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Photo Peter Amour.

Editorial

Nine pages of events coming up including the season's indoor talks both live and on Zoom plus Wednesday winter evening indoor wall meets in Nottingham and Sheffield and an outdoor climbing night for the hardy souls. Several walks and social get-togethers over Christmas and New Year. Looking forward – two winter Scottish hut weekends are booked – places are limited – get your name down soon!

Subscriptions for next year are due now –prices held to pre-Covid level - find out how and when to pay on page 10.

Write-ups include mountain biking, walking in South Derbyshire and around Brassington, a snapshot from Kalymnos, and, sadly, tributes to Tony Moulam who died recently, just after the last of his memoirs were shared in this newsletter.

Don't forget, if you are intending to join any indoor meet it is important for everyone's safety that you have done a self-administered lateral flow test with a negative result beforehand.

Copy Deadline 20 January.

Forthcoming Meets 2021

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December	1	Wednesday walk	Wetton Mill	Rusty Russell
	4	Annual Dinner	Fox & Goose	Chris Radcliffe
	5	Post Prandial Walk	Thorpe	Paul Gardiner
	7	Evening Lecture	Ockbrook	Rob Tresidder
	8	Evening Wall session	Sheffield Foundry	Dave Mason
	10 -12	Bullstones	Wetton	John Green
	15	Black Rocks evening meet	Rising Sun Middleton	
	18	Weekend walk	Lathkill Dale	John Green
	21	Zoom Talk	Our Year	Chris Radcliffe
	22	Evening Wall session	Nottingham Climbing centre	Michael Percival
	24 – 3 Jan	Christmas/New Year	Tan yr Wyddfa	
	26	Boxing Day Walk	Miners Arms Carsington	Gathering. No leader.
	January	1	New Year's Day walk	Royal Oak Wetton

Winter 'Zoom' talks

This winter (November to March) we are running a series of zoom talks on (usually) the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The talks will be short presentations by members covering recent and not so recent adventures.

The proposed dates are 21st December, 18th January, 15th February and 15th March. The talks will normally start at 20:00.

Joining details will be sent out shortly before the talks contact me for further information.

Nigel Briggs. email: xxxxxx tel. xxxxxx

Draft meets list 2022 Michael Moss

The meets list is even more of a draft than usual at this stage, due to Covid-related difficulties. It is very much open to suggestions, especially if anyone is offering to lead a meet. This is members' opportunity to get something they want onto the meets list.

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Jan	1	New year's day walk	Royal oak, Wetton	Gathering no leader
	12	Winter Wall Wednesdays	Nottingham Climbing Centre	Michael Percival
	15	Weekend walk	Linacre wood	Stuart Firth
	20	Thur short walk	Whatstandwell	Ruth Gordon
	26	Winter Wall Wednesdays	Awesome walls, Sheffield	Dave Mason
	28/29	Milehouse cottage, Ladies SCCCKingcraig, nr. Kingussie		Pip Leach
February	2	Wednesday walk	Hulme End Cafe	Peter Amour
	6/20	Mediterranean sport climbing	Aparthotel Terralta, Benidorm	Derek Pike,
	9	Winter Wall Wednsdays	Nottingham Climbing Centre	Michael Percival
	11/12	Ochils Mountaineering Club hut	Crianlarich	Mick Hayes TBC
	17	Thur short walk		
	19	Weekend walk	Denstone (Denstone Farm Shop cafe)	TBD
	23	Winter Wall Wednesdays	Foundry, Sheffield	Dave Mason
March	2	Wednesday walk	Crich (The Loaf cafe)	TBD
	4-5	George Starkey Hut, Patterdale	Lake District	ABMSAC/AC hut. Stuart Hayward
	9	Winter Wall Wednesdays	Nottingham Climbing Centre	Michael Percival
	17	Thur short walk		Ruth Gordon
	23	Winter Wall Wednesdays	Awesome walls, Sheffield	Dave Mason
	24	AGM	By zoom	
	27	Spring stride /Weekend walk		Nigel Briggs
	30	First outdoor meet	Harborough rocks, Brassington	
April	6	Wednesday walk	Macclesfield	Stuart Firth
	8/10	New members' meet	Heathy Lea	Ben Wooler
	15-17	Easter, France or Pembroke cam	Location TBD	Lance Baker
	21	Thur short walk		Ruth Gordon
	23/24	Weekend walk with new members		TBD
May	2	Early May BH		
	11	Wednesday walk	Hayfield (Millie's Tea Room)	
	13/14	Low House MAM hut	Coniston, Lake District	Charlie Taylor
	19	Thur short walk		
21	Weekend walk	Flash Bar Cafe	Michael Percival	
June	2/3	Spring/Jubilee BH		
	3-4	High Moss hut Rucksac Club	Duddon valley, Lakes	
	8	Wednesday Walk	Tideswell	
	10-11	Fylde hut swap	Little Langdale	Dave Snod Helliwell
	16	Thur short walk		Ruth Gordon
	18	Weekend walk	Langsett (Polka Dot cafe)	
	18/19	Camping and walking	Yorkshire dales camping	Peter Amour
25/26	Midsummer meet & BBQ	Heathy Lea		
July	8-24	Alpine meet	Argentiere (Chamonix), France	Gill and Chris Radcliffe
	6	Wednesday walk	Hartington (Farm shop cafe)	
	8-9	BBQ Tan yr Wyddfa		Tony Howard
	16	Weekend walk	Congleton	Stuart Firth
	21	Thur short walk		Ruth Gordon
August	3	Wednesday walk	Tansley (Kath's Cafe)	
	18	Thur short walk		Ruth Gordon
	20	Weekend walk Late summer BH	Longshaw Estate cafe	

Sept	3/4	BARMY comp	Heathy Lea	
	7	Wednesday walk	Ashford tea room	
	10/11	Climb?		
	15	Thur short walk		Ruth Gordon
	17	Weekend walk	Ilam NT café	
	30/1	Climb and curry High House,	Borrowdale, Lake District	Tony Howard, K-Fellfarers' hut
Oct	5	Wednesday walk	Hope	
	8/15	Mediterranean sport climbing		Avoiding half term 24/28 Oct
	15	Weekend walk	Froghall	Stuart Firth
	20	Thur short walk		
	23-29	Strawberry cottage, Glen Affric Scotland		Peter Amour
	31	Start Monday evening indoor m	Climbing unit, Derby	
Nov	2	Wednesday walk	Hollingsclough	
	5	Bonfire	Heathy Lea	
	12	Weekend walk	Hathersage (Outside cafe)	
	17	Thur short walk		Ruth Gordon
	18-19	Fylde hut	Little Langdale, Lakes	Dave Helliwell (Snod), Fylde MC hut swap
Dec	3?	Annual dinner		Date & location TBC
	4?	Post prandial walk		Date & location TBC
	7	Wednesday walk	Rowsley (Massarellas cafe)	
	9/10/11	Bullstones		
	14	Black rocks evening meet	Cromford, Derbyshire	
	15	Thur short walk		Ruth Gordon
	26	Boxing day walk	Location TBD	
	24-3 Jan	Christmas and New Year hut meet	Tan Yr Wyddfa	

Introducing WINTER WALL WEDNESDAYS the underwhelmingly named series of events that you didn't know you wanted!

The evenings are dark and the weekends are wet. Many of us spend our time dangling around at indoor walls so we thought it was time that we organised some sessions at them to at least allow you to socialise a bit while you are there! The theme is simple – on the 2nd Wednesday of each month there will be an indoor wall event held in Nottingham and the 4th Wed of each month there will be an indoor wall event held in Sheffield. Michael Percival has kindly been voluntold that he is running the Nottingham nights and I'll be the face of the Sheffield events.

For this Winter I am proposing:

8th Dec - Nottingham (Nottingham Climbing Centre)

22nd Dec - Sheffield (Foundry)

12th Jan - Nottingham (Nottingham Climbing Centre)

26th Jan - Sheffield (Awesome walls)

9th Feb - Nottingham (Nottingham Climbing Centre)

23rd Feb - Sheffield (Foundry)

9th March - Nottingham (Nottingham Climbing Centre)

23rd March - Sheffield (Awesome walls)

The suggested start time is 7pm to give most people the chance to finish at work and get to the venue. Drop me a message and let me know you are coming down and I'll keep an eye out for you! I hope to see lots of friendly faces.

Dave Mason: email xxxxxxxx

Wednesday 1 December Wetton Mill Walk Rusty Russell

Wetton Mill, where the tea room may or may not be open, shall be the destination rather than the start/finish of this walk. There is spacious and comfortable outdoor dining accommodation just upstream of the bridge and on the west side of the river so I suggest you bring your own refreshment. We shall assemble at the public car park in Alstonefield in time for a 10.30 start, the village hall car park is available a few yards away in the unlikely event of there being no spaces left. We shall then proceed at a moderate to slow pace down Narrowdale then across to the Manor House and Ecton Hill. From the summit we shall descend beside Sugarloaf to our luxurious dining spot before returning via Thors Cave and Wetton. The overall distance is in the region of 10 miles.

Footnote

Many of you are dubious about rods poles and perches and I have already suffered the intellectual stress of composing puzzle correspondence using metres so I have reverted here to 19th century imperial linear measurements.

Rusty Russell tel. xxxxx email xxxxxxx

Saturday 4 December Oread Annual Dinner

After the long hiatus in regular gatherings of the Club we look forward to a sociable gathering at the dinner. Meet at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. For everyone's safety and peace of mind please take a lateral flow test before attending the dinner.

The Fox and Goose Inn, Pudding Pie Hill, Wigley. S42 7JJ.

www.thefoxandgooseinn.com

Any questions, please contact us - Chris and Gill Radcliffe:

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5 December Post Prandial Walk Paul Gardiner

I propose to meet at the car park at Narlows Lane, Thorpe, around 10.15 for a 10.30 stroll off via Tissington, Newton Grange and Parwich Lees which should put us at 'The Sycamore' in Parwich soon after opening time. I have told the staff that we will be there for drinks. If you require food please arrange it direct with the pub beforehand. Anything you have packed to be consumed off the premises, (e.g in the Rec. ground almost opposite.) After a suitable time the route is uphill, down to the Bletch Brook, up again and back by trail to Thorpe Station. Can't guarantee mud free.....

Paul Gardiner tel. xxxxxx email xxxxxxxxxxx

Tuesday 7 December 8.00pm Lecture Royal Oak Ockbrook

Bob Pettigrew, The lure of Kulu: Bob, pictured below at Prince Philip House, will describe the pull of Kulu in the heart of the Great Himalayan Divide

that forms the rugged border region between India and Tibet (now effectively China) with a mention of Viceroy Lord Curzon of Kedleston to add a local touch!
Rob Tresidder: tel. xxxxxxxxxxxx



Wednesday 8 December 7.00pm Evening Wall Meet

Nottingham Climbing Centre. <https://www.nottingham-climbing.co.uk/>
Michael Percival email xxxxxxxxxx

Friday 10 December Bullstones 2021 John Green

Starting point for Friday is The Royal Oak in Wetton. Free Car Parking in village for 25 cars. If anyone wants a meal I would suggest booking as they may well be busy. We will leave as usual at around 23.00 and walk up onto Wetton Hill. There is plenty of room to bivvy here. We have permission from the National Trust as a special one off for this walk.

Saturday will start with a path over Ecton Hill down to Ecton and along the Manifold Trail to Hulme End. A bit of road walking then takes us from Hayesgate to Townend and the River Dove which we follow to Bridge End and Harris Close, then descending to Pilsbury. A short trek across fields brings us to Vincent House and across to the High Peak Trail which we follow to our night's accommodation at The Royal Oak in Hurdlow. 18km.

Returning back to Wetton has three alternatives.

- Bring a bike and leave at Hurdlow on Friday, use this to ride the 20km back along the High Peak and Tissington trails.
- Walk the High Peak and Tissington trail back.
- Car share back arranged on the Friday.

Friday Royal Oak - Wetton 01335 310287

Saturday Royal Oak - Hurdlow 01298 83288

John Green, xxxxxxxxxxxx

Wednesday 15 December Black Rocks/Harborough

It's the Wednesday before the Wednesday before Christmas! Time for all rufty-tuftu Oreads to get out with headtorches and scramble about in the dark, dark night. After sufficient exposure to the elements we will retire to the Rising Sun, Middleton by Wirksworth where we will be made welcome but this year no meal has been pre-booked. If you would like to eat the landlady advises that to avoid possible disappointment it would be wise to book a table, even if you just phone the day before. Food is served until 8.00pm. Rising Sun 01629 258658.

Saturday 18 December Lathkill Dale Walk John Green

As we have so little daylight at this time of year an early start will need to be the order of the day, but not too early! 09.30am.

I think the Lathkill round from Moor Lane car park should be doable in most weathers. It is a classic, starting from SK 1922 6448 at the car park, and taking the Limestone Way past Calling Low into Cales Dale. Some very slippery steps get us down to the main dale and the River Lathkill which may be in full flow for us. A simple plod along the excellent path will bring us to Conksbury and across the road. The path continues along the Lathkill to Alport where we cross the road again and join the River Bradford which is followed to a path steeply up to the Middleton Road and back on the Limestone Way which brings us back to the cars. 14 km.

If you are coming on the outing, please let me know on xxxxxxxx.

Tuesday 21 December 20.00 Zoom Talk Chris Radcliffe

I will be sharing a collection of photos from “**Our Year**” which will include a range of trips both Oread climbing meets and other climbing, walking and cycling trips. The joining link will be emailed out prior to the event.

Wednesday 22 December 7.00pm Evening Wall Meet

The Foundry Sheffield
Dave Mason email xxxxxxxxxx

24 Dec-3 January Festive Season at Tan yr Wyddfa

As usual the hut is available for members and family to have a sociable time together and no doubt a shared meal will be arranged for New Year's eve. Don't forget to reserve your beds, using the online system if possible, otherwise by contacting Michael Hayes.

Sunday 26 December Boxing Day Walk

Sadly the Miners' Arms Brassington is currently closed so a new venue is needed for our traditional festive meet-up. As The Gate is so small, and at present the

only pub in the village, they are unlikely to be able to fit us all in so we propose to meet up at the Miners' Arms, **Carsington** which will be open on Boxing Day – but if you want to eat you will need to book in advance. Tel 01629 540207.

1 January New Year's Day Walk

As no leader has emerged to coordinate this traditional sociable get-together you will need to liaise with your friends and plot a route to the Royal Oak at Wetton where other Oreads will doubtless converge from different directions for a lunchtime drink or two before wandering off into the gathering gloom in the hope of finding their ways home. You will need to phone the pub if you would like to eat there. Royal Oak - Wetton 01335 310287.

Tuesday 4 January 8.00pm Lecture Royal Oak, Ockbrook

Rock Hudson will be showing us some real slides and talking about one of his Himalayan trips.

Rob Tresidder: tel. xxxxxxxxxxxx

Wednesday 12 January 7.00pm Evening Wall Meet

Nottingham Climbing Centre. <https://www.nottingham-climbing.co.uk/>

Michael Percival email xxxxxxxxxxxx

Saturday 15 January Linacre Wood Walk Stuart Firth

Meet at Linacre Wood car park for a 10:30 departure. This area is unfamiliar to me so I shall invent something. I believe there is a cafe at Holmebrook Valley Country Park and I will endeavour to incorporate a visit. It would, however, be sound mountaineering practice to bring your own lunch. Of course some may wish to simply work off any excesses of the celebratory season.

Stuart Firth tel. xxxxxxxxxxxx

Tuesday 18 January 20.00 Zoom talk Ruth Gordon

I will be showing photos from Sikkim, my first trekking holiday in 2011.

The joining link will be emailed out prior to the event.

Thursday 20 January short walk Whatstandwell Ruth Gordon

We will meet at the small car park by the canal SK332 543 on the left just up the road to Crich for an 11.00am start. (If this should be full there is also the station car park nearby. The walk will take a circuit one or other side of the canal towpath between Whatstandwell and Ambergate.

Ruth Gordon: tel. xxxxxxxx email xxxxxxxxxx

Wednesday 26 January 7.00pm Evening Wall Meet

Sheffield Awesome Walls.
Dave Mason email xxxxxxxxxxx

28-29 January 2022, Milehouse cottage, Kincaig Pip Leach

This is the Ladies Scottish Climbing Club hut near Kingussie in the Cairngorms, find more details at:

<https://www.ladiesscottishclimbingclub.org/huts/milehouse-cottage/>

We have 12 places currently booked, but we can increase to 17 if we wish. Cost is £10 pppn. Pip Leach is provisional meet leader so please book your place with her. Pip Leach: email xxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxx

Wednesday 2 February The Hulme End Hobble Peter Amour

I shall be inside the Hulme End Tea Junction, (postal code SK17 0EZ) from about 10.10am taking a hot drink/snack prior to starting the walk at 10.30am. Regarding parking I believe that if using the cafe you can leave your vehicle there all day. Should you prefer not to there is a pay and display car park next door.

Route-wise we shall make a circuit west of Hulme End and touch Warslow, Lower and Upper Elkstones prior to completing the loop via Moorside, Moorside Farm, Warslow Hall and Hollow Farm back to the start point. About 10 miles of undulating terrain.

I look forward to meeting the regular victims, and welcome any others. For any further info/updates you can contact me on xxxxxxxxxxx

11-12 February 2022, Inverardran Cottage, Crianlarich

This is the Ochils Mountaineering Club hut, with more details at:

<https://www.ochils.com/club-cottage-for-let>

We have a booking for 10 beds at £12 pppn. Michael Hayes is provisional meet leader – please book your place with him.

Michael Hayes: email xxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxx

And fun in the sun February 2022 Derek Pike

A few of us have booked with Jet2 for a trip to Benidorm, hopefully climbing and walking in some much needed sunshine. We are staying at the Aparthotel Terralta from 6 or 7 February for between 11 and 14 days. We have booked half board but you can also self cater. All welcome to join us.

Derek Pike tel. xxxxxxxxxxx email xxxxxxxx

Oread Summer Alpine Trip 2022 Gill Radcliffe

I'm giving advanced notice of this to get you all thinking about a magical trip to the mountains next year!

The plan is to return to Camping Du Glacier D'Argentiere camp site near Chamonix. The club went there in 2016 but I didn't get to go so I'm putting it forward as the summer Alpine meet for 2022. I've been reliably informed that it's an excellent camp site and I'm aiming to reserve a spot for Oreads.

The meet will run from 8th – 24th July, which is slightly earlier than previous club trips to the Alps. It's hoped snow conditions will be better and the mountains a bit quieter.

The Chamonix mountains are the premier alpine climbing area in Europe and there's a lifetime of adventures waiting for everyone. Whether you want to focus on multi-pitch rock routes in an alpine setting or opt for classic snow and mixed routes there is plenty to do. There are excellent walks in and around the Chamonix valley, including the Tour du Mont Blanc. I walked this excellent route in 1986 and it took me 7 days, now it's run in 20 hours by elite athletes.

There are plenty of guide books out there but I would recommend the following two books by Jean-Louis Laroche and Florence Lelong for starters:
Mont Blanc and the Aiguilles Rouges / Mountaineering in the Mont Blanc Range

Obviously there's no rush to book onto the meet but the campsite would like provisional numbers as soon as possible so it would be really helpful to know if you are interested. If you have any questions then please get in touch.
Gill Radcliffe tel.xxxxxxxx email xxxxxxxxxx

Oread Subscription Renewal 2022

It is that time of year again....

Subscriptions remain at £45 for ordinary membership, £35 for senior members (those in receipt of state pension) and £35 for provisional members. Honorary members, of course, pay no subscription so can ignore step 2 below.

However we are starting to collect our subscriptions in a different way, by direct debit.

This is to reduce the time burden on our membership secretary, Michael Hayes. In past years subscriptions have come in by bank transfer or cheque over a period of about 4 months, needing frequent cross checking.

We have already moved the membership database online, through the login on the website so you will no longer need to fill in a membership form to renew. By moving to direct debit we can control when the subs come in, and once set up we can automatically collect them each year. However you will always get notification in advance of collection so you, or we, can cancel the direct debit if you no longer wish to continue your membership.

We realise that there may be a small number of members who are unable or unwilling to sign up to a direct debit. We will contact those who have not signed up in due course to make alternative arrangements.

What you need to do now:

- Log into the member's area of the website, click on MY PROFILE, and check that the information we hold about you is correct and up to date, and that you still agree to the consent options and statements.
- If you are having difficulty logging into the members area, but know your username there is a password reset option.
- Your username is your initial and surname, all lower case and no spaces.
- If none of that works email David Mason on websupport@oread.co.uk

- Click on one of the links below to set up your direct debit through GoCardless:
 1. Ordinary Membership (£45):
<https://pay.gocardless.com/AL00046KY2C564>
 2. Senior Membership (£35): <https://pay.gocardless.com/AL00046KY9WA7E>
 3. Provisional Membership (£35):
<https://pay.gocardless.com/AL00046KYJ8D22>

You will then be asked to enter some personal details and your bank account number and sort code. The appropriate subscription will be deducted from your bank account on 31st January 2022. It will appear on your bank statement as GoCardless, and a reference which will in many cases refer to Oread, but this seems to vary from bank to bank. You will be notified before the payment is taken and your payments are protected, so you are guaranteed a refund if a payment was ever taken in error.

GoCardless is the UK's leading Direct Debit provider, processing over £5 billion in payments annually for more than 30,000 organisations, and your payments are covered by the direct debit guarantee:

<https://gocardless.com/guides/posts/dd-guarantee-in-plain-english/>

If there are two Oread members with a joint bank account you will both need to sign up separately, and two separate payments will be taken from the same account.

If you have already signed up to GoCardless as part of our trial for dinner payments I will contact you separately as you will not need to set up a new mandate.

If you have any further comments or questions about any of the above please contact me on treasurer@oread.co.uk

Thank you,

Janet Briggs, Oread Treasurer.

News, Articles and Reports from Meets

21 October Evening MTB Ride Mike Wren

An intrepid group of Oread Mountain Bikers met at The Spotted Cow, Holbrook at 7.30 on Thursday , on a calm dry evening, under an almost full moon. After the others waited for me to find the pub I had nominated, we five set off down Shaw Lane on our searchlight equipped bikes and descended Dark Lane bridleway past the **Holly Bush to** Makeney. We then turned right to Milford,

past the **King William**, then along Chevin Road to turn left onto the A517 Ashbourne Road. After a short distance, a sharp left over an agreeably shallow ford led up a rough bridleway to the well surfaced Lumb Lane in Hazelwood at the top of the hill.

From here, a turn left, followed by left and left again took us past the **Bluebell** then right turn on to the North Lane Bridleway over the Chevin. The views down over Belper on the first stretch were superb. Quite exciting as it is in daylight, the bridleway was even more so in the dark. At the southern end, a fast swoop to Milford down Sunny Hill led us back up via Shaw Lane to the Spotted Cow in Holbrook for an enjoyable get together and beer.

Those attending- Andrew Norman, Simon Wren, Mike Wren, Roger Larkam and Mike Hayes.

I had picked the Spotted Cow as a start point, being democratically situated between Duffield, and Kilburn, where Andrew and Emily live.

It was splendid getting out on the bike in super conditions with great company. Thanks to Spenser for the original concept, and to those attending, especially Mike Hayes, who drove down.

No injuries were sustained. Mike's rear wheel caused amusement when it tried (thankfully unsuccessfully) to overtake him on the rocky descent from the Chevin. On the steep descent down Sunny Hill into Milford, Andrew's disk brakes reminded him to get new pads.

It may be noted that we passed ALL of my favourite local bike pub stops, thus avoiding the ride turning into a pub crawl. The well-earned pints at the excellent Spotted Cow at the top of the hill tasted good.

23 October South Derbyshire Walk Janet Briggs



A group of 15 Oreads and guests set off from Ticknall Village Hall in the South of the county on a dry but cloudy morning. Fortunately the same group, still dry, returned later in the afternoon after a 22km tour of some of the local highlights. We were pleased to welcome Pete Amour's brother in law Tom, provisional member Seyhan on her first trip out with the club, and also Lydia and Linda, meeting us for the first time. We hope you enjoyed your day

and that we will see you again soon.

From Ticknall we headed south through woodland and fields towards the Trent valley. First stop was Anchor Church, where there are some caves hollowed out in the gravelly conglomerate, reputed to have been occupied by a hermit in the 7th century. There were no takers for climbing, although recorded routes do exist, and also no takers to swim in the adjacent lagoon off the River Trent. A



little further on morning coffee was taken outside Foremark Church before progressing southwards away from the river and skirting around Foremark Reservoir. After passing through a field with some very skittish racehorses we stopped for lunch by Carvers Rocks. Again there were no takers for eclectic climbing on greasy looking soft sandstone with some sparse bolts.

The afternoon saw us passing through more woodland and fields, with some good views in the vicinity of Pistern Hill. We admired a herd of alpacas, then unexpectedly found ourselves next to the Tollgate brewery allowing for a beer stop. The route now went through the grounds of Calke Abbey, with views of the house and some well antlered deer, then took in some of the area's industrial heritage in the form of lime kilns, before we were plunged into darkness in a tunnel on one of the Calke Abbey Tramways. We arrived back at the car park before nightfall.

Attendees: J & N Briggs, S Firth, S Todd, P Amour & Tom, M Hayes, S Pape, J Gwyther, D Gardiner, P Leach, L Amandini, S Turan, L Nowak, L Drew.

Wednesday 3 November Brassington walk John Gwyther

Eleven Oreads and one provisional member met up at Brassington Church on an overcast but thankfully dry November morning. After a brisk climb we coasted down through Carsington and Hopton. Rachel met an elderly member of her

French group, who lives there and we discussed the origin of some interesting stone carving on her house ('acquired' from the church after a restoration six hundred years ago).



We then skirted the reservoir and headed off the orbital path to Callow and Kirk Ireton. Sadly both shop and pub were closed but at least there were sufficient dry benches for everyone to eat their lunches. Having left the village we headed down Hays Lane, crossed the dam and stopped at the Visitor's Centre for more refreshments. There was then a long slog up the lane to Netherton Hall where we turned north to eventually find Nether Lane and Brassington (and a young alpaca mum which took quite a shine to Stuart).



Thank you to Sue, Rachel, Pippa, Janet, Nigel, Richard, Chris, John, Stuart, Peter and newcomer Michael for coming. Several of the walkers commented that although they live nearby, many of the paths we had trod were completely unfamiliar(!). I was astonished how few cows we encountered; when I tried it out, every field seemed to have dozens of cows.

The Life of O'Reilly? John and Claire tackling Plat Tonique, 6a on Atlantis wall, Ghost Kitchen, Kalymnos. Photo Jeff Ingman October 2021.





Digger's books and bookcase

Fit perfectly into their new home at Tan yr Wyddfa, as he wished.

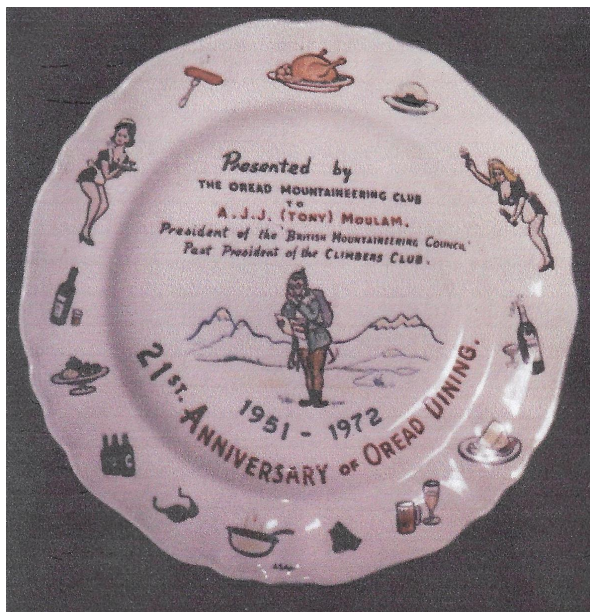
Thanks to Nigel and Janet Briggs for taking the bookcase to Tan yr Wyddfa and also for doing several maintenance jobs at the hut during their visit.

Obituary - Tony Moulam – 1927-2021

Tony Moulam died peacefully at home with his family on Friday 29 October 2021 at the age of 94. The funeral was held on Tuesday 23 November at Hailey Church, Witney in Oxfordshire.

It is rather poignant that we had just published his final article for the Oread newsletter. Although not a member, he had a long association with the club and many members will have climbed some of his routes both in Derbyshire and North Wales.

Paul Gardiner writes:



Tony Moulam made regular appearances at Oread Annual Dinners which he enjoyed either as a Climbers' Club representative and sometimes speaker, culminating, in 1972 with the award of a decorated plate marking 21 years of dining with the club. He was modest about this saying, only recently, that he managed to clock up four or five appearances but the record shows him present on at least nine times between '51 and '72 and how many more since? Indeed, a good trencherman! (SMF: And he liked to swap his turkey for other folks' chipolatas!)

Chris Radcliffe writes:

Tony made an immense contribution to British climbing over three decades after the ending of World War II. Although never a member of the Oread, he had a close connection with the club and his climbing contributions will be familiar to many Oreads.

The first Oread meet was held at Black Rocks in 1949 and Tony authored the first guide, together with Peter Harding, to Black Rocks and Cratcliffe Tor in the same year. Over the years 1945–1949 he made the first ascent with Harding of several familiar routes: Lean Man's Eliminate, Demon Rib and the Prom Traverse. He cleaned and made the first ascent of Green Crack in this same period and then came back in 1973 to lead the bold route, Gomorrah (E1).

Tony climbed all over the UK but he is mainly associated with Wales as he authored several guides that were the foundation of more modern guide books: Carneddau, 1952; Tryfan & Glyder Fach, 1956; Cwm Idwal, 1958; Snowdon East, 1970. His guide book work led him to quite a number of first ascents too numerous to list here, but just to mention a few routes familiar from my experience: Mur-y-Niwl (1952) on Craig yr Ysfa; Angels Pavement (1946) on Craig y Bera (visible from Tan y Wyddfa); Acheron (1956) on Craig Cywarch. However, possibly the most famous of all would be Christmas Curry (1953) on Bwlch y Moch, Tremadoc, also Hail Bebe on the same crag.

Stuart Firth writes:

Tony Moulam first came to my attention, as a young would-be climber, when I noticed his name in climbing guides - either as editor or first ascensionist. The initials AJJM somehow seemed very exotic as it was unusual to have two middle names in those days.

Some years later, I became MD of a company in Somerset specialising in composite material components – a technology about which I knew too little. One day my boss rang and said he would like to introduce me to someone who could be a valuable asset to the business. In fact, he was a climber and I might have heard of him – the very same Tony Moulam. The three of us had dinner and, as my boss could hardly get a business word in amongst the climbing anecdotes, he rightly perceived that we seemed to get on. So Tony, 24 years older than me, duly joined the business.

As well as having a sound professional relationship, we became good friends. On Wednesday summer evenings, we would leave work promptly – with my special permission of course – to go climbing or walking. On one memorable occasion we decided to walk the full length of the Quantock Hills by logistically positioning a car at each end. As we approached the second car, Tony felt in his pocket and with a sickening feeling realised he had left his keys at the start of the walk. There was nothing for it but to walk back to the beginning. We had had nothing to eat or drink and by the time we got to the pub, meals were off. A Mars bar, packet of crisps and a few pints of lethal Somerset scrumpy later, we ricocheted

our cars back home between the tall hedgerows of Somerset.

Our career paths separated but for many years we kept in touch by way of Christmas cards. A couple of years ago, Sue and I called in at Tony's home to see how he was. His house was waist deep in climbing books and he was full of enthusiasm for various projects which kept his agile mind working. A particular fond memory for him was of the infamous plate that had been awarded for his exemplary attendance record at Oread dinners. This led to his series of articles about those Oread honorary members whom he knew. Not long after the final one was written, he sadly told me his writing career was over. Poignantly, this was published very shortly before his death. Hopefully his collection of writing will live on in the form of a publication being produced by his daughter Clare.

The plate referred to above was, as Paul Gardiner has explained in a previous article, part of an Oread dinner presentation tradition of the time.

“In the 1970s, the breweries of Burton upon Trent still employed numerous tradesmen to keep the liquor flowing. My employer, Bass, Ratcliff & Gretton Ltd was no exception. Amongst the trades was a considerable band of painters which included signwriters, one of whom was John Giles, a talented artist who I occasionally called on to decorate the somewhat lurid chamber pots presented to one or two notable (notorious?) Oreads. I should mention here that, working in the same shop as John Giles, was another signwriter named Brian, the brother of Oread Dave Appleby. So, back to 1972, and a chamber pot being inappropriate, the obvious choice was a dinner plate which was purchased and handed over to John to be suitably decorated with items relating to food and drink plus attendant waitresses”.

Bob Pettigrew writes:

Here is a set of photographs which I thought worth sending whilst Tony's commentary on some Oread characters is still hot off the press!

It is clearly a Burgess presidency, (1969-70) perhaps the first one?

Derrick was thrilled to receive the chamber pot - which he promptly filled with beer for Appleby and others!

The second photo is Tony Moulam.

In photos three and four I am seen satirising Rolls Royce where several Oreads worked at that time and proposing the toast to Tony. He did win the accolade of being the most frequently invited guest of “Guests and Kindred Clubs” at the Oread annual dinner.

Lastly the legendary Oread Panto is in full swing! Those were the days!

As for the panto - others will need to confirm that those participants who are still with us are Paul Gardiner and David Appleby.

That kind of annual show was described by Sir Jack Longand as the: “Oread annual Bacchanalia!”



Hut Bookings.

Both our Welsh and Derbyshire hut bookings have now moved online at the Oread website www.oread.co.uk.

The new system allows you to see up to date bed availability details and make your own bookings.

Please remember to sign in as members first before making your bookings as you get access to the Oread beds and rates and you don't have to enter lots of details required for external bookings.

All queries and outstanding payments should be addressed to Michael Hayes, the Hut Bookings Secretary: 179 Starkholmes Rd. Starkholmes, Matlock DE4

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

Information on Member Activities

Welcome to new Provisional member Michael Rittig. We hope you will enjoy many happy times with the Oread.

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

Last month's puzzle solution:

The name of the farmer at Moorside in times gone by was of course Ben (who broke my bloody gate?) Froggat, Froggatt, Froggett we shall not quarrel over the spelling but I tend to agree with your esteemed editor that it was most likely to correspond with the name of the Edge. It cost 6d to stay in his barn. I, and others, remember him as an afficiado of John Welbourne and I remember him missing the company of the old landlady from the Robin Hood, after the pub began to move up- market

Correct answers were received from John Fisher, Snod, Jack Ashcroft, Dave Appleby and Paul Gardiner,

This month's puzzle:

This month's puzzle is in the form of a points competition. Entries should be the particulars of a rock climb for which all of the first ascencionists were Oread Members at the time. No routes in England are admissible (for this purpose only, Yorkshire and all territory between the River Trent and the South coast shall also be deemed to be part of England).

Routes should be a minimum of 100 ft. long, 1 point will be awarded for a vdiff, 2 for a severe and 3 for anything harder. If the altitude at the foot of the climb exceeds 1200ft then 2 bonus points will be awarded, A further 2 points will be added if the ascent took place more than 50 years ago.

If an entry is submitted with details of a route of which I am unaware than I shall stand down and the author may compose next month's puzzle.

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