

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE

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Kinder Low

Fun and games on Kinder Low: see page 18. Photo John Green

Editorial

Meets coming up – weekends in Little Langdale and Snowdonia, Peak District walks, including the last leg of the Gritstone Trail, and the first of our winter indoor climbing nights and monthly illustrated talks kicking off in October. In November we have the Annual Dinner - always a great night - on 18 November. Booking form at the end of this newsletter – must be returned by 30 October at latest. Looking forward to December details of this year's Bullstones in here! On pages 4-5 are details of the winter Zoom talks and Royal Oak lectures - kicking off with one not to be missed – Paul Gardiner's look back to the early days of the Oread on 3 October. For walkers next year's programme is on pages 2-4 and includes a new venture - the Geo Walks. Volunteer leaders are needed- as always – please have a look and see what you can offer.

Copy Deadline 20 October.

Meets List 2023 Michael Moss

Michael Moss: email: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Tel xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Oct	3rd	Lecture - Oread the formative years and onwards	Royal Oak, Ockbrook	Paul Gardiner
	4th	Wednesday walk	Curbar	Charlie Taylor
	6/7th	Fylde hut Little Langdale	Fylde MC hut swap	Dave Snod Helliwell
	11th	Winter wall Wednesdays		
	14th-19th	Mediterranean sport climbing, Siurana, Spain		Emma Hayes
	19th	Thursday short walk	Belper	Ruth Gordon
	21st	Gritstone trail stage 6 - finale	Lyme Park	Stuart Firth
	27/28	Curry meet, Tan yr Wyddfa	N Wales	Tony Howard
	30	Start Monday evening indoor meets	Climbing unit, Derby	
Nov	1st	Wednesday walk	Goyt Valley	Rusty - Clive Russell
	4th	Bonfire night	Heathy Lea, Chatsworth	
	7th	Lecture - Cath Flitcroft BMC	Royal oak Ockbrook	
	8th	Winter wall Wednesdays		
	16th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	18th	Annual dinner, Fox and Goose	{Pudding Pie Hill, Wigley	Chris and Gill Radcliffe
	18/19	Joint FRCC/Oread MC Dry-tooling Meet	Rawhead Barn, Langdale	Neil McAllister (FRCC) & Tim
	19 th	Post prandial walk		John Gwyther
Dec	5th	Lecture - John Shields paraclimber	Royal Oak Ockbrook	
	6th	Wednesday walk		Charlie Taylor
	6th	Winter wall wednesdays		
	8th to 10 th	Bull Stones	Ringinglow-Stoney	John Gwyther
	13th	Black rocks evening meet and pub social	Cromford	
	16/17	Dry tooling Masson Lees		Meet leader needed
	16th	Weekend walk		Steve Booth
	21st	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	24-1 Jan	Christmas and New Year hut meet	Tan Yr Wyddfa	

2024 Walking Programme Stuart Firth

Many thanks are due to all those who volunteered to lead walks during 2023. You know who you are and I'm sure you enjoyed /will enjoy the fun to be gained by contributing to Club life.

Early doors I know but time whizzes by and we need to be planning for next year. So please would all walkers consider leading a meet - whether you have done so before or not.

As usual, there will be Wednesday walks and Weekend Walks – normally on a Saturday.

Two changes for 2024. Firstly, we plan to integrate the Peak District GeoWalk project into the weekend programme – roughly alternate months starting January. These walks are based on the excellent website

<https://peakdistrictgeowalk.org>. Focussing on the geology of the area, they should be a great introduction to the rock-climbing opportunities the Peak has to offer. I'm hopeful that seasoned climbers will participate and introduce newer climbers to what is on offer. The OS Geology Map below illustrates the extraordinary geology of the Matlock area alone.



Extract from Geological Special Sheet Matlock 1971 Published by the Ordnance Survey for the Institute of Geological Sciences.

Secondly, I would like leaders - in choosing their own routes - to specify the approximate distance and grading. E.g. 8, 10 or 12+ miles, Easy, Moderate, Tough Stuff.

So, have a look at the draft schedule below and let me know what you would be willing to do and when. Many thanks in advance.

Stuart Firth: tel. xxxxxxxxxx email:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Oread Walk Programme 2024

Section	Start	End	Distance km	Time hr	Ascent m	Day	Date	Leader	
1A	Matlock	Cromford	10	4	290	Sunday	24-Mar-24	Jan Wilson	Post AGM
1B	Cromford	Winster	10	4	300	Saturday	18-May-24	Chris Paice	
2	Winster	Parsley Hay	18	7	305	Saturday	20-Jul-24		
3	Parsley Hay	Milldale	15	5	35	Saturday	21-Sep-24		
4	Milldale	Wetton Mill	15	6	170	Saturday	14-Dec-24		
5	Wetton Mill	Upper Hulme	12	5	350				
6	Upper Hulme	Flash	16	7	570				
7	Flash	Brierlow Park	12	5	380				
8	Brierlow Park	Tideswell	14	6	240				
9	Tideswell	Edale	16	7	490				
10	Edale	Birchen Clough Bridge	16	7	510				
11	Birchen Clough Bridge	Fairholmes	11	5	290				
12	Fairholmes	Upper Burbage Bridge	18	7	530				
13	Upper Burbage Bridge	Robin Hood Inn	15	6	230				
14	Robin Hood Inn	Matlock	15	6	270	Saturday	20-Jan-24	Stuart Firth	
	TBD					Saturday	17-Feb-24		
	TBD					Saturday	20-Apr-24		
	TBD					Saturday	15-Jun-24		
	TBD					Saturday	17-Aug-24		
	TBD					Saturday	19-Oct-24		
	Post-prandial walk	TBC				Sunday	17-Nov-24		TBC
	TBD					Wednesday	10-Jan-24		
	TBD					Wednesday	07-Feb-24		
	TBD		16			Wednesday	06-Mar-24	Chris Paice	
	TBD					Wednesday	03-Apr-24		
	TBD					Wednesday	01-May-24		
	TBD					Wednesday	05-Jun-24		
	TBD					Wednesday	03-Jul-24		
	TBD					Wednesday	07-Aug-24		
	TBD					Wednesday	04-Sep-24		
	TBD					Wednesday	02-Oct-24		
	TBD					Wednesday	06-Nov-24		
	TBD					Wednesday	04-Dec-24		

Winter zoom talks Nigel Briggs

We plan to run the monthly zoom talks again through the winter months. I am in the process of getting all the talks arranged.

The first one is likely to be on the 17th October with a talk about the Tour du Mont Blanc. Confirmation and joining details will be sent out separately when confirmed.

I was wondering about running themed sessions this year with a few shorter presentations rather than just one. Possible themes:-

Scotland – Munros, Corbetts, Grahams, Ridges and Pinnacles

Winter – Scotland, Norway, Dry tooling

Alpine/European rock climbing

If you could contribute a short piece on any of these topics please let me know and we can start to group them on theme (or convenient time to

present).

Or if you have other ideas or would like to give a longer presentation please let me know.

Full training in the use of zoom can be given before the session.
Nigel Briggs : email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

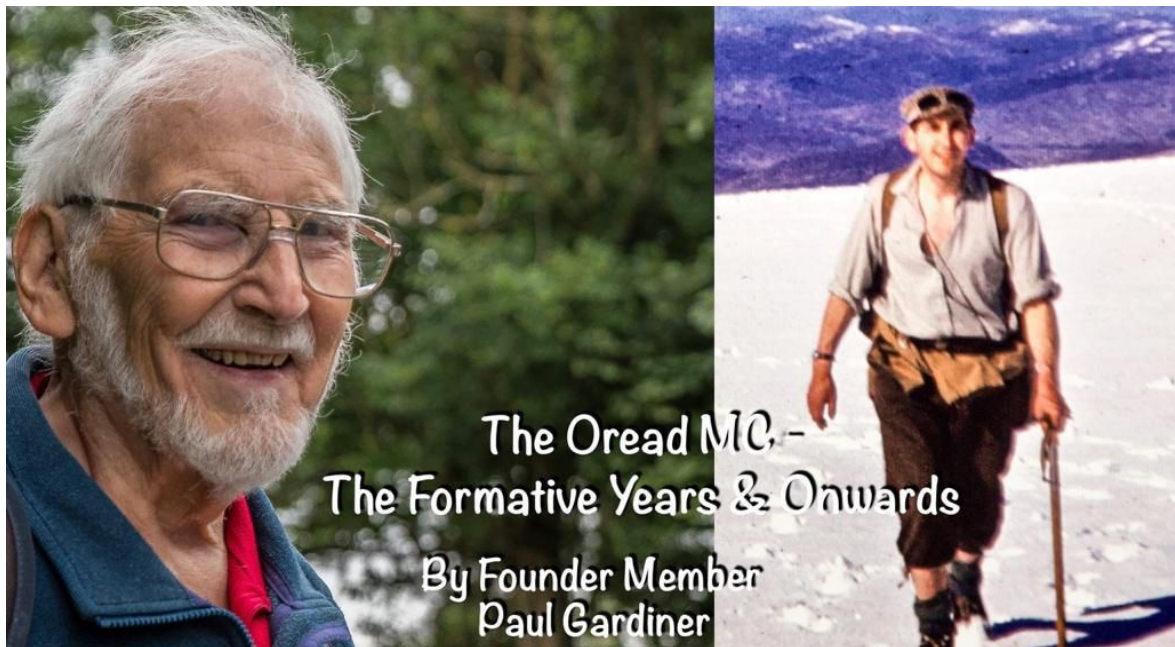
This Winter's Evening MeetTalks Rob Tresidder

These take place on the first (except January) Tuesday of the month at The Royal Oak in Ockbrook.

03 October 2023: Paul Gardiner, OMC see below.
07 November: Cath Flitcroft (BMC)
05 December: Jon Shields, paraclimber
09 January 2024
06 February
05 March Nigel Briggs on Langtang trek

That leaves me with one (or two) slots to fill. Do you have a tale to tell? Maybe you would prefer half an evening. Do you know someone you could invite or someone you would like me to invite? Please be in touch.
Rob email: Rob61.Tresidder@icloud.com

Tuesday 3 October 8 pm Lecture Royal Oak Ockbrook



The first lecture of the season will feature Paul Gardiner, Oread and one of only two surviving original members. This talk, (which sadly had to be postponed in March due to illness) will look back at the very start of the

Oread, (before it was Oread) There will be pictures of early members and groups which I hope will encourage participation from the floor-- like Oread talks used to be !!--if you recognise someone and have an anecdote. Peter Amour has put a lot of effort into stringing this together. Come and see who was on the hill before you!
Admission £3.00 Oreads £5.00 non members.

Wednesday 4 October Curbar - Charlie Taylor

Meet at Curbar Gap car park (SK262747) with an aim to depart at 10:15. This walk takes in Curbar and Froggatt edges, Grindleford, Padley Gorge, Longshaw Estate and White edge.

The route is approximately 11 miles long with around 1,200 ft of ascent
Please let me know if you are attending.

Charlie Taylor email: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

6-7 October Little Langdale Dave "Snod" Helliwell

A very few spaces left on this meet to a delightful small hut in a lovely area:

This is a hut swap so we only pay our own members' rates £5.00 per night. Extra nights before or after may be available but must be booked and paid for direct with the hut warden. Jen Chambers, email:

fmc.bookings@outlook.com

Parking is limited – only six spaces adjacent to the hut so car share if possible.

Book your bed with me:

Snod: email xxxxxxxxxxxx Tel. xxxxxxxxxxx and leave a message.

14- 29 October Siurana Spain Emma Hayes

A few members from the Oread are heading to Siurana in Spain 14-29th October for some sport climbing. Small apartments can be found in Cornudella. There is also a campsite just outside Siurana village. Me and Luke are staying in apartment Chenin Blanc-Priorat. If you want to join in, find yourself a climbing partner and book some accommodation. There are regular flights to Barcelona and then it is a 2 hour drive from the airport. If you would like any more information you can contact me through my email: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

19 October short walk Belper Ruth Gordon

October's short walk will start from the entrance to the Field Lane (Station) car park in Belper at 11.00 am. Parking costs £3.20 (cash) all day. You could probably find free roadside parking on Belper Lane and can join the

team where our footpath leaves Belper Lane on the first bend – prominently street named The Scotches. If you are doing that please text or WhatsApp me so we do not wait for you in Field Lane! The walk will take us very gently up through fields and lanes to Belper Lane End where a short steeper ascent brings us through a beech wood to join the MidShires Way. From here, a lane, then gentle field and woodland paths to Blackbrook and Farnah Green where we drop down, steeply at first, to Farnah Green Road and rejoin a gentle downhill path to the Derwent and make our return to Belper. Around six miles.

Ruth Gordon email: xxxxxxxxxxxxx tel: [xxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Weekend Walk – Saturday 21 October – Gritstone Trail 6 Stuart Firth

Meet at Lyme Park NT car park at 10:15 for a 10:30 departure. Bring Picnic.

OS Map OL1 GR 963 823 (aka W3W topic.homelands.reboot)

This is a circular walk partly on the Gritstone Trail and linking with our previous stage. It's the last one in the series. It goes something like this: Lyme Park car park – free for NT members (facilities, café), Bowstonegate, Sponds Hill, Pt 407, Stag House, Keepers Cottage, Birchencliff, (possibly The Tin Hut Coffee Tavern), West Parkgate, Green Farm, Elmhurst Cottage, Disley Pt 183 (THE END yippee), Green Lane, Bollinghurst Bridge, Lyme Park.

Please let me know if you would like to join us on this walk and/or would like to lift share.

Stuart Firth email: xxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. [xxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxx)

27 – 29 October Tan yr Wyddfa Curry Meet Tony Howard

The weekend Curry Meet will be at Tan yr Wyddfa this year. Most of you will be familiar with our Welsh hut and with the curry meet format, but for the few who are not, the hut is based in Rhyd Ddu just south of Snowdon. This gives easy access to most of the best walking and climbing in Snowdonia.

We'll have the curry on Saturday night, as usual. I will cook a couple, 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. I have been running these meets now for over 20 years and they have always been a well-attended

warm social occasion. So, if you've not been before, come and join us.

If you would like to come along and **particularly if you would be willing to make a curry**, please let me know ASAP, indicating what you would like to cook. In that way we should be able to provide a balanced menu.

Tony Howard Home: xxxxxxxxxxxx Mobile xxxxxxxxxxxxxx email:

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Wed 1 November Goyt Valley walk Clive "Rusty" Russell

Please assemble at the car park adjacent to Derbyshire Bridge at say 10.00 for 10 15 (about 1 mile downhill from Cat and Fiddle, SK018715). We shall initially traverse the heather moorland East of the river Goyt before crossing a pedestrian bridge (do not wear headgear looking even remotely like a pheasant). Thereafter we shall ascend the other side of the valley in the neighbourhood of Errwood Hall before turning South down a narrow remote valley just west of Cats Tor. The remainder of the route is discretionary depending on the weather and the state of the party. A social gathering on conclusion at Flash Bar stores and Cafe.

Rusty Russell: email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Saturday 18 November Oread Annual Dinner Chris Radcliffe

7:00pm for 7:30pm

The annual dinner is once again at:

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

www.foxandgooseinn.com

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

Overnight accommodation

The pub does not have any accommodation but there is a Premier Inn - Chesterfield West (on the A619 Baslow – Chesterfield road) only a mile away and you can be collected and taken back at the end of the evening in the Fox and Goose minibus. (Must be booked in advance). Book the hotel at once, it gets very quickly booked up.

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

Heathy Lea is reserved for the weekend – bookings through the website.

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

We have previously had a good attendance at this venue and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the dinner.

The booking form is at the end of the Newsletter.

Please complete your booking form and return to me no later than 30^h October – thank you!

Any questions, please contact me - Chris Radcliffe: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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17 – 18 November Fools with Tools (FRCC/Oread MC Dry Tooling) – Raw Head Neil McAllister and Tim Sellears

Good training for winter climbing or simply a sport in its own right, either way dry-tooling is getting more and more popular with a number of specific venues being developed up and down the country. Whether it's early season training for those steep winter routes; improving your 'mixed' skills and techniques; or just having a go to see what all the fuss is about, this meet could be for you?

This joint Oread MC/FRCC meet is based at Raw Head Barn in Great Langdale with easy access to the Lake District's premier dry-tooling crag, The Works (NY 313 017) near Hodge Close. This picturesque venue contains over 25 routes across a spread of grades, from slabby M4 to seriously overhanging M12, a little something for everyone!

Please contact Tim Sellears, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) who is the Oread MC representative, to book a place or have a chat to see if the meet is for you.

8-10 December Bullstones John Gwyther

We rendezvous at the Duke of Norfolk pub Ringinglow (free parking opposite) Friday night 8 December. After refreshments we venture onto Blacka Moor (Brown Edge) and strike camp. On Saturday there'll be a walk ending at the Derbyshire Pennine Club hut Stoney Middleton. A fish and chip supper or dinner at the pub are possibilities. After breakfast on Sunday there'll be 'a leisurely stroll' back to Ringinglow. If you would like to participate, please let us know in advance. The hut costs £10pp and is **limited to twelve places**. We'll also need to know who wants to eat in the pub to book space.

John Gwyther tel. [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Peter Amour tel. [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Saturday 16 December Big Moor Walk Stephen Booth

A moorland walk from Shillito Wood car park to Longshaw, a mix of woodland and open moors.

Starting at 9.30 am from the free car park at Shillito wood (Map Ref. SK 29495 74973. What Three words; mats.pipeline.whimpered).

The walk progresses north taking in Barbrook Reservoir, Flask Edge, Totley Moor before the toilets and tea shop at Longshaw. After leaving Longshaw estate the walk crosses White Edge to reach the Hurkling Stone and returns to the start via Ramsley Reservoir.

Grade Moderate; Distance 12.5 miles. Ascent 1,250 feet

Head Torch advised in case of delays (sun set 15.49)

Stephen Booth: Tel; xxxxxxxxxxxx Email; xxxxxxxxxxxxx

Summer 2024 Lofoten?

We are considering running a meet to the Lofoten Islands in Norway next summer. This was originally planned for 2020 by Derek Pike but had to be cancelled. For those that have not heard of the area there is lots of rock climbing along with walking, cycling, the sea, islands and generally a special place to visit.

At the moment plans are 'flexible' but we are looking at being in Lofoten around about the end of June or early July (we want to see the midnight sun). There is no useful ferry so the options for getting there are air, rail or a long drive.

If you are interested and want to know more, please get in touch.

Nigel Briggs xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

News, Articles and Reports from Meets

Towards the 75th

Next year is the 75th Anniversary of the formation of the Oread. To remind ourselves of the past we are reproducing one newsletter article a month on the website. These can be found on the website under the 'Oread 75th Anniversary' tab or follow this link for the latest article :

<https://www.oread.co.uk/75th-anniversary-archive-article-8-2017/>

A new article will be published every month, keep checking to enjoy articles from the past 25 years and to refresh your memory.

Upper Derwent walk – 16 July Nigel and Janet Briggs

A mid summer walk around the Upper Derwent valley with the prospect of a cooling dip before the final few kilometres, what could possibly spoil such a day? Well, in short the weather could. For us one of the attractions of this area was to visit the site of the Bullstones cabin, a name that lives on in the Oread Meets list and a place we wanted to visit to see what it was all about.

The forecast for the Sunday was not the best which led to a select group gathering at Fairholmes. We took the track above Mill Brook to reach the tops. We met the crowds on joining the 'main' track up from the carpark. The crowds were soon left when we headed north from Back Tor, but not before one of the team set off finding a quieter route to Margery Hill. We spurned the shelter from the wind while crossing Featherbed Moss for a wind swept scoop below Margery Hill for lunch. But the view was better and the group was reunited!



South Yorkshire from Margery Hill.



Margery Hill yielded fine views over South Yorkshire and the chance to spot television transmission masts. We carried on Down to Cut Gate and then it was decision time as to whether to divert to look for any sign of the

Brian leads the way to the Bullstones cabin.

Bullstones cabin, the consensus was that it would be interesting to do so.

When Janet and I rechecked the walk we had found reference to the Bullstones cabin in a Mountain Bothies Association publication giving a grid reference. We had failed to find any trace of the hut at that location. On this walk we had with us people who had been to the hut so we optimistically set off with 'inside' knowledge. On the top of Bull Stones rocks Brian told us that the cabin was not at the grid reference we had, and he headed off through the shoulder (or head) high bracken with the rest of us in tow. After bashing through the bracken for some time defeat was admitted, the amount of vegetation in July was not aiding easy travel or good visibility of the ground. Also some of the party had abandoned floundering around in wet vegetation and were heading for Slippery Stones.

As we emerged from Broadhead Clough and looked back the line of a track was discernible above where we had been looking which may lead to the cabin.



It's over there somewhere!

A couple of things were apparent, firstly the cabin was not below the Bull Stones and was in Broadhead Clough, close to 'Lord Edward Howard's Spring' and secondly, July is not the best time of year to look for remains! A return visit is planned during the winter months for further investigation. We wandered down to Slippery Stones where those that wanted took a



quick dip before heading back to Fairholmes alongside the reservoirs.

A cooling dip on a summer afternoon.

In the end the

weather was better than the forecast, there were a few showers and the wind blew, but it was warm enough to entice some into the water at Slippery Stones. It was not bad enough to overshadow the memory of an enjoyable day in good company. Thanks to Spike Johnston and Helen Griffiths, Brian West, Pete Amour, John Gwyther, Pip Leach and Linda Drew for coming along and for those sharing their memories of the location of the Bullstones cabin. The search continues. Thanks to Spike for the photographs.

Darley Bridge walk 17 August Ruth Gordon



In Wensley dale.

We had a lovely day for this gentle wander through splendidly varied scenery. The team was me and Heather, Colin Hobday, Peter Amour, Paul Gardiner and Reg Squires. We ambled down the Derwent almost into Matlock before crossing the river and returning back towards Oker. A coffee stop in the riverside meadows fortified us for a walk through the fields into lovely Wensley Dale with its surprising limestone outcrops and defiant, half-torn Ukrainian flag. A lunch stop in the sunshine set us up for the short climb up to Wensley and then down the fields to Clough Wood where we explored the miniature Gothic gorge walk that leads to the hidden drama of Turkey Dip Rocks! An amazing hidden bit of countryside that Tom Corker shared with us on the second of our short walks in May 2021. Thank you Tom, you are greatly missed.



Turkey Dip Rocks.

Back at Darley Bridge Colin bought us all a drink in the recently reopened Square and Compass pub to celebrate his 84th birthday! Many Happy Returns, Colin! And thanks to Peter Amour for the photos.

Tour de Earl Sterndale 19 August Peter Amour (for Louise Amandini)

On being greeted by Louise she conveyed to us that she had turned up out of a sense of duty; she felt unwell following a dose of Covid-19 some weeks before. The official leader asked if anyone could take over part way through the walk as she felt too poorly to complete the full circuit. We agreed that I would ease her concerns.

Leaving the village by the now closed and forlorn looking Quiet Woman pub we soon enjoyed the iconic views of Parkhouse and Chrome Hill from the raised elevations of Hipper Hill. Descending, and skirting Parkhouse to the base of Chrome Hill we gave our best wishes to Louise who had said that she would head back to her car from this point.

The remaining seven pulled our way to the rewarding peak top of Chrome Hill before losing height and taking a short break by Booth Farm, followed by a continuous line of tracks to skirt the extensive limestone quarries of Hindlow and Dowlow. Navigation by the excavations was straightforward,

and the location did give good views over a substantial area of the White Peak, with the works buildings of Tunstead Quarry visible to the north-east.



Judy Scott enjoying the pull up onto Chrome Hill, Parkhouse in the background. Photo Peter Amour.

Departing the stoneworks we used a series of tracks and lanes to grab an urged lunch stop beneath the eye-catching summit of High Wheeldon. The hill itself was gained by its obvious fall line erosions with a short departure to possibly view the cave entrance on the northern slope. The cave avoided our efforts, however we were given satisfaction by way of the vistas gained by again spotting Parkhouse, Chrome Hill, and the upper Dove Valley.

Louise's route guided us down to Crowdicote and into the valley, and then onto our final climb of the walk, that of crossing the southern slope of Hitter Hill for a satisfying return to the cars.

Thanks everyone who accepted Louise's invitation, and your company. Namely, Judy Scott, Mick Hayes, Linda Drew, Marie Cowie, and Nigel and Janet Briggs. I'm sure we all wish you a full and speedy recovery, thank you Louise.

Coniston Meet 1-3 September Charlie Taylor

Based once again in the spacious MAM hut in Coniston, with good weather forecast, what wasn't there to look forward to? Well, the impromptu closure on the M6 resulted in a few members arriving later than planned of which Mike and I fell victim. The evening was spent catching up and planning the weekend's activities.

On Saturday the sunny weather led Mike, Tom, Roger, Ed, Amber, Twigg and I to the crags of Low How, Little How and Great How. A short car ride to Walna Scar carpark reduced the ascent significantly but there was still a good hour or so of walking to reach the crags. Situated above Levers water the location is stunning, the climbing great, and we had the fortune of all three crags to ourselves, all whilst baking in the early September sun.



Oreads climbing on Low How.

Nick had decided to do some scrambling on the local fells, Gill and Michael headed over to Great Langdale to tackle Gimmer crag, whilst Chris headed out on a bike ride.



Gill abseiling off Gimmer Crag.

The evening was spent replenishing lost fluids and exchanging stories of our days.

Sunday's start was slightly delayed due to low sitting mist, so more tea and coffee was drunk, whilst we waited for it to lift a little. After a marginal improvement, the original decision to head over to Long Scar and Black Crag on the Pike of Blisco was held. Mike,

Tom, Roger, Ed, Amber, Twigg and I left the car parking at the summit of the Wrynose pass and headed through the mist to the crag. Within a few minutes of arriving the sun was starting to break through the mist and by lunch we were once again basking in glorious sunshine. By early afternoon the crag had become surprisingly busy but given the quantity and quality of the routes and rock it was no wonder. Between us we managed many routes with everyone agreeing on how good they all were. Off the back of our great previous day, Gill and Michael headed out to the How crags, whilst Nick and John went walking.



Gill on Great How.

Thanks for everyone who supported my meet. Roger and Tom Larkam, Ed Bloomfield, Amber and Twigg, Michael Rittig, Mike Moss, Nick Evans, Gill and Chris Radcliffe, John and Sylvia Green.

Oread Walk Kinder 6 September 2023 John Green



Break by the tower

At 10.00am a group of five intrepid Oreads set out to traverse the Kinder plateaux. From the car park in Barbour Booth we followed the road for a while before setting off up the magnificent valley of Crowden Brook. Some did the scramble and others did the equally difficult “path” which was badly eroded and would be awkward in wet conditions. At the top we stopped for a drink. By now the temperature was rising and it proved to be one of the hottest days of the year. My thermometer showed 25°C on the way back, but other parts of the country had 30°C!!

From Crowden Tower we continued over the now very different top of Kinder. The success of the “Moors for the Future” project being obvious, as there is moss and moor grass where before it had been eroding peat. Soon picking up the Kinder River path we lunched at the Downfall.



Kinder Downfall

The last part took us along the Pennine Way path skirting the edge to Kinder Low where statutory photos were taken.



On the top

The final part was over the top of Brown Knoll, easy walking now that slabs have been put there. The steep descent of Horsehill Tor brought us to Highfield and the track to the car park.

A very nice day out with good company, perfect weather, no rain or wind just a gentle breeze to keep us cool.

Many Thanks to Nick Evans for his help on the descent especially after falling in a metre deep hole! Chris Mather, Mike Hayes and Steve Booth.

Hut Bookings.

Both our Welsh and Derbyshire hut bookings have 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 Graham Titterton, we hope you will enjoy many happy days with the Oread.

An application for full membership has been received from current Provisional member, Chris Mather. If you would like to comment on this application please contact a member of the committee.

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

This month's puzzle:

A word puzzle for a change from your Hon. Ed.

Re-group the following twelve words into a set of four groups of three words united by a common link word (some, but not all groups have a climbing or local theme).

For example the three words Guide, Waist and Picket can be linked by being in common use with the addition of the link word Line.

Brown
Great
Pennine
Border
Windy
Ridge
Limestone
Black
Cairn
Bilberry
Yorkshire
White

Last month's puzzle solution:

I received two answers to last month's puzzle and regretfully had to say both were incorrect. Stuart Firth answered 2, 3 and 6 while Snod (recognising himself in the puzzle and assuming it would be a house number adjacent to his own - 12 or 16) came up with 1,3 and 12. They were wrong because in each case these were the **only** set of factors which add up to 11 and 16, so if that were the answer they would not need any further information. To arrive at the correct house number there has to be two possible answers. The number of the house next door must have been 13 (factors 1,6,6 or 2,2,9). The tie breaker is that only 6,6 and 1 have a single youngest child) Ice cream may be a touch impractical but let us assume she or he was almost 2.

Neither found my reasoning acceptable! Snod went so far as to criticise my English language skills - claiming that if the two older children were twins I should have specified the **younger** not youngest child! I trust this will not escalate into a serious disagreement - I am always pleased to receive an answer, right or wrong!

Paul Bingham writes:

Re the September Oread Newsletter - Throwing a bit of light on Roger Chapman's comment on the Bullstones, Gordon Gadsby's photo in Ken Wilson/Richard Gilbert's "The Big Walks" is taken inside the main Lower Small Clough cabin and the characters from left to right are John Linney, Roger Chapman, ?, Ken Bryan, Stuart Bramwell, Gordon Wright, Paul Bingham and Roy Eyre. Nostalgia eh!

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Oread Annual Dinner Order Form

The dinner will be on the **18th November** and will cost £29.95 per person (2 courses) or £35.00 (3 courses). Tea or coffee is included in the price.

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

Either post your completed form to Chris Radcliffe, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx or **scan and email** your form to kxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx to arrive by 30th October at the latest.

Payment can be made in one of 2 ways:

- **By cheque payable to Oread MC**
 - **By bank transfer to Oread A/C No.: 62584068; Sort code 30-98-97.**
- Please state *Your Name-Dinner* in the reference.**

I must have the completed forms by 30th October

Name:				
Payment Method:	BACS / Cheque			
Starter:				
Duck liver pate, onion marmalade, pickled vegetables and toasted ciabatta - GFA				
Cauliflower soup topped with curried toasted chick peas - GFA/VEGAN				
Prawn cocktail with thousand island dressing served with brown bread and butter - GFA				
Main Course:				
Baked salmon steak with a prawn parsley sauce - GFA				
Chicken supreme with a white wine, mushroom, tarragon velouté - GFA				
Pan fried gnocchi with a stilton sauce, broccoli, peas & chilli - VEGETARIAN				
Quorn mushroom & tarragon pie, roast vegetable gravy - VEGAN				
All main courses served with roast garlic mashed potato & tender stem broccoli				
Dessert:				
Rhubarb & apple crumble served with cream - GFA				
Baked chocolate cheesecake, white chocolate sauce				
Selection of Cheese & Biscuits (£2 supplement)				