



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

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*Fun in the sun at Porth Clais on the brilliantly well attended North Pembroke meet. Lots more super photos on our Facebook page too.
Photo courtesy of Michael Hayes.*

Editorial

Only slightly late this month because I've been off out enjoying torrential thunderstorms in Brittany - an Editor's lot is not a happy one - oh yes it is!!!

Lots of meets coming up - the Children's meet - not just for kids but a great opportunity for those new to outdoor climbing. Working parties at both huts with Add On Attractions! A self rescue course and a big mountain walk are on offer! Space still available at both the Ogwen Valley meet next weekend and Little Langdale, plus an update on the Alpine meet.

For the latest info on Heathy Lea see page 6. Some sad news too: one of our older members, Dave Weston, a member since 1961, has passed away.

Write ups of the hugely well attended North Pembroke meet and Tim's splendid 50th birthday gallivant will inspire you - but to be serious for a moment - At last we have a concise and comprehensible precis of the issues to be decided at the forthcoming BMC AGM on page 14. Do make the effort to read this and decide how to use your vote!

Evening meets:

Do come along to the evening climbing wall session:

Mondays at the Unit from 7 – 9.00 pm and after at the Wilmot Arms, Chaddesden.

Wednesday evenings over the summer will focus on a pub for a social get together after climbing, walking or whatever the weather permits.

If you would like to walk please share your departure point and time so others have the opportunity to meet up with you.

6 June **The Moon**, Climb Stoney Middleton crags/Horse Thief Quarry.
13 June **The Boat, Cromford**, Climb Wild Cat Crags.
20 June **The Parks Inn**, Climb Harpur Hill.
27 June **Royal Oak, Wetton**, Climb Beeston Tor.
4 July **The Rising Sun, Middleton**, Climb Intake Quarry.

The climbing venues are suggestions and any late amendments will be shared via the Yahoo Group and Facebook or you may prefer to make your own plans with friends – but let's all meet up in the pub after darkness falls – or rain stops play!

8-10 June Children's climbing meet, Heathy Lea Neil Weatherstone

The annual meet for small Oreads, so they can have fun climbing together. **This meet is also suitable for novice climbers as there will be plenty of top roping opportunities.**

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, plan B is 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 7 and 9.

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

8-10 June Ogwen, Glan Dena Chris Radcliffe

A reminder about the hut meet at Glan Dena. There has been little take-up from the MAM, so there are plenty of bed spaces for us. The weather looks good for the weekend, so it is a great opportunity to get into the hills and onto the rock in North Wales. I have 11 people signed up so far, but it would be great to have a few more people on the meet. Please get in touch if you would like to join the meet.

Glan Dena hut is situated just to the east of Llyn Ogwen and a few metres to the north of the A5 Capel Curig to Bangor road. It is in a superb location for all the

classic climbing in the Ogwen valley (Milestone Buttress and the Idwal area are within walking distance) and with a bit more effort you can reach the crags of Craig yr Ysfa. It is also an ideal starting point for all the best walking on the Glyders and the Carneddau.

The current hut was built in 1986 to the MAM's specification so is one of the best climbing huts in North Wales. Glan Dena has 7 rooms (mostly 4 bed) with two-tier bunks and can accommodate up to 32 people. There is also some space for small tents outside. Glan Dena has a large communal kitchen, a lounge and internal balcony area. Toilets and showers are provided. There is parking for about a dozen cars.

Location: Grid Ref: SH 691601

Address: Glan Dena, Capel Curig, Gwynedd, LL24 0EU

Please email me at chris@farfields.co.uk or text or call 07770 883259. I can also be messaged through FB. Home phone is 01246 569134.

15 – 17 June Fylde 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.

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

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.

To book for the meet contact me,

Snod. Tel. 01298 812753 and leave a message or Email: Ruth on alistair.ruth@btinternet.com

The BMC AGM will also be occurring this weekend at the Castle Green Hotel in Cumbria at 1 PM on the Saturday. During the AGM a vote will be held on the acceptance of revised Articles of Association which will potentially have significant ramifications on the BMC's ability to act as the National Representative Body within the UK. Spenser will be attending on behalf of the club, if anyone else would like to attend he will happily lift share over to Kendal after getting a route done in the morning. Spenser will stick his short arms in his long pockets and supply cake to anyone who chooses to forego a day in sunny Langdale to attend the AGM and help to ensure the future relevance and capability of the BMC.

For more information on this see below – page 14.

23 June Heathy Lea Working Party 24 June New Members Self Rescue Course.

Our new Heathy Lea Hut Custodians, Phil and Yvonne Waterson, need help with some maintenance tasks at Heathy Lea (painting, clearing out the wood shed, trimming back the vegetation etc). As such a working party is planned to take place on 23rd June. Quite a few of the club's members have been making heavy use of Heathy Lea lately and the club will buy some beer for the Saturday night to thank those who have helped out.

Please contact Phil and Yvonne to get yourself booked in. Tel 01773 835746 or Phil's mobile 07936712223.

Spenser is also arranging a Self Rescue Course for New Members on Sunday 24th June which will cover various ropework techniques including some of the following; Problem avoidance, Ascending a fixed rope, Hauling a second (assisted and unassisted), Escaping the System, Abseiling/ lowering past a knot, the instructor may also be able to advise on other advanced ropework techniques. This course is only suitable for people who know how to build an anchor using Leader Placed Protection (i.e. nuts and cams) as otherwise there is too much material for an instructor to cover in a single day. Please leave any Whillans Harnesses at home!

The ratio for this would be between 1:4 and 1:6 so the cost per person will be somewhere between £35 and £50 per person.

Please contact Spenser Gray if you would like to book onto this. Tel 07534821500

5-8 July Tan yr Wyddfa Working Party and Welsh 3000s Snod Helliwell

It's that time of year again! Time to give our hut a bit of TLC and have some fun in the mountains as well. There's cleaning, painting and gardening to be done. Taps to be fitted and hopefully a new stair carpet too. On the Saturday, weather permitting, there's a plan to get in some Alpine training by attempting all the Welsh 3000 foot peaks in a single hit. Those who, like me and Derek, no longer have the spring in the knees for such expeditions will provide support and transport for any hardy walkers who want to give it a go!

Hope to see you there. Snod.

Book in with me on my sparkly new email address fingertipdave@outlook.com or phone and leave me a message on 01298 812753.

See below for UK based meets if you are not going on the Alpine meet.

21 July to 5 August Bregaglia and Bernina Alpine Meet Michael Hayes

We will once again be staying at the fantastic campsite Mulina in Vicosoprano close to the Swiss Italian border; surrounded by the superb Granite climbing of the Bregaglia and within an easy drive of the snowy mountains of the Bernina.

From single pitch sport routes in the valley to 20+ pitches on the Piz Badile or the stunning Biancograt on the Bernina, there is something for everyone.

So far, I have over 20 people planning to join for all or part of the two weeks and some extending into the following week. If you want to join us then please email me so I can make sure you have a camping spot reserved.

With the easy access sport climbing in the valley the meet is suitable all levels of climbing ability and there's loads of walking, cycling options as well.
Michael Hayes: email hayes_michael_j@cat.com Tel 07771 700913

27-29 July Borrowdale Meet Neil Thompson.

A camping meet based at Chapel House Farm in Borrowdale. I'm intending to be there for three nights Friday - Sunday though, as we don't need to book, you can attend for whatever suits. Cost I believe is £6pp/n. This valley is familiar to most and offers a wide range of activities to suit all. There are masses of climbing venues on the doorstep aside from walking and biking etc.

I'll do some homework on pubs etc but I believe the Scafell Hotel is within easy walking range and there is some appetite for a BBQ on the Saturday evening (perhaps I'll await some enthusiastic volunteers before confirming the BBQ). We can sort transport arrangements nearer the time.
If you're interested please email Neil on ntntansley@hotmail.com or tel 07885 637504

11-12 August Welsh meet, Tan Yr Wyddfa Neil Thompson

A weekend meet of two -three nights (tbc) perfectly suited for climbing etc Snowdonia, Tremadog, etc etc. Further info to follow.
Please email Neil if you're interested. ntntansley@hotmail.com tel 07885 637504

Copy deadline for next issue is 24 June.

Winter Lecture Series 2018 – 2019 Rob Tresidder

Early Warning!

- I intend to run again the highly successful “**members evening**” we had last year. So keep your camera ready for that super shot and your memory bank armed ready to recall that epic story.
- I have started to put the programme together, so if you have something that could keep us entertained for an hour plus, please let me know. Or perhaps you know someone outside the club who would welcome my modest fees. There are too many stones unturned and bushels upturned.

Rob Tresidder tel. 07951 625378

A message from your new Meets Secretary, Spenser Gray

I now have a new email address for all correspondence to do with meets. It is oreadmcmets@gmail.com This will help me keep everything organised and ensure I don't miss your message. Please can you help me out by using this one in future.

A message from your new Heathy Lea Hut Custodians, Phil and Yvonne Waterson

Firstly a huge thank you to Pam Storer for all her hard work as previous custodian and her fantastic support in the handover, and also to Graham and Beth Cooper for their support in carrying out hut checks and washing t-towels when we were not able to.

Going forward to spread the workload we are looking for volunteers willing to carry out hut checks at Heathy Lea following bookings.

If we can establish a team of people willing to do this, it should only fall to individuals on a very occasional basis.

For more information or if you are willing to help out please contact us via 01773 835746 or Phil's mobile 07936712223.

We accepted the challenge of the custodian job as we could see the huge potential of Heathy Lea as a mountaineering hut and asset to the club. We hope to be able to update you on an exciting programme for modernising and improving facilities at Heathy Lea soon. Hope to see many of you on our forthcoming working party. Again, the more members willing to help out the club in this way, the less work for individuals.

Members' Corner

Here's the new regular spot to share info, ask for hints and tips, put your For Sale and Wanted ads, write open letters to the committee and generally make your voice heard. All non-libellous contributions welcome!

Old Oread Journals: update.

A big Thank You to Dave Mason who has kindly scanned the journals. They are now available for your enjoyment via the club's Facebook page and on the club website.

Oread 70th Anniversary.

2019 will be the 70th anniversary of the Oread. Is there perhaps an appetite / enough material for a another Oread publication as a follow on from "Climb if You Will" and "Oread Mountaineering Club - 50th Anniversary Journal"? In this digital age perhaps a different medium might be appropriate. I know the Fell and Rock produced a DVD and an audio archive - starting with older members who might be looking a bit peaky... I don't personally have the appetite, skills or energy to front such a project but someone else might take up the idea and run with it...

News, Articles and Reports from Meets.

St Davids Pembroke. Early May Bank Holiday Michael Hayes



35 Oreads and friends turned out for a fantastic early May bank holiday in Pembroke. I think we broke the record for the number of campsites on one meet as they were so full we were eventually spread over four sites with the main group at both Caerfai sites, the Pikes at St Justinians and the O'Reilly's at Porth Clais with the MAM.

High tide in the mornings meant we could all enjoy a lie in and climbing went on until late in the afternoon – very civilised. The weather was great, gradually improving over the weekend and eventually turning some of our newer members very bright colours!

The cliff paths were walked, villages explored and Craig Caerfai, Porth Clais, Carreg y Barcud and all the rocks in between were thoroughly climbed over the weekend with some grabbing a few routes in South Pembroke on the way home as well.

Thanks to all who came for making it such a great event.

The Sellears Stroll Tim Sellears

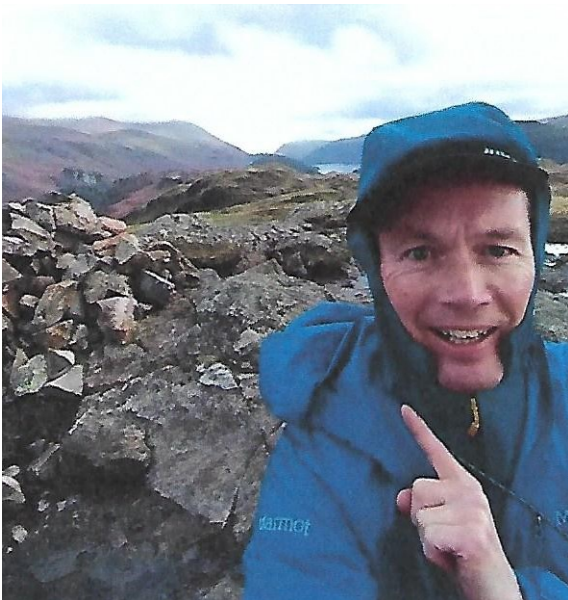
Stroll (verb) to walk in a slow, relaxed manner, especially for pleasure.

Sellears Stroll (variant) to walk in a brisk, urgent manner, supposedly for pleasure.

I can't remember exactly when I came up with the idea but I suspect the seed was sown after reading "*Feet In The Clouds - A tale of fell-running and obsession*" by Richard Askwith. Although I've never been or will be a fell runner, the idea of travelling light to move quickly in the mountains has obvious appeal.

Having spent more time in the Lakes than any other mountain range the objective seemed obvious. I was 50 this year so I should scale 50 Wainwrights within 50 hours. After studying maps for more time than I care to remember and generating spreadsheets for timings, a continuous linear route was honed at 102km with 6390m of ascent/descent.

The next bit was easy; I asked the wise Oreads for advice and was deluged with suggestions and tips.



On Wednesday 25th April at 18:00 I find myself on top of High Rigg in St Johns in the vale (left) about to start. MWIS and the MetOffice have kindly forecast "*Wintry showers with gales gusting to 55mph and a wind chill of -10*".

After plodding up Clough Head the Dodds are despatched and I go out and back to Hart Side. The light is fading and I slip around on a boggy path with cold wet feet cursing the wise Oreads who suggested *GoreTex* free shoes!

Descending Raise the wind increases, the hail starts and the cloud thickens; all thoughts of a pleasant moonlit walk vanish. Even on its lowest brightness my head torch is reflecting badly, reducing visibility to 3m. Descending Lower Man a gust catches me and I tumble to the floor twisting my left knee. None of this bothers me but frankly it's miserable. At the Helvellyn shelter I put on all the clothes I'm carrying, take in some calories and remind myself I chose to do this! The out and back to Catstye Cam via Swirral Edge was supposed to be the highlight of the night, it's suddenly a serious undertaking. I navigate well west of the summit rim so the wind is behind me when I move towards the Swirral Edge cairn. A few metres down the ridge the wind drops and the cloud disperses allowing me to revel in the torch lit scrambling. Back on Helvellyn the bitter wind returns but I'm feeling better and descend quickly via the Pikes to reach Grisedale Tarn and the all important water. The climb up and over St Sunday's Crag to Birks seems to take forever, but Ariston Crag soon arrives which marks the end of Leg 1 with 15 Wainwrights in the bag.

I return to the Brotherswater Inn at 5:30 and Natalie springs into action sorting everything out while I have a shower and grab a couple of hours sleep. I'm grumpy at breakfast after the toil of last night, Natalie does her best to encourage me "the big leg is done, it's now light and Paul's meeting you half way with supplies".

Angletarn Pikes is an ideal "stiff leg loosener" and it's not long before I'm again cursing the wise Oreads as I squelch across and up to Brock Crag. On the descent from Rest Dodd I suddenly feel weary so pause for calories before trudging slowly up The Knott and the welcome sight of my good friend Paul (below).



Despite the hail showers my mood lifts as we stroll along chatting and I jog down from High Raise to High Street. Paul takes my rucksack to Thornthwaite Crag as I go out and back for Mardale Ill Bell on a fabulous path. When I get there I realise my feet feel warm and dry, the wise Oreads are forgiven! I meet back up with Paul and we go out and back for Gray Crag before the damp climb up to Stoney Cove Pike. Here the wind drops and a weak sun breaks through. Hartstop Dodd is the last summit of Leg 2 which adds

another 13 to the total. Unfortunately the improving view distracts me into a navigational error forcing us to contour a couple of hundred meters on steep wet grass to find the path. I make a mental note to stay focussed next time until I'm down !

We're back in the room at 18:30 and Natalie again sails through her tasks while I shower and nap for an hour. I arrive downstairs to find Colin, who served us at breakfast, has saved me the last generous portion of the "Pasta & Meatballs" daily special. Although I've had enough after only half a bowl Natalie and Paul cajole me into finishing it. We're about to drive off to the start of Leg 3 when someone comes running out of the pub and taps on the car window "who's the nutter doing 50 Wainwrights in 50 hours?" "Unbelievable mate! Let me shake your hand, hopefully I'll catch you at breakfast". I oblige but am somewhat taken aback that a stranger is interested in my personal challenge.

Leg 3 will be done in reverse so I walk back to the pub rather than Natalie having to wait in the car at the Macdonald Swan Hotel. We drop Paul off in Ambleside and continue to the car park where Natalie reminds me to "stay safe". Despite being the shortest, with the least ascent and only 9 summits I always expected Leg 3 would be the crux. Put simply, solo in the dark after 28 hours on the go is outside of my normal operating range !



What a difference a night makes; there's a gentle breeze with patchy cloud and a bright waxing gibbous moon ! Following Stone Arthur I use my new altimeter watch to contour at 610m and I'm pleased to arrive directly on the out and back route to Heron Pike. Continuing on a good path I stride up to Great Rigg but am spooked on arrival as I'm sure I can hear voices. I pause to look around but there are no lights to be seen; as I set off the voices return. Having been a caver I'm not unused to the phenomena of sounds in the dark, but none the less feel uneasy. Arriving at the Fairfield shelter for more calories I notice the temperature has dropped due to the clear sky. Crossing Hart Crag I start to tire and the simple boulder field becomes a real struggle, especially as my knees are now complaining. I'm

glad to reach Dove Crag and the mystery of the voices is solved as I notice three lights moving around at the head of Rydal Beck. After the out and back to High Pike I head for home via the knee crunching steep path from High Hartstop Dodd. At 5:20 the now familiar "return" routine is started before I crash for another hour.

At breakfast Colin and Dave (the stranger from last night) quiz me about the challenge of the previous night and today's final leg of 14 Wainwrights. Winding down Kirkstone Pass Natalie suggests "try and enjoy today, you know you can finish it now", it suddenly dawns on me she's probably right!



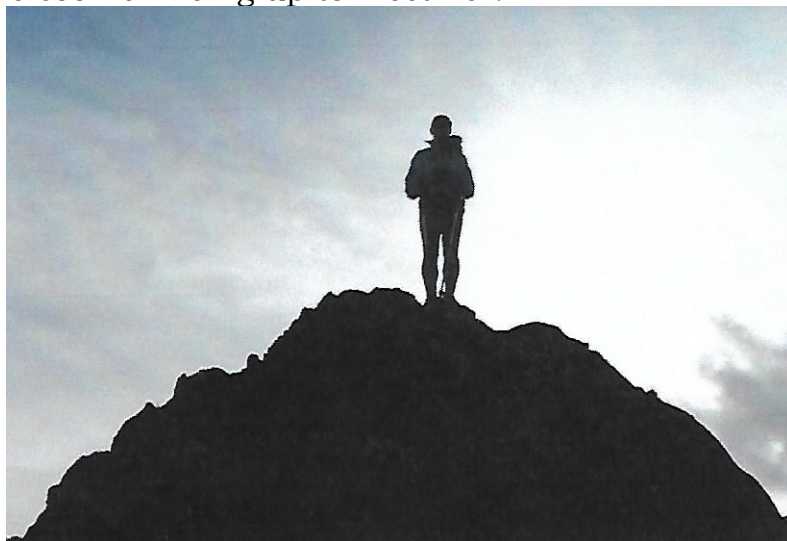
Paul and another friend Richard (left) are ready to go in the car park and it's not long before we're scrambling to the top of Helm Crag. After the solitude of the night leg it's great to have company, even if the banter seems to centre around my tights! I leave them at Greenup Edge to go out and back for Ullscarf across yet more bog, the view however is rewardingly expansive. At Long Crag I realise we're behind schedule so Richard volunteers to wait with packs while Paul and I go out and back at pace for Sergeants and Eagle Crag. This takes its toll and I'm glad when Richard offers to carry my pack up High Raise and onto Sergeant Man. From here the final summits are in view and my mind drifts to Stickle Barn and which real ales might be on! The moment is lost when a sizeable sweaty man shouts if I know where

we are? I do my best to help him and his irate partner without pointing out the inadequacies of not having a suitable map.

We arrive at Pike of Stickle via Thunacar Knott and my phone beeps indicating a message from Natalie; she is enroute to Blea Rigg. I suddenly realise the 50 hours could be on and renewed by copious Jelly Babies press on to Loft Crag (below) and Harrison Stickle leaving my friends to catch up.



Descending East Rake off Pavey Ark is agony on my knees but Natalie is on the skyline and we're soon climbing up to meet her.



The final summit of Blea Rigg (left) isn't exactly a fitting end to the *Sellears Stroll*, but it is a Wainwright and it is my last. A glance at the watch shows I've finished with a suitable 50 minutes to spare!

Paul produces a celebratory 50@50 engraved hip flask filled with a fine malt which we share. Despite this and the congratulations, to be honest I feel a little numb.

I reflect on the previous 50 hours during the endless steep descent of Stickle Ghyll and only when I'm outside Stickle Barn do the tears and emotions surface.

It has been as much a mental challenge to keep going as a physical one, but it is now over and I can relax with a fitting pint of Lakeland Gold.

Many people contributed to my success with the *Sellears Stroll*, not least Paul and Richard on the fells, but a special mention must go to Natalie who ran a very tight ship at Support HQ (Brotherswater Inn).

For those who have been keeping up with the numbers you will realise, as I have whilst checking my summit list for the newsletter, that I actually did 51 ... idiot!

Does that mean he has to do it again next year to make it right??? Ed.

Hut Bookings.

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

8-9 June	ABAMSAC E Bramley
16-17 June	Scunthorpe MC 10 beds
23-24 June	Paul Howe 6 beds
28-29 June	Hinckley MC
5-8 July	Working Party and Meet

HEATHY LEA

8-10 June	Oread Children's meet
11-14 June	Triangle Holy Trinity Leicester
15-17 June	Fylde hut swap
22-23 June	Working Party and Self Rescue course

“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 You must put your name **and either TYW or HL as a reference**. Otherwise the treasurer cannot allocate the payment to the right hut.

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.

Dave Weston

Sadly Dave Weston passed away on the morning of 24 May. He died peacefully in his sleep at around 4am. His daughter, Clare was with him. Our sincere condolences go to Graham and Clare. The funeral will take place at Derby Crematorium at midday on Friday 22nd June. Drinks and food to follow at the Royal Oak Ockbrook.

Information on Member Activities

Welcome to new provisional members, Bob Beck and Jan Hall, and to new full member Amy Prosser. We hope you will enjoy many happy days with the Oread.

Applications for full membership have been received from Chloe Brown, Simas Jermosenka and Mary Haslam, as listed in the May newsletter and to be considered at the June Committee meeting; plus new applications from David Mason and Lianne Sellars.. If you would like to comment on these applications please contact a member of the committee.

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

Last month's puzzle solution:

(An easy one this month) The two photographs were Rainster Rocks, zoomed up from the lane, and Barmouth Bridge which has appeared before in the newsletter.

The Eastings were Rainster 422km. and Barmouth 260km., difference 162 km. The Northings were Rainster 355km. and Barmouth 315km., difference 40 km.

The straight line distance by pythagoras (root of sum of squares) was 166 km or 104 miles

Google map gives an actual driving distance of 132 miles which, with a considerable divergence from a straight line path, seems to be compatible.

This month's puzzle.

The Oread's most competitive pensioner sat brooding in the kitchen at TYW. He had realised that the country could no longer be run by ex Oxbridge bankers and the like, and so had set himself the task of mastering technology. Having successfully inserted the batteries of his head torch in series, he mentally ticked off direct current electricity from his list and turned his attention to the physics of heat.

A motley crew were about to ascend Yr Wddfa, and our man had appraised the capabilities of Uschi and Roma, the likely pace setters, as likely to reach the summit in 2hrs 30 mins, and resolved to demonstrate his ability to be 25% faster. He had just poured out his morning mug of coffee which was at 150 degrees (f) in the mug as the others set off, and this had cooled to 112 degrees after 5 mins. (the general temperature in the kitchen was 60 degrees).

To what temperature should he allow his coffee to cool before setting off in the nick of time to allow him to sweep triumphantly past just before the summit?

BMC AGM 16 June 2018

The following explanation of the issues involved has been compiled by Spenser Gray, on behalf of the Oread Committee, to assist members in understanding the issues involved and to encourage participation according to personal preference. Deadline for postal and online votes is 14 June.

Following this summary is a letter to the Editor on the same subject.

From Spenser Gray:

You will all have now received your copies of Summit Magazine which contains the voting papers for this year's AGM. The main items on the agenda concern the governance of the BMC, by this I mean how decisions are made and who takes responsibility for their implementation and success/ failure, not an application of rules about how you should climb routes in crumbling holes in the ground or revel in the joy of questing up glorious mountain rock. This article seeks to explain the motions on the agenda:

Items 2 and 3 - These motions have been added to the agenda to accept late nomination of candidates and submission of the BMC recommended Special Resolution, these are both Ordinary Motions and need 50% of the vote to be passed. If they fail the whole AGM may be invalidated, however I would more likely expect Lynn Robinson's Candidacy or Item 9a to be withdrawn depending which motion fails

Items 4-7 are all usual AGM business (minutes, accounts, annual report etc), **I expect to vote in support of these items, if you take objection with these please contact me directly so I can raise the issue at the AGM.**

Item 8 is an Ordinary Resolution proposed by John Roberts (of the Organisational Review Group (ORG)) and 857 other BMC members, this seeks to provide the BMC with confirmation that its members wish the organisation to adopt the Phase 2 ORG recommendations which concern operational changes to the BMC. These represent a wide range of changes which will hopefully help to improve member engagement with the BMC

This motion requires a simple majority if it is to pass. **I will be voting in favour of this.**

Item 9a – This option concerns a new set of Memorandum and Articles of Association (M&AofA) incorporating the the Tier 3 governance requirements detailed in the Sport England Code of Sports Governance. If the articles are accepted it will enable the BMC to continue its support to clubs, hillwalking activities, competitions and subsidised training of keen novices. Under this proposal the current BMC executive would become a board, with more than half of its membership either elected or approved by the BMC's membership at an AGM, however Sport England funding would be retained and our external relationships would continue largely unaltered. **I will be voting in favour of this option.**

Or **Item 9b** – This option concerns an alternative set of articles to those described above which are in line with Sport England's Tier 1 governance requirements. Of the 44 members who originally proposed this motion more than 28 have

withdrawn their support and as such this motion only remains on the agenda due to a legal technicality.

Should these articles be accepted there would be some organisational change internally, but not to the same extent as if **Item 9a** is accepted. Our external relationships with our partners (MTE and ABCCT) would change significantly and we would lose all Sport England funding, concerns regarding the BMC's influence in negotiating with large land owners (National Trust for instance) and with the government have also been raised.

For either **Item 9a** or **Item 9b** to be passed 75% of the voting membership must vote in support. If you feel that neither set of articles is a good fit for the BMC there is a "no" vote, however such a situation occurring (particularly if **Item 8** fails) will cause significant difficulty for the BMC as it will have no overall direction set by its membership, no-one other than lawyers will gain from such a situation occurring.

Item 10.a.i. – There are two candidates for President, Les Ainsworth and Lynn Robinson. Les is running on a platform of healing the divides in the BMC following the Motion of No Confidence last year and the ORG process, however he was very critical of the way the Organisational Review process was conducted and appears not to be concerned about maintaining good relationships with some of the staff. Lynn on the other hand is running on a platform of boosting membership engagement, encouraging members to participate in BMC activities, implementing the recommendations of the ORG and supporting volunteers. Lynn is an enthusiastic volunteer from the Peak area who has represented the interests of members and volunteers over her last year as Vice President, she has also been heavily involved in the production of definitive guidebooks as part of her 20 year service in support of the BMC. Les is a long term volunteer (since 1966) within the BMC from the North West area who has had significant involvement with definitive guidebooks for his local area, was responsible for the inception of Rocksport magazine and is also a CC member. If you feel that neither is a good fit there is a "Neither" option. **I will be voting for Lynn Robinson.**

Item 10.a.ii – John Roberts is standing for Vice President to assist the BMC in implementing the ORG recommendations, he has put an enormous amount of time into his role on the Organisational Review Group and is clearly heavily invested in the ongoing success of the BMC, he is also a Climbers' Club and Alpine Club member and is effectively running on a joint ticket with Lynn Robinson. **I will vote in support of John Roberts.**

Item 10.a.iii – Amanda Parshall is standing for an Independent Director role and will apply her professional experience to support the BMC as a member of the executive/ board (depending on the outcome of Items 9a and 9b). **I will likely vote in support of Amanda, however this will depend on her presentation to the AGM convincing me she will do a good job.**

Item 10.b – Re election of the existing members of the executive, I'm not sure what more there is to say here. **I will vote in support of this.**

Award of Honorary Membership to Mark Vallance (sadly now deceased, the inventor of cams for those who didn't know) and Rehan Siddiqui (former president of the BMC).

Item 11 – A 10% membership subscription increase if item 9a is not passed due to the associated loss of Sport England funding. This would allow the BMC to continue with its current projects, however it may also result in an increase of membership subscription fees for the club. I have not yet decided how I would vote on this issue and hope it does not arise, the funding would allow the good work and support to clubs to continue, however equally it increases the cost to members less than a year after an inflation busting subscription was implemented to make up for not increasing subscriptions for a period of 6-7 years and may lose the organisation some young members.

If you would like to nominate me as a proxy to vote on your behalf (or would like to do the same with the chair of the meeting) you can find the details in an email from onlinevoting@electoralreform.co.uk which was sent on 18th May. You will need the following details to nominate me as a proxy:

Name: Spenser Haydn Gray

Membership Number: B543659

Address: 142 Mansfield Road, Derby, DE1 3RA

If you wish to vote in a specific direction please indicate this on the form, if you wish to leave the direction of your vote up to me please tick the discretionary box or leave the response blank

If you wish to submit your proxy vote by post please contact the BMC office on 0161 445 6111 before 1 PM on 14th June.

Kind Regards,
Spenser Gray

Letter to the Editor from Dennis Gray:

Dear Ruth,

I hope the Oread will be represented at the BMC AGM?

And that other members will bother to vote via the Electoral Reform Services proxy vote system.

If members do decide to vote I hope they will carefully compare the Tier 1 against the Tier 3 proposals for the new Memorandum of Association now needed to complete with the Companies Act.

I am a supporter of the Tier 1, the draft of which was prepared by volunteers, a City Lawyer and a Senior Government Officer, at no cost to the members. Tier 3 is drafted by an International Law firm at great expense to the membership.

So far the Org review process has cost circa £50,000 compounded in part by outsourcing costs despite the BMC presently having over 30 staff members.

Tier 3 will in my opinion deliver a BMC run by a Board, of which only one, the President will be elected by the membership, and even she/he will not be Chair of the governing Board. Tier 3 undermines the democracy of the BMC in its governance and policy making functions.

So I hope the members of the Oread will look carefully at the two options before voting?

Kind regards
Dennis Gray.

Forthcoming Meets 2017/2018

New email address to contact the Meets Secretary!

This is a work in progress – several more meets are at the planning stage.

Please support your club. More meet leaders are required for 2018 and 2019 (UK and abroad). If you fancy leading a meet please contact Spenser Gray to discuss ideas or for more information- email oreadmcmeeets@gmail.com

<i>June</i>	<i>8-10</i>	<i>Kids Meet, Heathy Lea Neil Weatherstone</i>
	<i>8-10</i>	<i>Joint Meet, Midland Association of Mountaineers (MAM) Chris Radcliffe</i>
	<i>15-17</i>	<i>Fylde Mountaineering Hut, Little Langdale Dave (Snod) Helliwell (BMC AGM)</i>
	<i>23-24</i>	<i>Heathy Lea Working Party and Self Rescue course. P& Y Waterson/ S Gray</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>5-7</i>	<i>Tan yr Wydfffa Working Party Dave (Snod) Helliwell</i>
	<i>7-8</i>	<i>Welsh 3000s Walk Derek Pike</i>
	<i>21 Jul – 5 Aug</i>	<i>Alpine Meet Bregaglia Michael Hayes</i>
	<i>27-29 Jul</i>	<i>Borrowdale camping Neil Thompson</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>11-12 Aug</i>	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa Neil Thompson</i>
	<i>17-19</i>	<i>Galloway Spenser Gray</i>
	<i>31 Aug – 2 Sep</i>	<i>Walk & Climb the Edges Gil Male</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Peak Boundary Walk (stage 4) Pam Storer</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Oread Bonfire Meet, Heathy Lea Neil Weatherstone</i>
	<i>4</i>	<i>Peak Boundary Walk (stage 5) Pete Amour</i>
	<i>11</i>	<i>FRCC Remembrance Meet</i>
	<i>17</i>	<i>Oread Annual Dinner</i>
	<i>18</i>	<i>Post Prandial Walk</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>7-9</i>	<i>Bullstones/Peak District Boundary Walk - Chris and Gill Radcliffe</i>
	<i>12</i>	<i>Black Rocks Night Climb</i>
	<i>22 Dec – 1 Jan</i>	<i>Christmas/New Year Meet Rock Hudson</i>

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