

Oread Mountaineering Club Magazine

September 2025



Britomartis, on the July Gogarth meet. Photos by Michael Hayes.

Editorial

Meets coming up include the Tan yr Wyddfa working party, followed by a weekend in the Ogwen Valley, the return of the B.A.R.M.Y. Competition with new rules to keep you on your toes and a visit to the splendid High House in Borrowdale. Lots of local walks as usual with an extra Sunday walk on 21 September. See page 8 for advance notice of a photo competition early next year – so get snapping!

Read on for tales of good times in the Lake District, at the Roaches and a celebration of an impressive tally of mountains climbed by John Green. Congratulations John!

Please see page 7 for the latest on the Annual Dinner including details of the raffle to raise money for mountain rescue – the menu choices and booking form are at the end of this issue – please don't leave it till the last minute to book!

Don't forget super Oread T shirts and hoodies still available – see page 19.

Copy Deadline 20 September.

Meets List 2025 - Edward Bloomfield

	Dates	Hut/Location/title	Description	Leader
S e p t e m b e r	3rd	Teggs Nbase	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
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	18th	Lower Hartshay	Thursday short walk	Nick Evans
	19th-21st	Peak District BARMY comp heathy lea	BARMY competition	Ed Bloomfield
	21st	post barmy sunday walk	0	Chris Paice
	0	0	0	0
	26-28th	Heathy lea maintenance meet	0	Kevin RM
	0	0	0	0
O c t o b e r	1st	Banford	Wednesday Walk	Christine Paice
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	11-13th	High House Lake District	Curry Meet(walking & climbing)	Tony Howard
	10-19th	kalymnos	med sport Climbing meet	Em Hynes
	16th	Winstor	Thursday short walk	Chris Paice
	18th	Geo Walk - Tideswell to Edale	Saturday Walk	Rob Tresidder
	19th	Froggat Slab	Peak District slab climbing	???
	0	0	0	0
	24-26th	TWW- North Wales	0	???
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N o v e m b e r	0	0	0	0
	5th	TBC	Wednesday Walk	Stuart Firth
	8th	heathy lea	Bonfire night	Kevin R Moss
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	21-30th	Tafaroute anti atlas morroco	Climbing morroco	Ed B
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	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	Rusty (Cive Russell)
	6-7th	Bullstones	0	Mike Mowbray
	0	0	0	0
	13-15th	Mannood dry tooling	Dry tooling 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	??	

Forthcoming Meets

Winter Evening Meets 2025-26 Rob Tresidder

The talks evenings return this winter. First Tuesday of each month October to March at 2000 in the Royal Oak in Ockbrook. The first will take place on 7 October.

As yet I have only a single firm booking: I'm probably spending too much time in police custody and they still have my computer! Jan Wilson will host the revival of the photo competition in March. See page 8 This gives you some idea how urgent it is for me to be replaced: sweep out the dead wood!

I promise there will be a talk in October. Do you have an interesting tale to tell in November? Do you have some images you would like to show in December? Do you know an Oread I could encourage to step up to the plate in January? C'mon guys - I can do some of this on my own but not all of it. Perhaps you have a friend outside the club who may like to earn a few bob in February.

Rob Tresidder email xxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

2 – 5 September Tan yr Wyddfa Working Party Dave Helliwell

This is a rare chance to stop at Tan yr Wyddfa for free! We plan some general maintenance both indoors and out, some cleaning, painting and tidying up and a severe cropping back of the hedge around the gas tank following an inspection by Avanti Gas. There is usually time available to go climbing in the afternoons and it's a jovial party so do come along and join in the fun – but Derek Pike is still banned from chimney-sweeping – we don't need that much fun! Anyone who can spare a midweek day will be very welcome – even if it is just a few hours on Friday before joining the Glan Dena meet at the weekend.

Snod Helliwell email xxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxx and leave a message, mobile xxxxxxxx

Wednesday 3 September Tegg's Nose Walk Nick Evans

Start : Tegg's Nose Country Park. Car park £4 all day, cafe and toilets.

SK 950 733 w3w hack.rating.upstairs

Route : Tegg's Nose, Langley, Macclesfield Canal, Bollington, the delightful White Nancy, Kerridge Hill and Gritstone Trail.

Start 10am. 11 miles.

There is a possible pub stop if desired.

Nick Evans email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

5-7 September Ogwen Valley Dave Helliwell

This is your opportunity to climb in the Ogwen valley without an Alpine start as the parking is usually full at first light with van dwellers and early risers. We will

be stopping at Glan Dena - a modern, purpose-built hut belonging to the M.A.M.
<https://www.themam.co.uk/huts/glan-dena-hut>

The opportunities are endless – the Idwal Slabs, Tryfan, Glyders Fach and Fawr, Craig yr Ysfa and many other smaller crags on either side of the valley – plus magnificent mountain walking on your doorstep. My intention on Saturday will be to do Grooved Arete – it's a long time since I last did it and Sunday perhaps the Slabs and continuation walls. Proper mountaineering ending up on a summit!

This meet is always very popular – and this year follows straight on from our own hut working party (to which you are cordially invited!) We only have 12 beds reserved of which four are already taken. Please note – in the week preceding the meet I will be at Tan yr Wyddfa with only occasional access to phone signal or internet so do make your booking before!!!

Snod Helliwell emailxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxand leave a message, mobile xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thursday 18 September Lower Hartshay Walk Nick Evans

Start : 11.00 am Main Road, Lower Hartshay

SK 386 514 w3w fame.dragonfly.hero

Near bridge over Cromford Canal. Very wide dead end road, so easy parking.

Route : Upper Hartshay, Morley Park Ironworks, They were built in 1780 and 1818 by Francis Hurt and are the only Ironworks remains in Derbyshire. Back through Heage past the windmill, Sawmills then old railway and canal back to the start, about 6 miles.

Nick Evans, email xxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxor via WhatsApp walking group.

Saturday 20 September B.A.R.M.Y. Competition Ed Bloomfield and Chris Radcliffe

This year the Barmy Competition is back with a bang! What is the barmy comp you might ask? Chaos is the answer, organised chaos all thought up in Chris Radcliffe's mind! What a wonderful insight into a mad man's head! The name of the game is to have fun! We will start at Heathy Lea at 10:00 and all players must be back by 17:00 to avoid getting points deducted. Visit as many of the way points as possible to collect points, and climb as many routes as allowed to collect additional points. Full rules will be published on WhatsApp and email at a later date but rules are there to be broken and the true winners will prevail! The Heathy Lea hut is available to members to book on the website and the competition will be followed with an evening of fun in the Barn; bonfire, bbq and award ceremony. Find a partner, devise a plan and turn up on the day for guaranteed fun. If you don't find a partner beforehand you will be able to team up with someone on the day. it might all seem daft and pointless but isn't that joy of mountaineering anyway? It's just a good excuse to get outdoors and have fun with your peers and make memories that will outlast the totems you keep getting stuck in cracks. Maps will follow in a separate email.

Ed Bloomfield emailxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

21 September Post Competition walk Chris Paice

Start point Heathy Lea, 10 a.m. Through the Chatsworth Estate and Baslow taking Bar Road up to Eagle Stone. Round Baslow Edge, onto Curbar Edge and Froggatt Edge. We drop down through Bee Wood to Froggatt Bridge. It is then a walk along the Derwent, back to Baslow, through Chatsworth to Heathy Lea. We do pass a pub where a stop could be made but please bring some water and snacks.

Total ascent 3734 m (1227ft), approx. 15.2 km (9.5 miles)

Should people want a shorter walk there is the option to take the footpath off Curbar Edge to drop into Calver and return via the river.

A longer option would be to continue along Froggatt Edge to Grindleford then back via the Derwent or a higher level return via White Edge.

If, on the day, you choose one of the alternatives please let me know when you leave the group. Thank you.

Christine Paice email: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Wednesday 24 September Curry Night Ed Bloomfield

The end of outdoor Wednesday season curry night will be at the Balti in Matlock Bath again this year at 20:00. Please get in touch with Ed Bloomfield to book on. Ed Bloomfield email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

26 -28 September Heathy Lea Kevin Raisin-Moss

We're bringing in a new format for the maintenance meet, consistent with what other clubs offer. Come and help out on the Saturday and get overnight accomodation free and an evening meal, then we climb on the Sunday.

No skills required (for the maintenance that is) but anyone with particular talents please let them be known so you can be employed on tasks that make use of them!

Contact Kevin Raisin-Moss email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) for any further details.

Wednesday 1 October Bamford Walk Chris Paice

The starting point is Heatherdene car park just off the A6031. 9.45 for a 10.00a.m. start. A Severn Trent car park so cash and card payments are available as are toilets. Map ref: 203 860.

Steeply upwards through the woods to moorland and Bamford Edge. Hopefully, after seeing some good views, at Bole Hill we take the paths that drop us onto Hurstclough Lane and through the golf course. This drops onto the main road, A6013 which we cross and head along for a short stretch to the bridge to cross the Derwent. Lanes and woodland walk going in a northerly direction, parallel to the Derwent, take us the dam. Here are the sink holes. Personally, I find these interesting and quite awesome but maybe not so with the recent drought. Over the dam to return to the cars.

Just over 11km (just under 7miles). Total ascent 390.4m (1281ft), highest point is

424.8 m (1394ft)

It may or may not be soggy in places, there may or may not be views but there will be varied conversation and good company. Join us.

Chris Paicexxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

10 – 12 October Curry Meet High House Borrowdale Tony Howard

This year's Curry Meet will be at High House, the K-Fellfarers hut in Seathwaite Borrowdale (GR 236119). This is in the heart of the Lake District and provides good access to walks & climbs round Borrowdale itself as well as Scafell & other major fells.

The hut is large and with a good lounge, which is ideal for a social gathering on a cool autumn evening, such as one of our Curry Meets.

We'll have the curry on Saturday night, as usual. I will cook one, but the plan is to persuade one or two (or more) of you to also cook a curry. I will reimburse you for the ingredients you need **for the curry itself**. I will provide **all** the ancillary stuff, rice, naans, samosas, Indian sweets, fruit salad etc.

The cost for the food will be **about** £12 per person, for everyone who signs up. Payment method to be decided. I will let you know about this in advance. Bring your own wine and beer etc.

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

Tony Howard Home: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Mobile xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx email:

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12-19 October Kalymnos Emma Hayes

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

Emma Hayes: email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Saturday 18 October Tideswell to Edale Geo Walk Rob Tresidder

An early warning for this walk which promises loads of ancient history and prehistory and I'm not talking about your guide. Details of attractions to look forward to, and the likely complex transport logistics inherent in any point-to-point walk will be included in Ruth's October edition AND on the walking page in the club's WhatsApp. Anyone attending who is wearing a Pleistocene Action T-shirt will earn brownie points but may also risk arrest.

Rob Tresidder email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Saturday 22nd November Oread Annual Dinner
Christine Paice
6.45pm for 7:15pm

The annual dinner is at:
The Bentley Brook Inn
Fenny Bentley,
Ashbourne DE6 1LF
Phone: [01335 350278](tel:01335350278)

Overnight accommodation

The pub does have accommodation. Rooms are limited, there are 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.

We have secured overnight spaces for 6 camper vans in the car park. There is only **one space** left at the time of writing.
Contact xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this annual OREAD event.

The booking form is at the end of the Newsletter.

Please complete your booking form and return to Christine Paice no later than 28th October – thank you!

Oread Raffle 2025 Jan Wilson

For those of you who attended last year's Annual Dinner you will know we had a raffle in aid of Mountain Rescue and raised £450. This is a great cause close to the hearts of many and occasionally used by some of you. We intend repeating the raffle at this year's Annual Dinner and have some fabulous prizes on offer. These include two great Rucksacks from Equip, a set of 3 Peak District Guides donated by Rockfax, a voucher for several sessions at Awesome Walls, a £50 voucher from Alpkit, various gear from Outside and, from the new owner of Joe Browns in Buxton, we expect a mountain book. He is taking on the shop at quite a challenging time and I'm sure you will all give him your support in the future. I am hoping there will be one or two more items which are awaiting a decision from the donors.

You can see we have some great prizes. In order to allow everyone the opportunity to buy tickets and to give generously to Mountain Rescue I am organising a system so tickets can be bought before the dinner. I will be accepting orders by email or WhatsApp . I will be abroad until the 28th October so will process any orders on my return. Please send me a message giving the number of tickets you require.

Tickets £1 each but I would like to suggest orders are £5 or more.

Please pay the amount directly to the Oread bank account using the following details:

Bank account: **Oread Mountaineering Club** – Community Account

Sort code: **30-98-97**

Account Number: **62584068**

Please add a reference: **Raffle**

I will match your order to the cash in early November and issue you with your ticket numbers electronically.

Tickets will also be for sale on the night of the dinner as in the past. After the draw I will advise all not present at the dinner if they have won a prize and arrange to get it to them. Once again please dig deep it's a very good cause which deserves all our support.

Jan Wilson email: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Tuesday 3 March 2026 Oread Photo Competition

Calling all Oreads !!!!!

At the last indoor meet of the season in March 2026 we are planning a photo competition. This is something the Club hasn't done for a few years so will be a bit of an experiment. Our professional judge Richard Freestone is known to many of you. There will be some great prizes and more importantly a great social evening when all your fabulous experiences in the hills can be shared and enjoyed with your fellow Oreads.

To date the format has not been finalised but we hope to include submissions from both amateur and more serious photographers. Categories will include all aspects of climbing, mountaineering and hill based activities both in UK and abroad. There will also be a category for the most amusing shot or possibly short video. This notification is to ask you to make sure you take plenty of great photos throughout the year and dig out any that are really important to you from the past. I will be finalising arrangements later in the year and will communicate the plans via the Newsletter , website and other Oread communication channels.

Jan Wilson email: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

News, Articles and Reports from Meets



Stair Hut Swap 27 – 28 June Snod Helliwell

This meet was very well attended with the hut almost full and van dwellers as well – although Kasia had to park down the road as the car park was full. Is a pity that the weather didn't play ball: while the rest of the country sweltered it rained in the Lakes on Friday and Saturday.

Friday night's entertainment was a sing-song with Gil and Botty on guitars.

A large group set off on Saturday morning to Bramcote Quarry but the rain soon set in. However Gandalf (Larkam) did a little prospecting.....

The walkers all did very wet walks – Pete and Ali and Pam Norris made good use of their bus passes to get to Seatoller and walking back to the hut, on our return team Gandalf did Catbells and Bott and I got soaked on a local walk, meeting Pip out for a soggy run. Saturday was another great singing night with our travelling Troubadours.



Sunday dawned bright and sunny – Hooray! Pete, Ali, Pam and Andrea walked over Causey Pike. Pete Amour walked a circuit from Watendlath while Chris, Jan, Bott and I went to Crystal Slabs thinking it would be an easy walk. We were wrong!! Mike Moss and Gandalf led a team to Gillercombe. He writes: “We parked at Honister and storming up the Grey Knotts path the lack of any appropriate deviation soon delivered us at the top of Gillercomb. Having established that we really should be at the bottom of the crag, we descended the north gully and traversed, inspecting each possible climb only to resolve that we would start with a route at the left side called Gabbro. (Shown here.)

This, it transpired, involved an approach up two thirds of the mobile scree run of the south gully, to the start of the route. Climbs variously involving Gabbro (Ethel-moss/ RL) and Rough Magic (Dave Ward, Trevor Stevens) were completed, only then to be followed by a descent and reascent of the top third of the S scree gully, thus successfully completing a full circuit of the Gillercomb crag. Good day out!”

Pete and Ali K, Pete A, Pam and Pip all stayed over for another sunny day on Monday when Pete A and Pip went to high Cup Nick.

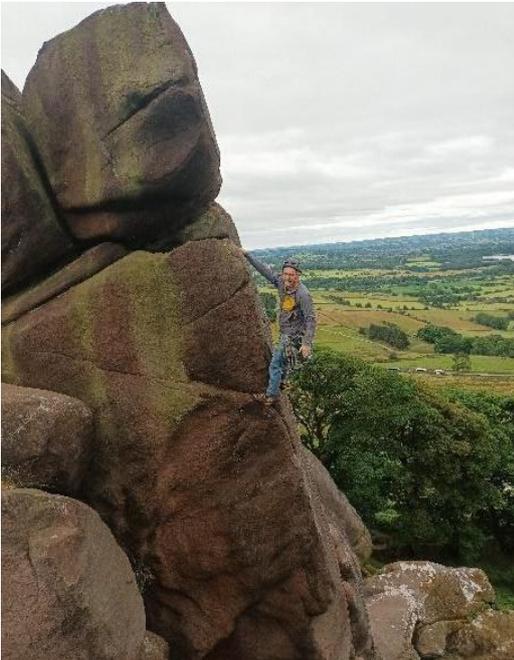
A great weekend, thanks to all for coming and to Chris Wilson, Pete Kennington and Dave Ward for the photos.



Wednesday Walk 2 July Chris Paice

Three OREADS began the Wednesday walk
Lula, Andrea, Sue, Jan and me
(Lula being a four-legged variety of OREAD!)
Happily, the clouds had gone
Eventually the sun came out and shone
The fields were dry,
The ferns were high
(I'm short so above my head)
On the horizon an ice cream van
Or, a very colourful camper van?
Walking poles and binoculars assessed
With her little legs Lula did her best
(Although a carry now and then helped)
Disorientated and far edges abound
A good old fashioned paper map was found
(location and distant views named)
We ambled, scrambled and rambled
Over footpaths, known and unknown we tramped
To the café went a troop of three
For an end of walk cup of tea
On that Wednesday morn three OREADS made a good call
And a lovely time was had by all.
Thank you, Sue, Andrea, Jan and Lula for your company.

Roaches Rock Hall cottage Meet 4 -6 July Charlie Taylor



An overcast and very blustery evening greeted us to one of the more unique huts around. Mike and Alan had already arrived and were busy tuning up their guitars ready for the evening entertainment. Ed and his brother Harry- who was over from Australia- arrived three hours later than planned due to an expensive mishap over at Tremadog. We were treated to a fantastic meal, and a selection of wines courtesy of Mike Mowbray as the night drew in.

We woke up to find the forecasted heavy rain had failed to materialise and a dry crag awaited Ed and Harry, who were outside racking up, keen to get a couple of routes in before breakfast. Most of us chose the long walk to the lower tier, all of 50 yards from the hut! Alan and Mike got stuck into Hawkwing meanwhile Sophia, Dawn and I cracked on with some on the delightful cracks of Prow corner.

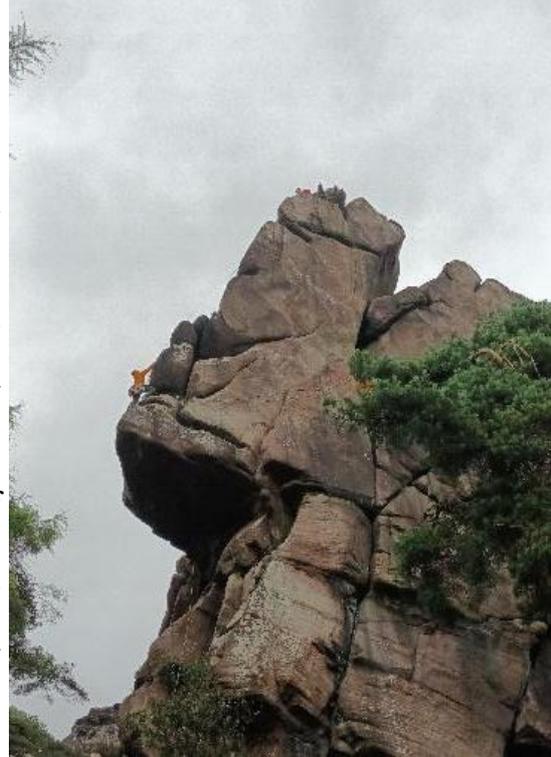
Alan Monks making light work of Hawkwing.

The forecasted rain made an appearance, calling for a rapid retreat to the hut for a lunch break. In the meantime, some other Oreads had come up for the day and there was a great atmosphere. Whilst we waited for the rain to abate, the Oread MRT consisting solely of Ed, was called in to action to rescue a climber, blowing more (vape) smoke than a dragon, who had been caught out by the rain on the second pitch of Valkyrie. Thanks to Ed's rope the climber was soon at the top.

Ed lending a top rope to a stranded climber.

The rain soon eventually cleared, and with still threatening skies we headed back to the crag. Alan, Mike, Kevin and a few others headed off to do some bouldering, whilst Sophia and I teamed up with Roger, Tom and Katie for a very pleasant afternoon's climbing on the upper and lower tiers. Ed returned from the pub and did a few more routes, to end what was a good day climbing.

Back at the hut Alan and Mike had begun the evening entertainments before a brief pause as we were treated to another evening meal, this time thanks to Kevin, who had prepared a chill and Nacho feast for us all. The entertainment continued until the later hours as the beer and wine flowed.



Alan and Mike providing the evening entertainment.

Unfortunately, overnight heavy rain put paid to Sunday's climbing so we all headed off after breakfast.

Thanks for all those who attended and made a great weekend. Ed and Harry Walters, Amber, Kevin Raisin-Moss, Mike

Moss, Alan Monks, Sophia Taylor, Dawn Willmer, and myself. Also, those who attended for the day. A Special thanks to Mike and Kevin for providing excellent dinners.

17 July Pentrich Short Walk Ruth Gordon

On a lightly drizzly morning I was surprised to find a team of nine, plus two dogs, assembled at Buckland Hollow. For most it was a new and unfamiliar area – so close to home! We stopped for lunch beneath the evocative ruins of Wingfield Manor and the weather improved so we were able to enjoy afternoon refreshment in the sunshine at The Dog at Pentrich before heading down the fields back to



our start – en route a local farmer harrowing his field was very happy to have walkers armed with trekking poles help him clear the harrow of clogged grass! Thanks to Chris Radcliffe for the photograph.

Shuttlingsloe 26 July Clive “Rusty” Russell

The route was a straightforward circling of Shuttlingsloe, starting from Wildboardclough across pastureland with the summit intermittently visible on the right. Weather and visibility were somewhat better than forecast as is often the case. The party consisted of nine stalwarts if one includes Lula the dog, plus myself.

Progress was good and after gaining a little height by Oaken Clough and crossing a section of moorland the view altered abruptly, a road and the Pot Lords Pub appeared and a flight of steps and a short descent took us to Gritstone Trail. This leads to Ridgeway Reservoir with no definitive footpath round so we deviated to the right where a little gain in height emphasised the considerable loaded weight of Peter's rucksack.

Navigating from uncertain memory I stumbled through a section of forest to the intended destination of the cafe and Trentebank Reservoir (this being the intended lunch stop with a view). Rather than displaying this view in triumph I and others were somewhat dismayed by the very low water levels.

Thereafter it was a continuing slog up above the tree line to the destination summit and from here back to the start. There was some unintended deviation from the route by some who shall be nameless but I put this down to the use of riding boots (my own riding boots, aged and torn, only justify the description by being b****y awful to walk in.) Kind people collected the wanderers by car and we repaired to Flash Bar stores for a concluding snack.



Participants: Helen, Lula, Nick, Peter, myself, Cathy Luffman, Andrea, Michael, Steve Booth and Linda. (Descending order of height but randomised for security reasons).

John Green's Amazing Achievement of the 'Full House' - and a wonderful celebratory day to mark the occasion! Pip Leach

As fellow Munroists, John and I have often extolled the virtues of mountaineering in Scotland, the breathtaking landscape, the wildlife, the culture, no permits required, and geographically speaking, Scotland is on our doorstep, albeit a rather long drive from Derbyshire.

Several months ago, I received a phone call from John, asking me if I'd like to join him, on his last mountain in the 'Full House'. A Full House, refers to the completion of not only the Munros, of which there are 282 and 226 Munro tops, but also Corbetts 222, Grahams 231, Donald Summits 89 and 52 Donald tops, not forgetting the Firths (3000 footers in England, Wales and Eire 33). Incidentally, John has also summited all of the Wainwrights, and Nuttalls (I'll let you look those up!) I think we have to acknowledge what a massive achievement this is and the fact that it has taken a life time of dedication to the cause. Speaking of lifetime, the recent celebration was also to recognise both John and his wife Sylvia's 80th birthdays this year.

The event coincided with a Munro Society meet, with most people staying at Ballater Hostel, although a nearby campsite and B&B's were available. The Munro Society were a most engaging and welcoming group of people, all with this shared passion for Scottish mountains. On the evening of 22nd July, John was there to welcome everyone, having put in an extraordinary amount of work, to

pull together accommodation, an accessible mountain ascent and a meal in the evening.

The morning of 23rd was set aside for John's last Graham. We had a short drive up Glen Gairn to a lay-by, for the ascent of Geallaig Hill, not far from Balmoral Castle. This was an excellent choice of peak, lovely with all of the heather in bloom, but there is a track that goes all the way to the top. This meant that a cross generation, from children to octogenarians, pet dogs etc., could all make it to the top. Most importantly, Sylvia, who has mobility issues, was driven by a local countryside ranger, so that she could be waiting at the trig point for John. Don't for a minute think that all Grahams are like this, most have no paths at all!



At the start, we were joined by Kev Fidler, and his wife Janice, who now live in Scotland, so we were three Oreads in total.

It was a steady ascent, plenty of time to chat and take in the scenery of mountains and moors, of Royal Deeside. The weather was kind to us, fine and dry, with the bonus of glimpses of sunshine, and no midges! People inevitably spread out, John 'herding cats', from the back!

At the summit, photographers in poll position, the rest of us formed an archway of trekking poles, which John passed through, to join his very proud wife, Sylvia, within the stone walls of the shelter, which along with the trig point, marked the top. Group photos included the Oreads, the Octogenarians, family members and so on. John had his mascot Ground Squirrel, who has joined him on all of the significant ascents.

Lunch followed, but there was a popping of champagne corks, unwrapping of Dundee cake and I believe there was some whisky being passed around too.

The descent was either the same way back, or a slightly longer route, that made the walk circular.



Pip, John and Kev on the summit.

In the evening, John and Sylvia very kindly treated us to a meal at Ballater Golf Club. On the menu, was tatties, neeps and haggis (well there would be wouldn't there!) and the traditional Scottish pudding 'cranachan' for the uninitiated, it consists of cream, oats and raspberries – what's not to love! John had even arranged for a piper to be playing (thankfully just outside the open door, or the pipes can be ear splitting!)

The President of the Munro Society gave a toast of thanks and of hearty congratulations to John. John, a bit too emotional to speak straight away, replied to give thanks to everyone who attended and for coming and also in remembrance of a close friend, David Batty who encouraged John along the way, who is no longer with us.

I am sure fellow Oreads, you would wish to join with me in saying a huge well done to John, for his achievement and an equally huge acknowledgement to Sylvia, for her support and patience over the years. I also want to say thank you so very much for inviting me along to this very special occasion. It was so well organised and perfect in every way. Thank you to you both for your kindness and generosity. All the best with your 'mopping up' of some more mountains you have a desire to do, and butterfly spotting.



John and Sylvia on the summit.

Coniston 1 – 3 August Nigel Briggs



The prospect of a summer weekend in Coniston staying at the well appointed MAM's Low House was too great for 16 of us to resist.

First steps on multi pitch! Photo Daniel Boast.

The advanced party arrived on the Thursday evening having enjoyed short excursions prior to settling into the hut.

On the Friday good but cool and windy weather saw Janet and I walking the Fairfield Horseshoe and collecting numerous 'Wainwrights' on the route.

On the descent we spotted a body crouched on the ground just off the track, as we approached movement indicated all was well.

However, curiosity (nosiness) made us ask what was of interest there, what followed was a 15 minute talk on

lichens, absolutely fascinating.

Nick Evans spent the day on the Coniston Massif and Mike Rittig kayaked on Coniston Water en-route to the hut. Pip arrived but had to head off for an evening cycle ride on local trials.

Friday night saw most people arrive at the hut. Plans were made and all set to make the most of a sunny Saturday. Janet, Pip and I wandered around the Coniston fells visiting all the 'Wainwrights'. Dave Ward and Mike Rittig were on Dow climbing Eliminate A. Pete Amour, John Gwyther and John Green had a wander around Coniston Old Man without actually going to the top.



Eliminate A, Dow Crag. Photo Michael Rittig.

Nick was wandering in the woods between Coniston and Hawkshead. Caroline and Daniel Boast accompanied by Harriett introduced their daughters, Holly (4) and Alice (2) to multipitch climbing by pitching The Bell, a scramble to the east of the Old Man. It turned out to be an excellent day for all.

These days we are spoilt by good and generally reliable weather forecasts. The expected rain on Sunday morning duly arrived, the promise of it clearing in the morning was enough for most to hang around to get something done in the afternoon. Caroline and Harriet were keen to get out and ran before the good weather arrived. Pete and John set off on a low level walk to Hawkshead and back via Tarn Hows, the highlight seemed to be the cream teas they consumed. Dave and Mike visited Black Crag on Pike of Blisco ticking half a dozen routes whilst there. Janet, Pip and I went up Steel Fell and around to Helm Crag (more

Wainwrights). Seyhan, who had arrived on Saturday, walked on the Coniston Fells and managed a dip in Levers Water. John and Sylvia Green spent a couple of hours paddling a Canadian Canoe on the Lake before an ascent of Pike of Blisco. Apologies if I have missed anyone's adventures out.



*Johns Green and Gwyther traversing Wray Craggs as they en-circle the Old Man.
Photo Peter Amour*

A few remained for the Sunday night although there was little hope for Monday. Storm Floris was on its way! Monday morning saw Floris arrive with high winds and heavy rain. That was sufficient incentive to clear up and leave. Pete and John managed an excursion up Little Ingleborough as they headed home.

It was a great weekend in a cracking location, with walking, climbing, swimming, running, cycling, canoeing and kayaking taking place along with eating drinking and socialising, thanks to all for coming along.

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.

Oread Mountaineering Club T Shirts and Hoodies:

We still have club t shirts and hoodies available to order, now or in future, from

<https://ipmteamwear.com/collections/oread-mountaineering-club>

For all the details, photos, and a link to order them go to the Oread website and log in as a member. You will see the link to Oread Clothing in the list on the left of the screen. If you have not logged in before your user name is your first initial and surname eg rgordon then click the forgot password link to get a new one.

If you have any questions or if you need help with ordering please contact Janet Briggs: email Janet Briggs.

Derek Carnell and Reg Squires: memories from Colin Hobday

It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of two Oread friends and that both funerals were on the same day; fortunately a few hours apart so I was able to attend both, together with other Oreads.

I first met Derek Carnell, known as DC, in the late fifties when I joined the OMC. He was very active in those days, developing climbing in Dovedale and Beeston Tor and was always ready to help and advise on the routes. Together with his annual sausage and mash supper meet held at the George, Alstonfield we had some excellent weekends. Every year at August B.H. was his Pembroke meet at St. Davids, on one occasion getting all the Oreads on the camp site up one climb. He also organised the cabaret at the Oread Annual Dinner, held in the Green Man Ashbourne for many years, with everyone on tenter hooks that they might be called upon to take part.

DC was also involved with the Derby Ski Club of which many Oreads were members, putting a lot of work into building ski tows resulting in many happy hours of skiing at Turnditch (when we had snow).

It must have been in the Sixties when I first met Reg Squires - once met never forgotten! In those days it was very much a family club. He was one for the great outdoors, from walking, climbing, fishing etc - you could guarantee that a day spent with Reg would be interesting. At Tan yr Wyddfa he would take all the

children to the lake for trout tickling, or nearly benighted on Beeston Tor on a climbing trip with him. Once in Pembroke we bought some crabs from a local fisherman, live crabs in the car boot! Back at the campsite trying to cook them on a small primus and getting them into the pan of hot water proved an epic. Just a few of many happy memories spent with Reg.

Reg, being an accountant, did the accounts for the club many years, his sudden passing will make him sadly missed.



Remembering Reg – many Oreads attended the funeral. Photo Stuart Firth.

Information on Member Activities

Welcome to new full member Dave Farrow. We hope you will enjoy many happy days with the club. Current Provisional members Phil Sturgeon, Trevor Stevens and Emily Young have applied for full membership. If you would like to comment on these applications please contact a member of the committee.

Rusty's Puzzle Corner



Last month's solution

Left to right, Jack Ashcroft, Claire and Rob (two prospective members from yonks ago who worked with Jack) Trevor Bridges, Colin H, Uschi, Mrs, Bridges. Only an antediluvian could be expected to know them all but we suffer memory loss.

The occasion was the 1968 post dinner walk rendezvous at the entrance to Peveril of the Peak Hotel, (occasion also marked by an early social appearance of CJR. who arrived shortly afterwards).

No winners or losers really, just a bit of general club interest as our old friend C.D. Milner would have said. Paul Gardiner remembered some of those pictured.

Oread Annual Dinner Order Form

The dinner will be on the **22nd November** and will cost £30 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 and ensure it is clear re: dietary needs.

Either post your completed form to Ruth Gordon,4 Lumsdale Terrace, Upper Lumsdale, Matlock Derbys. DE4 5LB

or **scan and email** your form to

xxxxxxxxxxxxxto arrive by 28th October at the latest.

I will acknowledge your form and if that doesn't happen within reasonable time, please let me know.

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 28th October AT THE LATEST!

Name:				
Payment Method:	BACS / Cheque			
Starter:				
Butternut squash and sweet potato soup (VE) (DF) (GF*)				
Chefs home-made smoked mackerel pate, Scottish oatcakes and chutney				
Chilled fan of melon with fruit coulis (VE) (DF) (GF)				
Main Course:				
Roast chicken, sage and onion stuffing, sausage and bacon (GF on request)				
Baked loin of cod with a tomato and mascarpone sauce (GF on request)				
Roasted pepper stuffed with Mediterranean cous cous, tomato passata and roasted vegetables (V)(VE) (DF)				
All served with a selection of seasonal vegetables	((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((
Dessert:				
Homemade sticky toffee pudding and butterscotch sauce				
Fresh fruit pavlova with Chantilly cream (GF) (DF*)				
Vegan vanilla cheesecake, fresh red berries,dairy free ice cream(VE)				

Tea/ coffee and mints

Please note here any preference for who you would like to sit next to.

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