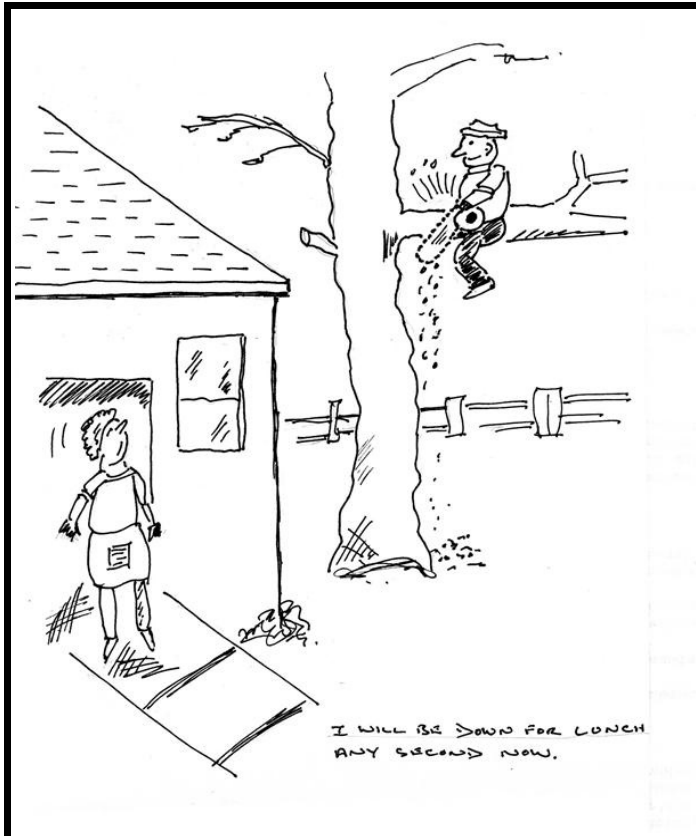


# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

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## **Breaking news.....**



**“Hobday's Humour” makes the front page this month as Colin has responded to his recent misfortune with typical humour, producing a brand new cartoon to celebrate two serious gardening-related injuries in a week.**

**We wish both Colin and Chris Radcliffe a problem-free and complete recovery from their ladder falls.**

## **Editorial**

This month brings us to the onset of the winter season, back to the climbing walls for the long dark evenings – but what is this? The sun is still shining, great days out on the high crags: what a wonderful September we have had. Let's hope it continues into next month and that the Gower meet, coming up next weekend, will get just as good weather.

Also in this issue, **the first of the Winter Lecture series on 7 October** and what a cracker to open the season! Definitely not one to miss!

Looking forward – it will soon be bonfire time and I hear a rumour that the fireworks at Heathy Lea will be extra-special this year!

Forward notice of a meet to Coniston followed by the Bullstones in the Howgills at the beginning of December.

Most importantly it will soon be the **Annual Dinner** – menu and booking details in this issue. It needs your attention and action right now!

## **What's on.**

### **Evening Meets at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook** **The new season of evening lectures opens with a flourish on** **Tuesday 7 October at 8.00pm**



#### **Nanga Parbat: the Mazeno Ridge by Sandy Allan**

Sandy will give an illustrated account of his ascent, with Rick Allen, of the WSW ridge of Nanga Parbat (8126m) in July 2012. The ridge is the longest arête on any 8000m peak — a staggering 13km and involving the ascent and descent of eight subsidiary peaks, some higher than 7000m. At the end of the ridge, they needed another 2 km on the Schell route to reach the summit of Nanga Parbat. They then descended in a further two days. Base camp to base camp took 17 days. Last year the pair were awarded the prestigious Piolet d'Or for their exploit.

#### **Gogarth 4-5 October Dave and Victoria Mawer**



If you only ever visit the Sea Cliffs of Angelsey as a wet weather alternative to the mountains you may be missing the point. Gogarth offers a wide variety of climbing styles, with many of its routes the epitome of “Adventure” whatever your grade. The forthcoming meet has good tides with lows at 1.30pm on Saturday and 2.36pm on Sunday.

However the great thing about Gogarth is that there are plenty of areas that are far enough from the sea not to be affected by tides or large swells and the bird bans are long behind us. You will no doubt be pleased to hear that I made a reconnaissance visit

the other weekend. It is all still there and is still utterly epic!

Once again we will base ourselves at the Valley of the Rocks Camp site, Portdafarch Road, Trearddur Bay, Isle of Anglesey, LL65 2LL. Tel: 01407765787. Booking isn't really necessary unless you need an electric hook-up for which space is limited.

Apparently the post code will lead you astray if you use Satnav. The best approach is to follow signs for south stack but then follow the coast road at its turning, then look out for Portdafarch Road on the left just before a small bay at the bottom of a hill. The campsite is about 1km on the right. Most importantly to note: accessible from the site, is the Paddler's Return - a purveyor of fine beers and cuisine. If you fancy coming email me at [dtmawer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dtmawer@yahoo.co.uk) or phone on 07790715520.

The photos are from last year's meet: Mick and Emma Hayes plus Graham Weston on Lighthouse Arete at Castell Helen Me and Roger over the moon on The Moon, Yellow Wall.



## **The Reel Rock Tour at the Grand Pavilion Matlock Bath Friday 10 October**

Reel Rock is an annual film tour and this year's programme features the highly anticipated feature-length film *Valley Uprising* from Emmy award-winning adventure filmmakers. *Valley Uprising* examines the sixty years of epic rivalry, adventure and rebellion that has been played out in California's Yosemite National Park. It tells the story of the bold men and women that broke with convention and redefined the limits of human possibility in the legendary valley. Decades of climbing history is vividly brought to life on the big screen through digitally animated archival photography, spectacular movie footage from today and the past as well as interviews with climbing legends.

You can watch the trailer, buy tickets, and get more information about the festival by visiting the website: [www.reelrock.co.uk](http://www.reelrock.co.uk)

The films are due to start at 7:30 pm with doors and the bar opening one hour before. There will also be a chance to win a selection of great prizes during the interval!

### **Kalymnos 14-28 October Pam Storer**

If you need any information on this meet please get in touch.

Pam Storer tel. 07584493349 email: [pam\\_storer@hotmail.com](mailto:pam_storer@hotmail.com)

## **Heathy Lea Bonfire Saturday 1 November Tony Howard**

Our annual bonfire and fireworks bash at the Derbyshire hut will take place on 1st November. This year Mike will be away and I have agreed to hold the fort for him, or perhaps more appropriately hold the gates open and coordinate the invasion.

This annual event is ideal for bringing together the varied membership of the club and usually provides great entertainment for friends and families. On Saturday afternoon we will be building the bonfire and once the sun has gone down we will light the fire, start the barbeques and set off the fireworks. Please bring your own food and drink. Also bring a small BBQ machine if you have one. If you can't get hold of one, don't worry, I'll bring some spares. As in previous years we will have a barrel of local beer for consumption at a very reasonable price.

Saturday and Sunday's activities will depend on the weather but there will no doubt be several Oreads wandering over our local crags and footpaths in addition to bikers, gear shoppers and tea shop visitors etc.

Club members are encouraged to bring with them their musical instruments / home brew concoctions etc.

There will be a £3 charge per person to cover the Fireworks and the normal hut fees apply for those staying the night and/or parking a car for the bash. Please let me know if you are planning to come along especially if you intend to stay the night. Let me know ASAP please, as I will be in Kalymnos until just 4 days before the event.

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## **Sunday 2 November Dovedale Dash**

Starts 11 am as usual. £5.00 entry. Details at [www.dovedaledash.co.uk](http://www.dovedaledash.co.uk)

## **The 65<sup>th</sup> Oread Annual Dinner Saturday 15 November**

The dinner will once again be held at The Bluebell Inn, Tissington on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30 to sit down at 7:30 pm. The cost will be £20 per person for 3 courses, which could include cheese & biscuits as the third. Add an extra £4 if you want cheese & biscuits as well as a sweet (i.e. 4 courses).

This is one of the Club's main social events of the year; a chance to meet old friends and new members, have a laugh, reminisce about past epics, achievements and embarrassments and disclose your future plans and ambitions! Oh and you can also drink to excess as long as you aren't driving home. I thoroughly recommend their Sundance beer. Our President will tell of the year's activities including the one that merits the Bent Screw Award for mountaineering incompetence! If you wish to nominate someone for this, please let Pam know ASAP: tel 01623 795758; 07584 493349 or [pam\\_storer@hotmail.com](mailto:pam_storer@hotmail.com)

The menu and application form are included at the end of this Newsletter.

**Please note that this year you must pay by cheque or postal order and that this must be included with your form and sent to me, to arrive by the 6<sup>th</sup> November at the very latest.** (Bank transfers have caused problems recently

and so we will not be accepting this as a method of payment for the dinner this year, sorry.) Please don't leave it till the last minute to sign up, I'd hate to disappoint anyone and we want you to attend! If you have any questions, please contact me on 01332 273307 or 0776 226 8181 or

[tony.howard46@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.howard46@btinternet.com). I will be in Kalymnos from 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October so a text or email might be best during this time (I can't guarantee to reply during this time, so it would be better to sort things out before I go.)

There is no accommodation at the Bluebell, but camper vans can be parked discreetly in their car park and there are hotels nearby, including Bentley Brook Inn, Peveril of the Peak and many in Ashbourne.

Tony Howard

## **Low House Coniston 21 - 23 November Tony Howard**

We have had an autumn meet in the Lakes for several years now and for most of these we have had very good weather and mountains dressed in snow! This year we will be in Coniston and, thanks to Steve Bennett, we will be based at the excellent MAM hut: Low House. Twelve beds have been booked. There are now just 6 places left.

Coniston offers excellent walking and mountain biking and with enough ice provides good climbing opportunities. It also has, in my opinion, the best pubs and restaurants in 'the Lakes' for a truly memorable social weekend.

If you would like to come along, please let me know ASAP. I will be in the Black Bull on Friday night. Join me there or at the hut which is 200 yards out of Coniston on the Torver road. That is on the left hand side of the road, just beyond Lake Road and Station Road. Turn left off the main road and immediately left into the hut car park. The car park is small, so please car share as much as possible.

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## **The Bullstones in the Howgills 6-7 December Pam Storer**

This years Bullstones will offer a variety of opportunities for our members to enjoy.

The purists amongst us will have the delights of a Friday night spent eating and drinking in the pub before a modest walk to a sheltered bivvy. Saturday will provide the opportunity to discover the delights of the Howgills and a bunkhouse (no nearby pub) to relax in at the end of the day. I will provide a modest dinner and beer (at a modest cost) for the evening Christmas celebrations.

For those wanting shelter on Friday night, the bunkhouse is available, depending on demand. I am willing to book it if people would like to use it and either join our Saturday walk or do their own thing. This would enable more people to join us for the Saturday party. I would be delighted to share our celebrations with everyone.

Sunday is left for the individual to decide, another day on the hills or a gentle valley stroll back to the car. Of course some people might already have their car at the bunkhouse!

Please email [pam\\_storer@hotmail.com](mailto:pam_storer@hotmail.com) or call 07584493349 so that I have some idea of numbers.

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

### **Access to the Carneddau. John Green**

Members may find it useful to know about current problems in parking at Gerlan. Following a recent visit a friend wrote to me as follows:

“We found nowhere safe to park and were aware that the local farmers and villagers have become very hostile to climbers and walkers. Many signposts to walks and paths have been removed by locals to make life more difficult. There have apparently been many cases of deliberate vandalism on climbers' and walkers' cars. We asked a local and were told that we could park close to the closed Spar shop lower down the road. However, although designated as for public parking, the local authority will be changing its usage to Private as the Spar shop is closed. We were looked at very suspiciously when we returned to the car. The parking area, almost empty at 9.00am, was full at 4.00pm. Checking the internet re the problem. I discovered that the Police and BMC are asking all those who visit the village to park in Bethesda and walk through Gerlan to the footpaths. Buses can be taken...the timetable is even published, or book a local taxi.”

### **A Rambling thought around Rhyd Ddu. Jack Ashcroft.**



I reached for my quill, couldn't find it; then for my Parker 51; couldn't find that either. Ah, a ball point pen, black of course, an absolute necessity for a certain element of the population. For ticking boxes and filling out forms. No light fingered keyboard touch and waiting for electronic response for ball point box tickers you understand.

The Thursday Group, like a carbuncle on the edge of the Oread, started by H.P. and P.J. on their retirement from work in the 1980s, rattles along year by year, if a carbuncle can rattle. (You can expect anything in this day and age). It's time to stop rattling and get on with what I reached for my quill for.

Since the late 1980s, as well as regular Thursday walks, mostly in "The Peak" mid-week meets have been arranged about twice a year, mostly in The Lakes, Snowdonia or the Yorkshire Dales, making use of various club huts. Tan yr Wyddfa has seen our presence many times and on three occasions in recent years the summit of Snowdon has been on the agenda. The first time whilst reconstruction was still in progress. I gazed through chain-link fencing, inspecting the works, as you do. I was informed by a workman with time to wander around "You'll soon be able to get your cup of tea and a bun." Thanks mate! On subsequent wanders to the highest point in England and Wales we have had to fight our way to a self-service counter. All reminiscent of a crowded railway station complete with tannoy system announcing "The next train will leave....." However still no ride down for those who wish. Only return tickets from Llanberis.

As a point of interest, if you have forgotten or never knew, the Snowdon Railway opened in 1896 and is similar in design to the "rack and pinion" railway to Mount Pilatus. Both locomotive and rolling stock were manufactured by a Swiss company at Winterthur. The Mount Pilatus copes with a gradient of 1 in 2. The Snowdon Railway does not exceed 1 in 5. It took 600 men two years to lay the track up Snowdon. I don't know what the logistics are for the "new hotel". It was more than two years in this century for the recent construction.

The Thursday Group stay at Tan yr Wyddfa last year brought to mind the changes over the years since the Club moved there in 1958. Then, and well into the 1980s we were adjacent to a derelict railway route at its highest point between Caernarfon and Portmadoc. Now we have the station with a scheduled service – and back to rattling – it's a little bit that way since the rolling stock is vintage and worth the experience of travelling the line.

On a sunny autumn afternoon I travelled up from Portmadoc. The view of Tremadoc rocks from the train was superb, as indeed was the view to the Moelwyns. The most spectacular bit was the spiral route above Beddgelert. It gives a new meaning to "The Three Peaks": Snowdon, Y Garn, Hebog – or was it Yr Aran, Moel Lefn and Hebog flashing by in seconds? I would add that this train ride was not just a joy ride. I had cycled from Rhyd Ddu in the morning to Caernarfon and onto the National Cycle Route 8 to Portmadoc. The train was the best way back I figured.

More importantly the National Park have now negotiated a well-signed leisure route from Rhyd Ddu through the forest to Beddgelert. No more fumbling up or down the Moel Lefn – Hebog ridge wondering exactly where you are. As regards the farmer who used to stand at his front door with a 12-bore at the ready for those attempting to approach Nantle Yr Garn directly from Tan yr Wyddfa – no longer a problem.

We have also discovered recently where Digger Williams gets his stamina from. It's Welsh Minted Lamb as served at the Tanronnen in Beddgelert. He saves money on a train journey back to Rhyd Ddu by catching the bus. The train hasn't caught up with travel passes yet. Digger is off to the Alps – all 93 years of him – this September. We hope he comes back fit enough for our Autumn mid-week meet.

As a footnote my dictionary gives two definitions of carbuncle. The second is “a deep red precious stone, especially the garnet, uncut and convex”. Sounds better to me than the medical definition.

## **Tales from Pembroke contributed by Pam and Nick, Gill and Radders, Simon and Maggie, Roger and Dave.**



*Nick Evans on Bird on a Wire.*

Imagine a sunny Bank Holiday, miles of exciting sea cliff climbing and only four climbers, including ourselves, on the whole length of the crags. This was Range West on our August meet. Although this was only our second visit, armed with a GPS and the new guide, we didn't

waste too much time finding some spectacular areas to climb. Fortunately sound belay stakes did give us a clue to the most popular routes. We visited five new areas over the weekend and for us the highlight was Bird on a Wire VS 4b \*\*\*. As I sat waiting for what seemed an age on the top of the abseil, I had no idea of the drama below me as Nick was battling to swing in to the ledge at the start of the climb. Half way down the 30m free ab, as the sea loomed ever closer, I realised what had been happening to Nick. Fortunately, as my yells became more insistent, I had the luxury of assistance to gain the stance. The climb was a dream after that; clean rock, a clear line and good holds, what more could an ancient Oread want?



Another interesting area we discovered was Christmas Chasm. This time a long ledge provided a good stance leading to steep walls with wonderful jugs in the horizontal breaks, bliss. We feel there is so much to offer that we must return next year. Do come and join us.

*Photo: Pam on Christmas Chasm*

Having arrived early on Thursday, we were joined over the next two days by a lively group of Oreads with more skills than us, who were able to clock up an

impressive list of routes. Simon, Rowland and Angela dodged the showers on Sunday, visiting two crags, Saddle Head and St Govans before seeking tea and cakes. Monday brought more rain, and the climbing was skipped in favour of tea and cakes. Tuesday, a slightly better day, encouraged another expedition. However the wave washed belay platform prompted a change of plan. Sadly the next choice, Lucky Strike, was unlucky for Angela. As Simon reached the top she was drowned on the non- tidal belay ledge. Rowland sensibly stayed at the top. As it was too late for tea and cake, when Angela made it to the top, the party retreated to the pub.

### **Dave Mawer and Roger Gibbs:**

*Dave on Poisoned Arrow. St. Govans.*

August Bank Holiday in Pembroke has become a ritual now. The culmination of a summer pulling hard on anything possible. I always look forward to the beauty and peace of the place, if not the gruelling drive down. The holiday grades are an added



bonus that we don't mention in polite company. Various Oreads in various states of employment arrived at various times on the newly improved campsite at St. Petrox. Those of you familiar with this fine establishment will be amazed that I didn't queue for the facilities once all week! On arrival Pam greeted us warmly and we accepted a glass of sparkling white wine. We've agreed that this is now compulsory for all meet leaders and write up authors [I'll take a beer for preference but I'm not fussy].

Team Gibbs arrived on Saturday lunchtime via a stopover in exotic Merthyr Tydfil with just enough time for a hurried sandwich before the action started. I followed Graham up Ricochet at St Govan's for the warm up. This features superb steep crack climbing and wasn't really anywhere near as easy as it should have felt! Sighted in the distance we saw Dave nearing the top of Ships that pass in the Night.



*Photo: Chris Radcliffe on The Loosener. St Govans.*

*“The life of a tag team climbing parent leaves little time to spare. This can lead to some rash decisions over warm ups. Fortunately my companion Rich was enthusiastic I should take the lead first. We set up an ab rope, decorated our harnesses with lots of lovely gear and slid/descended to the cliff base. We scampered quickly to the base of the Trevallen Pillar, taking note of the tide, and eyed its right arête. Liking its look we ran the ropes through and after a high runner to the left I started on the bouldery starting moves. After a great sequence I fiddled some runners in and carried on up some rough bubbly rock to a break high up. After filling it with gear I eyed a rusty peg in a crack above wearily. Soon clipped and backed up with a wire, I contemplated a tricky move out right to an out of reach flaky jug on the arête. After a couple of there-and-back attempts I found*

*myself hanging straight armed from it, fighting the pump with very little for my feet. A sling placed around it and a lovely new Totem cam out left bolstered my confidence enough for a rock-over onto said jug. Now what?!? With a tiny crimp in my right hand, a rounded pinch in my left, I spied a foot hold level with waist. Mmmmm. I can see what I have to do and I don't like it, but my options are limited. I tested the manoeuvre. I guess it could work, so I try. Left foot up again and I'm committed-eyeing the belay ledge a foot out of my grasp. I look down at Rich who returns an expectant and encouraging look. I examine my gear on the now distant jug. Oh poo! I return my focus to the ledge and lay one on for it. A thank god jug. Whoop, whoop I'm in!”*

My turn next so I went for Poisoned Arrow, also at St Govan's. I'd had this recommended over a cuppa earlier: “good gear and positive holds” the man said. I did the smart thing and got some gear as high up the crack as I could manage and then down climbed for a shake on the ledge. When I went for it, a perfect nut slot appeared and subsequently filled, but it was soon a bit too far below my feet. Calm words from my supportive belayer urged me upward and I stretched for another good wire. Positive side pulls led to a juggy break out right but the footholds were poor, no place to linger. I kept on trucking and the angle relented a little before some more steep and committing moves to gain the sanctuary of the easy finishing groove of Cupid's Bow. Super!

On to meatier fare, but fortunately for me I was on the blunt end of the rope for Blucher. A hard crack leads straight into the steep arête at the top. I managed to fall off seconding – I’m blaming cold fingers or tiredness or the moon cycle! Maybe I’m just rubbish? [Yes. – Ed.] We debated the origin of the route name, some suggesting a play on the nearby classic of The Butcher, but as it was right next to Tactician, I wondered. A quick Google revealed Blucher was the Prussian tactical genius known as “Marshall Forward” who fought alongside Wellington at the battle of Waterloo. Clever folk, some of these new routers.

Next door Dave was about to set off on Get Some In. This stunning crack line is one of the most compelling lines at Pembroke – and one of the steepest.

“This is right up your street”, I told him. A fist bump. “Go get it.” A valiant struggle ensued. It looks superb, I need to get fitter!

*“Let’s just say so do it! Quite a few pieces of gear later and many fabulous moves between holds up the steep crack line I arrived at two reasonable holds. Now some may describe these as jugs, others, including me, may be a little disappointed by their apparent lack of juggyness. After a lengthy battle to return my left forearm from terminal pump I managed another high point before returning to the disappointing jugs. This happened a further three times before I helplessly watched my left fingers uncurl and depart company with the rock, shortly followed by me. Fortunately the ample protection I had placed and my belayer Rich caught me quickly without any time for screaming.*

*Sometime later my arms neared their normal size and feeling. Looking up I wasn’t quite sure whether I liked what I saw. More crack followed by no crack. I wasn’t sure the guidebook had mentioned this, or maybe it had? Then I recalled the description, “the next bit is best climbed without thinking too much about your gear”. Put simply, there wasn’t any. Ah well, more crack, more moves, more gear followed by a harrowing sequence a little too far above my gear for comfort and I gained the resting niche before the finishing groove. Suddenly my world became a better place.”*

**Photo: Victoria on Cool for Cats.**

The forecast for Sunday was for rain by lunchtime, so I just had time to follow the mega classic Arrow, then I had a look at No Man’s Land, thought better of it and went for the superb juggy romp of War Crimes.

We were debating squeezing one more route in when the heavens opened and the beach called. The Mawer’s had meanwhile been adventuring on the end of Huntsman’s Leap on the classic Myola.



*“My eyes are dim I cannot see, I have not brought my specs with me. I have not brought my specs with me!” Anyone in the Leap that morning was in for a treat. Tullan and I singing “The Quartermaster’s Stores” amongst other renditions at the top of our voices to the accompaniment of the splashy sea. Meanwhile our intrepid leader busied herself with the matter in hand. Myola. A Pembroke top 50 route according to Rockfax and I have to agree. Anyone who hasn’t already, really must. What a brilliant route. It has it all, a committing abseil to a ledge above the sea. A committing move to begin with, ample solid protection and brilliant moves between sharp juggy holds. What’s not to like? Well nothing I tell you! This route was perhaps the highlight my Pembroke trip. Next time you’re there, go do it, you will not be disappointed!”*

*Ultravixens. Photo Chris Radcliffe*



Monday was wet so, after biking, we had fish and chips in Pembroke Dock, via an old school pub which pleased me greatly. It was like someone’s front room, with a warren of tiny rooms leading off behind. The Gents was outside and the walls had old photographs of the docks. It looked like something from the seventies. Eventually I

twigged what was out of place – the walls and paintwork were pristine and not stained yellow from years of cigarette smoke. Progress.

Tuesday hadn’t really dried out so we were restricted to finding the drier bits. This proved tricky as a big sea and onshore wind turned out to be a less than ideal combination for extreme rock climbing. I did Enter the Goat: good climbing but a little too dependent on an old rusty peg at the crux for comfort. I made it hard for myself by trying to do everything perfectly statically – it can get quite tiring this way! Later I followed Manzoku (satisfaction in Japanese apparently) and I did Cool for Cats, which were excellent as usual even in the damp.

Finally we managed a rather damp Shape Up, in Huntsman’s Leap, and Bloody Sunday, which I fell off seconding – I’m blaming the dampness (or see above)! Other teams had notable successes ticking Clean Hand Blues Band, Army Dreamers (getting a bit polished now apparently), Ultravixens, Cool for Cats, The Butcher, Space Cadet and many more that I’ve missed I’m sure. There were some big waves and big adrenaline for the surf team, including a broken leash for Victoria and some wide grins. Plenty of sand castles were dug and more than a few beers drunk. We cruised back via beaches and Turkish food (!) at the Gower; plus biking and tapas in the Forest of Dean. Thanks to all for some great company and splendid memories. Good work Pam, but can you sort some better weather for next year please?



*Left: Gill Radcliffe on Galactic Coordinator. Right Simon Pape on Pigs on the wing.*



## **Information on member activities**

Applications for full membership have been received from Enan Kenyon and Jade Slater. Would anyone who has an objection to either of these applications being approved please get in touch with a member of the committee.

Long-term former member, Beryl Strike, has just moved house: her new address is;- 19 Duke St. Middleton by Wirksworth. tel. 01629 820298 email [brylstrike@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brylstrike@yahoo.co.uk) she would love to hear from old friends.

## **Letter to the Editor:**

### **Re Paul Gardner's article on Vector.**

The "John" referred to in Paul's piece on Vector was not John Blackledge but John Green, a long-standing friend of Paul's who died some years ago. John climbed seldom but they still managed a very effective summer week together in Snowdonia over many years. Highlight was Great Wall on Cloggy.  
Rob Tresidder.

Thanks for this info Rob. Ed.



*More Pemroke pictures: Left - Gill Radcliffe on Pigs on the Wing. Right – Simon on Arrow.*

## **Hut Bookings September.**

### **TAN-YR-WYDDFA**

September 26-27 Dave Mawer. Whole Hut.  
 Sep 28 Sep-4 Oct Christine Craddock.  
 October 10-11 Merseyside Red Rope.  
 November 7 Derby M.C.

### **HEATHY LEA**

September 26-27 University of East Anglia.  
 October 3-4 Tim Abbott.  
 October 10-11 University of East Anglia.  
 October 17-18 Oliver Sawyer.  
 October 19-23 K Fellfarers.  
 October 24-25 University of East Anglia.  
 Oct 31-1 Nov Oread M.C.

“Whole Hut” includes the Oread room!

“Sole use – children present” means you may not stay overnight, even in the Oread room.

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

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## Rusty's Puzzle Corner

### Last month's puzzle.



Successfully guessed by both Jack Ashcroft and Rob Tresidder, this was Jeffcoat's Pinnacle which saw a recent ascent (and descent, as pictured,) by Rusty Russell, Derek Pike and your Hon. Ed. on a glorious September day, accompanied by Tony Smedley and Joan Pike. More about this and other old folks' outings next page.

### This month's puzzle:

This month's brain-teaser is one for the mathematicians, or those who have the misfortune to know Rusty's line of reasoning all too well. In spite of intensive tuition, from both Rusty and Derek, at the site of last month's puzzle picture, I still haven't a clue what he means by all this parabola stuff. Your Hon. Ed. awaits enlightenment!

“There exists in the UK (not Scotland), a ridge with a rocky crest, appropriately named on the OS Landranger series maps. Its distance from Heathy Lea is 121 percent of its distance from TWY For 1 point, in which county does the summit reside, and for the remaining 99 points, how is it named on the map? Those, like myself, who were beaten at school for inattention to the mathematics of the early Greeks (such matters as a parabola being the plot of points equidistant from a point and a line) will not be helped by their recollections as this problem refers to two points and the locus seems to resemble a rugby football, or appendages suspended from grazing animals.”

These ramblings should draw out a learned dissertation from Mr Gregson, or others with knowledge of such matters.

## Forthcoming Meets: Chris Radcliffe

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<b>October</b>			
4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gogarth	Valley of the Rocks	Dave Mawer
14 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	Kalymnos	Hot Rock	Pam Storer
<b>November</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bonfire Night	Heathy Lea	Mike Hayes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dovedale Dash	Fell Race	Rob Tresidder

15 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Dinner	Bluebell, Tissington	Tony Howard
22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Coniston	MAM Hut	Tony Howard
<b>December</b>			
6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bullstones Meet	Long Walk	Pam Storer
10 <sup>th</sup>	Black Rocks	Night Climbing	Rob Tresidder



Recent O.A.P.s mid-week outings have enjoyed Rainster Rocks, (Tony Howard pictured above.) followed by a Multi-activity Gallivant. This involved a walk to Minninglow, (Joan and Derek Pike, Rusty Russell, Tony Smedley pictured at Minninglow) prior to an ascent of Jeffcoat's Pinnacle. Lunch was followed by the finding of (difficult) and exploration (much less taxing) of Rains Cave.

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# Oread Annual Dinner Order Form

The dinner will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> November and will cost £20.00. Tea or coffee is included in the price. Cheese & biscuits are available as a fourth course for an additional £4/person. Please write your name & the name of your guest(s) in the boxes on the top line and tick one item per course per person.

Post your completed form and payment to Tony Howard, 134 Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby, DE23 1TW, to arrive by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.

**Payment MUST be by cheque or postal order, payable to Oread MC. Bank transfers will NOT be acceptable sorry.** This is because we are having difficulties identifying who has paid by this method; I don't have access to the account & the treasurer has enough to do at present.

**I must have the completed forms by 6<sup>th</sup> November**

(V) = suitable for vegetarians.

<b>Name:</b>				
<b>Starter</b>				
Carrot & coriander soup (v)				
Farmhouse pate on a bed of mixed leaves with black pepper dressing				
Button mushrooms in a creamy garlic sauce. (v)				
<b>Main Course</b>				
Roast turkey breast with sage & onion stuffing, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes & vegetables.				
Boozy beef & wholegrain mustard casserole with mashed potatoes & vegetables.				
Leek stilton & broccoli tart served with new potatoes & salad. (V)				
<b>Dessert</b>				
Tarte au citron with clotted cream & fresh raspberries.				
Sticky ginger sponge with a ginger sauce & custard.				
Baked vanilla cheesecake with raspberry coulis topping & cream				
<b>Extras (Add £4)</b>				
Cheese & biscuits				

If you have any special dietary requirements please state them below (e.g. gluten/wheat/vegan). The Bluebell has indicated that they can cater for special dietary requirements. I suggest that you contact them directly to be certain that they can cater for you and for your peace of mind. *If you have a strong preference to be seated next to others, please state this below & we will do our best to accommodate you.*