

I still find gritstone hard. You'd have thought living so close to the Eastern Edges I'd have got the hang of it by now. The Gritstone list was mainly "classic" routes that I'd either been too scared to try leading before or I'd hadn't been able to lead cleanly in the past. The File fell into the latter category, I'd had many rests when I tried it last year. I didn't deliberately rest on it this year, but when my hands slipped out of the top crack I found myself resting on the rope anyway. Twilight Slab isn't a classic route, but it's a pleasant HVS at Turningstone Edge, one of my favourite Gritstone crags. I'd tried it last year, but didn't trust the gear so escaped onto the Vdiff to the right. I then spent 10 minutes getting the dodgy gear out – it was much better than I thought! So, no worries about the gear this year, just a matter of standing up "as if in balance" and reaching the top.

I've seconded Saul's Crack a couple of times. It's not too bad if you (a) know the trick and (b) can reach the hold! So, no problems when the evening meets list finally coincided with a dry Wednesday. Similarly Valkyrie – the Froggatt version. Brian suggested I get someone else to lead the crack so I could do the top pitch. When I went to Froggatt that evening, all the cracks were running with water, so we found drier routes. No matter, I got back later in the year with Brian. And yes, I did send him up the crack.

The long reach came handy again on the Scoop at Stanage – the sort of gritstone route I do like, long reaches between breaks. The breaks get a bit rounded at HVS though.

Neb Buttress is probably the pick of the 3 neighbouring 3\* HVSs at Bamford. Chris led the other two for good measure.

I'd been avoiding Peapod for ages, but there was no backing down this year. I got into the chimney, but struggled to get out of the top of it – like a lot of people I believe. From there to the top was easy enough, apart from throwing a few wires



at Roger. I missed.

I got onto Long Tall Sally at the end of a damp day at Burbage North. The sun had finally come out and it was the best bit of the day, but I couldn't make the moves up the top corner without pulling on the gear (and Richard was late for his dinner date).

I tried Suicide Wall, Left Unconquerable and Moyer's Buttress, but lowered off all of them. I didn't even try Piccadilly Circus at Millstone, the only route I walked away from all year. It was never dry enough to suggest the long walk into East Rib at Shining Clough. I didn't feel up to trying Brightside at Froggatt, maybe next year. And I never did get round to going back to Hawkwing at the Roaches. So I tried 11 out of the 15, 5 of them successfully.

It may not be fashionable, but I do enjoy the traditional climbing on Peak limestone. Stoney is polished, but it's got some fantastic routes. St Peter takes the arête between Gabriel and Parachute. I'd tried it a couple of times before – the first when it was wet and my gear fell out as I escaped right! It was at least dry this time. The crux is short lived, it took me much longer to commit to the moves than to do them!

I'd never climbed The Thorn at Beeston. I warmed up on the first pitch and quickly dispatched the second. Then I tried Deaf Dove, the E2 up the centre of the slab. I could see how to do the moves to get to the thread, but didn't feel comfortable doing them or see what to do next. I took the easier way out and escaped right up the E1.

I did a bit better at High Tor. Highlight went cleanly, without pulling on the peg, on a cold evening in March when I couldn't feel my fingers. I got on Original Route on a warm June evening – it proved to be a fight but I got up it cleanly. And then Martin and I managed to do Delicatessan. We soloed up to the Castellan cave and he led the first pitch. I couldn't see what was going on, but he seemed to take ages. Turns out, he was waiting for Angela and Roland to vacate the belay! Not used to busy evenings at High Tor. The second pitch was mine, some delicate moves to start, but once I clipped the peg and got a cam behind a flake I felt happier. I soon scampered over to the familiar territory of Original Route – it felt much easier approaching this way!

The rest of the Derwent Valley proved too challenging. I fought God at Willersley, but lost confidence when my foot slipped, so I lowered off. I tried Nosferatu at Pic Tor, but missed the hold around the arête and, guess what, I lowered off. And the least said about Go-go Grooves at Wildcat the better. The tale involves a long approach on a short evening, a dud headtorch and an even longer walk out. I didn't get into Chee Dale at all and there were access problems at Staden. I did try to climb in Dovedale, but it was too hot and steamy, when it wasn't actually raining. So, 9 out of the 15 limestone routes attempted, with 5 successes.

I'd avoided Boulder Ruckle the only time I'd been to Swanage before, and part of the challenge was to visit new crags. So I found myself abseiling in with Brian on a sunny January Saturday. The warm-up route didn't exactly go to plan – I backed off the first pitch, but I did manage to lead the second. We moved the abseil rope and headed down to the foot of Aventura, my target for the day. I went for the first pitch again, a slightly overhanging chimney. There was a little wobbling as I recall, but the holds and the gear seemed good, and eventually I

pulled out onto the halfway ledge. Brian seemed to struggle a little on the top pitch; it seemed OK with the security of a top rope.

After a couple of wet and/or cold weekends away, my next successes came on the club trip to Northumberland. Saturday was cold and damp, but I tried Callerhues Crack, although I needed rescuing from the top (thanks Ruth).

Sunday was dry and sunny, and I managed Gargarin's Groove and the Elevator at Kyo.

We spent the Jubilee week on the sea cliffs of Reiff. I'd hoped to be on this trip when setting my objectives, but wasn't certain of it, so only picked a single route – Black Gold, a 3 star VS. For a 25m route, it packed a lot in. A corner, a traverse, some long moves on good holds, leading to a few balancy slab moves right at the top, which provided the crux for me. Everything you could ask for from a 3 star route.



Whilst I only had one defined objective for Reiff, my substitution rules allowed me to claim a few more. Hy Brasil was a very nice arête, Skullsmasher a sustained steep wall with a worrying finish. Eeyore was similar, steeper, but a slightly less worrying top out. The Gogarth meet came in July, with a relatively good forecast – for 2012! Sure enough, it was dry on Saturday morning and Martin was happy for me to decide where to go. I first went to Wen Zawn was last year, when I was “made” to do Dream. Chris and Snod had raved about Concrete Chimney, and I was keen to give it a go. The first pitch was just my sort of climbing. It never felt too hard, not steep enough to tax the muscles, just enough gear. And a fantastic sense of exposure up the edge of the slab. Martin quickly led the top

pitch, not quite so fine, but intriguing climbing nonetheless. A quick bite of lunch whilst Martin had a look at the guidebook. He really wanted to try “Toilers on the Sea”, a two pitch E2 on Britomatis wall, but there was no way to see the route without getting on it. Still, the worst case would be an escape up Britomatis itself, a route that neither of us had done, so we abseiled in anyway. The guidebook implied that the meat of the route was in the first pitch, so Martin headed off. From the belay, I had no sense of what was happening on the climb – I could see nothing around the arête, just the steady pull on the rope as Martin progressed. Eventually, a call of “safe” and I could finally see what was what.

The initial traverse felt taxing, after sitting on the belay for a while, and should have been the easy bit! The main crack was straight-forward enough, steep but well-protected, no wonder Martin had a big smile. The second pitch was also graded 5b. It didn't look too long, or steep, or difficult, and I thought I could see a few gear placements. I lingered over sorting the rack to let my arms recover and then I went for it. The start was easy enough and I managed to get a couple of iffy pieces of gear in, but nothing really bomber. I then faced a thin move to stand up on a good foothold, but little in the way of hand holds. Or gear. Still, I didn't fancy downclimbing, so I went for it. Gradually I inched my weight up, until eventually I could palm on a small overlap. I was stood up. I hadn't fallen off and the way forward was much easier. I'd led an E2.

My target for Sunday was Gogarth itself. I'd done the route before with Richard. He'd led the harder pitches and we'd been 2 hours late meeting Maggie and Dawn. We barely survived! The route itself isn't particularly hard. Martin's pitches are both about VS, whilst my first pitch was about HVS. It's the final pitch that adds the spice, a traverse, followed by tough little crack. It took me a few goes to work out the correct sequence, but it's well protected and I eventually sorted things out. It eases a little above that, but is fairly sustained all the way to the top.

August Bank Holiday took us down to Pembroke. The forecast was mixed; the campsite was so wet we couldn't get the caravan on it. Between the rain I managed to get some good stuff done. We went to St. Govans on the Saturday, the forecast was for showers so we abseiled down the chimney to make an escape easier. That meant the E1 up the normal line of the abseil was free, so I did it. Sunday took us to Stennis Head. I'd fallen 60 feet off Manzuko last time I'd tried it. I was terrified when Jeff told me to get on it. That soon went when I started climbing, the crux went easily, I got loads of gear in, and I didn't need any of it! For good measure, I led the neighbouring Cool for Cats too. Jeff took me up a couple more E1s on the Tuesday before I led Galactic Co-ordinator at Triple Overhang.

Derek probably picked the best weekend of the year for his Clwyd meet – two genuinely sunny days. After a day's bolt-clipping we went to the traditional crag of Dinbren on the Sunday. The rock was a little polished, but the E1 "Colour Games" did look appealing, and didn't present too many problems.

Besides the trad objective, I had a grade-based objective for outdoor sports routes, a F6c pyramid; in other words 8 F6a+s, 4 F6bs, 2 F6b+s and a F6c. Things started really well, a F6b in March whilst in Spain. A week in Kalymnos over Easter almost finished the F6a+s and the F6bs. Then things went downhill. The plan was to work the harder routes whilst at home. I'm a trad climber at heart; when I'm on a trip I find it hard to work routes repeatedly. I'd rather try lots of different routes of an easier grade. Whilst I managed to get onto sports crags fairly often, it was often because rain was imminent. I had little opportunity to work routes. The consequence was that I made no progress on this objective until I returned to Kalymnos in October. I did manage one F6b+, on sight since I was on holiday naturally. I tried another F6b+ and a F6c, got to the top of both of them but not without rests, so another heroic failure!

So was I successful? Despite not actually achieving any of my objectives, I think I

was. I certainly enjoyed myself. I climbed more routes in 2012 than I ever had in a single year before, despite the rain, and I generally pushed myself onto harder routes than I would normally, as well trying routes I avoided in the past. Would I do it again? Certainly would, and if I've got round to it, several of you will already know my 2013 objectives.

I would like to thank all who supported me in this endeavour. There are too many names to list, I believe there were 14 different partners involved in the 36 traditional routes. There were many others I climbed with on other occasions, as well as all those who kept me motivated by enquiring about my progress.

## **Rusty's Puzzle Corner**

**Where? When? With whom? What were you doing and Why?**

***(and anything else you care or dare to tell us about it!)***



In this case we know when but where is it? Any memories you may care to add to your answer will be published in the next issue along with the names of all correct guessers. Particularly entertaining answers may win a pint.

Answers to [alistair.ruth@btinternet.com](mailto:alistair.ruth@btinternet.com) or whisper in the Hon. Ed.'s ear.

# The Oread needs you!

## Oread committees' membership

We still require volunteers to take on the essential roles of **'Membership Secretary'** and **'Treasurer'**, without them the main committee cannot function. There must be someone out there... **Please contact me, this is getting urgent!**

As for the 'Hut sub-committees' we desperately need more people/new blood. The Welsh hut sub-committee in particular consists of members that have been involved for many decades, in some cases, who have looked after our hut for us so that we can use it and enjoy its benefits: we owe them a great deal. However, we are all getting older and some feel that it is time others took over from them, which is entirely proper, but they remain there unselfishly out of a sense of duty because no one has come along to replace them.

There must be members out there that could feel able to do their bit and step in. It would involve occasional meetings, certainly not monthly and their timing could be agreed by the committee itself. Being on the committee **does not** mean going to Wales and doing all the maintenance work on the hut but the committee will decide what work needs to be done and then organise working parties where ordinary members go along and do their bit (generally having an enjoyable time doing it, I might add).

We need a small team of people and one of whom to be the chairman, which could rotate, to feed back to the main committee and coordinate the sub-committee's activities. It is not this person's job to be the hut caretaker and therefore would **not** need to be going to Wales routinely. Some people, who do not live close enough to the Derby area, have said that they would be willing to go to TYW occasionally to check things out, as needs be, but cannot be at committee meetings: this is great and we would like to take them up on that! However if several more folk were involved this would make the job easier and less onerous; could you be one of them?

Having a hut brings many advantages that we can all benefit from but it also carries responsibilities and we cannot have one without the other; it doesn't look after itself. Without volunteers we cannot run it and it is not fair to just leave it to those who have done it for so long. It is as simple as that. So please contact me if you think you can help in some way. Thank you.

Contact: Pete Lancaster at 0114 2301136 or [petel1952@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:petel1952@hotmail.co.uk)

## Information on member activities.

Heather Seaman has applied for full membership of the Oread. Would anyone who has an objection to this being approved please get in touch with a member of the committee.

Welcome to new Ordinary member, Angus O'Connor, and Prospective members Stephen Skinner, Hannah Emily Tassell, Jonathan Hardy and Frank Gregory.

Roy Darnell and Richard Coghlan have decided not to renew their memberships.

Richard Coghlan had the following to say:

*“Recognising that ten years have passed since my last active involvement with the Club, I think it is now time to give up my membership. I enjoyed many happy years with the club, when climbing and mountaineering was the main focus of my life between 1988 and 2001. I shall look back on these years and the friends I made in the club with gratitude.”*

Reuben Dakin

### **Jim Kershaw**

It is appropriate that the recent death of Jim Kershaw (died 17 January 2013) is recorded in the Newsletter although only a handful in the club now would know of him.

He was a member in the 1950s/1960s being mainly a strong and very active walker but rock climbed occasionally, climbed the Dent Blanche with Colin Morris of the Nottingham Summit and regularly attended the Oread long walks especially the Marsden/Rowsley and Bullstones. Caving was also a pursuit with the Phillips crowd in Wales and the Mendips. A good companion and an intelligent but reserved and solitary man. The Newsletters of that period contain interesting contributions by Jim both in prose and verse and can be seen in the Oread 50 year anniversary book.

Jim was a genuine eccentric of the first order, graduating in Chemistry at Liverpool University but before that served during the Second World War in the Royal Navy, on one occasion standing off Gold Beach on the first day of the Normandy landings. He commented that to hear and feel the shuddering roar of the sixteen inch guns of the nearby battleship Rodney was quite an experience. He was a competent industrial chemist but his career was stormy and eventually, amongst other non-professional jobs, he worked as a courier in the City, taking time off in the Spring and Summer, invariably alone, to explore remote parts of Scotland and pan for gold. This went on for many years.

On retirement he landed up in North Yorkshire, in the village of Carleton where Slingsby of ‘Climbing in Norway’ fame lived, and we met again in 2000. One day each week we joined forces, so to speak, to take walks in the dales and on the moors.

JK was one of the earliest conservers of energy resources, collecting over the years three tons of spilt coal from defunct and sometimes not defunct railway lines, to help fuel his fire at home, the only source of heating there. I remember

always feeling obliged to seek his permission before turning on the electric light! He was 88 when he died; remaining in good health until the final few weeks. Over the years a number of early Oreads, including the writer, have been or are candidates for the title of 'Prince of Parsimony'. Jim would have been one of the front runners. This last comment would not have given him offence but rather, he would have been much amused only reflecting on who might be the competition and at what odds.

John Fisher

## **Membership Renewals for 2013**

**There are still a number of membership subscriptions outstanding – please can you hurry up and get them paid? Details of how much and how to pay are given in previous months' newsletters.**

Reuben Dakin

## **Hut Bookings for March - April.**

### HUT BOOKINGS MARCH/APRIL 2013

#### HEATHY LEA

March 1/3rd. Sam Cooper Cottage/barn.  
March 8/10th. Salford Uni. cottage/barn.  
March 22/24th. Oread AGM.  
April 5/7th. Yorkshire Ramblers Cottage/Barn.  
April 12/13th. Oread meet.  
April 19/21st, D. Helliwell Cottage/Barn.

#### TAN-TR- WYDDFA

March 1/3rd. Vacant.  
March 8/10th. Derby Nomads 16 beds.  
March 15/17th. Vacant.  
March 22/24th. Uni East Anglia 12 beds.  
March 29/ 1st Easter 2beds.  
April 5/7th. Scunthorpe MC 12 beds.  
April 7/12th, Hurstperpoint School Whole Hut.  
April 12/13th. Bewdley MC 16 beds.  
April 19/21st. Oread Meet.  
April 16/29th. G. Gadsby Whole hut.  
( All these bookings are confirmed but one or two may have swapped dates.)

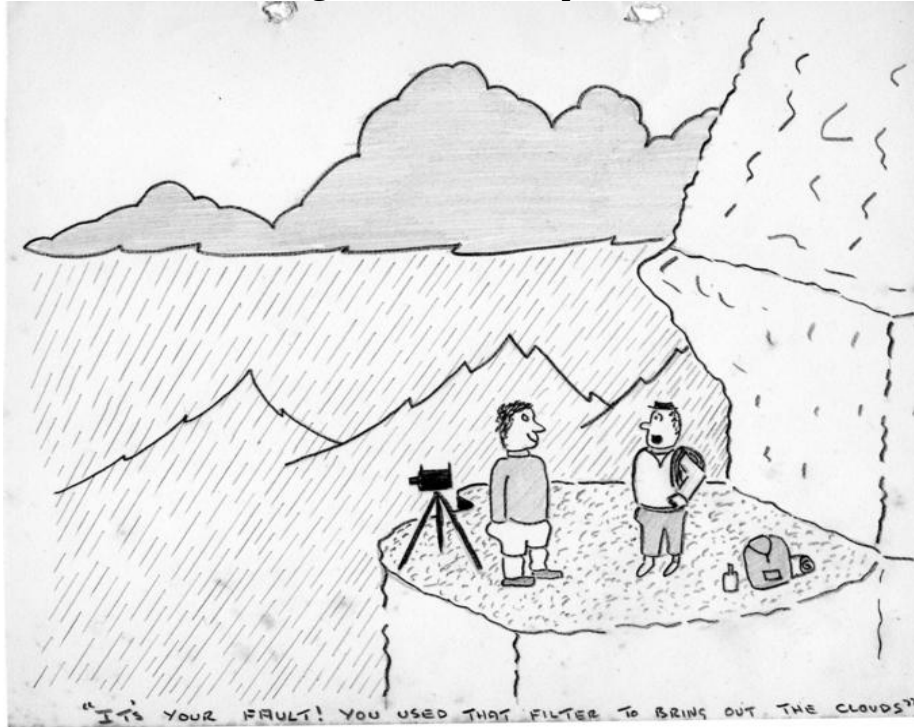
### THERE ARE STILL SOME OUTSTANDING HUT FEES NOT PAID

#### **PLEASE PAY NOW.**

*Please note that hut fees should always be paid to me and no one else.*  
"Whole Hut" includes the Oread room! Please note that both huts are now partially available for booking by other clubs during the summer holidays.  
Thanks, Colin Hobday.

## **The lighter side:**

A youthful Mr Hobday once spent many happy hours illustrating the funny side of mountaineering – here's a sample – more to follow.



## **Letter to the Editor**

Dear Ruth,

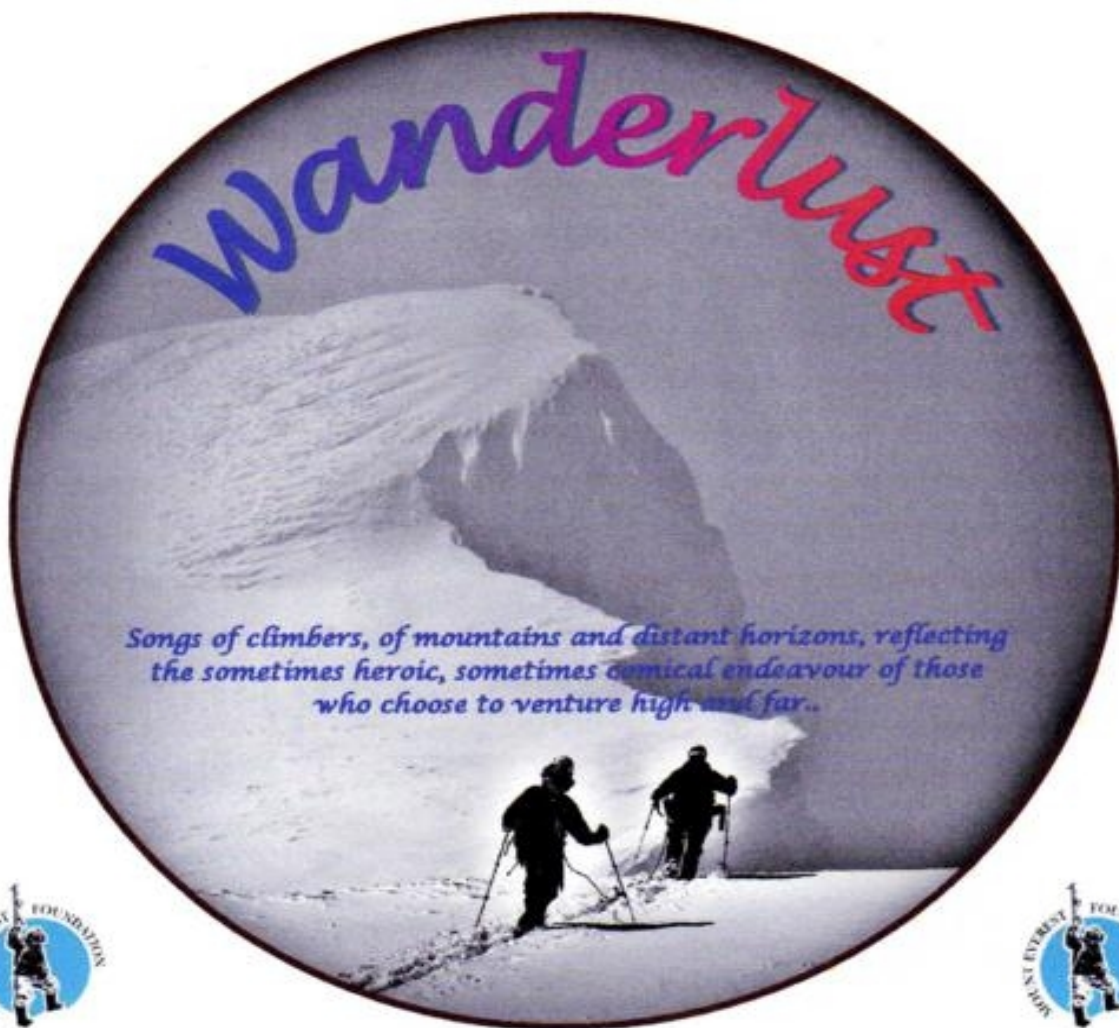
Congratulations on your newsletters, they are really professional.

I hope you can include the attached flyer in the next newsletter with a note from myself.

' Paul Cherry of the Cotswold Recording Studio and Dennis Gray have produced a charity CD for the Mount Everest Foundation, 'Wanderlust'. This includes 15 tracks of the most varied styles of music, folk, blues, opera and pop. All with a mountain/wilderness theme. Many different musicians and singers have given their work free to this record, to aid the MEF in its work as a major grant provider to British climbing expeditions. The record runs for 1 1/4 hours, costs £10 (plus £1 p & p) and £7.00 from every sale will go to the MEF.

All who have heard the record so far are more than impressed with its eclectic nature, and although I write this myself, I do not think anything like this has ever appeared before on the British climbing scene!

Dennis Gray. Hon member Oread MC.



### *The Wanderlust CD*

*"Wanderlust" is a superb, freshly minted compilation, produced in aid of The Mount Everest Foundation. Featured are a baker's dozen of individual songs plus a hilarious 'magnum opus' poem with sound effects for added aural delight. There are songs old and new, ballads, blues, plus some classics contributed by an eclectic mix of climbers, mountain folk, amateur and professional songwriters and musicians. The subject matter is varied including the first ascent of the Matterhorn; Mallory's fateful 1924 Everest expedition; and there's a couple of Tom Patey favourites from 'co-producer' Dennis Gray and much more..*

*The CD should be ready to order for the Christmas stocking at just £10 plus P & P*

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## The Oreads in Winter

**In the sun:** Derek Pike on Manchester Buttress with Simon Pape. Right: Chris Wilson and Snod Helliwell on the key pitch of Via del Valencianos on the Ponoch, Costa Blanca.



**In the snow:** Richard Hopkinson after climbing the classic Professor Falls, Banff, in the Canadian Rockies. Right Geoff Ingman on Black Cleft, Cloggy.



This year I intend to leave the meets list for the entire year ahead in the newsletter, any alterations being highlighted in red.

Hon. Ed.

## Forthcoming Meets: Derek Pike

<b>March.</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Film Night		Pete Scott	
9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> .	Patterdale.		Stuart Haywood.	
16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> .	Winter Climbing.	Yahoo Group.		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	A.G.M.	Heathy Lea.	Dave Roscoe.	
24 <sup>th</sup> .	Spring Stride.	Axe Edge	Clive Russell	01335 390369
29 <sup>th</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter.		“	
<b>April.</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed eve outside	Harborough	Royal Oak Wirksworth	
6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> .	Easter.			
10 <sup>th</sup>	Wed eve	Wildcat	Royal Oak Wirksworth	
13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> .	Heathy Lea.		Leader Required.	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Wed eve	Cratcliffe	Miners Standard	
20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> .	T.Y.W.		“	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Wed eve	Lawrencefield	The Millstone	
27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> .		Yahoo Group.		
<b>May.</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> . B.H.	Low House.	Coniston.	Steve Bennett.	
11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> .				
18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> .		Yahoo Group.		
25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> B.H.	Gower	Tides favourable	Derek Pike	
<b>June.</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> .				
8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> .		Yahoo Group.		
15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> .	Heathy Lea W.P?	Barbecue?		
22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup> .	T.Y.W.	Barbecue.	Tony Howard.	
29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> .		Yahoo Group.		
<b>July.</b>				
6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> .		Yahoo Group.		
13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> .	High House.	K. Fellfarers.	Dave Helliwell.	
20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> .		Yahoo Group.		
27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> .	Alpine Meet.	Val de Mello	Nigel Briggs	

<b>August.</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> .	Alpine Meet.	“	“	
10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> .	Alpine Meet.	“	“	
17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> .				
24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> . B.H	Pembroke?		Leader Required.	
<b>September.</b>				
31 <sup>st</sup> Aug. -1 <sup>st</sup> .	“			
7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> .		Yahoo Group.		
14 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> .	Lundy.		Derek Pike.	
28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> .		Yahoo Group.		
<b>October.</b>				
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> .		Yahoo Group.		
12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> .	Gogarth.		Dave Mawer.	
26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> .	T.Y.W.	Curry Meet.	Tony Howard.	
<b>November.</b>				
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Heathy Lea.	Bonfire Meet.	Mike Hayes.	
3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>Dovedale Dash</b>	<b>Rob Tresidder?</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> .		Yahoo Group		
16 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Dinner	Bluebell Inn	Leader Required.	
17 <sup>th</sup> .	Post Prandial Walk		Leader Required.	
23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> .		Yahoo Group.		
<b>December.</b>				
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov- 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	Patterdale.	G. Starkey.	Tony Howard.	
7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> .	Bullstones.		Kev Fidler	
11 <sup>th</sup> .	Black Rocks.		Rob. Tresidder?	
14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> .		Yahoo Group.		
21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> .		“		
25 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> . Jan	Christmas	T.Y.W.		

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