

# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

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*Gill Radcliffe and Lance Baker on the Direct Route, Glyder Fach,  
photographed by Chris Radcliffe.*

## **Editorial**

Here is your mid August - September double issue. (That's because I won't get back from my holiday until well into September).

So here's all the info on events coming up in the next couple of months.

Most importantly see the **Notice of the Special General Meeting on 29 September to make a decision on whether to renew the lease on Heathy Lea.**

Plenty of meets to entertain you from Galloway to Dorset and several closer to home including Peak Boundary walks, a gambol down the Edges and a limestone festival.

Write ups include the Ogwen meet, Tan yr Wyddfa working party and a tribute to Dave Weston.

## 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.**

- 22 August            **Stanley's Alehouse Smedley St Matlock**, climb Shining Cliff.
- 29 August            **Yahoo Group to decide.**
- 5 September        **The Maynard Arms**, climb Yarncliffe Quarry.
- 12 September      **The Rising Sun, Middleton**, climb Harborough.
- 19 September      **The Miners Standard**, climb Cratcliffe.
- 26 September      **Matlock Bath Balti**, climb Matlock crags.

**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!**

## 17-19 August Galloway Spenser Gray

Galloway has some excellent sea cliffs on the Meikle Ross peninsula with routes at all grades in a variety of styles suitable for beginners and experienced climbers alike. It also offers a good range of inland granite crags (some closer to the car than Stanage Popular and some mountain crags with a two hour walk in). These are two of 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>

The best guidebook to use is the SMC's Lowland Outcrops guidebook.

For more info and to book contact Spenser Gray email [oreadmcmeeets@gmail.com](mailto:oreadmcmeeets@gmail.com) or tel. 07534 821500

## **24 – 27 August Bank Holiday meet to Swanage/Portland Adam Casey**



The club will be heading to Dorset for the August Bank Holiday weekend. We will be staying at the Rosewall campsite just outside Osmington (<http://www.weymouthcamping.com/Camping.html>), if you would like to come along please book in directly with the campsite. It is advisable to car share on the way down as this will significantly reduce your cost of camping. There's trad, sport and DWS. Any questions on the area let me know. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Adam Casey email [adamcasey27@gmail.com](mailto:adamcasey27@gmail.com)

## **8 September Heathy Lea Painting Party Phil Waterson**

Volunteers needed! There is planned a work party at Heathy Lea on the 8th of September specifically to carry out the exterior painting. This is a requirement of the lease whether or not we renew. The work is all outside and will consist of hammeriteing the gutters and downpipes, repairs to the door framework, replacement of weather boards and finishing the preparation of the windows before painting them. Lashings of tea, coffee and cakes for all. Please let us know if you can help, even if just for an hour or two. Phil and Yvonne tel. 07936712223.

## **15-16 September South Peak Limestone Festival Spenser Gray**

The South Peak Limestone Festival is a new idea to encourage climbers to explore beyond the gritstone crags of the Peak District and the slippery walls of

Horseshoe Quarry and to show off the beauty of the area to hillwalkers who may have just driven past the area on the way to more well known venues. These crags offer a range of excellent venues suitable for after work climbing and day trips with easy access from the south of the Peak District with a wide variety of Trad Climbing, Sport Climbing, Bouldering and even a few Aid routes. The plan is for people to turn up armed with ropes, quickdraws, wires, cams, bouldering mats, etriers, walking boots, hopefully not waterproofs and whatever else they may require to participate in their chosen style of climbing/ hillwalking.

This year's Festival starts on **Saturday 15th September**- just turn up at The Royal Oak in Wetton at 9am (or the night before if you're really keen) if you want some advice on crags to visit, or to scrounge up a partner.

The quarries of the area offer sport climbing across a wide range of grades, the natural crags offer everything from non committing 6m long VDiffs right up to an E9 leading to the summit of the spectacular Ilam Rock. If climbers wish to reclaim the more esoteric routes from the vegetation this will only be done with traffic and effort, there is however also an abundance of clean and unvegetated routes for those with common sense to enjoy themselves on.

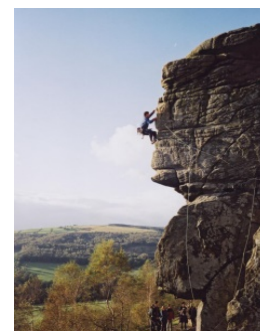
The Saturday night will involve talks about the history and wildlife of the area from Luke Barley (National Trust) and Gary Gibson.

The Sunday is expected to involve more of the same in terms of walking and climbing.

## **Saturday 22 September Walk and Climb the Edges** **Gil Male**

This meet's about gritstone (*God's rock*), walking, climbing and beer (*monk's drink*). Truly a religious experience.

The idea is to climb, walk and meet in pubs. The purpose is to discuss, embellish and wax lyrical about what we have been doing. It's perfect for those who never let the truth stand in the way of a good story. All you need to do is motivate yourself, turn up and be sociable, irritating, boring or all three at the same time.



*Chequers Buttress (Froggatt)*

The day is split into two parts. Meet at the Stanage High Neb car park (grid ref. SK 227843) at 8.45hrs on 22 September. Then walk over Stanage, Burbage North, Burbage South, Froggatt, Curbar, Gardoms and Birchens Edges before arriving at Heathy Lea. If you feel so inclined you can do a climb on each of these edges or play on any other crags or bits of rock. Join in at any point. Just make it to the pubs (i.e. Grouse Inn, Froggatt and Robin Hood, Baslow) at the allotted times by your own route and means of transport (*e.g. feet, bike, car, parachute or camel*).

<b>Timetable:</b> Start	Stanage High Neb car park	<b>08.45hrs</b>
(approx.) 2 miles	Stanage (popular end)	09.30hrs
3.5 miles	Burbage North	10.40hrs
4.5 miles	Burbage South	11.30hrs

6.5 miles	<b>GROUSE INN</b>	<b>13.00hrs</b>
7.5 miles	Froggatt Edge	14.45hrs
8.5 miles	Curbar Edge	16.00hrs
10 miles	Gardoms Edge	17.30hrs
11 miles	Birchens Edge	18.30hrs
12 miles	<b>ROBIN HOOD INN</b>	19.00hrs

I know what you're thinking. This is a meet to drag you from your armchairs and you're not wrong!

If you intend doing this meet let me know by e-mail ([gilemale@gmail.com](mailto:gilemale@gmail.com)) indicating what nights you hope to stay at Heathy Lea. (It may be fully booked out to another group.) This is important so arrangements can be made to get cars to and back from High Neb at the end of the day (*and to stable the camels*). Alternatively, turn up at any time during the day. Look forward to seeing you ... mine's a pint!  
Gil Male

## Wednesday 26 September Curry Meet Simon Pape

So the summer's almost over, but there's one final opportunity to get outside for an evening. The sun will be low enough that we should be able to move away from the shady crags we've been visiting all summer, probably ending up at either Wildcat or Colehill Quarry. Watch the group emails, and possibly Facebook, for more details.

To tempt those who live a bit further away, once the sun has set, we'll be going for a curry at the Matlock Bath Balti, opposite the station. This bit is so good that some people just come for the curry!

The table's booked for 8:00pm; early arrivals will doubtless be found in the Midland across the road. Please let me know if you're coming for the curry so that I can confirm numbers.

Simon. email [s.pape@virgin.net](mailto:s.pape@virgin.net) tel. 07813 616563

## 29 September Special General Meeting on Heathy Lea

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 19:30 at The Robin Hood, Baslow.

As was discussed at the AGM the lease for Heathy Lea is due for renewal. Over the last few months the Club has been involved in negotiations with the Chatsworth estate over the terms of a new lease. We are now in a position to make the decision whether to renew or not. **Background information and details will be presented in a separate email very shortly.**

The purpose of the meeting is to decide as to whether the lease of Heathy Lea should be renewed for the next 9 years.

No other business may be discussed at the SGM.

To be able to vote you need to be present in person at the meeting (there is no proxy vote) and a full member of the club (Prospective members can not vote).

## **An invitation from Phil and Yvonne:**

With such a huge decision to make on the future of Heathy Lea, we thought members might like to see the hut as it is now and ask any questions about the renewal of the lease and proposed changes before the meeting on Saturday 29th September.

We will be at Heathy Lea from 2pm if you would like to look around and share a cuppa and piece of cake before making your decision on how to vote.

The Robin Hood is booked from 7pm for anyone wishing to eat before the meeting. Please let them know in advance 01246 583186.

We look forward to seeing you at Heathy Lea.

Phil and Yvonne (Hut Custodians)

## **6 October Peak Boundary Walk – Stage 4 Pam Storer**



Stage 4 – Royston Grange - Ilam 10.5 miles

Start-High Peak Trail Car Park-SK195583 at 9.30 am

Finish-Ilam National Trust Car park SK133508

I expect to finish about 4 pm. There is the option to have a pub lunch en route.

As this is a linear walk I would appreciate support in arranging the cars and look forward to your company.

Please contact me if you are intending to come.

Pam Email [pam\\_storer@hotmail.com](mailto:pam_storer@hotmail.com) tel.07584 493349

## **12-14 October ABMSAC George Starkey Hut Patterdale Charlie Taylor**

This meet sees the club return to the spacious and well-appointed George Starkey Hut in Patterdale. Mid October should see the Autumn colours starting to appear and is one of the best times to visit the lakes. The hut sits at the foot of the Helvellyn range and affords easy access to the Eastern/ Northern Fells. Depending on what the weather allows, I hope to climb and scramble.

I've booked 20 beds for the Friday and Saturday nights and for those wishing to prolong their stay; extra nights either side of the weekend are currently available to book through the Hut secretary. As we have reciprocal rights with the ABMSAC the cost is only £6pp/night! Come along and enjoy a fantastic weekend.

To book a place, please e-mail [charlie.taylor30@gmail.com](mailto:charlie.taylor30@gmail.com) or call/text me on 07879 523522.

## **4 November Peak Boundary Walk – Stage 5 Pete Amour**

Stage 5 – Ilam – Onecote 11.5 miles ( Peter ) on November 4th

Start – Ilam

Finish – Onecote SK 049552

Further details to follow.

## **17 November Annual Dinner, Matlock Golf Club: Tony Howard**

The annual dinner will once again be at Matlock Golf Club where we have had a great time for the last few years. Last year we had the best turnout we have had for a while, including a lot of old and revered mountaineers, regular walkers and most encouragingly several new young members, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Let's make it even better this year, with more old timers, those who built up the Club in the first place and those who are active now, **most particularly the younger people; the future of the Club.**

**Get the date in your diary, talk to your mates, get a group of you together** to fill a table or two and come along for an evening of good food, good beer, good wine, good company, good laughs and to meet new friends.

There will be an organised walk the next day, details to be confirmed.

More information next month.

Tony Howard

**Copy deadline for next issue is 18 September.**

## **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

## **Members' Corner**

Here's the 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!

### **Thank you, Oreads!**

A great “thank you” to all the Oreads who met up in Vicosoprano this summer and made my stay with them most enjoyable. I am grateful to all for their hospitality and inclusiveness. Special thanks to Mike and Helen Hayes, Pete and Sue Lancaster, Mike and Alison Mowbray, Mike and Cathy Moss, Chris and Jan Wilson, Spencer Gray, Lance Baker and Tim Sellears. I enjoyed good mountain

walking, great weather and a delightful campsite.  
Steve Bashforth

**Congratulations!**

To Tim Sellears for completing the Welsh 3000s – on one of the hottest days of the year after very little sleep and having spent all morning helping at the working party. Well done you!

**For Sale.**

Used Paragon External Silver Screens for VW Campervan (T4 but will probably fit later versions).

Ideal for use in cold weather to prevent internal condensation.

Excellent condition.

New price £149, offered at £70.

Stuart Firth: 07977 458048; [stuartmirth@btinternet.com](mailto:stuartmirth@btinternet.com)

**For Sale.**

5.10 Anasasi Velcro size 10 little used £20.

Mountain Equipment Redline Duvet Large. The “Rolls Royce” of duvets) Old (like me!) but very little used. £50.

**Free “to good home”**

5.10 Blanco Velcro size 10. Used but plenty of life left in them (unlike me!)

Rope bag – Serviceable but needs a bit of TLC (Duct tape or needle and cotton).

Richard Hopkinson (07968 253381/01629 823392)

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

### **Ogwen, MAM hut Glan Dena 8-9 June Chris Radcliffe**



*The Ogwen Valley, Tryfan and Y Garn seen from below Carreg Mianog.*

Glan Dena is in a superb position at the head of Lynn Ogwen and we enjoyed perfect weather for the weekend and hence we were able to take full advantage of the location with parties climbing on the Milestone Buttress, East Face of Tryfan, Glyder Fach and Craig yr Ysfa.

Arriving early enough on Friday afternoon to get in a climb, Gill and I set off together with Nigel and Janet Briggs – they headed for Clogwyn Bochlwyd, while we took advantage of the dry conditions to do Soapgut and Chimney Route on Milestone Buttress. Ruth and Snod also climbed on Friday before arriving at the hut – they went to Carrog Taurw and climbed Zig Zag.

Spenser had taken Friday off work to climb with his friend Oli Warlow and they had a thoroughly knacker day on Tryfan East Face climbing Grooved Arete, Gashed Crag and Overlapping Ridge Route – a total of 20 pitches.

Oli is engaged on a project to complete all the routes in Classic Rock, by cycling between all the crags – a formidable effort. He had already completed the routes in the SW and mid-Wales. On Saturday, he and Spenser were joined for the day by Chris Hartshorne and they did the long walk in to Craig yr Ysfa to climb Great Gully. It was another long day on the hill so Spenser did admit to being a little tired. All in a day's work for Oli who then continued on his bike on Sunday to cycle over to the Peak.



*Left, Ashley on Overlapping Ridge Route. Right, Mick embarking on Thompson's Chimney.*

On Saturday Mick Hayes led a team up to Tryfan East Face including Ashley, Snod and Ruth and they climbed Overlapping Ridge Route, finishing up Thompson's Chimney which proved to be quite a testing climb. Rob and Lucy had set off with this team but, feeling a bit under par, decided to have a walking day instead.

Adhe and Francesco were also climbing on Tryfan. Having completed Grooved Arete they descended and walked round to the Milestone Buttress to climb Soap Gut. After topping out in the evening, they were unfamiliar with the descent route

and ended up abseiling off the cliff, so were rather late back to the hut after a 13 hour day! They ended up running along the road to get back to the hut, tormented by the midges that were in full fettle by this time.



Gill and I walked up to Glyder Fach with Lance and we completed the classic Direct Route, with its final Chimney Pitch (photo left) which seemed a lot harder than its nominal grade. We pulled in a route on Clogwyn Bochlwyd on our way back. Nigel and Janet also climbed the Direct Route, but they followed this by wild swimming in two lakes – Bochlywd and Ogwen.

Sunday was a little more cloudy, but still fine for climbing. Snod and Ruth, also Adhe, Francesco and Ashley climbed on Clogwyn Bochlwyd, while Gill and I found our way to the little visited Carreg Mianog. Mick Hayes had a hard day walking the entire length of the Carneddau and back in preparation for doing the Welsh 'Three Thousands' – a total of about 28 miles.



*Relaxing in the evening sun at Glan Dena and wondering where Adhe and Francesco have got to since we last saw them on top of Grooved Arete.*

Thanks to all who joined the meet and helped make it a great success: Spenser Gray, Lance Baker, Nigel and Janet Briggs, Jeff Ingman, Michael Hayes, Rob Beck, Lucy Revelo Silva, Dave Helliwell (Snod), Ruth Gordon,

Ashley Kitchen, Adhe Koukoui, Francesco Comin, Oli Warlow, Gill and Chris Radcliffe.

## **Tan yr Wyddfa Working Party 5-7 July Ruth Gordon**



*Tim about to set off for the start of the Fourteen Peaks 10 pm 5 July.*

It all started with high stress – the Fire Safety Inspection was booked for tomorrow, Thursday, and one of the Dorgards was nowhere to be found. It had been removed by the previous weekend's guests because it wouldn't stop beeping – but what had been done with it? – We searched high and low to no avail. A trip to Snowdonia Fire Protection reassured us that if need be they could supply a replacement off the shelf.

Back at the hut Snod got stuck into replacing the kitchen taps. As ever – the job was less straightforward than it should have been. John Fisher arrived, soon followed by Tim Sellears who didn't even get a cup of tea before he got stuck into the tap change crisis. Eventually, between them, the job was done and, with running water where it should be, and not where it shouldn't, we sat down to a very late meal around 10pm.

Next morning Nodge, who had set off from home at 5 am, was out strimming the hayfield surrounding the hut by 8.am. Tim was soon out there helping him. Snod did a fire alarm test and Tim, who happened to be upstairs at the time, said he could still hear a faint bleeping once the alarm was off and all the doors had been reset. Bless his sharp ears – he traced the sound to a pile of dust sheets at the bottom of the cupboard by the immersion heater and in there, swaddled up to silence it, was the errant Dorgard!

More willing helpers arrive, Derek and Joan, Rock and Kev Fidler and everyone gets stuck in. The grass cutting and strimming seem endless, there are drains and gutters to be cleaned and repaired. Joan is cleaning for England, Snod is tackling the back door with wood hardener, filler and Roland's new hardwood drip guard. We have barely swallowed our picnic lunches when the Fire Officer arrives. He has a cup of tea and declares himself pretty much satisfied with all the arrangements and paperwork. The naughty Dorgard behaves itself. Phew! The team continues to beaver away until hunger calls a stop, and it is time to wish Tim luck as he sets off for the Carneddau – Nodge acting as chauffeur – a noble deed after his early

start and long day's work on the garden, as it is a long slow drive and the rest of us are in bed long before he returns.



Next morning the list of jobs is perused. John is rebelling against rubbing down and repainting the interior of the bay windows. He has done it three years running. The man is a hero! A devious one who cunningly offloads the job onto Rock (who knows not what a pig of a job he is signing up to) and wanders off gladly into the sunshine to repaint the car



park markers!

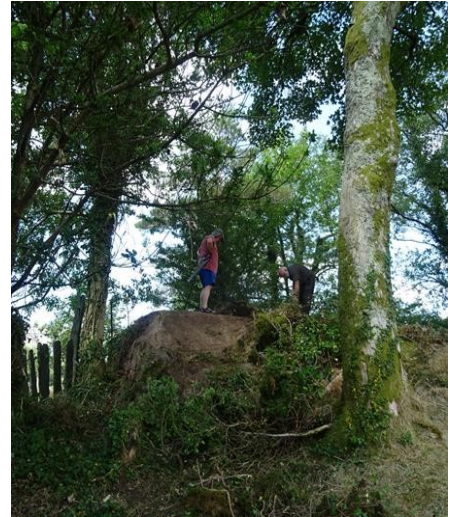
Everone fancies some painting – Snod has chosen a fetching shade of burgundy for the back door, John smartens up the front door with a new coat of chestnut brown and Derek touches up the masonry paint with a personally designed long-reach roller. Nodge and Kev are still out there taming the wilderness. Joan and I take a break from cleaning to collect the laundry and get a mobile signal – several messages from Tim announce times on summits – he is getting there! It is ridiculously hot. How is he doing it? On our return we find Derek and Snod have taken a break and gone to do Adam's Rib..... This turned out to be a bad idea.

Meanwhile Simon and Maggie arrived and we all eagerly awaited Tim's return. The timing of the text messages suggested we'd expect him around 6 ish. At 7.30 I took a walk up the Nantle road to see if he'd sent any more messages – and by the time I got back he was there, happy but shattered. It had eventually dawned on him that perhaps he was finding it all quite hard work because he'd only had five hours sleep in the last 48 hours. Well – yes, could have had something to do with it! He was back long before the “quick afternoon route” party. It took them two hours to access the route over endless screes and boulders, They returned, hungry, thirsty and well weary at 11pm!

A final morning's work involved – in Maggie's words “a few people actually doing things and a load of others wandering around with clip-boards!” Actually she and Simon did a very thorough and much needed Health and Safety check of the hut and surroundings for which we and the Hut Sub-Committee are most grateful. Thanks to you both. The afternoon was spent in a variety of ways....well-earned relaxation, sunbathing, etc. Simon, Snod, Derek and I did Canyon Rib – which was

delightful but very slow due to a party in front of us. Some couldn't stop grafting - Nodge, egged on by Rock, took on geological investigations and discovered a whole new crag in the garden! They made four "hands-free" first ascents.

It was quite a small working party this year, but loads of much-needed work was done. Everyone worked very hard in unbelievably hot weather – Wales as we seldom see it. A big, big thank you to you all.



### **Dave Weston: a tribute by Roy Sawyer**

When Ruth asked me to write a few words about Dave, my concern was that I may not do justice to a very close friend and an all-round great bloke. I've known Dave for getting on for 50 years, we have spent countless hours in the hills and mountains and many lunch time walks around the Carriage and Wagon Works, after he helped me gain employment with British Rail.

Over the years I came to appreciate his friendship and grew to understand his strong principles and what he stood for. He loved his family and although, not the most demonstrative of men, and not always tactile, he was immensely proud of them all.

The contribution that Dave made to the Oread should not be under estimated. He would be the last to shout about the regular lifts he and Pam gave to those of us with limited transport or the times he waited to pick us up from railway stations etc. Especially in the early years he introduced many new members and took many of us on our first rock climbs. (Chris Bryan and Ron Sant still talk about the times spent with him). Although very competent, Dave won't be remembered for putting up new routes, or first accents in the Alps, but without the likes of him the Club would not have thrived as it did in the earlier years.

When Pam became ill some four years ago his dedication to looking after her was paramount. Their daughter, Clare, was always prepared to step in but Dave was determined to keep the marriage vows he had made to Pam.

All of this curtailed his walks with the "Thursday Group" and prevented him from sailing in Scotland, which had become another addition to our mountain experience. With typical "Weston" stoicism he cared for Pam until he became too ill to cope. When his quality of life dramatically diminished and with Dave's strength of character he finally stopped his own medication, refused taking any sustenance and gently slipped away.

I will miss Dave Weston as will his family and those of us who spent time with him in his beloved hills.

## Hut Bookings.

### TAN-YR-WYDDFA

7-8 September	Sphinx MC
15-16 September	Nick Evans whole hut
10 October	Gentian MC 6 beds
16-17 October	C Fox K Fellfarers
22-26 October	D Appleby Thursday Group
2-4 November	Herts MC 16 beds

### HEATHY LEA

8 September	Working party.
10-12 September	Tim Storer
14-15 September	Ella Storer 5 beds
21-23 September	Wayfarers Club
29 September	Oread Special General Meeting
26-27 October	Bedford MC Cottage

“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](mailto: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.

## Hut Keys

**Please can you help ?** We are running out of hut keys so if you no longer use yours it would be really helpful if you could return it to Michael Hayes. This does not mean you will no longer have access to the huts as we have a key code system in place for occasional users but for active members we still want to distribute keys.

Thanks, Michael.

## Information on Member Activities

Welcome to new prospective member, Edward Day. We hope you will enjoy many happy days with the Oread.

## **Rusty's Puzzle Corner**

### **Last month's puzzle solution:**

The puzzle is actually easy and a degree of vagueness or possible ambiguity was introduced to make it a little more worthwhile. A property of a series of numbers in ascending binary order is that the largest number is always greater than the sum of the others. Clearly the addition of 32 points for those over the age of 85 means that only those can prevail, even if we are not absolutely certain of the full list of such members. Digger is clearly a member of the oldest group and if he scored in the next category down (16 points) he is bound to win. The answer to the specific question asked is of course "16 points".

Your Editor, Ruth, answered correctly, most probably with some intellectual powers to spare. There are various attainments such as Jack Ashcroft's feat, with others, in reaching high altitudes in the Himalayas, David Penlington's rock climbing first ascents and eponymous routes such as Penlington's Progress and Allen's slab which are praiseworthy and of interest, but we do not need to have full particulars of these in order to solve the numerical problem as they are overridden into insignificance in the puzzle, if not in life, by the higher scores assigned to other categories.

**Yee ha! I got one right! I got one right – Oh the cleverness of me!!!!** (Hon Ed.)

### **This month's puzzle.**

I have been considering my position as puzzle provider, recent responses having been somewhat sparse, although I shall continue if these ramblings are of interest to a reasonable number of readers, whether or not they actually put pen to paper with a response. In the meantime I have dreamed up a short non-numerical question which will waste little time and space if it is not considered worthwhile.

"In what way is there a visual connection between ordinary nuts and bolts and the state of exposed ground during the recent spell of hot dry weather" A small number of club members, who have assured me of confidentiality, have had an early sight of this question, and a correct answer was immediately forthcoming.

## Forthcoming Meets 2017/2018

### New email address to contact the Meets Secretary!

This is a work in progress – next year's meets list is well advanced, a draft should appear in next month's issue.

**Please support your club.** More meet leaders are required for 2019 and 2020 (UK and abroad). If you fancy leading a meet please contact Spenser Gray to discuss ideas or for more information- email [oreadmcmeeets@gmail.com](mailto:oreadmcmeeets@gmail.com)

<i>August</i>	17-19	<i>Galloway</i> Spenser Gray
	24-27 Aug	<i>Portland/Swanage Bank Holiday meet</i> Adam Casey
<i>September</i>	14-16	<i>South Peak Limestone Festival</i> Spenser Gray
	21-23	<i>Walk &amp; Climb the Edges</i> Gil Male
	29	<i>Special General Meeting re Heathy Lea Lease renewal.</i> Robin Hood Baslow
<i>October</i>	6	<i>Peak Boundary Walk (stage 4)</i> Pam Storer
	12-14	<i>Patterdale G Starkey hut</i> Charlie Taylor
<i>November</i>	3	<i>Oread Bonfire Meet, Heathy Lea</i> Neil Weatherstone
	4	<i>Dovedale Dash and Peak Boundary Walk (stage 5)</i> Pete Amour
	11	<i>FRCC Remembrance Meet</i>
	17	<i>Oread Annual Dinner</i> Tony Howard
	18	<i>Post Prandial Walk</i> Ruth Gordon
<i>December</i>	7-9	<i>Bullstones/Peak District Boundary Walk</i> - Chris and Gill Radcliffe
	12	<i>Black Rocks Night Climb</i>
	22 Dec – 1 Jan	<i>Christmas/New Year Meet Tan yr Wyddfa</i> Rock Hudson/ <i>New Year meet</i> Inchree cottages

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