



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

**OCTOBER 2019**



**More stunning Dolomites scenery – seen from the top of Ottovolante, Torre Brunico. Read all about it page 14.**

## **Editorial**

Right folks – it is time for some action!  
Three things you need to do asap:

Book the **Annual Dinner** pages 7 and 19-20.

**Bullstoners:** book your evening meal on the Saturday night of the Bullstones meet page 7.

**Peak District Boundary Walkers:** Book your place in a bunkhouse for the two stage February weekend. Page 8.

Firstly – your Hon Ed is on holiday from 10-24 October. Please, please give me a break and get your dinner forms and payment in so I don't have to come back and start ringing around half the Club to find out if you are coming or not. We have an excellent guest speaker, a venue that harks back to the early days of the Club ... it will be a very special night for the Oread.

The outline **meets list for 2020** is here – huts are booked but we need meet leaders. If you want to enjoy another year of good times together socially, locally and in the mountains then – the Oread needs you!

In the near future **we need a meet leader for the Heathy Lea bonfire party and the New Year's Day local walk.** These events are much enjoyed, it will be sad if they don't happen.

## From the Meets Working Group

The outline meets program for the coming year is given here though there are more meets to be added when the bookings are confirmed and regular mid-week walking and climbing meets are not yet included.

If you would like to be part of the Meets Working Group please get in touch, or, if you have any suggestions please let me know (and even better offer to lead the meet). The idea of the group is to have a wide range of interests and experience represented so that all tastes can be catered for.

As with all club activities success depends on people, both to organize the meets and to attend them. If you would like to be involved in the Club by leading a meet please get in touch and I can suggest meets we have planned that require a leader or we could add an additional meet.

If there is anyone who would be interested in the role of Meets Secretary please get in touch with me so that I can tell you what the position involves.

Nigel Briggs. Email for Meets Secretary remains [oreadmcmeets@gmail.com](mailto:oreadmcmeets@gmail.com)

## Forthcoming meets 2019 - 2020

<i>October</i>	1	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak</i>
	9	<i>Wednesday Walk John Gwyther</i>
	12 <sup>th</sup> - 20	<i>Kalymnos Michael Hayes</i>
	18th-20	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa Rob Beck and Lucy Revelo Silva</i>
	22	<i>Social meet, Smithfield Alehouse Derby</i>
	23	<i>Wednesday walk Peter Amour</i>
<i>November</i>	1st-3	<i>Halloween and Bonfire meet <span style="color: red;">meet leader needed</span></i>
	5	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak</i>
	9	<i>PDBW Rob Tresidder</i>
	16	<i>Annual Dinner Maynard Arms Grindleford Ruth Gordon/Nigel Briggs</i>
	17	<i>Post Prandial walk Rusty Russell</i>
	22-24	<i>High House curry meet Tony Howard</i>
	30	<i>PDBW Dave Helliwell</i>
<i>December</i>	3	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak</i>
	11	<i>Black Rocks/Harborough night climb Rob Tresidder</i>
	13 <sup>th</sup> -16	<i>Bullstones Dave Helliwell</i>
	21 Dec-1 Jan	<i>Christmas/New Year at Tan yr Wyddfa Rock Hudson</i>
<i>January</i>	1	<i>New Year's Day Walk <span style="color: red;">meet leader needed</span></i>
	7	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak</i>
	11 <sup>th</sup> -13	<i>Kinlochleven Waters Cottage Nigel Briggs</i>
	18	<i>PDBW</i>
	24 -26	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa</i>
<i>February</i>	4	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak</i>
	7th-9	<i>Inverey Muir Cottage (awaiting confirmation)</i>

	15-16	<i>PDBW 2 stages with bunkhouse Stuart Firth</i>
	21st-23	<i>Stair Hut</i>
<i>March</i>	3	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak</i>
	6 <sup>th</sup> -8	<i>Patterdale George Starkey hut</i>
	14 -15	<i>PDBW 2 stages camping</i>
	20 <sup>th</sup> - 21	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa</i>
	28	<i>AGM</i>
	29	<i>Spring Stride</i>
<i>April</i>	10 <sup>th</sup> - 13	<i>Easter Pembroke camping</i>
	24 -26	<i>New Members' meet Heathy Lea Ben Wooler</i>
<i>May</i>	8 <sup>th</sup> - 10	<i>Bank Holiday on 8<sup>th</sup>. Dartmoor camping</i>
	15-16	<i>Ogwen Glan Dena</i>
	23 <sup>rd</sup> -31	<i>Bank Holiday week. Kinlochewe Torridon camping Spenser Gray</i>
<i>June</i>	26-28	<i>North Downs Way Pam Storer</i>
<i>July</i>	7 <sup>th</sup> -9	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa working party</i>
	10 <sup>th</sup> -12	<i>Nantperis Camping</i>
	25 -8 August	<i>Alpine meet</i>
<i>August</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> - 8	<i>Alpine meet</i>
	14- 16	<i>Wye Valley camping</i>
	28-31	<i>Bank Holiday weekend</i>
<i>September</i>	11 <sup>th</sup> - 13	<i>Yorkshire Grit Manor House Farm camping</i>
	20	<i>PDBW</i>
	25- 27	<i>Little Langdale Fylde Hut</i>
<i>October</i>	2-4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>High House Borrowdale</i>
	6	<i>Evening meet Royal Oak</i>
	10	<i>PDBW</i>
<i>November</i>	3	<i>Evening meet Royal Oak</i>
	7	<i>Bonfire meet Heathy Lea</i>
	8	<i>PDBW Chris Radcliffe</i>
	21	<i>Annual Dinner</i>
	22	<i>Post Prandial walk</i>
<i>December</i>	1	<i>Evening meet Royal Oak</i>
	6	<i>PDBW Paul Gardiner</i>
	9	<i>Black Rocks/Harborough night climbing</i>
	11-13 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Bullstones</i>
	24-31	<i>Christmas and New Year at Tan yr Wyddfa</i>

## **Training opportunities**

The club now has a budget to support members who wish to improve their climbing/mountaineering skills. (A recommendation of the Forward Thinking Group Report.) £500 has been set aside for the current year.

The money is available to:

- subsidise courses to improve members' personal skills eg belaying, trad climbing techniques, self rescue, navigation etc.

- support members who regularly climb with novices by bringing them up to date with current best practice.
- Set up instruction for groups of members wishing to learn a particular skill (anchor building, leading, safety and best practice etc). The club would engage a suitably qualified individual to provide instruction. This would be subsidised by the club, providing a lower cost to members than booking onto a course as individuals, but would not leave the instructor significantly out of pocket.

If you have identified a course you wish to attend as an individual please tell the Secretary, Simon, brief details for consideration by the committee.

Simon Pape email [simon.pape66@gmail.com](mailto:simon.pape66@gmail.com)

If you would like to join a group of members to learn some new skills please contact any member of the committee to discuss the options and register your interest. We will try to group people together and put you in touch with a friendly instructor.

### **Evening meets:**

Do come along to the evening climbing wall session:

**Mondays at the Unit** from 7 – 9.00 pm and after at the Smithfield, Meadow Road, Derby. Over the winter there is also a group at Wirksworth wall from 7-9.30 pm on Wednesdays, then adjourning to the Royal Oak, North St.

### **Evening Indoor Meets 2019 – 2020 Rob Tresidder**

The programme kicks off on 01 October when Rock Hudson will talk about Kanchenjunga and the Cordillera Huayhuash and show transparencies (remember those?) on his own projector.

I have some irons in the fire. I try to get a 50:50 mix of contributions from the club and paid outside speakers, so please step forward if

- you know someone who would give an outstanding talk to the club. If you feed me the name, I am happy to issue the invitation and negotiate terms!
- you, yourself, have an interesting illustrated story to tell. Many of you will have done this before and will need no help or advice from me, but if you are new to public speaking/showing images, I am happy to advise and assist.

I hear the alpine meet this year was a huge success with a wide variety of expeditions undertaken on all sorts of terrain. I think a really good evening could be had if one of the attenders could gather together images of Oread activists on snow, rock, iron and grass to show to the club in November.

I expect to be away in London 07-18 October and would really like to get the November and December meets sorted before I go. There is a slight chance my return will be delayed!

Rob Tresidder – text 07951 625378

## **Tuesday 1 October 8pm Lecture Royal Oak Ockbrook**

Our very own Rock Hudson will present a double bill:



### **(i) Kanchenjunga**

otherwise known as The Five Treasures of the Great Snow. Rock will show us views of both the north and south sides in autumn and winter.



### **(ii) Trek round the Cordillera Huayhuash**

Rob Tresidder – text 07951 625378

## **Wednesday 9 October Walk John Gwyther**

We will meet in the Alstonefield carpark at 13.45 for 14.00 departure, walking north to Hartington and returning by a different route, partly along Wolfscote Dale. There should surely be refreshment opportunities in Hartington(?) even on a Wednesday afternoon in October.

John Gwyther: tel. 07931 630974 email [jagwyther54@gmail.com](mailto:jagwyther54@gmail.com)

## **10 – 21 October Kalymnos Michael Hayes**

Kalymnos is a Greek Island situated close to the Turkish coast and is one of the most enjoyable sports climbing venues in the world. The climbing scene is perfect with over 60 crags and hundreds of routes at all grades. My 2016 guide has over 400 pages.

Most people get to the island via a flight to Kos with Jet 2 from East Mids / Birmingham or Manchester and then a boat to Kalymnos main harbour. Taxis, Bike and Car hire are plentiful, and most climbers stay around the town of

Masouri which has loads of low cost accommodation and excellent bars and restaurants.

The dates are flexible as many stay longer than one week but our plan is to fly out from Birmingham on the 10<sup>th</sup> October and book into a hotel at Mastichari on Kos as it arrives quite late. The following morning we will take the boat to Kalymnos, pick up a hire car and drive the short distance to Masouri where there is loads of accommodation if you book early!

We are booked into the Louis Apartment 6 with Airbnb from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. Come and join us for a fantastic holiday.

For more information and to book onto the meet please contact me.

Michael Hayes: Tel. mobile 07771 700913. Email: [michaelhayes6688@gmail.com](mailto:michaelhayes6688@gmail.com)

## **18-20 October Tan yr Wyddfa Rob Beck and Lucy Revelo Silva**

Hi All, come and join us in the heart of Snowdonia on the 18th-20th of October. We'll be staying at the Tan yr Wyddfa hut.

We can't guarantee good weather but we can guarantee breath taking scenery and good company.

To book your place or for more info please contact Rob on: 07837 663506 or email: [bobreck@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bobreck@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Tuesday 22 October Social at Smithfield Alehouse Derby**

An evening for members to meet up, exchange tales of derring do, have a catch up and make plans to go and play in the mountains. From 7.30 pm.

## **Wednesday 23 October Walk Pete Amour**

Hi Folks, The 23rd October has been booked as a day of gentle autumnal sunshine with plenty of colour on the trees, so here's your chance! Park at Monsal Head on Little Longstone Lane for a 10.00 am move off. The route will go as follows, Monsal Dale - Brushfield - Litton Mill - Cressbrookdale - Little Longstone. A bit up and down, open hillsides and wooded valley walking. Bring a packed lunch and flask, I look forward to seeing you there. Distance about 10 miles

Cheers, Peter. Tel. 01773 826219 email [peter@amour02.force9.co.uk](mailto:peter@amour02.force9.co.uk)

## **Saturday 2 November Bonfire Meet Heathy Lea**

### **Meet Leader Needed!**

The hut is booked and all are welcome but nobody has come forward to lead what is usually a popular club event. If nobody volunteers it will be a do-it-yourself bonfire and no fireworks. That would be a shame – come on somebody – it isn't a lot of work and the club will subsidise it if you don't recover all costs.

You don't even have to do it all – fireworks and bonfire could be two separate jobs?

Please get in touch if you can help: Nigel Briggs tel 07939 660369 email [oreadmcmets@gmail.com](mailto:oreadmcmets@gmail.com)

## **16 November Annual Dinner Maynard Arms Grindleford Ruth Gordon/Nigel Briggs**

This year's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner will be at The Maynard, Main Road Grindleford (S32 2HE). Please arrive from 6.30 pm onwards, to sit down at 7.30 pm. The price will be **£30.00** per person. There will be vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options. Beer and wine at reasonable prices will be available until midnight. We will have a guest speaker, Graham Hoey, who is sure to inspire and entertain us. The Bent Screw award should also provide us with the customary amusement or embarrassment.

Cars/vans can be left overnight in the car park, Rooms are available at The Maynard, please book directly and state you are with The Oread. Other accommodation options are available nearby along with the facilities of Grindleford Café for breakfast. Or you can stay in Matlock and travel by bus. It should be a great night.

See the end of this newsletter for the booking form, menu and payment details plus further info on the overnight stay options.

**Please help us by booking as early as possible, with payment by bank transfer or cheque. Bookings must be made by Thursday 31st October.**

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## **17 November Post Prandial Walk Rusty Russell**

We will meet at Minninglow car park near Pikehall (SK 194584) to move off at 10.30 am. GMT.

Clive “Rusty” Russell tel. 01335 390369 email [zrussell2@googlemail.com](mailto:zrussell2@googlemail.com)

## **13-15 December Bullstones Snod Helliwell**

As many of the usual suspects already know, this year's gallivant will be heading southward via a bivvy at Eldon Quarry to spend Saturday night at Heathy Lea. Full details will be revealed next month but there is one very important point that needs action now. The Robin Hood will be very happy to feed us but it is a busy time of year so we need to reserve tables. **If you want to eat at the pub on the Saturday night you must let me know by the weekend of the Annual Dinner** so I can give firm numbers to the pub. If you don't then you will have to try to book yourself in later or else cook at the hut.

Snod Helliwell email [fingertipdave@outlook.com](mailto:fingertipdave@outlook.com) or phone and leave a message on 01298 812753.

## Peak District Boundary Walk – Quarter One 2020

It is intended to complete the PDBW expedition in December 2020 and planning is well under way to pick up from our 2019 end point in Hayfield. The dates for Quarter One are listed below.

PDBW - Q1		Start	Finish	Accommodation	Location
Saturday	18-Jan-20	Hayfield	Old Glossop		
Saturday	15-Feb-20	Old Glossop	Greenfield	Bunkhouse	Greenfield
Sunday	16-Feb-20	Greenfield	Marsden		
Saturday	14-Mar-20	Marsden	Holme	Campsite	Holme
Sunday	15-Mar-20	Holme	Langsett		

In order to reduce the amount of travel to the further reaches of the Peak District, it is proposed to cover two stages in one weekend in February and similarly in March. Accommodation will be arranged for the Saturday nights – and also on the Friday nights - should there be sufficient demand.

### February Meet

For the meet in February, we will use a very nice bunkhouse in Greenfield (See [www.boarshurstcentre.org.uk](http://www.boarshurstcentre.org.uk)) that will cost about £20 per person per night - assuming we get twenty takers. The Club has paid a deposit and there is a minimum charge of £400 that we will need to recoup. It is proposed to have a communal meal on the Saturday evening – similar to the successful event we had on the joint PDBW / Bullstones last year.

The bunkhouse accommodates 32 so there should be plenty of room for those wishing to bring guests and / or prospective members.

**In order to secure bed spaces and to reduce the risk to the Club's finances, participants are asked to let me have a deposit of £10 before the end of 2019. I would also appreciate an indication as to whether you would be interested in booking the Friday night as well.**

### March Meet

I plan to use the Whitegate campsite in Holmfirth, which is suitable for both tents and camper vans. Arrangements will follow in due course.

**Quarter Two** meets will all be day walks.

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

**Copy deadline for next issue is 24 October.**

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

### **Black Rocks Litter Pick.**

Congratulations to the Derwent Mountaineering Club for organising a very worthwhile litter collecting day on Sunday 22 September. In spite of the wet weather 17 people turned out and scoured not only the paths and surrounding area but all the nooks and crannies in the gullies and chimneys. They collected nearly 30 bags of rubbish, mostly single use plastic bottles (fizzy drinks or water), followed by beer tins and bottles. Oddest finds were a very cute purplish teddy and a large plastic bottle of car wash (really?) oh and also an odd 14ft length of pipe.

### **Wednesday Walk 14 August – Idridgehay Stuart Firth**

A select band of us – well two, actually – met at the Black Swan, Idridgehay in typical August holiday weather – cold and rainy. I had hoped that families might join us but clearly they were somewhat deterred by the conditions. Nonetheless, Peter Amour and I plucked up courage and had a coffee in the pub...

We then ventured on little used footpaths and were rewarded by the discovery of “The Mountain” – a 242m trig point at GR 267493 on OS Explorer 259 Derby. Neither Peter nor I had been aware that Derbyshire actually had a mountain and we were further intrigued by what we found. It is on what appears to be private land and has a very well constructed earth rampart and partial boundary wall. Our researches have cast no light on this piece of industrial (?) archeology so we would be delighted to hear if anyone is able to cast any light on the subject.



*“The Mountain, 242m”. The earth rampart is about 100m long and well-built.*

Having planted the flag, so to speak, we continued on our way and were soon rewarded with the discovery of “The Promised Land”. I have to report it was still raining so any promise must have been rather feeble. This was further underlined when we got to Carsington and discovered that the ice cream shop was shut. Thank goodness no Magnum aficionados had turned up otherwise I would have been in deep do-da.



*No sign of Moses or the Israelites...*

We returned rather more swiftly to Idridgehay via a magnificent and heavily burdened blackberry hedge – location privy to meet attendees only. Another coffee in the pub brought proceedings to a close and we figured we were unlikely to be joined by any evening climbers.

Footnote: Sue, her grandkids and I returned to the pub later that evening and had a most excellent meal - so many thanks to Spenser for suggesting the location.

## **Wednesday Walk 28 August – Monyash Stuart Firth**

The planned start of a walk rarely survives contact with reality when Rusty turns up on a meet. Nonetheless his suggestion was a good one and once we had partaken of coffee – and in the Wilson’s case, enormous toasted teacakes, we set off towards Lathkill Dale. This was delightful as usual, spoiled only by the evidence of ash die-back. One hopes the ash trees will be more successful in their fight-back than the elms...

Once within the wooded area, the rain started and the consensus was to take an earlier lunch at the Lathkill Hotel, Over Haddon. A good spread was on offer and a gazebo provided cover for the self-caterers.

Over the fields and past the remains of Magshaw Mine, the Cornish-style chimney of Magpie Mine hove into view. We spent some time investigating the old workings, shafts and Grade 2 listed corrugated hut.



A little industrial history diverted the party from the temptations of the Cock and Pullet at Sheldon. Another time...

Further refreshments in Monyash brought proceedings to a happy close. Thanks to Peter, John, Jan, Chris and Rusty.

## **Swanage Bank Holiday Meet 23 - 26 August Gill Radcliffe**

Having spent the previous five weeks in Austria and France enjoying mostly fine and hot weather the meet leader was relieved to find the same conditions in Swanage for the bank holiday weekend.

Roland and Angela beat the bank holiday traffic by arriving four days early. Gill and Chris arrived on Thursday evening after a dire journey from Dover and went to bed, leaving the late arrivals to fend for themselves. Simon and Maggie, Al and Lance arrived at some point on Thursday night and somehow found a space on an already crowded campsite.



Subluminal (above) was deemed the crag of choice on Friday morning due to its easy access from the car park and being less scary and more solid than many other crags at Swanage. Al and Lance persuaded everyone that the walk in would be a nice way to warm up. It certainly was. A sweaty band of Oreads arrived at the crag an hour or so later and spent a pleasant day climbing severes and vs's. Angela and Roland declared it was too hot to climb and went off for ice cream, though to their credit they did return to do another route.



*Gill on First Corner, Subluminal.*



*Lance, Al, Kasia and Jurek at Winspit.*

On Saturday, after the previous day's heat Al and Lance decided that Winspit might offer some shade and were joined by Jurek and Kasia. The trad team (Simon, Roland, Angela, Chris and Gill) decided to risk it and went to Guillemot and had a good day climbing classic routes including Tensor 11 and Batt Crack. The sports team returned with tales of excellent shady routes and a great beach next to the crag. It certainly sounded tempting. The meet leader had organised things very well by handing over responsibility for a BBQ to Kasia, who having recently returned from Poland fed the campsite with Polish sausage. You probably haven't heard Kasia say how good it is.

Sunday morning felt even hotter so we all decided Winspit would be a good idea and the swim in the sea after the climbing was as good as Kasia said it would be. In the evening Jurek, Al and Gill went to Subluminal so Jurek could experience sea cliff climbing for the first time. Kasia and Lance went on a pub crawl and joined us at Subluminal, though Lance was a little mystified as to how Kasia managed to arrange a walk that missed out all the pubs.

Roger, Sharon and Ben arrived on Sunday evening via Twickenham and the beach. On Monday morning Roger was ready for some serious climbing action and luckily for the rest of us co-opted Simon for an ascent of 'Facedancin' (E3 6a) at Guillemot. I believe it all went well though Simon may have used some mountaineering skills to progress upwards...wise man.



*Fun at the Saturday night barbecue.*

Chris and Gill tried to find Cormorant Ledge from above and below. A top down approach was deemed too dangerous by the elder statesman and a sea level traverse was deemed unsafe by the vertically challenged. It was back to Guillemot to find a way out.

Thanks to all attendees for making it such a fun weekend. Roland and Angela, Simon and Maggie, Kasia and Jurek, Gill and Chris, Al, Lance, Roger, Sharon and Ben.

## **Return to Torre Brunico Roger Gibbs**

We'd moved on to a new, old campsite; one we'd previously visited in 2009 when Sharon was pregnant. The traditional mid-holiday rainy day had been dispatched in style with a slap up Sunday lunch and minds were moving on to further adventures. A thorough scouring of the guidebooks revealed some stonking looking lines. The walk in looked reasonable and it was only a short bike ride from the campsite. I was getting an urge as Mr Fowler would say. "Have you seen this?" I asked. "One of the classic multipitch sport routes in the Dolomites (which means in the world)." Dave had. Then he reminded me that we'd done the left hand line (Oltre la porta, beyond the door) back in 2009. I looked blank, really? I checked another guidebook and there it was. "Pretty nails and bold high up" said my notes from a decade ago. Chris chipped in:

“Well, we were never going to go for that one anyway it’s only 6c+.” Right. Ottovolante (roller coaster) it is then. How hard can F7a+ and 11 pitches be anyway? Then I inexplicably volunteered to lead the crux. Good to be committed, right?

The night before was the usual routine of checking my watch every hour, feeling wide awake, only to have to drag myself out of bed feeling like I could sleep like a teenager. I crept out of the van, hastily turning off the alarm before it can wake anyone else. I’m ready a little ahead of the others and the slowest, so I mount up. I set off pedalling uphill as golden light floods down from the cliff tops and across the valley. A mouse runs across the road looking for his breakfast or perhaps his bed. I’m really enjoying myself as I take it easy up towards the pass. I can almost see why those road cyclists get up so early. A couple of vans rush past me and I smile at the thought of cadging a lift. Then I’m struck with a worrying thought: what if the lads have scored a ride? Fortunately, both vans turn off into an hotel well short of our destination. Another road bike hoves into view but he’s several hairpins below me and I’m relieved to realise I’m not going to have to race him. A little further down I can see Chris and Dave chatting as they work their way up towards me. By the time I’ve found somewhere to stash the bikes they’ve arrived and we set off on foot.

Another very civilised walk in ensues. This had better not carry on or the Dolomites will get a reputation. I’ve got pitch one (so that I get pitch 7, the crux) and we spend a little time casting about for the exact start. The guide mentions a hard to spot first bolt at 10m and a cairn. For some reason I convince myself that the obvious cairn is the start of the left hand line. Then eagle eye Dave spots the elusive first bolt...directly above the cairn. I set off. Last night’s gear debate had concluded with a very light rack indeed. A few moves got me to a good crack and a sound wire. Just I was about to clip in, I changed my mind and clipped the gleaming bolt six inches to the left instead. Not a high first bolt then. The climbing was superb, steep and positive on perfect rock with excellent protection. I pulled onto the belay with some steep and not entirely obvious moves. I recalled having read somewhere that the route was full of juggy surprises – that was spot on. Every move required a little faith in what was above. A classic pitch, but stout for 6a. This seems to be going rather well.

As I brought the lads up, we could hear noises below and off to one side. A little later a super relaxed Euro team appeared. Oh no, did they know a cunning diversion in order to nip in front of us? It turned out they were on a different, easier line but with very little fixed gear. Their route crossed ours a few times and we raised an eyebrow at massive runs outs, belaying holding only the rope on the climber’s side of the belay device while checking mobile phones. They seemed to be enjoying themselves though.

Our route continued very directly onto more steep ground. At one stance, we worked out which pitches each of us was going to end up with.

“Still on for the crux?” asked Chris solicitously. This was my out.

“Yes,” I heard myself say. Now why had I said that? Oh well, it’s ages away yet, plenty can happen before then. Chris jumped in and led pitch 4, which scooted left and took an overhanging groove. It looked nails. It was dispatched with the usual aplomb, but there were a few shapes being thrown up there. Some puffing ensued when the seconds followed the pitch. That brought us to a semi hanging belay below a long, left leading furrow linking the two halves of the route. The

roof and headwall of the crux pitch loomed above. Dave shot off up the groove. It was easy going and our relaxed Euro friends joined us on the belay as he climbed. They looked reluctant to use the fixed gear of our stance and sketched around looking for ethical, organic belays.



*Roger on the big pitch.*

Another superb, steep pitch (Chris) brought us to the terrace under the crux. Blimey it looked blank. I looked again and holds appeared. The start was guarded by a little run out section. I set off, pulling much too hard until the first bolt was clipped. Long moves between good holds and lots of fixed gear. I'm enjoying myself. Above the roof leers down. I tuck in under it, lean out and clip above then scuttle back down for a rest. It's pretty obvious what's required: undercut to reach over for a sloping gaston for the left, a poor crimp for the right, feet high and lunge for what I very much hope will be a jug. When the time comes to lunge, there's not very much lunging going on and I sag into the bolt.

Next go, the jug is as advertised, a struggle and I'm up. The pitch isn't over, with lots more pumpy climbing to come. I strap in and watch the seconds struggle up with the sacs. Chris giggles as his feet pop off, but it doesn't seem to trouble him much. (Dave actually fell off seconding, so it wasn't trivial...and I took a second rest feeling a little fried). I'm disappointed to have rested, but pleased I had tried. On we go, pitch after pitch of the highest quality. I got pitch 9, up a soaring arête, that would have been a three star route anywhere in its own right. My arms were fading now and the "one move wonder" crux move on the last pitch but one needed a bit of cunning.

Suddenly we're at the top, with only a crumbling ridge to get us back to the plateau. We elect to move together but it's easy going. We sort gear, grab some food and trudge off across the barren flatness towards the hut. Dave has had a message that the family have just left the hut and the boys set off in hot pursuit. I take a more leisurely pace, weaving in and out of the walkers and via ferrata crews. My timing is perfect as a mug of tea appears from the van just as I get down. All that's left of the day is to race the van down the hill on the bikes (cyclists 3, van 0), grab a shower and make up some war stories.

## **Hut Bookings.**

### **TAN-YR-WYDDFA**

28 Sep-3 October	C Evans COPA 2 beds
4-5 October	C Evans COPA 16 beds
11-12 October	Sphinx MC 16 beds
18-19 October	Oread meet
22-23 October	K Fellfarers 8 beds
25-26 October	Derwent MC
1-3 November	Avon MC 16 beds
8-9 November	Bedford MC
15-16 November	Hertfordshire MC 16 beds
29-30 November	Wrekin MC 12 beds
6-7 December	Rock and Heather 16 beds

### **HEATHY LEA**

4-5 October	Harvey 5 beds
11-13 October	Croydon MC
2-3 November	Bonfire meet
8-9 November	Adventure Sports Club 12 beds
16 November	Oread Dinner
18-22 November	C and P Craddock 2 beds
6-7 December	Bowline Club cottage
14 December	Bullstones

"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: **179 Starkholmes Rd. Starkholmes, Matlock DE4 5JA**  
Mobile 07771 700913. Email: [michaelhayes6688@gmail.com](mailto:michaelhayes6688@gmail.com)

Our preferred method of payment is via bank transfer to our account with Lloyds - Sort Code **30-98-97**. Account number **62584068**. 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.

## **Information on Member Activities**

Welcome to new member Chris Haines. We hope you will enjoy many happy days with the Oread.

Applications for full membership have been received from Andy Birtwistle, Sue Birtwistle and Steve Chamberlain, to be decided at the October committee.

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:**

The ages of the pupils range from 11 to 18. Prime numbers cannot be the product of two other numbers which leaves us with 12, 14, 15, 16 and 18.

Age 12 with 3 dogs and 4 blues is a solution, 6 blues and 2 dogs is not.

Age 14 with 7 blues and 2 dogs is not.

Age 15 with 5 blues and 3 dogs is OK.

age 16 with 8 blues and 2 dogs is not, nor are 4 and 4.

age 18 with 9 blues and 2 dogs does not satisfy, nor does 6 and 3.

I can therefore only identify 2 possible solutions from this range.

Mike Moss again submitted a solution, logically presented and neat. His interpretation of the question assumed that the number of canine legs was to be compared with the number of "blue" bodies whereas my intention was to compare canine legs with "blue" legs. This hinged on whether the question had been worded in a manner free from any possible ambiguity. Your editor, who is of course not susceptible to the persuasive charms of a younger and more handsome man than myself, decreed that a degree of ambiguity could not be completely ruled out. I am therefore delighted to announce that Mr Moss has produced a faultless answer.

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



**Photo A**



**Photo B**

The question for this month is to determine which Peak District eminence, the choice being Sh Hl, Hzl't Clm or Hg Whld is closest to the derelict farmhouse shown in photo A. The vowels and the last letter of each word have been omitted from the names of the hills. Photo B was taken whilst I was walking up towards the farmhouse. Readers are not expected to recognise the architecture, but the nature of the terrain and grazing, together with my habitual locations should facilitate an educated guess. This puzzle might draw Jack Ashcroft from his lair.

## **Annual Dinner overnight stay information.**

The Maynard will allow cars and vans to be used for sleeping overnight in their car park providing the vans are not too huge to fit into their parking bays. They must be removed by 11.00am on Sunday morning.

They will do breakfasts for you as well but would like advance notice.

The Sir William Hotel seems to be a somewhat cheaper option than the rooms at the Maynard. Tel. 01433 630303.

Heathy Lea is reserved for the weekend – bookings to Mick Hayes as normal.

Taxis or volunteer drivers could be organised among those staying there?

As an alternative the Wilsons and Ruth are happy for people to stay with them in Matlock as in previous years. If there is enough interest we could get a coach to take us there and back at a cost of approximately £10.00 per person. If you are interested in this option please let Ruth know when you make your booking. We do have some interest in this but there are still beds available so will be organising some form of joint transport. We need to know numbers quickly please so we can book the right size of bus.

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## Oread Annual Dinner Order Form

The dinner will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> November and will cost **£30.00** per person. Tea or coffee is included in the price.

Please write your name and the name of your guest(s) in the boxes on the top line and tick one item per course per person.

**Either post** your completed form and payment to Ruth Gordon, 4, The Terrace, Upper Lumsdale, Matlock, Derbys. DE4 5LB or pay by Bank Transfer and scan and email your form to [alistair.ruth@btinternet.com](mailto:alistair.ruth@btinternet.com) to arrive by 31<sup>st</sup> October at the latest.

**Payment should be by cheque payable to Oread MC or bank transfer to Oread A/C No.: 62584068; Sort code 30-98-97. Please state who the payment is for in the reference.**

**Please tell me your payment method on the form below, e.g. BACS/cheque.**

**I must have the completed forms by 31st October**

<b>Name:</b>				
<b>Payment method</b>				
<b>Starter</b>				
Ham Hock & Caper Terrine, Homemade Piccalilli and Toast (GF)				
Goats Cheese & Leek Tart, Red Pepper & Onion Marmalade (v)				
Falafel, Crisp Cos lettuce, Minted Yoghurt Dip (v v) (GF)				
<b>Main Course</b>				
Mains Breast of Chicken Wrapped in Pancetta, Colcannon Mash, Red Wine Gravy (GF)				
Spiced Chick Pea & Seasonal Vegetable Stew, Tabbouleh Salad, Aniseed Flatbread (v v) (GF)				
<b>Dessert</b>				
Individual Pear & Ginger Crumble, Ice Cream or Custard				
Chocolate Tart (GF, v v)				

(GF) Gluten Free, (v) Vegetarian, (vv) Vegan

**If you have any special dietary requirements please state them below (e.g. gluten/wheat/vegan. Please contact The Maynard directly if you have any dietary concerns: Kate Hickinson 01433 630321.**

*If you have a strong preference to be seated in a particular group, please state this below & we will do our best to accommodate you.*