



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

MARCH 2021



Stuart Firth was lucky enough to capture this Brocken Spectre and Glory on camera near Will Shore's tree Oker, looking towards Chatsworth on 9 January.

Editorial

The first part of this issue is about the AGM with all the Officer Reports and accounts included here. Questions are invited in advance of the AGM so have a read now rather than leaving it until the day. Also the AGM is the deadline for paying your subs so if you haven't yet done so – do it today!

The exciting news is that after 29 March we should be able to restart outdoor meets in groups of up to six so the forthcoming meets for the next couple of months can be found on pages 14 – 17 and more on pages 31-32.

Write ups include lockdown walks and cycle rides, a holiday that didn't go to plan, and there are tributes to Jean O'Neill and Margaret Linney.

Copy Deadline 20 March.

Thursday 25 March 8.00 pm Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will take place at 8 pm on Thursday 25th March 2021. Due to Covid-19 restrictions the meeting will be held virtually on Zoom facilitated by the BMC. Log in and procedural information will be circulated when we have them.

Oread Mountaineering Club Annual General Meeting.

Thursday 25th March 2020 8 pm Zoom (details to follow)

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2019 AGM
3. Matters arising from those minutes
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Approval of 2019 and 2020 accounts
7. Tan yr Wyddfa HC report
8. Heathy Lea HC report
9. Election of officers. The following nominations have been received:
 - President: Nigel Briggs
 - Vice President: Dave Helliwell
 - General Secretary: Simon Pape
 - Membership Secretary: Michael Hayes
 - Treasurer: Janet Briggs
 - Hut Bookings Secretary: Michael Hayes
 - Hut Custodian Heathy Lea: Chris Wilson
 - Hut Custodian Tan yr Wyddfa: Dave Helliwell
 - Meets Secretary: Michael Moss
 - Communications Officer: Ruth Gordon
 - Additional Committee Members: Pete Lancaster, Mike Wren, David Mason.
 - Heathy Lea Hut Committee: Chris Wilson, Steve McDonagh, Michael Hayes, Pam Storer, Mike Wren
 - Tan yr Wyddfa Hut Committee: Dave Helliwell, David Appleby, Chris Eyre, Roy Eyre, Derek Pike, Pam Storer, Ruth Gordon.

Simon Pape – General Secretary

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As this is a different from usual format for the meeting, and to improve efficiency, the accounts and officers' reports are circulated below prior to

the AGM. Questions are invited to be submitted in advance of the AGM and the responses will be provided at the AGM.

The 2019 minutes and accounts will be re-circulated by email. If you do not have email and cannot find the printed copies sent to you last year please contact Ruth Gordon, contact details at the end of this newsletter, and I will post them to you.

President's Report to the AGM March 2021

What can be said about 2020 that has not been said already! I have exhausted my supply of superlatives to describe the year we have experienced.

So, what has happened in the last twelve months? At this time last year, we hoped the 2020 AGM would still be happening. As March unfolded it became apparent that it would not be possible so we postponed it, before admitting last autumn that it would not take place. We cannot go for another year without holding a meeting of some kind so on this occasion we are holding the AGM virtually and to move even further from tradition it is on a Thursday evening!

Over the last year we have lost members and friends Janet Reynolds, Tony Smedley, Jean O'Neill and Margaret Linney, they will be sadly missed.

I have presided over a year of postponements and cancellations. My first act was to cancel the 2020 Spring Stride (a meet I was leading, so possibly expected) although the route can be used this year. We await to see if restrictions are relaxed sufficiently to hold it this year, however, my feeling is that this will be unlikely. Maybe in 2022

Club meets have essentially been on hold all year. There was a slight flurry of activity towards the end of summer with some Wednesday walks and a couple of sections of the Peak District Boundary Walk successfully run following social distancing and group size guidelines. Come the autumn with lockdown 2 and then 3 all meets had to be put on hold. The general pattern through the year was one of cancellations, the AGM, Annual Dinner and the Heathy Lea 50th celebrations all fell victim. On the positive side members have been getting out and doing stuff but just not on meets. Some did get to enjoy warm Greek rock in the autumn and members were climbing and walking closer to home. And there was always cycling to be done!

I would like to thank all the members of the committee for what they have done keeping the club ticking over through the year. The committee has continued to meet on a monthly basis with virtual meetings on zoom. These have been more successful and easy to run than I anticipated.

At this AGM Ben Wooler and Spenser Gray are stepping down from the committee; thank you both for your contributions over the years.

The Newsletter has been regularly published through the year, many thanks to Ruth Gordon for producing it. It has been much appreciated through this past year and thank you to all who have contributed articles. It has been great to hear what people have been getting up to as well as reading about past adventures.

It has not been possible to run the winter lecture programme this year. Recently we have held a couple of zoom based slide shows. These have proved popular and having a virtual meeting allows people to attend from the comfort of their own homes irrespective of the distance from Derbyshire, it has been good to see members signing in who normally would not travel for an evening in Derby! This may be a format of meeting that we could continue with in the future, in addition to the usual lectures.

Although meets have been suspended for most of the year, we still have had a meets list which is ready to implement when circumstances allow. Thanks to Mike Moss for keeping the meets programme updated and for what seems to be an endless round of rescheduling. We held a 'virtual camping' meet on the early May Bank Holiday with attendees joining from their own gardens for a Friday evening zoom get together. We await the appearance of Tim Sellears' glitter ball on a future meet! Thanks to Janet for instigating and leading that meet. On the subject of meet leaders thanks to all who have led meets this last year. Meets are the lifeblood of the club and they require leaders, thanks to future meet leaders.

Thanks are due to the Hut Custodians and the Hut Committees. Snod and the Tan yr Wyddfa hut committee have worked from a distance to keep the hut in good order. Thanks to Chris Wilson for stepping forward to act as the Heathy Lea Custodian (and for agreeing to continue for this next year) and to the Heathy Lea Hut committee. The Hut Committees had to draw up procedures that enabled us to open the huts for members use after Lockdown 1. Hopefully we will be able to use the huts again soon albeit under similar restrictions to before. There is no point speculating at this stage as to when, or even if, we will be able to return to hut use as we knew it.

Early in the pandemic the club received grants under the Covid Small Business Relief Grant. These grants have removed any immediate financial concerns, although our income has been severely reduced. When relaxation in restrictions allowed, the huts did get some use during the summer months by household groups. As restrictions are lifted, I encourage members to use the huts, but please follow the guidelines in place at the time and make all bookings with the Hut Bookings secretary before any visit.

Thanks also to Michael Hayes for running the Hut Bookings and having to deal with alterations as changes to restrictions have dictated.

I would also like to thank Michael for his work as Membership secretary, a vital behind the scenes role that goes un-noticed when it is all working well. As the club has had an effectively 'inactive' year and many have members will have

experienced financial hardship we decided to reduce the membership rates to a minimum of £20 (although additional donations have been gratefully received) to cover the BMC component of the fees only.

Thanks are due to Janet Briggs for looking after the club accounts, again a role that goes un-noticed when it is done well.

I would like to thank Mike and Simon Wren for the work they have done in maintaining the club's website. At the moment the website is in the process of being updated and will be launched in a new format later this year. Thanks to the group, headed by Janet, for the work they are doing.

The other important 'background job' that only becomes apparent when it is not done is that of secretary, thanks to Simon Pape for keeping the administrative wheels turning.

Finally, I would like to thank the Chris Radcliffe and Maggie Pape for acting as trustees, essential positions that allow the club to function as it does.

I am always cautious of thanking named individuals for fear of missing someone out. Other members have contributed to the club and its activities, thank you to all.

This year all the committee members, except Ben and Spenser, are re-standing and will take the club forward in 2021. 2020 has been a very different year for the club and one that will not be forgotten. Due to the unprecedented circumstances, it has been suggested that my 'official' two year tenure of President starts with this AGM and hopefully the club can return to something closer to what it should be.

Finally, I thank you, the members, for continuing to support the club, I hope members will be able to meet up in person soon and hold some of the events that we have had to postpone and to get out into the hills.

Nigel Briggs

The Receipts and Payments Accounts, and Balance Sheet for the year 2020 are attached.

NOTES:

- The club returned an excess in the year of just over £13,600. This is because of the receipt of Covid Business Relief grants of £10,000 from each of Derbyshire and Gwynedd Councils.
- Without the grants there would have been a deficit of £6,400, as a result of much reduced hut income due to enforced closures of the huts.
- It is expected that there will be a reduction in hut income through 2021, and the excess from 2020 will be carried forward to cover this. However it is also hoped that it will be possible to spend some of the Covid grant money on hut improvements, and in the process feed some of it back into the communities where our huts are located.
- On the recommendation of the examiner of accounts a deposit account has been opened and £20,000 transferred to this.
- The committee decided to offer the option of reduced membership subscriptions for 2021, to reflect the fact that the club was not able to offer the usual benefits of membership in 2020, and that some members may have suffered financial hardship as a result of the Covid pandemic.
- In 2020 the club made a donation to the FRCC towards their fundraising for the rebuilding of their Brackenclose Hut. A small donation was also made to a charity in memory of Tony Smedley as he had paid a membership subscription shortly before his death.
- In summary the club's finances are in a healthy state. The year ahead holds many uncertainties, but we should be in a good financial position to cope with them.

The accounts have been inspected and approved by our Examiner of Accounts: Helen Lane, of Dains Accountants.

I would like to recommend that Helen be appointed as Examiner of Accounts for 2021.

Oread Mountaineering Club

**Chartered Accountants' Report to the Members of the Oread Mountaineering Club
on the Unaudited Accounts**

In accordance with instructions received, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Oread Mountaineering Club for the year ended 31 December 2020, set out on pages 2 and 3 from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given to us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at [icaew.com/members handbook](http://icaew.com/members-handbook).

This report is made solely to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Oread Mountaineering Club and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release TECH08/16AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than you, for our work or for this report.

You have approved the accounts for the year and acknowledged your responsibility for them and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the accounts.

**Dains LLP
Chartered Accountants**

**9 March 2020
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Oread Mountaineering Club
Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
GENERAL RECEIPTS		
Subscriptions	6,702	6,244
Indoor Meets / Dinner	212	2,868
Outdoor Meets	552	1,097
Deposit account interest	26	
GENERAL RECEIPTS TOTAL	7,492	10,209
HUT RECEIPTS		
Tan Yr Wyddfa – Hut Fees	1,823	11,029
Heathy Lea - Hut Fees	2,324	5,033
Grants (COVID19)	20,000	632
TOTAL RECEIPTS	31,639	26,903
GENERAL PAYMENTS		
BMC	3,847	2,950
Bank Charges	-	
Printing / Postage / Stationery	862	968
Web Site	136	152
Indoor Meets / Dinner	184	3,389
Outdoor Meets	691	982
Training Courses	-	
Solicitors / inspection of accounts	363	1,560
Donations	525	60
Travel and Miscellaneous Expenses	10	
TOTAL GENERAL PAYMENTS	6,618	10,061
TAN YR WYDDFA PAYMENTS		
Insurance	1,254	1,195
Utilities (elec, water, waste)	3,544	3,681
Consumables (cleaning, toiletries, coal)	410	226
Regular Maintenance, inc. gas tank	230	267
Improvements / Replacements	165	2,918
PAT / Fire / Gas Tests	259	253
Travel/ Miscellaneous	40	
TOTAL TAN YR WYDDFA PAYMENTS	5,902	8,540
HEATHY LEA PAYMENTS		
Chatsworth Rent	3,240	3,486
Insurance	836	797
Utilities (electricity, tank emptying)	1,233	2,101
Consumables (cleaning, toiletries, coal)	96	355
Regular Maintenance	26	50
Improvements	41	3,864
Travel/ Miscellaneous	28	63
TOTAL HEATHY LEA PAYMENTS	5,500	10,716
TOTAL PAYMENTS	18,020	29,317
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS/(PAYMENTS OVER RECEIPTS)	13,619	(2,414)

Oread Mountaineering Club
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fixed Assets:		
Freehold property	250,000	250,000
Current assets:		
Deposit account balance	23,846	
Current account balance	20,026	30,275
Heathy Lea float balance	<u>67</u>	<u>45</u>
	<u>293,939</u>	<u>280,320</u>
Reserves brought forward	280,320	282,734
Surplus/ (deficit)	<u>13,619</u>	<u>(2,414)</u>
	<u>293,939</u>	<u>280,320</u>

Notes to the accounts:

- 1) These accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and do not include any amounts owing to, or by, the club at 31st December 2020.

The Club had the following liabilities at that date:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Subscriptions received in advance	2,195	2,846
Hut fees received in advance	800	750
Income received in advance re meets	360	232
Accountants fees	360	360

The Club had prepaid £255 for huts re 2021 meets (2020 – £399) and £150 deposit for dinner venue (c/f from 2020).

- 2) The freehold property at Tan yr Wyddfa is included at market value 2015.
- 3) Leasehold property fixtures, fittings and equipment are written off in the year of purchase.
- 4) Corporation Tax – the Club is considering registering as a CASC. If this registration does not proceed, then a Corporation Tax liability will arise.

The above Statement of Assets and Liabilities and attached Receipts and Payments account were approved by the Committee on 9 March 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

J Briggs
Treasurer

N Briggs
Acting President

BUDGET for 2021

A budget for 2021, shown with receipts and payments for 2020, and the 2020 budget, is shown below:

	2020 TOTAL	2020 Budget	2021 Budget
GENERAL INCOME			
Subs	£ 6,702	£ 7,500	£ 6,000
Deposit Account Interest	£ 26		£ 100
Indoor Meets / Dinner	£ 212	£ 3,000	£ 3,000
Outdoor Meets	£ 552	£ 2,500	£ 1,000
Training Courses		£ 500	£ 500
GENERAL INCOME TOTAL	£ 7,492	£ 13,500	£ 10,600
HUT INCOME			
TYW	£ 1,823	£ 9,500	£ 2,250
HL	£ 2,324	£ 5,500	£ 2,250
Donations	£ 20,000		
INCOME TOTAL	£ 31,639	£ 28,500	£ 15,100
GENERAL EXPENSES			
BMC	£ 3,847	£ 4,000	£ 4,000
Bank	£ -		
Printing / Postage / Stationary	£ 862	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
Web Site	£ 136	£ 160	£ 2,000
Indoor Meets / Dinner	£ 184	£ 3,000	£ 3,000
Outdoor Meets	£ 691	£ 3,000	£ 1,500
Training Courses	£ -	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
Solicitors / inspection of accounts	£ 363	£ 500	£ 500
Donations	£ 525		
Travel Expenses	£ 10	£ 50	£ 50
GENERAL EXPENSES TOTAL	£ 6,618	£ 12,710	£ 13,050

Points to note are as follows:

- This budget assumes a similar level of club activity to 2020, no attempt has been made to balance it, the excess from 2020 has been carried forward.
- For Tan yr Wyddfa the total of Regular Maintenance and Improvements / Replacements is based on 1% of its value, as recommended by the FTG. Any unspent amount will be carried forward to future years. (See below)
 - In addition for 2021 £1500 has been allocated for Maintenance and Improvements at Heathy Lea, this will be carried forward if not spent.
- The budget shows a contingency of £500 to allow for loss making meets. It is considered by the committee that as the running of outdoor meets is the main function of the club we should be able to book huts in the knowledge that there may be occasions when the hut is not filled to capacity and therefore a loss will be made.
- The budget shows an allocation of £500 for training. Members are invited to apply for this to fund or subsidise any mountaineering based training they wish to undertake. Any unspent amount will be carried forward to future years.
- The committee is proceeding with upgrading the website to improve appearance and include online capacity for payments and hut bookings. There will be set up costs associated with this; a budget of £2000 has been allocated in 2021.
- Earmarked reserve funds:
 - Tan yr Wyddfa: £2100 of 2020 Maintenance and Improvements budget not spent so will be carried forward.
 - Training: £500 of 2020 training budget not used so will be carried forward.

Janet Briggs

January 2021.

2020/21 Tan yr Wyddfa Report Dave Helliwell

After the PAT testing and locking down last March I reopened the hut, according to the BMC and insurers' guidelines, on 21 July. It didn't last long but a few lucky people got to spend time there before I had to go down again, in late October, to turn the heaters up, drain the water system and generally prepare the hut for a long winter shut down. We've not been allowed back since. Nodge will have to find a new job at the working parties as we have a local gardener to cut the grass once a month in the growing season. Among the summer visitors, Pam Storer and Nick Evans spent a few days at the hut in late August, were very unlucky with the weather but did lots of garden tidying and other maintenance jobs for which we are very grateful.

On the recommendation of Peter Banham, who has done our building work at the hut over many years, I asked a structural engineering company, Datrys, to look at the crack in the dining room/stair wall. We hope to replace the floor

covering in the dining room and hallway so wanted to be sure there is no serious underlying problem. The only thing of note they have told us in their report, dated 19 February 2021, is that the crack appears to be only in the render, not the underlying masonry. We will investigate further when we are allowed back.

2020/21 Heathy Lea Report Chris and Jan Wilson

Well, what an interesting 12 months we've had! And very little opportunity for most of us to enjoy the pleasures of this superb gem in the Peak District.

Magnificent work by the hut committee and their many helpers led by Phil and Yvonne Waterson meant that by the (non) AGM in March 2020 Heathy Lea had become a wonderful club asset. We looked forward to a year that would see lots of us using the hut and, in the Autumn, have a grand event to celebrate half a century of Oread occupation. Phil and Yvonne advised that they would have to relinquish their role, so a plea for a new custodian went out in the newsletter, unfortunately without any response. With the prospect of the hut being closed Jan and I agreed to fill the void on a temporary basis.

Five days before the AGM at the end of March we were all instructed that we must stay at home. Heathy Lea was out of bounds! It was fortuitous that Jan had managed a quick check the day before. In early April many emails and phone calls were followed by a parcel full of documents. We had been handed the poisoned chalice!

Phil and Yvonne moved to Cornwall in late April. They have done a magnificent job over the years and we wish them well in their new venture. The Oread will struggle to find hut custodians of such quality again.

We advised Chatsworth Estates of the change and agreed to meet with Charlotte Leech, their Deputy Estate Manager, once movement restrictions eased.

In mid April a brief visit showed that the hut and barn were in good condition and neither jungle nor rodents had taken over. The storage heaters, fridge (with door left open) and cooker were turned off. People started getting out into the hills again (remember that glorious weather) in late May. Although the doors of Heathy Lea remained firmly closed the odd sortie was made to cut back the vegetation.

The Hut Committee met in early July, the main purpose being to agree arrangements for the reopening of the hut. This was to be strictly in accordance with guidelines provided by the BMC. The idea of an event to celebrate (or commiserate for some) half a century of occupying the building was mooted. We took possession in 1968 and after 2 years of work making it habitable (including 18 tons of stone for the rear car park, rewiring, new kitchen and new water supply) it opened at 3 p.m. on 11 October 1970, the President at the time being D. Burgess. The final stage of the Boundary Walk was programmed for Saturday 10 October and could culminate in a bash at the hut.

The waste holding tank (it's not subject to the stringent regulations that apply to septic tanks) was emptied in July at a cost of about £200. Once the hut is back in normal use we will need to keep an eye on the fill level and face the prospect of more frequent emptying than when we only had an outside toilet.

Heathy Lea opened again on July 10, with sanitiser, lengthy rules for cleaning, no tea towels and no pillows. Use was restricted to one Oread's family bubble, or

two with the agreement of the first. A three day period between visits was imposed. For a short while a small number of Oreads and their families were able to enjoy the hut

Jan and I met Charlotte Leech, Chatsworth's Deputy Estate Manager on 14 July at the hut. Notice has been served on Severn Trent informing them that they if they do not carry out repair work the Estate will have it done at STW's expense. Estimates of the cost of the works were being obtained and these will form the basis of future discussions so we were advised not to expect any dramatic improvements in the near future! Amongst issues discussed were the lintel over the barn door (which has a split in it) which Charlotte agreed to report to the estate's building yard who would call out and inspect it.

At the end of October the country was again told to stay at home, and this sorry state has remained ever since.

A framed painting of the hut (by Harry) together with cutlery and Denby crockery from Harry and Molly Pretty's home have found their way to Heathy Lea. Whilst at the hut Helen Hayes took the opportunity clean and tidy the kitchen drawers and cupboards.

An annual check and sweep of the chimney was carried out in mid November by the Estate's contractor.

In 2019 Heathy Lea was used for 610 bed nights at and the impact of the Covid epidemic is reflected in the 2020 figures when there were only about 230 bed nights, with under 100 of these after March. It has remained empty throughout 2021. The resultant loss of hut fees has been more than compensated for by a £10,000 Small Business Grant awarded to the club. It would appear that use of the hut will be restricted for some time to come.

The current electricity account is with Eon and is a Fixed Price Business Electricity Plan 3 Year Flexirate 3 and the contract ends on 20 July 2021. We will endeavour to find the most suitable replacement deal before then. It would be good to have members' views on whether emphasis should be placed on cost or environment.

The annual rent payable to Chatsworth Estates is £2,700 net plus £540 VAT, £3,240 total. The 9 year lease commenced on 25 March 2018 and the rent is subject to review at the end of the third year of the term based on Retail Prices Index. This will result in an annual increase of around £200.

Severn Trent, and Chatsworth, have made tentative enquiries into our use of the woodstore. This is not included in the lease, but it seems that many years ago when it was vacated by STW the Oread was given permission to use it by the then Estates manager.

In late February Chatsworth Estates carried out a significant amount of tree work around Heathy Lea. Large numbers of trees (mainly ash) have been felled along the A619 and trees and vegetation have been felled and cleared from under the power line between the hut and Chatsworth Edge. The hut now has a much sunnier aspect. The contractors did use the hut access track and this has resulted in the odd wheel track and enlarged pothole, but the Estate have advised that they see what they can do as reinstatement.

There is lots of work that could be done at the hut. A brief list being damp in the outside toilet, woodworm in the barn, the coal store roof, repairs to the gate, repairs to steps, refurbishing the barn and so on. In general however it is in good condition and it would be lovely if we were allowed to use it. The hut

committee for the last 12 months has been Steve McDonagh, Michael Hayes, Pam Storer and Rob Beck with Mike Wren joining in mid July. We owe them all a great deal of thanks.

Forthcoming Meets 2021

Covid restrictions:

as you will, no doubt, already know a relaxation of the Covid restrictions is planned for 29th of March. This will allow for groups of up to six to meet outdoors. Experience last year was that walkers and climbers can readily form groups of six or less when out, please stick to these limits.

A summary of the restrictions applying to England is available on the BMC web site, and on the government web site. The limit to groups of six is expected to apply until 17th May when groups of up to 30 will be allowed, and restrictions on overnight stays are also relaxed somewhat, which should allow more ambitious meets.

Wednesday 31 March First outdoor evening climbing meet of the year

As is traditional, Harborough Rocks is the venue to celebrate the clock change with a climb or an evening walk.

Wednesday evening climbing venues for the rest of April will be decided via the email group and/or Facebook.

2 -5 April Easter Lance Baker

I shall be looking to arrange some Gritstone edge outings over the Easter weekend, weather and interest depending. I will be posting confirmed venues and dates on Facebook closer to the time and on the group email.

If there are any preferences on dates and venue etc, please reach out to me via email, lance.baker88@outlook.com

Sunday 11 April Peak Gritstone Mike Moss

As many of us will be weak from missing the indoor walls over the winter we'll aim for somewhere with a friendly mix of grades. Exact venue to be announced via Facebook and the io group nearer the date, the deciding factor will be the weather. Email mamoss@btinternet.com

Wednesday 14 April The Inaugural Post Lockdown Mid Week Get Your Boots On Walk Peter Amour

Yes! The bubble has burst, we can now go out and play in the great outdoors in groups of up to 6. So, without hesitation (although there may be some deviation)

get your bendy boots on and come and join me at Ellastone Village Hall car park, Church Ln, Ellastone, DE6 2HB. OS (Explorer Map 259 GR 116 434) Parking is by donation. I plan to be booted and gone by 10.15am, I would suggest arriving in reasonable time, the last post lock-down situation generated heavy car park demand.

Routewise (about 18.2 km) we shall head north east along the Limestone Way, curve onto a northerly course through Lordspiece, briefly touch Swinscoe Bank (A52) and pass through Leasow to turn south. Just prior to Stanton we will divert (or even deviate) to aim for Slade Hollow and then head west - Hobble Wood - Raddlepits before gaining (hopefully) wonderful clear views from the Weaver Hills. A descent will then guide us down to Wootton - Hall Lane - Wootton Hall Fm - Oak, and back to the start point.

Should the weather or fitness create difficulties short-cuts are available (meet leader thinking about himself).

Refreshments - Plan on a packed lunch, there may be a farm garden ice cream shop in the afternoon (not guaranteed, not buying either).

Could I advise that if you plan attending, and we make (hopefully) more than the legal 6 then we will have to split up (I don't have any spare £10 000s). Please let me know if coming along, or if you are willing to offer to head any group of six. For communications I can be contacted by e mail, on 01773 926219 or 07827 378147.

18 April Climbing at Gardoms/walking from Heathy Lea Dave "Snod" Helliwell

If we are lucky with the weather parking on a Sunday in the Peak is likely to be difficult so I propose we park at Heathy Lea and enjoy a day at Gardom's edge, the crag most traditionally associated with Oread first ascents, including Dave Penlington's magnificent Apple Arete and the fierce jamming challenge of Oread. The edge becomes dark and overgrown in summer so this is the perfect time of year to enjoy its many delightful and often challenging routes at all grades.

Hopefully walkers will join us too and give us a wave as they pass by through a beautiful moorland area that lends itself to circular walks. See you at Heathy Lea at 11.00 am or later on the crag. Please be in touch if you are coming but need to link up with people to climb with. We will of course need to limit our get together to groups of six but there's plenty of room on the crag.

Dave "Snod" Helliwell text me on 07976 517216.

Saturday 24 April Peak District Boundary Walk Ringinglow – Millthorpe Chris Radcliffe

After a five month delay, the roadmap out of lockdown now gives the opportunity to finish the Peak District Boundary Walk project. I am hopeful that that this meet will run, but of course we do have to check the rules closer to the day.

This is the penultimate stage of the Oread project to complete the whole of the PDBW. The first part of the stage starts along Houndkirk Road (a popular MTB trail) crosses Houndkirk Moor before descending through Blacka Moor plantation

then climbing out onto Wimble Holme Hill and across Totley Moor before finally descending into the Cordwell valley. It is not overly long at 15 km but has quite varied terrain and minimal road sections. We will probably pause for lunch on the descent from Totley Moor trig point below Flask Edge.

The start is at the Norfolk Arms, Ringinglow (SK 291837) and it finishes near the Royal Oak pub, Millthorpe (SK 317764). There is ample parking at both ends of the route – on the verge opposite the Norfolk Arms and at the bottom of Millthorpe Lane. The drive between the two locations is about 15 minutes. The shortest cycling route is through Holmesfield, Mickley, Totley, Dore at 10.3 km in about an hour.

To keep to Covid-19 restrictions we will walk in groups of 6 and maintain social distancing. Please contact me if you intend to join the walk and if you want to discuss transport. The start outside the Norfolk Arms will be at 10:30.

I look forward to seeing you all. Email chris@farfields.co.uk tel.07770 883259.

Wednesday 12 May Walk Miller's Dale Stuart Firth

Meet 10.30 at Miller's Dale car park GR 137 733. Route to be decided. Please let me know if you intend to come.

Stuart Firth tel. 07977 458048

Wednesday 22 May Staffordshire Way Walk John Green

This walk should give members some idea of what the Staffordshire Way has to offer. We will meet at GR SJ8948 6276 on the picnic site car park just out of Timbersbrook village. 10.15 for 10.30 start. From Derby take the A52/523 and turn left at Ryecroft Gate to Congleton, as the road descends take either first or second right to Timbersbrook and the Car Park. We follow the Staffs Way up "The Cloud" to its summit and wonderful views of the Cheshire plain. A descent to the Bridestones will give us a look at a really brilliant 3000 year old Neolithic chambered cairn. This is the only chamber left of the original three. We then continue along the road to point 222m and take the track to point 234, turn right and follow the road for half a kilometre. A path on the left take us to the radio mast on the Overton Road. Half a kilometre of road walking takes us to Poolfold where a track west opposite the pub brings us out on the A527, 100 metres right should be a track to Congleton Edge and back onto the Staffs Way. Dropping from the edge we join the old railway which is now a trail. Along this for a kilometre then across to Overedge, Pool Bank and a short bit of road back to the car park. About 15 kilometres with a few good climbs. If the weather is fine it will be a walk to remember. Please contact me if you are coming on 07760 136369.

Due to COVID this is provisional and small changes may be needed. Please ring to confirm. Thanks. John Green

Women's Trad 100 postponed Gill Radcliffe

The Pinnacle Club centenary meet has now been postponed but will take place at

a future date when it is easier to gather together indoors and out.
If any member of the Oread would like more information then please contact Gill Radcliffe on 07816 072138 or email gill@farfields.co.uk

28 -21 May Cornwall Camping see page 31

2-4 July New Members Meet see page 31

Past Times and Old Friends

Honorary Encounters: Tony Moulam

The next episode of Tony's memoirs is held over to next month due to all the AGM information in this issue.

News and Reports from Meets

Local lock down walks Colin Hobday

Like everyone else, we are restricted to local walks around Allestree Park and the local area. We have really missed going into the Peak District on these wonderful winter days. An alternative was to walk to Darley Abbey to view the floods, finishing with a super hot very delicious sausage roll from Darley's Restaurant who have a serving table outside for takeaways. The sausage roll was big enough for two of us and the best one we have ever had. Its a real hub of activity down at the mill, all selling soup and drinks.



A couple of other walks that stand out, first a circular walk over the Chevin above Duffield on a cold dull afternoon and just as we descended back to the car

for only a few minutes, we were treated to a superb sunset (*Picture by Uschi Hobday.*) followed by a very heavy snow shower.

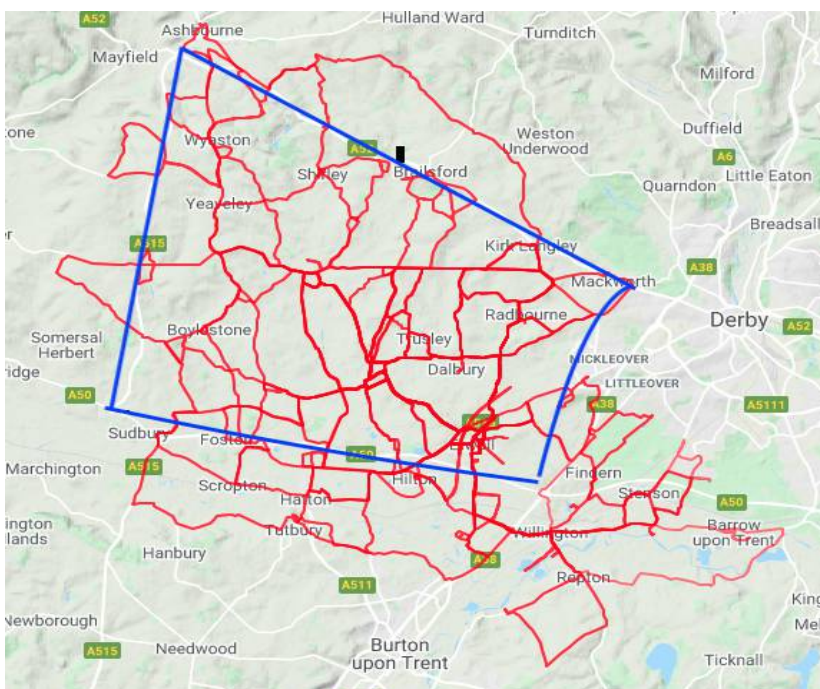


Boat house Kedleston Park Lower lake at Kedleston. Photos Colin Hobday.

The other walk took place on the day before the third lockdown when we went to Kedleston Park on a frosty, misty and sunny morning and for an hour the lighting was magic with many photographs taken as we walked around the park, the lake photo is in colour!. Please note that you have to book in advance for entrance to the park.

Lockdown Bike Rides – for lovers of maps and places.... Janet Briggs

Do you remember lockdown 1 and wall to wall sunshine throughout April and May, and when life was simple and we could do one hour of daily exercise. I started going out from home (Etwall) on my bike two or three times a week. In the olden days before Covid I was riding most Fridays for a couple of hours



with a group of friends. We usually went on variations of a few ‘standard routes’, a Longford Loop, or Hanbury Hill for a bit of a climb, or up to the Carsington area if we had a bit longer.

Once solo lockdown rides started I wanted to add a bit of variety to my routes, so I tried to go on some of the less regularly travelled local roads. At that stage, after all the winter rain, and with so little traffic to ‘clean’ them many were very gravelly, so

care was needed. After a while this developed into setting myself the challenge of covering all minor roads in an area bounded by the A52 Derby to Ashbourne, the A515 Ashbourne to Sudbury, and the A50 Sudbury to Derby, then skirting the edge of Derby in the Mickleover area. As lockdown eased a bit I could go out for longer and gradually ticked off the roads. I excluded any dead ends, and any purely residential roads. At the same time I started playing with Strava and found that I could combine rides to form a heat map to chart my progress. After some interesting route planning towards the end, to avoid covering the same bits of road multiple times, I completed the final sections on 9th June.



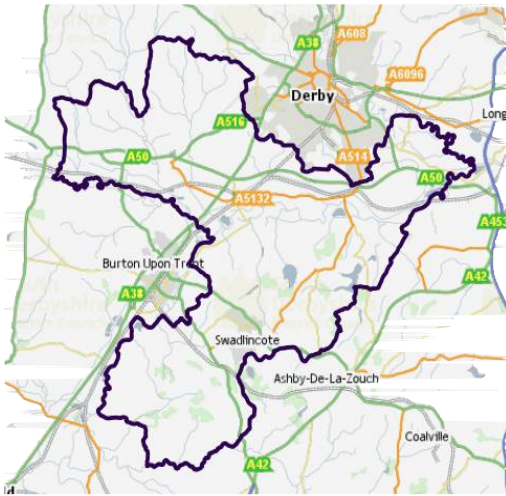
Some of my cycling friends were complaining of lack of inspiration of different routes to cycle, so I started taking a few photos on my rides, and posting them on our group chats, with a view to them following my routes and identifying the photos. One such jaunt involved cycling round Sutton on the Hill several times, photographing the road signs into the village to be sorted as to which was which. The locals must have thought I was mad, probably correctly so!



I also started photographing the local churches, and visited, by bike, all 16 Derbyshire churches within 5 miles of Etwell. One in particular, at Trusley, I had ridden past a number of times and never noticed it was there. Sadly, another I had never ridden past before, Markeaton Church, has since been badly damaged by an arson attack. Churches within 5 miles was closely followed by all roads within the same 5 miles radius area.

As lockdown eased I was able to ride with groups of friends again, and on several occasions managed to subtly manage the choice of route to expand my blanket coverage area outwards. At some stage in the year, when hearing of the idea of 'staying local' for exercise I thought about our local area. We live in South Derbyshire district, albeit near one edge of it. For those of you not familiar with second tier local politics in Derbyshire, South Derbyshire is a rather strange shaped area, almost a clover leaf, squeezed in around the City of Derby on one side and Burton on Trent on the other, but extending quite a long way South bounded by Leicestershire and Staffordshire, towards Ashby and Tamworth. So

what better as my final (I hope) lockdown cycling challenge than to cover all roads (excluding trunk roads) in South Derbyshire.



Summer turned into autumn, I had already covered all the northern part in my previous jaunts, so I headed East. South Derbyshire here gets squeezed between the River Trent, with Leicestershire to the South East and Derby to the North West. On one notable outing Nigel was allowed to join me on the condition he didn't cycle too fast. We went to the far outpost of Shardlow, with 'dead ends' to the district borders at the Derwent Bridge near Borrowash, and Cavendish Bridge at Shardlow, and an excursion into Elvaston Park to photograph the church there. Fortunately Nigel was pacified by a cup of coffee at Elvaston.

Another trip took me to cycle in circles round Melbourne, covering all roads, and a third to the back of Calke Abbey, and some pretty lanes near Smisby with fine views towards Charnwood.

That left me with one 'leaf' of the clover left, the area in and around Swadlincote, and then extending down towards Tamworth. To access it from Etwall involves cycling through 'Swad', not brilliant; or Burton, even less brilliant; and also getting across the Trent, with bridges only at Willington, Burton, and then at Walton on Trent. The nicest of these is via Barton under Needwood then across to Walton, but it is quite a way, needing three or four hours to cycle into the area beyond Walton and get back home.

Fortunately for me one of my cycling friends, Jenny has mad ideas as well, and she suggested a 'shortest day ride' (we had done a longest day 100 miler to Rutland Water earlier in the year). Even more fortunately she agreed to let me plan the route. So on 20th December a group of us ventured into the southern reaches of South Derbyshire for a fine day out, including one 'closed loop' of roads that did not go un-noticed. I blamed Jenny for suggesting I extend the route a bit to make it up to 50 miles.



I would like to say that the challenge was completed and I have cycled every road in South Derbyshire. However that is not the case, I still need probably 2 more trips into the 'southern reaches'. Since December, days have been short and the weather pretty rubbish so the challenge remains uncompleted. I guess a year on from the start of lockdown 1 seems a good date to aim for completion by. As I write the frost has gone and the sun is shining so I had better start planning my next ride to tick off some of the missing bits. If lockdown extends beyond March there is always the rest of Derbyshire to go at....

In 2020 I cycled over 3000 miles, my highest ever annual total, nothing compared with what Nigel, and other keen cyclists regularly do, but I'm happy with that and probably cycling fitter than I have been for a while. So some good has come out of lockdown, even if trips to hills and crags and sunny places abroad have not happened.

The Goes Wrong Show: we've all been there...

Paul Gardiner writes:

"I have been thinking about all the travelling done by Oreads over the years, visiting the far corners of so many countries and using many forms of transport. It can't have all gone to plan !!!

Everyone must have a tale of disruption, missed flights, language difficulties and so on. Is there scope in the magazine for short articles, perhaps hilarious, dangerous or whatever? I have something that would start it off which resulted in going to plan B from day one!"

Indeed we have all had those trips that were destined to go wrong from Day One – and sometimes they live in the memory more vividly than the ones that went boringly to plan.....

So here we go: Paul starts off what will hopefully become a series of recollections brief or longer – **please share your stories!**

Out of the North West Passage on plan B (& C,D,E etc.).

The itinerary looked OK. Fly to Edmonton, Canada. Next day transfer by air to Kugluktuk on the Coppermine River at 68 deg. North, get on a boat and transit the North West Passage West to East exploring Inuktituk and meeting the Inuit people along the way. Simple.

So, the flight was late landing in Edmonton though it was still light enough to see the flat prairie stretching to the far horizon. My instruction said, "pick up the phone at the exit from the Arrivals Hall to summon transport to the overnight hotel". The line was dead. Good start.

Outside at the bus/taxi stand an old guy, bottle in hand, said "get on anything, they all go to the Royal Hotel."

On opening the door into the hotel lobby there was a scene of utter chaos, akin only to the departure hall of Kathmandu airport. People were bent over, frenziedly unpacking and re packing bags and rucsacs with all kinds of gear. What the heck was going on? No one seemed to be in charge. Perhaps nothing to do with me I thought as I fought my way to reception and obtained a room key. Twenty minutes later a flimsy was pushed under my door and I soon found out what was going on. We were already on PLAN B.

No use going to Kugluktuk. The boat, coming from the East along Lancaster Sound, was stopped by heavy ice to the West of the Boothia Peninsular and was standing off Resolute on Cornwallis Island much further North at 73 deg.

There was a reasonable runway at Resolute but to use it the party had to be split in two, the plane having to make two trips, each requiring a refuelling stop at Yellowknife on the Great Slave Lake. Due to my late arrival I was in the second group with a 10.30 departure next morning. Arriving in Resolute in foul weather the boat was anchored a mile off shore necessitating a Zodiac transfer and the unpacking and donning of full waterproof gear. You know what it's like, standing on one leg getting overtrousers on in a howling gale and wondering, what am I doing here? Safely on board, next morning found us anchored off the SW tip of Devon Island ready to go ashore and explore adjacent Beechey Island and see the graves of members of the ill fated Franklin expedition and subsequent search parties. Then, where to next with a boat load of Arctic enthusiasts, birders etc.? Plan C was announced, Sail SOUTH! down the East coast of Somerset Island to explore the Bellot Strait and the remains of the former Hudson Bay Companies' outpost. Muskoxen, Polar bears and Narwhals about.

Plan D then emerged. Back North across Lancaster Sound, a night of rocking and rolling in 50 knot winds to anchor off Dundas Harbour, go ashore and visit the now deserted RCMP base.

Plan E was to continue North to Grise Fiord, the most northerly Inuit settlement on the southern tip of Ellesmere Island with its 'No Credit Given' mini market. Sailing North along the East coast of Ellesmere, some days were spent exploring the camp sites of early expeditions, notably Peary on his way to the North Pole, (though he never actually made it) and also the ill fated Greely Scientific Expedition of 1881-1884 consisting of 25 men, of whom only 7 survived.

Eventually, moored up in a bay at 79deg 03min., our furthest North. We slumbered as, late at night, the Captain hastened to get under way as ice threatened to close off the bay entrance. Sailing SE towards the coast of Greenland we stopped to go ashore, (in a leaking Zodiac) at Etah to visit an abandoned Inuit settlement and had views of a large herd of Muskoxen, also Arctic Fox and Hare which just stood still and looked at us to the delight of photographers. From then on it was just a romp down the Greenland coast visiting a number of settlements, enjoying the wonderful hospitality and playing football against the locals - up to 30 a side, no referee or holds barred, Sailed into Karat Fiord to see the massive ice bergs which either ground out there or escape into Baffin Bay and threaten Atlantic shipping lanes. What was planned and re planned 'on the move' made for a great journey for something called 'Out of the North West Passage' when we had scarcely been in it! Eventually flew out on a charter from Miami Air--must have strayed a bit off course.....

Oread Inspiration Ruth Gordon

John Fisher telephoned your Hon. Ed. last month with news of a programme on Radio 4 that he had been listening to which mentioned an Oread member in most complimentary terms. The programme in question was **The Life Scientific** in which Jim Al-Khalili interviewed Chris Jackson who had recently been appointed Professor of Sustainable Geo-Science at Manchester University. Chris is an outdoors person whose claims to fame include abseiling into the crater of a volcano in the Congo for a BBC television programme and most recently has become the first black scientist to be chosen to present a Royal Institution Christmas lecture.

He was brought up near Derby and holidays in the Peak District were the highlight of his schooldays. He loved sport and the outdoors and found the landscape of the Peak District interesting but he was not very good at science at school. To get the qualifications he needed for a university place he had to move from school to Wilmorton Tertiary College - but what subjects to take? He went to an open day for intending students - and there - behind a table labelled Geology stood Robin Sedgwick.

“He engaged me in this story about the Earth and in ten minutes Robin just brought it to life for me. I chose Geography, Geology and Media Studies - odd choices that formed my career.”

Chris went to Manchester as an undergraduate, stayed on to do post graduate research, then into the oil industry in Norway before becoming Professor of Basin Sciences at Imperial College London. The move back to Manchester will make it easier to enjoy the hiking, climbing and marathon running he enjoys in his free time.

The programme is still available on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes>

Tony Smedley's books.

Tony's son, Vince has very kindly donated Tony's collection of mountaineering books to the club so that members can choose a memento, and, he hopes, will

make a voluntary donation to the Derby and Burton Hospitals Charity in his memory. The books are in the process of being listed and will be offered in next month's newsletter.

Jean O'Neill: An appreciation by Beryl Strike

Jean O'Neill, who died at the end of December aged 90 was never a member of the Oread, but for many years was associated with its activities because Pete was an active member. In her teens she was an enthusiastic member of the local Co-operative Youth movement and served as an officer and this led to involvement with outdoor activities. She and Pete spent time in the late 1940s and 1950s, often camping, in winter and summer in the hills of the Peak District and Wales, and I believe that her nailed boots are still hanging somewhere at the back of their garage.

For a number of years, when she ran the reprographics department at Wilmorton College, she printed the club newsletter. I typed it and she produced it, both without our employers' knowledge, and at their cost!

Later, although she didn't climb, she was a regular attendee of Alpine meets and was an important member of the 'base-camp' community. She did enjoy a little gentle skiing on the winter holidays organised by small groups of Oread members and took an enthusiastic part in the all-important social side. She also went windsurfing and had her own surfboard, and later she and Pete used to canoe on Derwentwater when staying at the lakeside campsite.

Jean had many talents: she made and decorated pottery, was a competent watercolour artist and also painted on silk and did freehand machine embroidery. She was also a very expert needlewoman and frequently attended the annual dinners in a dress which she had cut out and made on the day! She even turned her hand to making at least one tent and fearlessly attacked re-upholstery projects.

Jean and Pete will also be remembered for their hospitality and parties. Jean frequently and fondly referred to the role one of their parties played in the romance between Jan and Chris Wilson*, and spoke of it the last time I saw her before Covid prevented me visiting again. Chris Bryan and I chatted about her recently, and he remembers her with her ready welcome and friendship (she always kept a pack of bacon to make him a bacon buttie whenever he dropped in).

She was a good friend to me, and I will miss her.

***One Friday lunch in November 1979** Jan and I were conned into a snooker game / blind date (thank you Snod) and then went to a wonderful party together at Pete and Jean's the next day. On the Sunday several of us climbed at Dove Holes in Dovedale. Some had bivvied to ensure they could get onto The Bat, but unfortunately overslept and were woken by the sound of jangling ironmongery from above! So it's thanks to Pete and Jean that six months later we were married.

Chris Wilson.

Margaret Linney: a tribute from Richard Linney

Margaret was from Hazelwood near Belper. She always loved the outdoors and spent a lot of time, from an early age, walking with her parents and her brother, David.

As a child she enjoyed holidays walking in the Lake District and in Scotland, in particular on Skye.

After leaving school, Margaret trained to be a nurse in Sheffield - and it was while she was living in Sheffield she met John, in Bakewell.

I'm sure Rock will describe a lot of the things they all did together in the Oread (and before, in the Clogwyn MC). Mum told me all sorts of stories of 'epic' adventures with Rock - mainly off-piste on hands and knees in very wet pine forests on the side of steep gullies and similar escapades...! Apparently Rock even had a short spell staying at Mum and Dad's house before he went off to Antarctica



(before I was born).

Above: Margaret and John climbing on the Aig Du Tour via the Table De Roc ridge (1976) and below at Jungfrauoch, Switzerland in June 2012



Mum and Dad were very active members of the club 'back in the day'. I was taken on an Oread meet (camping) in Italy when I was only a few months old. I also remember an Oread meet in Grindelwald when I was about six! Of course we spent a lot of time at Tan-yr-Wyddfa over the years, and on lots of Oread meets in the Lakes, Yorkshire and Wales.

As Mum devoted more of her time to bringing me and my sister (Helen) up, she

became less and less involved in the Oread and more involved with things closer to home - but she was still very active.

Mum became a Cub and Scout leader and took the Scouts on trips as far afield as Switzerland and Austria.

Mum and Dad continued to enjoy walking in The Lakes, the Yorkshire Dales and Scotland up until 2019 when Pulmonary Fibrosis really started to impact Mum's life.

Mum was also Parish Administrator at St Michael and All Angels Church in Penkridge and an active member of the congregation.

We've been raising money for two charities in remembrance of Mum – here are the details if any member would like to donate in her memory. Although she never needed the services of Mountain Rescue she was a great admirer of the work they do in such challenging conditions. The second charity is to fund research into the progressive lung disease from which she suffered, (eventually needing supplementary oxygen 24 hours a day), for which there is no known cause or cure.

Mountain Rescue England & Wales

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/margaretlinneymountainrescue>

Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/margaretlinneyapf>

Margaret Linney: Recollections Rock Hudson

Margaret and I were at Woodlands School, Allestree, Derby at the same time but not in the same year. The school had a Youth Club. (John Brailsford, (one time member of the Oread) started an “Outdoor Group” which introduced Margaret to the hills and crags of the Peak District.



People from the Youth Club, work associates, meeting similar minded people who loved the mountains, talked about their activities while having a pint, and were able to form the Clogwyn MC after finding a club hut at Tan Lan in the Croesor Valley, Snowdonia. Margaret was a founder member and spent many years getting to know the area.

Some members of the Clogwyn

MC had gradually begun associating with the Oread. Margaret, now married to John, was able to expand her activities. Easter, Spring Bank Holiday were spent on the Isle of Skye, the North West Highlands, Central Grampians. Easy rock climbs, ticking off the Munros, obtaining much pleasure in traversing the country between mountains and the sea. This photograph shows Margaret and John on a route on Skye in 1973.

Where to next to broaden Margaret's love of the outdoors? Listening to the Oread's plans for the Alpine meet: Chamonix was the venue and Margaret was at home with such a large social gathering. Table du Roc on the Aiguille du Tour was the perfect introduction to an Alpine route.



The photograph shows Margaret and John on the route with the Mont Blanc Massif in the background.

A little apprehensiononly to be expected. It's just a plod, about four hours up, turn round and back to the refuge. I think I recall the following exchange,

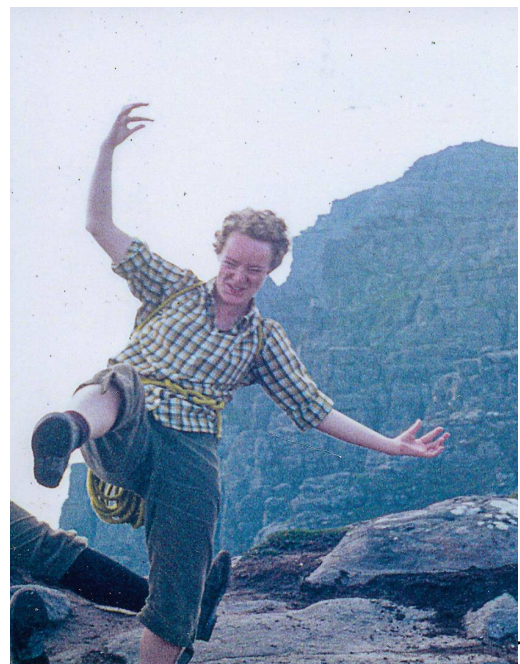
“Margaret why are you winding up your watch?”
The sharp retort:
“My watch stops after 12 hours on a route!”

Within a couple of days Margaret was keen to get going and set off for the summit of Mont Blanc, and nearly reached it. Further Alpine holidays took her to the Pennine and Bernese Oberland regions. The greatest pleasure for Margaret on these trips were the walks to Alpine huts, along valeys, reaching high view points and the strolls through the mountain villages.

The Linneys wanted to broaden their mountain experiences. What better than a longish trip to the Norwegian mountains in company with the Gregsons. It is always a good idea to find out what fellow Oreads think of an area you might like to visit. Therefore I asked Margaret for her impressions on her return. Her view was clear and succinct.

“I would have kept drier visiting a swimming bath!”

With a young family Margaret's visits to the hills became confined to the UK., particularly to North Wales where she enjoyed herself a great deal and of course had the company of numerous Oreads.



Members, particularly older ones, will recall with great pleasure Margaret as a friend and companion in the great outdoors – be it walking in the villages, on the high ridges in snow and rain, buffeted by gales and mucking in at all club functions, and great company around the fire in the lounge at Tan yr Wyddfa.

Hut Bookings.

All queries and outstanding payments should be addressed to Michael Hayes, the Hut Bookings Secretary: 179 Starkholmes Rd. Starkholmes, Matlock DE4 5JA Mobile 07771 700913. Email: michaelhayes6688@gmail.com

When paying the club by bank transfer could you please use the 'Reference' box to say what the payment is for. **In particular if it is hut fees please say which hut, ie Hut fees HL, or Hut fees TyW.** Your name is not necessary in the reference, unless it is different from the bank account name.

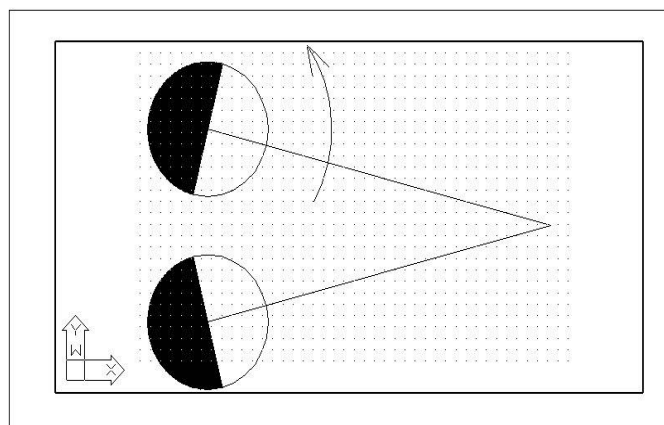
Information on Member Activities

Applications for full membership have been received from Christabel Goode, Pete Masters, Andrew Norman and Emily Spence for consideration at the March Committee meeting and more recently from Tom Corker. If you would like to comment on any of these applications please contact a member of the committee.

We send our best wishes to Digger Williams who has recently had a spell in hospital and is currently convalescing in a care home in Allenton. Here's wishing you a full and speedy recovery.

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

Last month's puzzle solution:



In my view, the difference between the date of the latest sunrise and the earliest sunset is due to the rotation of the earth about the sun, as may be seen from the

accompanying drawing. The rotation of the earth about the sun causes a corresponding movement of the shadow line round the earth's centre superimposed upon the effect of the earth spinning about its own axis. The shadow line moves towards any approaching point on the earth's surface in the evening, leading to an earlier dusk, and of course moves out of the shadow zone in the morning, causing an earlier dawn. This effect, coupled with the rotation of the earth about its own axis, leads to the lack of symmetry in the times.

Snod got it right but explained it in a different way.

With regard to **part 2** of the question he was up quite the wrong river! He thought it was the Manifold, with Thor's cave hidden behind the left hand hill. In fact the photograph was taken from the slope above the eastern side of Lin Dale, looking upstream along the River Dove. The approximate height of the camera was 200 metres.

This month's puzzle

Two "Lows" or hill top burial sites were separately photographed from the same position, in the lane just NE of Parwich hill. From which approximate position was the third photograph, which show them both in the one shot, taken?





Stop Press!

Spring Bank Holiday Weekend 28-31 May or longer Cardinney Caravan and Camping Park, Cornwall

We have managed to block book several camping pitches on this lovely campsite only three miles from St Just and Lands End. Places are limited so call the campsite on 01736 810880 to book your pitch and a £30 deposit will be required. Just mention the Oread when booking.

Hopefully by then we should be able to socialise outside freely and even visit the odd pub garden so I am sure this will be a popular meet as we all look to get back out again. The many Granite cliffs around Lands End like Chair Ladder and Bosigran are a perfect destination at this time of year and add to that the superb beaches and costal walking there is more than enough to keep everyone happy. We are booked on from the 28th to the 6th of June so if you can why not extend your stay !

Michael Hayes. Email michaelhayes6688@gmail.com

2-4 July New Members Meet Ben Wooler



A shot from the new members meet way back in 2018 which saw a fantastic turnout of old and new members.

It feels like only yesterday that the 2020 new members meet was cancelled and now we find ourselves heading into spring 2021! I think we can all agree it is about time we dusted off our ropes and shoes for a slightly delayed new members meet to see just how weak our fingers have become.

The format of the weekend will likely involve a small group out climbing on the Friday evening then retiring to the Heathy Lea via the Robin Hood. Saturday morning we will then head out to a local crag to be confirmed nearer the time although probably Stanage.

Saturday evening will include a hearty meal provided by the club. The Chef is still to be determined and if no one volunteers it will be the meet leader (to everyone's risk), any budding caterers are encouraged and will be rewarded with beer. **Please ensure you inform the meet leader in good time if you are attending the meal and of any dietary requirements.**

Sunday will once again see us out at a local crag before heading home when enthusiasm or daylight fails.

The cost of the two nights in the hut plus Saturday's evening meal will be £10 payable on the weekend. Please come along and support your club, even if just a few hours out on the crag one day. These meets have brought many new members to the club and I think we can all agree it would be a good chance to get out and see some familiar faces without a webcam!

If you wish to attend or if you are a new member and would like any further

information on what you may need or what you can expect please get in touch with the meet leader on benjaminwooler@gmail.com. The hut tends to fill up fast and will be allocated based on first come first served basis.

Please note this meet will only go ahead in this format if national restrictions allow and we may need to adjust depending on the situation at the time.

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