

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

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A magic Alpine day that saw twelve Oreads ascend the Barre des Ecrins (shown here) and the Dome by various routes. Photo: Michael Hayes.

Editorial Pay attention folks – you are about to miss the big social occasion of the year: the **Annual Dinner** is upon us. If you haven't yet chosen your menu and paid up you need to do it right now! Booking form at the end of this issue.

Lots to look forward to: a bonfire party, another cracking good lecture at the Royal Oak, a trip to Coniston, the Bullstones, Black Rocks by moonlight and more! Write ups include the Alpine meet, a Sicilian holiday complete with red hot lava and fascinating archive photos from Bryn y Wern.

Two very important items this month: – a rare opportunity to buy a copy of the Club's first published history, "Climb if you will" a lovely memento of the book's previous owner, Chuck Hooley.

Also it's **pay up your subs** time again. Full details at the end of this newsletter.

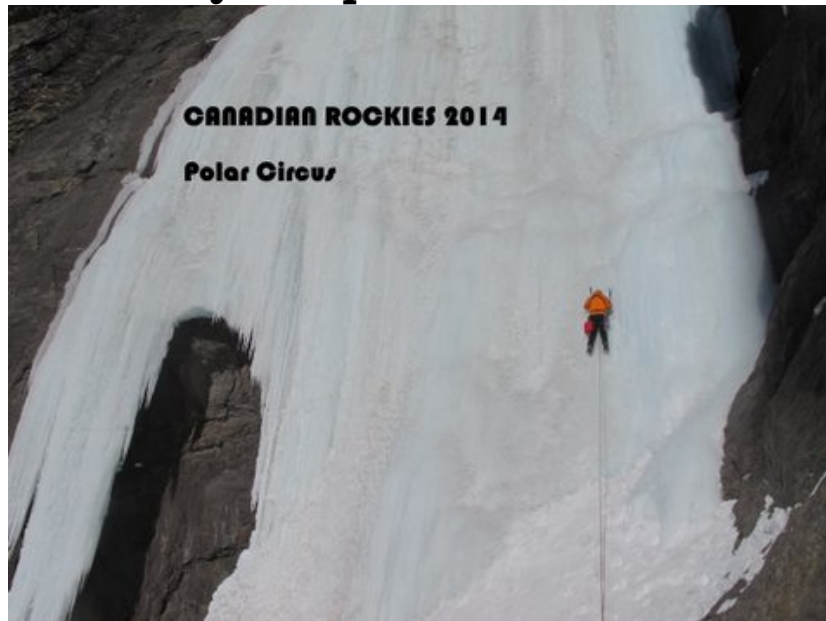
What's on.

Evening Meets at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook

The evening meets got off to a fantastic start with the amazing, and very well-attended lecture from Sandy Allen. This month's offering promises to be steep, exciting and very cold too!

Tuesday 4 November at 8.00pm

Polar Circus: very steep ice in Canada! Peter Holden



Former Oread, Peter Holden, will give an illustrated talk about last winter's trip to the Canadian Rockies. He and his team climbed steep ice routes up to grade WI5 and in temperatures as low as minus 32°C

Heathy Lea Bonfire Saturday 1 November Tony Howard

Extra special fireworks this year!

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 excellent Chatsworth Gold from Peak Ales 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.

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DOVEDALE DASH Sunday 2 November 11.00 a.m.

One of the iconic meets of the Oread calendar up there with Black Rocks and the Bullstones.

Leave yourself plenty of time to register. Planning to arrive for 10 am will allow time for queuing in your car outside Thorpe village or walking up from the river-side car park. Last year saw a return by the Oread into the low numbers: let's have more of the same!

Remember — it may be wet the week before the race but it never rains on the day! More (especially last minute) from me or on the Dash website —www.dovedaledash.co.uk/

Please let me have your time to the nearest minute. I understand that that *will* be available at the finish.

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The 65th Oread Annual Dinner Saturday 15 November

Last minute bookings? Contact Tony Howard immediately.

The dinner will once again be held at The Bluebell Inn, Tissington on Saturday 15th 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

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 6th 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.

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

Post Prandial Walk: Sunday 16 November Tony Howard

The post prandial walk will start at the Memorial Hall / Community Centre car park in Alstonefield. That's round the corner from the one with the toilet. I suggest meeting at 10:00 am for a 10:15 start. We will walk to Hartington via Gypsy Bank, Biggin Dale and Reynards Lane; a distance of five miles.

I have arranged lunch for 1 o'clock at the Charles Cotton, which welcomes walkers and has a superb selection of beers, wines and whiskys. Sandwiches cost around £5 to £7 and a main meal about £11.

The return journey will be a mere 3.5 miles, set to return us to Alstonefield at dusk!

The landlord at the Charles Cotton wants to know how many of us to expect and what we want to eat. The relevant menu will not be available till about two weeks beforehand. I will circulate this to you as soon as I get it. So if you think you will eat at the pub, please let me know what you want to eat, once I have provided you with the menu. I need your decisions at the latest the night before, which is at the Dinner. In the meantime, please let me know by email or text, if you intend to come on the walk.

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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 4 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. Tony Howard tel. Home: 01332 273307 Mobile 07762 268181

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The Bullstones in the Howgills 6-7 December Pam Storer

This year's 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 or call 07584493349 so that I have some idea of numbers.

Wednesday 17 December Black Rocks night climbing Rob Tresidder

This meet doesn't get much closer to Christmas than this, so hopefully we'll be all full of festive cheer even before we arrive at the rocks. Long range forecast is for a sharp frosty night which means the rock will be nice and dry.

Assemble on foot or by bike sometime after work. Pie etc. later in The Rising Sun. Details in next newsletter.

Text me for more on 07951 625 378 or email Rob61.Tresidder@virgin.net

Christmas and New Year at Tan yr Wyddfa Rock Hudson

As usual there will be an informal meet over Christmas and New Year. Again, as usual, Rock is off out enjoying himself in the big mountains until early December so please book your hut places with Derek Pike. More details next month.

Oread Activities – January - March 2015

Rusty will lead his traditional local walk in the Peak District on New Year's Day featuring a suitable hostelry en route. Generally at this time of year the weather is either miserable or magnificent so the club reacts accordingly with meets organised at short notice to Scotland if the hills come into condition, or closer to hand, even rock climbing on a sun warmed gritstone Edge in mid-January on occasion. These gatherings are organised through the Yahoo Group. Some members prefer to head for the more reliable prospect of hot rock in Spain. Gill and Chris Radcliffe will be in the Costa Blanca throughout January and in recent years a week long trip has been organised for February. These ventures will be

announced in later editions of the Newsletter and on the Yahoo Group mailing list.

News, Articles and Reports from Meets.

“CLIMB IF YOU WILL” Clive “Rusty” Russell

I have for sale two copies of the book, the property of the late Chuck Hooley. Chris, Chuck’s nephew, is dealing with his affairs and has asked me to dispose of these, the proceeds to be split between the Welsh hut account and the costs of Margaret Hooley’s care home fees.

Accordingly, I invite any offers (minimum £40), by email (zrussell2@googlemail.com) or post

(C. Russell, Slate House, Parwich, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 1QD)

The best offer received on or before 30 November will secure the first book, and the person making the next highest offer may purchase the second copy at a price equal to the highest offer. I would like to conclude this matter as soon as possible in order to show the club in the best possible light.

Rusty

Ailefroide: summer 2014 Pete Lancaster



Pete Lancaster on top of the Pelvoux. Photo: Michael Hayes.

Once again we enjoyed a well-attended meet: for various reasons it is difficult to work out the exact number but I can say that there were at least 30, from toddler, through the age range, to the ‘more mature’, reflecting the family nature of the summer meet – long may it remain so.

The site is situated in magnificent surroundings and the weather was very good with only

a couple of days lost to rain which is not bad in the heart of the mountains; most regarded these as rest days and opportunity to enjoy the mediaeval beauty of Briançon or do a via ferrata.

Most of those present climbed on the large complex of crags overlooking the campsite that is the Palavar. Here the routes can be up to ten or so pitches long on magnificent granite, slabby in nature, with bolts placed to give a little excitement at times. There were, of course, many other valley crags that received attention and all within walking distance from the campsite, a fact very much appreciated by most.

Some ventured farther afield, most notably two parties climbed on Les Tenailles de Montbrison. Last year Mike Mowbray and I climbed here and did six pitches of an ED to the top of the first pinnacle but had to down grade to a TD for the second mainly because I was 'wearing out' but the magnificent 'orange wall' was unforgettable! This time Mike teamed up with Alan Monk in order to enjoy the orange wall once more but continue with the ED climbing to the top of the second pinnacle: Alan described it as the best alpine route he had ever done!

Praise indeed. Enthused by the route's quality Dave Mawer and Roger Gibb also went to pay homage to the orange wall but they, being heroes, cycled there and back, a magnificent effort (or plain bonkers depending on your perspective!) considering it takes 30 mins to drive there and involves lots and lots of hills to get there and back: epic!

It was an alpine meet and I am glad that some Oreads still savour the 'M' in OMC: there was a mass ascent of The Ecrins by various routes and an ascent of Mont Pelvoux. None of these routes were technically demanding but they were interesting and the summits were rather fine.

I always think that one of the best things about alpine meets is the strong sense of togetherness amongst the club members and the inclusiveness towards those who might not be members but are on the fringe. I thought the meet was excellent and now look forward to next year's so if you didn't make it in 2014, make sure you book the slot in your calendars for 2015!

The "Dream line" on les Tenailles de Montbrison. Roger Gibbs

I like a good route recommendation as much as the next man and when it comes from someone as discerning and persuasive as Mike you know you're going to say yes. Mike had been up on the Tenailles de Montbrison before in 2013 and raved about the position, the quality of the rock and the outrageous steepness of the crux Orange Wall. This foray hadn't slaked his thirst sufficiently so by the time I arrived in Ailefroide he'd been back again for another blast on the "Dream Line" – a stunning link up of the best pitches of a number of routes on the towers. This included everything from thin smearing to steep burly cranking and all in an outrageous position apparently. I heard descriptions of a pitch that resembled a mirror image of Silly Arete at Tremadog, a miniature Axe on Cloggy, a "manly" crack I was trying not to think about and of course the crux Orange Wall. All perfectly protected and nicely sustained. Even the walk-in threaded its way through a beautiful alpine valley. What's not to like?

Well. It was rather a long way away from our campsite. Mike had pillioned on the back of Alan's motor bike (although the descent of the forest road had proved rather challenging for two of them so Mike had ended up running down). With our campervans firmly rooted to the campsite, Dave pointed out that we had our push bikes. I demurred. I had another beer and tried not to think about my total lack of fitness or Dave's hideous capacity to go really quickly on foot, on a bike

and probably on a space hopper.

“We’re on”, I said. And tried to hide the bottle of beer I was drinking. Perhaps I needed an early night.

The next morning dawned fine and clear. I snuck out of the van and gathered my kit. We jumped on our bikes and pedalled off...as far as the cafe for a 2 euro breakfast consisting of pain au chocolat and herbal tea. Readers I can confirm the pastries were entirely acceptable but the tea tasted “like old ladies wee”. We set off again. A near supersonic freewheel down the tarmac to the bottom of the valley and then some gentle climbs as we contoured around to the forest road. We checked the map, photographed on Dave’s phone, and hesitated. An elderly French couple appeared down the road in a battered car accompanied by a cloud of dust. I used my best pidgin French to confirm this was the right way.

“Montbrison,” I said, “pour escalade.”

He nodded but looked sceptical. “Courage,” he muttered and headed off.

The forest track was a lot longer than promised and the surface was that perfect rock/dirt combination to knock you out of your rhythm and extract the maximum from your legs. Even Dave looked mildly weary. We stashed the bikes in the trees and headed up into the valley. Mike was right it was beautiful. Our peak peeked out from behind the trees. This is starting to look rather good. I smiled.



Left, Roger on the walk in.

A gruesome scree slog (almost certainly avoidable by a traverse from the left as demonstrated by persons more competent than we, or maybe they’d been before.....) wiped the smile off my face, but soon we were ensconced below the route gearing up. I lost the toss, so I got the first pitch. Losing the toss on these routes is a mixed blessing – at least you don’t get to lead the crux, but you do have to follow it with the sack. A kind of cowardice versus laziness dilemma. Anyway a few minutes later I was balanced on tenuous smears with a worried frown. Let’s say I ascended the pitch in a traditional French style. I belayed and Dave soon appeared with a grin a mile wide, happy to be climbing at last.

The climbing steepened, sustained at medium difficulty and with perfect protection and rock. We had the huge

main face to ourselves, with one or two other teams just audible off to our left on subsidiary faces. It was very still and we could converse easily half a pitch or more apart. The views were stunning. Abandoning the unreadable topo photographed on Dave’s phone we relied upon the excellent Mowbray route description dictated to us the previous night.

This began with the “manly” crack, an entirely “manly” affair, after which I pulled over and padded up the hanging slab of the reverse Silly Arete. It gave wildly exposed but steady climbing.

Roger on the “manly” crack.

A few pitches more and I strapped myself in below the crux Orange Wall. This overhangs a dizzying abyss and seems to lean in every direction. Dave set off, throwing some wild shapes and grunting with the effort while I snapped away.

“A real arm fryer,” he announced as he pulled onto the merely vertical section. Wow, it was as good, and as steep as it looked! My arms were indeed feeling pretty cooked and there was plenty more to go. Another steep skin tearing pitch followed and then another which led to the top of the first pinnacle. An abseil into the breach



followed by an easy pitch out brought us to a junction with the classic route below a wild looking arête on the second tooth. Tee hee, Dave’s pitch. This was steep but honest and I began to think about the top. A couple more sustained pitches and we were below the mini Axe, the last hard pitch before the summit. After a handful of jelly babies, Dave pulled out all the stops and some cunning heel hooks, while I slapped frantically, dragged backwards by the sack (that’s my excuse anyway).

Easy ground remained before a straightforward abseil down to the scree. We then wound our way down more incredible slippery scree to gain the tree line and solid ground. A walk out through the tranquil meadow followed to regain our trusty steeds. At least one of us clattered like a banshee down the forest trail and then we hurtled down tarmac to the junction with our valley. Dave claimed the long slog back up to the campsite nearly broke him when he had to resort to foraging for wild strawberries only to find they had been mostly foraged by other Oreads during earlier ascents of the road. Back at camp we rehydrated with a welcomed beer or two and a massive pile of pasta. six hours of biking, three hours of walking and 6 hours of climbing.

What a day!



Dave on the fantastic Orange Wall pitch.

**Oread and Derwent Climbing and Navigation Competition
20 – 21 September. Tony Fidler**

Many thanks to Tony, Eddie James and the Derwent M.C. for hosting this fun event.



The Climbing Competition had to be won by Mike Mowbray and Alan Monks (Team, The Old Farts) with this audacious photo in the funny photo category. As Mike said, “I just asked the groom to consider me instead! ...Amazing what you can find on a treasure hunt”.

Incidentally they also got the top score of 712 points including 29 stars on 16 routes, no photo of a deer though. Always room for improvement!

The other teams' scores on the Climbing Competition were:

SINOD with 555 points, (9 Stars on 6 routes), (Simon and Snod)

Scumbag College 75 points, (3 stars on 6 climbs), (Tom and Dan)

Tony , Mike , Robin , 435 points (6 stars on 9 routes)

Gill, Laura and Pete were brave enough to do the Three Moors Challenge gaining 270 points including a photo of several deer !



Sicily Colin Hobday

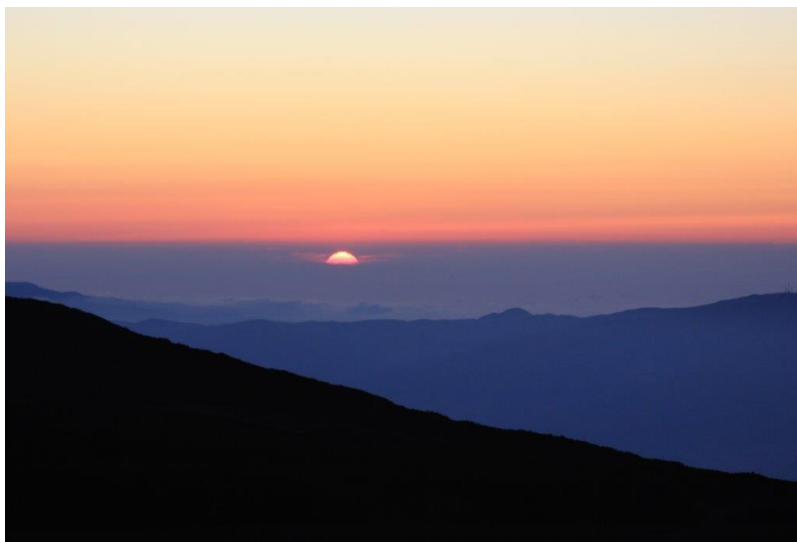


In mid July Uschi and myself spent two weeks in Sicily using Taormina, an historic old town with narrow cobbled streets, situated on the north east part of the island, as a base to tour around the country using public transport. Apart from the odd day on the beach we visited the Valley of the Temples, Villa Romana del Casale, (a Unesco World Heritage site famous for its mosaics covering an area of 3,500m), Forza D Agro where the God Father was filmed, and a few days spent walking in the local hills which rise up to around 1,000m but we found the weather too hot at degrees 30 c.

Our grand finale was a trip up Mount Etna 3369m for the sun set. Approaching from the Northern side you reach a car park at around 2,000m with all the usual

facilities of cafes, bars, plus two ski lifts for the winter season.

Transferring to 4x4s we followed a single track road bulldozed through the lava field. It climbs steeply, on a rough and very dusty track. It is compulsory that you must be accompanied by a mountain guide when going to the summit. On approaching the 3,000m contour our guide said that it would be too dangerous to go the summit due to the new volcanic activity, and the very cold strong winds.



(you could hardly stand upright on the ridge) There is an observatory located just below the ridge where I think you could stay the night?. A short 25 minute walk took us to a subsidiary summit which gave us an excellent viewpoint to watch the volcanic eruptions and a magnificent sunset. Wrapped up in jumpers, anoraks, hats against the bitter cold wind; what a change from the heat on the coast! Descending down in the semi darkness we stopped off at a mountain refuge for a welcome hot meal and drinks.

This ended a very enjoyable and varied holiday. Who would have thought that three weeks later I would be in Hospital.

From the Archives: the leaving of Bryn-y-Wern Paul Gardiner



While trying to sort out over 50 years' worth of colour slides I came across a few from October 1958 when the club vacated its first hut, Bryn-y-Wern for the move to Tan yr Wyddfa. For more about the background and an account of the weekend, have a look at the 50th Anniversary book, around page 100-106. There is also a photo in the book on page 185 of the loaded lorry leaving with the hut in the background. My pictures show some of the characters involved and give a flavour of the event.

It must have been a bitter-sweet moment – as Harry Pretty wrote in the newsletter of the time, (republished in the Anniversary book):

“Saturday was divided between preliminary demolition and the collection of wood for the evening's fireworks. Eccles cakes and beer were also procured – Cwm Silin was visited -”we started on the bottom left hand side and finished on the top right corner” according to Janes.

For many of us the bare inhospitable boards of the lounge were a sad and depressing start to Sunday's departure, but the mood could hardly last amid the shambles of loading the lorry. How it all went on we shall never know. When the overloaded vehicle lurched and swayed down the hill and over the bridge we watched in fascinated wonder – it seemed as if the journey to Rhyd Ddu might come within the class of “high adventure”. However, despite their somewhat grotesque appearance, the lashings held. No unfortunate tourist in the Aberglaslyn was crushed beneath an avalanche of chairs, tables, steel bunks, cast iron boilers and stags heads – and by 2.00 p.m. Bryn-y-Wern had passed into Oread history.”

The first shows the working party outside the hut. On the far left, lurking in the bushes is Jack Ashcroft. In the check shirt I think it is Wally Smith, then Jim Kershaw and Fred Allen. Up on the lorry is the local owner/driver and Ray Handley. Next, Laurie Burns and Chuck Hooley (I don't know who it is in the black top behind them. John Welbourne's head is visible over Cec Speed's shoulder, and lastly Harry Pretty, back view (his best?)

Picture two shows the motley collection of vehicles on, and in which, the objective of moving everything in one load was achieved.



Finally, one of the last gatherings around the dining table that same weekend, featuring Betty Gardiner, Molly and Harry Pretty, Betty's daughter, Laura, Margaret Hooley, June Walker and Janet Ashcroft.



(The photos were originally colour slides but for reprinting in the newsletter they worked better in black and white.) Ed.

Information on member activities

Enan Kenyon and Jade Slater have been accepted as members of the Oread, we wish them well for the future.

Hobday's humour:



A silver lining to the cloud of Colin's recent misfortune – he tells me he's been passing his enforced leisure time in creating a new range of cartoons! Watch this space!

Hut Bookings September.

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

November 7-8 Derby M.C.
November 28-29 Vibram M.C.
December 5-6 Bewdley M.C.

HEATHY LEA

Oct 31-1 Nov Oread M.C.
November 7-8 Fell UAE.
November 14-15 GS Exiles.
November 21-22 Plymouth Caving and Climbing Club.
November 28,29 AMBSAC.

“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 was apparently so easy that the correct answer was received a mere 4 hours and 18 minutes after emailing the newsletter!

Hi Ruth

For once the puzzle was simple.

County is Shropshire and the ridge in question is Stiperstones.

Best wishes

Roger Chapman

In spite of intensive tuition from Rusty, Derek Pike and other technical geniuses (genii?) I still haven't a clue what it is all about. I take some comfort in the thought that this club has 180+ members and only one cleversticks has replied!
Ed.

Rusty explains it thus:

To locate the ridge crest (Stiperstones in Shropshire), one can draw on a map an arc centred on the Welsh hut, and another one of radius 1.21 times that of the first, and see where they intersect. This process is repeated until the intersection lands in feasible territory. Intuition and knowledge of the terrain enables one to repeat the process using amended radii on a trial and error basis until the summit is located. The geometrical form of the curve joining the various points where different pairs of arcs meet is not a parabola. This was a red herring. Those who swallowed that fish with especial enthusiasm will recognise themselves.

This month's puzzle:



The photograph shows a feature unique in the range of hills in which it was taken. The summit is close to the abode of the renowned postman/fisherman Ronald McDonald, a major client of the whisky industry (sadly he is now in all probability deceased). What is the name of the summit on view?

Forthcoming Meets: Chris Radcliffe

2014

November			
1 st	Bonfire Night	Heathy Lea	Mike Hayes
2 nd	Dovedale Dash	Fell Race	Rob Tresidder
15 th	Annual Dinner	Bluebell, Tissington	Tony Howard
22 nd -23 rd	Coniston	MAM Hut	Tony Howard
December			
6 th – 7 th	Bullstones Meet	Long Walk	Pam Storer
10 th	Black Rocks	Night Climbing	Rob Tresidder
23 Dec – 1 Jan	Christmas- New Year at TyW		Rock Hudson/ Dave Helliwell

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Everyone returned in one piece (except, of course, those who went out in less than tip-top condition) from what turned out to be arguably the most popular meet of the year. We bumped into Oreads and their mates on every street corner! Next month will feature lots more sun, rock and sea to cheer us through the long dark nights. Here is just a quick blast of Kalymnos sunshine for you.



Chris Radcliffe exceeding the walking distance stipulated by his physio and Pam Storer rekindling her enthusiasm for leading at Noufaro (photo Sally Dipple).

Membership Renewals for 2015

It's that time of year again!

The good news is that you will again get a discount by paying promptly! This will also get you onto the B.M.C. list for third party insurance so please do it now!

All of the subscription rates include £11.75 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 also paying through another affiliated club.

How to pay:

Please complete the form below and send it with a cheque or postal order, payable to Oread Mountaineering Club, posted to the Treasurer, Keith Gregson, 4 Clarkes Lane, Aston on Trent. Derby DE72 2AB

As the club is in the process of changing bank accounts the committee regrets that, for this year only, payment **cannot** be made by bank transfer.

If you have any queries or problems regarding your renewal please contact Keith by **this new email address** gregson107@btinternet.com or phone 01332 792147

Oread Mountaineering Club Membership Renewal and update of contact details 2014

Name	
Second Name (Joint membership	
Address	
Telephone number.	
Telephone number work	
Telephone number(s) mobile	
Main email address	
Secondary email address	
Data Protection: I agree to my contact details being held by the Oread M.C. shared with other paid -up members and passed to the BMC to gain my third party insurance.	Sign here.
Membership Type: Please tick relevant box	
Ordinary Member £45.00 (£40.00 before 31 December 2014)	
Senior Member £30.00 (£25.00) (Ladies born on or before 5 August 1952; Gents born on or before 1 January 1950)	
Prospective Member £30.00 (£25.00) for 2 yrs, then £45.00	
Joint Membership £70.00 (£65.00) (two people at same address.)	
Senior Joint Membership £47.00 (£42.00) two senior people at same address.	
Joint: one senior, one youthful £58.50 (£53.50) two people at same address.	
Member with permanent address outside the UK. 50% of the appropriate rate (BMC membership not included).	

Oread Annual Dinner Order Form

The dinner will be on the 15th 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 6th 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 6th November

(V) = suitable for vegetarians.

Name:				
Starter				
Carrot & coriander soup (v)				
Farmhouse pate on a bed of mixed leaves with black pepper dressing				
Button mushrooms in a creamy garlic sauce. (v)				
Main Course				
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)				
Dessert				
Tarte au citron with clotted cream & fresh raspberries.				
Sticky ginger sponge with a ginger sauce & custard.				
Baked vanilla cheesecake with raspberry coulis topping & cream				
Extras (Add £4)				
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.