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Ali Kennington in Cathedral Quarry, Little Langdale. Photo Pete Kennington.

Editorial

Lots of local walks and social get-togethers to see us through to the end of the year, from gentle strolls to the rigours of the Bullstones weekend. In November we have the Annual Dinner - always a great night - followed by a walk from Calver on Sunday.

In here is the draft programme for next year with a regular line up of local walks including the new Geo walks. Away meets include four Scottish winter meets and many other hut meets including our own - but none of these meets will go ahead unless somebody volunteers to lead them.

Please have a look and see what you can offer. There is still plenty of time to add in extra meets so if you have an idea of something you would like to do then get in touch with Michael Moss and let's make it happen.

On page 10 are details of the arrangements for covering the absence of Treasurer and Hut Booking Secretary during November - we hope they have a great time in Nepal.

Copy Deadline 20 November.

Meets List 2023 Michael Moss

Nov	1st	Wednesday walk	Goyt Valley	Rusty - Clive Russell
	4th	Bonfire night	Heathy Lea, Chatsworth	
	7th	Lecture - Cath Flitcroft BMC	Royal oak Ockbrook	
	8th	Winter wall Wednesdays		
	16th	Thursday short walk		Chris Radcliffe
	18th	Annual dinner, Fox and Goose	{Pudding Pie Hill, Wigley	Chris and Gill Radcliffe
	18/19	Joint FRCC/Oread MC Dry-tooling Meet	Rawhead Barn, Langdale	Neil McAllister (FRCC) & Tim
	18th	Post prandial walk	Calver	Jan Wilson
Dec	5th	Lecture - John Shields paraclimber	Royal Oak Ockbrook	
	6th	Wednesday walk	Axe Edge	Charlie Taylor
	6th	Winter wall wednesdays		
	9th to 11th	Bull Stones		John Gwyther
	13th	Black rocks evening meet and pub social	Cromford	
	16/17	Dry tooling Masson Lees		Meet leader needed
	16th	Weekend walk	Big Moor	Steve Booth
	21st	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	24-1 Jan	Christmas and New Year hut meet	Tan Yr Wyddfa	

Draft Meets List 2024

Please note: these meets will not happen unless people volunteer to lead them so don't be shy – have a look and see what you can do.

Some weekends have been booked at Tan yr Wyddfa including Easter weekend when perhaps someone may fancy using the hut as a base for a Gogarth meet.

There is a Lofoten trip in the summer but that is too far for people with limited holidays so an alternative venue would be welcome as well.

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Jan	1st	New Year's Day walk		
	9th	Lecture		
	10th	Wednesday walk		
	12/13th	The Cabin, Balgowan, Nr Newtonmore	JMCS hut	Michael Hayes
	Date TBC	Ice climbing, Rjukan,	Norway	
			Sheffield and/or	
	17th	Winter wall Wednesday	Nottingham	
	18th	Thursday short walk	Codnor Park	Chris Paice
	19th/20th	Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	leader needed
20th	Weekend walk, Geo walk stage, Matlock	Robin Hood inn	Stuart Firth	
Feb	6th to 20th	Mediterranean sport	Benidorm	
	6th	Lecture		
	7th	Wednesday walk		
	9th/10th Feb	Waters cottage, Kinlochleven	FRCC hut	leader needed
			Sheffield and/or	
	14th	Winter wall Wednesday	Nottingham	
	15th	Thursday short walk		
	17th/18th	Weekend walk		
23rd/24th	Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	leader needed	

March	1st/2nd	George Starkey Hut, Patterdale,	ABMSAC hut	Stuart Haywood
	5th	Lecture, Langtang trek		Nigel Briggs
	6th	Wednesday walk		Chris Paice
	13th	Winter wall Wednesday	Sheffield and/or Nottingham	
	14th	Thursday short walk		
	15/16th	Karn House, Aviemore	FRCC hut	leader needed
	23rd	Oread AGM	Matlock football club	
	24th	Spring stride (Geo walk stage)	Matlock to Cromford	Jan Wilson
	29th/1st Apr.	Easter - Sea cliffs/Mediterranean sport/Fontainbleu bouldering?	Leader chooses location	leader needed
	29th/31st	Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	
April		British summer time, first Wed. evening meet Harborough		
	3rd	Wednesday walk		
	5th/6th	High House, Seathwaite, Borrowdale	K fellfarers hut	leader needed
	12/13th	Inbhirfhaolain Grampian Club Hut	Glen Etive,	leader needed
	18th	Thursday short walk		
	20th/21st	Weekend walk		
	26th/27th	Fylde hut swap	Stair or Little Langdale	leader needed
May	1st	Wednesday walk		
	Dates TBD	Mediterranean sport/ Fontainbleu bouldering?		Leader needed
	3rd/5th	Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	Leader needed
	4th/6th	or Pembroke or Gogarth		Leader needed
	16th	Thursday short walk		
	18th	Weekend walk/Geo walk stage	Cromford to Winster	Pete Amour
	25th May to 2nd June	Scotland - Spring Bank Holiday (25th/27th May)	Skye, Ben Nevis, Applecross - TBC	Michael Moss
June	5th	Wednesday walk		
	14th/15th	Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	leader needed
	15th	Weekend walk - Kinder		Peter Amour
	20th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	21st/22nd	Rock hall cottage, Roches		Ed Bloomfield
	22nd June to 7th July (TBC)	Alpine Meet (location TBD)		
	July	3rd	Wednesday walk	
12th/13th		Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	leader needed
18th		Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
20 th		Weekend walk, Geo walk stage	Winster to Parsley Hay	Chris Paice
26th/27th		Yorkshire	Yorkshire Ramblers Hut	Leader needed

Aug	7th	Wednesday walk		
	6-9 th	Working party Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	Dave Helliwell
	9th/10th	Glan Dena, Ogwen Vally, Wales	MAM hut	Leader needed
	15th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	17th/18th	Weekend walk		
	24th/26th	Aug. Summer Bank Holiday, Pembroke South		Roland Smith
	30th/31st	Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	leader needed

Sept	4th	Wednesday walk		
	13th/15th	Oread 75th anniversary	Camping, Chatsworth, Derbyshire	
	19th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	21 st	Weekend walk, Geo walk stage	Parsley Hay-Milldale	

Oct	2nd	Wednesday walk		Charlie Taylor
	4th/5th	Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	leader needed
	dates TBD	Mediterranean trad/sport	Morrocco	Ed Bloomfield
	17th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	19th/20th	Fylde hut swap	Stair or Little Langdale, Lake district	Leader needed
	19th/20th	Weekend walk		
	28th	Summer time ends, start of Monday climbing wall sessions		

Nov	1st/2nd	Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	leader needed
	6th	Wednesday walk		
	9th?	Bonfire night		
	13th	Winter wall wednesdays	Sheffield and/or Nottingham	
	16th	Annual Dinner		
	17th	Post prandial walk		
	21st	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon

Dec	4th	Wednesday walk		
	4th	Winter wall wednesdays	Sheffield and/or Nottingham	
	7th/8th	Bullstones		
	11th	Black rocks evening meet		
	14th/15th	Weekend walk, Geo walk stage	Milldale - Wetton Mill	
	19th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	24-1 Jan	Christmas and New Year hut meet		Tan Yr Wyddfa

2024 Walking Programme Stuart Firth

Many thanks to those who have already volunteered to lead walks during 2024 but we are still short of leaders for a few dates that are coming up soon. Please be in touch with me if you can offer to lead on Saturday 17 February or Wednesdays 10 January or 07 February.

Stuart Firth: tel. 07977 458048 email: stuartmfirth@btinternet.com

Winter zoom talks Nigel Briggs

Winter zoom talks - in the last newsletter I said that I hoped the first of this season's evening zoom talks would be on 17th October. However due to technology glitch issues and other time pressures we will not be able to get our presentation ready on time.

We are then away for much of November and therefore not able to organise anything for November, therefore the first zoom evening is now likely to be in December. I will issue further information nearer the time. Apologies for this.

Nigel Briggs : email nigel.briggs@btinternet.com. Tel. 01283 732925

This Winter's Evening MeetTalks Rob Tresidder

These take place on the first (except January) Tuesday of the month at The Royal Oak in Ockbrook.

07 November: Cath Flitcroft (BMC)
05 December: Jon Shields, paraclimber
09 January 2024
06 February
05 March Nigel Briggs on Langtang trek

That leaves me with one (or two) slots to fill. Do you have a tale to tell? Maybe you would prefer half an evening. Do you know someone you could invite or someone you would like me to invite? Please be in touch.

Rob email: Rob61.Tresidder@icloud.com

Wed 1 November Goyt Valley walk Clive "Rusty" Russell

Please assemble at the car park adjacent to Derbyshire Bridge at say 10.00 for 10 15 (about 1 mile downhill from Cat and Fiddle, SK018715). We shall initially traverse the heather moorland East of the river Goyt before crossing a pedestrian bridge (do not wear headgear looking even remotely like a pheasant). Thereafter we shall ascend the other side of the valley in

the neighbourhood of Errwood Hall before turning South down a narrow remote valley just west of Cats Tor. The remainder of the route is discretionary depending on the weather and the state of the party. A social gathering on conclusion at Flash Bar stores and Cafe.

Rusty Russell: email zrussell2@googlemail.com tel. 07895 761615

Saturday 4 November Bonfire at Heathy Lea?

Nobody has volunteered to lead this meet but Heathy Lea is reserved for members' bookings only so if you feel like building a bonfire then share your plans on the Group email. N.B. The Chatsworth fireworks are happening the weekend before, not on the 4th.

Tuesday 7 November 8 pm Lecture Royal Oak Ockbrook



Cath Flitcroft is currently Campaigns Manager of the British Mountaineering Council. She was previously their Access and Conservation Officer. Her responsibilities include sustainability and climate change work and she works with the all party parliamentary group on mountaineering. She trained as an environmental archaeologist and “spent many years in the Scottish wilderness” in that field. She has also worked with the PDNPA on the Moors for the Future project. Cath will talk about her work, past and present, and how it affects BMC members and constituent clubs. Admission £3 Oreads £5 non members.

16 November Short Walk Holymoorside Chris Radcliffe

Meet to leave at 11:00 am at SK 3391 6924 opposite the Bull’s Head Pub, Cotton Mill Hill, HOLYMOORSIDE. There is normally street parking available on both sides of the road.

From the Bull’s Head we go east, briefly touching Walton Back Lane, then

turning NW across fields to Chander Hill. We then join a section of the Round Chesterfield Walk to Nether Loads and continue south with good views to the east over Chesterfield and surrounding countryside. Descending diagonally down to Harewood Road we cross this and climb the track through Corporation Wood to reach the Darley Road opposite the Pig of Lead – Stonedge Cupola – the oldest freestanding industrial chimney in Britain built in 1770. We then take a left turning through Stonedge Golf Club and head north through Walton Hay Wood descending back to Holymoorside, emerging past the mill pond onto Cotton Mill Hill. 10.3km +/- 298m.

Please let me know if you are thinking of joining me on this walk.
Chris Radcliffe: email chris@farfields.co.uk tel. 07770 883259

Saturday 18 November Oread Annual Dinner Chris Radcliffe

7:00pm for 7:30pm

The annual dinner is once again at:

The Fox and Goose Inn, Pudding Pie Hill, Wigley. S42 7JJ.

www.thefoxandgooseinn.com

Deadline for booking is 30 October.

Cars and van dwellers can stay overnight in the Fox and Goose car park.

Please park around the perimeter.

Heathy Lea is reserved for the weekend – bookings through the website.

Taxis or volunteer drivers could be organised among those staying there or bring your bike!

Any questions, please contact me - Chris Radcliffe: chris@farfields.co.uk
07770 883259

Sunday 19 November Post Prandial Walk Jan Wilson

Post Dinner Walk 10AM for a 10:15 start.

Park beside the cricket pitch in Calver village near the Derwentwater Arms. Our route will be around 10 miles and proceed up through Curbar village onto the end of Baslow Edge. We will then head across to pick up the very end of White Edge at the road junction of the A621 . We will head across White Edge to the Grouse for a lunchtime stop. We will then proceed back via Grindleford and the river Derwent. A shorter walk with less ascent is possible by joining us at the A621 road junction with Clod Hall Lane where there is plenty of parking beside the road. If you want to do this please get in touch and I will message you with a rough time.

If the weather is fine I hope to have a food stop on White Edge before the pub. Food is available at the pub but I advise booking if you wish to

partake. For those interested there is further opportunity for refreshments at the Derwentwater Arms when we complete the route.
Jan Wilson email: jan.lumsdale@gmail.com tel. 07769 186041

17 – 18 November Fools with Tools (FRCC/Oread MC Dry Tooling) – Raw Head Neil McAllister and Tim Sellears

Good training for winter climbing or simply a sport in its own right, either way dry-tooling is getting more and more popular with a number of specific venues being developed up and down the country. Whether it's early season training for those steep winter routes; improving your 'mixed' skills and techniques; or just having a go to see what all the fuss is about, this meet could be for you?

This joint Oread MC/FRCC meet is based at Raw Head Barn in Great Langdale with easy access to the Lake District's premier dry-tooling crag, The Works (NY 313 017) near Hodge Close. This picturesque venue contains over 25 routes across a spread of grades, from slabby M4 to seriously overhanging M12, a little something for everyone!
Please contact Tim Sellears, (tim.sellears@gmail.com tel. 07719 277631) who is the Oread MC representative, to book a place or have a chat to see if the meet is for you.

Tuesday 5 December 8 pm Lecture Royal Oak Ockbrook

Jon Shields will talk to "Hopping Mad; adventures of a paraclimber." Jon is a GB athlete and will talk about his climbing both before and after his accident.

Wednesday 6 December Axe Edge - Charlie Taylor

Meet at the layby outside Flash bar stores café on the A53 Leek-Buxton Road (SK032678). Parking here is limited, so please car share where possible. I aim to depart at 10:00. This walk takes in Axe edge, Cheeks hill, Dane bower colliery engine house, Whetstone ridge and Three Shires head. The route is approximately 10 miles long with of 1,500 ft of ascent
Please let me know if you are attending email: Charlie.taylor30@gmail.com
tel: 07879523522.

8-10 December Bullstones John Gwyther

We rendezvous at the Duke of Norfolk pub Ringinglow (free parking opposite) Friday night 8December. After refreshments we venture onto Blacka Moor (Brown Edge) and strike camp. On Saturday there'll be a walk ending at the Derbyshire Pennine Club hut Stoney Middleton. A fish and

chip supper or dinner at the pub are possibilities. After breakfast on Sunday there'll be 'a leisurely stroll' back to Ringinglow. If you would like to participate, please let us know in advance. The hut costs £10pp and is **limited to twelve places**. We'll also need to know who wants to eat in the pub to book space.

John Gwyther tel. 07931 630974

Peter Amour tel. 07827 378147

Saturday 16 December Big Moor Walk Stephen Booth

A moorland walk from Shillito Wood car park to Longshaw, a mix of woodland and open moors.

Starting at 9.30 am from the free car park at Shillito wood (Map Ref. SK 29495 74973. What Three words; mats.pipeline.whimpered).

The walk progresses north taking in Barbrook Reservoir, Flask Edge, Totley Moor before the toilets and tea shop at Longshaw. After leaving Longshaw estate the walk crosses White Edge to reach the Hurkling Stone and returns to the start via Ramsley Reservoir.

Grade Moderate; Distance 12.5 miles. Ascent 1,250 feet

Head Torch advised in case of delays (sun set 15.49)

Stephen Booth: Tel; 07985 588544. Email; booth.steve.j@gmail.com

12- 14 January Scottish winter meet Michael Hayes

The first Scottish winter meet for 2024 will be at The Cabin, Balgowan, Newtonmore. Newtonmore gives access to Creag Meagaidh, the Northern Cairngorms and even The Ben. We have the whole hut which sleeps 10 people at a cost of £5 pppn for Members and £14pppn for Guests .

Depending on Weather and who goes we may well extend our stay but will sort that out nearer the weekend. Parking is limited to six cars so it's a good idea to car share.

Let me know if you want more information or would like to book a place.

Michael Hayes: email michaelhayes6688@gmail.com

Summer 2024 Lofoten

We plan to be in Lofoten for the two week period from 22nd June to 6th July. Our personal plan is to drive from Calais taking about a week each way.

I have emailed the people who have contacted me already, expressing an interest or a definite intention to come. If you have not had an email from me and wish to be kept informed about the trip please get in touch and I will add you to the list.

We will be taking our van so the intention is to be on a campsite, we have

not yet researched options and are open to suggestions. I believe there is also low(ish) cost 'cabin' type accommodation available. We are away for the next month so will make more definite plans in early December. If anyone is planning to fly over there will be various vans going that will be able to take some of your luggage for you.

If you are interested and want to know more, please get in touch.
Nigel Briggs (nigel.briggs@btinternet.com)

News, Articles and Reports from Meets

Committee arrangements for November

As you may well know Nigel and Janet Briggs, Michael Hayes and Pip Leach are all away, trekking in Nepal, until 20 November. If you need to contact the Treasurer during this time Simon Pape will be holding the fort and for Hut Bookings Michael Moss is your man.

Simon Pape: email simon.pape66@gmail.com tel. 07813 616563

Michael Moss: email: mamoss@btinternet.com Tel 07932 420414

Wirksworth Climbing Wall

Good news from the Derwent Mountaineering Club:

In response to their correspondence regarding the long overdue repair of the Wall, they have received the following reply on 12 October from Councillor Steve Flitter, Chair of Derbyshire Dales District Council.

“I believe an order has been placed to repair the climbing wall and is to be completed in early 2024 when the parts are made and that there will be a short period (A few days) of closure to install.”

75th Anniversary Publication Nigel Briggs

Some of you will have already received emails from me about contributions for the proposed publication I am hoping to put together as part of the 75th celebrations. Here is a brief outline of what I have in mind.

2024 is the 75th Anniversary of the formation of the Oread Mountaineering Club.

I am wanting to produce an 'Almanac' focussing mainly on the events of the last 25 years (1999 – 2024). I do not have the skills and abilities (or enthusiasm) to produce a volume like the 50th Journal. I am proposing that the Almanac contains a record of positions held within the club, where key events have been held e.g. Alpine meets, the annual dinner and the Bullstones meet etc. I welcome any suggestions as to what people would like to see.

I also would like articles written by members which have a 'reflective' nature about them. I envisage them to be looking at how things have developed and changed over the last 25 years or so. These can be from a personal perspective or a club view. I also would like to see articles about key events over the last 25 years, such as the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic on the club.

I do not want to be too prescriptive in what or how things should be written other than they should be somewhat 'reflective'.

At the moment the plan is to produce the Almanac in electronic format, such as a pdf file. I also intend to get some copies produced as softback printed versions for those who would like them (such as me!). I do not intend to do a large print run or go down the hardback route, we can leave that for the 100th!

My current plan is to have the Almanac ready for the 75th Dinner, so it will be towards the end 2024. I am looking at getting material in to start editing and compiling early 2024.

If you would like to contribute to the 'Almanac' with an article please get in touch with me with the topic, it may not matter if it is an area we have already covered as another perspective would be interesting. I am concentrating on events that have taken place since 1999. However, it is not fixed and events from earlier years can be included. What I want is that everybody has the opportunity to contribute.

I am also interested in having photographs that reflect the club activities again particularly from the last 25 years.

Thanks.

Nigel Briggs email nigel.briggs@btinternet.com

Paul Gardiner's Lecture – now available on demand!

For all sorts of reasons many people who would have loved to hear Paul's lecture at Ockbrook were unable to be present. Because it was such a key presentation in terms of the history of the club it seemed a good idea to try to make a record of the event. Spike Johnston put a lot of skill and hard work into recording the event and then editing it and you can now access both the video recording of the event and a separate file of the photos by clicking on the links below.

Here is a link to the slides on flickr.com : <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjAY9jf>

The videos, parts one and two,. are on www.Youtube.com and you can either click on this link

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhvYh8kXmyf9qHDy0phTnupoobaBhSJ->

or go to Youtube.com and search for Oread Mountaineering Club. This brings up the two parts of Paul's talk and one or two other things as well. Spike is also working on producing a written transcript of the talk.

Little Langdale Fylde Hut 6 - 9 October

Tony Howard:

Derek and I travelled in his van to Little Langdale, collecting Snod and Bott in Chapel. The weather was pleasant and sunny. However, we encountered rain well before reaching the hut. Rivers, fields and in places the roads were flooded – but we got through. Only Pete and Ali were already there. Dave Roscoe was next to arrive, followed by Roger (Gandalf), Mike (Ethel) and Simon (Pape) and Nick Evans, Steve Booth and Kath.



Once the rain had stopped a group of us walked down to the river to observe the extent of flooding. The depth was 1 metre, apparently lower than earlier on. We continued towards the local quarry and caves. It immediately started to rain again! The prudent/intelligent wore over trousers but the imprudent/idiotic did not and got very wet! The caves were spectacular.

Dave and I ate in the Three Shires Head, which was a bit underwhelming. Others ate in Ambleside or in the hut.

After deliberations on Saturday morning, we all rejected walk options around Elterwater because of the flooding. Dave and I chose to walk from

Hawkshead to Tarn Hows. The weather was dull but with little or no rain. The round trip was seven miles. After a couple of beers in the Queens Head in Hawkshead we returned to the hut, dressed for dinner, and ate in the Bulls Head in Coniston.

The weather was much better on Sunday. Dave and I drove to Ambleside and walked over Wansfell Pike to Troutbeck in glorious sunshine. After beers and sandwiches at the Mortal Man, we returned to Ambleside via the south side of the fell.

We drove back to the hut for dinner. The others had already departed, not 'this life' you understand, just the hut! We left the following morning.

For me it was a great weekend with Oread mates and my old mate of about 67 years!



Dave Roscoe near Tarn Howes. Both photos Tony Howard.

Pete Kennington:

Little Langdale on Friday was wet, roads were flooded and river banks were burst. Ali and I took shelter in Cathedral Cavern and visited Slaters Bridge which was just passable. Saturday was dull but dry and in the forest it was



lighting up time for the funghi. After crossing paths with Tony Howard and Dave Roscoe at Tarn Hows we found many a waterfall. Sunday was grand,

Snod told tales of the Cake Farm on the way to Lingmoor Fell so that's where we went with fine views of the Langdale Pikes. Thanks Snod it were a reet grand weekend.

Snod Helliwell:

Derek, Tony, Bott and I travelled up together on Friday. It was very wet but we went for a walk to Cathedral Quarry. I've never seen the ford so deep - it was over three feet on the marker. Tony went to the pub but the rest of us went to the chippy in Ambleside where we met Gandalf, Ethel and Simon. The welcome was underwhelming so we'll go to another one in future. We adjourned to the Golden Rule - much more welcoming and we sat by the fire! Saturday was supposed to be better but the clag was down so we never got to Long Scar as planned. Derek, Bott and I went to Great Langdale - but it was full - some sort of fell race - so we returned to the hut and walked to Lingmoor Fell - past the cake farm - excellent! When we reached the clag we walked down to Elterwater and met Team Gandalf on their way to watch the rugby in Elterwater.

Sunday was a much better day but the car park under Ravens was full so we parked at the Stickle Barn in the National Truss car park (free as Derek is a member). By this time the sun had made an appearance. We set off up Revelation which I thought was Severe - in fact it is H.S.4b and both Bott and Derek struggled with the damp bulge and traversed off - but all was not lost as Victoria Mawer and two friends were following and kindly retrieved my gear. Team Gandalf had set off for Long Scar but in the end turned up at Ravens and did Centipede and we followed them up it.



Snod on Revelation on Raven Crag above the Old Dungeon Ghyll in Langdale. Perfect warm and sunny conditions for most of the day. Roger, Simon and I were on Centipede, the adjacent rib from where this photo was taken. Photo Michael Moss.

On return to the car park Derek was not amused to find he had a parking ticket from the National Trust even though he was displaying his free ticket. A strongly worded email sorted this out!!
Nick Evans, Steve Booth and Kathy were also on the meet but I never found out what they did.
All in all a great weekend at a lovely hut and great fun despite the disappointing weather.

Belper walk 19 October Ruth Gordon

Looking at the dismal forecast on Tuesday evening I was convinced nobody would come – but magically it improved from 90% rain all day to occasional showers and sure enough, by 11.00 on Thursday the heavy overnight rain had cleared. As the six of us made our way up to Belper Lane end, we soon felt overdressed with the sun breaking through. From there a short steep pull took us into a pleasant beech wood and on to the Mid Shires Way.

As we stopped to take in the far -reaching views there was a crashing in the undergrowth and a creature emerged - Roger had been tracking our steps at a steady jog – following the V on the heel of a boot! Following footprints was an easy matter as the going was exceedingly soft – sometimes liquid! At one point the footpath disappeared completely underwater but, with local knowledge, Roger assured us drier ground (slightly) lay to our right so we bushwacked our way round.



A big horse chestnut tree sheltered us from the only brief shower of the day while we ate lunch. Then we approached a beautiful beech and chestnut wood and Helen was bemoaning the demise of the rope swing she always used to have a go on there. Imagine her delight on finding a new structure in place. Alas it wasn't up to the job – depositing her in a heap on the

ground.



From here to Farnah Green and it was all downhill to the path alongside the Derwent which was a brown swirling torrent after the heavy rainfall. A very pleasant cafe stop in Belper rounded the day off nicely. Spike and Helen declined and set off on their final uphill two miles home – but were seduced by a handy pub they just happened to find along the way! Thanks to Sue Todd, Stuart Firth, Helen Griffiths, Spike Johnston, Mike Wren and Roger Larkam for your company and to Spike for the photos.

Tan yr Wyddfa update Snod Helliwell

Three hard days last week (16-18 October) saw the shower tray reinstated with waterproofing around it using rubber sheet and glass reinforced polyester. Because the new tray was shallower than the old one we had to increase the size of the outlet pipe.

The difficulty in doing work at Tan yr Wyddfa is that every time you find you need something you haven't anticipated it means a trip to Caernarfon or Portmadoc. Expensive on time and petrol. The tiling was completed late on Wednesday but needed time for the adhesive to dry so Derek and I had to return the following Monday, 23rd to do the grouting and put in the sealant.

We had to re-stock with toilet rolls whilst in Portmadoc. **Please** – if you are at the hut and notice shortages if you are near a shop get the stuff and a receipt and you will be reimbursed or just let me know so I can arrange it.

Martin Musson – a tribute from Ruth Gordon



Martin and Ingrid at the Wooden Boat Festival in September.

It is with great sadness that I record the death of former member, Martin Musson.

Last July he was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and has been undergoing a series of treatments - both mainstream and alternative - ever since. Sadly the leukemia came back recently with a vengeance until his body was no longer strong enough to fight infection. He died peacefully, at home, on 13 October.

In spite of the illness and the chemo therapy Martin carried on hiking, jogging and messing about in boats whenever he was well enough and when he wasn't he took up making and sailing radio controlled yachts. Recently, in Ingrid's words "Martin had his best RC sailing ever, proudly getting four firsts, three seconds and one third. He also owns five planes and one helicopter, had fun experiencing indoor flying and one session at Fort Worden, but as it was a little windy the plane crash landed in a tree. Amazingly he was able to retrieve it in one piece.

We can definitely say that, even when his health deteriorated, Martin made the most of having fun and finding joy."

It is that appetite for fun and living life to the full that everyone who knew

him in the 1970s and early '80s will remember so well. “Better to wear out than rust!” was one of his favourite expressions.

After they emigrated to the USA their annual letters continued to be full of outdoor activities, big hikes, snowboarding, kayaking, sailing adventures on their old wooden boat, building his own rowing boat, (pictured below in May 2020) to compete in a 70 mile race and in his spare time there was the four year project to rebuild a 1970 Mark 3 Triumph Spitfire, his pride and joy.



It was Martin who first introduced me to climbing – taking me to Black Rocks and dragging me up Queen's Parlour Gully in 1976. I hadn't had so much fun in years. He introduced me to the Oread and to his mates, some of whom were to become my good friends. In short he changed the course of my life and I will miss him so much.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife, Ingrid, his companion over 43 years of adventures.

Hut Bookings.

Both our Welsh and Derbyshire hut bookings have moved online at the Oread website www.oread.co.uk.

The new system allows you to see up to date bed availability details and make your own bookings.

Please remember to sign in as members first before making your bookings as you get access to the Oread beds and rates and you don't have to enter lots of details required for external 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 **But until 23 November Mike Moss is standing in for him see page 10.**

Our preferred method of payment is via bank transfer to our Lloyds account – Sort Code 30-98-97 Account number 62584068. Please use the 'Reference' box to say what the payment is for. **In particular 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. Alternatively you can post a cheque, payable to Oread M.C. to the above address.

Information on Member Activities

Welcome to new Provisional members Victoria Filor and Leo Monahan, we hope you will enjoy many happy days with the Oread. An application for full membership has been received from current Provisional member, Chris Mather plus a new one from Deborah Marsh. If you would like to comment on either of these applications please contact a member of the committee.

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

This month's puzzle:

During the mid 1950s the Welsh Walk covering the 14 three thousanders was a big item on the Oread Calendar, The 1959 version was my first Oread meet so I remember it well. Prior to this, there had been an occurrence on one of these walks which led to the perpetrator being tagged with the name of the mountain, as a jocular nickname. Who was this and what was the nature of the doing referred to?

Last month's puzzle solution:

The groups were linked as follows:
Brown Windy and Bilberry **Knoll**.
Great Black and White **Slab**.
Pennine Ridge and Limestone **Way** .
Border Cairn and Yorkshire **Terrier**.

Correct answers received from Rusty and Snod.

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