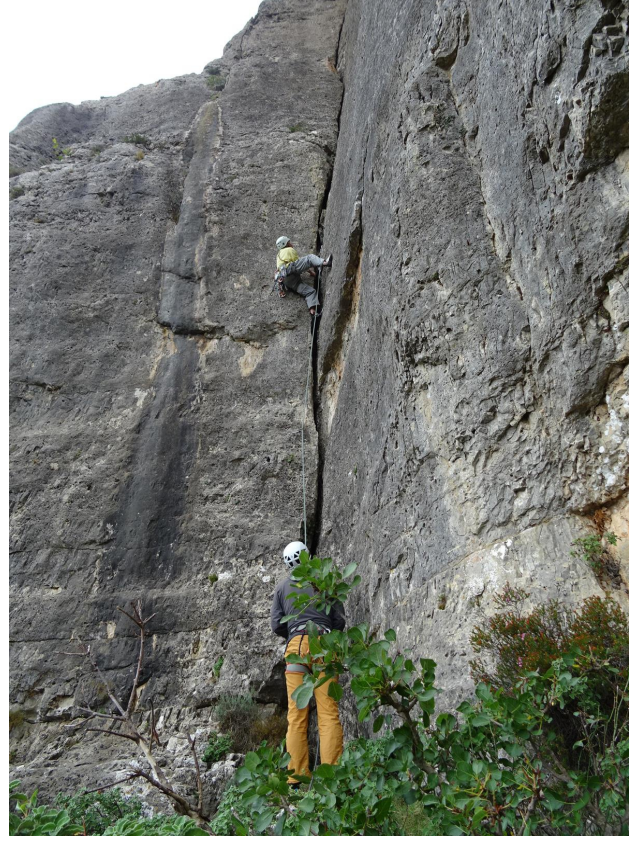


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The benefits of a gritstone upbringing: Simon makes short work of Archipelaghi 6b in the Ulassai Gorge (as a follow up to Vision Crack 6a+ on his left) and right, Snod is drawn, like a moth to the flame, to the sparsely bolted jamming/layback Su Passu Torrau 6a+ at Isola del Tesoro, Sardinia.

Editorial

Lots of meets coming up: Bonfire night is almost upon us, then a lecture on New Zealand the following Tuesday. The Bullstones of course, and a curry meet in Borrowdale. Several walks – the Post Prandial, two more Boundary walks plus Wednesday day walks. Looking ahead, you need to book now for the first Scottish Winter meet of the season – with the opportunity for some winter skills training if you wish. Write ups include the September boundary walk and more stories from Swanage.

Oh yes- it's that time of year again. **Subs renewal time** and the increased cost of BMC insurance has forced a re-think on subscription rates: see page 18. Still just time to book the **Annual Dinner** page 7 – do it now!

Bullstoners: book your evening meal on the Saturday night of the Bullstones meet page 9.

Peak District Boundary Walkers: Book your place in a bunkhouse for the two stage February weekend. Page 11.

From the Meets Working Group

The outline meets program for the coming year is given here though there are more meets to be added when the bookings are confirmed and regular mid-week walking and climbing meets are not included beyond the current month.

Changes from last month are printed red.

If you would like to be part of the Meets Working Group please get in touch, or, if you have any suggestions please let me know (and even better offer to lead the meet). The idea of the group is to have a wide range of interests and experience represented so that all tastes can be catered for.

As with all club activities success depends on people, both to organize the meets and to attend them. If you would like to be involved in the Club by leading a meet please get in touch and I can suggest meets we have planned that require a leader or we could add an additional meet.

If there is anyone who would be interested in the role of Meets Secretary please get in touch with me so that I can tell you what the position involves.

Nigel Briggs. Email for Meets Secretary remains **oreadmcmeets@gmail.com**

Forthcoming meets 2019 - 2020

<i>November</i>	1st-3	<i>Halloween and Bonfire meet Dave Hayden</i>
	5	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak</i>
	9	<i>PDBW Rob Tresidder</i>
	13	<i>Wednesday walk Ashford</i>
	16	<i>Annual Dinner Fox & Goose Ruth Gordon/Nigel Briggs</i>
	17	<i>Post Prandial walk Rusty Russell</i>
	22-24	<i>High House curry meet Tony Howard</i>
	30	<i>PDBW Dave Helliwell</i>
		<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak</i>
	11	<i>Wednesday walk Eyam</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>
<i>January</i>	1	<i>New Year's Day Walk meet leader needed</i>
	7	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak</i>
	11 th -13	<i>Kinlochleven Waters Cottage Nigel Briggs</i>
	18	<i>PDBW</i>
	24 -26	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa</i>
	31 – 2 Feb	<i>Karn House Aviemore</i>
<i>February</i>	4	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak</i>
	15-16	<i>PDBW 2 stages with bunkhouse Stuart Firth</i>
	21st-23	<i>Stair Hut Charlie Taylor</i>
<i>March</i>	3	<i>Evening Lecture Royal Oak</i>

	6 th -8	<i>Patterdale George Starkey hut Pippa Leach</i>
	14 -15	<i>PDBW 2 stages camping</i>
	20 th - 22	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa Neil Weatherstone</i>
	28	<i>AGM</i>
	29	<i>Spring Stride</i>
<i>April</i>	10 th - 13	<i>Easter Pembroke camping</i>
	24 -26	<i>New Members' meet Heathy Lea Ben Wooler</i>
<i>May</i>	8 th - 10	<i>Bank Holiday on 8th. Dartmoor camping</i>
	15-16	<i>Ogwen Glan Dena Charlie Taylor</i>
	23 rd -31	<i>Bank Holiday week. Kinlochewe Torridon camping Spenser Gray</i>
<i>June</i>	6 th -7	<i>Heathy Lea Children's meet Neil Weatherstone</i>
	6 th - 7	<i>High Moss Duddon Valley (awaiting confirmation)</i>
	12 th - 14	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa Barbecue meet Tony Howard</i>
	26-28	<i>North Downs Way Pam Storer</i>
<i>July</i>	7 th -9	<i>Tan yr Wyddfa working party Dave Helliwell</i>
	10 th -12	<i>Nantperis Camping</i>
	25 -8 August	<i>Alpine meet</i>
<i>August</i>	1 st - 8	<i>Alpine meet</i>
	14- 16	<i>Wye Valley camping</i>
	28-31	<i>Bank Holiday weekend</i>
<i>September</i>	11 th - 13	<i>Yorkshire Grit Manor House Farm camping</i>
	20	<i>PDBW</i>
	25- 27	<i>Little Langdale Fylde Hut</i>
<i>October</i>	2-4 th	<i>High House Borrowdale</i>
	16 th - 18	<i>Cwm Eigeau Janet Briggs</i>
	6	<i>Evening meet Royal Oak</i>
	10	<i>PDBW</i>
<i>November</i>	3	<i>Evening meet Royal Oak</i>
	7	<i>Bonfire meet Heathy Lea</i>
	8	<i>PDBW Chris Radcliffe</i>
	21	<i>Annual Dinner</i>
	22	<i>Post Prandial walk</i>
	27 th -29	<i>Curry Meet Venue tba Tony Howard</i>
<i>December</i>	1	<i>Evening meet Royal Oak</i>
	6	<i>PDBW Paul Gardiner</i>
	9	<i>Black Rocks/Harborough night climbing</i>
	11-13 th	<i>Bullstones</i>
	24-31	<i>Christmas and 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 7-9.30 pm on Wednesdays, then adjourning to the Royal Oak, North St.

Evening Indoor Meets 2019 – 2020 Rob Tresidder

I have some irons in the fire. I try to get a 50:50 mix of contributions from the club and paid outside speakers, so please step forward if

- you know someone who would give an outstanding talk to the club. If you feed me the name, I am happy to issue the invitation and negotiate terms!
- you, yourself, have an interesting illustrated story to tell. Many of you will have done this before and will need no help or advice from me, but if you are new to public speaking/showing images, I am happy to advise and assist.

Rob Tresidder

Friday 1 November Brit Rock Film Tour 2019 at The Quad Derby

Three superb new climbing films featuring blind climber, Jesse Dufton, top female boulderer, Frances Bensley and Paige Henry. Starts at 6.15 pm. Book via the QUAD website www.derbyquad.co.uk and box office (01332 290606).

Saturday 2 November Bonfire Meet Heathy Lea Dave Hayden

*Remember, remember the third of November,
No gunpowder, but light trespassing and plot.
We see no reason
Why our fireworks can't be forgot...*

*Guy Fawkes, guy, t'was his intent
To sneak upon Chatsworth, he was hell bent
Peer and snoop across the moor
For there be fireworks at the big house galore!*

*By God's mercy we shan't be catch'd
With blankets and flasks we'll be well match'd
So, holler boys, holler girls, let the notification bell ring
holler girls, holler boys, keep on chattering.*

*And what shall we do?
RSVP!*

...Theatrics aside, I'd like to welcome you to this year's Oread Bonfire Night. Chatsworth House will be having their "Grand Finale" firework display at 8:15pm in their Garden. I propose we go for a gentle night time stroll along the public footpath from Baslow and assemble around the Chatsworth bridge area shortly beforehand to watch the spectacle before retiring back to the hut to light our own bonfire. Leaving the hut for Chatsworth at 7:15pm.

I'll be there from the afternoon preparing the bonfire, feel free to join and/or bring Guy making materials.

Bring your own food to cook before our stroll, kitchen or BBQ cooking options available.

If you need a bed for the night please let me know.

Don't forget a toasting fork or chestnut shovel and a healthy supply of sweet or savoury items to roast over the bonfire.

Should anybody wish to put on a fireworks display at the hut, please let me know so we can coordinate and combine forces. Very open to alternative plans if anybody would like to help organise something additional or has better ideas than mine. Bonfire can be lit before hand if somebody is willing to stay back and tend to it whilst we are away.

RSVP form here:

<https://forms.gle/CsPtU9WZZWt6H1D9A>

or email me:

Dave Hayden:

Tuesday 5 November 8pm Lecture Royal Oak Ockbrook



A double bill!

Janet and Nigel Briggs share their experiences of two of New Zealand's Great Walks – including lots of places to swim!

After the beer break

Rob Tresidder will talk about the origins of today's climate crisis, how it affects mountains and what we might do about it.

Rob Tresidder



9 November Peak District Boundary Walk Section 1 ! Buxton – Peak Forest Rob Tresidder



I'm ashamed to say that I have lost count now of how many sections of the Peak District Boundary Walk have been ticked, but this is the first! That is to say that Buxton is the start and finish of the walk so the Oread have finished the walk before they started it!

This walk makes the turn northwards to tackle the northern blob of the Peak District National Park. Section 1 goes from Buxton to Peak Forest. It is said to be 17k long with total climb of 380m and a bogey time of 5h16. I don't anticipate walking as fast as that.

We will leave Buxton at 10.45 from outside the King's Head PH adjacent to the Town Hall. The town hall has the ONLY public toilets on the route. I'll carry poo bags, toilet paper and newspaper. Just ask.

Getting to the start. This is a linear walk that lends itself to the use of public transport so obviating the need for car shuttles. Getting to Buxton:

- by car to Buxton. P&D (£3.70) car park in market place.
- by Transpeak bus dep. Derby 0850, Matlock 0937, arr. Buxton Market Place 1028.
- by bus 190 dep. Chapel en le Frith 1005, arr. Peak Forest Church Close 1014.
- by car to Peak Forest and park alongside the Methodist cemetery on Church (refers to METHODIST church) Lane SK11407945. Then find the bus stop for the 190 service to Buxton in Church (refers to Anglican) Close at 11277923. dep.1014, arr. Buxton 1033. Probably find Snod on this bus.

Updates on Oread Facebook page or contact me.

Rob Tresidder

Wednesday Walk 13 November.

Meet Ashford Tea Room, Church Street, Ashford in the Water. 10:00 for coffee, 10:30 departure. Pub lunch - Cock and Pullet, Sheldon.

16 November Annual Dinner Fox and Goose, Wigley

Ruth Gordon/Nigel Briggs

Following the closure of the Maynard we have found a great new dinner venue at the same price: The Fox and Goose Inn, Pudding Pie Hill. Wigley, S42 7JJ.

[Www.thefoxandgooseinn.com](http://www.thefoxandgooseinn.com)

A very pleasant country pub with good food and beer on the B6050 Baslow to Brampton road. A mere 2.9 miles from Heathy Lea – downhill on the way back!

Arrive 6.30 pm to eat at 7.30 pm

If you haven't yet booked then fill in the form and return it with a cheque or phone/ email me your choices and tell me that you are paying by Bank Transfer.

Overnight accommodation

The pub does not have any accommodation but there is a Premier Inn- Chesterfield West (on the A619 Baslow – Chesterfield road) only a mile away and you can be collected and taken back at the end of the evening in the Fox and Goose minibus. **You must tell Ruth if you want this service.** There are 2 other Premier inns in Chesterfield plus other options but you would have to organise your own transport.

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

Heathy Lea is reserved for the weekend – bookings to Mick Hayes as normal.

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

As an alternative the Wilsons and Ruth are happy for people to stay with them in Matlock as in previous years. We could get a coach or minibus to take us there and back at a cost of approximately £10.00 per person. We do have some interest in this but there are still beds available so will be organising some form of joint transport. **Let Ruth know if you want to do this.**

See the end of this newsletter for the booking form, menu and payment details

Bookings must be made by Thursday 31st October.

Nigel for general enquiries:

Ruth for bookings: Email alistair.ruth@btinternet.com

17 November Post Prandial Walk Rusty Russell

We will meet at Minninglow car park near Pikehall (SK 194584) to move off at 10.30 am. GMT. Knowing that members are likely to be aged and in a fragile condition and also taking into consideration the marked aversion of some leading lights to ground in a moist and soft condition, a route utilising recreational trails, green lanes and even some metalled roads has been selected. The lunch time destination is the Waterloo Inn at Biggin but this will be approached by a circuitous route making provision for Uschi and others made of sterner material (a figure of speech, I have never succeeded in any tactile

verification of this surmise), to join me in a foray into the top of Biggin Dale. The return to the start is an easy stroll down Cardlemere lane to the Nook and thence the car park. There is little deviation from the horizontal in this concluding section.

Clive “Rusty” Russell

22 – 24 November Curry Meet High House Borrowdale Tony Howard

The Club has booked High House, the K-Fellfarers hut in Seathwaite, Borrowdale (GR 236119) for the above weekend. This is in the heart of the Lake District and provides good access to walks and climbs round Borrowdale itself as well as Scafell and other major fells. Ice climbing might even be a possibility???? I will be leading a walk, I hope.

The hut is large and with a good lounge, which is ideal for a social gathering on a cold winter’s evening; ideal also for a traditional Oread Curry Meet of course.

We’ll have the curry on Saturday night, as usual. I will cook one, but the plan is to persuade one or two (or more) of you to also 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 20th 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/or if you would be willing to do some cooking, please let me know ASAP.

Tony Howard

30 November Peak District Boundary Walk Peak Forest – Hayfield Dave “Snod” Helliwell

This section of the walk starts at Peak Forest. Turn right at the traffic lights on the A623, (travelling north) and park on the roadside near the old chapel - grid reference SK115 796. Daylight will be in short supply at this time of year so I propose to set off at 10.15 am. The distance is just under 10 miles but there's quite a lot of up and down – 1326 feet of ascent, some of it very steep! It is a walk of contrasts – the first half – to Chapel en le Frith - is mainly on limestone farmland and is not well walked. We encountered long wet grass, decrepit stiles and excitable bullocks on our investigations in September. By now the grass may be silage, the bullocks in barns and the farmers may have spent the autumn

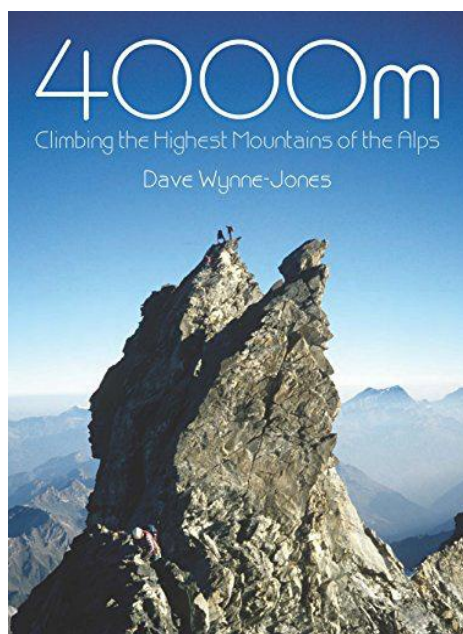
repairing stiles – but then again – maybe not! When we approach Chapel I propose a slight deviation from the route as printed because there is an extremely boggy and unpleasant section to reach the A625. Instead I intend to divert into Chapel where we can buy hot bacon/sausage cobs and the like from our local grocer and have a brief pub stop. I shall be taking orders for cobs at the start and phoning the shop so they will be prepared for us. A short walk back to the A 625 will put us back on track for the second, contrasting half of the walk on the gritstone through fields and lanes to join the Pennine Bridleway, up over the moors via South Head and down into Hayfield.

I will have pre-placed one car in Hayfield to ferry drivers back, offers to arrive 30 minutes early to put another couple of cars at the end would be appreciated – but there's plenty of pubs in Hayfield if people have to wait to be collected!

Any queries email me or phone and leave me a message, I'll get back to you.

Snod Helliwell

Tuesday 3 December 8pm Lecture Royal Oak Ockbrook



Dave Wynne-Jones will explain his quest to climb the 4000m mountains of the Alps.

He describes his climbing and travelling amongst the Alps with stunning photography and action shots of climbing and informs us on the practicalities and distinctive features of alpine climbing. Copies of Dave's book, shown here, will be offered for sale on the night.

Rob Tresidder

Wednesday Walk 11 December

Meet Eyam Tea Room, The Square, Eyam S32 5RB. 10:00 for coffee, 10:30 departure. Lunch - Outside Cafe, Hathersage.

13-15 December Bullstones Snod Helliwell

This year's Bullstones is close to home and will take advantage of the newly refurbished Heathy Lea.

I had intended to start at the Wanted Inn, Sparrowpit but they were not sure they would have the staff so we will be meeting and eating in the Devonshire Arms at Peak Forest. Cars can be left on the lane to the right at the traffic lights on the A623, (travelling north) and near the old chapel - grid reference SK115

796. but it may be that we can leave them at the pub. There is a large car park and I will enquire. Last food at 21:00 hrs. Closes at 23.00.

We will then set off up Perry Dale to bivvy in Eldon Hill Quarry with the farmer's permission. His daughter tells me brandy is his tippie!

Next morning Ruth's car will be available for dumping Bivvy gear and the route I have in mind is through Little Hucklow, Great Hucklow, Foolow to Eyam where lunch can be taken. From there round the back of Stoney to Calver and then along the river path to Baslow and Heathy Lea. Of course serious Bullstoners may think this a little tame and may want to go over Abney, down into Grindleford and along the river from there. If that's too easy up to Froggat edge and along the edges back to Heathy Lea. Or go for it – over Mam Tor, follow the ridge to Ladybower and down all the edges! The Peak District is your oyster – do let Ruth know if you find any, she's partial to shellfish. Sadly Ruth and I will not be able to join you as we need to light the fire at Heathy Lea and take cars to return the lame and infirm on Sunday!

Saturday night we will eat in the Robin Hood but it is a busy time of year so we need to reserve tables. **If you want to eat at the Robin Hood on the Saturday night you must let me know by the 17 November** so I can give firm numbers to the pub. If you don't then you will have to try to book yourself in later or cook at the hut.

Sunday's return can be eased by a Hulleys bus from Baslow to Bakewell and, for those fit enough, along the Monsal trail. A nice return would be to get the Transpeak from Bakewell to The Waterloo at Taddington, down into Millers Dale then up Monks Dale, Peter Dale, Hay Dale and Dam Dale back to Peak Forest.

Don't forget your bus passes.

Snod Helliwell

Friday 20 December – Saturday 21 December Heathy Lea Xmas Social Ben Wooler

The first (and festive) monthly social meet at Heathy Lea. Meet at the hut on the Friday evening for festivities, beers, games, snacks, fire etc. then out on Saturday somewhere. Saturday's activity to be determined on the Friday night, hopefully it'll be dry and we can go tick off a few routes but if not we can always head inside somewhere (or find a pub?).

Feel free to make/bake something festive and don your most garish xmas attire, bonus points if you climb in it on Saturday...

Ben Wooler

10 -12 January Waters Cottage Kinlochleven Nigel Briggs

This is the first Scottish Winter meet of the year, based at Waters Cottage, Kinlochleven. The hut is ideally situated to allow access to the hills around Glencoe, the Ben or Aonach Mor as conditions allow. If all else fails the Ice

Factor is close by, so something can be done whatever the conditions!
 If there is sufficient interest we can investigate obtaining the services of an instructor to help people take their first steps into the world of Scottish Winter. So this meet would be suitable for those with little experience.
 We have 8 beds booked at a cost of £12 per night (we may be able to secure more if these fill up). To guarantee your place prepayment of the hut fee is required (£24 pp for the weekend).

If you are wanting to attend please let me know to book your place. If you would be interested in any instruction please let me know as soon as possible so we can start to arrange.

Nigel Briggs:

Peak District Boundary Walk – Quarter One 2020

It is intended to complete the PDBW expedition in December 2020 and planning is well under way to pick up from our 2019 end point in Hayfield. The dates for Quarter One are listed below.

PDBW - Q1		Start	Finish	Accommodation	Location
Saturday	18-Jan-20	Hayfield	Old Glossop		
Saturday	15-Feb-20	Old Glossop	Greenfield	Bunkhouse	Greenfield
Sunday	16-Feb-20	Greenfield	Marsden		
Saturday	14-Mar-20	Marsden	Holme	Campsite	Holme
Sunday	15-Mar-20	Holme	Langsett		

In order to reduce the amount of travel to the further reaches of the Peak District, it is proposed to cover two stages in one weekend in February and similarly in March. Accommodation will be arranged for the Saturday nights – and also on the Friday nights - should there be sufficient demand.

February Meet

For the meet in February, we will use a very nice bunkhouse in Greenfield (See www.boarshurstcentre.org.uk) that will cost about £20 per person per night - assuming we get twenty takers. The Club has paid a deposit and there is a minimum charge of £400 that we will need to recoup. It is proposed to have a communal meal on the Saturday evening – similar to the successful event we had on the joint PDBW / Bullstones last year.

The bunkhouse accommodates 32 so there should be plenty of room for those wishing to bring guests and / or prospective members.

In order to secure bed spaces and to reduce the risk to the Club’s finances, participants are asked to let me have a deposit of £10 before the end of

2019. I would also appreciate an indication as to whether you would be interested in booking the Friday night as well.

March Meet

I plan to use the Whitegate campsite in Holmfirth, which is suitable for both tents and camper vans. Arrangements will follow in due course.

Quarter Two meets will all be day walks.

Stuart Firth:

Copy deadline for next issue is 25 November.

Members' Corner

Mike Moore sends a message:

Thank you for the letter about the dinner, but I regret that I will not be coming. I am very ancient now, 97 years of age, my eyesight isn't that great and I've had to pack up driving. I became disassociated from the Oread by having to move to live and work in Herefordshire but I regard my time before that with the Oread as one of the best parts of my life. I hope you have a lovely evening and send my regards to everyone who remembers me.

Janet Reynolds writes:

To Friends and Members of the Oread:

I would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year. I will not be sending Christmas cards this year as I have Macular Degeneration so unable to see very well, also I have been diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis and my hands are too swollen to write so Margaret Gadsby has written this for me. Best wishes to you all.

News, Articles and Reports from Meets.

Peak Park Boundary Walk 21 September 2019 Whaley Bridge to Buxton Colin Hobday

The weather forecast for the day was "this will be the last day of summer", and for once the weather men got it right.

As usual with the Oread, not many informed us beforehand that they were coming, so it was a wait and see situation. As we had arrived early, we nipped across the road from Whaley Bridge Station carpark for a quick coffee. What a delightful and well supported café.

We drifted back across the road just before 10.00 a.m. and found that quite a few Oreads (13 at that stage) had turned up for the walk. We started off with a photo shoot underneath the Whaley Bridge Station sign. Walking up the road brought us into the Memorial Gardens, making a slight deviation to look at the leaking dam wall, which made world news a few weeks ago. We were in Munich at the time and saw it on TV with daily updates. The site looked a real mess with heavy machinery, pumps, gigantic hosepipes, barriers and red tape everywhere. Apparently, it will take two years to repair. We moved on, doing a lap of the housing estate, before coming out in the open countryside. We suddenly noticed that Michael H. had disappeared, having had a phone call from two very new prospective members, who had arrived late and did not have a clue where we were. They all caught up with us at Taxal church, this swelled the number to 15. The next stage followed the river Goyt, through meadows and woodland along Fernilee reservoir in glorious warm sunshine and cloudless sky. We crossed the dam wall at Errwood Reservoir. A short steep climb over Bunsal Cob brought us on to the moorland where lunch was taken in the sunshine. (No pub or café in sight – this must be a first for a PPBW so far. Don't blame the meet leader!!!)



“The Team” at Whaley Bridge Station



Lunch Stop at Bunsal Cob

After lunch a steady climb up to the disused railway line which we followed for about a mile. On the way up to Watford Moor (the last climb of the day), we met two very fit and fast mountain bikers plus dog, hurtling down over boulders and down narrow tracks. After they passed, we saw a sign that said, “No Cycling”. After a quick stop for more fluid a short 10-minute climb saw us on the top of Watford Moor with Buxton nestling in the valley below. A steady descent followed including crossing the Cavendish Golf Course. Hard hats were the order of the day, as we were frequently in the firing line of stray golf balls. Soon we got into the Pavilion Gardens of Buxton, which resembled Blackpool on a good day. Toy trains, Ice Cream Stalls, kids paddling in the river, families picnicking on the grass, pop concert, antique fair, etc. etc. All a bit of a culture shock, when ½ an hour ago, we were still on the peaceful moorland. The finishing point was the market place, where we had a group photo under the official Plaque of the PPBW start and finish of the route. But as in true Oread Tradition we started somewhere mid-way round the circuit.



Above Errwood Reservoir . Paul, our most senior Octogenarian founder member!!

There was, surprisingly, a distinct lack of enthusiasm for a pub stop, some wanting to get back home, catching an early bus, while the rest of us went to a café on the square for a tea drinking session.

Total distance of the walk. Over 10 miles.

Highlights of the day,

- Radders bringing his camera, posing to take photos and realizing, that there was no memory card in the camera.
- Radders having to take his hat off on the Manchester Airport Bus, to prove to the lady bus driver that the picture on his bus pass was actually him.

Those present: Michael, Helen and Emma Hayes, Stuart Firth + Sue and Angela, Paul Gardiner, Mike Wren, Chris and Gill Radcliffe, Pippa Leach, Colin and Uschi Hobday. + two new prospective members from Derby. The team included two Octogenarians. Well done.

Thank you all for coming, all in all it was a brilliant day, nice countryside, excellent weather and good company.

Facedancin' - A late birthday present Roger Gibbs

Let's face it, it had already been a stellar weekend. The very first visit to Twickenham for a certain young man and a record walloping of Ireland, 57 – 15. Maro Itoje was awesome. The massive queues to get the train back to where the van was parked meant that it was pretty late by the time we joined the rest of the crew at Acton Fields campsite. Sunday came and the climbing mission didn't really work out so we had a mega beach day, topped off by listening to Ben Stokes saving the Ashes and a very sociable evening hosted by the meet leader.

There was a lively debate about the plan for Monday. I wandered off into the darkness to excuse myself and by the time I'd returned it was all sorted. I was going climbing with Simon (I think he had agreed to this).

Monday dawned to a sea fret. The grass and the vans were wet but the stone walls looked fine. It would be ok, wouldn't it? I could always clip some bolts at Dancing Ledges, wallow in a bit of ordinariness. We hadn't got long.

"What are you planning?" Gill enquired as I washed the pots (A man's work is never done.)

"Well," I hesitated. Then I mentioned the real plan. Or we could go bolt clipping. "It depends if Simon is up for it."

He was. Of course he was. Oh dear, I'm committed now. We grabbed the kit and walked off into the gloom. It was warm, despite the mist and before we got to Spyway Barn, the sun was out. Simon had been to Guillemot Ledge earlier in the weekend so he calmly led us directly to the gearing up point. I was starting to feel a bit less calm. The abseil looked unusually benign, but it did involve slinging a cemented-in piece of pipe.

"It's younger than us," Simon observed, noticing the date scratched into the concrete. September 1989. Hmm. We backed it up with a chunky wire and I slid into the solitude. I was sweating abseiling in. I wondered why no one else was here. I boulder hopped leftwards, towards the highest point of the crag leaving Simon to follow. A wrong turning meant I needed to retrace my steps and Simon was now in front of me. Slick. Gazing up at the uniform steepness, I couldn't pick out anything familiar. Further left, I spied the big sea cave which marks the left hand end of this section of crag. The classic Tudor Rose traverses out over the cave into some pretty exciting terrain with spaced out gear. I had followed it on a previous visit and remembered that it was perhaps as serious for the second as the leader. Our target started up Tudor Rose before blasting directly through some steep terrain.

"It looks raving steep," I observed, trying for forced nonchalance. Simon grinned his wolfish grin. "You like raving steep, Rog." Do I?

I scrubbed my boots and set off. A cam in a slot protected a steep pull. More gear appeared, but things were a little dusty and the rock wasn't always above suspicion. You know, classic Swanage. More steep pulls and a shuffle left. An awkward moment while I navigated a fat wire in behind a hand jam in a chunky crack. Back on my feet again, I'm mopping my brow, trying to keep the sweat out of my eyes. The foot ledge marks the point where Facedancin' departs from Tudor Rose. The bulge which forms the crux of the first pitch is painfully apparent above me. Good wires protect some awkward pulls. The holds are there but in the heat they feel soapy and I'm reluctant to commit. I move a wire out of a perfect slot into another perfect slot eight inches higher. After a few up and down manoeuvres, I've discovered a hands off rest by wedging my left shoulder into the underside of the bulge. It's pretty spiky, but what's a bit of pain? Eyeing the slopey holds and feeling my T shirt sticking to me, I'm having some serious doubts.

"The gear is good, so I'm just going to go for it," I call down to Simon. If this doesn't work, I'm going to be lowering off and looking for an easy way out. Suddenly the automaton kicks in. Left foot into that little slot under the bulge. Right hand into the obvious layback and step onto the slopey handholds I'd been moaning about earlier. Teeter left out of the groove onto decent holds. Cracked it. But I'm really ready for a runner now. I'm on the sort of slopey footholds that if

you were seconding you could virtually get a hands off. Fifteen feet above my gear, I'm in danger of getting pumped. I tip toe left.

"Bloody hell, I think this is supposed to be the belay," I call down to Simon. The guide had advised that a considerate leader would run the two pitches together and avoid the scary hanging belay. Too right, any sane climber would want to avoid that.

I fiddle in a decent wire, and step back right. The rock quality is a bit average, but when I spy a thread, I'm having it. Easy but exposed climbing leads up a ramp to below the white sheet which forms the top crux. There are three pegs visible and I clip the first one. It's one of a pair next to each other but his partner looks pathetic. I resolutely put any thoughts of the date of the first ascent and their likely age to the back of my mind. A decent wire gives more reassurance, but it looks a pretty long way to the next real gear. I carefully note the footholds, then lurch up on big side pulls. I'm aiming for an obvious big side pull, but it's just out of reach. The sloper at its base feels horrible in the heat. A panicked retreat. This is all feeling much more taxing on the arms than it should do. I shuffle right to a better part of the break and recover while calculating how far I'll go if the pegs snap. Simon's lap? Without much logic, I reach down and clip the rotting peg next to the one that actually looks ok. I work out where my feet need to be and lurch up again. This time my hand hits the flake and there are footholds, jugs and gear. The kit still takes an age to arrange with my brain full of blood, but my fingers are curled over the back of the ledge and not even I can fall off this. I nearly cock up the mantle on to the ledge, about 4a, just to make it more exciting.

I'm out of quickdraws, so my last runner goes on a long sling.

"Just the 20 runners then," I yell down to Simon. The compulsory crawl on all fours, fighting the rope drag to the fence posts. I wrap my sodden T shirt over my head to keep the sun off, feeling distinctly worn, and bring Simon up.

"Thanks, Simon, I owe you a pint and a massive belaying session," I say, calculating that I've probably been on the route for an hour and a quarter.

"Consider it a belated birthday present," he replies.

Hut Bookings.

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1-3 November	Avon MC 16 beds
8-9 November	Bedford MC
15-16 November	Hertfordshire MC 16 beds
29-30 November	Wrekin MC 12 beds
6-7 December	Rock and Heather 16 beds
21 December -1 January	Oread Christmas meet

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2-3 November	Bonfire meet
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8-9 November	Adventure Sports Club 12 beds
16 November	Oread Dinner
18-22 November	C and P Craddock 2 beds
6-7 December	Bowline Club cottage
14 December	Bullstones
20 December	Oread Social

“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: **179 Starkholmes Rd. Starkholmes, Matlock DE4 5JA**
 Mobile 07771 700913. Email: michaelhayes6688@gmail.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

Ben Wooler has a new address:

Welcome to new members Andy Birtwistle, Sue Birtwistle and Steve Chamberlain. We hope you will enjoy many happy days with the Oread.

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

Last month's puzzle solution:

The ruined building shown was in fact Upper Musden Grange above Ilam (SK122504). This is a prominent landmark for any who enjoy an occasional walk from Ilam, taking a circular route along the top of the valley west of the River Dove. I would not expect this to be recognised in isolation, but the photograph of the Isaac Walton Hotel as one approaches should provide the necessary clue. The local hills referred to were Sheen Hill, Hazelton Clump, and High Wheeldon. A quick glance at the map will confirm that Hazelton Clump is the nearest.

Jack Ashcroft, usually with a very good knowledge and recollection of the Peak District, inter alia, tendered Dale End in Gratton Dale, a reasonable guess based on appearances but I feel the poor old chap did not take the remainder of the question into consideration.

This month's puzzle.

There are a number of classic ridge scrambles available to the UK mountaineer, Striding Edge, the North Ridge of Tryfan, Aonach Eagach above Glencoe and of course the Cuillin Ridge. Skye of course abounds with superb ridges but the whole Cuillin traverse must surely be considered as the premier expedition. I am not sufficiently travelled or experienced to attempt a reasonably complete catalogue of the Scottish mainland other than the one mentioned. The question for the month is the name of one other fine ridge fit to be mentioned in this company and South of the border.

As a tie breaker, these four ridges plus the unknown extra one should be ranked in order of difficulty, and then ranked again in order of perceived quality. Those who differ from my own perception will be treated as incorrect. It should be assumed that the conditions are those likely to prevail at the date of issue of the newsletter. The emphasis should be on scrambling with perhaps occasional use of a rope, as distinct from serious rock climbing.

Membership Renewals for 2020

Following a full review of the membership subscriptions we have made some significant changes to both the cost and the structure as detailed below.

- Although we managed to absorb last year's BMC increase this year we have seen another increase of £6 for every member which we now need to pass on. The committee reviewed the cost v benefits and decided that it was still a very competitive proposal given the benefits of continued BMC membership - The subscription includes the BMC fee of £20.25 giving you all the benefits of individual club membership including the BMC third party insurance.
- We have removed the Joint membership Fee as all our members receive the same benefits and we have to pay the full BMC membership for everyone. With the move away from the posted newsletter there is also no benefit to the Oread from members sharing the same address.

Fees for 2020 are:


- £45 for Full membership
- £35 for Senior Membership (Past UK State Pension Age)
- £35 for Provisional membership (First full year only)

(members paying multiple BMC club memberships can reclaim £20.25 from the BMC)

How to pay: 1 of 2 ways

- You can pay by bank transfer 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 michaelhayes6688@gmail.com confirmation and a copy of the form below.

- Please complete the form below and send it with a cheque made payable to the Oread Mountaineering Club, posted to Michael Hayes, 179 Starkholmes Road, Starkholmes, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5JA

Oread Mountaineering Club Membership Renewal and Contact List Update		
Name		
Address		
Telephone Number		
Telephone Number Mobile		
Email Address		
Secondary Email Address		
Contact in case of emergency	Name, phone number and address:	
I hereby reapply for membership of the Oread Mountaineering Club, and confirm that I have read the constitution 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: I 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		
Full Member	£45.00	
Senior Member	£35.00	
Provisional Member	£35.00	
Member with permanent address outside the UK. 50% of appropriate rate as BMC membership is not included.	£22.50	

If you have any questions, then please contact me – Michael Hayes 07771 700913

Oread Annual Dinner Order Form

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

Either post your completed form to Ruth Gordon,4, The Terrace, Upper Lumsdale, Matlock, Derbys. DE4 5LB or scan and email your form to alistair.ruth@btinternet.com to arrive by 31st October at the latest.

I must have the completed forms by 31st October

Name:				
Payment method				
Starter				
Vegetable Soup of the day with rustic bread V. GF on request				
Assorted bread and dips V. GF on request.				
Crispy whitebait with garlic & chive dip				
Chicken liver parfait, apple & ale chutney served with crostini.				
Main Course				
Seared stuffed chicken Chicken with mozzarella, smoked bacon, mashed potato and a tomato & pesto creamy sauce. (GF)				
Baked salmon, crushed new potatoes, buttered stem broccoli & dill sauce. (GF)				
Wild mushroom risotto with truffle oil and seared rocket. V				
Dessert				
Rich chocolate brownie and chantilly cream.(GF, on request)				
Sticky toffee pudding & vanilla ice cream (GF, on request)				
Cheese & Biscuits (GF, on request) £2 extra				

(GF) Gluten Free, (V) Vegetarian,

If you have any special dietary requirements please state them below. (e.g. gluten free. Please contact The Fox & Goose directly if you have any dietary concerns: Lynne Brooks 01246 566335.

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