



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

**NOVEMBER 2015**



**Tony Howard and Pam Storer enjoying Bow Shaped Slab on the August Bank Holiday Pembroke meet.**

## **Editorial**

Lots of meets coming up soon - the Dovedale Dash, on **1 November this year** so don't blink or you'll miss it! Then the first of the evening meets at the **Royal Oak on 3 November** is about climbing at Black Rocks - I've seen this film - it is well worth turning out for - and you can give me your **Annual Dinner order** on the night - **book now - time is fast running out** - this Dinner is going to be a good 'un with some amazing stories to be told and some very different entertainment on offer! Before that, don't miss the fireworks and bonfire/barbecue at Heathy Lea on 7 November.

Further ahead a tribute event in memory of Gordon Gadsby; a meet to the delightful, and very conveniently positioned, MAM hut in Coniston; a rescue/emergency first aid course, and then the Bullstones, in the Berwins in early December. Oh - and it's **pay up your subs** time again -don't lose your early payment discount!

Elsewhere details of a limited edition book by one of our own members, write ups of the Pembroke and Wye Valley meets plus an epic cycle trip .....read and enjoy!

# What's On

| Coming Soon |      |    | UK | Abroad                                    |  |
|-------------|------|----|----|---|--|
| November    | Sun  | 1  |    | Dovedale Dash Rob Tressider               |  |
|             | Mon  | 2  |    |   |  |
|             | Tue  | 3  |    | Indoor meet<br>Stonnis : Black Rocks film |  |
|             | Wed  | 4  |    |   |  |
|             | Thur | 5  |    |   |  |
|             | Fri  | 6  |    |   |  |
|             | Sat  | 7  |    | Bonfire Night Heathy Lea Pam              |  |
|             | Sun  | 8  |    | Storer                                    |  |
|             | Mon  | 9  |    |   |  |
|             | Tue  | 10 |    |   |  |
|             | Wed  | 11 |    |   |  |
|             | Thur | 12 |    |   |  |
|             | Fri  | 13 |    |   |  |
|             | Sat  | 14 |    | Oread Annual Dinner R Gordon              |  |
|             | Sun  | 15 |    | Post Prandial Walk R Gordon               |  |
|             | Mon  | 16 |    |   |  |
|             | Tue  | 17 |    |   |  |
|             | Wed  | 18 |    |   |  |
|             | Thur | 19 |    |   |  |
|             | Fri  | 20 |    | MAM Hut, Coniston                         |  |
|             | Sat  | 21 |    | Tony Howard                               |  |
|             | Sun  | 22 |    |   |  |
|             | Mon  | 23 |    |   |  |
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|             | Wed  | 25 |    |   |  |
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|             | Sat  | 28 |    |   |  |
|             | Sun  | 29 |    |   |  |
|             | Mon  | 30 |    |   |  |
| December    | Tue  | 1  |    | Indoor Meet. Royal Oak Ockbrook           |  |
|             | Wed  | 2  |    |   |  |
|             | Thur | 3  |    |   |  |
|             | Fri  | 4  |    | Bullstones Meet                           |  |
|             | Sat  | 5  |    | Derek Pike                                |  |
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|             | Mon  | 14 |    |   |  |
|             | Tue  | 15 |    |   |  |
|             | Wed  | 16 |    | Black Rocks Night Climb<br>Rob Tressider  |  |
| Thur        | 17   |    |    |   |  |
| Fri         | 18   |    |    |   |  |
| Sat         | 19   |    |    |   |  |

- **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

- **Sunday 1 November 11.00 a.m. Dovedale Dash**  
- **Rob Tresidder**

- The Dash is on 1st November this year, not the 8th as it used to be. 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 will allow time for queuing in your car outside Thorpe village or walking up from the riverside 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/](http://www.dovedaledash.co.uk/)
- Please let me have your time to the nearest minute. I understand that that will be available at the finish.
- Email [Rob61.Tresidder@virgin.net](mailto:Rob61.Tresidder@virgin.net) tel. 07951 625378

**Tuesday 3 November Evening Meet Royal Oak, Ockbrook**

The first evening meet will be at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 3rd November when Mike Pollitt will show his new film called *Stonnis* which is about Black Rocks. Mike will talk about the making of this film, about his interest in climbing films in general; then he will show his film and answer questions about it. As usual the cost is £3.00 for Oreads, £5.00 for non members.



*I have no other performers booked for the winter so if you would like to step forward with your account of derring do or of sylvan wanderings in the hills, please do not hesitate to be in touch. Or perhaps you know of someone, a member or not, who is dying to tell their story. Ask them yourself or give me their details and I will issue an invitation.* Rob Tresidder [Rob61.Tresidder@virgin.net](mailto:Rob61.Tresidder@virgin.net)

**7 November Bonfire Meet at Heathy Lea Pam Storer**

Please come and join the fun!!

A group of us will be at the hut all Saturday, building the fire, making the Guy, climbing (weather permitting) and perhaps even some archery. We might even find the arrows we lost last year.

For the benefit of our younger guests, we will have the macabre spectacle of burning the Guy at around 6.30. This will be followed by a grand display of fireworks choreographed by our very own experts, Jan and Chris. Later in the evening hopefully, we will have some musical entertainment, so bring along your instruments to join in.

Neil is brewing many gallons of his special bonfire ale, which will be available at a reasonable cost and please bring your own food. I will attempt to make the toffee less brittle this year to avoid any more broken teeth.

We are asking for a donation towards the fireworks of £3 per adult.

As I am away until 5th Nov. Mike Wren has kindly offered to take bookings if you wish to book a bed for the night.

Contact no. 07766326949

Looking forward to seeing you all and having a great party.

Pam

## **14 November Annual Dinner Ruth Gordon**

This year's dinner at Matlock Golf Club, Chesterfield Road, Matlock will start at the usual time, from 6.30 pm to sit down at 7.30 pm. -I have been told by quite a few people that the food is excellent and, even better news, the price is pegged at £20 – same as last year. Beer and wine at sensible prices will be available until the small hours - if enough of us keep drinking! There are rumours of novel entertainments to add spice to the night and the Bent Screw award is a cut-throat competition this year -we may have to bring on the Clapometer!

Don't miss this one!

If you are staying in Matlock, cars can be left overnight in the Club's secure car park. There are bed and breakfast options within walking distance, or a short taxi ride; plus nearby parking for camper vans - it should be a great night.

See the back page for the booking form and payment details plus info on the overnight stay options.

**Please** help me out by booking early because it will be a lot of work for me on top of doing the newsletter. I must have bookings at latest by **5 November**.

It should be a really good do – look forward to seeing you there. Ruth Gordon 4, The Terrace, Upper Lumsdale, Matlock, Derbys. DE4 5LB

**Tel.** 01629 56636 07999 857 922. **Email** [alistair.ruth@btinternet.com](mailto:alistair.ruth@btinternet.com)

## **15 November Post Prandial Walk**

The traditional walk will set off from Upper Lumsdale/Highfields School car park, Matlock, meeting at 10.15 am for a 10.30 start.

It will, of course, wend its way to a welcoming hostelry - this time the Black Swan in Ashover - via a tour of the hidden mills and dams of the Lumsdale and Tansley area then over the fields, hills and dales and through old lead mining remains, down coffin roads and into Ashover. Five miles with an optional extension to six miles (or lots more for the fit and fleet of foot who can visit a trig

point and view several counties from The Fabricks.) We will return via “The Trossachs” up Vernon Lane, and into the wildwoods in the gathering gloom, back to our start point. (Five miles including a steady, not steep, uphill plod – we are outflanking Slack Hill!) Of course you don't need to do that – a gentle half hour's ramble will bring you to Kelstedge where the X17 bus will whisk you back to Lumsdale leaving at 14.48, 15.48, 16.48 etc!

I will be asking for numbers requiring food at the dinner. If you would like to eat at the pub but are not coming to the dinner it would be helpful if you could let me know so I can give the pub an idea of numbers.

If you would like to drive to Ashover the Black Swan has a small car park but there is plenty of parking space at the village hall just a little further up the road on the opposite side.

Ruth. **Tel.** 01629 56636 07999 857 922. **Email** [alistair.ruth@btinternet.com](mailto:alistair.ruth@btinternet.com)

## **19 November Tribute to Gordon Gadsby**



Pete Amour writes:

in last month's Newsletter I advised members about the presentation which is to take place to recall shared moments with Gordon. In that article I made two mistakes, one being an omission of the start time, and the second is in respect of a small but significant address error.

The start time is 7-45pm, 19th November.

The location is at Stapleford Community Centre Hall, Cliffe Hill Avenue (Previously written as Road, not AVENUE)

Directions:- From Junction 25, M1 take A52 towards Nottingham, at the first lights turn left onto B6003 Toton Lane, travel towards the next lights, 75 metres prior to the lights turn right into Cliffe Hill Avenue. The Community Centre car park is almost immediately on the LH side.

Images will be shown by friends of Gordon's. During the interval a charity auction is to be held during which bidders have the opportunity to acquire items of outdoor clothing, and possibly other goodies. Oreaders are invited to share some of the events with a pleasant man with an enthusiasm for the outdoors and the people who participate in it, do try and make it if you can.

## **21-22 November Low House, Coniston 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 again, thanks to Steve Bennett, based at the excellent MAM hut: Low House. Twelve beds have been booked.

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. 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. At the moment I am in Nepal, returning on 5 November so, if you would like to come along, please let me know ASAP after my return.

Tony Howard tel. Home: 01332 273307 Mobile 07762 268181

[tony.howard46@btinternet.com](mailto:tony.howard46@btinternet.com)

## **28-29 November First Aid Course at Tan yr Wyddfa**

Ian Spare is running a two day (16 hr) Rescue Emergency Care course at the hut on the weekend of 28th Nov.

He says: I've already got some people signed up but if there are any Oread, or friends, that want to come along then please contact me – email

[ian.spare@gmail.com](mailto:ian.spare@gmail.com)

This a fully certified REC course as required by various governing bodies, MT UK etc. It's the standard level for Mountain Leaders etc. It's also identical to the BMC First Aid course.

The reason I'm doing it is that I'm qualifying as a REC trainer and I've got to teach a course in the UK. I'm already an IML so I'm not entirely new at this! In the event it proves I'm rubbish at delivering the course, I'll have my colleague Alan Ward on hand. He's one of the most well known First Aid trainers and a fellow IML.

It's possible if anyone wants to upgrade that to the three-day FAW that I can do that. Ask me about it! Oh... and the price... I'm not really allowed to do it for free, it's £100 but I can reduce it to £80 for Oread members and you pay your own hut fee! That's about the same as we charge for the BMC ones but with a far lower class size. More details :

[REC Emergency First Aid, two days \(16hrs\), Snowdonia, 28-29 Nov 2015 - SwissMountainLeader](#)

## **Tuesday 1 December Evening Meet Royal Oak, Ockbrook**

There will definitely be a December indoor meet on this date, details to follow or contact Rob Tresidder: Email [Rob61.Tresidder@virgin.net](mailto:Rob61.Tresidder@virgin.net) tel. 07951 625378

## **5-7 December Bullstones Derek Pike**

This being around my fifth attempt at organising this traditional Oread meet I just may get it right this time but it is fair to say that I cannot rule out the strong possibility that it will turn out to be another of Pike's fiascos.

We shall be visiting the Berwin mountains, a place we visited on a previous Bullstones many moons ago only this time on a different circuit.

We shall starting from the village of Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant { sht. SJ or Explorer 255 G.R.125260] thence to Pistyll Rhaeadr, Moel Sych, Cadair Berwin, Cadair Bronwen to our overnight stop at Nantyr. [G.R. 171371] returning to Ll.Y.M. on Sunday.

Nantyr is an outdoor centre for Wrexham C.C. sleeps twenty in bunkbeds, has the usual facilities including showers. It is situated off a narrow lane opposite a phone box and a chapel {limited parking}.I shall be there Friday afternoon to drop off essential supplies. [no pub for miles].

I shall be in the Plough Inn Friday evening taking a stiffener for the rigours ahead. The pub serves food so please let me know a few days before if you intend to eat so that I can give them some idea of numbers.

There is no parking at the Plough and I am assured by the locals that careful parking is all that is required. N.B. agricultural vehicles and other nasties travel through the village. There is a public car park [free] behind the Wynnstay Arms, also very limited parking on a small triangle opposite the chippy.

If you require any more info please phone on 01332 670459 or e-mail [derepike1234@btinternet.com](mailto:derepike1234@btinternet.com)

## **Christmas/New Year at Tan yr Wyddfa Rock Hudson**

Rock will be leading this meet as usual. Details next month or book in with Derek as normal.

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

### **Pembroke – August Bank Holiday- Muddy but a great success**



When Nick and I arrived early on Thursday morning, we failed to reach our pitch in Harriet (the van). We were still wallowing in the mud when Chris and Roy arrived, soon followed by Sue and Mike. The four of them had experienced a windy few days in St David's walking and climbing.

*Spencer on Quake Flake -Saddle Head*

The wet summer had once more caused havoc at St. Petrox, but fortunately Thursday was fine and the field began to dry. We decided to stay and slithered up the field to our pitch. We were joined over the weekend by 23 Oreads and their families and once more our run of luck in South Pembroke held. We were able to climb for five

consecutive days. It was a great to see the young people's enthusiasm for climbing and for the water sports offered on the beaches. During the weekend the group visited many areas of Range East.

*Tony the Birthday Boy on Bow Shaped Slab*

*Richard Hopkinson breaking wind on Saddle Head*



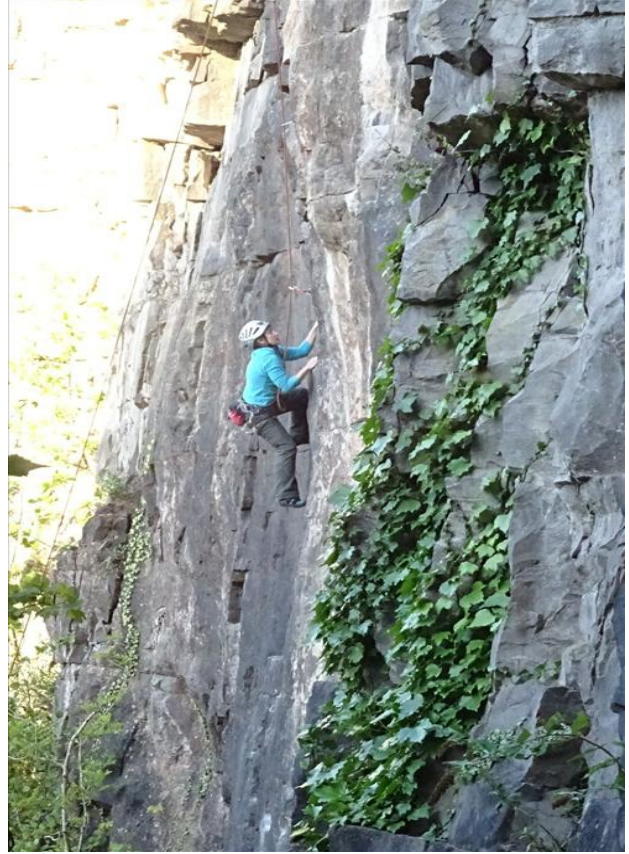
*No -sorry- Richard on Breaking Wind E1 5b at Saddle Head.*

Thanks to everyone who braved the mud to join the meet.

Pam Storer

## The Wye Valley in September. Ruth Gordon

It was a dodgy forecast so most of us – well those of us sufficiently old not to be tied to office hours – got away early enough to take advantage of Friday's good weather and managed at least a route or two before the promised rain set in. It rained on and off all night but was fine and sunny by 10.00 am so we set off for the bolted climbing at Woodcroft Quarry at the end of Wintours Leap where,



surprisingly, the rock was fairly dry. Gil and I had not brought a sports rope but Pam and Nick came to the rescue and we found some excellent climbing from a gentle 4+ to some exacting 6as. Simon, Roland and Angela found some harder stuff of course and it was great to see Angela climbing so well after her recent encounter with a hit and run driver. *(Photos show Nick on the left and Angela in action.)* It was a lovely starry night so, when we found the local pub that had fed us so well on Friday was fully booked it was no hardship to walk into Coleford where we enjoyed an excellent meal at the Angel Inn.

We packed up in lovely sunshine on Sunday morning and went our separate ways. Pam and Nick went off to explore Symonds Yat – rather shiny I gather, while Simon, Gil and I went to Shorn Cliff. A pleasant walk in by either approach is followed by scrambles through vertical and horizontal jungle to reach the crag and move between sectors. Once there the rock is excellent and we did a delightful VS 4b before Simon set out to do battle with his nemesis from a previous visit – Bitter Battle Tears HVS 5a with a ridiculous start over a head high (mine) overhang. After much puzzlement and several attempts he launched up and made a fine job of it. I declined to follow – I was too exhausted from pushing Gil's bum up it – well that's my story anyway! Then it was awful but we

just had to go for a beer. Your car park ticket at Tintern Abbey is refundable in the local pub – what can you do? – Needs must.

Thanks to all who came for a great weekend: Nick Evans, Gil Male, Simon Pape, Angela Pingram, Roland Smith, Pam Storer.

## **OPIL\* Cycle Touring in Spain – Malaga to Santander 2015**



### **Stuart Firth**

Sue and I had already done several fabulous long distance end-to-end cycle tours in the UK and France so the question arose – where next? Spain seemed the obvious answer but it raised a few challenges. Neither of us could speak Spanish, we had no idea what the terrain was like or the possibilities for accommodation and food. At Radders' suggestion, I consulted Oread members Pete and Ali Kennington. It turned out that they had vast experience of cycle touring in Spain with tents and gave us some excellent tips. However, by comparison, we're softies and are happy to wield the credit card for a comfy bed and hot shower at the end of a day in the saddle.

Our knowledge of inland Spain was pitiful so choice of route was not obvious. To get a feel for unknown terrain, archeologists often dig a straight trench from one end of a potential site to the other. We therefore decided we would cycle from

Malaga on the Mediterranean to Santander on the north coast, breaking the journey in Segovia, near Madrid. Since Spain is reputedly the second most mountainous country in Europe after Switzerland, and the rivers often run east-to-west, it would be lumpy... However, as our drugs of choice are adrenalin and endorphins, we like hills - both up and down.

Unlike our trips to France, there would be no European Bike Express to get us to Malaga or from Santander. So we packaged our bikes in ditchable manufacturer's cardboard cycle boxes scrounged from bike shops and sent out CTC plastic bags to the 'Poste Restante' in Segovia as packaging for the mid-point flight home. Although we cycled out of Malaga airport, we used one-way rental cars to get us between Segovia and Madrid airport – a wise decision! Ditto getting to Liverpool airport and back from Portsmouth.

For the route itself, it came down to linking historical places of interest and attractive countryside by the quietest roads in the Michelin road atlas that had a “this is pretty” green stripe down the side. With just a couple of panniers and a bar bag, we're comfortable cycling 40-70 km a day, giving us time for local sight-seeing and taking a “day off” roughly once a week.

Highlights along the way were:

- Countryside - huge variety after crossing each mountain range, sierras, forests, canyons, sunflower fields, wildflowers, orchards, livestock, arable, vines, olive groves, cork oak
- Wildlife – storks on many church towers and telephone posts, vultures, eagles, buzzards – everything else has been hunted!
- Cities human-sized, beautiful architecture, rich Roman, Moorish and colonial history, Alcazars, castles, squares.
- Ronda – fantastic gorge and bridge
- Seville at Easter – Ku Klux Klan look-alikes man-handling religious floats in processions watched by tens of thousands of well-behaved people, no drunkenness, all ages, families, no obesity
- Trujillo – amazing square
- Placencia – intact Roman amphitheatre
- El Escorial – extraordinary royal palace with tapestries and clock collection
- Segovia – Roman aqueduct and San Ildefonso palace and grounds
- The look on the faces of the Bilbao pink peloton as we swooped past them. They had just cycled up 1,000m from Bilbao whereas, unknown to them, we'd snuck around a balcony route...

- Roads – quiet and good surfaces – even minor roads far superior to UK’s; However, new motorways appear from nowhere and are hard to navigate around
- Drivers invariably respectful
- **Maps.me** and **Here** free smartphone GPS apps invaluable as supplements to pages from Michelin road atlas; can use with data roaming switched off and got us out of some navigational scrapes!
- Perhaps oddly, practically no evidence whatsoever of the civil war
- Especially the people who were very friendly, kind and helpful; standard of English outside cities similar to my Spanish. (I’d self taught myself some Spanish using Michel Thomas CDs and “Spanish Made Simple” book.)
- Taking a heating element and mugs so we could have a proper Yorkshire Tea brew in our room!

The trip was split into spring (April) and autumn (September) legs of three and two week’s duration respectively with the break point in Segovia / Madrid. The idea was to avoid excessive temperatures. We expected it to be hotter and more arid than France. However the weather was surprisingly cool especially first thing in the morning and in the mountains. There was lots of sun and little rain but we were grateful for all our warm gear – gilets, arm and leg warmers, windproofs and waterproofs.



All accommodation was pre-booked using **Booking.com** and took me a couple of days to fix. The variety of places to stay was tremendous and usually very good value. There were casa rurals, posadas, hotels, hostellerias, paradores, apartments, hospederias, boutique hotels, hosterias, spas you name it. Usually fantastic value.

Eating was a challenge, as the Spaniards like to eat about two hours after we do – too late for hungry cyclists. So we developed the routine of getting to our destination in time for a main meal at lunchtime – 2:00 – 4:00pm and we would sometimes have a DIY tea and / or breakfast. Bananas, bread, cheese, yogurt, tuna were all good standbys. We discovered “Ventas” which are bars or restaurants serving tasty good-value workmen’s lunches; three courses and a drink for <10€.

We used Spa Audax titanium road bikes with drop handlebars and very low gears - 24/34/46 and 11-34 for those with a technical bent - and 28mm tyres. 10kg max luggage carried in two Ortlieb panniers and a bar bag. Spares included tubes, spokes, gear cables, chain links. Alien II multitool.



And now for the bottom line:

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|------------|----------------------------------|
| ∞          | Amount of fun                    |
| 1,860 m    | Maximum altitude                 |
| 1,560 km   | Distance ridden                  |
| 132 years  | Combined age                     |
| 66 km/hour | Maximum speed - down, of course  |
| 53 km      | Average daily distance (max 73)  |
| 29 days    | Pedaling                         |
| 20%        | Maximum gradient - up, of course |
| 4 days     | Rest (sight-seeing or walking)   |
| 1          | Puncture (false alarm)           |
| Zero       | Saddle sores                     |

All in all, a brilliant trip; not mountaineering as such but certainly holding plenty of appeal for those with a love of the mountains and whose joints are creaking. Highly recommended.

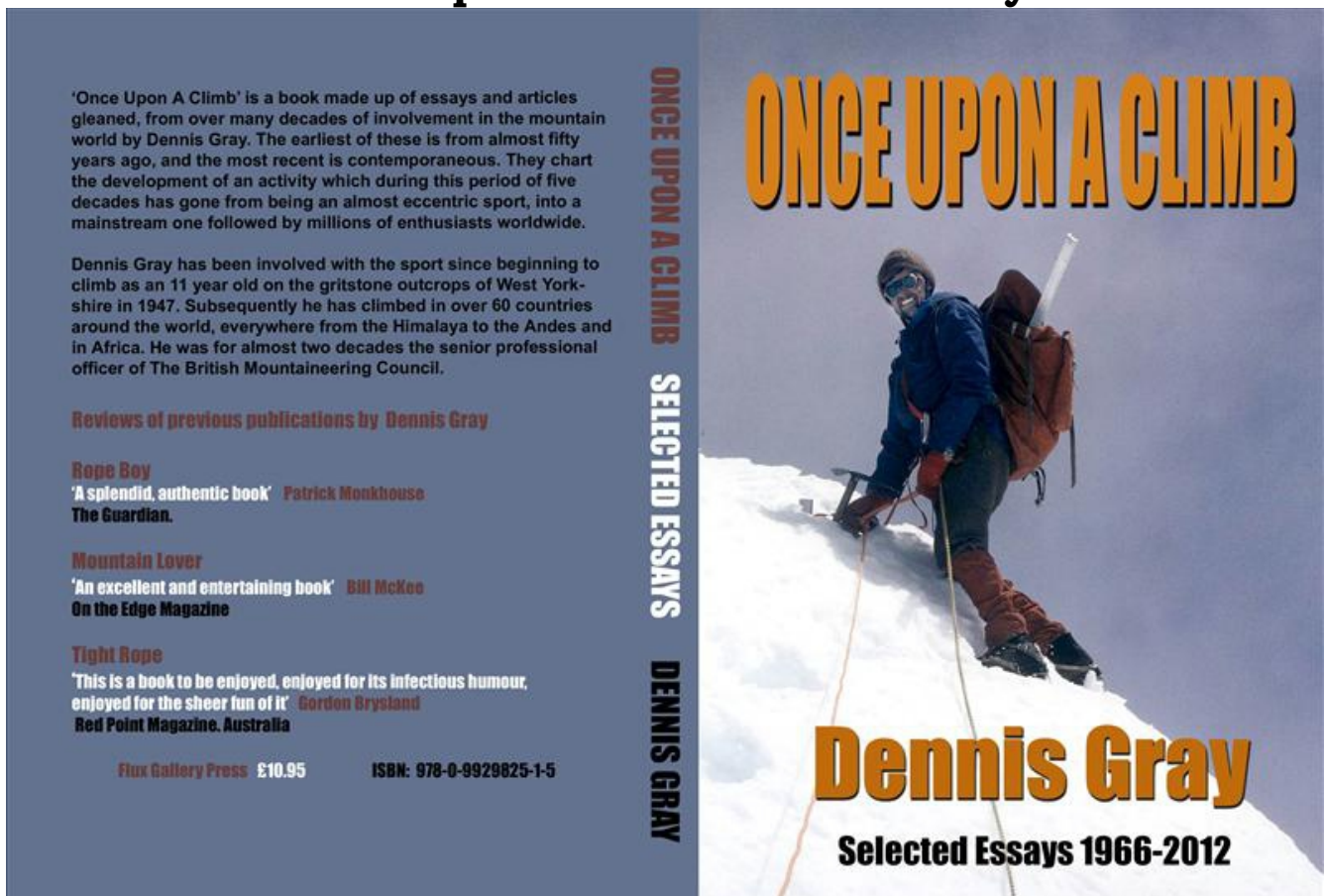
So... to return to the original question – where next...?

- OPIL – Old People In Lycra

## Information on Member Activities

An application for full membership has been received from Spencer Gray, tastefully decorated in mud from the Pembrokeshire meet camp site at St Petrox. Spenser also made it, on crutches following a bouldering mishap, to the Curry Meet last week – we wish him a speedy recovery. Would anyone who has any objection to his application being approved please get in touch with a member of the committee.

### 'Once Upon A Climb': Dennis Gray.



**Honorary Member, Dennis Gray**, has just celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday by publishing a new book made up of some of his essays and articles gleaned from over the last five decades.

It is a limited edition of signed copies and they are available directly from Dennis himself for £11.00 (including post and packing).

The address is: Dennis Gray, 16 Royal Park Avenue, Leeds LS6 1EY.

## Hobday's humour:



## Hut Bookings.

### TAN-YR-WYDDFA

6- 7 November     Aylesbury C.C.  
13-14 November   Scunthorpe M.C.  
20-21 November   Derby M.C.  
28-30 November   Ian Spare.  
4-5 December     Rock and Heather

### HEATHY LEA

7 November         Oread M.C.  
13-14 November   Chelmsford M.C.  
27-28 November   Super Drooper M.C.  
4-5 December     Kelley Explorer Scouts

“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:

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

Tel. 01332 670459   Email: [hutbookings@oread.co.uk](mailto:hutbookings@oread.co.uk)

## **Rusty's Puzzle Corner**

**This month's puzzle: One for the mathematicians!**

A mountaineering club founded in 1949 had 10 founder members. Whereas the founder members were spartan, an element of decadence crept in over time, just as in the Roman empire, and by the 2014 AGM with 187 members, the unwieldy bunch were becoming difficult to accommodate, and a traffic hazard with their limos and camper vans. A number of these old buffers had deteriorated to the extent of being unable to ascend even the friendliest local routes, or to do more than stumble to the nearest alehouse. One shining exception to this trend, a man who was so fired up he could hardly bear to sit still through an indoor meeting, took the bull by the horns and decided to analyse the membership and recommend measures to eliminate undesirable trends like prolixity, indolence, curry and alcohol dependency and social aspiration, thereby bringing the numbers back under control.

The analysis commenced with the 2012 statistics, the most recent reliable records, and the membership at that time was 171 the numbers having risen by the same percentage each year. The first 75 members were to be spared this rigorous appraisal. What length of service at the time of the 2014 meeting was needed to earn this exemption?

(Since even in totalitarian regimes, people are rarely hacked into parts, the calculation is to be based on rounding to nearest whole numbers)

**Last month's puzzle solution:**

Ooh it's been fun setting my own puzzle! No it isn't on Stanton Moor, neither is it at Lud's Church or the Roches. Sorry Rusty! (Am I really??)

Even as I go to press he's there with yet another wild guess!!

“Last attempt. is it Windgather, right hand end, in or near the quarry?”

Hee hee hee Rusty, oh no it is not!!!

This characterful face, with almost the appearance of a medieval gargoyle, is carved into the gritstone of Ramshaw Rocks. He can be found near the far right hand end as you face the crag. It is thought that he may have been carved by a student of Burslem Art School in the 1950s.

## **Membership Renewals for 2016**

Although it's time to renew your annual subs we have once again managed to hold the cost for another year and so please renew early to take full advantage of it.

The subscription includes the BMC fee of £13.25 giving you all the benefits of individual club membership and in particular the BMC third party insurance.

**How to pay:** 1 of 2 ways

- 1 Please complete the form below and send it with a cheque made payable to the Oread Mountaineering Club, posted to Michael Hayes, 32 Hawthorne Drive, Thornton, Leicester, LE67 1AW.
- 2 You can pay by bank transfer Sort Code 05-04-07, Account Number 45028744 with (Subs and your name in the reference field). Once the money has been transferred please email [hayes\\_michael\\_j@cat.com](mailto:hayes_michael_j@cat.com) confirmation and a copy of the form below.
- If you have any questions then please contact me.

Michael Hayes

| <b>Oread Mountaineering Club Membership Renewal and Contact List Update</b>  |                            |                                     |                           |                                     |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Name   |                            |                                     |                           |                                     |
| Second Name (Joint Membership)   |                            |                                     |                           |                                     |
| Address  |                            |                                     |                           |                                     |
| Telephone Number   |                            |                                     |                           |                                     |
| Telephone Number Work  |                            |                                     |                           |                                     |
| Telephone Number Mobile  |                            |                                     |                           |                                     |
| Email Address  |                            |                                     |                           |                                     |
| Secondary Email Address  |                            |                                     |                           |                                     |
| <b>Data Protection:</b> I agree to my contact details being held by the Oread MC, shared with other paid up members and passed to the BMC to gain my third party insurance |                            |                                     |                           |                                     |
| <b>Membership Type: Please tick relevant box</b>   | PayBefore<br>31st Dec 2015 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Pay After<br>1st Jan 2016 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Ordinary Member  | £40.00                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | £45.00                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Senior Member  | £25.00                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | £30.00                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Prospective Member   | £25.00                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | £30.00                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Joint Membership (Two people at the same address)  | £65.00                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | £70.00                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Senior Joint Membership  | £42.00                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | £47.00                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Joint Membership (One senior one ordinary)   | £53.50                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | £58.50                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Member with permanent address outside the UK. 50% of appropriate rate as BMC membership is not included.   |                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                           | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

## Forthcoming Meets 2015-2016:

**Note this is a draft list, more meets will be added as arranged. Contact the Meets Secretary Gil Male tel. 07958 169389 – email [gilemale@gmail.com](mailto:gilemale@gmail.com)**

| Year                  | When                         | Meet                           | Where                                |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>2015</b>           | <b>November</b>              | <b>1</b>                       | <b>Dovedale Dash</b>                 | Thorpe – Fell Race     |
|                       |                              | <b>7</b>                       | <b>Bonfire Night</b>                 | Heathy Lea             |
|                       |                              | <b>14</b>                      | <b>Annual Dinner</b>                 | Matlock Golf Club      |
|                       |                              | <b>15</b>                      | <b>Post Prandial Walk</b>            | Black Swan, Ashover    |
|                       |                              | <b>21-22</b>                   | <b>MAM Hut</b>                       | Coniston               |
|                       | <b>December</b>              | <b>5-6</b>                     | <b>Bullstones Meet</b>               | The Berwins            |
|                       |                              | <b>16</b>                      | <b>Night Climb</b> <i>(eve)</i>      | Black Rocks            |
| <b>Dec 25 – Jan 1</b> |                              | <b>Christmas/New Year Meet</b> | Tan yr Wyddfa                        |                        |
| <b>2016</b>           | <b>January 16-26 approx.</b> | <b>Sun Rock</b>                | Benidorm                             |                        |
|                       | <b>March</b>                 | <b>5-6</b>                     | <b>George Starkey Hut</b>            | Patterdale             |
|                       |                              | <b>19</b>                      | <b>Oread AGM</b>                     | Robin Hood Baslow      |
|                       |                              | <b>20</b>                      | <b>Spring Stride</b>                 |                        |
|                       | <b>May</b>                   | <b>7-8</b>                     | <b>Working party &amp; BBQ</b>       | Heathy Lea             |
|                       | <b>June</b>                  | <b>11-12</b>                   | <b>Kids Meet</b>                     | Heathy Lea             |
|                       |                              | <b>18-19</b>                   | <b>K Fellfarers Hut</b>              | Seathwaite, Borrowdale |
|                       | <b>July</b>                  | <b>16-17</b>                   | <b>Anglesey</b>                      |                        |
|                       | <b>Aug</b>                   | <b>27-28</b>                   | <b>North Pembroke</b>                |                        |
|                       | <b>Sep</b>                   | <b>17-18</b>                   | <b>Clwyd Limestone</b>               |                        |
|                       | <b>Nov</b>                   | <b>5</b>                       | <b>Bonfire Night &amp; Fell Race</b> | Heathy Lea             |
|                       |                              | <b>6</b>                       | <b>Dovedale Dash</b>                 |                        |
|                       |                              | <b>26-27</b>                   | <b>MAM Hut</b>                       | Coniston               |
|                       | <b>Dec</b>                   |                                | <b>Black Rocks Night</b>             | Cromford               |

### Annual Dinner Information

There are several bed and breakfast options within walking distance of Matlock Golf Club, or a short taxi ride. Closest are The Duke of Wellington tel 01629 582299 or via [www.laterooms.com](http://www.laterooms.com) and Dane Cottage, 111 Wellington St. 01629 55910 [www.danecottagematlock.co.uk](http://www.danecottagematlock.co.uk). Both are less than 10 minutes fairly level walk from the Golf Club. A longer walk away, but downhill on the night, are The Old Sunday School, New St. tel 01629 583347 and the Red Lion, Matlock Green 01629 584888.

For the Camper vanners and those requiring more basic accommodation there is a good camp site at Packhorse Farm 01629 580950 [www.packhorsefarm.co.uk](http://www.packhorsefarm.co.uk). This is around 25 minutes walk away but it does involve footpaths across fields in the dark so we hope to be able to fit most people in at the Wilson and Gordon residences, 5 minutes walk from the venue. We can offer van parking, tent and floor space (maybe a bed if you are lucky) - first come first served - so book early! Chris and Jan have kindly offered to coordinate the overnight stays so please contact them on 01629 580521, mobile 07881 698758 email [c.wilson.48@talktalk.net](mailto:c.wilson.48@talktalk.net)

Booking Form with menu options and payment information on following page.

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## Oread Annual Dinner Order Form

The dinner will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> November and will cost £20.00. Tea or coffee is included in the price.

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 Ruth Gordon, 4 The Terrace, Upper Lumsdale, Matlock Derbyshire, DE4 5LB, to arrive by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.

**Payment MUST be by cash, 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 5<sup>th</sup> November**

*(V) = suitable for vegetarians.*

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|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Name:</b>   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Starter</b>   |  |  |  |  |
| Greek salad (V)  |  |  |  |  |
| Seafood pate   |  |  |  |  |
| Tomato and red lentil soup (V)                                   |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Main Course</b>   |  |  |  |  |
| Baked Salmon   |  |  |  |  |
| Braised beef and onions  |  |  |  |  |
| Vegetable Wellington.<br>(mushrooms and pine nuts in pastry) (V) |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Dessert</b>   |  |  |  |  |
| Rich chocolate torte   |  |  |  |  |
| Sicilian lemon cheesecake  |  |  |  |  |
| Fruit salad  |  |  |  |  |

If you have any special dietary requirements please state them below (e.g. gluten/wheat/vegan). The Golf Club is used to catering for special diets. Please contact them directly on 01629 582191 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.*