

# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

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**At the Little Langdale meet, Pam Storer, Janice Coleyshaw and Ali Kennington on top of Bowfell. Photo courtesy of Pete Kennington.**

## **Editorial**

Well, here I am, back from sunny, if rather chilly, France to be greeted with the news that I have missed the worst weather of the winter! This newsletter has been cobbled together in some haste on my return but contains details of the Children's meet to Heathy Lea, a trip to Cornwall for Spring Bank Holiday, and early warning of the Borrowdale meet coming up in June.

Elsewhere there are write-ups of the Little Langdale and Northumberland meets plus a few highlights of the recent French gallivant.

Please also help our new Treasurer, Joan, to do her job properly by following the new guidelines (page 9) for reclaiming expenses when you stay at the huts.

# What's On

Coming Soon			UK	Abroad
May	Sun	1		
	Mon	2		
	Tue	3		
	Wed	4		Stanage (popular end) – evening meet
	Thur	5		
	Fri	6		
	Sat	7		Working party & BBQ
	Sun	8		Heathy Lea – Mike Hayes
	Mon	9		
	Tue	10		
	Wed	11		Stoney Middleton – evening meet
	Thur	12		
	Fri	13		
	Sat	14		
	Sun	15		
	Mon	16		
	Tue	17		
	Wed	18		Millstone – evening meet
	Thur	19		
	Fri	20		
	Sat	21		
	Sun	22		
	Mon	23		
	Tue	24		
	Wed	25		Intake Quarry – evening meet
	Thur	26		
	Fri	27		Cornwall St Just for Spring Bank Holiday
	Sat	28		Michael Hayes
	Sun	29		
	Mon	30		
	Tue	31		
June	Wed	1	Yahoo Group to organise evening meet	
	Thur	2		
	Fri	3		
	Sat	4		
	Sun	5		
	Mon	6		
	Tue	7		
	Wed	8		Windgather – evening meet
	Thur	9		
	Fri	10		Kids Meet
	Sat	11		Heathy Lea
	Sun	12		Neil Weatherstone
	Mon	13		
	Tue	14		
	Wed	15		The Roaches – evening meet
	Thur	16		
	Fri	17		K Felfarers Hut High House, Borrowdale Dave (Snod) Helliwell

- 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 [meetsec@oread.co.uk](mailto:meetsec@oread.co.uk)

## **Wednesday evening outdoor meets.**

Volunteers to lead walks on evening meets will be very welcome. Please contact Meets Secretary Gil Male if you would like to lead a walk linked to an evening crag and pub.

<b>4 May</b>	Stanage Popular	The Millstone
<b>11 May</b>	Stoney Middleton	The Moon
<b>18 May</b>	Millstone	The Millstone
<b>25 May</b>	Intake Quarry	The Rising Sun
<b>1 June</b>	Yahoo Group to organise.	
<b>8 June</b>	Windgather	The Swan, Kettleshulme

If wet it will be Wirksworth wall.

## **Evening meets every Monday at the Climbing Unit.**

A group meets regularly at the Climbing Unit, Derby every Monday evening from 7-9 pm. After the exercise people head for the The Wilmot Arms, Morley Road, Chaddesden for a well – earned pint.

## **May 7-8 Heathy Lea Working Party and Barbecue Pam Storer**

Mick and I shall be at the hut in the early morning and I shall start painting the lounge and kitchen. Mick is hoping to sort out the wood store and get a good stock of wood cut. Our stocks are extremely low at the moment. The more helpers armed with chain saws the better!

Some paving slabs need sorting out and the grass cutting. That is all, but if lots turn up there are general garden tidying jobs and we need some trees collecting from the woods.

An hour of your time would make such a difference.

We are hoping to have a bonfire, perhaps even a barbecue and get together in the evening, so please come and join us. If enough people are coming I will sort out some beer for the evening.

For those of you wanting to stay overnight, please let me know. Hopefully it will be fine enough for a grand day's climbing on Sunday

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## **Pembroke Range West Briefing Dates**

If you hope to climb on Range West this year you must attend a briefing session. There should be many Oreads in Pembroke around the August Bank Holiday – so think ahead!

Briefing dates and times this year are:

26 May 18.00

28 May 10.00

23 July 10.00

## **28-31 May Spring Bank Holiday Cornwall Michael Hayes**

Although not on the official meets list a number of Oreads have decided to revisit a very popular spring bank holiday destination in the far South West. We will be based at the Trevaylor Camp Site, Botallack, near St Just, an ideal base for the fantastic sea cliffs and beaches around Lands End.

If you want to join us then just book yourselves onto the campsite, pack the bucket and spade and be prepared for cream tea's etc.

We will probably be down there all week but stay as long as you can.

Booking via [www.cornishcamping.co.uk](http://www.cornishcamping.co.uk) tel. 01736 787016

Michael Hayes email [Hayes\\_Michael\\_J@cat.com](mailto:Hayes_Michael_J@cat.com) tel.07771700913

## **11-12 June Children's Climbing Meet Neil Weatherstone**

The idea is to have a meet for small Oreads so they can have fun climbing together. Climbing is at Birchen Edge. Starting out from Heathy Lea at 10am with a picnic lunch. Heathy Lea is free on Saturday night, so let me know if you want to stay over. We'll be having a bonfire and BBQ in the evening.

I'll be climbing and staying over with my kids, 5 and 7 years old.

Neil Weatherstone: email [Neil.weatherstone@btinternet.com](mailto:Neil.weatherstone@btinternet.com) tel. 07946825798

## **18-19 June High House, Borrowdale Snod Helliwell**

High House, the K Fellfarers hut at Seathwaite, Borrowdale is in a fantastic setting right at the end of the road, below Gillercombe Buttress and it's probably the best hut in the Lakes - a converted stone built farmhouse in its own grounds, with a camp fire pit, car access and parking. OS Grid Reference NY235119. We have reciprocal rights here so the cost is the same as for Tan yr Wyddfa.

The weather has been booked and, coupled with the light nights, it's a perfect opportunity for a mountaineering day out on the high crags. Scawfell and Pillar are in reach as are many excellent lower crags. For the walkers it couldn't be better situated. The last meet saw ascents of Eagle Front and Engineers Slabs, Nazgul, Saxon, Eagles Nest Ridge Direct and Corvus.

The hut sleeps 26, and demand will be very high - I already have several bookings so you had better get in quick!

Snod. Tel. 01298 812753 email [dave.helliwell@stirlinglloyd.com](mailto:dave.helliwell@stirlinglloyd.com)

## **Oread Summer Alpine Trip Nigel Briggs**

I'm starting to get a few names down to join this meet - if you haven't let me know yet it's time to start thinking about it!

The venue is Argentiére. 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/](http://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.

Nigel Briggs tel. 01283 732925 email [nigel.briggs@btinternet.com](mailto:nigel.briggs@btinternet.com)

## **19 -20 November Self Rescue & modern rope techniques**

This two day course is definitely going ahead, I already have enough names down to book one instructor. If I get more takers I will book a second – the maximum is six people per instructor. There will be a charge, not yet finalised but based on the cost of hiring instructors at £250 a day. Places will be limited so, to avoid disappointment, if you are interested get in touch for more info, put the date in your diary and **let me know now.**

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

### **Northumberland 1-3 April Spenser Gray**

“The weather will be great”, the optimistic promise I made to many people when organising the club’s recent meet in Northumberland, unfortunately this was not quite the case, however it didn’t prevent club members from sampling the delights of Bowden doors and Kyloe Out of the Woods. The meet was full with all eight beds in the bunkhouse at Bluebell Farm being occupied by Ruth, Snod, Pam, Nick, Derek, Mike Wren, Simon and Spenser.

Saturday morning saw us head to Bowden doors, sometimes referred to as “The Stange of the North”, this is true not just in the length and variety of the crags but also their exposure to the elements! The Scoop (VS 4c \*\*\*), Exhibition Crack (HS 4c \*\*), Grovel Groove (S 4a \*), Handrail (VS 4c \*\*) and Black and Tans (S 4a

\*\*\*) all saw ascents with some of them giving credence to the rumour that the locals don't grade the first 8 feet of some routes!



*Left: Spenser near the top of The Scoop. Right Simon on the route to its right, Black and Tans – both featured truly horrendous starts for the vertically challenged!*

After lunch the rain progressed from occasional spitting to become a bit heavier so the decision was made to abandon climbing for the day and to follow St Cuthbert's way across to Holy Island. A slight misjudgement of the tides resulted in various people wading a short section of the route to the far side! After a quick cup of tea and a slice of cake the return journey was made with much less wading involved.

Due to some heavy sounding rain (and wanting to take a trip to the butcher's in Bamburgh to buy some of their fantastic sausages) I suggested a short walk on the beach before heading to Kyloe out of the woods where Cloister Wall (HS 4b \*\*), Penitents Walk (HVS 5a \*), Trinity (VS 4c \*\*\*) and St Ivel (VS 4c \*\*) all saw ascents as well as a variety of other routes from Pam and Nick.

The quote of the meet goes to Snod for his statement of "It's sandy, it's really sandy" on the second day of the meet. This prompted much amusement given that the local rock is sandstone!

Yes, the sausages really were worth the morning trip to Bamburgh on the Sunday!

## **Little Langdale 15 – 17 April Pete Kennington**



We had a good meet in Little Langdale with fine weather for the Lakes. On Saturday we strolled up Bowfell via Crinkle Craggs from the Shire Stones on the Wrynose Pass. There was Pam, Nick, Jan, Ali and myself with Nodge coming part way. On Sunday Pam and Nick went off to Hawes on a mining trip and Roland and Angela joined us for a trip up Wetherlam and Swirl How.

It's worth noting that the FMC have now put keypads on the doors of both huts so access is much easier for us Oreads wishing to use the huts, just ring up the booking secretary and get a key code, none of the messing around getting the key any more.

## **Tales from Burgundy and Provence Ruth Gordon**

As I sit toiling over a hot computer to bring you the newsletter the rest of the team are – I hope – still sunning themselves at Beaumes de Venise. We had plenty of sun but it was the fleeces and long-johns that saw the action rather than the T-shirts and shorts!

Derek, Joan, Snod and I started the holiday at Nolay in Burgundy. The La Bruyeres campsite was distinctly soggy and it rained on and off for the first three days so we were really glad of the communal room to sit in the warm and dry. What a lovely, friendly and cheap site this is – and we had it almost to ourselves! Then the sun shone and we climbed at Mont Rome Chateau and the stunning

local crag, Cormot – for which a new topo has just been published. We had some scary moments, very spaced bolts at times, but superb climbing.

Then it was time to head south and meet Roy and Chris at Orpierre. They had arrived first and negotiated a deal on the campsite with a group discount and a terrace to ourselves!

Our first day's climbing was less than impressive – a large chunk of the crag had been commandeered for an instructed group, the routes were polished and far too busy for comfort. Just bad luck – it was never as crowded again – though polish and popularity do seem to be the way it is at Orpierre. That night Sue and Mike arrived, and our party was completed a couple of days later when Richard and Christine rolled up in their magnificent new pantechnicon.

We had one day when the Mistral blew so strong and cold we escaped to Sisteron in the hope it would be warmer. When I opened the car door and it was snatched from my hand and slammed into the wall we realised we'd got it wrong! "Never mind" I said – "there is another cliff here - says it's sheltered from the Mistral". It took us several trips up and down dead end roads – but we did find it eventually – although it is so small as to be barely visible with the naked eye. Sheltered it was however and we had a lovely picnic!



*Roy and Mike in action at the miniscule, but fully bolted, Les Collets at Sisteron.*



The best climbing we found at Orpierre was on the multi pitch routes on the Pilier ouest d'Ascle and the Ardrech. We all enjoyed Maitre de la Dance -five excellent

itches and never harder than 5b. Next day Snod fed his rat on the more challenging Massacre a la Debroussailleuse and Cartable Exquise. There was also some delightful walking in the area through flowery woods and along ridges with stunning views and the cyclists found plenty to enjoy without too much exertion as well.



*High above Orpierre, Richard on the second pitch of Massacre. If he turns round he can even keep an eye on his new van in the camp site below.*

A great trip, thanks to all who came and made it such a pleasant and sociable holiday: Chris and Roy Eyre, Mike and Sue Wren, Richard Hopkinson, Christine Renouf, and special thanks to Derek and Joan Pike for providing we poor tent-campers with very welcome shelter from the elements!

## **Notes re claiming expenses and hut fee payments**

### **Joan Pike**

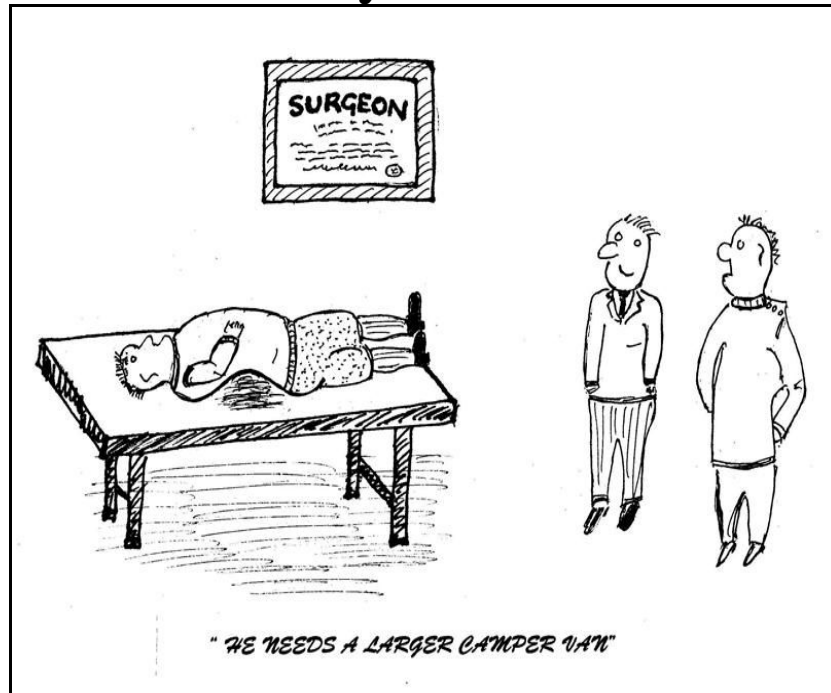
To keep the accounts correctly as required for audit, please can you all ensure that all hut fees are paid in full as a separate item. If you have bought any consumables, e.g. loo rolls during your stay, they must be claimed with a receipt separately, not deducted from your hut fees.

If petrol is being claimed please note on a piece of paper and sign.

All expenses must be supported with a valid receipt.

Thank you for your co operation. Joan.

## Hobday's humour:



**Luckily both Richard Hopkinson and Pam Storer have recently taken the Surgeon's advice and are now driving around in gigantic gin palaces.**

## Hut Bookings.

### TAN-YR-WYDDFA

10-12 June	ABMSAC
17-19 Jun	Rockers UK
12-15 July	Mid week working party
10 – 13 Aug	Dave Hicks, Fylde M.C. 4 beds 4 nights

### HEATHY LEA

6-8 May	Working Party Pam Storer
27-28 May	Len Gibbs meet up
10-12 June	Oread Family Meet Neil Weatherstone
14-16 June	Holy Trinity Leics.
8-10 July	Phil Deakin Meetup UK

“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 Michael Hayes, the Hut Bookings Secretary: 32 Hawthorne Drive, Thornton, Leicester, LE67 1AW. Tel. 01530 231401 mobile 07771 700913. Email: [hutbookings@oread.co.uk](mailto:hutbookings@oread.co.uk)

## Information on Member Activities

A warm welcome to new members Neil Thompson and Judith Dey, and also, belatedly, to Spenser Gray who became a member in November last year but I forgot to put it in the newsletter – Sorry!

### Rusty's Puzzle Corner



#### This month's puzzle:

Once again we fall back on a photograph of a dubious character.

The small area of rock being ascended, albeit without skill or grace, is named Askey (sic)63.

Which well known route lies above?

For a bonus point, which route or part thereof, on Tryfan (different country, different rock) is similar in geometry, at least in the lower part.?

#### Last month's puzzle solution:

The historical figure I had in mind was Nelson (famed for Nelson's Slab on Birchen's and for Trafalgar, in that order) It is assumed that his dying wish, to be kissed by captain Hardy, was fulfilled. My shaky recollections of rumour and history are that Emma was his mistress and numerous climbs are named for her (Dilemma, Delusion, Temptation etc.) How true they all ring in connection with one's dealings with the fair sex.

The climbs, set out from Magpie Mine, are on Rainster (Penlington's Progress) and Froggat (Allen's Slab). If one draws a triangle on the map with corners at Magpie Mine, Froggat and Rainster, then the angle at Magpie will be seen to be the prescribed 117 degrees.

# 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](mailto:meetsec@oread.co.uk). Check the meets calendar on the Oread web site for the most recent additions.

<i>When</i>		<i>Meet</i>	<i>Where</i>	<i>Leader</i>
<b>May</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Stanage</b>	Hathersage	Evening meet
	<b>7-8</b>	<b>Working party &amp; BBQ</b>	Heathy Lea	Mike Hayes
	<b>11</b>	<b>Stoney Middleton</b>	Stoney Middleton	Evening meet
	<b>18</b>	<b>Millstone</b>	Hathersage	Evening meet
	<b>25</b>	<b>Intake Quarry</b>	Middleton Top	Evening meet
	<b>27-31</b>	<b>Spring Bank Holiday</b>	Cornwall	Michael Hayes
<b>June</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Windgather</b>		Evening meet
	<b>11-12</b>	<b>Kids Meet</b>	Heathy Lea	Neil Weatherstone
	<b>15</b>	<b>Roaches</b>		Evening meet
	<b>18-19</b>	<b>K Fellfarers Hut</b>	Seathwaite, Borrowdale	Dave (Snod) Helliwell
	<b>22</b>	<b>Dovedale</b>		Evening meet
	<b>29</b>	<b>Ramshaw</b>		Evening meet
<b>July</b>	<b>2-3</b>	<b>North York Moors</b>		Chris Wilson
	<b>6</b>	<b>Castle Naze</b>		Evening meet
	<b>12-15</b>	<b>Working Party</b>	Tan yr Wydffa	Dave (Snod) Helliwell
	<b>16-17</b>	<b>Anglesey</b>	Wales	Dave Mawer
	<b>24Jul - 7Aug</b>	<b>Alpine Meet</b>	Argentiere	Nigel Briggs
<b>Aug</b>	<b>27-29</b>	<b>North Pembroke</b>	Wales	Pam Storer
<b>Sep</b>	<b>17-18</b>	<b>Clwyd Limestone</b>	Wales	Derek Pike
<b>Oct</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Derbyshire Dales Walk</b>		Jack Ashcroft
<b>Nov</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Bonfire Night</b>	Heathy Lea	Neil Weatherstone
	<b>6</b>	<b>Dovedale Dash</b>		Rob Tresidder
	<b>12</b>	<b>Club Dinner</b>	Matlock Golf Club	Tony Howard
	<b>13</b>	<b>Post Prandial Walk</b>		

	<b>26-27</b>	<b>Hut (TBA)</b>	Lake District	Tony Howard
<b>Dec</b>	<b>2-4</b>	<b>Bullstones</b>		Pam Norris
	<b>14</b>	<b>Black Rocks Night Climb</b>	Cromford	Rob Tresidder
	<b>23 -1 Jan.</b>	<b>Christmas at Tan yr Wyddfa</b>	Wales	Rock Hudson



*Roy having fun in the sun at Cascade, Orpierre.*

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