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**One of those magic days when the Derwent Valley is in the mist all day and the tops in the sun: Tony Smedley and Tony Howard above Gardoms Edge.
Photo Colin Hobday**

Editorial

Happy New Year! Hope you have **paid up your subs** by now – if not you are officially late! Please help Rhiannon, our new membership secretary, who has a very difficult job to do, by sending her your subs now so she doesn't have to chase up late payers. Full details of rates etc are in this newsletter.

This month's issue contains details of a superb opportunity to hear Mick Fowler on 4 February – don't miss it – plus some exciting meets coming up in the next few months, Wales, Glen Etive, Patterdale – and details of trips further afield at Easter and beyond.

What's on.

**2013-14 WINTER MEETS! ! ! ! ! Rob Tresidder
Tuesday 4 February at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook.
8.00pm**

Kishtwar Kailash — first ascent: Mick Fowler



At 6,451m Kishtwar Kailash is the highest peak in the East Kishtwar area of the Indian Himalaya. Mick Fowler got a good view of it from the summit of Cerro Kishtwar in 1993 and then he and Paul Ramsden were reminded what a spectacular peak it is when they saw it in the distance whilst climbing the Prow of Shiva in 2012.

Political problems which had prevented access for 20 years had eased and in 2013 they were able to secure the necessary permits and make the first ascent of the mountain by the SW Face in a seven day round trip from base camp.

Learn more? Text me. Rob Tresidder 07951 625 378

Tan yr Wyddfa 8-9 February Gill Radcliffe

I haven't stayed at our welsh hut for awhile so I'm looking forward to leading a meet there. I hope you'll join me to make it a sociable weekend and perhaps there will even be good winter conditions for ice climbing or walking.

Please email or phone me to book a bed: gill@farfields.co.uk 07816 072138

Night Navigation Wednesday 12 February

The Derwent again cordially invite you to blunder around in the dark searching for splendid, large ultra-visible new flags! Starting from the Temple Hotel. Details nearer the time from Colin Harper. Email cs_h1@yahoo.co.uk
(The final evening in the series will be on 19 March – put the date in your diary now.)

Inbhirfhaolain Hut (Grampian M.C.) Glen Etive 22-23 February Derek Pike

Still a few spaces left on this meet. Contact Derek quickly if you want to join in the fun.

Tel. 01332 670459 Email: derepike1234@btinternet.com

Derwent M.C. Lecture at the Temple Hotel 26 February

James Kitson: In the footsteps of the late Sir Fitzroy Maclean -Central Asia and South Caucasus. Temple Hotel, Matlock Bath 7. 30 pm for a prompt 8.00 start. All welcome.

Patterdale 8-9 March Stuart Haywood

In previous years I've stated how difficult it is to add anything new to the Newsletter article regarding this traditional meet. Dependant on weather conditions 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. However after the unseasonably mild temperatures over the last few weeks winter will start sooner or later!

Over the next week or so I will endeavour to contact the 'usual suspects' but in the meantime if you want to book a berth please call me on 07774 – 859553 ; 01332 882331 or e-mail 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. Stuart Haywood.

Oread AGM – Saturday 22 March 2014

The AGM will, as usual, be held at the Robin Hood, Chesterfield Road, Baslow DE45 1PQ at 8.00p.m. on 22 March.

The **Agenda** for the meeting will be:

Apologies for absence.

Minutes of the 2013 AGM held at The Robin Hood, Baslow, on 27th April 2013.
President's Report.
Treasurer's Report.
Tan yr Wyddfa Hut Sub-Committee Report.
Heathy Lea Hut Sub-Committee Report
Election of Officers.
A.O.B.

2014 - 2015 Committee

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

President: Pam Storer

Vice-President: Pete Lancaster

General Secretary: Rob Tresidder

Assistant General Secretary (Membership): Rhiannon Hollick-Cooper

Treasurer: Keith Gregson

Meets Secretary: Chris Radcliffe

Newsletter Editor: Ruth Gordon

Hut Custodian, Tan yr Wyddfa: Dave Helliwell

Hut Custodian, Heathy Lea: Mike Hayes

Huts Booking Secretary: Derek Pike

Committee Members: Michael Bate, Nigel Briggs, Chris Wilson.

Nominations for additional Committee Members would be extremely welcome.

Tan yr Wyddfa Hut Sub Committee:

Dave Helliwell (Hut Custodian), Chris and Roy Eyre, Ruth Gordon, Tony Howard, Tony Smedley, Pam Storer

Heathy Lea Hut Sub Committee:

Mike Hayes (Hut Custodian), Dave Helliwell, Steve McDonagh and Pam Storer

Members are reminded that, subject to Rules 8 and 9, 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 8 March.

Please send your nominations to the General Secretary, Rob Tresidder, 61 West End Wirksworth DE4 4EG tel. 07951 625 378 email Rob61.Tresidder@virgin.net

No changes to the Club Rules are proposed by the Committee.

Members are reminded that subscriptions for 2014 must be fully paid up before the start of the meeting.

If you are intending to eat at the Robin Hood please let me know so I can give them some idea of numbers to expect.

Pete Lancaster

Easter 2014 part 1 18 -27 April

Roger Gibbs is leading the first part of the extended Easter meet:

We'll head over/under the channel on Friday 18th April and plan to get to Fontainebleau that evening.

Fontainebleau, for those of you who don't know is the world's best bouldering area and just about the most fun you can have with your clothes on. It's very family friendly – imagine a sandy beach in a magical forest with caves, secret tunnels and lots of small rocks to clamber up. Perfect for children of all ages and climbers of all abilities. The patisseries are fabulous, red wine and cheese may also be consumed!

It looks a bit like this:

<https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=fontainebleau+bouldering&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=n0uWUJoy7OKyS7QaIm4CIBg&ved=0CC0QsAQ&biw=1418&bih=699>

More info here:

<http://www.climb-europe.com/RockClimbingFrance/Fontainebleau.htm>

We will plan to stay on this campsite (we'll be in the van, others will camp):

<http://www.camping-grez-fontainebleau.info/france/caravans/vacations/contact.html>

This will be quite busy over the Easter weekend so you will need to book well in advance. After the bank holiday it usually empties out.

After a few days at Fontainebleau, we plan to head a little further south to find some of the superb cragging around Dijon. The exact departure date will be decided over a cold beer or when the skin is running out!

<http://www.climb-europe.com/RockClimbingFrance/Dijon-and-bourgogne.htm>

All of the crags here are worth a visit and the best are world class. Grades range from easy to “tres dur”. Add in peaceful villages, quiet campsites (we won't need to book), excellent cuisine and you have a perfect way to kick start the summer!

We will head home about the 26th or 27th April.

I hope you can join us, please let me know if you can make it!

Rog, Sharon and Ben. Roger Gibbs tel. 07770 237 270 email roger@tilda.com

Easter – May Day 2014 29 April – 6 May

Chris Radcliffe is leading the second part of the trip

With a late Easter this year it seemed to me to provide an excellent opportunity for those with the time to have an extended trip to France and progress from Roger's “northern France” meet to a second centre in the south of France. Of course it is perfectly possible for this also to be a single destination trip.

The Ariège is an area of the French Pyrenees, centred on Tarascon-sur-Ariège roughly in the middle of the Pyrenean chain. I travelled through this region during my Raid Pyrenean cycle ride in 2013 and I particularly remember the Route des Corniche as a delightfully quiet and remote section of the ride, as well as the Col de Port, Col de Lers and Col du Chioula all of which feature in the Raid. So it made sense to come back to the area to try the climbing possibilities.

The climbing is very varied featuring limestone, granite and gneiss rock with roadside crags to high-mountain venues. The area is also ideal for other activities, including road biking as already mentioned, also mountain biking, walking and water sports – so something for everyone.

When? This is flexible and can be firmed up with other plans, but I aim to travel south after Roger's Meet taking 2 – 3 days and arriving in the area about April 29th. Then heading north around May 6th to cross back to the UK on May 8th.

Where? Camping Le Pré Lombard, Tarascon-sur-Ariège – www.prelombard.com. This is next to the river in the town, close to all the amenities and convenient to head out to the crags. I stayed there with Roger and Clare during the Raid and can confirm its 3* status.

Logistics? Driving: it depends where you are coming from: Tarascon is on the N20 and links in with the autoroute system. Flying: Carcassonne and Toulouse are about 1 hour 15 minutes away, while Perpignan is a little over two hours away.

Guide Book? There is a RockFax guidebook published in 2012. www.rockfax.com

Please let me know if you are interested in joining this meet so I can make booking arrangements with the campsite. Best to use email: chris@farfields.co.uk or try phoning 01246 569134 (home) or 07770 883259 (mob).

For those who don't have unlimited holiday we have another splendid option available much closer to home:

Early May Bank Holiday: Low House, Coniston nights of 2nd, 3rd and 4th May. Steve Bennett

Last year's meet was perfectly splendid with 16 Oreads attending; fortunately two members were able to claim reciprocal rights with the Climbers Club meaning that Rock was allowed a bunk and would not be required to sleep in the coal store after all.

On Saturday everyone hit the hills and trails on a day that was generally unfit for climbing but great for walking and biking.

Sunday dawned even worse with cloud on the tree tops and steady rain; the morning was spent variously depending on levels of exhaustion from the previous day, some caught up on sleep, a general forum on Britain's mediaeval history developed in the dining area and some even braved the rain and actually went out of doors. The afternoon was altogether different with improved weather and a mass traipse to Tarn Hows and back. Prolific use was made of the local hostelrys whenever appropriate with the "Sun" becoming the pub of choice.

On Monday we were treated to the warmest day of the year so far with temperatures soaring into the 20's. Most took advantage of this unexpected bliss and descended on Wallowbarrow for a day's climbing before the journey home.

I am already looking forward to this years meet: Low House is a great hut and Coniston, for me, is “the best bit of the Lakes”. For those who are unfamiliar with Low House, the cottage is situated just off the centre of Coniston and only a few minutes walk from a choice of four pubs and the local shops. Apart from the throbbing night life, all other local attractions are fairly obvious with climbing, walking and cycling available at all standards. Family boat trips, canoeing and pony trekking are also available in the local area.

The hut accommodation is excellent and pretty much on a par with our own hut TyW. We have 14 beds available for Oreads on a first come first served basis; members of the MAM, Climbers Club and Fell and Rock will count on top of our quota. To book beds and for possible car sharing please give me a call or send an email.

Steve Bennett tel 01332 516367 or 07795 511582 email steve@apexdesigns.biz

Looking ahead: South Pembroke in August seems a long time away but, if you want to climb on Range West and have not attended one of the official briefings you will need to do so. This years briefings dates are 18th April (Good Friday), 24th May and 26th July. All will start promptly at 9am and will be at the Castlemartin Army Camp as usual.

News, Articles and Reports from Meets.

Well Done 'Stopher

It was interesting to read Chris Wilson’s ‘Random Thoughts of a Dinner Organiser’ on how the business of organising the club dinner has changed since the last time he did it back in the late '70’s.

What Chris didn’t mention was that because he and Jan were in the middle of what we may describe as ‘a less than straight forward’ house move when most of the organisation was happening, they were effectively homeless (and because they had their camper van could even be described as ‘new age travellers’!).

Joking apart, coping with the stress of moving house, especially a tricky one, is bad enough but to organise a dinner at the same time that ran as smoothly as clockwork, without his computer and having to rely on his smart phone yet, apparently unruffled, is quite an achievement, which I am sure all those who attended are grateful for.

So I would like to thank him, on behalf of all concerned, for a splendid 64th annual dinner.

Pete Lancaster

Patterdale 30 November – 1 December 2013

Tony Howard

Thirteen Oread members & guests assembled at the George Starkey hut on the Friday night after some difficulties en-route, due to major accidents on both the M6 and the A1.



Saturday morning was fine and clear though there was no white stuff to be seen. Ten of us set off for Striding Edge, which we traversed in sunshine on clean dry



rock. But as we reached the summit of Helvellyn a near-continuous high cloud bank covered most of the sky. It was colder, but the visibility was still good as we continued over Nethermost Pike and Dollywaggon Pike then down to Grizedale Tarn. Two of us followed Grizedale back to the hut, while others took in St Sunday Crag on the way. Derek did the same route, but was ahead of the pack all day. Nodge did his own thing from Brothers Water over Fairfield. It was a great day out with a

beautiful sunset illuminating striated clouds.

Saturday night saw us gathered round one table in the very comfortable surroundings of the Patterdale Hotel, where we enjoyed excellent food. It really is even better than the cuisine in the White Lion. At 9 pm the live music started. Hurray I thought! Expectations were moderated a little when



the singer implied a repertoire of romantic ballads; not the music of last year, which demanded uncontrollable foot stamping and table thumping. It was downhill from there and within an hour we were all back at the hut. Oh well, the food *was* good! Tired souls continued conversation for a while, but we were all in bed before midnight.

Sunday morning brought dull but dry weather. Most caught the 9:45 ferry to Howtown & walked back along the Lakeside. Nicola walked down to the Lake. I took a gentle leg-stretch into Glenridding. We all departed before 4pm, satisfied with another good Lakeland weekend.

The Bullshitstones

Every year the Bullstones, fuelled by plenty of alcohol, results in many stories being slightly embellished and exaggerated. This year was no different and as a result, my better-half has started calling it the Bullshitstones, which is probably quite apt. So in amongst the tales of open-all-day-pubs that don't open at all, everyone having bacon butties for breakfast and the world's smallest map, below are a number of bullshitstones tall tales from this year, only one is completely true, but all have an element of truth.

Can you tell fact from fiction, the answer will be revealed in the next newsletter.

1) One learned Oread who is very well read on ancient history and the classics was recently studying the military tactics of the Army of Sparta. They discovered that the Spartan warriors ate a diet consisting entirely of olives when at war. This, they decided was the ideal diet for a Bullstones weekend and took with them a very large 1kg packet of olives which they never got round to eating, but carried round all weekend nonetheless.

2) An inexperienced Oread was advised on the best method for bivving and light weight backpacking by the Brownies. The wise old Brown Owl passed on various tips and ideas which this Oread put into practice over the weekend.

3) One hardy Oread opting for a bivi bag rather than a tent carefully chose a flat, grassy pitch, but discovered in the morning that a mole had surfaced under the bivi bag during the night whilst they were in a very deep sleep.

4) One swift paced Oread decided to take a longer route during the weekend as the standard route was not challenging enough, but on returning to the Oread fold, was unable to explain where they had been or for how long, it transpired that they had been somewhere near a microwave dish encrusted mast and had entered some sort of timewarp, losing all sense of time and direction. Maybe they were beamed up by aliens?

5) One hopeful Oread wishing for winter conditions took with them a pair of crampons and carried them round all weekend inside their pack hoping that no one would notice their stupidity.

By A Bullshitstoner.

New Year Walk to Royal Oak: “Rusty” Russell

The weather was normal for a mild winter’s day in the Peak i.e. wet. Because the mindset of the club now is last minute e mail communication and then jet off to sun kissed rock, (please don’t take this too seriously), only Simon Pape attended. Alternative explanations could only be my unsavoury personal odour, dress and habits, but these have been tolerated for many years now.

Although I still enjoy walking in the area in such conditions*, it is difficult to draw many positives from such a virtual non attendance. Maybe the time has come to reconsider the format for the day or for a fresh leader to come up with new ideas. However, on arrival there was the cheering demeanour of the old reprobates who trickled in, mostly arriving by car. This was typified by my old friend Digger who, clearly set on becoming the Oread’s first centenarian philanderer, arrived in the company of a delightful lady who appeared to be at least 50 years his junior, and then tried to pass her off as his daughter.

***So is that the origin of the nickname? Ed.**

Information on member activities

An application for ordinary membership has been received from Nicola Bishop. Any members with any comments on her application should please contact a member of the committee.

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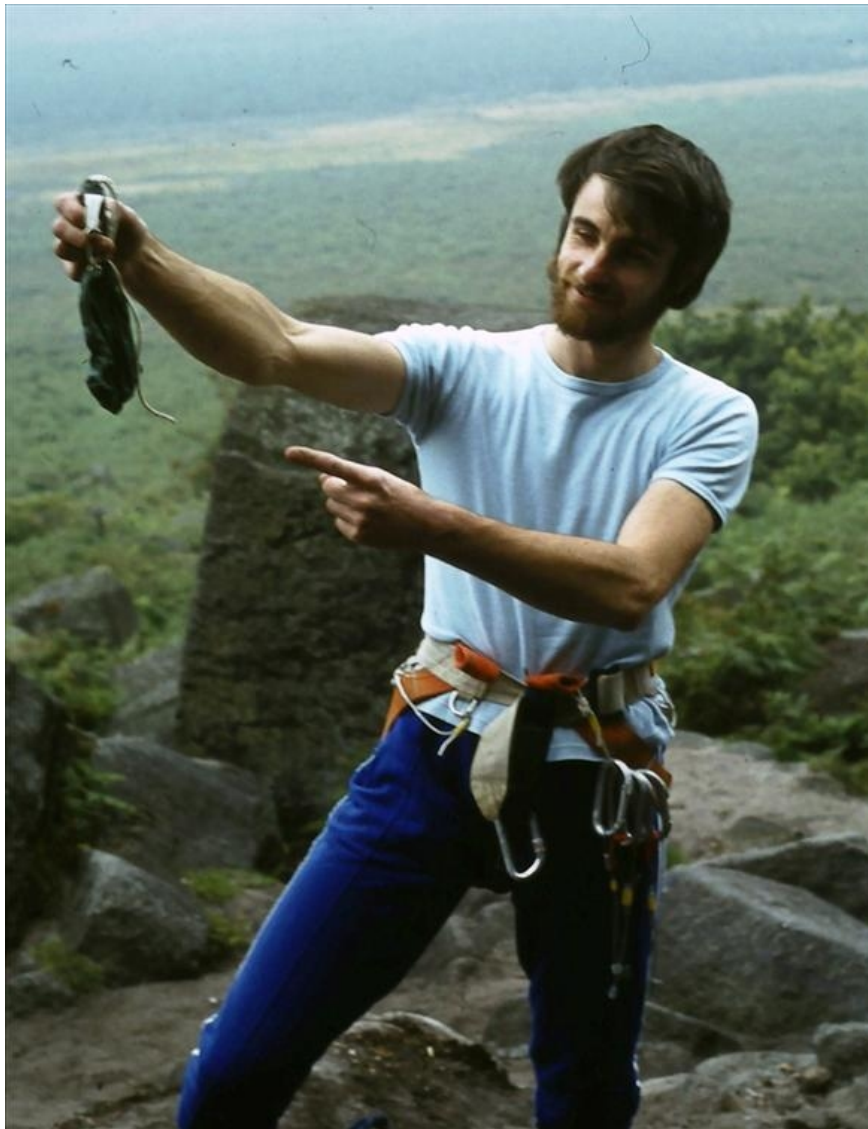
Jan email address is jan.wilson@btinternet.com

Paul Gardner 1945-2013: an appreciation

Please note this is not our founder member, Paul Gardiner, who is alive and well and living in Allestree.

Paul Gardner died on Christmas Day 2013, nine years after he contracted MSA (multiple systems atrophy), an incurable Parkinsonian illness.

Paul started his climbing on trips to Snowdonia with the scouts from Eastcote in Middlesex and continued as an undergraduate at Bristol University and then in Southampton where he did his teacher training. Paul came to Derby to take up a primary school deputy headship. He spent the rest of his life in education, later as head teacher at two primary schools, ending his career as an adviser and trainer with Derby City Council.



Paul Gardner. Photo courtesy of Robin Sedgwick.

Rob Tresidder writes:

“I first met Paul in The Moon in Spondon where we were both newbies checking out the local climbing club with the weird name — the Oread. We were paired together for the upcoming Craig Gogarth meet in July 1977. This didn’t seem like a very good start to getting to know the club but was the beginning of a very fruitful climbing partnership. Our first routes were a couple of favourites of Paul’s: Concrete Chimney and Britomartis. I did more than a hundred routes with Paul, half of them in that first year. In 1978 our paths diverged as I became more and more interested in alpinism. I climbed a lot with him in 1979 and then hardly at all as his leads became harder and harder for me to follow. Our last climb together was Elliott’s Unconquerable which we did in 1997. Paul’s taste and enthusiasm were very focussed. He had little interest in hill walking, none in running and none in alpinism. He concentrated his energies and limited time resources in the area in which he excelled: rock climbing.

For me though, Paul was more than just a climbing companion which is why

our friendship continued long after our climbing partnership had ended. I remember being guided through the intricacies of endowment mortgages and MIRAS as I negotiated the purchase of my first house. I listened to him railing against Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools appointed by Tony Blair and, coincidentally, a contemporary of Paul's in the climbing club at Bristol. We had joint rants about the education policies of successive governments of every hue and real arguments about the usefulness of school governors. His was a life that had a kind of entropy, a completeness in its three strands of family, teaching and climbing.

After Paul and I stopped climbing together he had fruitful partnerships with other Oreads including Robin Sedgwick, Mike Pearce, Derek Bolger and Bobby Gilbert."

Snod Helliwell recalls:

"I particularly remember two ascents of M1 on High Tor in the space of two weeks. In those days it was only HVS, with a belay on the sloping ledge. We both wanted to lead it so we led different pitches on the two occasions. I can also remember, about the same time, doing Delicatessen on a hot Sunday - we started early to finish before the sun got on it, then retreating to Burbage South to avoid the heat. I can remember being very impressed on Froggat when Paul led Browns' Eliminate with a direct start up the arete below - only one runner in the break and no recourse to a runner in Greengut as most of us do. This was followed later by Synopsis, still a tricky little number. I enjoyed climbing with Paul, it was always a pleasure. He wasn't pushy or flamboyant, just very steady - as was necessary when we did Red Wall at Gogarth which at the time was still quite loose."

Bobby Gilbert writes:

"I first met Paul when I was 17. At the time I had just got into climbing and was young, brash, and invincible. I remember Paul as this dapper-looking guy who would pick me up from home or work or school, usually on a Wednesday evening, and we'd whizz up the A6 to the limestone cliffs of Matlock. More often than not our goal was High Tor.

On our first visit Paul led Flakey Wall (E4 6a.) I remember him showing me the skyhook you could place in the lip of a limestone pocket on the more run-out section of the climb. Apparently it would stay in the pocket for a move or two before falling out, longer if you remembered your Blu-tack (he hadn't). He led the climb, spending quite a while on the steepest, most strenuous part, arranging runners before smoothly climbing through the crux section. I was not so smooth and may even have needed a tight rope at one point - my memory is helpfully hazy on that. I remember being very impressed. It was quite a step up from what I was capable of and definitely gave me something to aspire to, and "Blimey, he's a head teacher for Heaven's sake!" (as opposed to some climbing rebel without a cause).

On another occasion we visited Staden Quarry on a Sunday. A lovely limestone

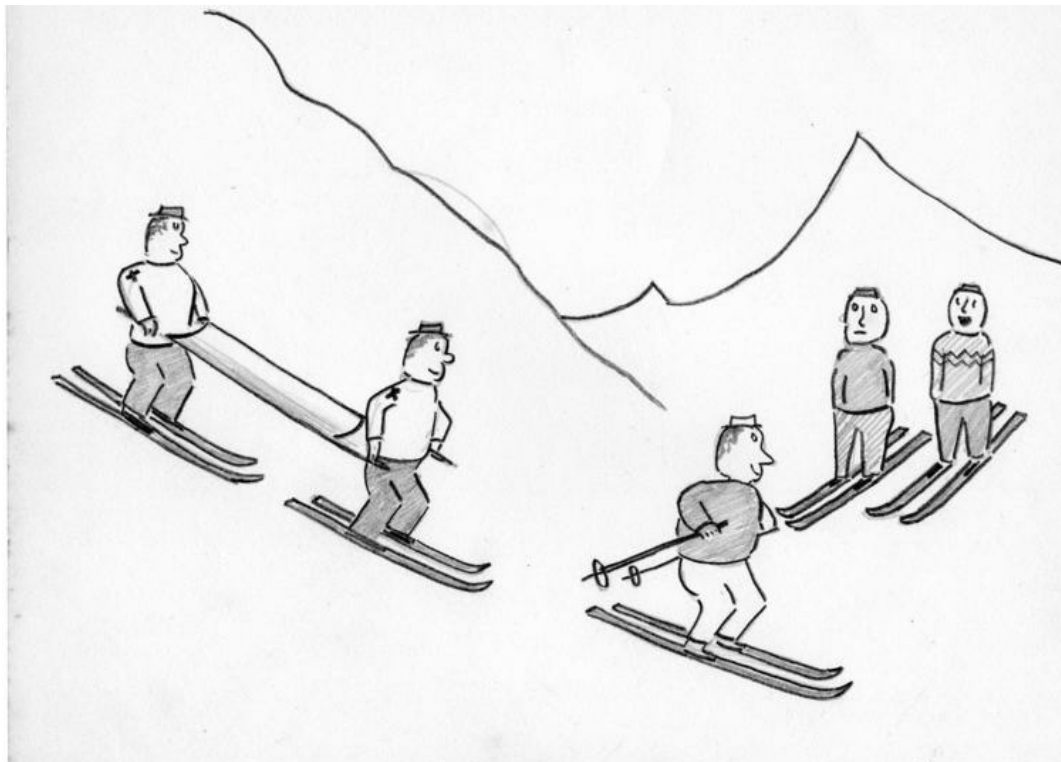
cliff near Buxton with a real picnic atmosphere at the bottom. Fortunately neither Paul nor I were in the least competitive or we might have got caught up in the one-upmanship when some of our climbing friends turned up (was it Martin Roome et al?). Nonetheless we did manage to notch up about 20 "E points" in the afternoon, helped by Paul pointing me at some great soft touch routes, and bagging a final E4 himself at the end of the day, which coincidentally nicely put us ahead of the others. Not that we were counting.

A few years later I came back to High Tor to lead Flaky Wall which was now within my ability. I remember taking a fall and then eventually making my way shakily up the steep section, at the limits of my strength, driven on by the knowledge that even a head teacher could climb this.

I've seen very little of Paul in the last couple of decades and was a little shocked to bump into him in The Mistral in Wirksworth a couple of years ago, clearly with some health problems, but the cheery laughing guy with the twinkle in his eye soon showed through. I was there with my daughter and she commented afterwards what a nice friendly guy he was. So I told her about Paul. The Paul I remember, who will always be the one in my head. The tall, wiry, dapper-looking guy, who could effortlessly hang on to little limestone pockets, high up on High Tor."

More memories of Paul will appear in next month's issue.

Hobday's humour:



Following last year's unfortunate experience, Richard is prepared for the worst on this year's ski trip.

Still wanted at Heathy Lea! Mick Hayes

We could do with six replacement dining chairs at Heathy Lea, so if any club members have any old ones to spare please let me know.

Michael Hayes. Tel 07771700913 email: Hayes Michael j@cat.com

Membership Renewals for 2014

It's that time of year again! The bad news is that the subs have had to go up by £5 across the board – **the good news is that you can avoid this increase by paying promptly!** The rules state that anyone who has not paid by 31 January will be struck off! Apparently this actually used to happen - now it is just going to cost you more. Please pay **now** at last year's prices shown in bold below:

Ordinary Member	£45.00 (£40.00 before 31 Jan 2014)
Senior* Member	£30.00* (£25.00)
Prospective# Member	£30.00 (£25.00) for 2 yrs, then £45.00
Joint+ (Family) Membership	£70.00 (£65.00) per couple
Senior* Joint+ (Family) Membership	£47.00 (£42.00) per couple
Family: one senior*, one youthful	£58.50 (£53.50) per couple

* You are eligible for **senior membership** if you will have reached “state pension age” on 1 January 2013. This applies to:

- Ladies born on or before 5 February 1952
- Gents born on or before 1 January 1949

+ Two ordinary or senior members living at the same address are eligible for **joint (family) membership**.

Prospective members who have been in the club since January 2012 will discover that your subs for 2014 become the same as the ordinary members' rate, so you might as well get on with applying for full membership now. If you live at the same address as another ordinary member, you will be eligible for joint membership, which will cost you no more anyway.

All of the above rates include £11.75 (also unchanged from 2013) in respect of your BMC club membership. You cannot opt-out of this arrangement, but you can get a refund from the BMC if you are paying through another affiliated club. If your permanent address is outside the UK you are not a BMC club member and your subs will be 50% of the standard rate set out above.

How to pay:

- Cheque, payable to Oread Mountaineering Club, posted to me at 4 Bolton St. Swanwick, Derbyshire DE55 1BU
- Bank transfer: sort code 05-04-07, account number 45028744. Please let me know if you pay by bank transfer.

You need to pay before:

- 31 December to ensure that your BMC 3rd party insurance remains current
- 31 January to maintain your Oread membership

Receiving your payment promptly helps me immensely.

If you have any queries regarding your renewal, please contact me at rhiannon_900@hotmail.com or tel. 01773 541934 mobile 07525 654639

Rhiannon Hollick-Cooper

Hut Bookings for February onward.

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

31 Jan – 1 Feb	Gentian M.C.
7-8 Feb	Oread M.C.
14 -15 Feb	Orpheus.
21-22 Feb	Yorkshire Ramblers
14-15 March	Lanchester M.C.

HEATHY LEA

31 Jan - 1Feb	Clogwyn C.C.
21-22 Feb	Univ. of E. Anglia
28 Feb – 1 March	Univ. of E. Anglia
7 – 9 March	Salford Univ.
14 – 15 March	Liverpool Univ.

“Whole Hut” includes the Oread room!

All queries, payments and bookings should be addressed to Derek Pike, the Hut Bookings Secretary:

Derek Pike, 19 St. Johns Drive, Chaddesden, Derby. DE216SD

Tel. 01332 670459 Email: derepike1234@btinternet.com

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

Last month's picture.

Last month's puzzle was set not by Rusty but by Jack Ashcroft: thus giving Rusty the chance to do a spot of puzzling too.

His deductions are as follows:

“Assembling the data, I deduce that there is a tint of red which means that it is a colour print, although it might almost be greyscale in Photoshop terms. It might be a print from a colour slide, but colour printing came into common usage later than Jack's Himalayan adventures in 1960-61 or thereabouts. It has an Alpine look about it to me or their feet would sink into the snow on a flat bit. If it is an Alpine start, the sun, from behind the subject's left shoulder would be in the East, which orients us. I wonder whether it might be Switzerland, and the Rimfischorn, and the subject Gordon Gadsby, although I am clutching as straws.

I am sure there are many more travelled and perceptive than me who may be able to identify the scene.”

This month's puzzle:



As one admires this view, which pigmented obelisk lies an hour or so's walk behind? (say 70 mins for Ashcroft) The view will be familiar to all those who appreciate the UK's premier walking and rock scrambling terrain.

Neil Weatherstone sends news of a bouldering wall under construction in Derby.

The Climbing Unit is still under construction in an industrial unit with ample parking, close to the Derby's pentagon roundabout. The main competition wall is going to be 200m² utilising the Entre Prises MozaiK wall system, which as all budding rock stars will know is the same one used in many World Cup events. For those of us who need to work up to the grade there will be other less steep walls including a 220m² group training wall, again being built Enterprise. The rest is being custom built in-house by an experienced team which will make a total of 1100m². This should make it one of the biggest facilities in the UK.

More info here:

<https://www.alpkit.com/news/building-a-wall>

Climbing gear for sale

Wild country wires 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10	£20
Hex's size 7, 8 & 9	£10
6 quickdraws (2 purple and 4 blue)	£30
2 screw gate karabiners	£10

3 clip karabiners £5
 1 shunt £10
 A small friend £5
 2 long slings & 1 med sling & 1 small tape £10

1 pair Asolo rigid plastic boots size UK 7.5 never worn and still in box £20
 1 pair of green ice camp crampons £20
 1 pair DMM ice axe & hammer (matching set). 1 used twice and 1 never used. £50



The lot for £150 For more details and/or pictures contact Wendy Lawrence 0777 5776016 email wendylawrence92@gmail.com

Forthcoming Meets: Chris Radcliffe

2014

February			
8 th - 9 th	Rhydd-Ddu	Tan-y-Wyddfa	Gill Radcliffe
22 nd -23 rd .	Scottish Meet, Glen Etive	Inbhirfhaolain Hut (Grampian M.C.)	Rob Tresidder
March			
8 th - 9 th	Patterdale	George Starkey Hut	Stuart Haywood
22 nd	AGM	Robin Hood Pub	Committee
23 rd	Spring Stride	Stoops & Stones	Chris Radcliffe
April			
5 th - 6 th	Little Langdale	Fylde MC Hut	Hut Swop
18 th - 26 th	French Meet (1)	Fontainebleau/Dijon	Roger Gibbs
27 th -May 8	French Meet (2)	Ariège	Chris Radcliffe
May			
2 nd -4 th	Coniston	Low House (MAM)	Steve Bennett
17 th - 18 th	B.B.Q.	Heathy Lea	Mike Hayes
24 th - 26 th	Bank Holiday meet	?	?
June			
7 th - 8 th	Kiddies Meet	Heathy Lea	Neil Weatherstone
7 th - 8 th	Rhydd-Ddu	Tan-y-Wyddfa	

28 th – 29 th	North Yorkshire	Osmotherley	Chris Wilson
July			
5 th -6 th	Malham Cove	Camping	Michael Bate
12 th – 13 th	Cloggy: pre-Alps	Tan-y-Wyddfa	Chris Radcliffe
19 th -Aug 10	Alpine Meet	Ecrins	Pete Lancaster
August			
23 rd – 25 th	S Pembroke	Camping	
September			
13 th – 14 th	Clwyd	Limestone cragging	Derek Pike
20 th – 21 st	Joint with DMC	Heathy Lea	Ed James
October			
4 th – 5 th	Gogarth	Valley of the Rocks	Dave Mawer
14 th – 28 th	Kalymnos	Hot Rock	Pam Storer
November			
1 st	Bonfire Night	Heathy Lea	Mike Hayes
2 nd	Dovedale Dash	Fell Race	Rob Tresidder
15 th	Annual Dinner		
December			
6 th – 7 th	Bullstones Meet	Long Walk	Pam Storer
10 th	Black Rocks	Night Climbing	Rob Tresidder

From the archives



The Wrens awakening from a bivvy on Bleaklow in 1990. Mike is at his sartorial and intellectual best at 5a.m. Photo courtesy of Rusty.



Left: Wilson scales new heights at a recent meet of the O.M.C. Dryad sub-section.

*Below: End of a perfect Peak District day. 20th January at Curbar Gap.
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