



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

**APRIL 2024**



**Hot off the press: the Spring Stride ending in the glorious sunshine we have waited for so long, at the top of Pic Tor. Photo Stuart Firth, story next month.**

## **Editorial**

Lots of meets – something for everyone - Lakes, Scotland, Cornwall, local walks including the next Geo walk and finale of the Gritstone trail plus a big clean up effort at Wildcat - get booked on and enjoy! Suggested venues for Wednesday evening climbing in here too.

Some meets still need a co-ordinator to take bookings and keep people informed in the run-up to the meet. Could you do that for a meet you would like to join?

At the A.G.M. Jan asked for volunteers to help shape the meets list for the future so it reflects what you would like to do with the club – could you help in an informal way?

**Copy Deadline 20 April**

## Meets List 2024 Michael Moss

Please note: **these meets will not happen unless people volunteer to coordinate them** so don't be shy – have a look and see what you can do.  
 Michael Moss: email: [mamoss@btinternet.com](mailto:mamoss@btinternet.com) Tel 07932 420414

**Walk leaders** are still needed for Saturdays: 17 August and 19 October.  
 Wednesdays: 03 July, 07 August, 04 September and 04 December. Contact Stuart Firth if you can help.  
 Stuart Firth: tel. 07977 458048; email [stuartmirth@btinternet.com](mailto:stuartmirth@btinternet.com)

<b>April</b>				
	3rd	First Wed. evening meet	Harborough	
	3rd	Wednesday walk	Longnor	John and Frederique Gwyther
	5th/6th	High House, Seathwaite, Borrowdale	K fellfarers hut	Peter Amour
	12/13th	Inbhirfhaolain Grampian Club Hut	Glen Etive,	Nigel Briggs, Janet Briggs
	18th	Thursday short walk	Matlock/Bonsall	Ruth Gordon
	20th/21st	Weekend walk, finale of Gritstone Trail (#6)		Stuart Firth
	26th/27th	Fylde hut swap	Little Langdale	Dave Snod Helliwell
<b>May</b>				
	1st	Wednesday walk	Alport Castles	Chris Mather
	4th/6th	Early May Bank Holiday, Sea Cliffs Cornwall		Phil Waterson
	11th/12 <sup>th</sup>	New members climbing meet	Peak District	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	Michael Moss
<b>June</b>				
	5th	Wednesday walk		Rusty, Clive Russell
	14th/15th	BBQ meet - Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	Tony Howard
	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	Lofoten, Norway		Nigel and Janet Briggs
<b>July</b>				
	3rd	Wednesday walk		coordinator needed
	12th/13th	Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	coordinator needed
	18th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	20th	Weekend walk, Geo walk stage	Winster to Parsley Hay	Chris Paice
	26th/27th	Sport climbing and walking, Lowstern, Yorkshire	Yorkshire Ramblers Hut	Angela Pingram

<b>Aug</b>	7th	Wednesday walk		coordinator needed
	6th-9th	Tan yr Wyddfa working party		Dave Snod Helliwell
	9th/10th	Glan Dena, Ogwen Vally, Wales	MAM hut	Dave Snod Helliwell
	12 – 22 August	Austrian Alps		Michael Hayes
	15th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	17th	Weekend walk		coordinator needed
	24th/26th	Aug. Summer Bank Holiday, Pembroke South		Roland Smith
	30th/31st	Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	coordinator needed
<b>Sept</b>	4th	Wednesday walk		coordinator needed
	13th/15th	Oread 75th anniversary	Camping, Chatsworth, Derbyshire	
	19th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	21st	Weekend walk, Geo walk stage	Parsley Hay- Milldale	Pam Storer
<b>Oct</b>	2nd	Wednesday walk		Charlie Taylor
	4th/5th	Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	coordinator needed
	dates TBD	Mediterranean trad	Morocco	Ed Bloomfield
	17th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	19th/20th	Fylde hut swap	Little Langdale, Lake district	Dave Snod Helliwell
	19th	Weekend walk		coordinator needed
	28th	Summer time ends, start of Monday climbing wall sessions		
<b>Nov</b>	1st/2nd	Curry meet - Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	Tony Howard
	6th	Wednesday walk		Rachel Walker
	9th?	Bonfire night		
	13th	Winter wall wednesdays	Sheffield and/or Nottingham	
	21st	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	23rd	Annual Dinner	Maynard, Grindleford	
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Post Prandial Walk		
<b>Dec</b>	4th	Wednesday walk		coordinator needed
	4th	Winter wall wednesdays	Sheffield and/or Nottingham	
	7th/8th	Bullstones		
	11th	Black rocks evening meet		
	14th	Weekend walk, Geo walk stage	Milldale - Wetton Mill	Clive Russell
	19th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	24-1 Jan	Christmas and New Year hut meet		Tan Yr Wyddfa

## **Forthcoming Meets**

### **Wednesday evening climbing venues.**

This year we will again choose a venue in advance – it can still be changed if the weather is unsuitable but at least there will be a starting point for discussion via the new WhatsApp group.

3 April Harborough then The Miners' Arms, Brassington.  
10 April Colehill then The Boat, Cromford.  
17 April Wildcat then The Boat, Cromford.  
24 April Birchens then The Wheatsheaf, Baslow.  
1 May The Roaches then The Rock.

### **Wednesday 3 April Longnor Walk John Gwyther**

Meet at Longnor 10.00 am for a 10.15 start (free parking in the market square). Walk down the Manifold to Brund. Then Hartington, Carder Low, Pilsbury, Crowdecote, High Wheeldon. 18km 445m+ ascent 5h. Please bring refreshments and let me know if you're coming.

John Gwyther tel. 07931630974 or email [jagwyther54@gmail.com](mailto:jagwyther54@gmail.com)

### **5-6 April High House Seathwaite Borrowdale Peter Amour**

High House, one of the finest and best maintained climbing huts in the Lake District. The scope here is extensive both for climbers, and for the hill walker. Whatever your choice there's more than a weekend's sport to go at. The hut is located at grid reference NY 238 119, and is accessed by passing through the hamlet of Seathwaite and going through the Five bar gate at the farm, Seatoller, followed by a left turn to cross the unfenced bridge onto the hut drive. Don't dally folks, this hut is in a superb location, contact me on [peter@amour02.force9.co.uk](mailto:peter@amour02.force9.co.uk) if you want a bed space or two.

### **12 – 13 April Glen Etive – The Grampian Club Hut, Inbhirfhaolain Nigel Briggs**

We are returning to Inbhirfhaolain which we have booked for the weekend. The hut can sleep 13 with some camping space available. The hut is basic but charming, water has to be fetched from the river and there are great views from the composting toilet, if the door is left open! The hut is well placed for the Glencoe and the Etive hills and all they offer. As for the time of year well the weather could be anything! We could catch the end of winter or the first days of summer or more likely something between! Whatever the conditions you need to be there to make the most of them! If you would like to join us for the weekend, please get in touch.

## **Sunday 14 April 10.00 am Wildcat Clean to Climb**

The event is being led by the DMC in conjunction with local climbers from Oread and Clogwyn clubs, and has the support of both the BMC and the landowner, Manor Adventures. Wildcat is a limestone crag of great significance and when devoid of the odd briar gives well over a dozen excellent VSs as an introduction to Derbyshire limestone, as well as many fine lines in higher grades.

Please indicate your intention to support this by emailing [Greg.john.jennings@googlemail.com](mailto:Greg.john.jennings@googlemail.com) (event co-ordinator on behalf of Derwent Mountaineering Club) in advance (also including your mobile no.). If weather forecast is bad, notice of cancellation will be sent out on the previous day.

The Plan in brief (a full briefing note will be available for those intending to attend)

1. Meet at the wide area at top of Lynx for a short briefing (10:15am) and route allocation.
2. Climbers to work in pairs with one climber abseiling down to clean the route (swapping as required) with preferably a back-up safety rope.
3. Clean from the top down, dropping cuttings/ debris to the base of the climb. On completion either climb the route or descend to the riverside path (access gate unlocked).
4. Should weather forecast be bad, the event will be postponed (watch for an email the day before).
5. Bring usual climbing gear, including rope(s) suitable for abseil, plus gear for gardening (*eg: secateurs, stiff brush, nut key.*) attached to your harness by a cord and carabiner. Helmets are required. It is advisable to bring gloves (briar is vicious) and goggles.
6. As with any normal climbing you are responsible for your personal safety and that of your partner and for ensuring that your gear and techniques used are appropriate and specifically that your anchors are safe.

Roger Larkam - Oread contact: email [roger.larkam@gmail.com](mailto:roger.larkam@gmail.com) Tel. 07936 634021

## **18 April Short Walk Matlock-Bonsall Ruth Gordon**

Meet for an 11.00 am start at the entrance to Halldale Quarry SK288 603. Travelling north on the A6 turn left at the lights as if going to Sainsbury's. Take the first right before the petrol station. You should be able to park on this road and there is also space at the quarry entrance which is at the top of this road. From here we will follow a track and field paths to Jugholes, then head for Brightgate and Upper Town, Bonsall. Then we will take the

higher level path to join the Limestone Way and return to Salters Lane and sneak back through the impressive quarry. This walk does involve more uphill than the last few Thursday walks but we will take our time.  
Ruth Gordon email: [alistair.ruth@btinternet.com](mailto:alistair.ruth@btinternet.com) tel. 07999 857922

## **Saturday 20 April – Gritstone Trail 6 Stuart Firth**

Meet at Lyme Park NT car park at 10:15 for a 10:30 departure. Please note that NT car park charges are per person, not per vehicle – so bring your membership card if you have one. Bring Picnic.  
OS Map OL1 GR 963 823 (aka W3W topic.homelands.reboot)

This is a circular walk partly on the Gritstone Trail and linking with our previous stage. It's the last one in the series. It goes something like this: Lyme Park car park – free for NT members (facilities, café 10:00 – 16:00), Bowstonegate, Sponds Hill, Pt 407, Stag House, Keepers Cottage, Birchencliff, West Parkgate, Green Farm, Elmhurst Cottage, Disley Pt 183 (THE END yippe), Green Lane, Bollinghurst Bridge, Lyme Park.

There is an opportunity to shorten the walk part way round should you wish. Please let me know if you are coming and/or would like to lift share.  
Stuart Firth: tel. 07977 458048; email [stuartmfirth@btinternet.com](mailto:stuartmfirth@btinternet.com)

## **26-27 April Little Langdale Dave “Snod” Helliwell**

Back again at the Fylde Club Hut in Little Langdale at NY 31575 03014. where we have enjoyed many great meets over the years. Bargain price too because this is a hut swap so just £5.00 a night.  
The location, in one of the most attractive valleys in the Lakes, is ideal for walking, climbing and mountain biking. Nearby peaks include Wetherlam, Great Carr and Pike O'Blisco which together form part of a horseshoe walk around the valley (and the line of the Three Shires Fell Race). It is only a short drive into Great Langdale for classic rock climbing venues, while the nearby slate of Hodge Close offers more esoteric and hard climbing opportunities, as well as a dry-tooling venue.  
Mountain biking is available in nearby Grisedale Forest. The parking is limited so we need to car share as much as possible.

Email or phone and leave a message to book your place.  
Dave Helliwell email: [fingertipdave@outlook.com](mailto:fingertipdave@outlook.com) tel. 01298 812753 mobile 07976 517216

## **Wednesday 1 May Alport Castles Walk Chris Mather**

Meet at Fairholmes, at the top of Ladybower Reservoir, outside the car park cafe SK 173 893 at 10.00 a.m. for a 10.15 start.  
Parking at Fairholmes pay car park or free on the access road before.

Start is though Hagg Side wood up to Lockerbrook Heights, along Rowlea Pasture to Alport Castles before descending south to the A 57 and crossing to the river Ashop and climbing Blackley Hey. We return though pine woods to recross the A57 before climbing to the east of Hagg Farm and returning down through Lockerwood Coppice. 13k. 610m ascent.

Chris Mather: tel. 07983 153144 email [chrisemather@icloud.com](mailto:chrisemather@icloud.com)

### **3-6 May Bank Holiday Camping Kelynack Cornwall Phil Waterson**



We will be based at the campsite at Kelynack, set in a small valley. <https://www.kelynackholidays.co.uk/the-site/touring-caravans-and-tents> Early booking advisable. The site has excellent Wi-Fi, toilet and shower facilities, separate sinks for dish washing, laundry facilities and a small shop. Pitches all have electric hook ups accessible. The site is set just off the main road with a bus stop near by. You can walk from the site onto the coast path walking to Lands End and Cape Cornwall easily. A gentle short walk into St Just with shops and good pubs for food. Climbing is easily accessible from the site to Sennen, Bosigran, Lands End and many other climbs - either drive or by bus.

Phil Waterson email: [philwaterson165w@gmail.com](mailto:philwaterson165w@gmail.com) tel. 07936 712223

### **Saturday 18 May Geo-Walk-Cromford-Winster The Wilsons**

The start is from Intake Lane, Cromford GR SK 298 567 at 10-15am. Parking can be found in Intake Lane, Cromford Market Place, or in the Rugby Club Ground car park on Cromford Meadows.

The walk is a 10 mile linear one, not very strenuous, and will require a shuttle system.

Could I ask for 4 volunteers to provide return transport from Winster car park GR SK 239 603. They to be collected from the car park at 9-15am by us, and shuttled to the Cromford start point.

Start point:- From Intake Lane, Cromford, then onto - Sheep Pasture Incline - Middleton Top - Harborough Rocks - New Harborough Farm - Longcliffe Quarry - Ible - Whitelow Farm - Bonsall Lane - Winster Car Park.

The walk offers some good Peakland elevated views combined with some explanation of the local geology. I hope to see you there, please let me know if you wish to participate or can offer a shuttle service.

Please bring a packed lunch and we can hopefully find a picnic spot on route. We can either call in the Miners Standard for refreshments on completion of the walk or a Cromford venue on our return.

Our mobile numbers are 07769 186041 or 0788 1698758 Chris and Jan

## **18 -19 May Keswick Mountain Festival**

A few members of the Oread are going to Keswick mountain festival on the 18-19th May. It's a great weekend of outdoor events and music. Join Steph in the 50k trail run! or myself spectating and taking in the atmosphere! Details can be found at

<https://keswickmountainfestival.co.uk/>

Emma Hayes email: [emma.hayes06@gmail.com](mailto:emma.hayes06@gmail.com)

## **25 May – 2 June Skye Michael Moss**



Skye has great opportunities for climbing, scrambling and walking. Climbing includes many long classics, the Dubhs Ridge (pictured above), Pinnacle Ridge and routes on Sron na Ciche including the Cioch. There are a range of mountain routes at all grades and of course scrambling on the Cullin Ridge itself. Objectives for me is to complete the Cullin Ridge, and



one of three classic mountain routes.

We will be camped at the beautifully situated Glenbrittle campsite, booking is not required.

Contact me to find out more.

Michael Moss email: [mamoss@btinternet.com](mailto:mamoss@btinternet.com) tel. 07932 420414

## **22 June – 6 July Lofoten Islands Norway Nigel Briggs**

Plans are progressing for the Lofoten trip and contact has been made with the campsite. We will make a provisional booking in early March. If you are on our list you will have been contacted by email. If you have not heard from us you are not on the list. If you are interested in joining us please get in touch.

As a brief resumé we will be camping at Kabelvåg between the above dates. Some of the group are also going to stay further west on Lofoten for part of the time.

Driving to Lofoten will take up to a week each way in addition. Flying is an option for those with less time, and we are sure some of your luggage could be transported there for you by someone travelling by road. The campsite has space for tents and vans and also a variety of cabins and apartments.

The climbing in the area looks, and by all accounts is, fantastic with something for all abilities. In addition to this there is potential for walking, cycling, swimming, soaking up the local culture, or just watching the sun 24 hours a day (or maybe the rain, sunshine is not guaranteed!). What is not to like.

Nigel and Janet Briggs ([nigel.briggs@btinternet.com](mailto:nigel.briggs@btinternet.com))

## **12 – 22 August Austrian Alps Michael Hayes**





Come and join us in Austria this August in the wonderful Ötztal valley just South West of Innsbruck.

We were last there in 2019 and had a fantastic couple of weeks sport climbing, mountaineering, walking, hut to hutting, mountain biking and enjoying this wonderful area.

We are staying at the campsite in Umhausen so if you want to come along then just book yourself onto this campsite [Ötztal Camping Tyrol \(oetztalcamping.com\)](http://oetztalcamping.com) and contact me if you want any more information.

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

## **13- 15 September 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Camp Chatsworth Chris Wilson**

The Oread has been fortunate to secure the exclusive use of Chatsworth's Golden Gate campsite for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights this weekend in September. The Golden Gate is the posh gate on the way into Baslow from Heathy Lea.

The site can accommodate up to 70 caravans, motorhomes, campervans and tents. There is water. It is flat. There is a chemical disposal point. BBQ's are permitted only if they are raised off the ground and there are strictly no fires. The club will arrange for toilets and showers on site. We will also most probably bring in outside caterers for one of the evenings. The cost will be £10 per placement.

We do have some restrictions – we can't have a marquee and need to keep the noise down at night because there are houses not too far away.

The site is a short stroll to both Baslow village and Heathy Lea.

We are planning a number of activities for the weekend including a Barmy competition (“**B**est **A**ll-**R**ound **M**ountaineer of the **Y**ear”) walks, climbs, bike rides and fun! More details will be released over the coming weeks and months but it should be a great weekend, so please put it in your diary. If you want to book your spot, just drop me a letter, email, WhatsApp or text, preferably with numbers and unit type! If however you just tell me you're coming, I will probably forget!

Chris Wilson email [c.wilson.48@talktalk.net](mailto:c.wilson.48@talktalk.net) tel. 07881 698758

## **23 November Oread 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner at the Maynard Arms**

Further to the earlier Newsletter announcement we have reserved seven bedrooms for the evening of the Dinner at standard room rate (£130). These can be booked by Oread's and will be held **until July** when the hotel will release any not booked for general sale.

Please get in touch to book, 01433 424110 and make the hotel aware of your Oread connection. **They advise us there is plenty of local accommodation but the Maynard and all local accommodation get fully booked every weekend so it is best to book ahead.**

Other options include:

The Sir William Hotel 01433 613 167

The George (Hathersage) 01433 650 436

The Millstone Inn (Hathersage) 01433 650 258

Scotsman's Pack (Hathersage) 01433 650 253

Little John (Hathersage) 01433 650 255

There are also plenty of B& B's in the area. For the campervans we are in the process of organising a camping venue at the bottom of the hill in Grindleford and will publish details as they are finalised. The Maynard will not accept vans.

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

### **The A.G.M and the new committee**

The A.G.M. at Matlock Football Club was a very enjoyable social occasion blessed with good beer, delicious pies and plenty of room to move around and socialise. The minutes will be circulated in due course, in the meantime the committee members for 2024-25 are:

- President: Jan Wilson
- 1. Vice President: Mike Moss
- 2. General Secretary: Pip Leach
- 3. Membership Secretary: Michael Hayes
- 4. Treasurer: Janet Briggs
- 5. Hut Bookings Secretary: Michael Hayes
- 6. Hut Custodian Heathy Lea: Chris Wilson
- 7. Hut Custodian Tan yr Wyddfa: Dave Helliwell
- 8. Meets Secretary: Michael Moss (to be replaced next year)
- 9. Communications Officer: Ruth Gordon
- 10. Additional Committee Members: Dave Mason, Simon Pape,

Emma Hayes

11. **Heathy Lea Hut Committee:** Chris Wilson, Michael Hayes, Steve McDonagh, Pam Storer,
12. **Tan yr Wyddfa Hut Committee:** Dave Helliwell, Dave Appleby, Ruth Gordon, Derek Pike, Pam Storer, Pete Kennington.
13. **(Health and Safety Co-ordinator:** the Committee plan to appoint Lianne Mason (not a committee member).

## **New Recycling Laws for Wales that we MUST obey!**

The Welsh Assembly, in their wisdom, have changed the recycling rules. From the 6th of April by law we **must** comply with recycling requirements. Wales is already the best in the UK and third best in the world for domestic recycling and aiming for zero waste, This is the next step in their policy.

**General waste** is unchanged – black sacks in the bin.

**Food waste** remains the same - put it in the compost bin or general waste.

**Recycling** must be **clean** and put loose into the three marked bins, not in any sort of bag.

The good news is that there will be a new bin for **clean** glass jars and bottles, tops removed,

Washed out **clean** plastic containers, tins and plastisized food cartons go together into a recycling bin but not in a sack. **No brown or black plastic, no film container tops.**

Newspapers and cardboard like pizza boxes can be kept for lighting the fire. There is also a recycling bin for any clean surplus paper and cardboard.

It is very important that we comply or the waste will not be collected and we will be fined £100 in which case hut fees will go up dramatically to cover the cost!

The alternative, if we can't get it right, will be the same as at Heathy Lea - Take it all home!

I will be going down to the hut to put up new notices on the 8th of April.

**Make sure you read them and get it right!!!!**

Snod (Dave) Helliwell

## Calver Walk 6 March Chris Paice



Is this a first? 13 set off and 14 returned! No losses only gains! Peter joined us at the end which I'm sure was largely driven by coffee and cake incentive and the company was secondary!

It was a beautiful blue-sky day we set off along the banks of the River Derwent in good spirits (not the drinking ones) and reasonably dry underfoot. We stopped at The Romans baths for a bath - not, but the steps provide a good place for coffee and a ponder on the legacy of the Romans. It's steepish hill out of Stoney Middleton, conversation moved onto James Bond and movie making in the area. Middleton quarry apparently the next location for filming more James Bond. Along Coombs Dale and stopping at Sallet Hole mine no.1. Here we found out that Nigel has been in the mine. We also picked up a random gentleman who actually worked down there. Leadership went a bit wonky here as said leader marched on with interesting gentleman leaving the Oreads to fend for themselves. All was redeemed when seeing the carefully placed trailer that provide seating, views, and sunny spots for lunch. This also included plane spotting, such was the clarity of the blue sky to see the planes and vapour trails.

Moving onwards, passing more mine works and a mine of information shared from various Oreads about the area. Steadily downhill looking across to the edges, the hills past Eyam and over the valley. The weather continued to be blue sky and dry.

We began along the Derwent banks and finished along the Derwent banks and here we met Peter who had tried to find us earlier in the walk but it was not to be. The café marquee was a fitting end to walking, talking and good company.

Thank you to all those who came and for your support.

## **Pikehall Short Walk 14 March Ruth Gordon**

More than she started with? She should be so lucky! Never knew how many I'd got. But it was a drippy damp day so pleased to find Colin, Richard Hop, Chris R, joining me. Four of us leaving the car park as Roger arrived. He said he'd catch us up. He didn't until we waited at the Minninglow path. Partly because the car park is supposed to be pay and display now - but someone had nicked the machine! Also Reg Squires had appeared so now we were six heading up to Minninglow.

Ten minutes later a phone call from Rusty saying could we hang on so he could join us at Roystone Grange -which he duly did. Seven of us lunched here by the weird pumping station that looks like a chapel and then Colin departed for an assignation with a man who does grass??? I felt like a sheepdog trying to remember how many I'd got as Rusty hared off in front, not always exactly where I'd planned - but full marks to him for finding the right way through the mud and waterlogged Lowmoor Farm! As we returned towards the trail Chris R took off on a stile- free short cut so only five returned to the start where we paddled through vast puddles to our cars. Thanks for joining me - even if I was never sure if you were there or not!

## **Colehill Maintenance Fund Alex Veitch (D.M.C.)**

The Oread, the Clogwyn club and Derwent M.C. have contributed making £600 in total towards the re-bolting and maintenance of this popular local climbing venue.

The bolts have been ordered and work will start when the weather improves.

It's agreed to replace some lower offs and improve some spacing on certain routes as required as well as stabilising some rock.

The work will be done on a priority basis as the contribution from the clubs will only fund so much hardware.

The bolt fund and I will be looking at what to needs to be done soon. It would be great if anyone knows of any routes that need particular attention, please let me know by email: [alexveitch80@gmail.com](mailto:alexveitch80@gmail.com)

## **Hut Bookings.**

Both our Welsh and Derbyshire hut bookings have moved online at the Oread website [www.oread.co.uk](http://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](mailto:michaelhayes6688@gmail.com)

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 full members Frédérique Gwyther and Pete Wragg, and new provisional member, Emily Young, we hope you will enjoy many happy days with the Oread.

Applications for full membership have been received from Helen Hayes and Luke Marshall. If you would like to comment on these applications please contact a member of the committee.

## Rusty's Puzzle Corner

**This month's puzzle:**



After studying the attached photograph the requirement of the puzzle is to determine how many years ago the picture was taken and how far away from the centre of the universe (let us assume for the purposes of the question that this is Rainster West Hill). Milia passum shall be deemed to be the units of length, poles and perches will not be insisted upon.

**Last month's puzzle solution:**

We are asked to identify the route Jim Askey climbs which involves a traverse right under an overhang, a step up and then a traverse back with a consequent departure from verticality of the rope. Sipping a cup of tea back at home he asks to be reminded of the name of the slab. Grinning, the nephew, an IT geek, silently handed over an envelope containing his birthday card, the envelope was labeled "Askey63"

**What was the name of the slab, and for a bonus point, the name of a Tryfan route of the same standard, involving a similar right traverse and return, albeit longer and on different rock.**

**Rusty explains:**

ASCII stands for American Standard Code for Information Interchange. Computers can only understand numbers, so an ASCII code is the numerical representation of a character such as 'a' or '@' or an action of some sort. ASCII was developed a long time ago and now the non-printing characters are rarely used for their original purpose. You can find online the ASCII character table and this includes descriptions of the first 32 non-printing characters. ASCII 63 is a ? and so the answer is Question mark slab on Stanage Flying Buttress and the Tryfan equivalent is the Knight's Move on Grooved Arete.

**Snod writes:**

Rustys puzzle is as confusing as ever - especially using an obsolete American computer language that no one under 70 will have heard of. My first thought was Stanage and Flying Buttress but that traverses left under the overhang and then back right above it. My next thought was Right Route on the Roaches, another route close to Rusty's heart. **Asking** keys 6 and 3 could be made to fit in the same way as a Route description on a big cliff can until you are hopelessly lost!! (6 on the keyboard is Right arrow and 3 is Page down = rooting!

This was wrong as I was pointed to ASCII and key 63 is a question mark thus Question Mark slab on Flying Buttress at Stanage. I still contend this goes very slightly right before traversing left under the overhang and it's only part of a route. Confusing as ever!

The Tryfan equivalent is much simpler – Grooved Arete with its Knight's Move – a fine route I haven't done for a while – it may well be on the agenda for this year's Glan Dena meet.

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