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Chris Radcliffe on the Granat Spitze, Hohe Tauern, Austria. Hear all about it at the Royal Oak evening meet on Tuesday 2 October!

Editorial

A lot of stuff not to miss in here.

The dates and info for the next three **Peak Boundary Walk** stages and the unveiling of this year's **Bullstones** meet. There is a connection!

Booking form and menu options for the **Club Dinner** on 17 November. You must book by 8 November at latest!

Boring but very essential! **New bank account for the club** – you need to update your on line payee details. See page 14.

New **Reciprocal Rights** agreement with the FRCC on trial for a year – use it or lose it?

Details of this season's **evening social lecture meets** at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook.

2019 outline Meets List.

2019 Meets List Spenser Gray

As always I am looking for meet leaders.

I have a range of preplanned weekend backpacking meets and the more usual camping/ hut meets if you want to run a meet and would like some inspiration. Equally if you have your own idea for a meet please get in touch and I will help you put together a plan for the meet and publicise it to the club.

Meets which I have currently got a hut arranged for but no meet leader are:

Helyg (Ogwen Valley) 25th Jan - 27th Jan 2019 - Winter mountaineering in the Welsh Mountains in a Climbers' Club Hut.

Bryn Hafod (South Snowdonia) 22nd-24th March 2019 - Winter

Mountaineering/ Early season rock climbing at the Stafford Mountain Club's hut in Cwm Cywarch. This area hasn't been visited by the club for at least three years so there should be plenty of routes/ walks for people to do without retreading old ground.

Some of the bank holidays are also missing meet leaders at the minute:

Easter - Font, Calanques, Verdon, La Pedriza, Sutherland/ Ireland/ Pyrenees all appear to be good options in mid-April depending on the length of meet which people want. If you want to go somewhere please suggest a venue and I will help organise the meet.

Early May bank holiday 3rd - 6th May - I proposed either Gower or Swanage, however there are a range of other venues which will prove good at that time of year and nothing is booked so any suggestions are welcome.

August Bank Holiday 23rd - 26th August - South Pembrokeshire is an obvious choice given that bird bans are over and the army don't use the ranges throughout August, however nothing is booked and plenty of areas will be in good condition at this time of year.

Lastly there is the Alpine meet, if you would like to come forward and volunteer to run this please get in touch with me. If there are no other volunteers I have been considering running it in the Otztal Alps, however I am more than willing to stand aside if there is a keen bean wanting to head elsewhere.

Spenser email oreadmcmeeets@gmail.com

Wednesday Walks?

To help Spenser populate the 2019 meets list, I have offered to gauge potential support for a series of Wednesday walks. These would be roughly one a month - during the day in the winter and in the afternoon / evening in the summer. The latter would aim to coincide with evening climbing venues to facilitate pub get-togethers. It has already been suggested that this could develop into mid-week hut meets. If you're interested in principle or even offering to lead a walk, please let me have your ideas.

Stuart Firth:

Here is the outline list of weekend meets arranged so far for next year. More will be added, but get these in your diary now.

2019 outline Meets list

<i>January</i>	8	<i>Evening lecture Royal Oak</i>
	12-19	<i>Rjukan</i>
	25-27	<i>Helyg meet leader needed</i>
<i>February</i>	1st-3	<i>Karn House (joint with FRCC) meet leader needed</i>
	5	<i>Lecture Royal Oak</i>
	15th-17	<i>Glencoe Lagangarbh Neil Thompson</i>
<i>March</i>	5	<i>Lecture Royal Oak</i>
	8th-14	<i>CIC Scottish meet</i>
	8th-10	<i>Patterdale meet Stuart Haywood</i>
	22nd-24	<i>Bryn Hafod meet leader needed</i>
	30	<i>AGM</i>
	31	<i>Spring Stride</i>
<i>April</i>	5th-7	<i>New Members Meet Amy Prosser</i>
	19 th -22	<i>Easter</i>
	12th-28	<i>Proposed sun rock trip venue not yet known</i>
<i>May</i>	3rd-6	<i>May Bank Holiday Gower/Swanage?</i>
	17th-19-	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa Adhe Koukoui</i>
	24th-27	<i>Spring Bank Holiday S. Pembrokeshire G Radcliffe</i>
<i>June</i>	14th-16 Jun	<i>Borrowdale High House - Dave Helliwell</i>
	28th-30	<i>North Downs Way Farnham -Caterham Pam Storer</i>
<i>July</i>	5th-7	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa barbecue meet Tony Howard</i>
	12th-4Aug	<i>Alpine meet</i>
<i>August</i>	9th -11	<i>Gogarth Neil Thompson</i>
	16th-18	<i>Yorkshire Low Stern Emma Hayes</i>
	23rd-26	<i>Bank Holiday South Pembrokeshire?</i>
<i>September</i>	27th-29	<i>Clwyd limestone Derek Pike</i>
<i>October</i>	1	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak?</i>
<i>November</i>	1st-3	<i>Halloween and Bonfire meet</i>
	5	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak?</i>
	16	<i>Annual Dinner?</i>
	17	<i>Post Prandial walk?</i>
<i>December</i>	3	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak?</i>
	11	<i>Black Rocks/Harborough night climb</i>
	13 th -16	<i>Bullstones</i>
	21 Dec-1 Jan	<i>Christmas/New Year at Tan yr Wyddfa</i>

Evening meets:

Do come along to the evening climbing wall session:

Mondays at the Unit from 7 – 9.00 pm and after at the Wilmot Arms, Chaddesden. Over the winter there is also a group at Wirksworth wall from around 7-9.30pm on Wednesdays, then adjourning to the Royal Oak, North St.

Evening Lectures this winter Rob Tresidder

For details of the first two lectures on 2 October and 6 November see below.

I am still hoping to run a members' evening on 4 December. To date I have only one offer. Last year we had a splendid evening when four Oreads stepped up to the plate and a fifth had to be deferred to an evening of his own. C'mon guys!!

The remaining evening meets will be on 8 January, 5 February and 5 March. I do not have any definites for these slots but I am hoping to fill one with the second solo British ascent of the Eiger. If you have something to say or know someone who has, please be in touch.

Rob Tresidder

Tuesday 2 October 8pm Lecture Royal Oak Ockbrook A double bill! "Impressions of Iceland" "Mountaineering in the Austrian Tyrol"

Cath Sinclair of the Derwent Mountaineering Club will talk about Iceland and the highlights of a family trip there in summer 2017. It will include a description of the descent into the magma chamber of a dormant volcano.



Then **Chris Radcliffe** will give a presentation on several summer and winter trips he has made to the Austrian Tyrol in his retirement. Activities include rock-climbing, mountaineering, klettersteig, skiing and snow-shoeing. This is not a

comprehensive survey but a personal reflection on some great days in the mountains.

8.00pm at the Royal Oak, Ockbrook DE72 3SE Admission £3.00 Oreads, £5.00 guests. All welcome.

Rob Tresidder

6 October Peak Boundary Walk – Stage 4 Pam Storer



Stage 4 – Royston Grange - Ilam 10.5 miles

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

Finish-Ilam National Trust Car park SK133508

I expect to finish about 4 pm. The pubs en route are not well placed for lunch so best to bring a packed lunch.

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

Please contact me if you are intending to come.

Pam

12-14 October ABMSAC George Starkey Hut Patterdale Charlie Taylor

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

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

To book a place, please e-mail or call/text me. Charlie.

3 November Bonfire and Fireworks Meet – Heathy Lea Neil Weatherstone

Remember Remember the 3rd of November, as that is the night of our traditional Bonfire and Fireworks night at Heathy Lea. There will be the usual fireworks and a barrel of beer.

Feel free to bring your own BBQ and cooking directly on the fire with long pointy sticks is encouraged (I'll provide a gas powered BBQ that anyone can use). As usual, help building the bonfire during Saturday would be appreciated, especially from those with chain-saws. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of the fireworks that I'll determine on the night (usually £3 or £4). If you need a bed for the night let me know. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Neil Weatherstone

4 November Peak Boundary Walk – Stage 5 Pete Amour



Remember, remember the 4th November.... This date immediately follows the evening bonfire party at Heathy Lea, and is planned with a prompt 9-45am start from NT Ilam Hall - so not too much revellry the night before! To increase the PPBW achievement rate and further add to the insomnia factor car drop offs will be required - the walk is planned as a linear tramp of 10 miles. *Could I ask that people read the detail of the following to avoid difficulties for themselves.*

Transport To make the event possible we shall need some cars to be parked prior to the start at Onecote village hall car park to ferry folks back to Ilam Hall, please could I ask that people co-ordinate amongst themselves to make effective use of cars and minimise those parked at Onecote as space is a bit limited there. Any drivers intending to drop walkers off at Ilam Hall and then leaving their car at the Onecote finish will need to be at Ilam at least 45 minutes earlier to make it to Onecote and back for the 9-45am start. (I am available to act as a courier to take up to 4 drivers back Ilam from Onecote, offers of other courier drivers may be needed).

Food/drink Kathy, the landlady at the Red Lion at Waterfall village is aware of us (and the Oread name) and has asked some sort of figures to meet our needs. To keep things speedy/simple I have suggested keeping choices limited, as follows. They can offer baguettes, chips & salad with the following for £6-95, (Chicken & Stuffing)(Bacon & Brie)(Cheese & Onion) Kathy's pub is not open during weekday lunchtimes due the village being in a backwater - she has asked for food orders to be placed by two weeks before (21st October). If you feel that you might not attend please don't order food. Kathy has said that she would waive the customers eating their own food rule for us. So, put simply, if you want food, let me have your order by the 21st Oct, or take your own.

Well that's the logistics done (hopefully). We leave Ilam at 9-45am, the route then goes as follows - Upper Musden - Musden Low - Upper green House - Calton Village - Manifold Valley - Waterhouses village - Waterfall (Lunch) - Gibgreen - Ford - Onecote for transport to Ilam. I look forward to seeing you on the day. For transport offers/needs or placing the *early* food order please contact me by phone or email.

PS Please consider the goodwill to be able to use the Red Lion to eat our own food as one where fair consideration is made to consume Kathy's pub food if possible, her intent is to avoid people eating their own nosh outside!

Tuesday 6 November 8pm Lecture Royal Oak Ockbrook

Roland Jackson will talk about his new biography of John Tyndall, physicist, glaciologist, educator and mountaineer (first ascent of the Weisshorn, 1861). Link here:

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-ascent-of-john-tyndall-9780198788959?cc=gb&lang=en&>

17 November Annual Dinner, Matlock Golf Club: Tony Howard

This year's dinner will once again be at Matlock Golf Club, Chesterfield Road Matlock (DE4 5LZ). Please arrive from 6.30 pm onwards, to sit down at 7.30 pm. The price will be **£23.00** per person; slightly more than last year. The food has been excellent for the last three years and should be this year. There will be vegetarian & gluten free options. Beer and wine at reasonable prices will be available until the small hours - if enough of us keep drinking! We will have short entertaining speeches and possibly some singing. The Bent Screw award should also provide us with the customary entertainment.

If you are staying in Matlock, cars can be left overnight in the Club's secure car park, but **must** be removed by 13:00 hrs the next day. There are bed and breakfast options within walking distance, or a short taxi ride; plus, nearby parking for camper vans - it should be a great night.

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

Please help me by booking as early as possible, with payment by cheque if at all possible. In any event, I must have your bookings by Thursday 8th November at the very latest. (The caterers need final numbers 7 days in advance and I also need time to pick up your message & pass it on. The caterers will accept cancellation without penalty up to 48 hours in advance. So, if you have to cancel & you tell me in time, I will return your cheque to you.) It should be a really good do. I look forward to seeing you there.
Tony Howard.

18 November Post Prandial Walk Ruth Gordon

I will be organising something similar to last year – in the Matlock area. Details to follow next month.

21 November Leo Houlding: The Spectre Expedition

This is a charity film show at the Abbeydale Picture House, Sheffield on 21 November 8.30 pm. The film is about an unsupported traverse of the Antarctic continent assisted by kite! Leo Houlding will introduce the film and take questions. All profits to Weston Park Cancer Charity. More info and ticket bookings here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leo-houlding-presents-a-screening-of-the-spectre-expedition-with-qa-tickets-49470773415>

23-25 November Curry Meet Tan yr Wyddfa Tony Howard

We had a tradition of a curry meet at Tan yr Wyddfa, which ran for many years and it appears to be time to resurrect it.

For those of you not aware of the format, the plan is to spend a weekend in our cosy Welsh hut walking and climbing the hills and crags of Snowdonia in wonderful weather.

We'll have a curry on Saturday night, as usual. The plan is to persuade one or two (or more) of you to cook a curry. I will reimburse you for the ingredients you need **for the curry itself**. I will provide **all** the ancillary stuff; rice naans, samosas, Indian sweets, fruit salad etc.

The cost for the food will be about £5-7/ person, for everyone who signs up. This will be payable on the weekend! I will buy the last of the food on the preceding Thursday or Friday. So if you have signed up and for some reason you cannot make it, please let me know by Wednesday 21st at the latest, to avoid being charged for the food. An earlier notification would also allow me to offer your place to someone else. Bring your own wine and beer etc.

If you would like to come along and if you would be willing to do some cooking, please let me know ASAP.

Tony Howard

7-9 December The Bullstones 2018 Chris & Gill Radcliffe

We are proposing a different format for the Bullstones Meet this year to allow us to combine it with the project to complete the Peak District Boundary Walk (PDBW). The PDBW has attracted a broad spectrum of members from young members who have recently joined the club to long standing older members. Our idea is that we would format the meet so that members can participate to achieve the basic PDBW objective

and at the same time it would be sufficiently challenging to satisfy the hardened 'Bullstoner' with some level of discomfort.

We hope that this meet will attract a good number of members to take advantage of a unique location, three good walks over the weekend and a social gathering on Saturday night.

Bill Boley and Elen Rees have generously agreed to make available their property of Whitehouse Farm for the use of the OMC for this weekend and this will be our base for both Friday night and Saturday night. Whitehouse Farm is located at about 400m on the Staffordshire moors, above the village of Thorncliffe, with spectacular views over the Roaches and Hen Cloud.

Location details: Post Code: ST13 8UW OS Map Ref: SK 023 593
Co-ordinates: 53-07-49.5N 1-57-57.92W

Bill and Elen are offering the following:

- Bedrooms in the farmhouse can be made available. We envisage this might appeal to older members who need a certain level of comfort.
- Some hard standing for a number of campervans.
- Locations in the garden area for a number of tents for those who want to camp.
- Other rooms in the farmhouse and Bill's office are available for anyone who wants to put down a thermarest for a less luxurious inside location.
- Use of their kitchen for breakfast on both days and a group meal on the Saturday night. This is a traditional farm kitchen with an Aga and plenty of space and should allow for a very sociable venue.
- The fields (Elen's horse) and Workshop (Bill's business) are off-limits.

In consideration of our use of Whitehouse Farm, the OMC will make Heathy Lea available to the Castle MC in 2019. To cover this, there will be a charge for OMC members attending the Bullstones Meet of £5 per person.

On Saturday we will walk south to Onecote via Hamps Way. At this point we pick up the route of the PDBW and follow this North West back to Whitehouse Farm (approx. 16 km – 10 miles). On Sunday we will complete the PDBW route to Tittesworth Reservoir and then continue the walk up to the Roaches and Ramshaw Rocks and back to Whitehouse Farm via Swainsmoor (approx. 18 km – 11.25 miles), but shorter options would be available.

Friday night would not be part of the PDBW but cater for those who want a 'traditional' start to the meet. Meet at The Rock Inn in Upper Hulme (ST13 8TY). Walk via Hurdlow Farm to the Mermaid (no longer a pub) and then down the road to Whitehouse Farm. There is a good track through the farm but the path from the Rock Inn is not well defined and the Right of Way path to the Mermaid is also difficult to follow with many undulations that might cause some frustration to an alcohol fuelled OMC team on a dark December night. This section would be 4 – 5 km. I suppose it would be possible for those so inclined to find a hollow somewhere before reaching the Mermaid to bivouac, finishing off the section in daylight the following morning.

To enable us to plan the weekend and advise Bill and Elen of the numbers involved it is essential that anyone intending to join the Bullstones Meet should contact us with the following information:

- Level of accommodation required: Bedroom/Camp/Campervan/Floor space.
- Interest in the Friday night option. This may involve some shuffling of cars.
- Confirm whether or not you will contribute to a group meal on the Saturday night.

28 Dec – 1 January Glencoe Hogmanay Meet Jess de Freitas

Who fancies spending new year in Scotland?

I'm running a Hogmanay meet this year in the Glencoe area and have secured two chalets (10-12 beds) at the Inchree Centre.

There is no guarantee of snow, blue skies or nice weather, but there will doubtless be some good craic and plenty of enthusiasm to get out in the hills. With gullies, ridges, Munros and possibly some early season mixed climbing I hope there is something for everyone.

We hope to run the meet for all the days set out above, but don't expect everyone to attend for all days. Please message me or Spenser to reserve a bed on the nights you wish to attend.

If you don't have experience using ice axes or crampons please contact Spenser Gray, who will point you in the direction of an instructor.

Jess de Freitas.

8-14 March Scottish meet Spenser Gray

The club has a meet happening at the CIC hut, there are still some spaces on the meet:

The night of 9th March for 1 person

The nights of 10th March - 14th March for 2 people

The cost of the meet will be £20 per night.

Spenser Gray will be travelling up on 8th March and intends to stay at either Riasg or Waters Cottage (both huts where we have reciprocal rights) that evening before heading up to the CIC hut for the Saturday night and returning to Derby on the Sunday evening. Other attendees are expected to head up to the area Sunday Daytime for the full week.

Spenser Gray

Copy deadline for next issue is 27 October.

Members' Corner

Here's the regular spot to share info, ask for hints and tips, put your For Sale and Wanted ads, write open letters to the committee and generally make your voice heard. All non-libellous contributions welcome!

For Sale.

Scarpa Women's Active Light GTX leather walking boots size 39 (UK size 5.5) little worn as I actually needed a smaller size. Cost £150 will sell for £60 ono.

Yvonne Waterson

Wanted!

Does anyone have a backpack type baby carrier surplus to requirements? I'm looking for one suitable for a small woman to carry a large baby!
Jan Wilson

Rockfall at Raven Crag, Langdale.

Chris Radcliffe writes: There has been a rockfall at Raven Crag Langdale that affects the descent. This was always a bit tricky and there was a fatality earlier this year. Be aware! The recommended descent is now an abseil point in Blue Bell Gully. This may need some care if approached in rock boots.

Climb if you will

Older members may have a copy of this long out of print book, published in 1974. A digital copy is now published on the website. Thanks to a lot of hard work by Mike Wren we all have the opportunity to read this important club historical document again. It contains a wealth of stories and history and evocative old photographs including one of Frank Goldsmith who died recently. (See section 2 page 4.)

News, Articles and Reports from Meets.

New Reciprocal Rights agreement with FRCC

For a trial period of a year we now have reciprocal rights with the FRCC. This gives us access as individuals and as a club to book in to their five splendid huts in the Lake District and two in Scotland.

The link below explains the rules and procedure for booking the huts. Briefly this must be done by post or email, at least seven days in advance and a self addressed, padded envelope must be sent to the hut warden with a returnable deposit of £25 for the key.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1j3_UHZkow0wflFOU6yrr75TNrse-1CSFT0CGU7me5EM/edit?usp=sharing

Pacemaker Roger Gibbs

Lower Sharpnose is one of my favourite venues in the UK, and not just because most of its routes are overgraded. It's a magical place. From the idyllic Duckpools beach we walk up onto the headland and round to those fins sticking out into the wild Atlantic. Sliding down the abseil rope gives you time to appreciate how steep the routes are and ponder why the fins are still standing.

We've already decided on the warm up: A Tonic for the Troops is a little less well known than some of the other routes here but it's just as good. The climbing is pure pleasure, no pressure, just trying to move well and enjoy it. I'm soon at the top and Chris wanders up afterwards. We abseil back to the deck and sort the rack. It's time to get serious.



We study the guidebook and try to glean any clues, debating exactly where the line crosses from one left trending crack to another. Small holds in a patch of beautiful rippled rock look to be crucial. Chris goes first and makes it look easy, but then he always does. He lowers off and strips the gear. My turn. We talk tactics and then I set off. Pacemaker is described as “an outstanding wall-climb that rates as one of the best pitches in the West Country”. Let’s try not to cock it up too badly, shall we? I scamper left along the first break and fire in some bomber gear. Chris had given me beta on the best size, but as we never agree on gear, it probably made it harder. I scuttle back to the ground for a rest. One more foray for another perfect runner and back to the deck. OK, I’m warm now, let’s go.

It looks to be continuously pumpy and unrelenting but I discover a decent rest after the burly pull out of the first break. Chris calls up, directing me to the “best runner slot in the world”. I can’t find it, but a good cam and a better wire will more than suffice.

I’m on my own now, steep moves take me up to the next break and further left. Crystalline footholds appear and I’m back in balance. Above me the crux thin crack leers, a friendly peg at its base. The peg clipped and a small wire and I’m attacking the crack. Half way up and a semi rest. I struggle to assemble a cluster of runners. The pump is pressing now. A long move to reach the final break which leads back left to glory. Clip the peg. Too wasted to stop, I lurch upwards. Wasn’t there supposed to be a good runner around here somewhere?

Scuttle left. My brain is full of blood and the panic is rising. I fiddle in a wire, it’s only two thirds in. Clip. My fingers are uncurling. I’m spent. I’m trying to remember how far below the cluster of gear in the thin crack is, for when the wire falls out and the peg snaps. Tales of climbers exploding out of the top break with pump prey on my mind.

“Take,” I yell over the noise of the sea. I can hear the panic in my voice.

An animal howl comes back to me from below.

“NO! IT’S ONE MOVE. DO IT!”

The automaton kicks in. I slap frantically left further along the break. Wait - there are footholds. Stabbing my foot out left I throw my body after it. Another lurch and my fingers curl over a sharply incut blob of quartz. An awkward foot swap and I can hug the spike on the arête with both arms. Bloody hell, that was close.

Bloody hell, I've done Pacemaker. My whoops are loud enough to attract the attention of the team on the north fin. They smile up at me uncertainly. I peer back down the wall. Shiny gear glitters in the sunshine and the ropes hang in curving arcs. Chris is all smiles and congratulations.

Heathy Lea Working Party 8 September Yvonne Waterson



Thanks to an advance party of Nigel and Janet Briggs making a start on painting the windows and doors in the yard, a huge amount of work was completed at this working party.

Despite the forecast of rain (typical after all the heat) there was an impressive turn out of members and prospective members to tackle the list of jobs.



Mike H and Nick removed two rotten planks from the bottom of the barn wall, replacing them with a concrete gravel board. Water has been running down off

the track directly on to the wood of the barn so this move should prevent further damage.

Rob executed a very professional repair on the frame and door of the toilet and fitted new weather boards to the toilet door and the rear porch door. Thankfully good sense prevailed and suggestions of chopping the bottom off the door and having a saloon style door were abandoned.

Despite the onset of rain in the afternoon (just an opportunity to stop for more tea and cake really) many hands got stuck into the painting and most of the work is now complete. There was just one minor breakdown in communication, which resulted in the *plastic* guttering and downpipe to the porch being painted in black Hammerite; however everyone agreed it looks really good.

A team of sturdy younger members unearthed a large stone slab and manoeuvred it to replace uneven slabs on the path next to the porch (hope Chatsworth don't think we've buried a body!).

Vince redirected the water outlet from the sink in the toilet to prevent the holding tank filling up too quickly and Spenser and Ellie treated the wood on the barn.

Yvonne and Pam lead an assault on the wood cut on the last working party, removing it from the area around the bridge in anticipation of an inspection by Chatsworth and moving it to an area near the barn ready for the bonfire. Adhe spent most of the day up a ladder preparing and painting guttering.

All was fuelled by copious amounts of tea and cake.

We are very grateful to all who supported the working party, I'm sorry if I haven't mentioned everyone who was there but everyone's input was **very much** appreciated and Heathy Lea is starting to look very smart. THANK YOU.



Hut Bookings.

TAN-YR-WYDDFA

10 October	Gentian MC 6 beds
16-17 October	C Fox K Fellfarers
22-26 October	D Appleby Thursday Group
2-4 November	Herts MC 16 beds

HEATHY LEA

26-27 October	Bedford MC Cottage
3 November	Oread Bonfire meet
17 November	Oread Annual Dinner
7-9 December	Litchfield MC 8 beds
30 Dec-2 January	Leeds University MC

“Whole Hut” includes the Oread room!

“Sole use – children present” means you may not stay overnight, even in the Oread room.

All queries, payments and bookings should be addressed to Michael Hayes, the Hut Bookings Secretary: 32 Hawthorne Drive, Thornton, Leicester, LE67 1AW.

Tel. 01530 231401 mobile 07771 700913. Email: hayes_michael_j@cat.com

Our preferred method of payment is via bank transfer **to our new account with Lloyds - Sort Code 30-98-97. Account number 62584068.** You must put your name **and either TYW or HL as a reference.** Otherwise the treasurer cannot allocate the payment to the right hut.

Please follow up with an email to Michael to let him know that you have made a payment and what it was for.

Alternatively you can post a cheque, payable to Oread MC, to the above address.

Hut Keys

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

Thanks, Michael.

Farewell to old friends.

Frank Goldsmith.

We have received the sad news that Frank Goldsmith passed away on Sunday 19th August at the age of 85. Frank was a long standing member of the Oread from the 1950's and was well known to many of our older members. The funeral was held at Lee on the Solent Methodist Church on the 11th September.

Stuart Godfrey

Nicknamed “Abo” for his unruly hairstyle, many people will remember Stuart, a member for many years, not only for his cycling and mountaineering exploits but for the building work he did for so many of us; always so cheerful and good-humoured as he tore one's home apart! Stuart became ill earlier this year but insisted that nobody be told. He died in late June and, at his request, there was no funeral or gathering to mark his passing.

Memories of both Frank and Stuart would be welcome for a future issue.

Phillip (Pip) Hopkinson

Although not a member of the Oread, Pip Hopkinson will have been well known to many Oreads. During his time as Secretary of the Climbers Club he was instrumental in helping the Oread gain reciprocal rights with the C.C. The following appreciation was written by Doug Scott.

Sadly Pip Hopkinson died on Saturday night, 25 August 2018. He was in a pub in Heptonstall with his brother, Nick and others, when he suffered a massive heart attack. He was pronounced dead at Calderdale hospital, Halifax.

Pip was a great supporter of the Nottingham Climbers Club and the Climbers Club of which he was once Secretary. He was also a great supporter of the traditional values of British climbing.

Pip was a Founder Trustee of the charity Community Action Nepal [CAN] and was a great supporter of the rural poor of Nepal, visiting the country on several occasions in support of CANs's projects. For those of us who knew Pip in Nottingham in the 1950s and 1960s, we will all, I am sure, remember him as a loyal friend who was highly intelligent, at social debates, a lively musician on folk nights and more recently he had become a considerable artist, developing a style all of his own.

Pip was unwell last year and was hospitalised over Christmas; fortunately he recovered and since then he was very happy and content in his home near to his brother, Nick and his family.

His funeral took place in Harrogate on 14 September.

Information on Member Activities

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

Keith and Nan Axon

Older members will remember the Axons, Oreads of long ago. Keith and Nan were both part of the original group which met on 21 April 1949 to discuss the formation of a local climbing club and became members of the first Oread committee. Their grandson Thom has contacted the Club via our Facebook page, he writes:

“My grandparents are Keith and Nan Axon (Smith) I am once again getting back into a more adventurous life and like to think that Keith is scowling at my efforts as I fumble my way through. If anyone has any information about Keith I would love to learn more about his time in the mountains.”

Thom.

Email thomaxon@gmail.com

If you would like to respond but don't do email I (Ruth Gordon) will either type up hand-written memories or pass on your telephone number as you prefer.

Rusty's Puzzle Corner



Last month's puzzle solution:

Clay type ground, especially, tends to form hexagon shaped cracks due to shrinkage and so is of the same geometric form as everyday nuts and bolts.

Nick Evans produced this correct answer virtually in the first instant he heard the question. Roger Chapman, albeit after a little more deliberation, also arrived at this solution. Digger pursued a different track, comparing the colour of corroded metal with that of the ground: not the answer anticipated, but who's to say he was wrong, it's only a bit of fun. I have attached a photograph, taken at Heathcote Pond, illustrating the phenomenon.

This month's puzzle.

African swine fever had spread into Leicestershire and was threatening both Yorkshire and England. The authorities therefore placed a temporary ban on access to hills and moorland as a precautionary measure. The Oread, Fell and Rock and Lancs Cave and Crag, all with time on their hands, agreed to hold a cricket tournament. The president, as befits his status, opened the Oread batting against FRCC but his technique was so dire that he was adjudged fortunate to achieve a score of 0. However, middle order batters Pam and Ruth

scored quickly, the latter exploiting both the umpire's ignorance of LBW rules and a padded foot to kick several poor FRCC deliveries down to the long leg boundary This enabled the Oread to score batting bonus points (awarded for fifty runs in the first ten overs). Rain however prevented a deserved victory.

LCC sneakily recruited James Anderson as an honorary member for the last match against FRCC and he predictably tore through the opposition and secured a win and also the bowling bonus points.

The results were:

	WIN	DRAW	BOWLING BONUS	BATTING BONUS	POINTS TOTAL
OREAD	1	1	1	1	12
FRCC	0	1	0	1	5
LCC	1	0	1	1	9

How many points were awarded for a) a win, b) a draw and c) a bonus?

Annual Dinner overnight stay information.

There are several bed and breakfast options within walking distance of Matlock Golf Club, or a short taxi ride away. Closest is The Duke of Wellington, which is less than 10 minutes fairly level walk from the Golf Club (tel. 01629 582299 or via www.laterooms.com). A longer walk away, but downhill on the night, are The Old Sunday School, New St. tel 01629 583347 and the Red Lion, Matlock Green 01629 584888. There is also a Premier Inn on the A6 North, just out of town on the Bakewell side, a taxi-ride away. Taxis should be booked a day in advance, to be sure of a pick-up. You could try Matlock Taxis 01629 584195 or Fox's Cars 01629 583333.

For the Camper vanners and those requiring more basic accommodation, we hope to be able to fit most people in at the Wilson and Gordon residences, 5 minutes' walk from the venue. We can offer van parking, tent and floor space (maybe a bed if you are lucky) - first come first served - so book early! Chris and Jan have kindly offered to coordinate the overnight stays so please contact them. They will be abroad from 12 October to 6 November, but will still have access to emails.

Booking Form with menu options and payment information below.

Oread Annual Dinner Order Form

The dinner will be on the 17th November and will cost **£23.00** per person. Tea or coffee is included in the price.

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

Post your completed form and payment to Tony Howard to arrive by **Thursday 8th November at the latest.**

Payment should preferably be by cheque payable to Oread MC. Alternatively you could pay by bank transfer. But if you do you must add a payee's note saying who you are & that it's for the Annual Dinner. Oread new Acc nr.: 62584068; Sort code 30-98-97.

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

I must have the completed forms by 9th November

Name:				
Payment method				
Starter				
Tomato & Mozzarella salad				
Duck & orange pate				
Main Course				
Rump of lamb with mint & rosemary gravy				
Oven baked salmon with separate chilli sauce				
Mushroom strudel with cream sauce				
Dessert				
Lemon brulee cheesecake				
Profiteroles				
Fruit salad				

If you have any special dietary requirements please state them below (e.g. gluten/wheat/vegan). The Golf Club is used to catering for special diets. Please contact them directly on 01629 582191 to be certain that they can cater for you and for your peace of mind.

If you have a strong preference to be seated next to others, please state this below & we will do our best to accommodate you.

Forthcoming Meets 2017/2018

New email address to contact the Meets Secretary!

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

<i>October</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Evening lecture Royal Oak</i>
	<i>6</i>	<i>Peak Boundary Walk (stage 4) Pam Storer</i>
	<i>12-14</i>	<i>Patterdale G Starkey hut Charlie Taylor</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Oread Bonfire Meet, Heathy Lea Neil Weatherstone</i>
	<i>4</i>	<i>Dovedale Dash and Peak Boundary Walk (stage 5) Pete Amour</i>
	<i>6</i>	<i>Evening lecture Royal Oak</i>
	<i>11</i>	<i>FRCC Remembrance Meet</i>
	<i>17</i>	<i>Oread Annual Dinner Tony Howard</i>
	<i>18</i>	<i>Post Prandial Walk Ruth Gordon</i>
	<i>23-25</i>	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa curry meet Tony Howard</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>7-9</i>	<i>Bullstones/Peak District Boundary Walk - Chris and Gill Radcliffe</i>
	<i>12</i>	<i>Black Rocks Night Climb</i>
	<i>26</i>	<i>Boxing Day local get - together</i>
	<i>22 Dec - 1 Jan</i>	<i>Christmas/New Year Meet Tan yr Wyddfa Rock Hudson/</i>
	<i>28 Dec - 1 Jan-</i>	<i>New Year meet Inchree cottages Jess de Freitas</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>1 Jan</i>	<i>New Year's Day walk</i>

See page 2 for 2019 meets list.

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