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What a fine body of men! The Oread Football Team in all its splendour is the subject of this month's puzzle – see page 15. Photo: Uschi Hobday.

Editorial

**Please note: if you haven't paid your subs yet you are now officially late!
Details and form at the back of this newsletter.**

This issue has more info about the new Monday evening meets at the Climbing Unit, our next indoor meet at the Royal Oak, featuring Colin Hobday and advance notice of the A.G.M. next month including a proposed rule change.

The meets programme for the year is shaping up well but we could do with a few more – some one day walking meets would be particularly welcome.

There are some interesting articles on the increasing tree cover at gritstone crags and the Stanage parking sticker initiative plus some amusing meets write-ups and fond memories of Margaret Hooley. Elsewhere, a plea for help in developing the club web site and free winter gear on offer!

P.S. The Christmas crossword puzzle answers are in here on page 16 so, if you haven't got round to doing it yet – look away now!

What's On

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	Sat	19		Oread AGM, Robin Hood, Baslow		
	Sun	20		Spring Stride	Rusty Russell	

- 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*

New! Evening meets every Monday at the Climbing Unit.

The Oread Committee has agreed to try and organise a regular meeting venue - its been a long time since the Brunswick! As times have changed and walls have taken over our winter lives at least, we have decided to hold it at the Climbing Unit every Monday evening from 7-9 pm. They don't sell beer or do dripping sandwiches but they do sell excellent pizza and cake! The first couple of Mondays have been well attended and good fun – especially now that Derek's selfless and dedicated research has located a fine real ale (Steamin' Billy) pub nearby - The Wilmot Arms, Morley Road, Chaddesden where we enjoy a well – earned pint afterwards.

Tuesday 2 February Evening Meet Royal Oak, Ockbrook



Colin Hobday will take us back and forth across the Atlantic, entertaining us with a selection of pictures from active holidays over the past few years including **Montana and the Glacier National Park**, (pictured left) Yellowstone, Grand Teton; walking the Levadas on Madeira, and Mount Etna on Sicily. The Italian Tirol in springtime, walking and cycling, concluding with a short visit to our county of Derbyshire.

Usual time – 8.00 pm.

13-14 February Swanage – Provisional. Snod Helliwell

Swanage can be a suntrap even this early in the year so, being an optimist, I'm hoping for sunshine and will try to book the same very conveniently located apartments we used on our last winter trip. I will not book until a few days in advance so we can be reasonably confident about the weather. If you are interested please let me know and I will be in touch nearer the time.

Snod. text me on 07976517216 or email dave.helliwell@stirlinglloyd.com

Possible trip to Morocco 1-12 March Ruth Gordon

If anyone is interested in a trip to Tafraoute please could you let me know as quickly as possible. (Contact details at end of this newsletter.)

4-6 March Patterdale George Starkey Hut Stuart Haywood

I think everyone will be aware of the possibilities this hut offers - climbing, walking, mountain biking, canoeing – you name it! If you are interested in coming and have not yet booked your space please call me on 07774 859553 or 01332 882331 or email stuart.haywood8@yahoo.co.uk

19 March Annual General Meeting Robin Hood Baslow

The annual general meeting of the club will take place at 8 p.m. on Saturday 19 March at the Robin Hood PH below Birchen's Edge.

Please send any motions for debate to me by 05 March. These will be included in the agenda. Of course matters may also be raised under AOB.

Proposals for changes to the club's rules **must be submitted** by 20 February so that the proposal can be circulated to the membership before 05 March.

One proposal has been received: in view of decreasing attendance at the A.G.M. to alter Rule 17 to reduce the size of the quorum from one quarter to **one fifth**

The current rule states:

17 No alteration to these rules shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting and only if supported by not less than two-thirds of those present and eligible to vote. **One-quarter of the membership of the Club forms a quorum.**

Proposed alterations shall be submitted in writing to the General Secretary not less than 28 days before the Annual General Meeting, and the General Secretary must notify all members of the proposed alterations at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting.

If an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting is inquorate then the Meeting can request that the General Secretary conduct a postal ballot of the Full Membership of the Club on the resolution. The resolution shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

Nominations for officers of the club and other (3) members of the committee are very welcome and **must be submitted** by 05 March. The exception to this rule is the post of vice-president. (S)he sits as of right.

Rob Tresidder, Secretary 08.01.16
61 West End, Wirksworth DE4 4EG email rob61.Tresidder@virgin.net
tel. 07951 625378

NB The Robin Hood will need to know numbers wanting food before the AGM and have asked for two weeks notice. Please contact them to book in. Tel 01246 583186.

Oread Summer Alpine Trip Nigel Briggs

This summer the proposed venue is Argentière. There has not been a meet in the area this century; it is time to revisit. We are looking at people being there during late July and the first half of August.

The Chamonix valley needs no introduction; the area caters for all tastes. There is excellent walking to be had, either day walks or multi day expeditions. There is all types of climbing, from single pitch sport to multi pitch mountain rock on both sides of the valley, maybe even some bouldering somewhere, and then for those looking for Alpine climbing there is the whole Mont Blanc massif to go at. With the use of telepheriques it is possible to access the high mountain routes in a day, and of course, for those wanting the full Alpine experience, there are many huts. Finally for those lazy days the bright lights of Chamonix are just down the road.

At the moment I propose the Camping Du Glacier D'Argentiere camp site, according to their website www.campingchamonix.com/ they take vans and have hook-ups. I have not contacted the site yet to discuss reservations etc.

To give me an idea of numbers and number of tents/vans can you let me know if you are interested in coming on the meet.

News, Articles and Reports from Meets.

Tan yr Wyddfa News

The drying room has, at long last been completed with the installation of a new heater of the correct power output: Tony Howard reports:

“On the 18th December Nick Evans and I went to TYW to install the new heater/blower. We modified the clothes rack above/near it to prevent people from hanging clothes in a position where they could drip onto the heater.

The new device has a 3kW (max) output, a substantial air flow which reaches the far wall and a thermostatic control with a MAXIMUM setting of 35 deg C. This I believe is sufficient to prevent clothes getting too hot. This should work in combination with the extractor fan humidistat to control the conditions in the drying room enabling a full hut's worth of people to dry their wet clothes overnight.”

The party of 16 Oreads enjoying a very wet new year can confirm that it works very well. We all had dry clothes by morning, ready to go out and get soaked yet again. Thanks to Tony and Nick for this.

New Year Walk Rusty Russell

We were fortunate that the day, in a generally cold and damp spell, was quite pleasant, and I was pleased to see at Ilam Chris and Roy Eyre, John Green,

President Pam, Nick Evans, Stuart Firth and Sue, the former, a refugee from Yorkshire is now not only in a more scenic and cerebral area but most definitely has a much better class of neighbour. We skirted Bunster via the path beside St. Bertram's Well then dropped down through the woods to Ilam Rock and followed Hall Dale to Stanhope and Wetton. At the pub we saw Pete Janes, Pete Hassal, Andy Oakden, Brian West (in mufti!) with Liz, Colin and Uschi. Finally, on departure, we met Roger Larkam in a track suit. He appeared to be looking for mud and puddles in the car park in an attempt to create the illusion of completing a gruelling training run to the pub. The walk back down the Manifold was enlivened by a discussion on the environmental issues of flooding, climate change and the like. What a pity that our elected representatives cannot reproduce the Oread traits of diverse experience and common sense mixed in with sardonic humour instead of the self publicising un-informed platitudes which we see and hear through the media.

STICK UP FOR STANAGE – GET YOUR STICKER! Chris Radcliffe.

As the Peak District National Park Authority has seen its funding from central government reduce, it has sought ways to reduce expenditure. One way has been to devolve management of the Park to other organisations and make them responsible for upkeep. For example, the Eastern Moors Partnership (RSPB and National Trust) manages many of our favourite crags, including Froggatt and Curbar.

In the case of the North Lees Estate, which includes Stanage, at one point the PDNPA planned to sell it off and interested parties included organisations, such as gun clubs, who would be unlikely to have the interest of climbers at heart. Fortunately, the Peak Park authority backed off from this idea and has decided to continue to own and manage the Estate.

They are still faced with the problem of raising funds to cover the costs of managing the estate including access improvements, bird conservation, woodland management works and visitor information. Inevitably paying for parking is one way they can raise cash – something that most climbers find very irksome.

The BMC has been proactive in an innovative scheme which will allow climbers to make a contribution to the upkeep of Stanage and also benefit from free parking. At the moment only the Plantation car park has parking meters, but it is inevitable these will also be introduced at Hooks and Dennis Knoll car parks.

The Stanage Sticker can be purchased for £15 and by this means funds raised to contribute to the upkeep of Stanage. The PDNPA have guaranteed that these funds will be ring fenced for this iconic landscape and as a bonus, you get free parking at the Stanage car parks and discounts at North Lees Campsite.

Please do your bit and make your contribution to help keep our most famous Peak District crag and the surrounding moorland in good shape for all to enjoy.



The easiest way to obtain the sticker is through the BMC shop:

http://www.bmcshop.co.uk/product_info.php?cPath=225&products_id=6466

There is no postage cost. The 2015/16 sticker runs until 1st April 2016 and the 2016/17 sticker until 1st April 2017.

The sticker is also available from the PDNPA by phoning 01629 816200

(Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm), emailing

<https://parking.permits@peakdistrict.gov.uk> or online

at <https://shop.peakdistrict.gov.uk/index.php?route=product/category&path=31>

New Year at TyW Ruth Gordon

It was a fairly aquatic new year - as we drove down on New Year's Eve the A5 was awash, spray flying in all directions, but there was a good turnout at the hut - 16 in all and everyone made the best of it. Derek, John (Fisher), Pam and Nodge braved the wind and rain on the coast walking to Black Rock Sands, Richard had a three hour run up the Pennant Valley, Joan had a bit of sense and caught the bus into Caernarfon where Nigel and Janet enjoyed a day at the climbing wall. Rock valiantly kept the home fires burning. Snod and I had a walk up the track towards Snowdon for an hour or so and after a vicious hail shower it finally cleared up and rewarded us with a brief but splendid sunset.

Then it was back for mulled wine and mince pies followed by a cooking frenzy that produced a multitude of delicious curries and accompaniments. The evening was gloriously clear and starry - and right on the stroke of midnight the moon rose from the col between Snowdon and Yr Aran - awesome.

New Year's day dawned grey with a strong, bitter wind. Richard and Christine, Chris and Jan, Nigel, Janet, Snod and I all attempted to get up Snowdon but were beaten back by the combination of fierce wind and icy snow underfoot. Kevin and Margaret headed in the same direction until the weather took a turn for the worse, Derek and Joan walked from the hut to Nantmor and caught the train back. Pam, Nodge and John got nearly to the top of Yr Aran before the wind became too much. Meanwhile, back at the hut, Rock valiantly kept the home fires burning.



Most of us gave up on Saturday and headed home, Kevin, Margaret and Rock were ill- rewarded for staying on till Sunday – they were soaked to the skin in the process of packing up the car and van!

Thanks to Rock for leading the meet and to everyone who attended and made it a great, sociable few days.

P.S. It is a wicked lie that my enormous weight was responsible for cracking the loo pan into three pieces on new year's eve. I was merely the unfortunate who discovered this catastrophe. The culprit has yet to own up!

Bullstones 2015 Derek Pike

Having been trapped by sculduggery i.e. a cartoon was produced without my knowledge, I shall now have to give an account of the various doings of the Oread on the latest attempt at a winter walk.

It all starts at the Plough inn at Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant just to the east of the main Berwin range. Oreads began to gather in the pub which serves excellent food but alas has apparently run out of the main sustenance of the hillwalker - decent beer - at the early hour of 20-00 hrs. A reconnaissance mission was hastily launched to find another pub, this was soon found to be the Wynnstay Arms who assured us that they had all the beer we could drink so we all departed there.

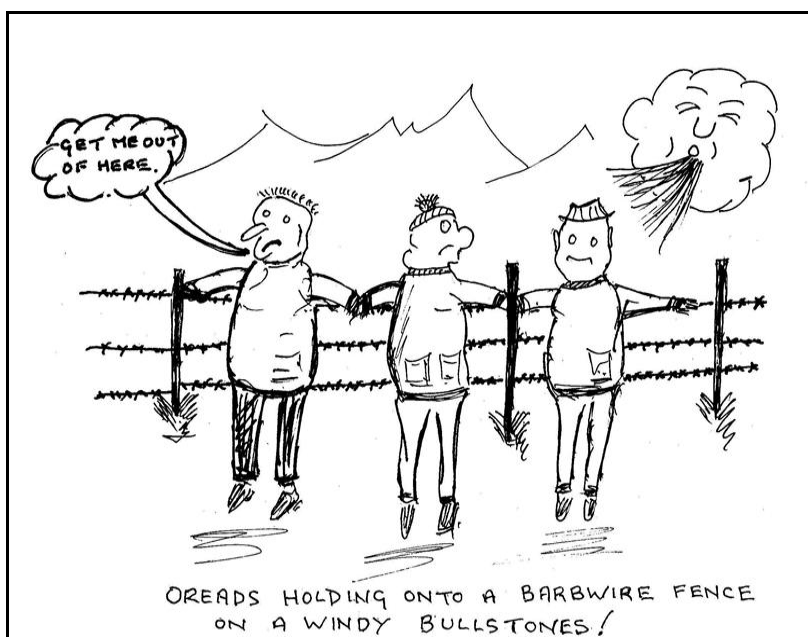
Eventually it was time to bite the bullet and set out into the stormy night, the weather forecast was for gale force winds all weekend and intermittent rain from around six o'clock Saturday morning, they were right.

As is traditional in the Oread we immediately split into different groups, John, Kev and Dave hiking the five miles to bivvy near the rhaeadr [waterfall to us

Saxons] the rest to cadge a lift in the Presidential car or walk the two miles to the start of the moors and bogs. While we struggled to put up tents or climb into bivvy bags Tim managed to find a comfy barn for the night thereby depriving himself of the pleasure of spending a sleepless night listening to a tent being badly shaken by the wind.

After a sleepless night Pike found that he had pitched in a grassy hollow which was rapidly filling with rainwater so started the day somewhat wetter than necessary, others had fared somewhat better although the wind had kept most awake.

Having decided that crossing the Berwins in gale force winds was perhaps unwise Chris, Jan, Simon, Pam Norris, Roy, Neil and myself embarked on a somewhat lower walk to Nantyr, our overnight accommodation, leaving Michael, Tom, Tim and Peter to the perils of the mountains.



The low level walkers, after enduring many hills bogs and a tail wind, eventually arrived at the Hand public house at Dyffryn Ceiroig for much needed refreshment only to find Michael, Tom, Tim and Peter skulking in a dark corner having given up on the Berwins and retreated to a hastily recovered car. The excuse given - that they found hanging onto a barbed wire fence to stay upright and to be prevented from being blown away - was found to be acceptable after Michael

offered to carry our rucksacks in his car onto Nantyr.

The last few miles on to Nantyr rucksack-less were soon despatched. On arrival John, Kev and Dave were already there, having managed the Berwins in spite of the wind [Well done]. Our President had been for a walk hoping to meet other Bullstoners as they came off the hills but all she got was a soaking for her trouble. The usual pleasant evening passed eating curries and drinking beer plus Tim's whisky tasting session. This now seems to be becoming another ritual in the Bullstones. Thanks to all who provided food and those that did the cooking mainly, I believe, Jan and Pam.

Sunday morning dawned fairly dry, John, Kev and Dave went home early leaving the rest of us to return to the start point to recover cars and then meet again at the Hand pub for lunch [They do excellent sandwiches] before returning home. Thanks to all my fellow sufferers, Michael and Tom Hayes, Simon Pape for his map reading skills, John Green, Kev and Dave Fidler, Chris and Jan Wilson, Pam Norris, Roy Eyre, Peter Gadsby, Tim Sellears, Neil Weatherstone and last but not least our President Pam Storer for transport and support and for giving me a lift to Wales.

It's always better in hindsight.

Gardoms Edge Tree Cover

On behalf of the Club, Chris Radcliffe has approached the BMC Area Committee on the issue of crags, particularly Gardoms Edge, becoming overgrown.

He has received the following reply from Henry Folkard.

“Gardoms is difficult.

On landscape terms it is a nonsense that Gardoms and Birchens are managed differently, and that Gardoms is not included in the Sheffield Moors Partnership area either. I doubt very much there has been any management at all since the big fire there, was it in the 60's?, the extent of which can be seen in the difference in tree growth: under the crag some areas are very birchy indeed whilst others are more mixed woodland.

We secured what we did at Curbar / Froggatt by getting it included in a woodland management package that had to go through all sorts of hoops. We are trying a similar approach at Millstone through the same willing partners (Sheffield Moors Partnership).

Danny Udall, who looks after the Eastern Moors, and now Burbage, but also has responsibilities in respect of the Sheffield Moors Partnership, is expected to attend the next Area Meeting, and there will be a chance to raise things with him. I have mentioned Gardoms several times before to him since I think getting anything done officially stands a better chance of success if it is packaged in an overall woodland management package, replicating the good work at Curbar/Froggatt, where the woodlands had been neglected for 60 years. I will certainly raise it again with him before the meeting to see if there is any glimmer of light, but if it comes spontaneously from the floor, as it were, during the meeting, that can only be good.

We did make a site visit with Chatsworth some time ago to Gardoms, but the obstacles to anybody doing anything officially were so significant some light trimming in selected places has happened unofficially (ie the branch under the start of Eye of Faith). The same kind of approach may still offer the best option of getting anything done again. I doubt anyone would agree to felling oak. Birch is easier, but much of the Gardoms problem is oak. We tried the landscape argument - as you will remember Gardoms used to be a dramatic landscape feature when you could see it - but got nowhere. The future may offer a new opportunity, or it may not.”

Further to this, Pam Storer attended the BMC Peak Area meeting last week and reports as follows:-

There were several interesting issues raised:

The result of the Public Enquiry, announced on Wednesday, is that there will be no more quarrying on Longstone Edge.

The new Stanage Pole will be erected on April 17th during the weekend of the AGM. People welcome to go along to give a pull on the ropes or to watch.

The AGM is at Lose Hill Hall this year. It will be an interesting weekend and helpers are needed to lead or support the walks programme. If you are interested in helping please contact Peter Judd. Email: Peak10roam-bmc@yahoo.co.uk

Danny Udall gave an update on the Eastern Moors Partnership future plans for

Curbar, Froggatt, Birchens, Millstone and Burbage. Although Gardoms was not mentioned during his presentation, when I raised the issue, he explained that it had been discussed at the pre-meeting. Negotiations with Chatsworth were slow, and issues difficult to resolve. However, Danny was hopeful that a resolution would be found.

Henry Folkard the access officer explained that the issues of access at Crookrise had been resolved. Although the farmer had a right to put up his Private Property signs, there is an access point with signage, albeit much smaller than the farmer's sign.

Reflections on the Oread.

This was another of the songs which went down very well at the dinner with much audience participation. It goes to the tune of The Wild Rover and must have been sung at many an Oread gathering over the years since the original words were adapted by member, John Dench.

Thanks to you, John, for your part in a very enjoyable evening.

The version performed at the dinner in 2015 went like this:

I've Been a Rock Climber

I've been a rock climber for many's the year
And I've climbed most weekends with all of my gear
But now I'm retiring and hang up my rope
Since I can't perform and I've given up hope.

Chorus:

*And it's no, nay, never No nay, never, no more
Will I be a rock climber, no never no more.*

I was climbing quite steadily and I don't know why
When the roof of my mouth went suddenly dry
I know I was falling, of that there's no doubt
And I hope that my runner doesn't come out.

Chorus:

*And it's no, nay, never No nay, never, no more
Will I be a rock climber, no never no more.*

If you know of these things, you'll know of my plight
For I was quite heavy, my second quite light
As I was descending, my second did rise
And the end of their boot struck me right **up my thigh.**

Chorus:

*And it's no, nay, never No nay, never, no more
Will I be a rock climber, no never no more.*

When I hit terra firma, I let out a moan
My second above me grabbed hold of a stone
The stone it did give way and they started back down
I was pulled to my feet and yanked clean off the ground.

Chorus:

*And it's no, nay, never No nay, never, no more
Will I be a rock climber, no never no more.*

As I shot past my partner, my waist they did clutch
The stone they were holding hit me **right in the crutch.**
My scream it was shrill and they had to let go
We were left there suspended, together, alone.

Chorus:

*And it's no, nay, never No nay, never, no more
Will I be a rock climber, no never no more.*

Three days and three nights, we hung side by side
Our prussicks were loose, the knots badly tied.
At the critical moment, the loops broke free
We parted in space, and shot down to the scree.

Chorus:

*And it's no, nay, never No nay, never, no more
Will I be a rock climber, no never no more.*

The tree it was strong, and its boughs they were stout
From a cleft in the rock it grew twenty feet out.
Directly beneath me, the tree broke my fall
In true western fashion, I stopped **"A Cheval."**

Chorus:

*And it's no, nay, never No nay, never, no more
Will I be a rock climber, no never no more.*

I've been a rock climber for many's the year
Now I spend all my weekends with memories clear.
So beware, take care, all you virile young men
The things that I've told you **could happen again!**

Chorus:

*And it's no, nay, never No nay, never, no more
Will I be a rock climber, no never no more.*

Information on Member Activities

A warm welcome to new Prospective member, **Janice Coleyshaw.** We look forward to getting to know you on Club meets and hope you will enjoy many happy days with the Oread.

Chris Seaman has moved - his new address is:-
145 Exchange Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 6DD
Tel: 0115 846 5589. Mobile: 07910 629210.



Margaret Hooley

14 October 1932- 25 December 2015

As most people will know, Margaret passed away on Christmas Day 2015. She is fondly remembered for her hard work at hut working parties over the years, tirelessly making tea and washing the pots and generally supporting Chuck in all the work he did for the Club. In the photo on the left, taken at a working party in June 1983 she is overseeing repairs on the chimney stack. *Who is that up the ladder?* (Photo courtesy of Pete Scott.)

Margaret's funeral, held in West Sussex, was attended by Oread President Pam Storer. She says that the younger generation, Margaret's nieces and nephews, were very interested to hear about Margaret's life in Derbyshire so any memories you wish to share will be of real interest to the family as well as club members.

If you would like to make a donation in her memory these are to be given to The Stroke Association and should be sent, clearly marked "In memory of M. Hooley", to

F. A Holland and Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex BN17 5BU

Uschi Hobday remembers:

When I first came to England in 1961 I was introduced to the Oread M.C. who then regularly met at the Bell in Derby. The first person to talk to me was Chuck Hooley (awe-inspiring with his big beard), followed by John Welbourn. Married women did not frequent the Bell in those days.

By September 62 I had had my first introduction to Tan yr Wyddfa for a weekend with Chuck and Margaret. We did the Snowdon Horseshoe together with their cocker spaniel, Kim, who used to exhaust himself at weekends and then spend the rest of the week in the airing cupboard to recover. On the Sunday Chuck and Margaret took us to Morfa Nefyn for a paddle, in Chuck's case a swim in all his glorious string underwear. Margaret did not think it was amusing.

We also went to the Roaches with Chuck and Margaret climbing and wallaby spotting and spent weekends at a hut at the rear of the Prince of Wales in Baslow. I wrote in my diary - "very honoured to be invited to share the room with

Ernie and Ronnie Phillips + Chuck and Margaret.”

Even though Chuck was the figure head, Margaret was always there supporting and organising. When I came back to England, by then married to Colin Hobday, in 1965, we seemed to go different ways due to family commitments; however we were always in Wales for the working party and this was where Margaret was in her element, organising everybody, telling people what to do, organising communal lunches and an endless supply of tea.

In 1976 when Margaret had her massive stroke, the Oread girls all rallied round and we formed a rota for visiting her at the old Isolation Hospital in Oakwood (now a huge housing estate). We made her picture boards so she could point to things. We did what we could to help her on the road to some form of normality. In later years we often visited Margaret and I was always impressed by her fierce independence and her will to do things by herself. She took up painting and produced the most exquisite flower paintings, some landscapes and some architectural drawings. All done left handed. Before her stroke, Margaret did a lot of wonderful needlework, embroidering large pictures, which adorned their living



room. Margaret had a fantastic memory of events from the past and used to have big arguments with Chuck if he got the place or the date wrong saying “No, no, no!!!” She always took an interest in Oread activities, attending all working parties, always hovering in the background, still telling people what to do and keeping an eye on proceedings. I always think of Margaret as a very strong personality with a huge will and determination to succeed even in minor tasks. I shall miss her smile.

June Walker also has fond memories of Margaret:

My first contact with the Oread was at The Bell in Sadlergate. That evening I was offered a lift by with the Penlingtons to Wales to spend the Whitsuntide weekend at Bryn-Y-Wern in the Pennant valley, a great introduction to the club. I learnt that they

produced a news letter, with a meets list and that the place to contact members was The Bell on Tuesday evenings.

Some members had their own transport and Margaret and Chuck had an A35 van, they were all very generous with offers of lifts. So began many happy convivial weekends of camping, walking and climbing in the hills.

For some years my contact with the club lapsed but I did maintain some friendships. I was greatly saddened when I heard that Margaret had suffered an appalling brain haemorrhage. As we know, she survived but their life could never be the same again.

In later years when I visited I was amazed how well she could control her time, using the TV and playing her music. She did some beautiful embroidery and also painted. She was alert and her face lit up with understanding when discussing

events in the past and recognising people and places in photographs. On one occasion when Chuck was showing a video of the exploration of Titan, a cave she obviously knew, there came a point in a narrow passage where she had once become stuck which caused her great amusement.

Whenever I met her she was always cheerful, a lady one could be proud to know.

Hobday's humour:

has gone to the Bullstones this month - find it on page 9.

Hut Bookings.

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

12-13 February Orpheus M.C.
14-19 February Christine Craddock, 4 beds.
19-20 February Scunthorpe M.C.
26-27 February Slough M.C,

HEATHY LEA

19-20 February Liverpool M.C.
4-55 March Ceunant 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:

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

Tel. 01332 670459 Email: hutbookings@oread.co.uk

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

This month's puzzle is set by Colin and Uschi and refers to our cover photo of the Oread Football Team.

The questions are:

- 1: Why did the Oread have a football team?
- 2: In which year was the match played?
- 3: Who did they play against?
- 4: Name the players in the team photo.
- 5: Where was the match played?
- 6: Who was the referee (not in the photo)?

Last month's puzzle solution:

The photographs showed an abseil descent from the Bower at Cratcliffe, and Via Media on Stanage. Suicide Wall is of course just above and adjacent to the Bower, and the late Ronnie Phillips seconded Peter Harding on the first ascent of this fine route (I hasten to confess that it is way beyond my class and I have obviously not climbed it). The abseiler I think is Maurice Twentyman, a former member of SUMC. (He of Twentyman's Terror at Agden Rocher, ascended with Donald Wooler, Frank Fitzgerald and Eric Byne in 1953).

The second picture is of myself ascending Via Media (not HVS Colin), Rusty Wall is the next route to the left, and so the oxide which springs to mind is that of iron. Editor Ruth, who by definition has an early sight of these puzzles, sent back an exact solution within hours. Possibly the solutions were too obvious*. Colin H. was spot on with the Bower and identified the climb as Rusty Wall itself which is of course only a few feet to the left. Neither recognised my posterior in my ex W.D. climbing breeches (25 shillings from Arfon Jones' in Bethesda in 1960). I fed Mr. Firth a clue during the post prandial walk by asking him about the valency of iron. I cannot remember whether rust is ferrous or ferric oxide.

** Right! If your Hon. Ed. can solve these brain-teasers they are too easy. Thanks for that, Rusty. Remind me that I owe you a kick up your elegantly clad posterior next time our paths cross.*

Christmas Climbing-themed Crossword answers



The OMC web site

Mike Wren would very much appreciate some input into the content and appearance of the club's web site. Ideas about what would be good to add to it, (or remove from it) will be gratefully received.

Also he'd really appreciate a bit of help with posting material onto the site as well. So if you are interested in playing a part in developing the club's on-line presence do drop him an email at mikejwren@yahoo.co.uk, or have a word with him at Wirksworth Wall (most Wednesday evenings), or the Climbing Unit (some Monday evenings).

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I wonder how many of your readers have noticed a possibly unjust headline on page 9 of today's Sunday Telegraph, which reads

“Flatulent corpse Radcliffe is leaving audiences cold”

The use of 30 point type possibly adds insult to injury

Yours etc.

Anon

Free Winter Gear!

I've got a pair of Sportiva Nepal boots which need a re sole. (Approx £120 at Feet First) and a Simond Chacal hammer and Pirahna axe with spare blades. They are well used but have been replaced by shiny stuff. Good for mixed and when sharp good for icier stuff although blades a bit shortened. Also a couple of servicable but replaced helmets. I'd use both axes and helmets but got shiny ones cheap or free.

If anyone would like them let me know. Tim Cairns. Tel.07734414271

Membership Renewals for 2016

If you have not yet paid your subs you are now officially late!!!

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 confirmation and a copy of the form below.
- If you have any questions then please contact me.

Michael Hayes

Oread Mountaineering Club Membership Renewal and Contact List Update

Name				
Second Name (Joint Membership)				
Address				
Telephone Number				
Telephone Number Work				
Telephone Number Mobile				
Email Address				
Secondary Email Address				
Data Protection: 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				
Membership Type: Please tick relevant box	Pay Before 31st Dec 2015	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pay After 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 2016

Note: this is a work in progress, more meets will be added as arranged. Contact the Meets Secretary Gil Male tel 07958 169389 email meetsec@oread.co.uk. Check the meets calendar on the Oread web site for the most recent additions.

Year	When		Meet	Where
2016	February	1-12	Benidorm	Spain
		27-28	Swanage	
	March	5-6	George Starkey Hut	Patterdale
		19	Oread AGM	Robin Hood Baslow
		20	Spring Stride	
		26-27	MAM (Joint meet)	Heathy Lea
	April	2-3	Northumberland	
		16-17	Fylde MC Hut	Little Langdale
		29-30	May Day Celebrations	Tan yr Wydffa
	May	1-2		
		7-8	Working party & BBQ	Heathy Lea
	June	11-12	Kids Meet	Heathy Lea
		18-19	K Fellfarers Hut	Seathwaite, Borrowdale
	July	2-3	North Yorkshire	
		12-15	Working Party	Tan yr Wydffa
		16-17	Anglesey	
		24-31	Alpine Meet	Argentiere
	Aug	1-7		
		27-29	North Pembroke	
	Sep	17-18	Clwyd Limestone	
	Oct			
	Nov	5	Bonfire Night & Fell Race	Heathy Lea
		6	Dovedale Dash	
		12	Oread Dinner	Matlock Golf Club
		13	Post Prandial Walk	
		26-27	Lake District	
	Dec	2-4	Bullstones	
14		Black Rocks Night Climb	Cromford	

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