

Oread Mountaineering Club Magazine

June 2025



Action at Stange on the New Members Meet 18 May, photo Michael Hayes.

Editorial

Coming up in June, Clapham, North Yorkshire, the Lake District, a good spacious hut at Stair, near Keswick, a limestone climbing day, another Geo walk and an early Alpine meet to Switzerland. Looking ahead to July a return to the extraordinary Rock Hall at the Roaches and in August a meet to Coniston among other delights.

Write-ups include several local walks plus the well attended North Yorks camping trip back in March and a climbing trip to Cornwall.

There are just a few Anniversary journals left for sale – if you missed out and would like one see page 3. Also info about the Jam Crack climbing podcast see page 18.

Sadly I also bring you news of the very recent death of Reg Squires.

Copy Deadline 20 June.

Meets List 2025 - Edward Bloomfield

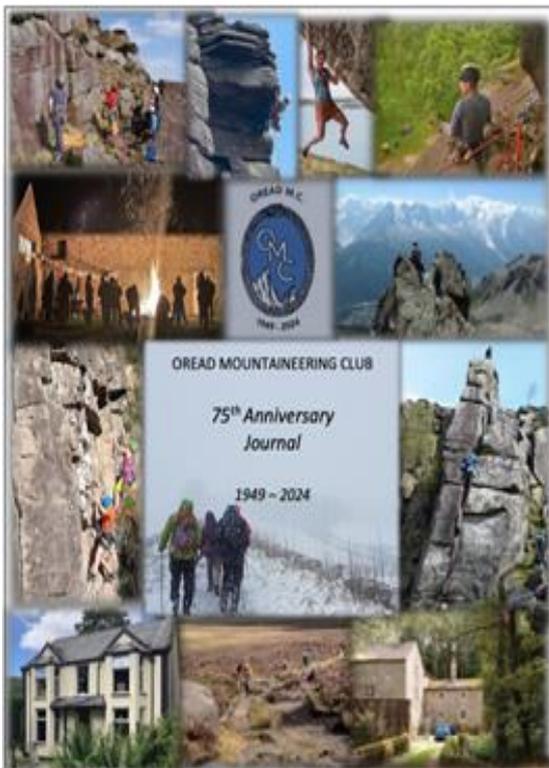
The 2025 meets list still has some blanks where there should be a meet coordinator. I need more volunteers to step forward!

Ed Bloomfield email meetsec@oread.co.uk tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

2025				
	Dates	Hut/Location/title	Description	Leader
J u n e	0	0	0	0
	4th	Dovedale	Wednesday Walk	Rusty (Clive Russell)
	6th-8th	Lowstern North Yorkshire	Walking & climbing N Yorks	Pete Amour
	0	0	0	0
	15th	Peak District limestone	Local climbing meet venue tbc	Emma Hayes
	19th	Ticknall	Thursday short walk	Nick Evans
	21st	Geo Walk - Flash to Brierlow Bar	Saturday Walk	Christine Paice
	21-6th	Saas Grund, Pennine Alps Switzerland	Alps meet	Steve Christian
	26-28th	Stair cottage Keswick (Fylde hut)	Climbing and walking meet	Snod
J u l y	2nd	Eyam	Wednesday Walk	Christine Paice
	04-6th	Rock Hall Roaches	Climbing at the Roaches	Charlie Taylor
	30-Dec	0	0	0
	12th	Peak District pinnacles meet	0	???
	0	0	0	0
	17th	TBC	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	0	Anglesey camping meet	Sea cliff climbing & camping	Lianne/Dave Mason
	26th	Shuttlingsloe	Saturday Walk	Rusty (Clive Russell)
A u g u s t	1st-3rd	MAM Coniston	walking & climbing in lake district	Nigel briggs
	6th	Rowsley matlock	Wednesday Walk	Stuart Firth
	8-10th	HeathyLea family meet	0	Rob Beck Nuno Gomes
	16th	Geo Walk - Edale to Birchen Clough Bridge	Saturday walk	Mike Percival
	0	0	0	0
	21st	TBC	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	22-25th	Pembroke camping meet	Sea cliff climbing, Pembroke	???
	30-6th	Alefroide, Ecrins	Alps trip	Nigel Berry
S e p t e m b e r	3rd	Teggs Nose	Wednesday Walk	Nick Evans
	2-4th	Tyw working party	Tyw maintenance meet	Snod
	5-7th	Glan Dena (Ogwen valley)	North Wales climbing and walking	Snod
	0	0	0	0
	18th	TBC	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	19th-21st	Peak District BARMY comp heathy lea	BARMY competition	?????
	21st	post parmy sunday walk	0	Chris Paice
	0	0	0	0
	26-28th	Heathy lea meet	0	Kevin RM
O c t o b e r	1st	Bamford	Wednesday Walk	Christine Paice
	11-13th	High House Lake District	Curry Meet(walking &climbing)	TonyHoward
	10-19th	kalymnos	med sport Climbing meet	Em Hayes
	16th	TBC	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	18th	Geo Walk - Tideswell to Edale	Saturday Walk	Rob Tresidder
	19th	Froggat Slab	Peak District slab climbing	???
	0	0	0	0
	24-26th	TYW - North Wales	0	???

N o v e m b e r	0	0	0	0
	5th	TBC	Wednesday Walk	Stuart Firth
	8th	heathylea	Bonfire night	Kevin RM
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	TBC	Tafaroute anti atlas morroco	Climbing morroco	Ed B
	0	0	0	0
	20th	TBC	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	22nd	Annual dinner	Bentley brook	Christine pace
	23rd	Post prandial walk	0	0
	23rd	Post dinner climb ,	0	0
	28-30th	Birkness barn Lake district	Walking meet	Charlie Taylor
	D e c e m b e r	3rd	Goyt	Wednesday Walk
6-7th		Bullstones	0	Mike Mowbray
0		0	0	0
13-15th		Mannood drytooling	Drytooling meet hut to be confirmed	Rob Beck
18th		TBC	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
0		0	0	0
20th		Geo Walk - Edale to Birchen Clough Bridge	Saturday Walk	Rachel Walker
0		0	0	0
24-1 Jan		0	Christmas and New Year hut meet	??

The Oread 75th Anniversary Journal



The Oread 75th Anniversary Journal came out in paperback at the end of March, the initial print run has almost sold out, there is one copy of the Journal with Appendices and four of the shorter version still available. We can get more printed if there is demand.

If you want to read some of the club history with an emphasis on the last 25 years snap one up quickly. They cost £10 for the shorter one and £20 for the one with the appendices.

In case you are wondering the appendices are the full versions of four articles that are summarised in the Journal and also some additional photographs. The Journal includes contributions from about 40 members and former members, and has been well received by those who have had copies.

Nigel Briggs email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Forthcoming Meets

Wednesday 4 June Dovedale Walk Rusty Russell

The walk will commence at a target time of 10.00 am from Alsop station car park although there is informal parking within about five minutes walk. Up to three people are welcome to travel from Parwich with me, (Slate House DE61QD). First three to email me (xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx), departure at 9.40 sharp.

The actual river valley has been comprehensively trodden by many so the River Dove will be a guide for a path through the trees at the top of the eastern bank. Thereafter an anticlockwise loop will be taken using bits of Gag Lane or the Tissington Trail as the whim of the moment, and the wind, may dictate.

Rusty Russell tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

6 - 7 June Yorkshire Dales Meet Clapham Peter Amour

Possibly the best hut in Yorkshire, the YRC Lowstern Hut offers not only superb accommodation but climbing at nearby Twistleton Scar, Trow Gill and on Pen Y Ghent.

Hill walkers have the stunning limestone dales to explore. It's also in prime caving country, and for anyone with a wish to cycle it gives on and off-road sport. Bed spaces are limited, so if showing an interest please don't delay. It's likely that some of us may be staying longer, if you're keen to do that let me know EARLY so that I can make a single booking. I look forward to hearing from you. Peter Amour email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Sunday 15 June Peak District Limestone climbing day Emma Hayes

Come and join us for the day climbing in the Peak District, location to be determined closer to the time. All welcome. For any questions please email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx or feel free to message me on the WhatsApp. xxxxxxxxxxxx

Thursday 19 June Short Walk Ticknall Nick Evans

Start - Ticknall village hall car park, (free). SK 352 241 Off Ingleby Lane. About 6 miles. Route - Ticknall Lime Yards, Calke Abbey grounds, Dimminsdale. You might like to bring a torch for the tunnels.

We will pass a café and a pub.

Nick Evans email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx or via the WhatsApp walking group.

21 June – 5 July Saas Grund, Valais, Switzerland Steve Christian

I have booked the campsite for myself, Sally and Tom at Saas Grund for the dates June 21st to July 5th via this link:

<https://www.campingschweiz.ch/english-1/>

The campsite has reserved 25 places for us. If you enter Oread MC - Steve Christian in the comments field when booking they will keep us together in the same area.

Camping Schönblick in the village of Saas Grund is in the eastern region of the Swiss canton of Valais, north of the Monte Rosa group. There is a concentration of thirteen peaks exceeding 4000 metres that include technically easy normal routes along with some classic snow and rock ridge traverses. It is a perfect venue for new or experienced alpine mountaineers alike. There are also lower altitude classic rock traverses and some good multi pitch rock climbs. Half and full day walks are possible to a number of alpine huts, lakes and cols, which can include ascents of smaller walking peaks.

Any questions at all don't hesitate to ask if you see me out and about or via email xxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. [xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

27 - 28 June Stair Cottage Snod Helliwell

This year's Fylde hut swap meet is at the spacious, modern Stair Cottage near Keswick, which, unlike Little Langdale, has ample parking and 21 beds. (You must bring your own pillowcase). The hut is ideally situated for lots of crags and great walking in Borrowdale and the Western fells. As a hut swap the cost is only £5 a night for members.

The long days at this time of year allow access to the high crags - Scafell, Gable, Eagle Crag and even Esk Buttress are within reach. The valley crags, Shepherds, Black Crag, Bleak How, Sargeant Crag Slabs, Goat Crag and the wonderful (though I think now rather overgrown) Great End Crag, home to two of the best routes in the country. There is ample opportunity for ticking routes in Hard Rock. And back at the hut – after a long day on the hill or crag - Botty will be there with his guitar so we can have a Saturday night sing-song. It was so good last time Pip got up (or was it the noise?) and joined us in her P.J.s!

Book your place with me – email xxxxxxxxxxxxxx or phone me on [xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxxx) and leave a message or WhatsApp me [xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Wednesday 2 July Eyam Walk Chris Paice

This walk begins at Eyam, the car park opposite the museum but above the toilets. Ref 767 214. Toilets usually open for when we start. We'll walk across to Foolow, Grindlow and then begin steadily climbing up to Abney Moor. This will take in Hucklow farm and Abney Grange. Across the Moor to Brough Lane. This we will follow North easterly ish to Wolfs Pit. Here it is easterly to the sheepfold at the edge of Smelting Hill. Southerly to Abney, Cockey farm, crossing Bretton Brook to Nether Bretton picking up the Sir William Hill track. This takes us east to Ladywash farm. At this point we go south (not past the YHA) but taking a track to lead us back to the start point.

Some steep ascents but also the more level areas across the fields and moor and easier track walking. Should be good views and may be a glider or two.

Distance 9.85 miles

Total elevation 1692.89 ft

Chris Paice Email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

4 - 6 July Roaches Meet-Charlie Taylor

Join me at the Don Whillans memorial hut located at the Roaches in Staffordshire, for some of the best gritstone on offer. There's plenty to go at from the door but for those seeking a little more solitude, Hen Cloud and Ramshaw rocks are nearby as well as ample bouldering.

This former hunting lodge, once home to self-proclaimed lord of the Roaches, Doug Mellor, is part lodge, part cave! It's a lot more spacious than might first appear and sleeps 12 with kitchen and living areas.

Please book your place with Charlie Taylor: e-mail xxxxxxxxxxxxxx or call/text me on xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Saturday 19 July Flash to Brierlow Bar Geo-walk Chris Paice

I look forward to seeing participants on another interesting Geo-walk-in some stunning countryside. Being a linear walk car sharing will be essential to make things work.

Start point at A53 lay-by 1/2 mile south of Flash Bar Cafe (grid reference SK675 029). Please don't use Flash Bar Cafe lay-by.

After dropping off their passengers at the lay-by, car drivers will need to drive to the walk end point parking (£5, cash) at Shallow Grange Campsite near Brierlow Bar, SK17 9FW, where a ferry car(s) will pick them up and return them to the start point for a 10-00am walk commencement.

All drivers should drop their passengers off at the A53 lay-by allowing sufficient time to deliver their cars to Shallow Grange and then be ferried back for the prompt 10-00am walk start.

It's essential that I know ASAP, but no later than Thursday 17th June, if you are joining the walk to enable co-ordination of required cars, and timings. Timings and car details to follow when confirmed to me.

Route :- Flash- Dun Cows Grove, Tenterhill, Hollins Hill, Chrome Hill, Earl Sterndale, Shallow Grange

Distance 8.5miles (13.7 km) Terrain :- 1731 ft (528m), some steep.

Should any further details be required please contact me. Chris Paice email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Saturday 26 July Shuttlingsloe walk Clive (Rusty) Russell

The walk will start from Wildboardclough, parking in a disused roadside quarry at approximately SJ 983682 just beyond the T junction on the right. The route initially trends westwards on field paths below the flank of Shuttlingsloe. We shall pass the Pot Lords pub and join the Gritstone Trail before flanking the reservoirs to a scenic lunch stop. Thereafter we turn back East, through the trees to toil up the flank of Shuttlingsloe proper before descending back to the start. Although parking as I write this is free and unregulated this is anathema to the various park and highway authorities in the neighborhood so it would be wise to check with me (xxxxxxxxxxxx or xxxxxxxxxxxxxx) close to the time to confirm these details and discuss car sharing if possible.

1 – 3 August Coniston Low House (MAM Hut) Nigel Briggs

We have a booking at the well appointed MAM Hut, Low House, in Coniston at the beginning of August.

There are plenty of climbing options, Dow Crag may even be warm and dry, the Coppermines valley has numerous crags and there is always the local slate to visit for both trad and sport. If you have had enough of summer rock climbing and your thoughts are turning to winter, there are dry tooling venues near by.

Walking and scrambling are well catered for with the Coniston Range across the road from the hut. The Old Man is likely to be busy but there are plenty of other hills to enjoy.

If it is hot, and it is your sort of thing, there are plenty of swimming options available from Coniston Water to mountain tarns, by August Goat Water may even be pleasant!

If you want to attend please get in touch with me.

Nigel Briggs email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,
and look out for the meet specific Whatsapp group.

Wednesday 6 August Rowsley to Matlock Stuart Firth

This is a one-way walk using a bus - or possibly train - to get us to our start point at Massarella's café, Rowsley Retail Park. (W3W reaction.forget.shelving). I propose we meet at the café for a coffee beforehand and leave at 11:00.

We'll walk past Stanton in Peak, linger at Nine Ladies and contemplate the view from Will Shore's Tree before arriving in Matlock. Who knows? There might be afternoon scones chez moi at the end. Bring lunch.

Technicalities: 13.1 km, ascent 480m, descent 450m. Estimated walking time 4h 55m.

There are three potential bus pick-up points in Matlock: Bakewell Road bus station, the train station and Gateway Court - the flats on the A6 near

Sainsburys. The steam choo-choo might also be operating from the platform near Sainsburys if you like that sort of thing. Transport is frequent and timetables are liable to change so best to Google before travel.

Contact Stuart Firth: email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

Wednesday 20 August Steve Clegg Memorial Event Rawhead Barn Langdale Howard Lancashire

The venue will be the Fell and Rock Climbing Club property, Rawhead Barn and Cottage, Langdale, Lake District. This will be an all day gathering, come and go as you please. We shall be providing food from around late afternoon into the evening and beyond! It would be helpful if you could let me know of any particular dietary requirements, i.e. vegetarian or gluten free, which we shall do our best to accommodate. We shall also have some local beer on tap - if people prefer other drinks, wine, soft drinks etc. it would probably be best if you bring your own.

For full details of accommodation and parking options see your May newsletter.

It would be helpful if you would RSVP me to give us an idea for catering requirements.

Howard Lancashire tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

30 August – 6 September Ailefroide Ecrins National Park, France Nige Berry

The second confirmed venue is Ailefroide in The Ecrins National Park, France for the first week of September i.e. 30th August to 6th September. There is an option to extend this for a further week after the proposed finish date depending upon people's preference. It will also be possible for people to independently go a week earlier. It will be based from the campsite in Ailefroide [Camping Ailefroide \(Vallouise-Pelvoux\) | Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Tourism](#)

This venue works well at the end of the season August / September (when the French finish their holidays) perfect for families, great campsite, no telepheriques to pay for and possibilities for booking huts. Conditions can be mixed for snow alpinism but still possible with the Pelvoux traverse or Dom de Neige / Barre des Ecrin.

It has many bolt protected multi pitch granite routes, either from the campsite or in the surrounding mountains, along with many bolted valley crags in adjacent areas. There are nearby options for bouldering, canyoning and via ferratas. The local and nearby walks are also varied and extensive.

Nige Berry: email [xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](#) tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

12-19 October Kalymnos Emma Hayes

Join the WhatsApp group or be in touch to find out more.

Emma Hayes: email [xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](#) tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

22 November Annual Dinner overnight stops

22nd November will be the Annual Dinner at The Bentley Brook Inn, Fenny Bentley, DE6 1LF. Hopefully, the date is now in your calendar. Rooms are limited, there is now 11 rooms vacant for us, various sizes.

Bentley Brook are currently holding the rooms until 22nd September and are offering a **10% discount on all rooms booked direct**, guests can **call on 01335 350278** to secure their room and discount. One person has already booked, well done.

Camper vans. As last year this will be a first come, first served basis. Bentley Brook will allow 6. Contact Rachel - xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx to reserve a space. **Only three spaces left!**

Cost and menus to follow. Christine Paice

News, Articles and Reports from Meets

North York Moors 28 - 30 March Chris Wilson

The newsletter advert had mentioned cafés, pubs, walking, cycling and climbing in a lovely setting. It was not wrong. 14 of us turned up in Osmotherley: Jan and I, Chris Radcliffe, Steve Booth, Cathy Luffman, Sue Todd, Stuart Firth, Rachel Walker. Mike and Cathy Moss, Derek and Joan Pike, Nigel and Janet Briggs.



Activities started on Friday. For some a pleasant visit to Scampston Hall Walled garden whilst others took to cycling over Scarth Gap, a loop to Stokesley and Rudby and back over Scarth Gap. Derek did a 9k walk from the campsite along the ridge of Arncliffe Wood to Scarth Nick returning to the campsite via Cod Beck reservoir. In the evening all 14 of us sauntered down to the Golden Lion for a meal. We originally booked a table for two (to celebrate Jan's birthday) but gradually increased the number 14. The pub did us proud, fitting everyone onto one table (apart from the two eating foreign food – beef bourguignon!).

On Saturday the cold wind was blowing pretty hard. The guidebook mentions that Scugdale gets all the sun going, but also offers little shelter from the wind. So Mike and I got a lift from Derek and Joan and went climbing there.

Left Mike Moss braving the wind at Scugdale.

We got blown up Beta on Beginners Slab,

Zoot Route on Parsons Nose and Blaeberry Buttress on Scot Buttress and can confirm that there is no shelter from the wind. Fortunately our transport was close to hand when the rain began and before long we were drinking tea in the Rusty Bike Café at Swainby. We were soon joined by Stuart and Sue who had cycled from the campsite to Great Ayton and back. From the café they had the pleasure of the “stonking hill” to re-ascend to Scarth Nick and the campsite.

Chris Radcliffe tells his own story of Saturday: “I had planned a longish ride out to Helmsley but a malfunction on my ebike forced a change of plan. From Caw Beck it was off-road to Square Corner, then delightful quiet roads with some steep climbs to Hawnby.



Cawbeck Reservoir, photo Chris Radcliffe.

I stopped for a coffee and flapjack at Hawnby Bridge, but when I set off again I found that I had an overvoltage sensor fault and no power. Without too many options at this point I struggled up a 17% gradient to Murton Grange and followed the Peak Scar Road to a junction with the Cleveland Way. I followed this off-road route relatively easily back to Caw Beck so rescued the day with a reasonable ride. I never really found out what caused the fault, but eventually it went away.

Nigel and Janet started Saturday with the Flatts Lane park run and then observed the partial eclipse of the sun. A walk up Roseberry Topping and up to the Cook Monument followed. The day ended by seeing how many people could fit in their VW T4 for Nigel’s birthday cake eating fest.





The eclipse and Nigel at Roseberry Topping. Photos Janet Briggs.

Jan, Rachel, Cathy and Steve walked through Arncliffe woods after visiting the Lady Chapel and on to Swainby to find the pub shut. From here Steve and Cathy headed to Faceby only to find yet another closed pub. Jan and Rachel took a shorter route to Huthwaite Green where the team regrouped. It was then a hasty march back to the campsite via Cod Beck Reservoir to ensure they were in time for the birthday cake. An enjoyable 13 mile walk.



Near Whitestones. Photo Steve Booth.

On Sunday lovely sunshine saw six of us walking up on to Osmotherley Moor from the campsite, then south on the Cleveland Way along the edge of the moor stopping near Whitestones for a drinks break. After this it was a steep descent to Kepwick Moor and on to Nether Stilton with the promise of lunch in the Gold Cup Inn. Unfortunately it didn't open until 4 pm (Steve's third closed pub!), so we sat outside to eat our lunch. Over Stilton followed, then Thimbleby Bank Plantation before Oak Dale and on to the welcoming Golden Lion and the drive home. 12.5

miles and 500 m of ascent. Sue and Stuart walked with the Mosses to Square Corner and back with Mike and Cathy extending their walk. Radders abandoned his plans and went home.

Upper Hulme Geo-walk 26 April Peter Amour



Geo walk vagabonds by a Roaches Grit example of sedimentary cross bedding deposits.

The day began well. When dropping the finish point cars off at Flash Bar lay-by Oread car owners got a roasting from Mrs Flash Bar Stores Cafe. Our crime; occupying public highway spaces which she uses for her visiting cafe users. This misdemeanour was delivered to me by Mr Firth, along with a second tightener, the start point car park charges had gone up by 150% since the last Oread visit, two months ago, which I put down to Trump's tariffs.

An earlier than normal start time (9-30am) saw us enjoying the views from Hen Cloud, and observing the geo features of synclines, anticlines and the local Roaches Grit, from which the local crags are comprised, with nearby Chatsworth Grit, which could have been moved on by the US president due to being alien.

Heading generally north along the Roaches the guide notes clarified the distinctly differing strata angles of Roaches Grit outcrops. One being bedrock sediments, the other creations of suspended geo-grains being carried by water flows when once an estuary. Further into the walk an obligatory call at Lud's Church clarified it as the result of Roaches Grit which had split, and migrated due to sitting on unstable shales.

Following a mid day scoff the journey skirted by the C18 Gradbach Mill, and onto the youngest carboniferous geology in the Peak District. Oddly, it was categorised as Rough Rock, which is softer than adjacent gritstones, and had allowed the Dane to carve its water course deeply into the terrain nearby. As we moved north, and towards Three Shires Head the guide sheet explained faint signs of bell pits where shallow coal reserves were once exploited. North-east of the point of the three counties lie yet more areas of deeper, extensive coal extraction. Lying amongst the heathers was the former Buxton Coal Field, exploited in the local

production of lime, the latter being put to various uses. Thank you to the ten members who joined me, and especially to the taxi service car drivers who made things possible. I look forward to joining the next stage.

Cornwall 2-10 May Ed Bloomfield

An Oread Cornish granite retreat - we were treated to calm seas, sunshine and possibly the best ice cream in the world from Newlyn! Eight of us made the trip south for the bank holiday weekend and some stayed until the end of the following week, others left midweek. The campsite was relatively busy the first couple of days but then we had the place to ourselves near enough. The tides were not always favourable but we found many ways to pass the tide, French bowls, coastal runs and walks, cycling and most importantly pasty shopping! And with the sea being relatively calm there was always somewhere to climb.



Tom on pitch 4 South Face Direct. Roger coming over 1st pitch on Long Climb. Doug on Commando Ridge.

Mike Moss arrived late Saturday and we did a coastal walk from the campsite to Sennen while the tides drew out then climbed Double Overhang at Sennen before retiring to the pub.

The rest of the team arrived in drips and drabs on Sunday, after watching the show of Roger erecting his tent we formed a plan for Chair Ladder in the afternoon the next day. We were two rope teams, after the initial abseil me and Tom Larkam made our way up South Face Direct, it's a four pitch route with a true summit finish which is quite unique for a sea cliff. The four pitches are quite contrasting but all with interest, the third pitch is good value pulling through a roof on big jugs, Tom was attacked by nesting seagulls on the second pitch just as he was pulling over a ledge to the belay but the real entertainment was provided from below as Doug, Mike and Roger went bare foot, rolled up their trousers and dithered getting round the crashing waves trying to reach the base of a different route, inevitably they got wet!

The next day we headed to Bosigran and repeated "Oread" a line put up by E Byne from the club in 1955. Alisons Rib, Picnic and Simon were the other routes

climbed. On Wednesday Doug and German Mike set off for an evening assault on Commando Ridge, they returned successfully by 20:30. Thursday saw a three man team go to Lands End and complete Long Climb, a route made up of seven short pitches. The star pitch on the route is the chimney pitch five and topping out at the Lands End hotel makes for a short walk back to the car. Will be looking to return next spring so keep an eye on the meets list!

Hartington Wednesday walk 7 May John Gwyther



Five Oread stalwarts and Woody met up on another fine May morning at the ex-Hartington Station on the Tissington trail. We all coughed up the somewhat exorbitant £6.60 charge (and were assured by the engineers servicing the machine that every penny went back into maintaining the National Park) and then strolled along the 'Peak Pilgrimage Way' through Heathcote, past Biggin Hall (famous but no one was sure why) and through the village (according to one walker, notorious for its small gene pool). Thence down Biggin Dale (Early Purple Orchids) to the Dove and up Wolfcote's Dale to the footbridge where we stopped for coffee.

Up the hill to Hartington where we availed ourselves of the facilities and had lunch by the duck pond. Rachel's knee was playing up, so she decided to take a short cut back to the cars but we struck on up the hill, past Carder Low, turned right at the Pilsbury turn and eventually got to the High Peak trail and the Croatian shelter (Kazun). Further refreshments at the cafe (which shut as we sat there), down the High Peak and then turned off to get back to the cars, where Rachel was patiently waiting. Many thanks to Janet, Rachel, Nigel, Chris and Woody for the company and Janet for the pics.



Shillito Wood walk 13 May Chris Paice



It was a blustery start for the Oreads, Andrea, John, Sue, Stuart, Heather, Ruth, Nick, Richard, myself and two dogs (whose names I can't remember, sorry). Traffic was particularly busy on the quiet country lane as we had to step aside for a tractor.

Then we moved onto footpaths, down fields, up fields, over stiles with no one, thankfully, attempting the horse jumps encountered. All at a steady pace with very varied conversation and views along the way. After the horse jumping area, the landscape changes as we ambled along a brook stopping for a later lunch at a crossing point. It still had some water running but, again thankfully, not over our boots as one Oread remembered.

Excitement amongst the group as a cuckoo was heard, alas, it was Stuart on a birdie app of some sort! But then in the quiet (Oreads can be quiet!) a real common cuckoo was heard several times. Much less windswept and much warmer, the Oreads ambled through mixed woodland to the cars having added more memories and paths to ones already stored away. Thanks all for your company, encouragement and conversations and to Richard Freestone for the photo call amidst the cow parsley.

Walk from Hope 24 May John Gwyther

I suppose walking over Mam Tor on a bank holiday Saturday isn't every Oread's idea of a fun day out! However, I did, so five Oreads and a guest set off from Pip's soon to be ex-cottage(?) for Hope. Despite a beer festival, parking was easy. Another guest walker appeared, the weather was awful (couldn't see Mam Tor) but it wasn't raining. So off we set along the valley to Castleton.



Mr Amour treated me to an ice cream and Linda bought a little vase in an old garage, she thought she couldn't live without.

We headed above Winnat's Pass, Peter vanished only to appear before us at the approach to Mam Tor and then stopped for coffee. Pippa got out a delicious chocolate cake, which she'd baked for her 'Scottish' guest Christine, whose birthday was on Saturday. We all scoffed it with gusto and congratulated her on her previously unknown baking skills (now we find out, just as she's leaving us). Eventually, she admitted she bought it in Lidl.

So over Mam Tor (beautiful views over Edale and Castleton cement works), lunch at Hollins Cross and on to Lose Hill. At the direction table, the various meanings of the word roger were discussed (Ringing Roger) and then Ms Leach steamed off down the hill to Hope, the rest of us in hot

pursuit. We stopped at Brackenfield Well Dressing on the way back where Linda



and Louise couldn't resist the plant sales. I never got to see the well... Many thanks to Linda, Louise, Christine and Neil for the company. Special thanks to Peter for doing it twice and Pip for the photos and the refreshments.



Hut Bookings.

Hut bookings are now made online at the Oread website www.oread.co.uk. The 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.

Reg Squires

Sadly we hear from Reg Squires' family that Reg has died, very recently, whilst out fishing in Dovedale with his son Adam. More details will be circulated in due course.

Information on Member Activities

Current Provisional member Dave Farrow has applied for full membership. If you would like to comment on his application please contact a member of the committee.

Rusty's Puzzle Corner

Last month's puzzle solution:

The two farms are both flanking the A5 in the general neighbourhood of Tryfan and may be joined on a plan by a triangle having internal angles of very approximately 25,30 and 125 degrees.

A verbal correct answer was received from Derek Pike.

Niall Grimes Jam Crack Climbing Podcast

This promotional email may well be of interest to those of you who may not be aware of the resource.

Niall Grimes writes:

Climbing in the UK and beyond has an incredibly rich cast of characters and stories. A few years ago, I set out to capture as many of these as possible from the broadest cast net that I could. I compiled many hours of interviews and

recordings into Jam Crack Podcast, the original climbing podcast in the UK. Now, some years on, I have a fantastic library of these characters and their yarns. In many ways it captures all that's best about climbing: the adventures, the epics, the friendships, the sunsets and the enormous runouts. In essence, its soul. I'm sure many of these shows would be of interest to anyone who has had their spirits lifted by long days in the mountains or fighting up an epic seacliff. They are all available to listen to for free anywhere you get a podcast.

There are a lot of shows on there, so to help people get started I thought I would give a few suggestions of my personal favourites. Just click on the name where you will find a link to that show:

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