

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

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Jan Wilson reaching the summit ridge of the Pic St Loup via Le Diagonale – a route recommended for expert mountaineers only!

Editorial

Some new meets have popped up like magic to entertain us through the summer months with some interesting new venues, so be sure to look at the forthcoming meets list and read advance write ups for these meets. Coming up this month are the children's meet at Heathy Lea, then the delights of Little Langdale followed by a trip down south to Baggy Point.

Also included are accounts of climbing in the Val d'Herault and the Heathy Lea working party. Newer members may also be interested to know the range of huts available for Oread members to book as individuals and small groups so the current information on reciprocal rights is included in this issue. Also, a further opportunity to buy a copy of "Climb if you will."

You should have received, by email on 22 May, a voting paper for the rule change to reduce the size of the quorum required at the AGM. Please respond now, if you haven't already done so – the deadline is 26 June.

What's On

Coming Soon		Home	Abroad	
June	Thur	1		
	Fri	2		
	Sat	3		
	Sun	4		
	Mon	5	Climbing Unit, Derby	
	Tue	6		
	Wed	7	Willersley/The Boat, Cromford (evening)	
	Thur	8		
	Fri	9	Kids Meet, Heathy Lea	
	Sat	10	Neil Weatherstone	
	Sun	11		
	Mon	12	Climbing Unit, Derby	
	Tue	13		
	Wed	14	Windgather, The Swan, Kettleshulme (evening)	
	Thur	15		
	Fri	16	Fylde Hut, Little Langdale	
	Sat	17	Dave (Snod) Helliwell	
	Sun	18		
	Mon	19	Climbing Unit, Derby	
	Tue	20		
	Wed	21	Ravensdale, The Monsal Head (evening)	
	Thur	22		
	Fri	23		
	Sat	24		
	Sun	25		
	Mon	26	Climbing Unit, Derby	
	Tue	27		
	Wed	28	Bamford, The Millstone (evening)	
	Thur	29		
	Fri	30	Baggy Point, Devon	
July	Sat	1	Chris Wilson	
	Sun	2		
	Mon	3	Climbing Unit, Derby	
	Tue	4		
	Wed	5	Dovedale, The Old Dog, Thorpe (evening)	
	Thur	6		
	Fri	7	North West Dartmoor	
	Sat	8	Spenser Gray	
	Sun	9		

- 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.

Wednesday evening meets:

31 May (Bank holiday week)	Yahoo Group to decide	
7 June	Willersley	The Boat, Cromford
14 June	Windgather	The Swan, Kettleshulme
21 June	Ravensdale	The Monsal Head
28 June	Bamford	The Millstone
5 July	Dovedale	The Old Dog, Thorpe

if wet it will be Wirksworth wall and the Royal Oak.

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.

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

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 just three are left 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 left.

To book for the meet contact me Snod. Email dave.helliwell@stirlinglloyd.com tel 01298 812753

30 June – 2 July Baggy Point Chris Wilson

Yes, it's a Baggy Point meet, but we'll be camping just a little further down the coast so it's also Culm Coast meet! That opens up opportunities for everyone, from cream teas and gift shops to death defying experiences on the exciting sea cliffs that abound in the region.

We'll be camping at Stoke Barton Farm and Campsite on the North Devon Coast near Bideford. The 250 mile drive from Derby should take about 4¼ hours, but it will be worth the effort.

Rockfax describes Baggy Point as having some of the most thrilling climbing that

can be found in the UK and a mid-range climber's slab paradise. Compact sandstone, good protection, quick drying and sunny, what more could be asked for? Some of the superb "must do" offerings among its 160 routes are Shangri-La at Hard Severe, Heart of the Sun (100m, E2), Midnight Cowboy (70m, HVS) and Kinkyboots (VS). The latter was once climbed by our esteemed Vice President with his arm in plaster!

The area is great for ornithologists, and but the bird ban on parts of the crag conveniently ends on Friday night. (see the BMC Access Data Base for further information). Good walking abounds in the area, as do cream teas.

Other cliffs lurk near the campsite – Blackchurch (the home of Sacre Coeur, E2, 5c) Smoothlands, Dyers Lookout (there should be plenty here to excite even our most ambitious members) and Screda Point. Further afield is "the longest, most alluring and serious" VS climb in the West Country – Wreckers Slab. Our VP managed this with a broken toe!

Tide times will be sort of reasonable for those who like either a late or an early start, with low tides around 6 in the morning and 6 in the evening.

Stoke Barton Farm is a working livestock and arable farm situated on the coastal path. It offers good facilities and plenty of peace and quiet, to enjoy this unspoilt area of coastal North Devon. It is a registered Caravan and Camping Site with toilets and showers and with lots of space between pitches plus a number of electricity hookups.

I've advised them that we will be booking individually. To secure your pitch a 50% deposit is required which may be paid by card over the phone or by cheque to Stoke Barton Farm Campsite. Deposits are non-refundable . The cost is £7.50 per person per night. They also offer Pixie huts at £45 per night. There is a small shop in the farmhouse which opens in the morning and the evening. Bread and newspapers should be ordered the night before. It sells local bacon, eggs and other basic supplies. There is free Wi-Fi when the shop is open, but not for downloading.

Contact the campsite by email stokebartoncampsite@gmail.com or by calling 01237 441238. Full details can be found on the website www.westcountry-camping.co.uk . Helen, Colin + Kerry Davey, Stoke Barton Farm, Stoke Barton, Hartland, Bideford, North Devon EX39 6DU. Please remember to check in at the farmhouse before setting up camp as some pitches may be pre booked.

Let me know if you're coming and we can hopefully do some car sharing. Chris Wilson email c.wilson.48@talktalk.net or tel. 07881698758

7-9 July North West Dartmoor Spenser Gray

Let's get the important things settled first shall we? The order is Scone, cream, jam, none of this daft Cornish nonsense with cream going on top of the jam... Over the weekend of 7th-9th July I plan on sampling the delights of the granite outcrops of Dartmoor. The area boasts Classic routes such as Suspension Flake

(VS), alongside a great many other 3 star classics across the grades. For those who prefer climbing smaller rocks there is a lifetime of high quality bouldering spread around the moors.

We will be staying at the Cockingford Farm Campsite, I've heard tell there's an excellent pub nearby called the Rugglestone Inn which serves the local cider which is typically purchased in jerry cans (you know, the good stuff...).

I'll bring some home made scones with me to fuel the Cornwall/ Devon rivalry.

Please book in directly with the campsite and quote "Spenser Gray" to ensure that we are all put together.

This meet will be beginner friendly.

See the following for more information:

<https://www.ukclimbing.com/articles/page.php?id=8950>

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

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 10 beds booked out on Friday and Saturday so, if you intend to stay for the weekend, it would be as well to book in your bed in advance. There is, I understand, a plan to have a go at the Welsh 3,000 foot peaks over the weekend, weather permitting.

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

18-20 August Galloway Spenser Gray

Galloway has some excellent sea cliffs on the Meikle Ross peninsula, I've visited twice before and am keen to further sample the delights which the area has to offer, there are routes at all grades in a variety of styles, some of which yield intense experiences at the end of a run out and some of which are pleasant romps up well protected cracks with abundances of holds. This area is new to the club, however I think that old and new members alike can have an excellent weekend here as it is a suitable venue to introduce many of our new members to sea cliff climbing. Details of the routes can be found in the Lowland Outcrops guide, there is both bouldering (mostly hard but with good landings) and trad (described above) in the area. We will be staying at the Solway View Campsite, I

will book pitches assuming that 10 turn up and extend the booking if we get more.

These are the main crags in the area:

<https://www.ukclimbing.com/logbook/crag.php?id=234>

<https://www.ukclimbing.com/logbook/crag.php?id=49#overview>

<http://www.johnbiggar.com/galloway-climbing-index/meikle-ross-kirkcudbright-rock-climbing.asp>

This meet will be beginner friendly and I would hugely appreciate it if we could have some of the club's more experienced members come along to introduce some of our newer members to the utter joys of sea cliffs.

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

25th August - 3rd September: Guernsey and Jersey Trad Climbing meet Spenser Gray

The club has not visited the channel islands for a couple of years and as they've taken my fancy I've decided to organise a meet there. The plan is to head to Guernsey (leaving East Midlands Airport on Friday lunchtime) and climb there Saturday, Sunday and Monday before taking a morning flight over to Jersey, climbing there until the Sunday and then leaving mid afternoon. The first part of the trip will coincide with the Guernsey Climbing Festival which will likely be a sociable experience and the local mountaineering club seem keen to show us the best of the crags which the island has to offer. Jersey has a wider range of crags (and also a proper guidebook) and there seem to be a reasonable number of low grade routes (maybe 15) given *** (up to S), another 15 or so at HS/VS and I stopped counting when looking at HVS/E1/E2 as there seemed to be loads of them!

The climbing here seems to quite adventurous in places, as such if any new members who do not have quite a bit of sea cliff experience wish to come along I would prefer it if you could arrange an experienced partner to climb with and inform me who this is when you book on.

I still need to sort the camping arrangements for the Jersey phase of this.

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

Forward Thinking Group - Stuart Firth

You should recently have received an email or letter inviting you to contribute your personal views on the Oread to the Group. We have already received a number of very interesting replies but we would like many more so please do get back to us.

The topics on which we would particularly welcome your input are:

- 1. Personal Background / Roots**

How did you become connected with the outdoors and the Oread?

2. **Activity Interests**

What have your activity interests been, what are they currently and what are your ambitions?

3. **Oread Mountaineering Club**

What is your personal perspective about the Oread?

4. **Communication**

Which communication methods are you comfortable with?

5. **Companionship**

Who do you mainly do stuff with in the outdoors?

6. **Future**

How would you like the Club to change / improve?

Your thoughts can be submitted by email or post to:

Spenser Gray, 142 Mansfield Road, Derby, DE1 3RA.

spenser.h.gray@googlemail.com or any member of the FTG. Stuart Firth, Pam Storer, Chris Radcliffe, Spenser Gray, Pete Scott.

News, Articles and Reports from Meets.

Huts available to Oread members.

For the benefit of newer members, who may not realise that membership of the Oread brings the privilege of being able to book huts belonging to several other clubs, the relevant information is given here.

“The usual interpretation of reciprocal rights is that for Hut booking purposes, participating clubs agree to treat each others’ members as their own. The Oread Mountaineering Club currently has such agreement with the following clubs, and members wishing to use these facilities should approach the relevant booking secretary, in good time.”

The Oread M.C. has Reciprocal Rights with the:

The Climbers Club

- Eight huts throughout the UK

<http://www.climbers-club.co.uk/huts/>

Edinburgh JMCS

- The Smiddy (Dundonnell near Ullapool beneath An' Teallach):
- The Cabin (Balgowan, near Newtonmore):

Website: www.edinburghjmcs.org.uk/huts/huts.php

Fylde Mountaineering Club

- Newhouses Little Langdale, (GR NY 31575 03014)
- Stair, nr, Keswick. (GR NY 23722 21065)

www.fyldemountaineeringclub.org

K Fellfarers.

- Hill House, Seathwaite, Borrowdale, Cumbria. (GR NY 235 119)
www.kfellfarers.co.uk

Lancashire Caving and Climbing Club

- Tranearth, Torver, Coniston, Cumbria. (GR SD 281 957)
- Tanygrisiau, Blaenau, Ffestiniog, Wales. (GR SH 684 454)
www.lccc.org.uk

Swiss Alpine Club (ABMSAC)

- George Starkey Hut, Patterdale, Cumbria.
www.abmsac.org.uk

Yorkshire Ramblers Club

- Low Hall Garth, Little Langdale (GR NY 309029)
www.apcx18.dsl.pipex.com/yrcl

A full list of B.M.C. huts is available from the BMC website: www.thebmc.co.uk.

Spring sunshine in France Ruth Gordon

Eight of us headed south hoping for a dose of sunshine in the second half of April and the lovely area around the Val d'Herault didn't disappoint. We only had one night's heavy rain and a grey day to follow, otherwise it was wall to wall blue skies and sun – though there was often a cold, blustery wind which thankfully curbed certain people's tendencies to expose, in shorts, things better left unseen at this time of life.

The campsite was friendly and welcoming – though a bit “in the middle of nowhere” – their bar was never open so most evenings we sat outside enjoying a pre-prandial drink and nibbles till sunset sent us scurrying inside. This soon came to the attention of the campsite cat – a miserably skinny creature on our arrival but a week of sitting on knees, eating all our leftovers turned her almost chubby and distinctly cheeky, winning over even the most confirmed cat-haters.

Le chat: Arbre Directe Alpha flash

Derek, Simon and I had a few guidebooks from



previous trips – but sadly the new Rockfax guide proved fairly unhelpful in finding any new local crags. It covers a big area and, even when local crags were included, the selection seemed to concentrate on grades harder than most of us fancied. However we found plenty to keep us busy, most of us climbed every day except one when we took an adventurous scramble up the north face of the Pic St Loup. This proved



quite exciting in the damp conditions with considerable exposure and some bits

of proper climbing involved – followed by a lengthy scrambling descent via the East ridge – we all felt very well exercised by the time we got back to base. We were not impressed with St Bau where the easier routes are polished to a mirror-like sheen but another of our old haunts, St Jean de Bueges, proved delightful as ever. The steep flowery alleyway through ancient buildings up to the castle brought us easily to the foot of the south pillar where we did some excellent two and three pitch routes – for me the highlight of the holiday. Another day there was spent on the slabs at the far end of the escarpment – excellent climbing again but we'd forgotten what a long steep slog it is to get up there. However, sitting with cold drinks, reliving the highlights of the day, under the plane trees at the Bar du Chateau, we felt it had been well worth it. We visited nearby Thaurac several times. The first time, in Easter week, the main sector was awash with guided parties of children. Later on though we found several other sectors with excellent routes and no crowds. (*Right – Chris Wilson on Vie d'Ange, Lamentations, Thaurac.*) Some of us, following vague information from the internet, went in search of Le Joncas near Montpeyroux. This proved to be an impressive gorge, accessed from below by ladders and wires, a mini via ferrata in fact. It featured some mind-boggling 7s and 8s but fortunately a good range of excellent 5s and 6s in a fine setting. We returned up the water-worn canyon – having seen other parties arrive from this direction - and this made an entertaining circuit. Then we decided to return to the campsite via the D122. In theory shorter, the single track road wound forever uphill and down dale through magnificent countryside, seldom allowing more than 20mph. It really gave a full understanding of just how rural and unspoiled this lovely area still is. Luckily we didn't meet too many other vehicles and got back before the others sent out a search party.



Overall our verdict on the climbing was that the grades are quite mean, and there is a distinct shortage of routes in the 4s and 5s. There is plenty of climbing to be had, but without a good area guide it is a case of hunting around for places selling individual topos – and that takes time.

The holiday was about more than just climbing - stunning scenery was admired, gardens visited, excellent meals eaten and wine drunk and a good time had by all. Thanks to all who came – Derek and Joan, Chris and Jan, Simon and Maggie, Snod and myself.

Left: Snod (in shorts, sorry) on the mini via ferrata into Joncas Gorge from the lower path.

Heathy Lea Working Party May 2017 Pam Storer

On a cloudy, but dry Saturday a merry band of nine Oreads set about the Heathy Lea spring clean.

Mick, having taken charge of collecting wood, sadly found a dead barn owl near out drive. This deadened the mood of the group, until Rock, never having used a jet wash before, appeared after a few minutes soaked to the skin and splattered with mud. He persisted all day, cleaning the paths and gardening, wearing a pair Mick's spare overalls.

Lyra Weston, the youngest member of the group, provided endless drinks and refreshments as well as cleaning windows, painting floors, replacing clean bedding and putting up curtains. This was on top of doing her homework.

Nick put a bolt on the bathroom door as a new member had been shocked at a previous meet to have someone join her in the bathroom as she was showering. He also cleaned all the gutters and assisted Steve and Mick to refit the old ladder in the barn.

Spencer spent the day strimming and helping with the wood assisted by Richard who also painted the gate post. It was whilst strimming that Spencer discovered the joys of opening the cess pit. It needs emptying, and I have contacted Woods to get it done.

Steve cleaned the walls and ceilings upstairs and gave the barn a thorough clean, whilst Graham painted the bathroom floor and yet again laid the slabs leading up to the barn. The kitchen and appliances have been thoroughly cleaned. We have mice yet again. Please let me know if you find evidence.

The day ended with a magnificent bonfire which lasted way into the night, with a group of passionate climbers relaxing, eating and drinking whilst discussing endless routes. On Sunday they disappeared off to the crags to perhaps achieve some of their ambitions. Lyra certainly did, making a very competent lead on Birchens.

Thanks to all who came for their support. Pam

What goes on when our huts get taken over by Aliens???

We let out our huts to other groups who generally enjoy the outdoors, have a great time and, with very occasional exceptions, leave the huts as clean and well provisioned as they found them. (The loss of over 40 toilet rolls from Tan yr Wyddfa over a single weekend is still the subject of wild speculation...)



But whatever do they get up to? A recent meet had a few Oread moles in there, taking notes. Here are some highlights of the Panther Motorcycle Club's April weekend at Heathy Lea.

In the Robin Hood pub Dave H spouts his latest theory. Dave T and Ruth long since gave up the attempt to appear interested and are now just trying not to fall asleep into their drink.

Dave H and Ted Tinker hamming (or baconing) it up whilst they prepare breakfast.

Dave is now allowed in the kitchen by Jennie after he was banished for a number of years. Murderers have achieved shorter sentences, but the eggs taste no better for his efforts. And it hasn't stopped him giving lip to Jennie.



A fashion show it isn't. Dave H still hasn't learned to dress himself properly and Cheesy

Steve still sees a need to wear Dayglow pyjamas.

Ted has lost his string of onions and his accent still sounds more Queensbury than Breton.

Paul is determined not to show the others up by dressing down to their standard.



The queue for the one toilet and a combined age of over 400 years invents the term 'bog blocking'. In a few years most of them will be bed blocking anyway.



Getting Sandbagged by the locals Spenser Gray

“You sandbagging bastards!” was the closest to thanks I could muster for the three Yorkshire men who had recommended that I lead Central Crack (VS 5a). It follows a prominent crack up the highest central area of a 12m high gritstone buttress in the Yorkshire Dales. It’s not in some gnarly location, it’s got an innocent looking grade and from the floor the route looks like it’ll take a bit of good honest hard work but nothing out of the ordinary. Looks are deceiving. Having been told that my biggest cam would be useful at the top I should have known what was coming.

I set off up the route, having a little bit of a fight getting around a little roof and getting established in the crack proper. I quickly progress up the crack, jamming my hands into it, ignoring the pain beginning to develop from all of the skin I’ve left behind on the previous route. I reach an awkward rest 4m below the top of the route, I suddenly begin to stuff in every decent piece of gear I can find as I realise just how off – width the crack gets above me. There’s enough space to jam your knee in the crack but only just! I pull the enormous cam from a gear loop, reach as high into the crack as I can, find a constriction at the lip of the crack within which I can jam my right fist. As I move up the locals shout that I want to move my left hand up to a dish, my hand gets there, gropes around a bit and I promptly find the dish they’re speaking about, it feels pretty rubbish but this is grit climbing, you just stick to the rock. I grit my teeth, pull hard on the dish, slide my knee into the crack and jam it in place, the jam feels baggy and I can feel my knee slide slightly, reaching up I attempt to find another hand hold and can see some great jams and even a jug out right but I’m facing left and can’t twist sufficiently to reach them. Feeling defeated I allow myself to gently slither down the crack back to the rest. The locals shout up “It’s more like E2 than VS isn’t it?”, I respond by saying I’ve led E2 so I should be OK knowing that in reality there’s no way I am willing to do those moves above gear.

I move back up into the crack, this time jamming my left fist into the crack, finding a number of crimps out on the right wall I manage to reach my previous high point and this time I can reach the jug, thank god, a hold which doesn’t feel like taking 30 grit sandpaper to the back of my hands! The grade is right, I was just given shit beta by the locals so that they could have a bit of a laugh at my expense! I pull through, build the belay and bring my friend Maria up the route. Poor Maria had to spend ages stood at the bottom belaying me on that monstrosity and when she got up there decided that it just looked horrendous and stoutly refused to climb up any more. She made use of the 4b escape traverse below the top crack, there’s no shame in retreating from an offwidth crack, it’s just a display of common sense really.

Throughout your climbing life locals will occasionally suggest that you do certain routes, this is usually so that they stand and laugh when the route spits you off. Don’t give them the amusement, dig that bit deeper, pull that bit harder, think what you’re doing and for god’s sake just don’t fall off!

Hut Bookings.

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

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

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.

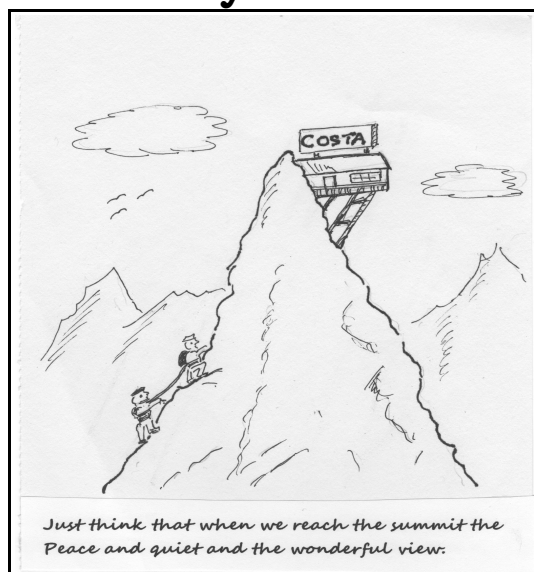
Tel. 01530 231401 mobile 07771 700913. Email: hayes_michael_j@cat.com

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



Overheard on Stanage: “Tek in a bit Youth, there's only me trousers holding me on!”

Information on Member Activities

A warm welcome to new members Al Aslin and Vince Wilkins. We hope you will enjoy many happy days with the Oread.

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.

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

This month's puzzle:

Part 1 Countryside observation.

What is the first action which a hen takes after scratching the ground for worms?



Part 2 Peak District folklore.

What drastic action was taken to restore peace and tranquillity at the settlement at the approximate location arrowed on the photograph above?



Last month's puzzle solution:

1 A close study of the picture of the young alpinist will reveal the pipe (arrowed). This, to those familiar with Oread folklore, should suffice to identify the proud father as the late John Welbourne. In common with myself, John was more at home in the Eastern Alps than the more tigerish venues such as Chamonix. I recall him visiting such venues as Obergurgl. Ungallant estimates could be made regarding the age of the then very young lady, and this should lead one to the deduction that the occasion was the 1960's. A photograph of John with his two daughters has appeared in the newsletter, I forget exactly when but it was during Ruth's tenure as editor. This showed Helga on John's right

and Lisa on his left. The puzzle picture was cropped from this, so the required solution is "Helga Welbourne in the Eastern Alps during the 1960's" It was actually at Solden in 1965 to where I descended in order to stock up on calories after being snowbound at Brandenberger Hutte.



2 The late Ray College was rumoured to have in his own words "admonished" his companion Dan Boone, who dropped his ice axe during an ascent of the North Face of the Eiger. This is based on hearsay, but must surely appear in print somewhere, has anyone any further information?

“Climb if you will.”

Following the sale of Margaret Gadsby's copy of this illustrated (over 100 photographs) history of the Oread, her brother, Richard Eagles, has decided it would be more appropriate for an Oread member to own his copy and is making it available to the highest bidder as follows:

“Richard Eagles wishes to pass on his copy of the above book to an Oread member or prospective member. Published in 1974 about the life of Geoff Hayes and the Oread M.C. The book is in good condition with signatures from the day of the launch. This is a much sought after book so a reserve price of £50.00 and it will go to the highest bidder. Postage will be free.

Closing date for bids is 30 June.

Please contact me with your bid: by email to rick.eagles@btinternet.com or by telephone 0115 967 7918.”



What are our esteemed President and Vice President doing in that boat? It must be summer- just look at those lilywhite legs!

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>	BBQ & Working Party, Heathy Lea Pam Storer
	<i>24-29</i>	Isle of Skye, Scotland Mike Moss
<i>June</i>	<i>9-11</i>	Kids Meet, Heathy Lea Neil Weatherstone
	<i>16-18</i>	Fylde Club Hut, Lake District Little Langdale Dave (Snod) Helliwell
	<i>30 Jun -2 July</i>	Baggy Point, Devon Chris Wilson
<i>July</i>	<i>7-9</i>	North West Dartmoor Spenser Gray
	<i>13-16</i>	Tan yr Wyddfa Working Party Dave (Snod) Helliwell
	<i>22 Jul – 6 Aug</i>	Alpine Meet Mike Mowbray
<i>August</i>	<i>18-20</i>	Galloway Sea Cliffs Spenser Gray
	<i>26 Aug – 3 Sep</i>	Jersey/Guernsey Spenser Gray
	<i>15-17</i>	Lakes, Wasdale, FRCC Hut Chris Radcliffe
<i>September</i>	<i>6-8</i>	Fylde Club Hut, Lake District, Little Langdale
	<i>13-15</i>	Gogarth, Anglesey Dave Mawer
<i>November</i>	<i>3-12</i>	Sicily, San Vito lo Capo Ruth Gordon
	<i>4</i>	Bonfire Meet, Heathy Lea Neil Wetherstone
	<i>5</i>	Dovedale Dash Rob Tresidder
	<i>18</i>	Annual Dinner, Matlock Golf Club
	<i>19</i>	Post Prandial Walk
<i>December</i>	<i>1-3</i>	Bullstones, Simon Pape
	<i>13</i>	Black Rocks, Night Climb Rob Tresidder
	<i>22 Dec -1 Jan</i>	Christmas/New Year Meet, Tan yr Wyddfa Rock Hudson

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