

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

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A good turn out at Windgather, the most sociable of crags, on the loveliest evening of summer yet.

Editorial

This double issue newsletter brings us to the holiday period and hopefully some warmer weather at last. A working party at Tan yr Wyddfa for those of us with mid week time to spare will be followed, hopefully, by sun, sea and rock at Gogarth. Then it will be off to the Dolomites for some of us followed by a joint meet with the MAM at Heathy Lea and another trip to the seaside at the end of August – South Pembroke calls.

Looking ahead there are still a few places left on the Lundy meet at the end of September. **If you are interested you need to book your place quickly** as the boat has to be booked soon.

Also in this issue: some information on the problems at Wildcat plus write ups and photos from the little kids' meet at Heathy Lea and the big kids' meet to Northumberland. And “Hold the Back Page!” A great “Stop Press” achievement! Hope you all have a lovely summer wherever you are.

What's On

Coming Soon		UK	Abroad	
Jul	Wed	1	Harper Hill Quarry [evening meet]	
	Thur	2		
	Fri	3		
	Sat	4		
	Sun	5		
	Mon	6		
	Tue	7	Tan yr Wyddfa (Working party)	
	Wed	8	Dave (Snod) Helliwell	
	Thur	9		
	Fri	10		
	Sat	11	Anglesey (Gogarth)	
	Sun	12	Dave Mawer	
	Mon	13		
	Tue	14		
	Wed	15	Horseshoe Quarry [evening meet]	
	Thur	16		
	Fri	17		
	Sat	18		
	Sun	19		
	Mon	20		
	Tue	21		
	Wed	22	Yahoo group – evening meet	
	Thur	23		
	Fri	24		
	Sat	25		
	Sun	26		
	Mon	27		
	Tue	28		
	Wed	29	Yahoo group – evening meet	
	Thur	30		
	Fri	31		
Aug	Sat	1	Alpine Meet (Dolomites) Roger Gibbs	
	Sun	2		
	Mon	3		
	Tue	4		
	Wed	5		Yahoo group – evening meet
	Thur	6		
	Fri	7		
	Sat	8		
	Sun	9		
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	Fri	14		
	Sat	15		
Sun	16			
Mon	17			
Tue	18			
Wed	19	Yahoo group – evening meet		
Thur	20			
Fri	21	Joint Meet (MAM)		
Sat	22	Heathy Lea		

- See below for details of these meets.
- Use your Yahoo group to see what members are doing on a day to day basis.

- See the Oread website <http://www.oread.co.uk/> for the full meets calendar.
- Help your club by leading a meet. Contact Gil Male - tel. 07958 169389 – email gilemale@gmail.com

Wednesday evening meets.

Here are the planned venues for the month – weather permitting.

1 July	Harpur Hill	The Parks Inn, Burbage
8 July	Yahoo Group (for the TyW working party – Tremadoc!)	
15 July	Horseshoe Quarry	The Moon
22 July – end August	Yahoo Group.	
2 Sept.	Cratcliffe/Robin Hoods Stride	Miners Standard
9 Sept.	Stony Middleton crags	The Moon
16 Sept.	Baslow	The Bridge, Calver
23 Sept.	Matlock Crags	County & Station/Curry meet

7-10 July Midweek working party at Tan yr Wyddfa Snod Helliwell

There are a few jobs that need seeing to so I'm proposing to spend a couple of days at the hut before joining the Gogarth meet at the weekend. It would be great if people who are free during the week could come and give us a hand. Jobs include some painting inside and out, annual cleaning and laundry, cleaning the sycamore seedlings out of the gutter and other outdoor maintenance jobs including a bit of wood cutting if anyone fancies playing with a chainsaw. Please let me know if you are able to spare a day to help. Snod. Tel 01298 812753 (I have an answer phone so leave a message and I'll get back to you, or email dave.helliwell@stirlingloyd.com)

10 - 12 July Gogarth Camping meet Dave Mawer

If you only ever visit the Sea Cliffs of Anglesey 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 favourable tides with lows around midday allowing the tidal starts to dry out. 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. Unfortunately there are bird bans in force on some parts but these are typically Red Wall and Mousetrap Zawn at South Stack. Check the BMC RAD for more info. Hopefully it will be more successful than last year's meet which was abandoned due to the weather. If the weather does look dodgy please get in touch to see if it's still a goer.

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 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 is that 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 or phone on 07790715520.

1-15 August Dolomites summer Alps Trip Roger Gibbs

The campsite we plan to use is:

<http://www.campingrocchetta.it/index.php>

They've said they don't take bookings from Mid July onwards, but we should get on if we don't arrive too late in the day.

There is another one just across the road from this they haven't replied but I expect it will be the same.

We'll try Rocchetta first.

I guess we're going to have to just go and hope for the best.

We're planning to go 1st week of August for two weeks...when the whole of Italy will be going too. Some of the others will get there up to a week earlier, and some will stay longer.

Let me know if you're going to join us!

Roger Gibbs: roger@tilda.com. Tel. 07770 2372708. People hoping to arrive earlier may also like to contact Pam Storer and Pete Lancaster.

22- 23 August – Joint MAM/Oread Meet, Heathy Lea

This is a joint meet with the Midland Association of Mountaineers (MAM). The meet is being led by Claire Gardiner (MAM) and they have booked Heathy Lea for the above weekend. The MAM is a very active club having around 500 members and huts in the Ogwen Valley, Snowdonia and Coniston, Lake District. To promote an active relationship between the Oread and the MAM I encourage members to drop in at Heathy Lea and climb or walk in their company.

More info contact Gil Male. tel. 07958 169389 – email gilemale@gmail.com

27 – 31 August Pembroke Pam Storer

The August Bank Holiday Meet will be based at St. Petrox Campsite, SA71 5EQ.

For those who have attended a BMC briefing Range West offers a wealth of opportunities for climbing at all grades. It will be open over the weekend at least. Range East and North Pembroke are both easily accessible from here with many challenges for us all.

Nick and I will be at the site from Thursday 27th August.

There is no need to book unless you need a hook up, if you do I suggest you book this yourself as Mr Griffiths now asks for a deposit for this service.

Contact him on tel. 01646 622561 or email katgriffiths3@btinternet.com

Pam Storer. Tel 07584493349 Email pam_storer@hotmail.com

26 September - 3 October Lundy. Derek Pike.

There are just **five spaces** left for this meet. If you have not been to Lundy before now is your chance to savour all the island has to offer. If you want bright lights and clubbing to the small hours go to the cities - if not Lundy will offer you total peace and quiet as there is nothing much to do but wander around seeking out the wildlife, exploring or climbing some of the best routes in the country.

I shall be booking the ferry to the island within the next few weeks so anybody interested would they kindly contact me as soon as possible.

Derek: tel. 01332 670459 email derepike1234@btinternet.com

News, Articles and Reports from Meets.

Wildcat Access issues.

The info below is taken from the BMC web site with additions by myself, Ruth Gordon, editor.

“Following a rockfall incident in 2014, Derbyshire Dales District Council have had an initial assessment of rock stability for the area carried out. A number of buttresses have been identified which have sections of rock that may be unstable and of concern, with further investigation is needed. As a result, an area which encompasses New Bridge Buttress but not the main section of Wildcat crag has been cordoned off and the Council are asking climbers not to climb on any rock within the cordoned off area for the time being whilst they work out a plan of action.” (B.M.C. Web site.)

Having spoken informally with a friend who has recently been elected to the council it appears that Council's concerns are based realistically on large lumps of visibly loose rock rather than over – the - top Health and Safety concerns. The B.M.C. Advice is that “the normal approach path is within the cordoned off area so please do not approach the crag from below”.

As many of us already know, it is easy to circumvent the barricades but if you wish to avoid any possible confrontation or explain your mode of access, if challenged, to the main crag right of the stone wall (which does not belong to the District Council,) this information from a Derwent Mountaineering Club member may be helpful.

“I approached on the cliff top path from the Matlock Bath railway station car park. This path is open all the way to Wildcat. However all descent paths off the main cliff top path have been closed off. When entering "Lovers Walk" there is a notice board explaining the closures and it has a map showing which paths have been closed. This map makes it clear that the cliff top path is open. The access paths to "Bridge" crag are all closed. There are no signs at Wildcat (right of stone wall) indicating that climbing is not allowed.”

16-17 May Northumberland – Dave Helliwell

This biennial meet took place this year at the Joiner's Shop Bunkhouse, Chathill, just north of Alnwick. The change of venue from Bellingham was chosen to allow

easier access to the more northerly crags. The intention was to eat in the country's best chip shop in Seahouses on the Friday but by the time Ruth and I had done a couple of routes on Back Bowden Doors the rain had set in and the team had adjourned to the Packhorse at Ellingham – and what a good choice that was – the food was excellent.



The team heading for Back Bowden Doors.

Saturday dawned a bit damp from overnight rain. Bowden Doors was the chosen venue and by the time we got there it was sunny but there was a very cold blustery wind sweeping across the crag as we walked over -. it was colder than Harpur Hill in March! With advice from our Local Guide we adjourned to Back Bowden Doors which, being more sheltered, was sunny and much warmer. An enjoyable day was had by all on routes ranging from Diff to E2 and new member, Mark Steel showed the old farts the way by easily bouldering out the start of The Arches when we had all been struggling to leave the ground.

Another good night in The Packhorse ensued and next day we headed to Kylee Out; the walk there enriched by the glorious profusion of golden gorse. Another great day followed on this very good crag with its range of great routes to suit all abilities. All too soon it was time to head south again - but we will be back!

Thanks to all who attended: Chris and Jan Wilson, Angela Pingram, Roland Smith, Pete Lancaster, Martin Lancaster, Simon Pape, Ruth Gordon, Snod Helliwell and new member, Mark Steel along with locally based Gobbo, (John Mountain) and visiting Botty (Irwin Bottomley).



Exactly what is Archers fan Mr Wilson doing under The Arches HVS 5b on Back Bowden Doors? Just removing a runner or????



Left: An E numbers top-roping interlude at Back Bowden Doors. Simon on The Witch E2 5b, or The Wand, or something equally magical, watched by Pete, Martin and Roland. Angela and Mark preparing for another magic route while Jan enjoys her lunch. (Photo Chris Wilson.) **Right:** Gobbo urging Snod up Magic Flute E2 5b .

6 June 2014 – Kids Climbing Meet - Heathy Lea Neil Weatherstone



Unlike 2014's event, this year's kids' climbing meet was blessed with sunny dry weather, although windy at times. A good crowd of Oreads assembled at Birchen Edge, with about eight children present; aged from four upwards with some trying climbing for the first time.

Post climbing refreshments at the Robin Hood pub were followed by a BBQ and bonfire at Heathy Lea, where the offspring of families Tubby, Seaman and Weatherstone had great fun. On Sunday a nice stroll along the edges from Baslow resulted in some tired little legs. Thanks to all that came along and made it a great weekend.

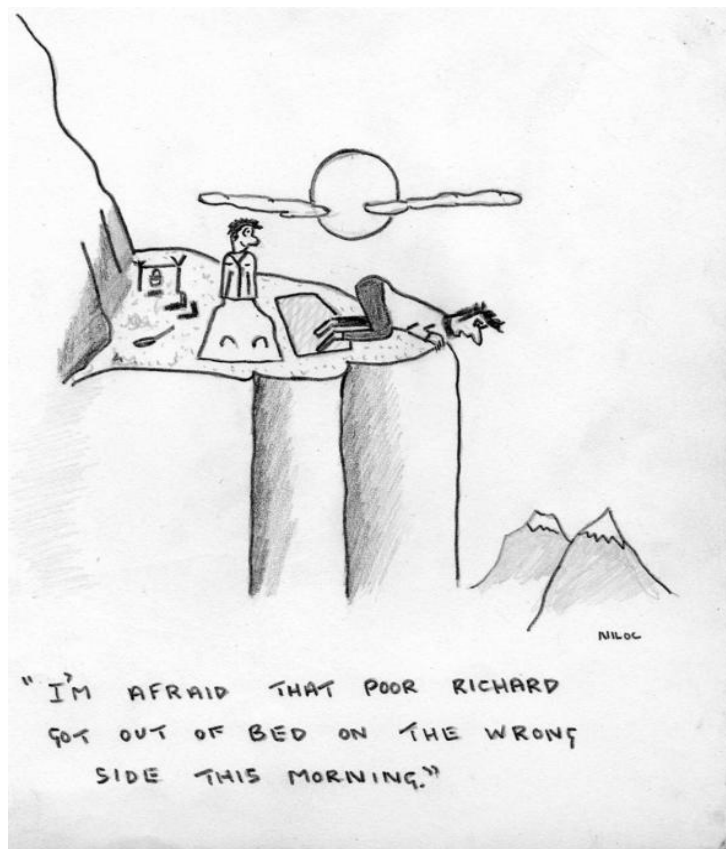
Especially those who kindly passed on child-sized climbing equipment to the next generation of Oreads.

Neil Weatherstone

Alan Weatherstone getting his first taste of gritstone, he doesn't look too happy, maybe he prefers limestone.



Hobday's humour:



Hut Bookings.

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

7-10 July Working Party.
4 August Michael [9 beds]
7-9- Aug Oliver Sawyer [7 beds]

HEATHY LEA

3-4 July Nigel Briggs [2beds]
12-14 July Chamois M.C.
24-25 July Jan Wilson?
1 Aug. Mick Hayes.
22-23 Aug. MAM/Oread Joint Meet
"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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Letters Page

Dear Madam Editor,

There has been a recent media storm regarding the antics of a Derby based climber on Mount Kinabalu in Malaysia, who was arrested and locked up for public indecency. Locals believing the antics caused an earthquake. Would it not be a good idea to enquire regarding this climber's availability for a winter lecture? I for one would be interested in learning more about Boreo's highest peak. Does Mount Kinabalu still have twin-peaks post earthquake?

Some stimulating slides would surely be in the offering!

Letter from Sparticus

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

This month's puzzle is set not by Rusty but A.N. Other Member whose identity will be revealed next month. It's a quiz and/or a caption competition.

These three photos were taken within 20 minutes of each other –
Who? When? Where?

And for a caption -

“The fun of climbing!”

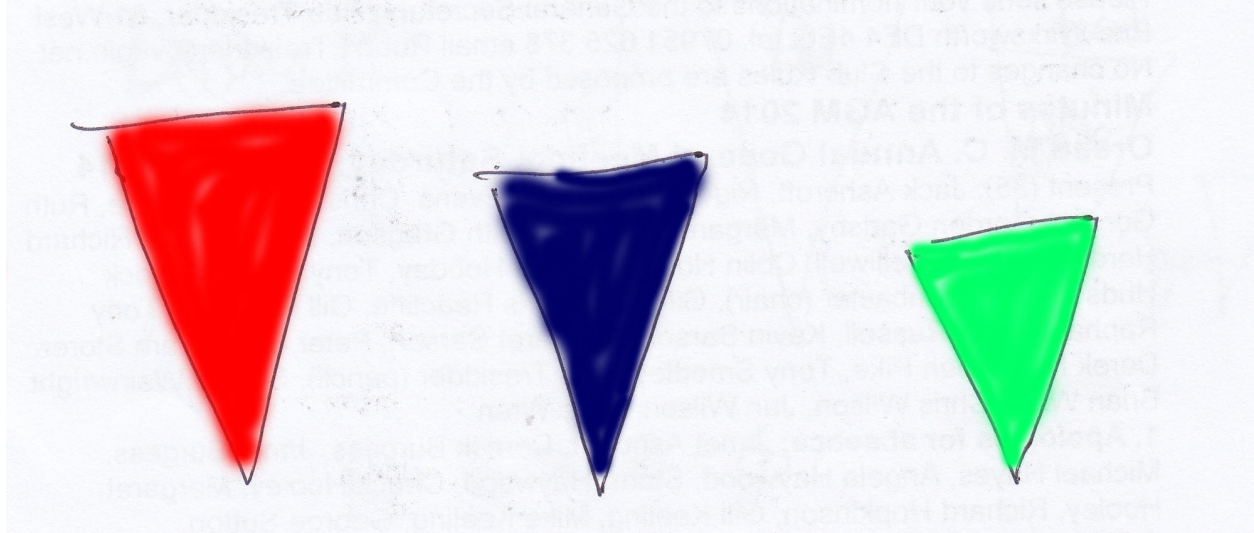
“Off the tops and down to earth.”or???



Last month's puzzle solution:

The log, tapering uniformly from 8ins to 4 ins over a length of 6ft. must be a cone of length 12ft or 144ins with the half length not present, a truncated cone a.k.a. "frustrum". Referring to the diagram below, red is the entire cone, blue is the portion from cut line to tip, green is the part not physically present.

Assume red part (left) is of length r ins, blue part (centre) b ins and so on.



If the volume of the two parts after cutting is to be equal then red minus blue equals blue minus green and so blue equals half of red plus green. The volume of a solid is proportional to the cube of its length, leading to the equation :

$$b^3 = \frac{1}{2}(r^3 + g^3) \text{ or } \frac{1}{2}(144^3 + 72^3)$$

Hence $b = 118.869$ ins so subtracting the 72 ins not present, length to cut is 46.869 ins.

Rob Tresidder sent an e mail of commendable brevity, heading "Frustrum", text "47 ins", In agreement with my own answer within a sensible working tolerance.

Ruth, using intuition rather than mathematics suggested that the cut be at the third point of the log, 48 ins from the thin end, quite good enough in practice if not in maths exams! Snod pointed out that in the real world a rotten log would not be of uniform density, I cannot disagree.

He whom I postulated may have taken inspiration from the log was Samuel Morse, who published a standard defining the taper of implements to fit in the tapered sockets of machine tools. "Morse taper" is an everyday term to all practical mechanical engineers.

Roger Chapman made the point which I really had in mind, that so many academically qualified people in engineering, as in life, are so far removed from day to day reality as to lose touch with such basics.



Forthcoming Meets:

Note there are some changes from the list published last month.

2015

July			
7 th - 10 th	Tan yr Wyddfa	Working party	Dave Helliwell
11 th - 12 th	Gogarth	Camping	Dave Mawer
August			
1 st - 15 th	Alpine Meet	Dolomites	Roger Gibbs
22 nd - 23 rd	Joint meet with MAM	Heathy Lea	
29 th - 31 st	S Pembroke	Camping	Pam Storer
September			
12 th - 13 th	Wye Valley	Camping	Derek Pike
19 th - 20 th	Heathy Lea	Joint with DMC	Eddie James DMC
23 rd (eve.)	Curry Meet	Matlock	Simon Pape
26 th - Oct 3	Lundy	The Barn	Derek Pike
October			
TBA	Morocco	Tafraoute	TBA
November			
1 st	Dovedale Dash	Fell Race	Rob Tresidder
7 th	Bonfire Night	Heathy Lea	Pam Storer
14 th	Annual Dinner	Matlock Golf Club	Leader required
21 st - 22 nd	Coniston	MAM Hut	Tony Howard
December			
5 th - 6 th	Bullstones Meet	Long Walk	Leader required
16 th (eve.)	Black Rocks	Night cragging	Rob Tresidder
25 th - Jan 1	Christmas/NY	Tan-y-Wyddfa	TBA



Stop Press!

Congratulations to Gill Radcliffe on successfully completing the Mont Blanc Marathon.

We look forward to reading the full story!!

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