

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

MARCH 2017



Inspiration for the 2017 climbing season – Pete Lancaster on Jetrunner E4 6a Bamford Edge last November. Photo courtesy of Michael Hayes.

Editorial

This newsletter has all the details about the AGM, including the minutes from last year and the nominations for officers and committee members for the coming year. There is still time to nominate others so we can look forward to the excitement of an election perhaps? The day after will, of course, be the Spring Stride – details of that are in this issue too – it sounds a grand gallivant.

Forthcoming meets include the last indoor meet of the season – a talk by Mark Vallance - and away trips to Scotland, Wales, France, Germany plus the new members meet at Heathy Lea, please try to support this one if you can.

Also in here are sketches of Spain and a few pleas for help – a mystery photo to identify plus missing archives and anniversary journals that you just might be able to help with.

And finally – there's still just a few who haven't yet got round to paying their subs – does that include you????

What's On

Coming soon		UK		Abroad	
March	Wed	1	Yahoo Group (evening)		
	Thur	2			
	Fri	3			
	Sat	4			
	Sun	5			
	Mon	6	Climbing Unit, Derby		
	Tue	7			
	Wed	8	Yahoo Group (evening)		
	Thur	9	Scottish Winter Meet FRCC Hut, Waters Cottage, Kinlochleven Jeff Ingham		
	Fri	10			
	Sat	11			
	Sun	12			
	Mon	13	Climbing Unit, Derby		
	Tue	14			
	Wed	15	Yahoo Group (evening)		
	Thur	16			
	Fri	17	Club meet, Tan yr Wydffa Dave (Snod) Helliwell		
	Sat	18			
	Sun	19			
	Mon	20	Climbing Unit, Derby		
	Tue	21			
	Wed	22	Yahoo Group (evening)		
	Thur	23			
	Fri	24			
	Sat	25	Annual General Meeting, Robin Hood, Baslow		
	Sun	26	Spring Stride Rusty Russell		
	Mon	27	Climbing Unit, Derby		
	Tue	28			
	Wed	29	Yahoo Group (evening)		
	Thur	30			
	Fri	31	New members meet Heathy Lea		
Sat	1				
April	Sun	2	Spenser Gray		
	Mon	3	Climbing Unit, Derby		
	Tue	4			
	Wed	5	Yahoo Group (evening)		
	Thur	6			
	Fri	7			
	Sat	8		Frankenjura, Germany Gasthof Eichler a.k.a Martha's campsite http://www.gasthof-eichler.de/ Roger Gibbs (Saturday 8 April - Saturday 22 April)	
	Sun	9			
	Mon	10	Climbing Unit, Derby		
	Tue	11			
	Wed	12	Yahoo Group (evening)		

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		Thur	13			
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		Sat	15			
		Sun	16			
		Mon	17			Climbing Unit, Derby
		Tue	18			France. Bolt climbing St Martin de Londres Ruth Gordon (Tuesday 18 April to Tuesday 2 May)
		Wed	19		Yahoo Group (evening)	
		Thur	20			
		Fri	21			
		Sat	22			
		Sun	23			
		Mon	24		Climbing Unit, Derby	
		Tue	25			
		Wed	26		Yahoo Group (evening)	
		Thur	27			
	M A Y D A Y	Fri	28			
		Sat	29			
		Sun	30			
May		Mon	1		Climbing Unit, Derby	
		Tue	2			

- 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.

Evening meets: every Monday at the Climbing Unit. Wednesday at Wirksworth Wall.

A group meets regularly at the Climbing Unit, Derby every Monday evening from 7-9 pm. Often an early team from 1.45- 4.30 pm as well. After the exercise people head for the The Wilmot Arms, Morley Road, Chaddesden for a well – earned pint.

Over the winter there is also a group at Wirksworth from around 7 – 9.30 pm most Wednesdays, then adjourning to the Royal Oak, North Street.

3 - 4 March Patterdale Stuart Haywood

Referring to my article in last month's Newsletter, I have recently been informed by ABMSAC that former members of the TCC (who are now ABMSAC members) now require the whole hut for their 'closing down' functions at the George Starkey Hut during the weekend of 3rd/4th March.

Accordingly, as our long standing hut booking will not be honoured. Under the circumstances I have no alternative but to advise that the 2017 Meet at Patterdale is cancelled. Obviously I have already contacted the 14 members who had booked berths for the weekend.

Stuart Haywood.

**Tuesday 7 March Indoor Meet 8.00pm at the Royal Oak,
Ockbrook Rob Tresidder**



Mark Vallance, former president of the BMC and the man who made Friends, will give an illustrated talk entitled **Wild Country**. Mark has climbed in seven continents and loves to brag about it! He has lots of Friends and is happy to sell copies of his new book which he is willing to sign for free.

Rob Tresidder tel. 07951 625378 email rob61.tresidder@virgin.net

**9-12 March Oread Scottish Winter Climbing Meet
Waters Cottage, Kinlochleven Jeff Ingman**



Mega Route X on Ben Nevis was in great condition in early March 2016, so let's hope for something similar in 2017. We'll be based in the West Highlands at Kinlochleven which provides easy access to the climbs around Bridge of Orchy, Glen Coe, Ben Nevis and the Aonachs.

If you have some experience of Scotland in winter then this meet may be for you. The accommodation is limited so contact Jeff Ingman if you are interested at jeff.ingman@sky.com or 07891 517101. Note that Jeff's email address in the Oread address list is now superseded by the 'sky' address shown above.

16-19 March Tan yr Wyddfa Snod Helliwell

I will be going down on the Thursday to attend the PAT testing on Friday but should be out in the afternoon.

At this time of year anything is possible - I can remember similar meets in March when we would be snow and ice climbing on the Trinity gullies on Snowdon on the Saturday and climbing in shirt sleeves at Tremadoc on the Sunday all on the same weekend.

I've organised good weather and am assured there will be plenty of opportunity for climbing and walking.

Demand will be high so get your names down at once. There will be the quick and the disappointed.

Snod.

Contact me on 01298 812753 or dave.helliwell@stirlinglloyd.com or by text/Whats App 07976517216

25 March Annual General Meeting Robin Hood Baslow

The annual general meeting of the club will take place at 8 p.m. on Saturday 25 March at the Robin Hood PH below Birchen's Edge.

Minutes and Agenda for the Annual General Meeting

Please bring your own copy of the minutes and agenda to the meeting as multiple printed copies will not be available.

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

Annual General Meeting. Saturday, 19 March 2016 8 pm The Robin Hood PH, Baslow.

MINUTES

Present (35): Jack Ashcroft, Nigel Briggs, Nick Evans, Chris Eyre, Roy Eyre, Ruth Gordon, Keith Gregson, John Gresty, Michael Hayes, Dave Helliwell, Colin Hobday, Uschi Hobday, Rock Hudson, Pete Lancaster, Gil Male, Pam Norris, Ian Norris, Maggie Pape, Simon Pape, Derek Pike, Joan Pike, Chris Radcliffe, Gill Radcliffe, Tony Raphael, Kevin Sarson, Margaret Sarson, Reg Squires, Pam Storer (chair), Rob Tresidder (pencil), Brian West, Chris Wilson, Jan Wilson, Mike Wren.

1. Apologies for absence (21): Dave Appleby, Janet Ashcroft, Derrick Burgess, Margaret Gadsby, John Green, Sylvia Green, John Gresty, Helen Griffiths, Andrea Haywood, Stuart Haywood, Richard Hopkinson, Tony Howard, Chris Johnson, Gill Keeling, Mike Keeling, Ali Kennington, Pete Kennington, Ann Kenyon, Janet Reynolds, Tony Smedley, Shirley Wainwright.

2. Minutes of the last AGM, on 21 March 2015: acceptance as an accurate record was proposed by S Pape and seconded by M Pape. Passed nem.con.

3. Matters arising and actions: there were none.

4. The outgoing president, Pam Storer, gave her report.

Pam explained how being president had forced her to learn how to use a computer; she boasted that she had written her speech on a word processor. She outlined the outstanding progress the club had made over the last two years, which had been “years of fun & friendship”. She thanked the “true mountain sprites” -the Oread – for their support. She also thanked the committee, the sub-committees and the trustees.

Membership, meets, budget, huts, assets (Tan yr Wyddfa now valued at £250,000) had all grown in the year. 2015 had been a good year for hut use: up on previous years and working parties were oversubscribed! She had already drawn attention to the great variety of meets at the dinner. She spoke warmly of the post-prandial walk to Tansley and Ashover. Bonfire night pyrotechnics also got a mention as did the Bullstones and the Black Rocks night climbing. Christmas/New Year at TyW had gone well and walkers had managed the New Year walk “without” Rusty. Indoor climbing was taking place regularly in the winter in Wirksworth (Wednesdays) and at the Unit (Mondays). Pam drew attention to Gil’s meets list. Over the next few years, there are plans for both huts and it is hoped to increase their use. Joint meets, reciprocal rights and the impact of the web site are helping. Links with other clubs, particularly the Derwent are enriching our activities and we are looking forward to a wide-ranging programme of meets including one to Northumberland led by new member, Spenser Gray. Pam commended the training activities organised by Pete Lancaster. “Tell us what you want.” was her parting message before she reported the sad death of Margaret Hooley.

5. Treasurer’s report. (Keith Gregson)

Keith reported that the club’s finances were healthy and a profit was being run. The re-valuation of the club’s assets should appear on balance sheet. A question was asked re Scottish Power rates/rents.

6. HSC – Tan-yr-Wyddfa: (Dave Helliwell)

The memorial bench to Chuck has been fixed in place at the top of the garden where there is a view towards Snowdon and it gets the evening sun. Thanks to Pam Storer and Notts Wildlife Trust for doing the work on this. The cracked rendering on the railway wall of the hut has been repaired by Peter Banham. It will be painted when it has dried out, at the working party later in the year. More loft insulation has been fitted to complete the second layer. A heater to the correct specification has been purchased and fitted in the drying room and it works very effectively. The two sycamore trees nearest the gate have been felled owing to safety concerns. The wood has been stored for burning. There was a 50% increase in bed nights booked by Oread members over the previous year. A reported outbreak of dry rot in the landing window cill turned out to be a false alarm. It was inspected by Mike Jones of Peter Cox Ltd who recommended the fitting of an air fan in the roof space. A quote has been supplied and the work is to go ahead.

7. HSC – Heathy Lea: (Mick Hayes)

Mick reported a loss of about £1k on the Derbyshire hut.

8. The proposed change (quorum reduction from one quarter to one fifth) to rule 17 was abandoned. Mick Hayes had uncovered a minute from the EGM of October 1991 which preceded the photo competition. At that meeting the quorum was reduced from **a third to a fifth**.

Brian West suggested that the club could save itself grief if, instead of expressing the quorum as a fraction, it was expressed simply as a number.

9. Elections: the Committee proposed the following as officers and committee members:

President: Derek Pike

Vice-president: Pam Storer

Secretary: Nigel Briggs

Membership secretary: Mick Hayes

Treasurer: Joan Pike

Hut booking secretary: Mick Hayes

Meets secretary: Gil Male

Newsletter editor: Ruth Gordon

Hut custodian (Tan-yr-Wyddfa): Dave Helliwell

Hut custodian (Heathy Lea): Pam Storer

Committee members: Keith Gregson, Tony Howard, Pete Lancaster, Chris Radcliffe, Chris Wilson.

There were no other nominations; Simon Pape proposed and Colin Hobday seconded appointment of the committee's recommendations.

Passed nem. con.

10. Derek Pike, the new president, took over the chair. He thanked Pam for her hard work and told the meeting how privileged he felt to have been elected. He then moved on to...

11. AOB. Rob Tresidder proposed that the next AGM be held on Saturday 25 March 2017. He recklessly assured the meeting that this would not clash with the Six Nations championship. The meeting then adjourned to watch... England win the Grand Slam.

Oread Mountaineering Club Annual General Meeting. Saturday, 25 March 2017 8 pm The Robin Hood PH Baslow AGENDA

- 1.** Apologies for Absence
- 2.** Minutes of the last AGM
- 3.** Matters arising
- 4.** President's Report
- 5.** Treasurer's Report
- 6.** Tan yr Wyddfa HSC report
- 7.** Heathy Lea HSC report

8. Proposed rule change: in view of decreasing attendance at the AGM the committee proposes to alter Rule 17. This is to alter the size of the Quorum from its current one quarter of the membership to a fixed one of a minimum of 25 members attending the A.G.M. (25 is twice the number of the standing committee plus one to ensure that the committee does not have any advantage when it comes to voting).

The current rule 17 reads:

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.

The new rule 17 to read:

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. **Twenty five 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.

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9. Election of officers. The following nominations have been received:

- 9.1** President: Derek Pike
- 9.2** Vice President: Dave Helliwell
- 9.3** Secretary: Nigel Briggs
- 9.4** Membership Secretary: Michael Hayes
- 9.5** Treasurer: Joan Pike
- 9.6** Hut Bookings Secretary: Michael Hayes
- 9.7** Hut Custodian Heathy Lea: Pam Storer
- 9.8** Hut Custodian Tan yr Wyddfa: Dave Helliwell
- 9.9** Meets secretary: Gil Male
- 9.10** Newsletter Editor: Ruth Gordon
- 9.11** Additional Committee Members: Keith Gregson, Tony Howard, Pete Lancaster, Chris Radcliffe, Chris Wilson

9.12 Hut Sub committees:

Heathy Lea: Pam Storer, Michael Hayes, Steven Mc Donagh

Tan yr Wyddfa: Dave Helliwell, Chris Eyre, Roy Eyre, Tony Howard, Pam Storer

Further nominations are very welcome and **must be submitted by 11 March.**

10. AOB

Nigel Briggs, Secretary

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tel. 01283 732925

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. Tel 01246 583186.

26 March Spring Stride 2017 C. "Rusty" Russell

This year's walk will again be in the North Western part of the Peak District (almost looking down Snod's chimney pot). The route will be a circuitous one, starting and finishing at the car park by Fernilee reservoir and using little-frequented paths to pass behind the main ridge of Shining Tor on the Western side overlooking Lamaload Reservoir. The surfaced walking route along the main ridge is somewhat decadent for those accustomed to traversing higher ground on foot and will be avoided.. The return will be via Shooters Clough and Errwood Hall. There are of course no hostelrys or the like along this route. There are numerous car parking places in this area, but we shall actually assemble on foot at the lower end of the large car park at 012 757 near the first cross roads after crossing the dam wall. Please meet at 10.45am ready to move off a few minutes later. **According to Mr Google the clocks go forward the previous night, so please ensure that your arrival time is British Summer Time**
Rusty. Email zrussell2@googlemail.com tel. 01335 390369

31 March-2 April New Members' Meet, Heathy Lea Spenser Gray



Following the success of September's new member's meet it has been decided to run something with a similar format the weekend of 31 March-2 April (**not** the dates which were mentioned in my previous emails). This time the meet will be based at Heathy Lea due to better availability of single pitch crags for any novices we have come along and also the greater potential for sociable climbing and swapping partners over the course of the day so that the new members can introduce themselves. Food for the Saturday evening will likely be a spaghetti bolognese followed by a cake of some variety. For the purposes of the meet hut fees will be waived. Ideally we will have half new/ prospective members and half existing members.

Spenser Gray email: spenser.h.gray@googlemail.com tel.07534 821500



Pembroke at Easter? Range West briefing dates.

If you hope to climb on Range West this year you will need to attend a briefing and often club members have used the Easter holidays as their opportunity to do this. So far nobody has expressed a firm intention to do so – but this year there are extended non-firing periods on week days over mid April and most of July-August which makes it a more attractive option than previously.

For inspiration here is Simon on The Arrow in 2014 (St Govans Range East)

Here's the details:

Range West is a live military firing range and all all climbers wanting to climb here must attend a mandatory safety briefing each year. Access for up to 30 briefed climbers per day is normally allowed during most weekends and bank holidays. The Range West

safety briefings for 2017 are being held on the following dates :

18.00, Thursday 23 March

10.00, Saturday 25 March

10.00, Friday 14 April (Good Friday)

18.00, Thursday 27 April

18.00, Thursday 25 May

10.00, Saturday 27 (May Bank Holiday weekend)

The evening briefings are all held on mid-week Thursday evenings, while the 10.00am ones are on Saturday mornings (except for the Easter one which is on Good Friday).

As in the past, all the briefings are held at the Castlemartin Army Camp and last for about 40 mins – attendees are requested to arrive a few minutes early to allow time to get past the security gates.

The full address for the Army Camp is :

Castlemartin Army Camp, Merrion, Castlemartin, Pembroke SA71 5EB (Park in the parking bays just beyond the two large Chieftain tanks!).

There are also some extended non-firing dates for 2017, when briefed climbers can visit Range West during weekdays (these are in addition to the normal non-firing weekends and bank holidays):

Monday 10 April to Friday 21 April (Easter holidays)

Sunday 9 July to Monday 28 August (Summer holidays)

But do check the 24-hour answer phone message (01646 662367) just in case there are any late changes to the firing programme.

Easter: 14 – 22 April 2017 Frankenjura Dave Mawer

Families Mawer and Gibbs will be camping in tin boxes at Gasthof Eichler a.k.a Martha's campsite over Easter. (www.gasthof-eichler.de). The Frankenjura, near Nuremburg in Germany, is world famous for sport climbing, coffee and cake. There's also biking and plenty of beer. Over 1000 limestone crags with a plethora of world class sport routes, beer and cake. What's not to like? Ah yes, nearly forgot, you have to pull hard apparently. No problem for those who have been dangling from plastic over the winter months. If you'd like to join us please do. One spectacle I'm particularly looking forward to is Roger's attempt on Action Directe.

Contact me Dave Mawer dtmawer@yahoo.co.uk or Roger Gibbs roger@tilda.com for more details.

18 April – 4 May Sun Rock trip to France Ruth Gordon

A few of us are planning a trip to the sun after Easter, when hopefully it will be a bit less busy. We are thinking of basing ourselves at Camping Pic St Loup, St Martin de Londres, (north of Montpellier) where the club has had some very enjoyable meets in the past. We are open to other ideas though, so if you might be interested let me know and we'll throw the suggested venues into the mix and come up with a firm plan. For more about the immediate area and the local crags you might like to check out

<http://www.summitpost.org/pic-saint-loup/691309>

<http://www.grimper.com/site-escalade-herault>

Ruth Gordon, contact details at the end of the newsletter.

Wed. 24 – Mon. 29 May Skye, Cuillin area Mike Moss

This is early notice so the workers can book time off and the retired squeeze this in between other trips. Our aim is the Cuillin Ridge of course. We will be

camping, more details to be worked out nearer the date. If you are interested let me know so I can find camping space and help coordinate lifts.
Michael Moss tel. 01332 518302, 07932 420414 email: mamoss@btinternet.com

Oread Quad Challenge 2017 Progress? Stuart Firth

I hear on the bush telegraph that some individuals / teams are already making very significant progress on the Oread Quad Challenge! (Indeed – rumour has it that one team is across the Channel and half way back!)
It might be stimulating to hear who is making what progress...

Would participants kindly drop me an email to let me know how far they've got.
(email stuartmfirth@btinternet.com)

No way – far too embarrassed by my snail's pace slithering! Hon. Ed.

News, Articles and Reports from Meets.

Mystery photo at Tan yr Wyddfa



This photograph used to hang at Tan yr Wyddfa. The frame broke and was thrown away – we no longer have any information as to where it is or who took the photo. Can anybody help please?

Ruth Gordon – contact details at the end of this newsletter.

Off to Sunny Spain Ruth Gordon



Left, Sally on Wini Wini 5+. Marin. Right, Tony on Espolon Aureli 5. Reconco.

Eighteen Oreads and friends set off for the Costa Blanca shortly after some of the most severe weather the area had suffered in many years. It was distressing, well frightening really, to see the terrible damage done by the recent bad weather. The road up to Sella still covered in mud, evidence of serious landslides on all the mountain roads and tracks, uprooted trees and, in places, roads still closed with huge chunks of the tarmac half way down the hillside. Tales of snow on the beaches had made us wonder if we'd got it badly wrong this year. Several wimps – including myself – slipped a duvet and a woolly hat into the suitcase alongside the shorts.

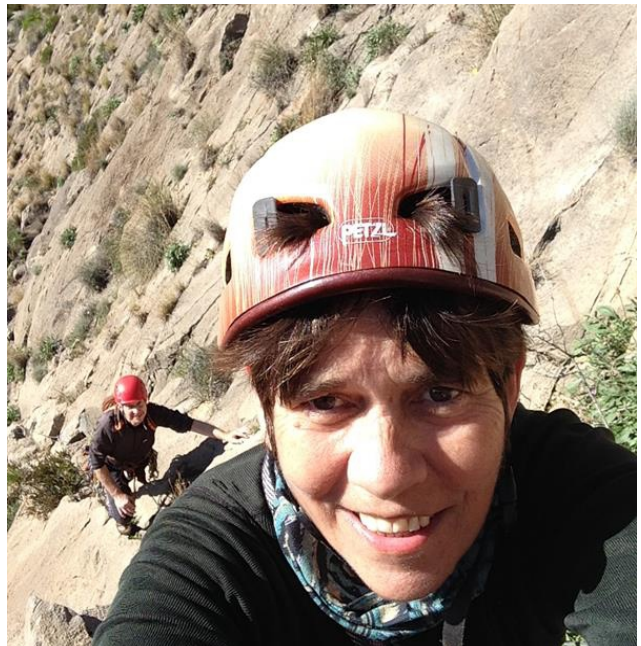
We arrived to sunshine – but as I got out of the car for our first day's climbing in Echo Valley an icy gust whipped the door out of my hand and we were drenched in a mixture of rain and hail. We retreated to a handy cafe. Soon the sun came out and we had a great afternoon on the crag.

So it continued – at Sella the bitter wind nearly sent us away without walking up to the rockface. Fortunately we made the effort and found ourselves completely overdressed – it was a real suntrap. Here we visited the newly bolted climbing beyond Sector Final and found some great routes on unpolished rock – thanks for the tip, Chris R.



Other highlights included a trip to Orihuela for the four pitch Derecha del Espelon 120 metres followed by a scramble ascent to the summit of the Pared Negra and two abseils down. At a grade of supposedly 4+ -5 it seemed remarkably thought-provoking!

Left, The teams about to start.



Left, Richard, with Chris in hot pursuit, finishing the final pitch of the Derecha del Espolon. Right, Sally and Dave on the scramble to the summit.



Above: Jan on the summit.

A team did the Bernia Ridge (Chris, Jan, Richard and Simon) and came home thrilled with their day but so weary I was glad we'd been lazy and had a day at Reconco instead. Climbing difficulties were brief but every bit of the way was hard work, having to look and pick out every step over rough, rocky ground.

Chris and Snod did some selfless research to discover the worst route at Guadalest, combining the slippery start of La Pedra Iberica with the loose and overhanging Klandestina finish. Apparently it had it all – polish, lack of holds, uncomfortable hanging belay, steep, loose, horrible, dusty, yellow rock etc. etc.

and all this at a mere 5+! I watched their antics and, unimpressed, jumped ship to join Tony, Jan, Derek, Joan, Teresa and Paula on the recently bolted routes round to the right of Peña Maura which were sunny and delightful; Derek, Teresa and I were delighted with our ascent of The Haze 5+.

The left photo (courtesy of Paula Twell) shows Derek on The Haze and to his left, Tony on Amber Lights. On the right, Chris uncomfortably belaying Snod on Klandestina.



It was a great trip – the weather was usually sunny and warm, always much better than forecast and never stopped us having a great day out. Of course not everything is perfect – poor Derek caught a horrible cold and lost three days at the start of the trip. The hotel was great and the food voted the best we've had on these trips – however one fine morning, as Ken was sitting on the loo, he felt a drip on his head. Looking up he saw the ceiling tile bulging ominously. Trousers round his ankles, he beat a hasty retreat – in the nick of time - as a load of raw sewage descended from on high. (Sadly I do not have a photograph of this event.) The receptionist was not, at first, particularly sympathetic – neither Ken's Spanish nor her English being up to “A load of shit has just landed on my head!” But all's well that ends well -they gave him another room and, it being now too late to join the Bernia Ridge team, he was able to enjoy the great routes at Reconco with us.

A great trip, thanks to all who came along and made it such fun: in no particular order – Sally Dipple, Dave Amos, Mike and Sue Wren, Chris Eyre, Steve Bennett, Tony Howard, Richard Hopkinson, Simon Pape, Ken Jones, Teresa Waldron, Paula Twell, Derek and Joan Pike, Chris and Jan Wilson, Snod. A big thank you to Snod for finding and booking the holiday and to Chris Radcliffe for all the info on new routes which greatly added to the pleasure of the climbing.

Hobday's Humour



Hut Bookings.

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

3-4 March	Mercian M.C.
10-11 March	Cambridge Uni Hillwalking Club Whole Hut
17-18 March	Oread Meet
24-26 March	Hertfordshire M.C.
7-8 April	Buxton M.C.
9-12 April	Roy and Chris Eyre
13-17 April	Red Rope, London

HEATHY LEA

10-12 March	Royal Veterinary College
12-19 March	Lanchester MC
25 March	Oread A.G.M.
1-2 April	New Members Meet
8-9 April	Panther Owners Club

“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: hayes_michael_j@cat.com

Our preferred method of payment is via bank transfer - Sort Code 05-04-07
Account number 45028744 With your name as a reference.

Please follow up with an email to Michael to let him know that you have made a payment and what it was for.
Alternatively you can post a cheque, payable to Oread MC, to the above address.

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

This month's puzzle:

A cantankerous old devil, a native of Derby, grew worse since he moved to a county noted for the asperity of its population. In despite of this he retained an affection for his old club and decided to give them his loose obsolete copper change, identical small coins with a Wren on the back. Most of the committee were dumbfounded when presented with this weighty sack of coinage, but the treasurer remembered the old coins (albeit they were withdrawn very early in her life), She counted the coins by weighing them and jotted down the number of coins. After a very few moments she announced that all that was needed to evaluate was to insert two back slashes in the row of digits, when the sum would appear in pre decimal currency format (the £ sign was also required at the front). The others, at first inarticulate as confusion vied with alcohol for space in their heads, fumbled for an assortment of Blackberries, smart phones and the like, and after protracted calculations realised that she was correct. There were five digits in the number of coins with no zeros, and the number of pence in the final valuation was less than ten and was obviously written down without a leading zero. How many coins were there and what was their total value expressed in pre decimal currency. (For a refresher on this, see Jack's write up of his Autumn walk.)

Tie breaker.

What other small value coin, this time of silver, was minted until about 1946?

For the inumerate:



From where was the photograph taken (early afternoon in winter if the light gives a clue?)

Last month's puzzle solution:

The puzzle concerned:

a hirsute old Oread running in the National Cross Country Championship at Wollaton Park, along with his son and another young friend. Unfortunately our man was struggling in this very high class field, and did not manage to make the first 2000. He took some consolation however from the performances of the two young men who were both in the first hundred. Discussing the race afterwards, he (partly through a desire to distract attention from his own performance and partly through a liking of number puzzles), held the finishing tickets of the two younger men together to make a four digit number and remarked that this four digit number was his own finishing position, and also the square of the sum of other two positions. (he held the tickets with the more highly placed position on the left and the other on the right). Where did our hero and his two young friends finish?

For those who prefer letters to numbers:

Which crag, the name of which has an identical consonant as its first and third letters, has become visually prominent in the management of the Oread?

The answer is:

Rusty reports that the numbers part of the puzzle was solved with contemptuous ease by Rob Tresidder and Reuben Dakin. At time of writing, no one has attempted part 2. The positions of the two young runners were 25 and 35. Holding these together reveals the number 2035, the position of the patriarch, which is also the square of 25 and 35 added together QED. There is another solution, 30 and 25 with 3025 but this does not fulfil the stipulation that the lower number should be to the left. Reuben also pointed this out as follows:

“Interestingly, another senior Oread entered the same race in identical circumstances, with near-identical results. However, this Oread placed the **higher-numbered** of the two tickets on his left instead. He had finished in position 3025, his son 30th and his other young friend, who happened to be accompanied by his own father, 25th. Having enjoyed the remarkable coincidence of the situation, the parties decided that further experimentation with tickets inverted, mirrored, sums of squares etc would be far too much hard work!”

As to the second part of the puzzle:

The new Oread membership card has on it a photograph of Gogarth (second and third letters being the letter "g"). Since no one replied, it is assumed that they have not paid their subscriptions and so will not have seen this document. It is rumoured that the committee are trying to assemble a team of enforcers to collect the money, but cannot find anyone with sufficiently intimidating physical presence.

Oread 50th Anniversary Journals.

When the book was published a number of members kindly agreed to store packs of the book until they were needed. If you still have some lurking in your loft or garage please would you let me know?

Pam Storer email pam_storer@hotmail.com tel 01623 795758, 07584 493349

Club Archives – a plea for help.

In 2002 the historic archives of the club were deposited in the Derbyshire Record Office where they are kept safely but are available for consultation on demand. The committee, after sorting out material from a number of sources, is now preparing to deposit more recent material in the Record Office to ensure its safe-keeping. Unfortunately we have some substantial gaps in our collection. These include the Annual Accounts as presented to the AGM for most years from 1980 onward; AGM minutes for 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1988; Main committee minutes May 1983 – Feb 1986, 1996, 2000, May 2010 – Jul 2012. If you think you may be able to help fill these gaps by allowing us to copy your own collection of documents - or if you have other items eg handbooks, meets lists, correspondence etc that you would like to add to the club archive please could you let one of us know.

Pam Storer – contact details above. Ruth Gordon -contact details at end of this newsletter.

Information on Member Activities

A warm welcome to new member Pippa Leach. We hope you will enjoy many happy days with the Oread.

Membership Renewals due before the AGM

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		
Ordinary Member	£40.00	
Senior Member	£25.00	
Prospective Member	£25.00	
Joint Membership (Two people at the same address)	£65.00	
Senior Joint Membership	£42.00	
Joint Membership (One senior one ordinary)	£53.50	
Member with permanent address outside the UK. 50% of appropriate rate as BMC membership is not included.		

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.

Forthcoming Meets 2017

This is a work in progress – more meets will be added as arranged.

Please support your club. More meet leaders are required for 2017 (UK and abroad). If you intend leading a meet please contact Gil Male tel 07958 169389 email gilemale@gmail.com who will enter details in the Meets List Calendar 2017.

<i>March</i>	<i>9-12</i>	<i>Scottish Winter Climbing, Kinlochleven Jeff Ingman</i>
	<i>17-19</i>	<i>Club meet, Tan yr Wydffa Dave (Snod) Helliwell</i>
	<i>25</i>	<i>Annual General Meeting, Robin Hood, Baslow</i>
	<i>26</i>	<i>Spring Stride Rusty Russell</i>
	<i>31 Mar – 2 Apr</i>	<i>New Member's Meet, Heathy Lea Spenser Gray</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>8-22</i>	<i>Frankenjura, Germany Roger Gibbs</i>
	<i>14-16</i>	<i>Pembroke provisional</i>
	<i>19 Apr – 2 May</i>	<i>France, Bolt Climbing, St Martin de Londres (provisional) Ruth Gordon</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>6-7</i>	<i>BBQ & Working Party, Heathy Lea Pam Storer</i>
	<i>24-29</i>	<i>Isle of Skye, Scotland Mike Moss</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>9-11</i>	<i>Kids Meet, Heathy Lea Neil Weatherstone</i>
	<i>16-18</i>	<i>Fylde Club Hut, Lake District Little Langdale Dave (Snod) Helliwell</i>
	<i>30 Jun – 2 July</i>	<i>Baggy Point, Devon Chris Wilson</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>22 Jul – 5 Aug</i>	<i>Alpine Meet Mike Mowbray</i>
<i>August</i>		
<i>September</i>	<i>15-17</i>	<i>Lakes, Wasdale, FRCC Hut Chris Radcliffe</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>6-8</i>	<i>Fylde Club Hut, Lake District, Little Langdale</i>
	<i>13-15</i>	<i>Gogarth, Anglesey Dave Mawer</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Bonfire Meet, Heathy Lea Neil Weatherstone</i>
	<i>5</i>	<i>Dovedale Dash Rob Tresidder</i>
	<i>18</i>	<i>Annual Dinner, Matlock Golf Club</i>
	<i>19</i>	<i>Post Prandial Walk</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>1-3</i>	<i>Bullstones, Simon Pape</i>
	<i>13</i>	<i>Black Rocks, Night Climb Rob Tresidder</i>
	<i>22 Dec – 1 Jan</i>	<i>Christmas/New Year Meet, Tan yr Wydffa Rock Hudson</i>

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