



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

MAY 2017



Spenser Gray on top of Stanage, Dover Route 3, at the New Members' Meet, April 1st. Sam James - Leuwerse climbing.

Editorial

This newsletter is short and sweet as I've only been back from France for a day – but hopefully it has everything you need to know with details of events and meets from May through to the summer, including the Picos de Europa trip. Venues for Wednesday evening climbing are in here too.

Tales of past heroics range from wet weather slitherings in the Llanberis slate quarries, via wanderings around the Goyt valley and Errwood to one of the biggest turnouts in years on our local crags for the new members' meet. Details also of some new local businesses and a timely warning about dangerous predators – not the famous perigrines - but nasty men with parking tickets hunting blood at the Roaches – read and be warned!!!

6-7 May Heathy Lea BBQ & Working Party Pam Storer

We would really appreciate your help at the working party. Although there are no major work plans for this year, there is general maintenance work to be done. Our wood store is very low; the grass is very high; the hut and barn need a general spring clean and the paths need clearing. Sustenance (beer and cakes) will be provided for the workers.

I hope to start working about 10.00 am and with your help the work will be finished in time for a BBQ and bonfire party in the evening. The free bed night on Saturday will then give you a head's start on the crags for a good day's climbing on Sunday.

Please let me know if you are willing to help and if you want a bed.

Pam --- pam_storer@hotmail.com tel.07584493349

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

Skye: glorious scenery, fantastic rock climbing, scrambling, walking and even swimming for the really tough. We have at least one party planning an attempt on the traverse of the ridge. Others will be walking, climbing and, yes, swimming. Come and join us.

We will be camping at Glenbrittle campsite. There is, they say, no need to book, though if you want an electric hook-up then it would be worth calling them. Stay in touch via mobile and we will try to arrange to camp near each other.

Nick and Pam plan to arrive early. I will be arriving on Wednesday 24th

Michael Moss tel. 01332 518302, 07932 420414 email: mamoss@btinternet.com

9-10 June Children's Climbing Meet, Heathy Lea Neil Weatherstone

The idea is to have a meet for small Oreads so they can have fun climbing together.

Climbing is at Birchen Edge on Saturday. Starting out from Heathy Lea at 10am with a picnic lunch. Some of us will be staying over at Heathy Lea on both Friday and Saturday night, so let me know if you want to stay over. We'll be having a bonfire and BBQ on Saturday evening if the weather allows. If the weather is too wet for climbing on the Saturday I plan to set off at 10am for a walk along the edges instead. I'll be climbing and staying over with my children who are now aged six and eight.

Neil Weatherstone email Neil.weatherstone@btinternet.com Tel. 07946825798

Derby Book Festival: Why do people climb mountains? Helen Mort & Dan Richards: Because They're There!

This year we are excited to welcome Poet Helen Mort and author Dan Richards who bring a new perspective to the question 'why do people climb mountains?' by exploring the exploits of largely forgotten, pioneering female mountaineers.

'Because they're there?' Is this the answer to the eternal question: why do people climb mountains? Helen Mort and Dan Richards bring a new perspective to this question exploring the exploits of path-breaking female mountaineers.

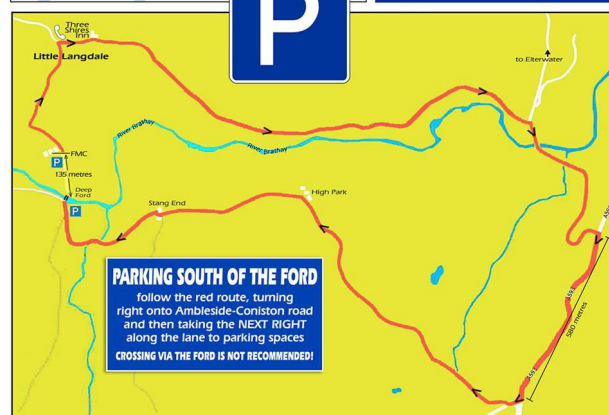
www.derbybookfestival.co.uk Tickets available from: www.derbylive.co.uk

The event will be held at the Guildhall Theatre in Derby on Tuesday 13th June.
7:30pm - 9:30pm £9/£7

THE FYLDE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB **PARKING** Little^{at} Langdale

Please help us maintain good relations with our neighbours & the local community

PARK IN THE ALLOTTED AREA ONLY



16 – 18 June Fylde MC hut Little Langdale Snod Helliwell

The Fylde hut in Little Langdale is well situated for a variety of crags. In Langdale itself are Gimmer, Raven, White Ghyll and Pavey Ark. For mountaineers what could be better than Bowfell Buttress? Heron crag, Esk buttress and Scawfell east are possible, as are the crags of Thirlmere. Oh, and there's quarries close at hand too I believe. The days are long and sunny so a long day can be had on Saturday.

This is a hut swap with Heathy Lea so we only pay our own members' rates £4.50 per night. Extra nights before or after are available at £8.00 per night but must be booked and paid for direct with the hut warden.

Dave Hicks: email dave21hicks@live.co.uk

I have booked all 16 beds for Friday and Saturday nights and 8 are already taken so dab in if you want to be on the best meet of the year.

Parking is limited – only 6 spaces adjacent to the hut so car share if possible - there will be no room for camper vans!! Plenty of parking for such monstrosities across the ford – see above.

To book for the meet contact me

Snod. email dave.helliwell@stirlinglloyd.com tel 01298 812753

13-16 July Tan yr Wyddfa working party Snod Helliwell

Early warning that we'll be doing a few necessary jobs at the hut over Thursday to Saturday but hopefully having some fun in the mountains as well! All welcome but there are some beds booked out on Friday and Saturday so, if you intend to stay for the weekend, it would be as well to book in with me in advance.

Snod. email dave.helliwell@stirlinglloyd.com tel 01298 812753

22 July – 17 August* Picos de Europa Mike Mowbray

This year's Alpine Meet will be to the Picos/Asturias. Some Oreads attending are going in August rather than July. Contact the meet leader to find the earliest date at which people will be arriving. Direct ferries are expensive and getting very full already but it is 14 hours drive from Calais, 11 from St Malo, and there is a range of cheap flights for those who can use that option. It is certainly a lot cheaper than Switzerland once you get there. I will share more details asap when my Rocaverde guidebook finally arrives.

Mike Mowbray email mike.mowbray@sfh-tr.nhs.uk

News, Articles and Reports from Meets.

Roaches Parking - Avoid a £70-00 fine Pete Amour

At the risk of preaching to the knowledgeable I feel that members should be aware of the following.

During a recent weekend visit to the Roaches I found myself having problems trying to park on the road below with no available spaces in the lay bys, as a result I parked with the nearside wheels well onto the grass verge thinking that all was in order. Some time later I received a telephone call from Georgina who was in the vicinity of the car, it went as follows, " There are two Civil Enforcement Officers (- formerly Traffic Wardens) walking the length of the road below the Roaches and applying parking tickets to every vehicle that is not within the lay byes, **including those which are totally parked on the grass verge**, and they are close to our car". I rushed back (using the term loosely) and asked the officer concerned, to be told that there are plenty of signs along the road. The parking/ no loading signs along the road do not indicate where the zone starts, ie to both sides of the post, or just to the left, or to the right. **There are also no yellow lines to give any warning on the road surface within the zone.** We estimated that at least 100 vehicles were caught, resulting in an nice £7,000-00 earner for the authorities.

Happy motoring!

Snakes and Ladders Spenser Gray and Chris Hartshorne

The March meet to Tan yr Wyddfa has not been blessed with the good weather Snod claimed he had ordered:

looking out of the window I huddle down further into the chair, the rain feebly beating against the window.

"We could go to the Beacon and do some leading practice if you'd like Chris?" I say, hopeful that I won't have to spend much of the day out in the cold March rain.

My hopes were dashed, "We've not come all this way to climb indoors". Brilliant! Now I need to come up with a plan for a good day out in the lashing rain and below the cloud base.



"We could go and do Snakes and Ladders?" I suggest with a bit of uncertainty. Sure - loads of my friends have done it in most states of weather; sure - it goes in the wet, but I don't fully understand the layout of the slate quarries so I expect a route finding nightmare. The route is given the grade of HVS, not for the difficulty of the route, but instead the general seriousness of the undertaking (including the chain at the start) and it

follows a series of ladders and tunnels through the Llanberis Slate quarries providing an exploratory tour of the dilapidated quarry workings.

Having identified the first tunnel above Dali's Hole we reach the chain, I see a film of water running down the wall and slab above us, not a chance of me climbing the chain free with no gear. I decide to aid up the chain (according to the guidebook this makes me a "Pansy"). On reaching the top I see what the chain is anchored to, I suddenly feel glad I didn't see that before I aided up the chain. Chris quickly figures out how to use the knotted slings as improvised etriers and arrives without any great fuff. A short abseil off the ledge at the other side of the tunnel returns us to the edge of Dali's Hole. Next up is a tight squeeze, located on the same level as you approach Dali's Hole. My bag goes in first and I easily follow into the void before emerging onto the Oil Drum Glacier.



A quick scramble brings us up to the first set of ladders.

Gingerly I set off along the slanting, wobbly lower section, the further I progress up it the more it bends. I reach out to the next section of ladder, secured only by a short section of rope attached to the lower half and a chain dangling off a tree - not really the most reassuring of anchors. Having satisfied myself that yes, the top half really did wobble, I back off and decide to walk around to reach the next level where we are greeted by a much sturdier ladder.



We quickly progress up a series of ladders until reaching a large ledge near the top of the Australia quarry. Unfortunately at this point we lost our way and after 45 minutes of bumbling round trying to find the abseil anchor into the Lost World (or indeed the Lost World) we both agree that we've put in an effort, not a stitch on our bodies is dry, and quite frankly Pete's Eats looks like an attractive

option so we trot off down the stairs back to the car. Details of the route can be found in the following places:

The current definitive guide for Llanberis Slate
<http://snakesladdersandtunnels.blogspot.co.uk/>
<https://www.ukclimbing.com/logbook/c.php?i=137559>- The UKC comments are particularly useful to gain an idea of the state of the fixed equipment.

26 March Spring Stride Rusty Russell

With a fine day and a pleasing attendance things were as good as could be hoped for. The team assembled at the car park below Errwood Hall and initially plodded up the sloping ground just North of the ruined hall and then descended a short distance by road beyond Pymm's Chair to turn South up a narrow valley running parallel to and below the ridge of Shining Torr. This bit of



terrain is splendidly isolated and quiet, and was my main purpose in choosing this route.

Millie the dog raced round with boundless energy at a speed beyond the capabilities of even such swift human beings as Derek and Rock; the latter had the opportunity to assail the charming Shirley, who had joined our party after the non attendance of her companions, with his debonair charm. We dined at the summit of Shining Torr, where the stone walls proved to be unable to keep out the cold wind, (arrangements will be made to point up the masonry before our next visit).



Thereafter we had a comfortable descent via Shooters Clough and the actual remains of Errwood Hall to meet up again with Joan who had previously walked up from the reservoir as far as the ruins. Those present: Pam and Nick, Chris and Gill, Ruth and Snod, prospective member Luke, Rock, Derek, Stuart, Pam and Nodge, Shirley and, so far as I remember in dotage, myself.

Introduction to the Oread Meet Spenser Gray

This April saw the Oread Mountaineering Club's second new members' meet with nine recent and potential members attending and probably another 25 established members helping to introduce people to trad climbing and/ or the club. Those staying at the hut made short work of the 7L of bolognaise and the lasagne made by the meet leader on the Thursday night and Pam Storer's excellent crumble looked as though it barely touched the sides.

The first day involved a visit to Birchen Edge, somewhat hampered by the inability to get onto the main road as the water main under the road was being replaced!





Sunday saw a trip to Stanage Plantation/ Popular (the split being driven by a lack of parking at Popular) with typical struggles on some of Stanage's low grade classic routes. Thank you to all of the club members who supported the meet, you thoroughly wore the new people out (my passengers were asleep by the time I hit the A61 back to

Chesterfield!). There has been interest expressed by several of the new members in joining so expect to begin seeing some more new faces in the club and please make them feel welcome the same way the club did when I joined.

Hut Bookings.

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

5-6 May	Richard Linney 11 beds
12- 14 May	Sheila White 10 beds
2-3 June	Laura Jones 10 beds
9-10 June	Pam Storer and Notts Wildlife Trust
16-17 June	Fylde MC whole hut – hut swap
23-24 June	ABAMSAC whole hut
30 Jun-1 Jul	Paul Howe 10 beds
7-8 July	Beeston Hill and MC
13-16 July	OMC working party

HEATHY LEA

5-6 May	Working Party and BBQ
13-14 May	Graham Cooper

19-20 May	John Salmon
26-29 May	London MC three nights
6-8 June	Triangle Holy Trinity, Leicester
9-10 June	Family meet and Jan Wilson
16-17 June	Fylde MC whole hut – hut swap
30 Jun – 1 July	Red Rope

“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.

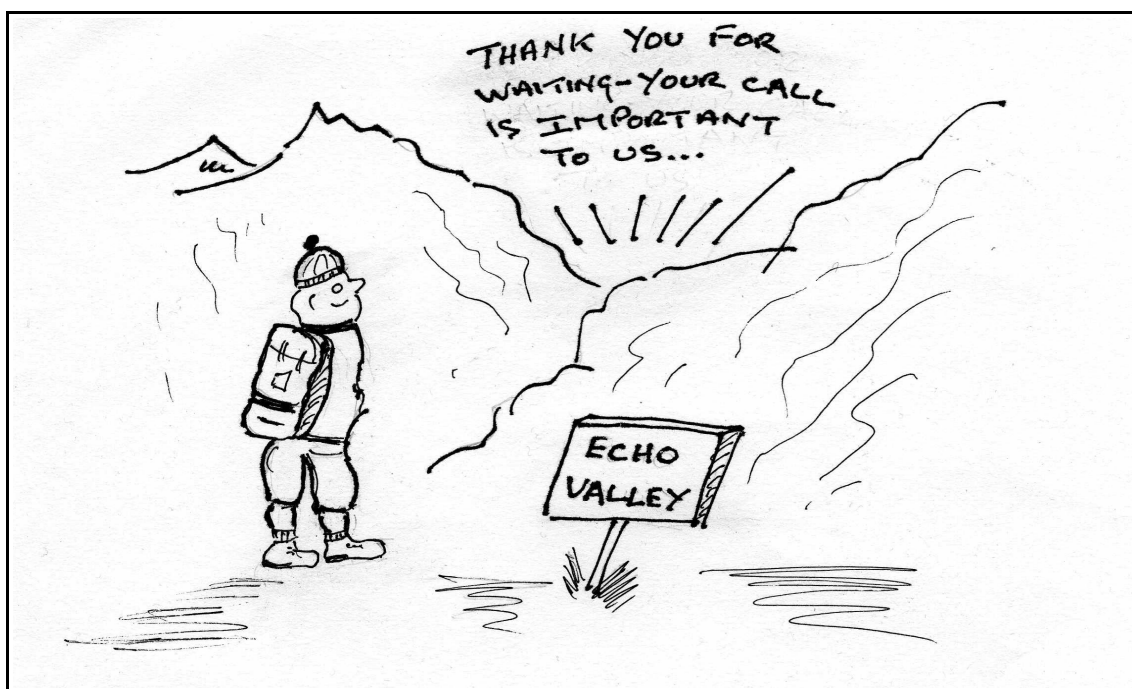
Tel. 01530 231401 mobile 07771 700913. Email: hayes_michael_j@cat.com

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.

Hobday's Humour



Information on Member Activities

Membership applications have been received from Ben Stephenson and Chris Hartshorne. If you would like to comment on either of these applications please contact a member of the committee. The applications of Vince Wilkins and Al Aslin, announced last month, are to be considered at committee on 9 May.

John Gresty has a new email address: gresty66john@gmail.com

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

This month's puzzle:



1 Who is this young alpinist? It cannot be expected that participants would have the information to specify exactly when and where, but reasonable deductions could be made re the date from visual evidence, and the rough location from the known habits of parties involved, such as my own presence to take the photograph.

2 Who, according to rumour and published works, was compelled to "admonish" whom for a serious lapse during a major ascent, the first by an Oread at this famed location?

Last month's puzzle solution:

Those on the photo, (left to right) are: Margaret and Gordon Gadsby, Ernie Phillips, Mary and Charlie Cullum, Janet and George Reynolds. (As both Margaret Gadsby and Colin and Uschi knew). The location is Morfa Nefyn. C. D. Cullum of course shares his initials with the noted

photographer C. D. Milner who judged our photographic competition with acerbic wit and humour for many years. The date was early Millenium, but not 2002 because we went to Cnicht and Croesor in that year. It was probably 2003. I confess that I cannot find the exact occasion in my diary.

Except for the date, to the extent of a year or so, Colin and Uschi's solution is largely correct but, when we went to Morfa Buchan, I am certain that Jack Ashcroft was in the van, so I believe Margaret Gadsby to be correct re the location and I have even found an image on Google maps which appears to confirm it!

Commercial Corner

A couple of long-standing members have shared details of local businesses that may be of interest to other members:

“ A new independent independent business has just opened close to me, I wonder if you could give it a mention in the next newsletter.”

Donington Outdoors - high quality outdoor clothing and equipment, including MSR tents, for the experienced and for those just starting their journey.
5 Clapgun St. Castle Donington, DE74 2LE tel. 01332 850777
www.doningtonoutdoors.com

“Have you heard of **Alpkit** at Newthorpe. It is an amazing set-up, very individual and personal, they do everything -climbing, camping, biking (they even build the

bikes themselves). They write wonderful articles on all aspects of outdoor activities if you are on their E-mail list. They have just opened their newly fitted shop at their factory in Newthorpe.”

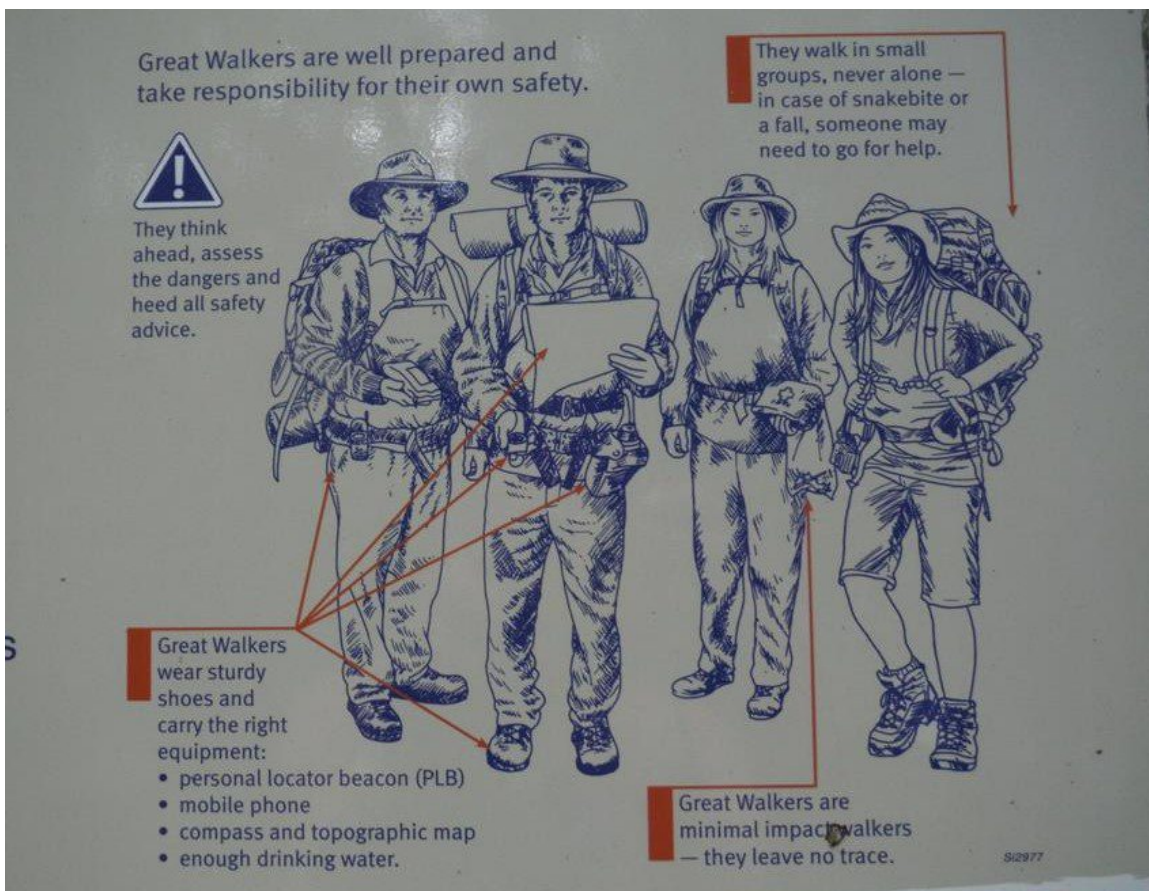
Alpkit factory store: <https://www.alpkit.com/company/showroom>
If you would like to visit our factory store to see the complete range of equipment under one roof we are only minutes from jnc26/27 of the M1.

There are displays of a large range of our available products to browse and fondle, from our t-shirts to our lighting and titanium ranges. There is also a good chance to pick up some bargains in our clearance 'yardy' section. It's a great way to inspect our mountain tents fully pitched and get a good feel for our bouldering mats handmade right here in our factory.

Alpkit GHQ. Unit 12-14 Oak House, Engine Lane, Newthorpe, NG16 3QU
Open Mon-Fri 9-5.30 (Wed 10-5.30)

Important Health and Safety Information: Are you a Great Walker?

Your committee takes your safety in the hills seriously so, with summer coming, when you may be tempted out onto those perilous mountains, we thought we should share this safety guidance with you.



Annual accounts as presented to the 2017 A.G.M.

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING 31/12/2016

TYW		25000.00	
	Credit	Debit	
Bal as at 31.12.2016	28894.79		
INCOME			
SUBS 2016	2204.75		
SUBS 2017	2463.50		
WELSH HUT FEES	8848.00		
HEATHY LEA	5253.50		
ANNUAL DINNER	1386.00		
MISCELLANEOUS	31.00		
BMC Website	144.00	160.80	
Self Rescue	913.00		
Indoor meets		0	
TOTAL	50138.54	160.80	
EXPENSES;WELSH HUT			
UTILITIES		4429.35	
RATES		0	
INSURANCE		1087.20	
COAL		165.00	
MAINTENANCE	108.00	1936.89	
CONSUMABLES		113.42	
WASTE DISPOSAL		363.00	
PAT TESTING		224.28	
CLEANING		194.50	
OTHER		15.00	
TOTAL	108.00	8528.64	
EXPENSES;HEATHY LEA			
UTILITIES	19.48	452	
CHATSWORTH		3781.8	
INSURANCE		724.8	
PAT TESTING		55	
MAINTENANCE		81.25	
CONSUMABLES			
CLEANING		54.07	
OTHER			
TOTAL	19.48	5148.92	
NEWSLETTER/PRINTING		868.09	
ANNUAL DINNER		1486	
BMC CLUB MEMBERSHIP		2067	
BANK CHARGES		218.45	
MISCELLANEOUS		143.81	
TRAINING		1000	
INDOOR MEETS		5	
TOTAL		5788.35	
TOTAL	50266.02	19626.71	

Memorandum to the accounts 2016 SUMMARY:-

	WELSH	H/L	GENERAL	TOTAL
INCOME	8848.00	5253.50	7269.73	21371.23
EXPENDITURE	8528.64	5148.92	5949.15	19626.71
	319.36	104.58	1193.1	1617.04
BAL C/F 01/1/17				30639.31

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING 31/12/2015

	Credit	Debit
INCOME		
SUBS 2015	5710.75	
WELSH HUT FEES	7621.50	
HEATHY LEA	4254.95	
ANNUAL DINNER	1160.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	729.77	
TOTAL	19476.97	
EXPENSES:-		
WELSH HUT		
UTILITIES		1497.94
RATES		0
INSURANCE		869.42
COAL		165
MAINTENANCE		2206.19
CONSUMABLES		40.64
OTHER		124.74
TOTAL		4903.93
DERBYSHIRE HUT		
UTILITIES		630
CHATSWORTH		2724
INSURANCE		869.42
MAINTENANCE		222.3
CONSUMABLES		46.99
OTHER		355.92
TOTAL		4848.63
NEWSLETTER/PRINTING		749.22
ANNUAL DINNER		1318.68
BMC CLUB MEMBERSHIP		2100.13
MISCELLANEOUS		647 14771.29
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT		4705.68

Memorandum to the accounts 2015 summary:-

	Bal b/f 01/01/2015			
	WELSH	DERBYSHIRE	GENERAL	TOTAL
BALANCE				23693.45
INCOME	7621.5	4254.95	7600.52	19476.97
EXPENDITURE	4903.93	4848.63	5018.73	14771.29
	2717.57	-593.68	2581.79	
BALANCE	CARRIED FORWARD 0 1/01/16			28399.13

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>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>13-16</i>	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa Working Party Dave (Snod) Helliwell</i>
	<i>22 Jul – 17 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>01/03/1 3</i>	<i>Sicily, San Vito lo Capo Ruth Gordon</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 Wyddfa Rock Hudson</i>

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