

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

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A large jolly party leaves the Grouse for challenges anew on the Walk and Climb the Edges extravaganza. Note: third from left, long time ago former member Martin Musson.

Editorial

This is the newsletter you really must pay attention to because it contains a final warning that you **need to book urgently for the Annual Dinner** plus info to book your pub lunch for the post dinner walk.

Warning!! if you are going on the Boundary Walk on 4 November be aware that it is Dovedale Dash day and will be very busy. Best to approach Ilam via Alstonefield and avoid the heavy traffic at Thorpe.

Subs renewal time too: form and details at the back of this issue.

Meets list for 2019 included here on pages 2-4 This has permanently moved from the end of the newsletter to the beginning by popular request!

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.

There are a few meets planned and booked that currently have no meet leader. Please get in touch if you can help. These are:

New Year's Day Walk: anywhere you fancy that doesn't involve a crack of dawn start!

PDBW - 13th Jan

Waters Cottage (15th-17th March) Glencoe offers winter mountaineering par excellence with the Aonach Eagach sitting close to the hut, along with easy access to Stob Coire Nan Lochan and a slightly longer drive taking you to Ben Nevis and the classic Snow Ice routes which are often in condition during March. This meet will be the weekend immediately after the CIC hut meet, as such there will likely be people with good knowledge of current conditions on the Ben staying with us in the hut.

Tan Yr Wyddfa (22nd - 24th March)

Prime time for Winter Climbing from our Welsh hut (potentially), or perhaps we will find ourselves visiting the sun kissed crags of Tremadog for early season trad climbing, who knows?

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:

Forthcoming meets 2018- 2019

Here is the calendar for the rest of 2018 plus the outline list of weekend meets arranged so far for next year. **Some changes from last month's draft!!!** More will be added, but get these in your diary now.

2018

<i>November</i>	3	Oread Bonfire Meet, Heathy Lea Neil Weatherstone
	4	Dovedale Dash and Peak Boundary Walk (stage 5) Pete Amour
	6	Evening lecture Royal Oak
	11	FRCC Remembrance Meet
	17	Oread Annual Dinner Tony Howard
	18	Post Prandial Walk Ruth Gordon
	23-25	Tan yr Wyddfa curry meet Tony Howard
<i>December</i>	4	Evening lecture Royal Oak
	7-9	Bullstones/Peak District Boundary Walk - Chris and Gill Radcliffe
	12	Black Rocks Night Climb Rob Tresidder
	18	Social evening Smithfield Alehouse, Derby
	26	Boxing Day local get - together
	22 Dec - 1 Jan	Christmas/New Year Meet Tan yr Wyddfa Rock Hudson/
	28 Dec - 6 Jan-	New Year meet Inchree cottages Jess de Freitas

2019 Meets list

<i>January</i>	1	New Year's Day walk meet leader needed
	8	Lecture Royal Oak
	10-14	European Ice climbing C Hartshorne/Spenser Gray
	13	PDBW meet leader needed
	20	Limestone walk Rusty Russell
	25-27	Helyg Spenser Gray
	4th-16	Benidorm Derek Pike
<i>February</i>	5	Lecture Royal Oak
	8th-10	Karn House joint with FRCC meet leader needed
	16	PDBW meet leader needed
	22-24	Buttermere, Birkness Barn – Michael Hayes
	26	Social evening meet
<i>March</i>	5	Lecture Royal Oak
	8th-14	CIC Scottish meet
	8th-10	Patterdale meet
	15th-17	Waters Cottage
	17	PDBW Chris and Jan Wilson
	22-24	Tan yr Wyddfa meet leader needed
	30	AGM preceded by 70th Anniversary repeat of first ever Oread meet.
	31	Spring Stride Snod Helliwell
<i>April</i>	5th-7	New Members Meet Amy Prosser
	19th -22	Easter
	12th-28	Proposed sun rock trip venue not yet known
	30	Evening social meet
<i>May</i>	3rd-6	May BankHoliday Gower Mick Hayes
	17th-19-	Tan yr Wyddfa Adhe Koukoui
	24th-2 June	Skye Mike Moss

<i>June</i>	7-9 Jun	<i>Children's meet Neil Weatherstone</i>
	14th-16 Jun	<i>Borrowdale High House - Dave Helliwell</i>
<i>July</i>	3rd-5	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa working party Dave Helliwell</i>
	5th-7	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa barbecue meet Tony Howard</i>
	12 th -14	<i>North Downs Way Farnham-Caterham Pam Storer</i>
	19th-4 Aug	<i>Alpine meet (Oetztal?)</i>
<i>August</i>	2nd- 3	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa joint FRCC meet</i>
	9th -11	<i>Gogarth Neil Thompson</i>
	16th-18	<i>Yorkshire Low Stern Emma Hayes</i>
	23rd-26	<i>Bank Holiday South Pembrokeshire Gill Radcliffe</i>
<i>September</i>	21	<i>PDBW meet leader needed</i>
	27th-29	<i>Clwyd limestone Derek Pike</i>
<i>October</i>	1	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak?</i>
	12 th - 20	<i>Kalymnos</i>
	18th-20	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa</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>
	22-24	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa curry meet Tony Howard</i>
<i>December</i>	3	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak</i>
	7	<i>PDBW meet leader needed</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 Smithfield, Meadow Road, Derby. 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 lectures on 6 November and 4 December see below.

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. I am still hoping to run a members' evening. 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!! If you have something to say or know someone who has, please be in touch.

Rob Tresidder

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

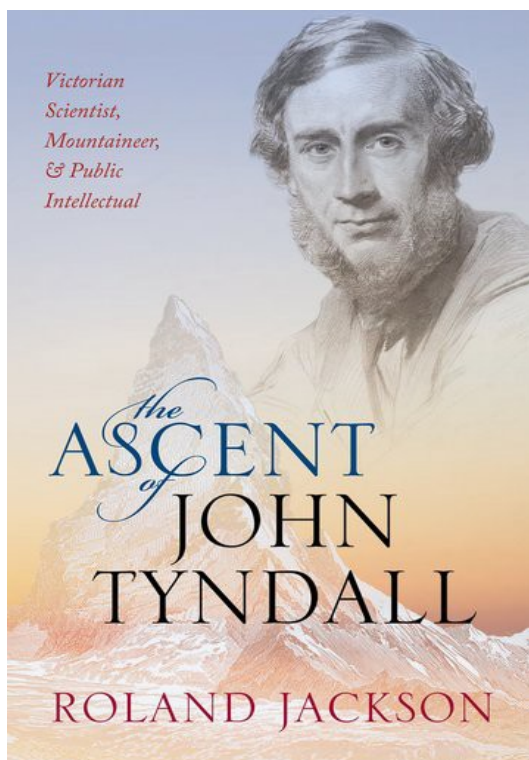
Remember, remember the 4th November.... This date immediately follows the evening bonfire party at Heathy Lea, and is planned with a prompt 9-45am start from NT Ilam Hall - so not too much revelry the night before! To increase the PPBW achievement rate and further add to the insomnia factor car drop 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 to Ilam from Onecote, offers of other courier drivers may be needed).

Be aware – it is Dovedale Dash day – don't try to arrive via Thorpe, come via Alstonefield!

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 please contact me.

Tuesday 6 November 8pm Lecture Royal Oak Ockbrook



Roland Jackson

will talk about his new biography of John Tyndall, physicist, glaciologist, educator and mountaineer who made the first ascent of the Weisshorn in 1861).

Link below:

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

Wednesday 14 November Night Navigation

The Derwent Mountaineering Club will be holding another of their famous night navigation exercises around the Barrel Inn, Bretton. More details will be circulated via the Yahoo Group when known.

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.

All other details were provided in last month's Newsletter.

The booking form is at the back of this newsletter.

There are quite a few new people who have signed up for the dinner this year and still over 30 people who normally attend but have not sent in their forms yet. The maximum number of seats available is 84; 8 tables of 8 and 2 of 10. If all those 30 or so choose to come, we will run out of seats. So please don't be slow in sending in your forms if you want to attend the dinner. Simply being earlier than my deadline will not guarantee you a seat.

If you would like to come, please send me your forms ASAP. Late entries also make it difficult for me plan the event; seating etc. **I must receive your bookings by Thursday 8th November at the very latest.**

It should be a really good do. I look forward to seeing you there.

Tony Howard.

18 November Post Prandial Walk Ruth Gordon

This year we will again be visiting the delightful Plough Inn at Two Dales for our lunchtime stop. I plan a slightly shorter, and quite different route from last year so we will start at 10.30 from the free carpark in the little industrial estate at Rowsley, (follow the A6 round the bend towards Bakewell and turn immediately left after the Chatsworth road junction). We will enjoy woodlands, moorland, lanes and there are plenty of short cut options available if the weather doesn't play ball. This little village pub does not normally serve food but they will do us hot pork cobs for around £5 and chip butties for around £2.00. **If you would like to order food please let me know by Monday 12th at latest,** They cooked 10 extra last year and they still ran out!

If you would like to join the party at the pub it is well hidden! Coming from Matlock take the first available right turn off the A6 after the DFS entrance on left and petrol station on right. The pub is off to the left of this road before it starts to go steeply uphill. Phone box on right marks the turn. Large carpark at back of the pub.

For more info or to order food please leave me a message or email me.

21 November BMC Peak Area committee meeting and annual quiz.

The BMC Peak Area Meeting will take place at The Maynard in Grindleford on Wednesday 21 November, starting at 7.30pm (food from 6.30pm).

Come to the next gathering of Peak District climbers and walkers and get involved in the BMC. Area meetings are run by volunteers and provide an opportunity for you to discuss issues and influence decisions affecting climbers and walkers locally and nationally.

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

30 November and 2 December climbing films at the Northern Light cinema in Wirksworth

On Friday 30th there is 'Stone Free' and 'Block Heads', two climbing films by Alistair Lee

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On Sunday 2nd they are doing two showings of the 'Best of Kendal'

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Tuesday 4 December 8pm Lecture Royal Oak Ockbrook

This will be Rock Hudson giving an account of his recent travels.

7-9 December The Bullstones 2018 Chris & Gill Radcliffe

A reminder that the annual Bullstones Meet this year will take place on the Derbyshire/Staffordshire border.

Accommodation is available at Bill and Elen's farm near Thorncliffe for Friday and Saturday night.

Location details: Post Code: ST13 8UW OS Map Ref: SK 023 593

Co-ordinates: 53-07-49.5N 1-57-57.92W

Some keen Bullstoners are going to follow tradition and bivvy on Friday evening after leaving the pub.

Meet on Friday evening at the Rock Inn, Upper Hulme (ST13 8TY) from 7pm and walk from the pub to Whitehouse Farm, or bivvy en route. The walks on Saturday and Sunday will include a section of the PDBW from Onecote to Tittesworth Reservoir.

Please let us know a.s.a.p. if you need a bedroom at the farm, otherwise choose floor space/camping/campervan spot when you arrive.

We plan to have a communal meal on Saturday night – please contribute to a starter or mains or dessert and contact Gill with your choice so she can co-ordinate contributions.

If you have any queries please get in touch.

12 December Black Rocks Night Climb Rob Tresidder

As ever the club will be visiting Black Rocks for its final Wednesday meet of the year to find a collection of unpleasant slimefests to shuffle up. Of course some wimps slink off to Harborough instead. Details of pub meet up will be revealed next month.

18 December Social evening, Smithfield Alehouse, Derby

Many of the older members voiced a desire to have pub meets as in the old days as part of the FTG surveys. To ensure that all members are able to attend these social meets they will take place in the Smithfield Ale House which has a fantastic range of beer and cider on offer along with a reasonably sized car park and easy access from Derby Train Station. Their previous purpose of organising the upcoming weekends' activities has somewhat been superseded by the advent of emails and Facebook etc, however there is clearly much value to be derived from chatting to each other over beer in terms of getting to know your fellow members, finding out about upcoming meets, planning what you will do on meets and providing plans for meets to the meet secretary so do please come along from 7.30 – 10pm and join us for (a) pint(s) of beer (delete as appropriate).

28 Dec – 6 Jan Glencoe Hogmanay Meet Jess de Freitas

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.

Most of the places have been taken but contact me if you are interested. Jess de Freitas

10- 14 January European Ice Climbing C Hartshorne/S Gray

If you are interested in joining us and trying out some ice fall climbing please get in touch soon. We are stopping in Cogne, flights and hotel booked.

Contact us on oreadmcmeeets@gmail.com

25 - 27 January Helyg Spenser Gray

The Ogwen valley offers excellent mountaineering options for all weathers with Helyg sitting in prime position to facilitate many of these, particularly with easy access to the Glyders and the Carnedd's on offer. You can see the North Ridge of Tryfan from the bedroom/ living room window, there is a range of bouldering in the area and the North Wales Limestone crags are easily accessible while offering a range of sheltered venues for those who don't enjoy a walk in. Who knows, we may even have full access to Craig Y Forwyn again after it being banned for 30+ years?!

Details of the hut can be found here:

<https://www.climbers-club.co.uk/venues/helyg-ogwen/>

I'm optimistically including a link to an article about Welsh Winter Climbing, however we'll just have to see what happens.

https://www.ukclimbing.com/articles/destinations/welsh_winter_climbing-8160

To book contact Spenser Gray email: oreadmcmeeets@gmail.com

8 - 10 February Karn House Spenser Gray

As part of our new Reciprocal Rights agreement with the FRCC we are having a joint meet at their Aviemore Hut, Karn House, at the start of February. As with my previous Scottish Winter meets there will be a communal meal on the Saturday night along with some climbing/ mountaineering/ hillwalking as weather allows. Given that we will be visiting the Scottish Mountains in winter I can not give any guarantees of where we will be climbing, however Aviemore offers a wide range of options to suit the conditions on the day. Please come and dabble in the delights of the Scottish winter mountains and enjoy the hospitality of the FRCC (while also enjoying nosh provided by Spenser Gray).

To book contact Spenser - email: oreadmcmeeets@gmail.com

4 -16 February Benidorm Derek Pike

This venue appears to be quite popular with the members of the Oread as the place offers something for everyone from dipping toes in the Med. to long days in the hills. We shall be staying at the Benilux Park Hotel [What again? you may ask]. It is on the list of package holidays offered by Jet2 which flies from East Midlands, Birmingham and Manchester to Alicante where you may pick up your hire car or take advantage of a coach transfer straight to the hotel.

I have already booked from the 4th February for 12 nights the cost of which was £830 for two in a twin bedroom, half board. Half board is breakfast and evening meal plus a bottle of wine, nobody has as yet gone hungry.

You do not have to come on these exact dates as Oreads come and go to suit themselves some staying for only a week, others ten days.
If you want any more info my email is xxxxxxx or you may phone xxxxxxx

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 20 November.

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!

News, Articles and Reports from Meets.

Report on the Special General Meeting – 29 September

At the AGM, last March, it was agreed that once we had sufficient information regarding details of the new Heathy Lea lease we would hold an SGM to decide as to how the Club would proceed. On Saturday 29th September the meeting was held.

A summary document outlining the situation and financial implications had been circulated ahead of the meeting.

63 members gathered at the Robin Hood, Baslow to take part in the meeting, with a further 36 sending their apologies. At 7:30 The President (Snod) opened proceedings. Maggie Pape gave an overview of the current situation along with the Treasurer's financial summary.

Before the meeting was opened to the floor the Secretary read out the written submissions. The discussion was then led from the floor. Many members spoke and points were debated. One of the main concerns was that the new lease and

proposed work would deplete the Club's financial reserves, particularly with a view to maintaining Tan yr Wyddfa. It was pointed out that the Heathy Lea lease had a six month notice period and that reserves would not be allowed to drop to such an extent that it would jeopardise Tan yr Wyddfa. Another recurrent theme was the social value of Heathy Lea and how much that is valued, both by members and the wider mountaineering community. Other points were aired such as the need to increase the income from Heathy Lea to offset the increased cost and the importance of club members supporting work meets.

Finally the discussions were complete and the President called for the vote.

49 members voted in favour of renewing the lease, 8 members voted against and 6 abstained.

We are now moving forward with renewing the lease on Heathy Lea for a further nine years.

Full minutes of the meeting were taken and are available.
Nigel Briggs (Honorary Secretary)

Walk & Climb the Edges Meet – 22 September Gil Male

Let's start at the beginning. Simon Pape, Chris Wilson, Roger and Tom Larkam, Mike, Helen and Tom Hayes and Gil Male (meet leader) were surprisingly on the starting blocks at High Neb at 8.45. Correct me if I'm wrong but this must be a first. We toddled off from High Neb at the allotted time.

Start	High Neb car park	08.45
2 miles	Stanage (popular end)	09.30
3.5 miles	Burbage North	10.40
4.5 miles	Burbage South	11.30
6.5 miles	GROUSE INN	13.00
7.5 miles	Froggatt Edge	14.45
8.5 miles	Curbar Edge	16.00
10 miles	Gardoms Edge	17.30
11 miles	Birchens Edge	18.30
12 miles	ROBIN HOOD INN	19.00

The weather was good but with a little damp in the air. Ideal conditions for a fast route march across the top of Stanage. The fast pace was accompanied by much wittering and chunnering but as always many world problems were solved in breathless talk without fear of contradiction. What a truly educated, adventurous and energetic bunch of potential world leaders.

So enthusiasm to the fore. Ambition, enthusiasm and sheep-like behaviour carried us forwards. Then there were more. At Stanage popular end Spenser Gray and Emily Ross joined in. Now we have a group of 10. Two miles and one climb done so onward to the Burbage Edges.

Unfortunately, there was a burger van at the top of Burbage North. At this moment discipline and timetable got dumped by the Oread al fresco dining club in favour of coffee and hot snacks. But no worries once the stomachs were filled the group was back to a cracking pace. We even picked up Mike Moss and his dog at Burbage South and Stuart Firth at Longshaw Lodge. That now made the group 12 in number plus one dog.

The pub was now in sight. Four and a half miles from Stanage and two climbs later we arrived at the Grouse Inn where we met up with Chris Radcliffe, Dave (Snod) Helliwell, Ruth Gordon, and Maurice and Martin Musson. This made the group 17 strong. It needs to be pointed out that this also swelled the numbers and girths of the Oread dining club who embraced the idea of tighter fitting harness by gorging themselves on Grouse bar snacks. Yes, this meet has everything.

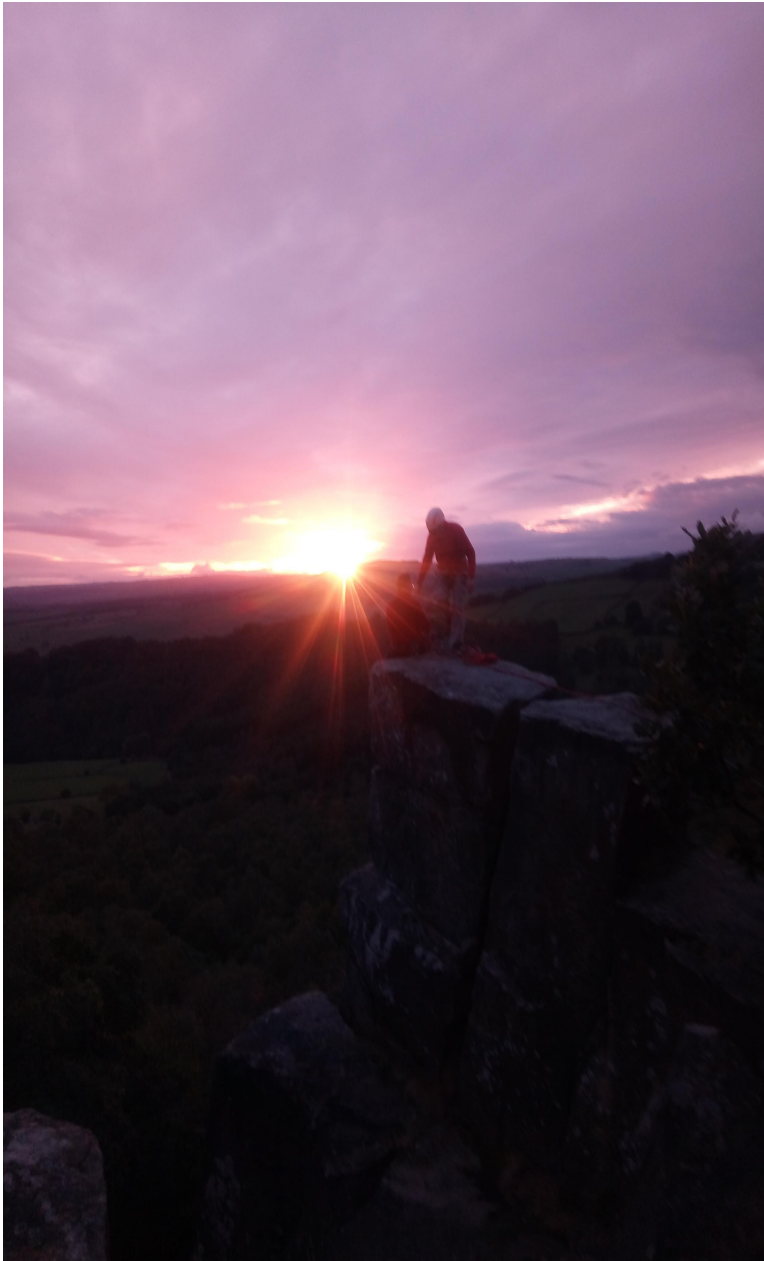
Well, all good things come to an end but on the good side, only 4 more crags to go before the Robin Hood where more beer and bar snacks are served. So, onwards to Froggatt Edge and beyond.



Hey up! Who is this? Andrea Doyle and Jan Wilson appeared at Sunset Slab. The group is now 19 strong. So the group showed its mettle again with climbs on Froggatt and Curbar and another three and a half miles to Gardoms Edge. This is certainly a team to be reckoned with. Walking, climbing, eating and world problems solved without a single challenge to leadership. That's how to do it Theresa!

So what of Gardoms Edge? Well, by the time we got there Ruth remembered that she had strategically left her car at the Robin Hood. Intelligent thinking, she could run Snod back to the Grouse at the end of the walk. Unfortunately, she remembered also that she had safely left her car keys in Snod's car at the Grouse Inn, dumb eh. This has got to be a contender for the club dinner bent screw

award!



Also, a major event of the day was Snod topping out on Apple Arete (a Dave Penlington first ascent) before the sun disappeared over the horizon. This however wasn't the achievement. It was finishing climbing with Snod before disappearing into total pitch black darkness.

Well we made it to the Robin Hood happy and satisfied. That's the story. A group of 19. The Walk and Climb the Edges Meet completed and many world problems solved. Next year come along. All you need to do is motivate yourself, turn up, do stuff and be sociable, irritating, boring or all three at the same time. We managed it. So can you!

I think that the aims of the meet were addressed and hope that those who attended agree. We climbed, walked, and met friends on a club meet and enjoyed a good day out. Definitely a meet to drag you from your armchairs!

Finally, thanks to all who attended and made the meet a success and good fun. Also, to Chris Wilson and Chris Radcliffe for the photos that add life to this report.

Patterdale Meet – 12-14 October Charlie Taylor

With the spacious George Starkey hut booked and the recent unseasonal warm temperatures what could possibly go wrong? Storm Callum! As we left Derby there was no sign of rain, the temperature was in the high teens although the wind was blowing a gale. By the time we reached Lancaster the rain had begun and continued to worsen as we approached the lakes. The descent of the Kirk stone pass in the dark was exciting to say the least, more like descending a river, as water cascaded off the hill side and on to the road. After negotiation of some minor floods we arrived safely at the hut.



We awoke Saturday to more heavy rain that was forecast to last throughout the day, but the wind had died down and it was strangely still. Eager to get out rather than sit around the hut all-day, seven brave souls decided to join Pip on a walk around the eastern side of Ullswater.

The first hurdle came after only a few yards; the footpath across the field leading to the west bank of the lake was completely flooded. Peter tried his luck but quickly retreated as the water was several feet deep. A quick look at the map revealed a bridge further upstream, which although not flooded, looked like it could have been washed away at any moment by the immense force and volume of water. The rain continued to be heavy with occasional respites of lighter showers. Luckily the high temperature made the rain bearable and it was actually surprisingly quite pleasant as views of the lakes and surrounding hills were afforded at various points.

A quick break in the rain allowed almost enough time for a snack in a sheltered beech wood in all its autumn glory on the banks of Ullswater. The trek up the road to Dale head was something to behold. As we progressed up the steepening the road, it gradually turned from a stream in to a river. By this point the wind had really picked up and refuge was sought in a farmer's barn accompanied by a very kind offer of a cuppa from a lady in an adjacent holiday cottage. All that was left now was the final push back over the col of Beda fell and the descent back in to Patterdale. There was great suspense over the prospect of the bridge back over the river being flooded. Luckily it wasn't and we were soon back at the Hut with Mick and Helen, who had sensibly forgone the walk for a visit to Ambleside.



Sunday had forecast more rain but luckily this never materialised. It was decided we would go en masse to Blencathra and ascend via sharp edge. We set off from the layby on the A66 at Scales and a steady, dry ascent was made to Scales Tarn at the foot of sharp edge. Helen was anxious at the prospect of what looked quite a steep scramble from below. Pete, deciding his climbing years was behind him, descended back to the tarn and took the alternative steep path to the summit. We all arrived safely at the summit; Helen was jubilant at her achievement and the mist cleared just enough to allow good views of the surrounding lakes. As we descended via Scales fell the sun started to appear and back at the pub in Scales the Sun was blazing down.



Despite the inclement weather a great weekend was had by all. Thanks to all those that supported my first meet as leader: Pip Leach, Nigel Briggs, Peter Amour, Roy Eyre, Mike Moss, Mike Wren, Mick and Helen Hayes.

The long kiss goodbye Roger Gibbs

There are 44 hand moves on “Tin Of” at Raven Tor (if you don’t count the clips). Over the years I have grown intimate with them. This summer I have learned to love them. It’s more than a little embarrassing to admit but I first had a play on the route in earnest in 2014. I may have tried it on top rope even earlier than that. To start with it was just for training. But at one point in 2014 I was pretty close to actually doing it. Then everything changes. Visits to the crag stop being pleasant, sociable work outs in a beautiful place. Now it’s serious.

With the first high bolt pre-clipped step up on big polished holds but take care to move quickly and efficiently. The moves are easy but any energy wasted here will sap you for the tough stuff higher up.

The butch traverse left is pretty straightforward too, especially if you’re tall enough to use the better, lower footholds. Paste your left foot on, ignore the polish and fire up and left to the good flake. Scamper your feet left, drop your right foot off and flag left. No really it works. There’s a sneaky toe hook around there somewhere, but it doesn’t always reveal itself...and you don’t really need it. And so up to the ledge. Clip and dangle off straight arms, shaking out each one in turn. How long to linger? Gaze down to the left and you can see your shadow down on the ground like a demented monkey. Look further left still and you might catch a glimpse of the cream of British sport climbing in action. They’ll have warmed up politely on this route a little earlier.



Right, snap out of it. This is the crux. *(Photo left.)* I still have the tiny scar on the first knuckle of the middle finger of my right hand from grinding it into the sharp pocket. I’ve tried using the middle two, but index and middle feels marginally better and it’s only pain. Some sessions I managed not to break the skin, but not many. The actual crux involves complex footwork off an only ok slanting crimp, culminating in a back step. The pop to the next crimp can actually feel ok if the body shape is perfect. But it so rarely was. If I sat on the bolt and rested fully I could get through to the jug at the base of the tiny groove, say, one time in three. Graham finally persuaded me to try a better method and suddenly the odds improved dramatically. I still managed to drop the “easy” moves above on more than one occasion though.

There's an ok rest above the crux section, but you had better milk it because the top "slab" has lots and lots of holds and they're all bad. There are so many ways of doing the top section, it's so precarious, it's so easy to cock up. Concentrate. Those crimps are fine, you know this section. Stay on your feet and relax. Finally the flake, walk the feet higher and higher still, a crimp and a pop for the finishing break.



Left The Rest; Right The Fall!

I remember reading that there are three phases to redpointing. To start with you are trying to do it. Then you can do it. Then you're going to do it. Believe me there can be a lot of effort and even more angst between steps two and three. Once recently I was spat off above the crux when there was just a hint of dampness on the pinch/layback. It has all felt so solid up to there. On another recent visit someone commented that they thought it was just my warm up route as I looked so solid on it when putting the quickdraws in. Without thinking on one working run, I did the crux and stopped to chalk up half way through! This was getting silly. I was all over it. I just needed to do it.

Walking up the hill to do the school run was just enough time to run through the moves in my head. Any spare moment and I could just zone out of real life and check the beta.

A glorious crisp and sunny day...should have been on the grit really! A working run to put the clips in. Next go smashed it. It felt pretty good, but I needed to dig in a bit on the top slab. A huge whoop as I finally clipped the belay. Back on the ground, smiles and fist bumps all round. One of the wads from the left hand side wandered past and offered congratulations.

“A few of us heard you celebrating and said that takes the pressure of us - the Tor has had its one tick for the day,” he said with a smile. I treated myself to a little jog across the river and up to the Monsall trail as I’d promised myself when I’d finally done it. I gazed back down to the crag with a smile.

The long kiss goodbye: I treated myself to two more leads to say goodbye, both with just one fall, so pretty close. I’d had a vague thought of trying to get it clean twice in the day but it was not (quite) to be. Just goes to show it’s all in the head. Now I know that this is a ridiculous thing for a man of 50 (nearly!) to spend his time doing, especially as most Tor folk use it as a warm up, but this has been a pretty big deal for me. What am I going to do at bed time now with no beta to memorise? Might have to start counting sheep...or there’s that route a little further along...

Hut Bookings.

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2-4 November	Herts MC 16 beds
23-25 November	Oread Meet
22 December-1 January	Oread Meet

HEATHY LEA

3 November	Oread Bonfire meet
9-10 November	Trota UK Hiking
17 November	Oread Annual Dinner
19-23 November	C. Craddock 2 beds
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.

Memories

Stuart Godfrey – Some memories from Stuart Firth:

En route to an Oread alpine meet, Stuart was driving my van during the night watch and needed a fag. To enable this, he asked me to steer while he concentrated on the other controls and his roll-up manoeuvres; I declined saying that he should pull over. At which point he insisted on steering with his knees while I covered my eyes in horror...

On the same meet, we were climbing Gran Paradiso when the skies suddenly turned ominously grey / yellow and everything metallic started hissing. A huge ice block landed on Stuart's rucksack with a crash, bang, wallop and we beat a hasty, terrified retreat promising if we got down alive, we'd never, ever climb again. Needless to say, we survived and went climbing again a few days later.

And then there was his dog - a huge Irish wolfhound whose coat bore a remarkable resemblance to Stuart's own shaggy locks. He related the tale how this gentle monster had simply walked through the glass panel on his kitchen door and terrified the postman - whose worst visible injury was a passionate wet lick.

Stuart had a great sense of humour and I always enjoyed his company. His modesty and desire not to make a fuss was typical of the man. A great loss.

Frank Goldsmith.



The late Frank Goldsmith is on the right in this wonderfully nostalgic image of happy days on the crag – Wintours Leap in 1967 with Derek Carnell, Gordon Gadsby and Jack Ashcroft. Photo from Gordon Gadsby's collection.

Information on Member Activities

An application for full membership has been received from Emily Ross. If you would like to comment on this application please contact a member of the committee.

Welcome also to new prospective member John Gwyther. We hope you will both enjoy many happy days with the Oread.

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

Last month's puzzle solution:

It is only secondary school maths to solve these 3 equations with terms from small whole numbers, leading to 5 points for a win, 3 for a draw and 2 for a bonus. Roger Chapman and Alan Aslin (whom I have not met), reached this solution, one presumes with ease. However I was recently backed in to a corner by a formidable fellow climber and ordered to explain matrices and simultaneous equations fully and concisely before supper. (I seem to recollect that quadratics were thrown in as a makeweight). Also, I am always trying to encourage people to use the Excel spreadsheets which they have paid for in Microsoft Office This seemed an ideal opportunity for an example. With "a" points for a win, "b" for a draw etc. the equation becomes

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 1*a+1*b+2*c=12 & & 1 \ 1 \ 2 \ a \quad 12 \\
 0*a+1*b+1*c=5 & \text{ or in matrix terms} & 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ *b \ =5 \\
 1*a+0*b+2*c=9 & & 1 \ 0 \ 2 \ c \quad 9
 \end{array}$$

If it were a simple eqn. like $3*x=9$ we invert the coefficient 3 to get $x=9*1/3$ we can do the same thing with a matrix, leading to:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 2 & -2 & -1 \\
 1 & 0 & -1 \\
 -1 & 1 & 1
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{r}
 12 \\
 5 \\
 9
 \end{array}
 =
 \begin{array}{r}
 5 \\
 3 \\
 2
 \end{array}$$

Excel will invert the matrix for you. The red figures are of course the inverted matrix. **(I hope the Oread's serious mathematicians will not be affronted at these ramblings)**

This month's puzzle.

A guest puzzle this month so don't blame Rusty! **Replace the capital letters with words so that the statement becomes true/meaningful.**

Thus the first one becomes 26 Letters in the Alphabet.

26 = L in the A	12 = D of C	1815 = B of W
7 = W of the W	90 = D in a RA	8 = F in a M
52 = C in a P	24 = B in a P	39 = S by JB
5 = S of K	9 = L of a C	12 = M of a J
57 = HV	10 = GB (H on a W)	10 = DS
11 = P in a FT	2468 = WDWA	24 = H from T
76 = T in the BP	600 = C of the LB	3 = C in the LP

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.

For overnight accomodation info see last month's newsletter.

Membership Renewals for 2019

Although it's time to renew your annual subs we have once again managed to hold the cost for another year and absorb the £1.00 BMC increase. So please renew early to take full advantage of it.


The subscription includes the BMC fee of £14.25 giving you all the benefits of individual club membership and in particular the BMC third party insurance.

How to pay: 1 of 2 ways

- Please complete the form below and send it with a cheque made payable to the Oread Mountaineering Club, posted to Michael Hayes, 32 Hawthorne Drive, Thornton, Leicester, LE67 1AW.
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- You can pay by bank transfer to our **new** account: **Sort Code 30-98-97, Account Number 62584068** with **Subs and your name** in the reference field. Once the money has been transferred please email hayes_michael_j@cat.com confirmation and a copy of the form below.
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If you have any questions then please contact me.
Michael Hayes

Please help your club - take the time to fill in and send a copy of the form below with your payment. The new Data Protection legislation makes it essential that we have evidence of your consent to the Oread M.C. holding your contact information.

Oread Mountaineering Club Membership Renewal and Contact List Update		
Name		
Second Name (Joint Membership)		
Address		
Telephone Number		
Telephone Number Mobile		
Email Address		
Secondary Email Address		
Contact in case of emergency	Name, phone number and address:	
I hereby apply for prospective / full membership of the Oread Mountaineering Club, and confirm that I have read and promise to abide by its rules, respect its properties, and give due respect to the mountain environment	Yes / No	
Data Protection: I agree to my contact details being held by the Oread MC, shared with other paid up members and passed to the BMC to gain my third party insurance	Yes / No	
Participation Statement: We recognise that climbing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions	Yes / No	
Signature		
Date		
Membership Type: Please tick relevant box		
Ordinary Member	£40.00	
Senior Member	£25.00	
Prospective Member	£25.00	
Joint Membership (Two people at the same address)	£65.00	
Senior Joint Membership	£42.00	
Joint Membership (One senior one ordinary)	£53.50	
Member with permanent address outside the UK. 50% of appropriate rate as BMC membership is not included.		

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