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And to celebrate: a very early Oread occasion. This photograph records the third Oread meet to Rainster. Resting on the walk over from Wirksworth are - from the left: Paul Gardiner, Harry Pretty, George Sutton and Molly Pretty. Just look at those nailed boots. Think of the weight - no wonder they needed a rest!

Thanks to Paul Gardiner for sharing this photograph.

There are more of Paul's nostalgic photos in this issue.

Editorial

Spring rolls on apace with the Black Rocks meet on 30 March before the AGM, the Spring Stride on 31 March, trips to France for Easter followed by the beautiful Gower for sparkly sea and sunshine at the early May holiday. The new members' meet will enjoy the upgraded facilities at Heathy Lea, and no doubt will be as much fun as last year's event - one not to miss! The clock change is coming up so back to outdoor Wednesdays, with a new format: pick a crag to suit the conditions and meet up at the designated pub - plus a new range of Wednesday walks, day and half day to suit your preference. See page 4 for details.

Also in here, on page 3, more about the new email communications group and a new club facility - an online guidebook library catalogue. Know anything about GPS systems or how about a new Oread T shirt? Can you help? See page 12

Write-ups include last year's Bullstones, recent walks and a good dose of 1950s-60s nostalgia.

2019 Meets List Spenser Gray

Additions and alterations from last month are highlighted in red.
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Forthcoming meets 2019

<i>March</i>	30	<i>AGM preceded by 70th Anniversary repeat of first ever Oread meet.</i>
	31	<i>Spring Stride Snod Helliwell</i>
<i>April</i>	3	<i>Evening climbing Harborough/Rainster</i>
	5th-7	<i>New Members Meet Ben Wooler</i>
	10	<i>Wednesday walk Rob Tresidder</i>
	19 th -22	<i>Easter Fontainebleau Dave Mawer</i>
	22- 2 May	<i>Nolay, Burgundy Chris Wilson</i>
	24	<i>Wednesday Day walk Fountain Tea Room Bonsall Stuart Firth</i>
	30	<i>Evening social meet</i>
<i>May</i>	3rd-6	<i>May Bank Holiday Gower Mick Hayes</i>
	15	<i>Wednesday Walk Jan Wilson</i>
	17th-19-	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa Adhe Koukoui</i>
	24th-2 June	<i>Skye Mike Moss</i>
	29	<i>Wednesday Day walk Heathy Lea, Baslow Stuart Firth</i>
<i>June</i>	7-9 Jun	<i>Children's meet Neil Weatherstone</i>
	12	<i>Wednesday Walk Phil Waterson</i>
	14th-16 Jun	<i>Borrowdale High House - Dave Helliwell</i>
	22	<i>Heathy Lea Barbecue Yvonne Waterson</i>
	26	<i>Wednesday Day walk Outside, Hathersage Stuart Firth</i>
	28th-30 Jun	<i>North York Moors, Bungdale Head Farm Chris Wilson</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>
	10	<i>Wednesday Walk Peter Amour</i>
	12 th -14	<i>Forest of Bowland Walk Pam Storer</i>
	14th-4 Aug	<i>Alpine meet Otztal Spenser Gray</i>
<i>August</i>	2nd- 3	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa joint FRCC meet</i>
	16th-18	<i>Yorkshire Low Stern Emma Hayes</i>
	23rd-26	<i>Bank Holiday South Pembrokeshire Gill Radcliffe</i>
<i>September</i>	6th -8th	<i>Gogarth Neil Thompson</i>
	21	<i>PDBW Colin Hobday</i>
	27th-29	<i>Clwyd limestone Derek Pike</i>
<i>October</i>	1	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak?</i>
	12 th - 20	<i>Kalymnos Michael Hayes</i>
	18th-20	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa Rob Breck and Lucy Grevelo</i>
<i>November</i>	1st-3	<i>Halloween and Bonfire meet meet leader needed</i>
	5	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak?</i>
	9	<i>PDBW Rob Tresidder</i>
	16	<i>Annual Dinner Maynard Arms Grindleford. Adam Casey</i>
	17	<i>Post Prandial walk meet leader needed.</i>
	22-24	<i>High House curry meet Tony Howard</i>

	30	<i>PDBW Dave Helliwell</i>
December	3	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak</i>
	11	<i>Black Rocks/Harborough night climb Rob Tresidder</i>
	13 th -16	<i>Bullstones Dave Helliwell</i>
	21 Dec-1 Jan	<i>Christmas/New Year at Tan yr Wyddfa Rock Hudson</i>

New Email group to replace Yahoo Group.

It has recently been observed that the Yahoo Group has been failing to deliver messages and causing messages to be delivered out of sequence. The committee has researched alternative options and identified a replacement called groups.io. The functionality offered is very similar to Yahoo Groups, however it is rather more reliable and a bit more obvious how to respond to individuals rather than the whole group.

You will have received an email over the last few weeks which enables you to join the group, alternatively you can visit this webpage to apply for an invitation to join: <https://groups.io/g/oread>

To send an email to the group, all you need to do is to send an email to main@oread.groups.io, this can include attachments of photographs, word documents, PDFs and videos etc. **You must write something in the subject field – it will not deliver emails that don't have a subject.**

Spenser Gray

Oread Guidebook Library

To help club members research new (to them) destinations, plan trips and learn about the history of mountaineering Spenser Gray has set up a guidebook/ mountaineering literature library. This will also help us to keep track of books owned by the club which are stored in our huts.

If you have guidebooks/ mountaineering literature which you are willing to loan to fellow members please fill in this spreadsheet and save it as a .csv file: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1v0_m6o2w9T3l_SfIF65ZR5kKeCj5Egd9foRIVCQncmM/edit?usp=sharing

Once filled in if you visit the guidebook library's webpage and click on the "import more rows" button and select the .csv file it will add your books to the library. If you loan a book to someone you can update the record to say who it is on loan to by editing the row (this only works for rows which you have added). If you would like to see what books are available through the library it can be found here:

<https://oread.groups.io/g/main/table?id=11913>

Both of these links can be found on the club's website under the "Books" section.

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.

Wednesday Activities – Walking and Climbing

Following feedback from members last year about the Wednesday meets program's inflexibility it has been decided to run things differently this year. A series of monthly walks will take place for the duration of the summer season. (Dates below). The pub used post walk/climb will be fixed, however these are planned to be on the way back from a wide range of crags to provide the climbers flexibility in choice of climbing style (sport/ trad/ boulder) and to dodge the rain if the weather proves inclement.

Climbing

The choice of climbing venue for all weeks will be left up to the decision of members to be chosen via the new groups.io group (to send a message email main@oread.groups.io). A significant complaint about the Wednesday meets program observed during the FTG was the last minute change of choice of crags so please agree on a venue on Tuesday night and try and not wind up spread across too many crags before meeting up in the pub.

Walking

The new series of Wednesday Walks has proved to be popular and it is proposed to extend the programme by having two, roughly fortnightly, threads. The first will be on the previously published dates and will endeavour to link walkers and climbers by having a common evening pub venue. **This will mean an afternoon or evening start.** There will be a nominated leader.

10 April – Rob Tresidder,	[pub Miner's Standard, Winster]
15 May – Jan Wilson,	[pub Newsroom, Smedley St, Matlock]
12 June – Phil Waterson	[pub tba, Beeley Moor area tbc]
10 July – Pete Amour	[pub Derwentwater Arms, Calver]
14 August – tba	[pub Black Swan, Idridgehay tbc]
11 September – tba	[pub Hurt Arms, Ambergate tbc]
09 October – tba	[pub tba]

Meet details in the Newsletter.

The second - new - thread will be straightforward **day walks** starting at nominated venues at a specific time (10:00 am for a 10:15 start), finishing late afternoon. These will be two weeks after the dates above.

24 April – Fountain Tea Room, Bonsall
29 May – Heathy Lea, Baslow
26 June – Outside, Hathersage
24 July – tba
28 August – tba
25 September – tba
23 October – tba

Just turn up, see who's there and make a plan on the day.
Offers of leading for Series One and suggestions for meeting venues for Series Two to be made to me please.
Stuart Firth:

30 March 70th Anniversary Black Rocks/Harborough meet Spenser Gray

To celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the club's first meet (or near enough anyway) we will be visiting the Black Rocks area for a walk and climb on 30th March 2019 as this was also visited by club members on the first meet (article in the 50th Anniversary Journal). All of the routes on the front face appeared to be sufficiently clean and climbable when I popped over a few weeks ago, myself and another member removed four bags of litter from the crag (including two from Sand Gully!). The forecast for the coming week is dry and as such the climbing should not be the horror show which most of the club is accustomed to on the basis of its annual night time excursions to the crag!

The plan is for us to meet at the Black Rocks car park 10 AM and enjoy a couple of routes (with heckling from those who can't climb who will be able to enjoy a cup of tea from the on-site cafe) We will then head onward to Harborough Rocks (the venue of the second meet I am led to believe) to do some more climbing and to enjoy a picnic, with a return route bringing us back via Middleton (home to the fine establishment of The Rising Sun). I will also bring some home made welsh cakes which I am sure everyone will enjoy! The meet leader may be required to cut the walk short early and as such a tactical bicycle will be left at Harborough!

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30 March Annual General Meeting Robin Hood, Baslow

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will take place at 8 pm on Saturday 30 March 2019 at The Robin Hood Public House below Birchen's Edge.

From 4-5.30 pm Heathy Lea will be open if you would like to see the recent improvements – and there will be cake on offer!

31 March Spring Stride Snod Helliwell

This is an opportunity to walk in the north of the county, enjoying superb views for the whole day, and with easy access for those stopping overnight at the luxuriously refurbished Heathy Lea after the AGM. We will park in Peak Forest at 10.30 am for a 10.45 departure. Coming from Heathy Lea on the A 623 turn right at the traffic lights and park along the roadside near the old chapel, grid reference SK115 796. We will then proceed round the back of Eldon Hill and into Conies Dale before descending to Mam Nick. From there we will go up onto Rushup Edge with, weather permitting, glorious views of Kinder. From there across the fields to the Wanted Inn for a late lunch. Tea, coffee, cakes, soup or a Sunday roast. We should support these country inns or they will go the way of

the Cat and Fiddle, the Bull i' t'thorn and numerous others. Once fed and watered we will go across Perrydale and back to the cars.

Dave "Snod" Helliwell

Wednesday 3 April First outdoor climbing evening

As is traditional we will visit Harborough or Rainster before darkness drives us to the Miners' Arms, Brassington.

5-7 April New Members' Meet Ben Wooler



Left: New Members meet at Stanage 2018.

Following the success of previous New Members' meets, and the desire to test out these fancy new bunk beds at Heathy Lea, the club will be running another weekend meet over the 5th-7th April.

The format of the weekend remains unchanged with a group likely climbing on the Friday night followed by a gathering at the hut. On the Saturday morning

we will head out to a local crag.

Saturday evening will include a hearty meal provided by Spenser and Michael followed by the usual bonfire and merriment. **Please ensure you inform me in good time if you are attending and also of any dietary requirements** so there is enough to go round. Rumours are of a fish kedgeree and a vegetarian pie followed by a dessert of some sort.

Sunday will once again see us out on the local crags before heading home when daylight or enthusiasm fades.

The cost of the two nights in the hut plus Saturday's evening's meal will be £10, payable on the weekend. Please come along and support your club, these meets have brought in many new additions to the club over the last few years, including the meet leader...

Please contact Ben Wooler if you wish to attend.

5 - 12 April Glen Carron Neil Thompson

I've rented Glenuiag Lodge near Achnashellac from Friday 5th April to the following Friday morning. The lodge is a comfortable and well placed shooting lodge six miles up a track in Glen Uig allowing access to seven otherwise inaccessible Munros eg. Lurg mhor. The house is well appointed, self catering

and an ideal escape, see website: www.glencarronestate.co.uk/glenuaig. The lodge sleeps eight people and we have three places available at £140 pp. Anyone interested please contact Neil on xxxxxxxx Transport can be coordinated to suit.

5 April Conrad Anker Buxton Opera House

Legendary US climber, Conrad Anker, will be heading to Buxton Opera House on Friday, 5 April, with his brand new **Hold Fast** talk, all about his climbing exploits, in a rare opportunity to see him in the UK. Details can be found here: <http://bit.ly/ConradAnkerOnTour>

Wednesday 10 April First afternoon walk of the summer Rob Tresidder

We'll meet in Elton at 1400. There is a small stone enclosure in the SE corner of Elton churchyard (SK 223609). Gather there and we'll move off as soon as the bus from Matlock arrives at 1406. I intend to make my way northwards taking in some lesser known lumps of gritstone on our way to Youlgreave. Planning to check out a little industrial archaeology before seeing whether the River Bradford really has gone down the drain. If it hasn't some may wish to swim in the Duke of Rutland's open air pool. We'll make our way south eastwards on the Limestone Way. At Robin Hood's Stride there may be time to check out a little bouldering. Can I do a V 0(-) in bendy boots? Who knows? Some may want to peel off here and join the climbers at Cratcliffe but the walk will continue via Dudwood and back to Elton. Those without cars to pick up may prefer to walk all the way to the Miners. Metrics are something like 11k and 370m.

I'm planning to arrive by bus. The 172 leaves Matlock Interchange at 1338. There is a Transpeak bus which leaves Derby at 1250 but that only allows a minute to connect! You could hop over the bridge and meet the same bus outside M&S. Better is the train from Derby leaving at 1252. All these bus travellers will need to be back in Elton by 1800 to catch the last bus to Matlock unless, like me, you intend to try and blag a lift!

Rob Tresidder tel. Xxxxxxxx text preferred)

Wednesday 10 April Banff Mountain Film Festival Tour

Nottingham Playhouse 7:30pm tickets £15 (£13 concessions)
www.nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk

Easter 19 - 28 April Fontainebleau Dave Mawer

Several club members are visiting the beautiful area of Fontainebleau for their Easter holiday this year, they are staying at the campsite in Grez Sur Loing in the back field (where they let you have bonfires).

Dave Mawer email

Others with more time are going further south, to Nolay in Burgundy between Easter and the Gower meet. Contact Chris Wilson for more information. Email

Wednesday 24 April Day Walk

Meet at 10.00 am for a 10.15 start at the Fountain Tea Room, Bonsall.

Saturday 27 April Free Solo film at Middleton by Wirksworth

The village cinema in Middleton-by-Wirksworth, Cinema Middleton, will be screening Free Solo, the Alex Honnold film, on Saturday 27 April 2019 at 7.30. They only charge £4 admission and have a licensed bar for beer and wine.

30 April Social evening Smithfield Alehouse, Derby Spenser Gray

Last time people sat round and enjoyed having a couple of beers, chatted about climbing, looked at guidebooks for the Alpine meet and generally had an enjoyable evening. If you would like to get an idea about what you will be able to do on a particular meet I will be more than happy to bring some guidebooks and discuss the area in question with you. Equally if you would like some help planning a meet I will of course help with this too. See you there 7.30 -10pm. Spenser Gray. Mobile Number xxxxxx

3-6 May Bank holiday weekend Gower Michael Hayes

I have booked the Oread on to Oxwich Camping Park, a quiet campsite on the western end of the superb Oxwich Bay Beach. The campsite allows tents and campervans to be pitched in a group but there is limited electric hook up on site and the standard cost per person is only £10 per night. No need to pay upfront but please let me know if you are coming so I can make sure we have enough space. Just around the coast from Swansea the Gower was designated Britain's first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). It was singled out for its geology and its outstanding coastal habitats. Within 70 square miles are cliffs, beaches and dunes, salt and freshwater marshes, wooded valleys and farmland. Oxwich has its own crag and at the other end of the beach is Three Tors all providing a great range of climbs straight off the beach from Diff to E6 so plenty for everyone to enjoy.



For more information and to book onto the meet please contact me.

Michael Hayes:

15 May Wednesday Walk Matlock area Jan Wilson

Our walk on the 15th of May will be an afternoon ramble to include scenery, history and a possible rendezvous with the Wednesday evening climbers. The walk will start from Plantation Lodge in Lumsdale (DE4 5LB) which has parking for several vehicles. Alternative parking is available outside of Highfields School in Upper Lumsdale, a short walk from Plantation Lodge. I am aiming to leave at 2.00PM and follow a route across to Tansley then up through Riber and Bilberry Knoll. We will continue down through Bow Wood to Lea Bridge then through Lea Wood and on up past Lea Gardens into Lea for drink stop at The Jug and Glass. Our route then takes us via Dethick (possible picnic stop at the lovely little church in the fields) and back to Lumsdale where we will spend some time looking at the Historic Monument if there is an appetite to do a bit of history. On our return I will canvas opinion and we can either have a simple pub meal at the local pub or take in the excellent Wellington St chippy if food is required. Those inclined can then adjourn to the News Room a super new micro pub with a splendid stock of real ales where I hope to rendezvous with any Oreads who have been hitting the local sun kissed rock. This is a short walk from the parking. Please feel free to join me for some or the entire walk etc. It will be particularly wonderful if we can meet any climbers or Oreads who are around in Matlock that evening. If you need any more information you can get me at xxxxxxxx.

17 -19 May Tan yr Wyddfa Adhe Koukoui

Come to the Club's Welsh hut where the long light evenings will give us the chance to try some of those longer and more remote mountain routes or to enjoy a big day out ticking off the summits. To book your place contact me Adhe Koukoui: email tel. xxxxx

24 May – 2 Jun Skye Mike Moss

Based at the Glenbrittle Campsite, hopefully after the snow has melted and before the midges arrive (a period which typically coincides with Whit Week fortunately). Activities on offer include scrambling, trad climbing (big mountain routes, shorter easily accessible sea cliffs), bouldering and hillwalking. More info next month.

Mike Moss emailxxxxx

10 July Walk around Calver Pete Amour

Meet up at 1-45pm for a 2-00pm commencement from outside the Derwentwater Arms, Calver. I advise drivers find local parking within the village. People have options of taking a packed tea with them or food at the

Derwentwater Arms on completion of the walk which will go anti clockwise starting along the River Derwent.

Pete Amour [xxxxxxx](#)

14 July – 4 August Alpine Meet Otztal, Austria Spenser Gray

This year the Oread Mountaineering Club will be visiting the Otztal valley in Austria. Some of the mountains were featured in Chris Radcliffe's evening lecture back at the start of October. For those who were unable to attend it looks like a stunning area with a choice of snowy alpinism, rocky alpine ridge scrambles, bolted multipitch rock routes in the Stubai Alps, a range of Via Ferratas and a huge number of single pitch crags. For those who are less vertically inclined there are a number of valley walks and mountain bike rides which can be undertaken either directly from the campsite or with a short drive. As ever with the alps there are also some sizeable climbs for the road cyclists to undertake.

We will be staying at Otztal Camping Arena in the village of Umhausen, this is located at the heart of the valley. Camping will cost around 12 euros per person per night (depending on size of tent). This is one of the cheaper campsites in the area and appears to have excellent facilities (although I am yet to figure out what an Adventure Shower is...):<https://oetztalescamping.com/>

There are several guidebooks which cover the area:

Alpine Guides:

<https://www.needlesports.com/2699/products/oetztales-alps.aspx>

<https://www.needlesports.com/2599/products/stubai-alps-and-south-tirol.aspx>

These are both quite old, I would advise checking online for more recent beta on routes, particularly snowy ones and routes with fixed gear:

<https://www.climbers-paradise.com/en/>- This provides info about climbing across the Austrian Tirol.

<https://www.summitpost.org/tztal-alps/153953>- Otztal only, good for planning a day out but useless for use on a route.

<https://www.summitpost.org/stubai-alps/155126>- Stubai, again good for planning, but not much use on a route.

www.bergsteigen.com- Details a limited number of routes in the area, print outs may be useful for planning a route.

<https://www.stubai.at/en/activities/climbing/>- Bit like climbers paradise but for the Stubai Alps.

More recent German Language guidebooks seem to be these:

<https://www.rother.de/rother-alpenvereinsf%FCChrer-%F6tztaler%20alpen-1123.htm>

<https://www.rother.de/rother-alpenvereins-%20und%20gebietsf%FCChrer-stubaier%20alpen-1271.htm>

Walking:

<https://www.needlesports.com/4358/products/walking-in-austria.aspx>

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Innsbruck-Mountain-Adventures-multi-activity-Austrias/dp/1852849584/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1543359107&sr=8-1&keywords=innsbruck+mountain+adventures

Sport Climbing:

Single Pitch: <https://bit.ly/2P7h9oT>

Multipitch and Single Pitch (Innsbruck area): <https://amzn.to/2P3QJo8>

<https://amzn.to/2BBP2L7>

Mountain Biking:

[https://www.oetztal.com/summer/biking-cycling/bike-routes/mountainbike-tours.html#area=1027337&cat=Mountainbike%20Routes&ov=mtb&wt=Oetztal%20\(Geographic%20region\)%0A1027337&z=9,10.9474,47.02007](https://www.oetztal.com/summer/biking-cycling/bike-routes/mountainbike-tours.html#area=1027337&cat=Mountainbike%20Routes&ov=mtb&wt=Oetztal%20(Geographic%20region)%0A1027337&z=9,10.9474,47.02007)

Mapping is provided by the DAV (Alpenvereinskarte) or by Kompass. I have heard good things about the Alpenvereinskarte and have previously been disappointed by Kompass maps. Alpenvereinskarte numbers 31/1, 31/2, 30/5 and 30/6.

There is a useful app which you can use to see which lifts are open on any given day for the Otztal:

<https://www.oetztal.com/summer/services/mobile-apps.html>

Some standout routes seem to be the North Ridges of Wildespitze, Weisskugel and Hinterer Brochkogel, Mischbachgrat (Habicht), East Ridge (Zuckerhutl), East Ridge (Wilde Leck), NE Face (Schrankogel), NW Ridge (Ruderhofspitze), N Face (Ruderhofspitze), NE Ridge (Maningkogel), Luftballonweg (Maningkogel)

I aim to leave the UK on 14th July and return on the 28th, other people will likely be travelling out the weekend after and many of the retired members will use the trip to facilitate a leisurely tour around the crags and vineyards of Europe on the way home (at least they will if previous years are anything to go by). Spenser Gray: Email oreadmcmeeets@gmail.com

10 – 21 October Kalymnos Michael Hayes



Kalymnos is a Greek Island situated close to the Turkish coast and is one of the most enjoyable sports climbing venues in the world. The climbing scene is perfect with over 60 crags and hundreds of routes at all grades. My 2016 guide has over 400 pages.

Most people get to the island via a flight to Kos with Jet 2 from East Mids / Birmingham or Manchester and then a boat to Kalymnos main harbour. Taxis, Bike and Car hire are plentiful, and most climbers stay around the town of Masouri which has loads of low cost accommodation and excellent bars and restaurants.

The dates are flexible as many stay longer than one week but our plan is to fly out from Birmingham on the 10th October and book into a hotel at Mastichari on Kos as it arrives quite late. The following morning we will take the boat to

Kalymnos, pick up a hire car and drive the short distance to Masouri where there is loads of accommodation if you book early!

We are booked into the Louis Apartment 6 with Airbnb from the 11th to the 21st. Come and join us for a fantastic holiday.

For more information and to book onto the meet please contact me.

Michael Hayes: xxxxxxxx#

Copy deadline for next issue is 21 April.

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!

A new Oread T Shirt?

Some of our newer members have suggested we have an Oread T shirt. It's years since we had one and it would be both a great help to newcomers in identifying

us at the climbing wall or on the crag and a lovely way to celebrate our 70th anniversary. Anyone got a good idea for an eye-catching design? Don't be shy! Ideas please to Spenser or your Hon. Ed. Ruth. (Contact details at end of newsletter.)

GPS for walkers and cyclists.

There seem to be many GPS systems available and the pros and cons are not always immediately obvious. I should be interested to hear from members their views on the alternatives and their personal experiences.

Stuart Firth email tel. Xxxx

News, Articles and Reports from Meets.

Bullstones Meet 7 – 9 December Chris Radcliffe



Leaving Whitehouse Farm on Saturday morning.

The aim this year was to combine completion of another section of the Peak District Boundary Walk (PDBW) with elements of the Bullstones tradition, ensuring that hardened Bullstoners could have their fix of hardship, but also enable other Oreads to complete the walk with less discomfort. To this end we were very fortunate that Bill and Elen made their farm at Thorncliffe available for

us, providing some with comfortable accommodation and a sociable venue for Saturday night. Kev had made an arrangement with a local farmer to have a bivvy site, not far beyond the old Mermaid pub.

Friday evening saw over 20 Oreads and friends gathered in the Old Rock Inn, Upper Hulme, to fortify themselves with beer and food before disappearing into the night. How many will be seen again?

One of the meet leaders took the easy option and returned by car, with John Green who had already completed the whole walk and had to return home early. A small group of four left the pub early and having Chris as their guide, who had previously reconnoitred the river crossing, made good time back to the farm. A large group of a dozen determined Bullstoners left the pub later and then spent a good deal of time floundering around in the dark trying to find the river crossing. They eventually reached the bivouac site without further mishap. It was a wild night, which provided a suitable level of discomfort, especially for Mick Hayes whose bivvy sack of 30 years failed to prevent ingress of water and he remained sodden for the duration.

On Saturday morning we were joined by Colin, Uschi and Douglas. A band of 14 set out along the Hamps Way to Onecote, enjoying a dry morning. Rain arrived just as we turned up at the pub – good timing. The afternoon remained damp as we walked back along the PDBW back to Whitehouse Farm. The Bullstone traditionalists set out on a longer walk, getting back in the dark and the pouring rain.



The group in the Hamps valley.

Home made soup by Sue and Angela was a welcome precursor to the main meal, to which many had contributed and a substantial feast was enjoyed by all. This

was followed by whisky tasting in “the shed” or would have if Kev had remembered to bring it, but in the end Spenser saved the day.

Sunday was a bright and dry day, and a large team assembled to complete the PDBW section to Tittesworth Reservoir and then continue past the Roaches and back to Whitehouse farm via Swainsmoor. We were held up from a prompt departure by Stuart and Sue who had uncharacteristically overslept.



Mike Wren and Colin ascending towards the Mermaid late Sunday afternoon.

It was clear that both meet leaders, not having reced the whole route, could not navigate, despite one having years of experience in the mountains and the other being a qualified ML. After several wrong turns we eventually completed a walk that was somewhat longer than the main event on Saturday.

Special thanks to Bill and Elen for making Whitehouse Farm available to us and their forbearance when we returned later than expected on Sunday – thanks to all who worked hard to clear up after our occupation.

Thanks to all who came on the meet and made it an enjoyable event – Stuart Firth and Sue Todd, Angela Milne, Colin and Uschi Hobday, Pam Storer, Michael Hayes, Pete Amour, Chris and Jan Wilson, Simon Pape, Spenser Gray, Tim Sellears, John Green, Nigel and Janet Briggs, Douglas Gardiner, Mike Wren, Kev and James Fidler, Kev’s brother-in-law Ivan, Chris Seaman, Michael Percival, Derek Pike.



Some of the survivors at the Mermaid. Special congratulations to Uschi on her birthday achievement.

This meet was the 50th anniversary of my first Bullstones meet with the Oread in December 1968. The continuity in the Oread was also marked by having Colin Hobday on the meet. He was already an established Oread member in 1968 and was present on the 1968 meet. Another member present in 1968 was Paul Gardiner. He wasn't on Bullstones 2018, but had been on several PDBW earlier in the year and his son Douglas was on the Bullstones.

The Bullstones in 1968 involved walking, on Friday night, from the Nags Head, Edale over Kinder to Wood Cottage in the Snake valley.



The group is probably outside Wood Cottage (which no longer exists) with L to R: Fred Allen, John Welbourne, Stan More, Colin Hobday, Harry Pretty, Paul Gardiner, Derrick Burgess, Peter Janes, Dave Appleby, Don Chapman, Ray Handley (hidden).

On that occasion Digger Williams didn't make it and had to bivvy out. When he turned up on Saturday morning, he was given a "dressing down" by Harry Pretty. The walk on Saturday was a split affair. We all started up Alport Dale, but only Derrick Burgess, Don Chapman and I did an extended walk up onto Bleaklow Hill, Bleaklow Head and back via Wainstones and Alport Moor, descending Oyster Clough in the dark. Sunday was a shorter walk, back over Kinder and Crookstone Knoll and into the Nags Head by 12:30.



The second photo is taken in Alport Dale with L to R: Cecil Speed (non-member) Harry Pretty, Colin Hobday, Pete Janes, Dave Appleby, John Welbourne, Don Chapman? (hidden).

If you would like to read the full write up of the 1968 meet please contact the Editor, Ruth Gordon for a copy.

16 February Peak District Boundary Walk Wildboarclough to Bollington John Green



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Leather's Smithy Inn

Saturday, February 16, 2019

This was a strange but excellent walk. Strange because I seemed to have a different number of members every time I counted!! Anyway ten of us started out from the Crag Inn on time at 10.30. Rusty accompanied us for the first half only, which was sad because the second half was amazing! It was straight into the Matterhorn of Cheshire, Shutlingsloe, a great peak I have climbed many times as have most Oreads. We passed over it on a Bullstones a few years ago. It was then down through the trees of Macclesfield Forest for a break in lovely sunshine at The Leather's Smithy pub. Most members stayed outside in the sun, as did I, and we said goodbye to Rusty as well. The push on up to Tegg's Nose was hard, but gave lovely views of the surrounding country of reservoirs and hills, leading out over the Cheshire plain.



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Mike Hayes on Square Route M

Saturday, February 16, 2019

A tea was taken at the Visitor Centre after Mike and Spencer had soloed a route on the slabs in the quarry. Mike did Square Route and seemed to run up it, much to Helen's worry. The final part involved a walk over fields to the Kerridge ridge, mostly on the Gritstone Trail, to White Nancy, a folly just before the steep descent to Bollington. This was, in my opinion, one of the best walks I have done for years, it had everything and good

weather to boot.

Stuart has given me a list of those who came but I cannot confirm it, suffice to say I did see some of them most of the time.

John Green,
Stuart Firth, Sue Todd, Peter Amour, Rusty (50%), Colin Hobday, Paul Gardiner, Martha 11, Sophie ? Tom Hayes, Ellie Rickman, Michael Hayes, Helen Hayes, Spenser Gray, Mike

Percival, John Gwyther.

Many Thanks to all who came and enjoyed it, I will be going back for more exploration of that fantastic ridge.



A Caper on Helvellyn, Patterdale meet 8-10 March

For those who haven't seen this via Facebook, Spike Johnston made a truly atmospheric video of the team on a rugged day out on Helvellyn. Guaranteed to make you feel battered by the elements in the comfort of your own home – oh and it even features Brian striking a manly pose – Enjoy!

Caper on Helvellyn <https://youtu.be/oM1klFwmw8M>

Wednesday Walk – Ashover 6 March 2019

Eleven turned out for the walk, despite the guarantee of mud (Rusty, Pam, Jan and Chris W, Chris R, Ruth, Angela, Sue, Stuart, Yvonne and Phil W).

We set off at a brisk pace past the Old Poet's Corner, soon climbing by way of a warm up then heading up towards Cocking Tor. Reluctance to detour via the top meant we continued over Ravensnest Tor. Unfortunately mist meant normally spectacular views were limited.

We dropped down into the valley and by late morning the forecast light rain and sunny intervals had changed to heavy rain. Everyone ploughed on stoically on a quest to find shelter for lunch, eventually stopping on the bridge over the Amber at Fallgate, giving Jan an ideal chance to photograph the measures to stop erosion on the bank.

It was decided that Wednesday Wildlife Walk might have been a more appropriate name because of the variety of animals encountered – a young small herd of very friendly Belted Galloways, a Tamworth sow and boar (who loved having his head scratched when the footpath actually took us through the pig sty) and their cute very energetic piglets, a farm cat, a goat, a cow with her very young calf sensibly sheltering by a wall under a tree and several hens hiding from the rain behind wheelie bins. Shame we didn't go up to the top of Cocking Tor as we could have visited the Alpacas in the nearby farm.

We mysteriously ended up back in the Old Poet's Corner for a well-deserved beverage and dry out by the fire. Just over seven miles but consensus of opinion was that it was just right for the conditions on the day, especially for those also taking part in Chris Radcliffe's night time map-reading exercise that evening.

Oread Memories from the 1950s Paul Gardiner



These photographs record an Easter meet to Scotland in 1950, They show George Sutton in Number 2 Gully on Ben Nevis, and the pair of us on top after completing the route – I look as if I have been swimming in it!

The last shows us approaching the CIC hut – which we had neither the authority nor the money to use!



Hut Bookings.

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5-6 April	Clitheroe MC
13-14 April	Derbyshire Pennine Club
18-22 April	Mercian MC
10-11 May	Michael Jones Whole hut
17-18 May	Oread Meet Whole hut
20-23 May	Paul Howe 3 beds
14-16 June	Simon Raine 3 beds
17-20 June	Snod Helliwell 3 beds
28-29 June	ABAMSAC whole hut

HEATHY LEA

5-6 April	Oread New Members meet
12-13 April	D Helliwell Panther Owners Club
10-11 May	Hut working party
7-8 June	Children's meet Neil Weatherstone
14-15 June	Barrow M&SC Cottage only
17-20 June	HTC Leicester
22 June	Oread Barbecue

“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 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.

Information on Member Activities

Welcome to new members Adam Casey, James Fidler, Ian Middup, Kevin Raisin-Moss and Sue Todd. We hope you will enjoy many happy days with the Oread.

New applications for full membership have been received from Nigel Berry, William Clarke, Francesco Comin, Mike and Sue French and Emily Major. The applications published last month of Ed Day, Adhe Koukoui and Edd Mowbray will be decided at the April committee meeting. If you would like to comment on any of these applications please contact a member of the committee.

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

Last month's puzzle solution:

All the extracts are taken from the Clogwyn D'ur Arddu section of the Climbers Club guide to Llanberis Pass (editor's notes dated March 1955). Quote a refers to Piggot's Climb, quote b to Sunset Crack and quote c to Longland's Climb (near faith and friction slab). Clearly (with the benefit of hindsight) the odd one out is c on the West Buttress whereas the others refer to the East. The author is C. W. F. Noyce.

This month's puzzle.

We shall continue with the theme of historical climbing records, a puzzle with a more geometrical theme will be devised for Messrs. Williams and Chapman next time.

What is the connection between Cambridgeshire, Caernarvonshire and a certain Caribbean Country? Also please name the country

Membership Renewals for 2019

- Please pay up now! All the details and rates were in the January newsletter. Pay by cheque made payable to the Oread Mountaineering Club, posted to Michael Hayes, 32 Hawthorne Drive, Thornton, Leicester, LE67 1AW or 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. Any questions then please contact Michael Hayes.

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