



OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

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The happy team ready for the off on Saturday at the Swaledale meet. Read all about it on page 8. Photo Peter Amour.

Editorial

Here is a two month issue to see you through to the end of September. If you are around for the August Bank Holiday it's time to get on the email group and Facebook and get a venue chosen.

Coming up soon we have a variety of local walks, including part 3 of the Gritstone Trail, two locally based climbing weekends, join for one or two days as you wish, then the fun day out that is the BARMY competition – note this is a later date than originally advertised – and the world-famous Curry Meet at High House in Borrowdale.

Write-ups include the very successful and well -attended Swaledale camping meet, barbecues and working parties at both huts, local walks and more.

Copy Deadline 20 September.

Forthcoming Meets 2022

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August	13/14	Climbing meet	Peak district Heathy Lea	Lance Baker
	18	Thur short walk	Cancelled	
	20	Weekend walk	Longshaw Estate cafe	
	27-29	Late summer BH	Camping location TBD, South West or Pembroke for tides	Tides low in pm in Penzance and Pembroke, but not good at Holyhead
Sept	7	Wednesday walk	Ashford tea room	John Gwyther
	10/11	Climbing meet	Peak District	Chris Ashworth
	15	Thur short walk	Ilam to Calton	Ruth Gordon
	17	Weekend walk	Ilam NT café	Louise Amandini
	24	BARMY comp	Robin Hood car park	Michael Moss
	30/1	Climb and curry High House,	Borrowdale, Lake District	Tony Howard, K-Fellfarers' hut
Oct	5	Wednesday walk	Hope	Pip Leach
	8/15	Mediterranean sport climbing		Avoiding half term 24/28 Oct
	11	Lecture Spike Johnston	Royal Oak Ockbrook	Rob Tresidder
	15	Gritstone Trail 3	Kidsgrove – Timbersbrook	Stuart Firth
	20	Thur short walk		
	23-29	Strawberry cottage, Glen Affric	Scotland	Peter Amour
	31	Start Monday evening indoor meet:	Climbing unit, Derby	
Nov	1	Lecture Brian Hall	Royal Oak Ockbrook	Rob Tresidder
	2	Wednesday walk	Hollingsclough	Clive Russell
	5	Bonfire	Heathy Lea	
	12	Weekend walk	Hathersage (Outside cafe)	Richard Linney
	13	Dry tooling	Masson Lees	Jeff Ingman and Tim Sellaers
	17	Thur short walk		Ruth Gordon
	18-19	Fylde hut	Little Langdale, Lakes	Dave Helliwell (Snod), Fylde MC hut swap
December	3	Annual dinner, Fox and Goose	Nr Chesterfield. Chris and Gill Radcliff C & J Radcliffe	
	4	Post prandial walk		Date & location TBC
	6	Lecture Jon Morgan	Royal Oak Ockbrook	Rob Tresidder
	7	Wednesday walk	Rowsley (Massarellas cafe)	
	9/10/11	Bullstones		
	14	Black rocks evening meet	Cromford, Derbyshire	
	15	Thur short walk		Ruth Gordon
	17	Dry tooling	Masson Lees	Jeff Ingman and Tim Sellaers
	26	Boxing day walk		Location TBD
	24-3 Jan	Christmas and New Year hut meet	Tan Yr Wyddfa	

Winter Zoom Talks Nigel Briggs

It feels intrinsically wrong to be thinking about the winter months before enjoying the summer months, however planning must go on!

We are hoping to run the monthly Zoom talks again this winter. These talks have been well received and give an opportunity to meet up without going out! We need volunteers to give the talks!

Presentations can be for a full session, or much shorter, with a number of presentations on the same evening. I would like to start the series off with a 'What I did in my holidays' session with four or five short presentations about what people have got up to over this last year. Also talks about trips from days gone by are also welcome.

So if you could make a short presentation, for a few minutes about a trip, a day or even a single route, please get in touch. Offers of longer talks will also be gratefully received.

If you are uncertain about presenting over zoom please talk to me or any of the previous presenters. Guidance and the opportunity to practice can be given!

Nigel Briggs email:xxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxx

Indoor lecture programme 2022-23 at the Royal Oak Ockbrook Rob Tresidder

This year I am hoping to be able to return to pre-Covid levels of talks especially from outside speakers. Last winter there were in the end no visitors, after two withdrew for Covid transmission reasons. Things are looking much better this time with three outsiders already committed. There are a couple of alterations from the usual "first Tuesday of the month". The beginning of October is the Royal Oak's beer festival. Worth a visit as they are once again Derby CAMRA's pub of the year. The first Tuesday in January is too close to the bank holiday, so I have moved that as well.

What I need from Oreads is some help with the gaps! Do you have a tale to tell? Do you know someone that you would like to hear speak to the Oread? Let me know and I will make the invitation.

11 October 2022. **Spike Johnston**. Orkney 2021 **and** Hardangervidda 2019.

01 November. **Brian Hall**, author of soon to be published *Climbing to Extinction*, an account of BH's climbs with several deceased climbers. Some who know me too well may be relieved to discover that this has nothing to do with ExtinctionRebellion!

06 December. **Jon Morgan**, professional anaesthetist, professional mountain guide.

10 January 2023. **Graham Hoey**, Peak based author, new router, photographer, climbing guidebook writer.

07 February. **suggestions/offers please!**

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Rob Tresidder email: xxxxxxxx

Members' Corner

For Sale: Ice Climbing Gear.

If you're interested in going on Jeff's Rjukan meet next winter and don't have the necessary gear Christine and I have both retired from ice climbing and have axes, crampons, screws etc we want to sell. It'll be a lot cheaper than buying new, and get you "started".

Axes are Charlet Moser Quarks (including spare blades)

Crampons are Grivel G 14 s and Grivel Rambo 4 s, a bit more technical with a single front point.

Plus assorted screws and other accessories.

Get in touch if you're interested.

Richard Hopkinson: email xxxxxxxxxxxxx Tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxx

12 – 14 August Peak District/Heathy Lea hut meet Lance Baker

A chance to take advantage of our local offerings in a similar format to our new members meet.

Meet at the hut Friday evening and plan Saturday's venue based on weather and preference. Updates will be provided on io group for those who wish to join on the day. I have booked eight beds so please let me know if you are coming.

With forgiving weather, a BBQ and Bonfire to be had Saturday evening whilst Sunday's venue is debated.

If any assistance is required arranging a lift. Please contact me.

Lance Baker: email xxxxxxxxxxxx

Saturday 20 August Longshaw Walk Jan Wilson

The Wilsons' plans have changed due to upcoming treatment. I am unable to lead the walk on the 20th August. If you are interested in leading it I can send

details and/or the GPX data - please contact me. Otherwise it will however be self-guided or a leader may emerge on the day.

The route gives a chance to explore the edges and valleys on a nominally 12 mile walk starting from the car park just behind The Fox House (or beside the road). Meeting from 10:00AM at the picnic tables in the car park on the far side for a 10:30AM start. The route will go up through the Burbage Valley and along Stanage then down into Hathersage via the churchyard where folk can take a break and have a snack. In Hathersage there will be an opportunity for a drink if the party is amenable or go straight on to the river path before ascending to Grindleford station. Crossing the main road the route goes up through Hay Wood and onto White Edge, passing or stopping at The Grouse as the mood dictates. The route descends to cross the main road into the Longshaw Estate before returning to the Fox House. Again there will be the opportunity for a tea stop at Longshaw. There are plenty of great views and time to be sociable. There are also multiple opportunities to shorten the walk cutting across to the Longshaw Estate at several points en route.

Jan Wilson email:xxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Wednesday 7 September Ashford Walk John Gwyther

Meet at Ashford Tea Shop 10am for quick cuppa before 10.15 start. Walk along Wye valley to Monsal Head, climb up to the trail and cross the bridge (possible lunch stop) and head off to Little Longstone. Head back to the Monsal Trail and after Rowdale Station head south to Bakewell. Back to Ashford along the river path with another opportunity to visit the tea rooms. About 15kms, few stiles and the only serious climb at Monsal Head. It's probably sage to bring your own refreshments.

Please let me know if you wish to come.

John Gwyther tel. xxxxxxxxxxx

10-11 September Peak District/Heathy Lea climbing meet Chris Ashworth

We will have fun on the Eastern edges on Saturday and Sunday and enjoy Saturday night at Heathy Lea – I have booked 8 beds so please let me know if you are staying over. I will confirm the climbing locations closer to the time on Facebook and via the email group. Hope to see you there.

Chris Ashworth: email xxxxxxxxxxxxx; Tel. xxxxxxxxxxx

Thursday 15 September short walk Ilam Ruth Gordon

We will start from the National Trust car park at Ilam Hall at 11.00 am. (We may be lucky enough to find free parking on the road through the village). We will head for the Manifold and follow it to join Lodge Lane, and reach Rushley Bridge.

Here we pick up a path over the fields (a bit of a climb up here) and down to Calton. From here we follow a path through fields and down into Musden Wood. Up the track to Musden Grange and down to the Manifold which we cross and follow back to Ilam Hall where hopefully we will be in time for a cup of tea and maybe a slice of cake. Six miles and no very long or steep ascents.

Ruth Gordon email: xxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxx

Saturday 17 September long walk Ilam Louise Amandini

We will start at 10.15 am from the National Trust car park, I haven't sorted out the exact route yet but it will be around 10 miles in the wilds so bring a packed lunch.

Louise Amandini tel. [xxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Wednesday 21 September Curry Meet Simon Pape

A return of an old favourite with a new twist. In days gone by, at the end of the evening climbing season in September, we would grab a quick route on Wildcat, a quick pint (or two) in the County & Station and a curry in the Matlock Bath Balti next door. Sometimes even in that order.

Lockdown has changed everything! Not only do we have to abseil into Wildcat, but it gave the good people at the Balti time to convert the County & Station into a bigger, better restaurant. So this year, those wanting a quick pint will have to go to the Old Bank a little further down the road. The first and last bit remain the same.

The table's booked for 8.00 pm, so if you'd like to join us, please let me know.

Simon Pape tel. [xxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxx) email: xxxxxxxxxxxxx

24 September BARMY Competition Michael Moss

BARMY, or best all round mountaineer of the year, puts the emphasis on ground covered. The format will be similar to previous years, with categories for climbers, runners, walkers, and for this year, bikers.

Points will be awarded for crags visited, climbs done, triangulation points reached. Additional points for stone circles, monuments, monoliths, pubs and cafes visited. There will be bonus points for visiting both grit and limestone, for pinnacles climbed, for top technical pitch and boulder, longest climb, max. altitude reached, for clipping a bolt or peg, swims taken and maximum crow flying distance from the car park reached. There will be a handicap in favour of the 70+ and for for each child completing the course. There may also be points for wearing traditional dress: breeches or bright lycra spring to mind, where supported by photographic evidence.

It will be a team event. if you are looking to join a team please advertise via Facebook and/or the Oread io group. Duration is up to 7 hours. The competition

will start at the Robin Hood car park above Heathy Lea. Convenient for a social at the pub after the event.

Scoring scheme...

The goal is a good day out in the Peak. There will be separate categories for climbers, for runners/walkers, and for those using bikes. The scoring is the same for all:

10 points per crag visited,

10 points per per climb, increased to 11 for one star, 12 for two star and 15 for three star routes.

20 points for each of patronising a pub or, visiting stone circles, monuments or monoliths, clipping a bolt or peg, taking a swim, and for visiting both grit and limestone.

20 point handicap in favour of teams including the 70+ or children (40 if you manage both).

50 points for trig points, pinnacles, longest as-the-crow-flies distance from the car park and hardest technical pitch (climbing and bouldering) and longest climb.

-2 points per minute over 7 hours.

20 points for completing period costume (britches, bright lycra..) or fancy dress. Boulders count, but climbing teams must take a rope & gear.

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30 September – 2 October Curry Meet High House Borrowdale Tony Howard

The Club has booked High House, the K-Fellfarers hut in Seathwaite Borrowdale (GR 236 119) 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.

The hut is large and with a good lounge, which is ideal for a social gathering on a cool autumn 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 £10 per person, for everyone who signs up. Payment method to be decided. I will let you know about this in advance. Bring your own wine and beer etc.

If you would like to come along **& particularly if you would be willing to do some cooking**, please let me know ASAP. To provide a balanced menu, we need to agree what you will cook.

Tony Howard: email xxxxxxxxxxxx tel. Home: xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Mobile xxxxxxxxxxx

Wednesday 5 October Hope area Walk Pip Leach

Pip is leading this walk but is away and been unable to provide details which will be in next month's newsletter. Please be in touch with her if you want to go and need more info before then.

Pip Leach: email [xxxx](#) tel. xxxxxxxxxxxx

Saturday 15 October Gritstone Trail part 3 Stuart Firth

I propose to walk Part 3 of the scenic Gritstone Trail in a linear fashion from Kidsgrove railway station (SJ837 543) to our Part 2 start / end point of Timbersbrook car park. (Map OL 268, GR 894 627).

This will require some logistical planning. Assemble at Timbersbrook at 10:00. Depart at 10:15 in half the cars arriving at Kidsgrove about 30 minutes later.

Walk back to the remaining cars at Timbersbrook which can then used to retrieve those at Kidsgrove. Easier done than said. I hope.

It would be jolly helpful if intendees could let me know beforehand please so that I can do some more personalised planning.

Meanwhile, the walking route is as follows:

Kidsgrove Railway Station, Red Bull, Macclesfield canal, The Bank, Mow Cop Castle, Old Man of Mow, Cheshire's Close, Pot Bank, Nick i' Th' Hill, Congleton Edge, Overedge, Timbersbrook car park.

Stuart Firth: email [xxxxxxxxxxxxx](#); tel.xxxxxx

14 -21 January Ice Climbing Rjukan Jeff Ingman

This meet is now fully booked and there are a couple of reserves in case of drop-outs. Jeff Ingman: email [xxxxxxx](#)

News, Articles and Reports from Meets

18-19 June Swaledale Walking Meet Peter Amour

John Gwyther and I arrived at the Usha Gap Campsite through rain and gloom, having just spent a half day exploring the eastern fells of a pleasantly rewarding Wharfedale.

"We want a word with you. You promised us good weather!" was the tone from Firth and Co. I had to concede the weather was not as hoped, and I kept my fingers crossed as I pitched my tent.

Saturday was another matter, dry and a little overcast. I set about finding the itinerants under my charge and indicated the Amour plan, to commence by Chez Amour at 0930hrs. We enthusiastically departed the campsite with seven Oreads, and three prospective members, Steve, Shishu and Shalini. Others had

intentions such as visiting Wensleydale, going cycling, and exploring the valleys for their own sake, or photographing the worthwhile scenery.

Team Amour took the Kisdon Hill route towards Keld, made a sharp right turn, to then contour Swaledale's hillsides and pass the ruins of Crackpot Hall (apparently the former home of attendee Ali Kennington's ancestors). As we passed the ruin it was clear that extensive lead mining had been a major employer in these parts. A short while later the team split, with Jan, Pippa, Nick and Steve Booth descending to then ascend/scramble the side valley via Swinney Ghyll. The remainder explored the side valley by higher contours checking out its old lead mining archaeology, and then taking a southerly moorland route followed by the meadows to Muker and the campsite.

Saturday's evening saw a convivial BBQ thanks to the hospitality of the motorhome contingent, with the Wilsons and Stuart and Sue providing a rallying point. Pete Kennington commenting on the very cool northerly air, and advised that a meet here in the summer could be good!

Sunday had us head down the dale to Gunnerside, enjoy the colourful wild flower pastures, and then explore the impressive scattered mine workings north of the village. Following a lunch stop at at Lownathwaite Mea we took to the barely discernible moorland tracks over Black Hill, made the descent to Ivelet and into Swaledale's meadows, entering Muker by fording the river that all the locals were warning us against.



Regrouping and location checking near Gunnerside Gill - Rachel, Pip, Nick, Jan and John Gwyther.

Having spent Saturday cycling the area Stuart and Sue decided upon a day in boots, completing the circuit we had done the day before, while others sought the eye catching valley bottom's flora, or did their own thing, with Pete and Ali nursing creaky bones and creating great photographs.

The meet ebbed and flowed with participants coming and going at different times, including Derek and Joan who did not arrive until Sunday evening.

John Gwyther and I remained a further two days and completed a circuit of Angram Moor - Ravenseat - Muker on Monday, followed by a jaunt to take in Great Shunner Fell on the last day, all in superb sunshine, great for camping, can't be bad...

Thanks for the participation of Richard & Catherine, Sue & Stuart, Jan & Chris, Steve, Shushu & Shalini, and friend (sorry, I've forgotten his name!), Nick, John, Kevin & Margaret, Derek & Joan, Rachel, Pippa, and Paul Gardiner who felt a little unwell but is now fine. I sense that everyone enjoyed the meet, the comments made about the campsite were very positive, I feel we'll be back. Cheers!

25 June Midsummer meet and BBQ Heathy Lea

Chris Wilson

The day started badly. The gate was broken and the electricity had tripped. The electric fault was traced to a dodgy cooker and after a tour of Chesterfield a replacement was found and installed. Meanwhile the gate was removed from its hinges, assorted timbers unearthed and satisfactory repair made.

The living room storage heater has not worked for some time, it now does thanks to a new time controller. The mattress covers and pillow cases were taken off and have now all been washed and put back. Both the barn and cottage were swept, hoovered, cleaned and tidied and the kitchen had a thorough deep clean. Windows were cleaned and the hut was aired. Paths were cleared of weeds and vegetation cut back. The jungle beside the outside toilet was revamped. The bench at the front was cleaned and treated. Wood for many bonfires was collected and stacked in piles ready for use. Litter was collected and removed.

Someone found a few rawlplugs which became the basis for a wood store. Despite occasional rain showers the work was more or less complete before the evening ended. Paths were pressure washed and treated to reduce algae, rotten timber kerbs replaced with heavy railway sleepers and shelves and cupboards cleaned.

During the day much tea was drunk and cake consumed. Walks were undertaken and the Art of Burning Man in Chatsworth visited. Roger visited Hathersage and under Tom's guidance updated his rock boots. The weather improved as evening approached, numbers swelled and a good time was had by

all by the BBQ.



A huge thank you to everyone who came along (too many to name) and made this a really worthwhile and enjoyable day. Your assistance and company make the job of hut custodian moderately pleasurable!

6 July Wildboarclough “Rusty” Russell

We were fortunate with a climate which avoided recent extremes on the day and after assembling by Clough House we crossed the ridge between Wildboarclough and the Dane. The usual bogs were in drier condition and taking a loop to the South to avoid the worst of the rough ground we descended to the Dane just downstream from Knar. Turning upstream we traversed ground which had recently seen Oread presence but the team were generous about this. After a repast at Panniers Pool we moved up to Danebower Quarry where the chimney masonry was adjudged to be to well pointed up for an ascent. After heading towards the Cat and Fiddle we turned south down Cumberland Brook where the isolated crannies, out of the breeze, received approval for a final refreshment stop.

There were approximately ten in attendance (I often count myself twice or not at all). Pam Storer (plus dog), Sue Todd, Jan Wilson, Pippa Leach, Nick Evans Stuart Firth, Mike Hayes, Chris and Steve add up, I think, to about the right number. Thanks to all for your company and support.

16 July 2022 Gritstone Trail Part 2 Stuart Firth



Photo by Peter Amour.

The forecast for the weekend was super hot but it was surprisingly cool when we met below The Cloud at the Timbersbrook car park which was suitably equipped with a defibrillator. We learnt that The Cloud has an unusual phenomenon in that, at the summer solstice and when viewed from Leek, it actually exhibits two sunsets.

A prompt and energetic start soon warmed us up as we approached the magnificent viewpoint looking out over the Cheshire Plain, taking in the Jodrell Bank radio telescope.



Louise and Nick at the viewpoint. Photo by Peter Amour.

We descended delightedly towards the River Dane, stopping for half-past elevenses in a grassy field with fine views towards our objective. We then battled though high bracken along a chickweed infested leat; at anytime we expected

a crocodile or hippo to emerge and gobble up any laggards. Lunch was taken near Dumkins - just before the junction with our previous stage of the Trail. More delightful walking introduced us to fauna more familiar to the Australian Outback - Ostriches and Wallabies.



Photos by Louise Amandini

Hamish, Pam's puppy, was terrified of the former but fascinated by the latter.

The weather was warming up and we were glad to be homing in on the pub at Bosley for a well-deserved drink. A false alarm caused our hearts to sink momentarily as we approached and then passed a deserted pub shortly before reaching the welcoming Harrington Arms.

One member of the party then put in a bid for the Bent Screw Award by publically declaring that they hitherto had been walking with their shorts on back-to-front. Only my natural chivalry prevents me from naming said individual - maybe they will confess in due course.

A pleasant stride took us back to the car park and we were reassured that the defibrillator was not required.

Many thanks to all attendees: Hamish, Pam Storer, Nick Evans, John Gwyther, Peter Amour, Jan Wilson, Pippa Leach, Louise Amandini, Sue Todd, Mike Rittig.

The next stage will be on Saturday 15 October 2022.

11- 15 July Tan yr Wyddfa working party Snod Helliwell



A turn-out of nine regular attendees did a load of cleaning and tidying and general sprucing up while enjoying the wonderful weather with climbing and walking – or just enjoying the sun – in the afternoons. By far the most time-consuming job was the rubbing down and repainting of the gates- Kev Sarson was a hero! Derek fixed the leaking boot room tap and mended the John Shreeve bench which

had a rotten seat, Joan and Margaret cleaned for England - or Wales?, Roy did the work of a man half his age and the Kenningtons strimmed everywhere, fixed loads of niggly problems and did some serious tidying of the woodstore and toolshed. But hey – it was lovely weather in Wales - we enjoyed some sunshine too! Thanks to all who attended and worked so hard.



15-17 July Tan-Yr-Wyddfa BBQ

Well I promised 'hot and sticky days walking the hills and climbing' and that's what we got, well and truly! Sunday was the hottest day on record in the UK and Saturday was only a tad cooler. Twelve people attended, five of whom had stayed on from the working party: Ruth, Snod, Roy, Pete and Ali. Simon arrived early on Friday and climbed Canyon Rib with Snod and Roy. The rest of us arrived later. On Saturday Snod, Simon and Mike (Ethelmoss) Moss climbed Lavaredo and Lightning Visit on Carreg Alltrem. Richard Hardwick, Roy and some decrepit old soul went up to Bramble Buttress on Craig Y Gesail. While R & R climbed the route in uncomfortable heat the wimp hid under a tree. Andrew, Emily and Scott climbed Snowdon. Pete and Ali walked up Y Garn. Ruth went sketching at Bwlch Cwm Llan under Yr Aran.



Note the splendid new Barbecue now available at the hut (in the toolshed) for members to use. Photo Pete Kennington.

We had the scheduled BBQ in the evening, accompanied by much social intercourse and drink, not all of it alcoholic. Very pleasant it was too.

Sitting on the John Shreeve bench on Sunday morning reminded me of scenes from Lawrence of Arabia. Emily and Scott had sensibly already set off up Y Garn. By midday everyone including Emily and Scott had gone home save for Richard, Mike and me. While I hid in the shade the bold Richard and Mike climbed Eastern Arete on Y Garn. We left the beauty that is North Wales around 6pm in glorious pale yellow evening sunlight. We will return. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Thursday 21 July Ashover North short walk Ruth Gordon

It was a wet night and drizzly morning but we were into double figures at the car park in Ashover. The B team headed for the pub in Milltown – serves them right – it was closed – but rumour has it they enjoyed a soft drink at The Old Poet's on their return. Meanwhile six of us headed out on “the ramble as printed” up to the Fabrick where we enjoyed the views and searched for the animal carvings on the rocks.



At the Fabrick. Photo Peter Amour.

From here Tom led us on a beautiful walk through almost deserted countryside, we met one couple three times but almost nobody else. The threatened rain never appeared, we ate lunch in the sun near Press reservoirs with strawberries for all courtesy of Paul G. On return we lingered for a soft ? drink at the Crispin and very good it was too. Thanks to all for a lovely day out in good company and to Tom in particular for introducing me to new footpaths almost on my doorstep!

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 5JA Mobile 07771 700913. Email: michaelhayes6688@gmail.com

Our preferred method of payment is via bank transfer to our Lloyds account – Sort Code 30-98-97 Account number 62584068. Please use the 'Reference' box to say what the payment is for. **In particular please say which hut, ie Hut fees HL, or Hut fees TyW.** Your name is not necessary in the reference, unless it is different from the bank account name.

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

Information on Member Activities

Welcome to new provisional member Edward Hallam. We hope you will enjoy many happy days with the Oread.

An application for full membership has been received from Stephen Booth and a more recent one from Dawn-Marie Willmer. If you would like to comment on these applications please contact a member of the committee.

John Fisher has a new mobile phone. xxxxxxxx. He would be very pleased to hear from you all.

And now for some very special news!

Mike Moore, a member since 1951 and a leading force in acquiring Bryn y Wern, the first club hut in Wales, will be celebrating his 100th birthday in September and his son Mark has written:

“Dad will be 100 in September and we are having a gathering on the 25th September at his Granddaughter's house.

It would be great if you could put something in the Oread magazine inviting any members who know him and are interested in attending to contact me on

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Above is a photo of Mike ready for action in the early 1950s outside “Tyn y Shanty” a popular climbers' doss at the time, reputedly haunted, and a recent one of him with his wartime medals. Thanks to Paul Gardiner for his efforts in providing these photos.

Rusty's Puzzle Corner



This month's puzzle: is set by Stuart Firth who asks readers of the newsletter who pride themselves on their familiarity with the mountains of north Wales:

What is the grid reference of the trig point from which this panorama was taken?

Last month's puzzle solution:

The question was "What is the colour of an organism (hesperiidae) which traverses the face of which major UK rock climbing venue?" Out of curiosity your Hon. Ed. googled "Hesperiidae" and discovered it to be the Skipper butterfly. Much excited at the possibility of answering one of these puzzles at last I searched on UKC and found two "Grizzled Skipper" routes and one "Chequered Skipper." These are more markings than colours and all were on very esoteric small crags so I thought it unlikely I had it right but sent it to Rusty anyway.

Turns out I was being too precise – I should have been thinking more generally and of the various stages in the creature's life! With this hint I went back to UKC and found "The Green Caterpillar" an unpleasant sounding V.S. on Cern Las and triumphantly told him the answer was green.

Well, I got the right colour but not the right crag!

Rusty's response:

The answer I had in mind was the Green Caterpillar on Cloggy. Firstly I have always had in mind the green strip on the East buttress to the left of Piggots, I recalled a description from Fisher as I have only done Sunset, Chimney route and Curving Crack, never venturing as far as Piggots. I now find that this is officially named as the Green Terrace or similar whereas the guidebook describes The Green Caterpillar as the one near Great Slab (again, I have done Longlands but not Great Slab).

Again I have to apologise as there appear to be green Caterpillars elsewhere too, clearly you have found one. All in all you have ammunition for an interesting paragraph claiming the prize and hauling me over the coals!

Name the Gnome

Last month's vintage gnome was, of course, John Welbourne, as Rusty guessed:

"the balaclava is characteristic - but although I knew him for many years commencing 1959, I do not remember a red one."

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