



# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

**DECEMBER 2022 – JANUARY 2023**



**The team on the Hollinsclough walk on 2 November.**

## **Editorial**

This is a double issue to see you through the turn of the year and in fact well into next year including details of three Scottish winter meets and a look forward to May 2023! Some things need your urgent attention – if you are going on the Bullstones meet and want to eat in the pub you need to get it organised by 1 December!

In here is new information about forthcoming work at Tan yr Wyddfa and BMC advice over problems with parking for Masson Lees Quarry. There are tributes to Mick Keeling and Stan Moore, plus of course the full draft meets list for next year.

On page 20 is the info about how to pay next year's subscription. Please have a look so you can see what you need to do.

**Copy Deadline 20 January**

## Forthcoming Meets 2022

December 3	Annual dinner, Fox and Goose	Nr Chesterfield	Chris and Gill Radcliffe
4	Post prandial walk	Venue TBC, Nr Chesterfield	Jan Wilson
7	Wednesday walk	Rowsley (Massarellas cafe)	Charlie Taylor
7th	Winter wall Wednesday	Awesome Walls, Sheffield	Dave Mason
9/10/11	Bullstones	Yorkshire Dales, Sat. night at Helwith Bridge	YS Nigel Briggs
14	Black rocks evening meet and sc	Cromford, Derbyshire	
15	Thur short walk		Ruth Gordon
17	Dry tooling	Masson Lees	Jeff Ingman and Tim Sellaars
26	Boxing day walk		Location TBD
24-3 Jan	Christmas and New Year hut meet	Tan Yr Wyddfa	

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

06 December. **Jon Morgan**, professional mountain guide, retired anaesthetist. Jon is a hill runner and ski mountaineer. He also represents GB in skimo racing and is currently more than halfway into a one-week-at-a-time ski traverse of the whole Alps.

**10 January 2023. Graham Hoey**, Peak based author, new router, photographer, climbing guidebook writer. Graham was a guest at the Oread dinner in 2021.

07 February. **Paul Bingham**, Oread, will talk about nesting birds and how they tie in to his mountaineering.

07 March. **Paul Gardiner**, Oread and one of only two surviving original members. This will be a bit of a look back! Assisted by **Peter Amour**.

Rob Tresidder email: [Rob61.Tresidder@icloud.com](mailto:Rob61.Tresidder@icloud.com)

## Winter Zoom Talks

Zoom talks will continue through the winter on the third Tuesday of the month Starting at 8:00 pm. The joining details will be emailed out closer to each of the talks.

20<sup>th</sup> December – A double bill.

Spike Johnston : Recent adventures in Tenerife and his Derbyshire Trig Point Challenge.

Chris + Gill Radcliffe: Trip to Leonidio. A climbing and cycling holiday in one of the the premier climbing areas in Greece. Chris' photos are scenic shots taken on his rides and a couple of walks. Gill will talk to her climbing photos.

Dates for the New Year 2023

17<sup>th</sup> January – Pip Leach  
 21<sup>st</sup> February – Chris Wilson

21<sup>st</sup> March – Gill Radcliffe and Peter Amour

## Draft Meets List 2023 Michael Moss

The meets for the first three months are firm, all the hut bookings are confirmed, but there are some meets, especially from April onwards that will depend on members volunteering to lead them. So if people can volunteer to take on a meet: hut meets, Peak day meets or anything that they are keen to add, arrange and shape to their preferences then I would very much like to hear from them.

Michael Moss: email: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Tel xxxxxxxxxxxxx

<b>Jan</b>	1st	New year's day walk		
	6th-7th	The Cabin, JMCS hut	Balgowan, Newtonmore	Gill Radcliffe
	11th	Winter wall Wednesdays	Awesome Walls, Sheffield	Dave Mason
	11th	Wednesday walk, Monsal Head		Steve Booth
	14th to 21st	Ice climbing, Rjukan,	Norway	Jeff Ingman
	19th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
		21 Weekend walk Youlgreave		Peter Amour
<b>Feb</b>	1st	Wednesday walk		Rachel Walker
	3rd-4th	Milehouse cottage, LCCS hut	Kincraig, Cairngorms	Rob Beck
	8th	Winter wall Wednesdays	Awesome Walls, Sheffield	Dave Mason
	6/20	Mediterranean sport climbing	Aparthotel Terralta, Benidorn	Derek Pike,
	16th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	18/19	Weekend walk - Gritstone Trail 4 Teggs Nose		SMF
<b>March</b>	1st	Wednesday walk - Thorp		Peter Amour
	8th	Winterwall Wednesdays	Awesome Walls, Sheffield	Dave Mason
	10/11th	Fylde hut swap	Little Langdale for Stair?	Meet leader needed
	17/18	Waters Cottage, FRCC hut	Kinlochleven	Michael Hayes
	23rd	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	25/26	AGM and spring stride		
	29th	First Wednesday outdoor climbing meet	Harborough rocks, Brassington	
<b>April</b>	1st/2nd	New members climbing meet	Peak district	Meet leader needed
	5th	Wednesday walk - Bradbourne		Gill Radcliffe
	7th-10th	Easter, Bouldering Fontainebleu		Lance Baker
		14-Jan Weekend walk - Dimmingsdale		
	20th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	21st/22nd	Glen Etive hut, Grampian club		Meet leader needed
<b>May</b>	1st	May BH camping	Cornwall	Michael Hayes
	6/7 or 13/14	Peak climbing day meets	Peak district	Meet leader needed
	10th	Wednesday walk		Jan Wilson
	18th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	20/21	Weekend walk		
	20th May to 4th June	Scotland stacks, pinacles and other classics	West coast Scotland	Michael Moss
	29th	Spring BH		

<b>June</b>	8th	Wednesday walk		
	9th - 10th	High Moss hut, Rucksack club	Duddon valley, Lakes	Meet leader needed
	15th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	17/18 (or 3/4)	Peak climbing day meets	Peak district	Meet leader needed
	17/18	Weekend walk, Yorkshire Ramblers Club hut, LowstClapham, Yorkshire Dales		Peter Amour
	23rd-25th	BBQ Tan yr Wyddfa		Tony Howard
<b>July</b>	???	Alpine meet		Meet leader needed
	1/2nd or 8/9th	Peak climbing day meets	Peak district	Meet leader needed
	5th	Wednesday walk		
	15/16	Weekend walk		
	20th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	28/29th	Welsh hut meet Tan Yr Wyddfa		Meet leader needed
<b>Aug</b>	2nd	Wednesday walk		Jan Wilson
	4th-5th	Weardale, walking and mountain biking		Pip Leach and Pete Masters
	12th/13th	Peak climbing day meets	Peak district	Meet leader needed
	17th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	19/20	Weekend walk		
	26th-28th	BH		Meet leader needed
<b>Sept</b>	1st/2nd	Low House MAM hut, Coniston	Lakes	
	6th	Wednesday walk		
	9th/10th	Peak climbing day meets/BARMY comp?	Peak district	Meet leader needed
	16/17	Weekend walk		
	21st	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	23rd/24th	BARMY comp?	Peak district	
<b>Oct</b>	4th	Wednesday walk		
	6/7th	Fylde hut Little Langdale	Fylde MC hut swap	Dave Snod Helliwell
	11th	Winter wall Wednesdays		
	14th-22nd???	Mediterranean sport climbing	Sardinia, TBC	Simon Pape
	19th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	21/22	Weekend walk		
	27/28	Curry meet. Lakes? or Tan yr Wyddfa as fall back		Tony Howard
	30	Start Monday evening indoor meets	Climbing unit, Derby	
<b>Nov</b>	1st	Wednesday walk		Rusty - Clive Russell
	4th	Bonfire night	Heathy Lea, Chatsworth	
	8th	Winter wall Wednesdays		
	18/19	Joint FRCC/Oread MC Dry-tooling Meet	Rawhead Barn, Langdale	Neil McAllister & A N Oread
	16th	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon	
	18/19	Weekend walk		
<b>Dec</b>	2nd?	Annual dinner		
	3rd?	Post prandial walk		
	6th	Wednesday walk		
	6th	Winter wall wednesdays		
	9th to 11th	Bull Stones		
	13th	Black rocks evening meet and pub social	Cromford	
	16/17	Dry tooling Masson Lees		
	16/17	Weekend walk		
	21st	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon	
	24-1 Jan	Christmas and New Year hut meet	Tan Yr Wyddfa	

## **Sunday 4 December Post Prandial Walk Jan Wilson**

After a night on the tiles, or an evening spent at the Oread's Annual Dinner, what could be better than a walk in the countryside with friends, enjoying the fresh air?

The dinner this year is at the Fox and Goose on Pudding Pie Hill (what a wonderful name!). Heathy Lea is close by (five minutes by car)..The Sunday walk hasn't been plotted in any detail yet, but will probably be based in the same area. I'm hoping to lead a walk that caters for most abilities. In other words, there will be short cuts and opportunities to quit if needed.

The walk will start in at or around Heathy Lea. It will have a lunchtime stop in a pub. The distance will be around ten miles for the fit, but it will be possible to make it much shorter. It will be enjoyable. The company will be great. So please get the date in your diary! You will need to let the excitement build for another month and the next newsletter to get more details, but that should be adequate time to speculate, and prepare.

I do hope we will see you on the walk.

Jan Wilson email:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **Tuesday 6 December 8 pm Lecture Royal Oak Ockbrook**



**Jon Morgan:** Jon will give a talk on the TransAlpine crossing on skis which he is doing one week at a time and in the company of three friends. They started at the Mediterranean and intend to finish in Vienna. They have done five weeks so far and expect to do another three or four. Jon is a professional mountain guide

(BMG and IFMGA). After the break he will share his thoughts on mountains and climate change and perhaps what can be done about it at an individual level. Admission £3.00 Oreads £5.00 non members.

### **Wednesday 7 December walk - Rowsley Charlie Taylor**

Meet at Massarella's café at the Peak Village shopping complex just off the A6 at Rowsley, where there is plenty of free parking available. I'm aiming for a 10:15 depart. The route takes us over the A6 into Rowsley village, up on to Stanton moor-visiting Nine Ladies stone circle and the Cork stone- past the Druid inn at Birchover, then over to Robin Hood's Stride. From here it's downhill to Youlgrave and Alport before the steep up hill to Stanton in Peak and then back to Rowsley. The route is approximately 10 miles long with 1,693 ft of ascent.

Please let me know if you are attending  
email: [xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxx)\_Tel: xxxxxxxxxxxx

### **9-11 December Bullstones meet Nigel and Janet Briggs**

The meet will start in Clapham, North Yorkshire. 48 hour parking is available for £7.50 in the village car park off Church Avenue. On street parking in the village may be possible for those who don't feel able or willing to pay this. We will eat in the New Inn, Clapham. They don't want to take a group booking as people will be arriving at different times, so please do your own booking:

<https://newinnclapham.com/food-drinks/>

After suitable quantities of beer have been consumed we will walk up Long Lane, to the East of Clapham Beck. Where the walled lane stops proceed downhill to a sheltered bivi spot at GR: SD759718, approx. 3.5 km and 50 minutes. There is no water available nearby, so bring your own.

Saturday night will be spent at the Yorkshire Subterranean Society hut (The Old School House) at Helwith Bridge, GR SD810695. To walk there from the bivi spot you can take in one, two or even all three of the Yorkshire Three Peaks, or if the weather is really bad find a shorter lower level route. We are proposing to go over Ingleborough, and Pen y Ghent, passing by Gaping Ghyll Main Shaft cave entrance and taking in some of the finest limestone scenery in the country.

We have made a provisional group booking for those who wish to eat in the Helwith Bridge Hotel at 7.00 on Saturday night. This is adjacent to the hut. If you wish to eat there we need your food choices, including whether you would like chips, mash or rice and vegetables or salad with your main course. Also if you are ordering steak how would you like it cooked.

Menu here:

<http://www.helwithbridgeinn.co.uk/js/plugins/filemanager/files/main%20menu1-converted.pdf>

Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to come on the meet, and if you wish to eat on the Saturday night get your menu choices to us by the end of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December please. Get in touch if you need any more information

about any aspect of the weekend.

Nigel and Janet Briggs, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **Thursday 15 December Short Walk Ruth Gordon**

We will start at 11.00 am by Tansley Church. There is street parking to be had in various spots on the road through the village. This is a shorter walk (under five miles) suitable for short winter days but does have some ascent. We will go up to Riber by the most gentle means of ascent and take our time over it, before descending to Starkholmes and into Matlock where a pub or cafe stop can be had if the party so wishes. We will then go to Matlock Green and follow a woodland path to the bottom of Lumsdale and follow the bottom of the valley back to Tansley.

Ruth Gordon email

tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **17 December Dry Tooling at Masson Lees Jeff Ingman and Tim Sellears**

Climbing outside in November? Climbing outside in December? .....regardless of the weather?

It can only mean one thing.....dry tooling.

To my knowledge this is the first time that the Oread will be meeting for dry tooling, a specific niche activity for developing skills and strength for winter climbing. It involves using ice tools and crampons to climb rock, sometimes on natural pick placements but often on drilled slots and pockets.

Yes, it's true, the rock gets scratched, hammered and battered. The venues for this activity are chosen by consensus for their lack of suitability for conventional rock climbing, mostly due to a high "choss" factor and the steepness of the rock. The big cave at Masson Lees is perfect on both counts.

It's very popular in the Autumn and Winter months with the great and good of the winter climbing scene, who claim that tooling is the key activity to train for hard ice and mixed. For the rest of us the benefits are quickly won and profound, just ask Tim. He went from novice to a high level of competency in just a few weeks during the second lockdown, when this form of climbing was the only thing available during wet and cold weather. You just need to wrap up warm.

### **Equipment**

Bring your ice tools, helmet, boots and crampons. Ice tools should have the adze removed if possible or padded with foam and tape if it's not possible to take it off. This should prevent a trip to the infirmary if your axe pops out backwards.

Crampons should be mono-point if possible. You can use two front points but you will be making life very difficult for yourself. If you have fruit boots (yeah... right) then bring them along, this is what they were made for. If you're inquisitive and want a look see then bring a helmet, especially useful when hanging around at the bottom of the crag. Also, safety specs are a good idea when climbing.



*The “warm up” at Masson Lees always provided a spicy intro to this niche activity – easier options are now available.*

The routes are well bolted with many of the quickdraws in place, which makes leading, clipping, stripping and failing very easy. If you have a sport climbing belay device for single rope then bring it along.

I have asked Neil Blake to join us, and he’s accepted. Neil is the coach for the British Ice Climbing team and an expert dry tooler. He has been a regular on the ice climbing competition scene for several years and now develops the young British talent for international competition. He’s easy company, passing on his knowledge and wisdom with humour and goodwill.

Please let Tim or I know if you intend to join us for either of these meets so that we can plan a suitable itinerary.

**Please also note the recent BMC access info on page 12**

Jeff Ingman email [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) tel. [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Tim Sellears email [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) tel. [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

## **20 December Zoom Lecture 8.00 pm– A double bill**

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## **24 December – 3 January Christmas and New Year at Tan yr Wyddfa**

As usual all will be welcome for a sociable time over the festive season and, weather permitting, an ascent of Christmas Curry or Canyon Rib - or lovely walks along the beach from Borth y Gest to precede a pot luck supper on New



year's Eve, Come and enjoy! Please be aware that work is scheduled at the hut before Christmas - see page 20 for details.

## 26 December Boxing Day Walk Brassington

Although the Miners' Arms in Brassington is open again it will not be open on Boxing Day this year so we will again meet at the Miners' Arms in **Carsington** which will be open, and was very pleasant last year, but you will have to book in advance if you would like to eat. Their phone number is 01629 540207.

## 1 January New Year's Day walk

Unless a leader emerges the usual plan is for people to wend their way to the Royal Oak at Wetton by a variety of routes for a festive get together. It would appear from their website that you will need to book if you want to eat. The pub is closed over Christmas, reopening on 30 December. Their phone number is 01335 310287.

## 6 -7 January Scottish Winter Meet Gill Radcliffe

The first Scottish winter meet for 2023 will be at The Cabin, Balgowan, Newtonmore. Newtonmore gives access to Creag Meagaidh, the Northern Cairngorms and The Ben (long drive). We have the whole hut which sleeps 10 people at a cost of £7 pppn. If the weather is good I'm keen to make the most of the weekend by travelling up on Thursday and having three days on the hill, returning Sunday evening. Parking is limited to six cars so it's a good idea to car share.

Email / text or phone to book your bed:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## 11 January Wednesday walk Monsal Head Steve Booth

Title	Monsal Head to Litton
Date	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Leader	Steve Booth
Spaces	N/A
Contact details	Tel; 07985 588544. Email; booth.steve.j@gmail.com
Start Time	10.00 am
Start venue	Monsal Head. Road parking on Butts Road or in the car park at the rear of the hotel. Map ref. SK 18561 71546
Grade	Moderate
Distance	10.50 miles
Accent	1760 ft
Refreshments	Red Lion Inn Litton
Toilets	Car park at the start and Red Lion Inn Litton
Additional Information	Please be kind to the leader.
Route (Basic)	Monsal Head, Wardlow, Litton, Tideswell Dale, Monsal Head

Meet on the junction of Butts Lane and Ashford Lane (B6465). Our walk will be

of approximately 10.5 miles, taking in moorland and limestone valleys before enjoying the hospitality of the Red Lion Inn at Litton. After the gradual descent of Tideswell Dale the route will climb above the Monsal Trail (subject to the weather) for some spectacular views of Millers Dale before crossing the Monsal Dale viaduct and the final climb up to Monsal Head.

### **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

### **17 January Zoom Lecture 8.00 pm– Pip Leach**

In 2018, Peter Masters and I went to the stunning Lofoten Islands. The journey took us up through The Netherlands, Germany, Denmark and Sweden, where we climbed Sweden's highest peak, Kebnekaise, before heading west to Norway's archipelago of Lofoten. We took in the distinctive scenery and dramatic mountains by foot, mountain bike and and via an inflatable kayak.

### **Thursday 19 January Short Walk Ruth Gordon**

We will start at 11.00 am below Black Rocks, hopefully finding roadside parking outside the pay and display car park. This will again be a bit shorter than our summer walks to ensure we don't run out of daylight. The exact route will be chosen nearer the time, taking into account weather and conditions underfoot. Ruth Gordon: email xxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

### **Saturday 21 January Yomp from Youlgreave Peter Amour**

Please gather at the car park west of Youlgreave SK 19401 64461, which lies on the Limestone Way. Start time :- 10-30am. Distance :- About 10 miles  
Should further details be required my mobile number is xxxxxxxxxxxx

### **3- 4 February Milehouse Cottage Cairngorms Rob Beck**

We have 12 places available at Milehouse Cottage, near Kingcraig.  
The LSCC hut, situated in the Cairngorms national park, has good facilities and easy access to the Scottish mountains.  
A chance to get your crampons and axes out.  
For more info about the cottage:  
<https://www.ladiesscottishclimbingclub.org/huts/milehouse-cottage/>  
To book your place contact  
Rob Beck Email:xxxxxxxxxxxTel:xxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **17-18 March Scottish Winter Climbing Meet Waters cottage Kinlochleven Michael Hayes**



We have 12 places booked at the Fell and Rock Hut in Kinlochleven in the western Highlands. The hut is in a great position with close access to all the main climbing areas including Glen Coe and Ben Nevis.

With longer daylight hours March is an ideal time to make the journey north in search of snow and ice.

To book your place please email me [xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxx)

## **28 April – 9 May Bank holidays in Cornwall Michael Hayes**

This is an early notice for the May Day Bank Holiday weekend meet to Cornwall and as an extra coronation Bank Holiday has been added I expect campsites to be booked up quickly to make use of the longer holiday.

We are planning to stay at Kelynack Caravan & Camping Park which is close to the village of St Just and in an ideal location for all the West Cornwall climbing venues including Bosigran, Sennen and Chair Ladder. In addition to the climbing there are fantastic coastal walks, beaches and so much more.

We are booked into the campsite from the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> but come for as long as you can and enjoy this fantastic part of the world.

The cost will be £10 per adult per night and £10 per night if you want electricity hook up and a 25% deposit is required.

Either phone the campsite on 01736 787633 or email the form which can be

found on the website [www.kelynackholidays.co.uk](http://www.kelynackholidays.co.uk) And don't forget to let me know!

Michael Hayes: Email [xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxx)

## **News, Articles and Reports from Meets**

### **Masson Lees Parking Issues: BMC new access info**

The broad entrance to a dirt track is on the left, a bit after the left turn for Masson Lees farm, there is some parking space available here but the majority of this hard ground is required for large vehicles (including large articulated lorries) turning into and out of the farm track and should be left clear.

Do not drive or park on or up the track itself.

Do not park in spaces on the road marked as passing places.

The track itself is used by at least three separate farms and large vehicles requiring a wide turning circle frequently pass along it. For this reason the farmers have asked for the spaces directly opposite the track entrance to be kept clear of parked vehicles.

Following the above advice means there are a very limited number of parking spaces, as such it is advisable to lift share and consider parking further away and walking in where possible, especially during summer evenings and weekends.

Other avenues are being explored in the hope of resolving the issue. Doing the most we can to avoid conflict in the meantime will greatly assist with these efforts.

However, anyone parking anywhere on Salter's Lane should be aware that this in itself is a source of friction. Anyone concerned about a repeat incident of vehicle damage (broken mirrors) might consider using a dashboard camera!

### **Hollinsclough walk 2 November Rusty Russell**



In spite of a dire forecast 13 generous souls volunteered to accompany me, the

objective being to explore the bleak and deserted upper basin of the Manifold and then swing round clockwise to return by the relatively scenic and hospitable Dove valley. The ridge forming the watershed between the two infant streams provided the necessary exertion to maintain minimal fitness but previously, aged and decadent, I had inserted a small detour on paved surface to avoid the worst of the boggy sections. Descending the valley and below Dove Head there were mutterings from the ranks about previous visits. At that point we were about 580 perches from a point where, as we sat dining amongst some Highland cows a year or two previously, Mike H had asked me where the nearest settlement was, as he searched for our then location on his map. I had to reply that there was no human habitation in the vicinity. We shortened our mid day stop and arrived back just in time to avoid the forecast heavy rain and dined instead at Monyash Café on completion

Those present: Richard Hopkinson, Chris Mather Michael Rittig, Peter Amour Stuart Firth, John G. Charlie, Nigel Briggs, Mike Hayes Janet Briggs, Rachel Walker, Pippa Leach, Sue Todd.

## **Memories of Mick Keeling Peter Amour**

My first occasion with Mick was in the Gate Inn at Brassington, He and Colin Hobday had just completed an evening on Harborough Rocks. Mick was dressed in what I would call his signature dress; Ron Hills, horizontal hoop-striped tee shirt, topped off with his “ratting hat”- a well seasoned cloth cap. I recall the occasion was light hearted, relaxed, with pleasant banter flowing back and forth. That was in the early 90s, a time when Oreads such as Reg Squires, Clive “Rusty” Russell, Colin, Graham Foster and myself would regularly have Wednesday evenings on local crags such as Black Rocks, Rainster, Harborough, and less frequently to other not too distant outcrops.

A short while later Rusty organised a camping meet at Goredale Scar in the Yorkshire Dales. Colin and Uschi, Georgina, and I often shared weekends together. Mick and Gill, and their dog Rosie had joined us too on their first away meet, we were mutually at ease in each others company, and the foundations were laid for long term friendships

During that weekend I mentioned my background being the automotive industry. He latched onto this as he had recently retired from being a training officer for the Road Transport Industrial Training Board. His position had been to uphold and improve standards within garage and haulage businesses. Some of those standards were obligatory and meant that Mick would occasionally have to insist that the client upheld them. During one meeting the client disagreed with the demand, and encouraged Mick and his boss off the premises with a dog!

Besides professional ties to vehicles he had an enthusiasm for cars, particularly unusual ones. One such was a three wheeled, twin cylindered Morgan, from which his father, without authority, sold the engine. Keeling junior was not impressed. Another vehicle of character was a Triumph Special, a car based around Triumph running gear and chassis but constructed in a way that had

open wheels, not unlike a Morgan. I once recall Mick displaying his leather flying helmet as part of the driver's kit, I believe the helmet and goggles were as issued to Spitfire pilots.



Both Gill and Mick also had other interests including sailing, and with a friend, Rob acquired a vessel which they kept for sailing around the Cornish coast. In later years they continued their nautical and social interests afloat, sailing locally at Carsingtonwater. They were also loyal long term supporters of Stapleford Travel & Photographic Society despite Mick's declining health.

Georgina and I have, along with many other Oreads, spent many happy days in Mick's company, had great weekend meets on the hills, shared cycle tours, and many a social event. Poignantly, Mick and Gill had only very recently celebrated their Diamond Anniversary.

We express our sincerest condolences to Gill and the family. Thanks for your smile, and the memories Mick...

### **Stan Moore 1926 - 2022**

*The following tribute was sent to the Oread by Edgar Harwood of the Cave and Crag Club. If anyone who knew Stan can add to this account Edgar would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact your Hon. Ed. for his email address.*



Stan was born in Birmingham on 22 December 1926, the second child of Bill and Beat(rice), and three years younger than his brother Doug. The family lived at 276 Clifton Road, Sparkbrook, a house of which Stan gives a vivid description in his memoirs.

“Three bedrooms, with a kitchen, a sitting area, and a dining room, a front room (seldom used) with a door directly onto the street. It had an outside toilet up the garden path next to the coalhouse. There was gas lighting, an open fire in every room, and us boys bathed weekly in a tin bath brought into the kitchen and filled with water from pans and kettles heated on the stove”

Stan attended the local primary school, where he passed the 11 plus, ranking in the top ten students in the city for his year. This was wartime, so his early years at Moseley Grammar School were much interrupted by bombing and evacuations. He and Roy Morgan met around this time, both in shorts, and on their way to school.

His childhood walks around Birmingham became youth hostelling, scrambling in Wales and Derbyshire became climbing, then skiing in “The Big Mountains”. At sea level, he took up dinghy racing which evolved into yachting although the golf club was “too stuffy by half” for him. No, the Cave & Crag, OREAD, MAM; these were Stan’s sorts of clubs.

After school he wasn’t sure what he wanted to do, but he had a long list of things he didn’t. But in one of those great moments in life that decide the future, the first opportunity that came up was with the Birmingham branch of an engineering firm, Banister Walton – run by the formidable David W. James Carrington (known to all as ‘JC’).

Stan started work there in late 1942. And he was plunged into the highly technical world of designing steel frames for buildings – a job at which he quickly proved himself highly competent.

In 1946 ‘JC’ left to form his own company. And he didn’t waste much time in contacting Stan and encouraging him to join his new venture. It was a big risk – leaving a large established firm to go and work at his former manager’s kitchen table. As the post-war building and reconstruction boom got underway, things became very busy with new premises, and projects pouring in. Stan also got his BSc in Civil Engineering from Aston University in 1948 and persuaded JC to hire an old colleague, Les Robinson. The firm went from strength to strength.

With friends in various local clubs, notably the Cave & Crag, Stan also began to show a real skill and passion for rock and mountain climbing. Stan was Treasurer of the Cave and Crag in the early days as well as being Climbing Meet Secretary and leading many meets. In those days with little personal transport it was often on a hired coach. He also went caving in France with Bill Little and Lewis and Margery Railton among others in 1948. That same year he led a climbing meet to Chamonix as well as a walk in the Berwyns.

JC was somewhat stunned in summer 1951 when Stan announced that he was joining an expedition to “go to Arctic Norway for three months.”

The boss warned him that there might not be a job to return to, but Stan went anyway – it was too good an opportunity to miss. And his experiences in the Arctic shaped him for the rest of his life. This was later written about by George Sutton, leader of the Oread Lyngen Expedition to Arctic Norway, entitled ‘Storm on a Mountain’. Here is an abbreviated version of his account.

‘When the storm broke, [at 19:00 hours], Stan and I were nearing 4,500 feet. A deluge struck as we were on some of the hardest climbing on the ridge, but we



fought our way through to a further summit. Without doubt we were now at the top of Giaeventind at over 5,000 feet. The storm was enjoying its second wind now. I put my head close to Stan and shouted against the storm that we should leave this summit with all speed. We were wet, cold and hungry and had been on the mountain about nine hours, and base camp seemed equally as far away. Stan willingly agreed.

We decided to descend down to the Rottenvik glacier – it seemed the safer and quicker route. We scrambled down and roped up again. Stan struck off confidently, moving down at a stumbling run until we came to a rock islet. To the left, the glacier fell in rows of deeply indented crevasses; to the right was an equally evil looking bergschrund, a big, open and deep crevasse. To our relief, we saw a ledge of ice between the rock wall of the islet and this big crevasse. Carefully we sidled along this sloping terrace, and so out onto the lower reach of the glacier.

Ahead of me, battered hat jammed on his head, Stan plodded steadily on. He seemed tireless and indestructible. I realised that despite all, I too felt tireless and alive. Just at that moment, as if on cue, tortured streaks of lightning cut through the gloom, bursting with thunder round the mountain walls, and exploding in splashes of fire over the glacier.

At that I laughed, suddenly unafraid of the fact that our axes were metal, and we were the tallest thing on the glacier, unafraid of the mountains, altogether; we felt like giants, able to meet all perils. No wonder the Norsemen had such a splendid mythology. We had struggled mightily with this mountain – we had not won, or lost, nor had the mountain.

At a little after midnight we slogged wearily to our base hut. Within minutes there was the sound of sodden clothing hitting the floor, the clank of the primus stove pumps. Harry and Ken were there to welcome us back. Pat put on a brew for us. Dick, and Phil, Bob [and Alick] all gathered around.

There was a great feeling of comradeship. Talk flowed, the pinnacles grew taller, the crevasses deeper, the storm fiercer. “I fell over this ruddy great boulder – the lightning came right on to the glacier” – the derisive laughter of our friends set the seal to yet another mountain adventure.

Nursing mugs of hot tea, [we] sat contentedly among [our] climbing companions; life could not get better than this.’

Stan was shortlisted for the famous 1953 Everest expedition ; it took him another 50 years but he did finally get to the Himalayas -- many times -- with Bob Pettigrew and friends.

The happy ending to this story was that there was a job for him to return to, and Stan was able to pick up where he left off. He became a partner, and when JC retired, having no children of his own, he handed the entire business in equal shares to Stan and Les.

Carrington's (as it continued to be known) went on to become the largest consulting practice in the Midlands, and eventually part of a bigger, national organisation, where Stan served as a board member up to his retirement. He became a prominent figure in his profession and served as President of the Midlands Institution of Structural Engineers.

Stan achieved much both professionally and in other fields, notably mountaineering. He would be puzzled if work colleagues had no hobbies, no activities outside work. Too many, he said, were only interested in the next mortgage and the next car. Even if they had an interest in knitting this would be fine with Stan. It was striking that as a city dweller throughout his life Stan's interests in outdoor activities were both so wide and unique to him – no-one in the family, neither his parents nor his brother, shared those passions. Work to live, not live to work seemed to be Stan's philosophy.

Stan and Edith were married in April 1962, with the three children, Ian, Dianne and Keith following over the next three years.

Whether on a heavy sea, a steep ski run or an exposed mountain ledge, Stan was ever the pragmatist and realist. A stock phrase, oft used in debates with his children, was “Ah yes”, he would say, “but in the practical politics of the world...” A phrase that could defeat any argument!

That same pragmatism was applied when designing buildings or running a business. Stan made this his mantra and guiding principle throughout his life. And it's significant that everything he did, be it for work, leisure or pleasure, he chose to do with others. He was a serial joiner, member and driving force in dozens of clubs, societies, institutes and groups. On top of everything else, Stan was a brave collaborator who made things happen.

Stan's favourite tree was the Rowan, fittingly also known as Mountain Ash. It reminded him of the Rowan route in North Wales – his first successful 'v diff' climb. After completing this he felt he could justifiably call himself a climber. Stan was given a Rowan tree for his 70th birthday, and there were some boughs from that tree upon his coffin

Stan lived an eventful life but also had quite an eventful death... or deaths. He “died” in his early 20s, when he and Frank Fitzgerald were caught overnight, high in the Alps, allegedly also struck by lightning. They returned to the climbing hut the following morning to find Birmingham University climbers had already posthumously divided up their gear and informed the valley authorities of their demise. Stan and Frank soon found the mountain rescue team preparing to search for their bodies. “You know the two English climbers who died on the mountain last night?” Stan asked “Yes?” came the quizzical reply “Well”, beamed Stan with a huge grin “that's us!”.

## **Hut Bookings.**

Both our Welsh and Derbyshire hut bookings have now moved online at the Oread website [www.oread.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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, Cathy Ayton, we hope you will enjoy many happy days with the club.

### **Rusty's Puzzle Corner**

#### **This month's puzzle:**

Four unruly post graduate students from a dubious seat of learning were sent off on an expedition, partly in the hope that they would encounter mortal danger but also to test various position recording devices. Their instructions were to take up positions, each equidistant, 293 perches from the other three. The tolerances specified were sensible for the circumstances, say plus or minus 0.3 perches.

How was this achieved geometrically and what may we deduce regarding the geographical position of the experiment?

For those born in the present century or thereabouts, 1 chain equals 14.7 perches, 1km=50 chains

#### **Last month's puzzle solution:**

The photograph of the waterfall was that of Pistyll Rhaeadr in The Berwyn Mountains. The other photograph was Lode Mill Bridge over the River Dove, a little upstream from Milldale Village. Six figure map references are SJ069 295 and SK 146 551 respectively. Difference in Eastings is 107km, Northings 25.6km. The diagonal distance is therefore 110 km or 68 miles - (100 km must be added to account for moving from square sj to square sk, and the decimal point adjusted as the six figure reference gives a unit of 100 metres rather than a kilometre). Google maps gives a driving distance

of 88 miles, this seems to be compatible with a distance of 68 miles as the crow flies.

## Oread Subscription Renewal 2023

Subscriptions will 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.

Last year we started to collect our subscriptions in a different way, by direct debit. **If you signed up last year you will not need to do anything**, we will automatically collect them in late January. 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.

**If you have not yet signed up but would like to do so this is what you need to do.** Please sign up if you can because it saves a lot of work for both Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

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](mailto:websupport@oread.co.uk)
  
- Click on one of the links below to set up your direct debit through GoCardless:
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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 in late January 2023. 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.

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<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 not signed up** and do not wish to do so you need do nothing now, we will contact you in the new year to make alternative arrangements.

Thank you,

Janet Briggs, Oread Treasurer. Please email me with any questions or concerns on [treasurer@oread.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@oread.co.uk)

## **Imminent work at Tan yr Wyddfa Dave Helliwell**

Tan yr Wyddfa will be not a great place to stay for most of December because Peter Cox will be starting work to cure the constant damp ingress by putting in dry lining in the bay window walls of the dining room, and lounge, plus landing and right hand front bedroom. They intend to start on the 6<sup>th</sup> December and finish on the 15<sup>th</sup>. In preparation Derek and I will be going down on the 5<sup>th</sup> to remove the storage heater and furniture. Anyone else welcome!!

On the 19<sup>th</sup> we are having new floors laid to replace the cracking old linoleum tiles in the kitchen, dining room, lounge and upstairs toilet. I will be going down to check and prepare beforehand.

There will also be the usual Christmas/New Year meet but there will be some tidying up needed after the works. It may also be a bit chilly in the dining room as we are unlikely to be able to replace the storage heater until the plaster has dried out. The portable heater in the under stairs cupboard will, no doubt, help us out.



A big thank you to Michael Hayes for designing and fixing an elegant solution to the long standing concerns about the low balustrade on the upstairs landing.

Toughened glass panels now raise the height to conform with current regulations.

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