



# Oread Mountaineering Club Magazine

**November 2025**



**Via Ferrata fun on the Ailefroide meet - photo by Nigel Berry  
See page 11 for more.**

## **Editorial**

In here is the outline of next year's meets list – lots of meets just waiting for leaders to step forward!

Meets coming up include the next winter lecture on November 4th with Iain Peters, a weekend at Buttermere, the Bullstones and, looking forward, a winter mountaineering trip to climb the highest mountain in Morocco. Lots of local walks as usual including the Post Prandial gallivant.

Write ups include the excitement of the B.A.R.M.Y. Competition, the very successful Ailfroide meet and the latest geo-walk.

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets in aid of Mountain Rescue – see page 7 for details.

**Copy Deadline 20 November.**

# Meets List 2025 - Edward Bloomfield

Ed Bloomfield email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

2025					
	Dates	Hut/Location/title	Description	Leader	
		0	0	0	0
		5th	Bakewell - Rowsley	Wednesday Walk	Stuart Firth
		8th	heathy lea	Bonfire night	Kevin Raisin Moss
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		21-30th	Tafaroute anti atlas morroco	Climbing morroco	Ed B
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		20th	Youlgreave	Thursday short walk	Andrea Doyle
		22nd	Annual dinner	Bentley brook	Christine Paice
		23rd	Post prandial walk	Tissington	Mike Moss
		23rd	Post dinner climb ,	0	0
		28-30th	Eirkness barn Lake district	Walking meet	Charlie Taylor
<b>D e c e m b e r</b>	3rd	Goyt	Wednesday Walk	Rusty (Clive Russell)	
	6-7th	Bullstones	Peak District	Mike Mowbray	
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	13-15th	Mannood dry tooling	Dry tooling meet hut to be confirmed	Rob Beck	
	18th	TBC	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon	
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	20th	Geo Walk - Edale to Birchen Clough Bridge	Saturday Walk	Rachel Walker	
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	24-1 Jan	0	Christmas and New Year hut meet	Snod Helliwell	

**Here is the draft of the 2026 Meets Programme. The usual monthly walking meets will happen and will be added later.**

2026					
	Dates	Hut/Location/title	Description	Leader	
		1st	Youlgreave-Lathkill Dale	New years day walk	Richard Freestone
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		10-12th	Mlehouse cottage Kingussie	Winter Climbing Meet Cairngorms	Edward Bloomfield
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		22nd	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
		24th	0	Saturday walk	tbc

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	4th	0	wednesday walk	tbc
	6-8th	Inverardran Cottage	Winter Climbing Orianlarich	Steve Christian
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	19th	tbc	Thursday short walk	Chris paice
	21st	Milldale- Wétton Mill	Saturday geo walk	Stuart Firth
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M a r c h	4th	0	Wednesday walk	TEC
	6-8th	George Starkey Hut Pattedale	winter lakes meet	????
	12-17th	Toubkal Alpine walking/ climbing	atlas mountains	0
	19th	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	21st	0	agm meeting	0
	22nd	0	Post AGM Sunday walk	TEC
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A p r i l	1st	0	wednesday walk	tbc
	3-12th	easter meet font?	Bouldering in font	?????
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	16th	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	17-19th	Tyw Northwales	Climbing & walking north wales	????????
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	25th	birchen clough - fairholmes	geo walk saturday	tbc
24-26th	edale	penine way in stages (stage 1)	Neil	
M a y	1-8th	Cornwall camping meet	climbing and walking cornwall	Edward B
	6th	0	wednesday walk	TEC
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	15-17th	Heath lea	New members meet	??
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	21st	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	23rd	0	saturday walk	tbc
??	Scotland	0	Michael moss	
J u n e	3rd	0	wednesday walk	tbc
	12-19th	Fairhead (belfast)	Climbing and walking meet fairhead	Kevin RM
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	20th	fairholmes - upper burbage	geo walk saturday	tbc
	25th	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	26-28th	Little langdale flyde	climbing and walking meet lake district	snod?

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	10-12th	lanberris pass climbers club	climbing in the pass	Ed B
	18-20th	Cader idris	camping meet walking/climbing	TEC
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	23rd	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	25th	0	saturday walk	tbc
31-2nd	Coniston Copper Mines	Climbing and walking meet lake district	???	
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	5th	0	wednesday walk	tbc
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	14-16th	tyw	climbing and walking meet	???
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	22nd	upper burbage - robin hood in	geo walk saturday	tbc
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27th	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon	
28-31st	Pembroke camping meet	climbing and walking meet	0	
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	5-12th	Lundy Island	Climbing meet	Kevin RM
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	24th	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
26th	0	saturday walk	tbc	
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	7th	0	wednesday walk	tbc
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	15th	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
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	24th	robin hood inn - Matlock	geo walk finale saturday	tbc
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N o v e m b e r	4th	0	wednesday walk	tbc
	6-8th	Heathy lea	Bonfire night	???
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	22nd	0	post prandial walk	tbc
	25th	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
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	4-6th	Bullstones	0	??
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	23rd	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
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	0	0	Boxing day walk	tbc

## Forthcoming Meets

### Winter Evening Meets 2025-26 Rob Tresidder

Winter talks programme.

**04 November. Iain Peters, The Corridor**

02 December. Robin Beadle, something Himalayan

06 January 2026. vacant

03 February. Aaron Wigley, Montenegro

03 March. Jan Wilson, Oread photo competition

### Tuesday 4 November 8.00 pm Lecture Royal Oak Ockbrook

Iain Peters' new book The Corridor has been short-listed for the Boardman Tasker Prize.



Mt Bove, Cordillera Darwin, Tierra del Fuego 1979



Gull Rock Marsland on the Culm Coast

Iain will be best known to Oreads for his famous climb, Right Angle on Gurnard's Head. Iain will talk about how his climbing and mountaineering kept his life going and the secret of childhood abuse hidden for 50 years until sharing finally enabled him to tell his story. Profits will go to Climbers Against Cancer.

Rob Tresidder email [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## Wednesday 5 November Bakewell to Rowsley Walk Stuart Firth

This is a one way walk with convenient buses along the A6 at both ends - remember your bus pass and a packed lunch! Oh, and there's a competition with a prize at the end.

Meet at The Derbyshire Emporium, Matlock Street, Bakewell. Somewhat appropriately the What Three Words location is **shaped.passports.marching**. This is a coffee shop with loos, opposite the Rutland Arms Hotel by the big roundabout. There should be a "6.1 The Sixes" bus which arrives conveniently at 10:27. Depart on the walk at 11:00.

We'll walk past the Motte and Bailey up Castle Hill to Ballcross Farm. Then via Moatless Plantation, Calton Pastures, Calton Lees and Beeley Lodge to Beeley Hilltop. Onwards to Beeley, Smeltingmill Wood, Rowsley Wood finishing at Massarella's café for a cuppa. **(W3W reaction.forget.shelving)**. Buses available for the return.

12.2 km, 374m ascent, 394m descent, 3h 30m approx. walking time.  
Please let me know if you're coming.

**Competition:** The W3W for the start and finish are **shaped.passports.marching** and **reaction.forget.shelving**. Using word association, what is the minimum total number of steps to link **shaped** and **reaction**; **passports** and **forget**; and **marching** and **shelving**? Answers must include the word associations.

Stuart Firth email xxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## Saturday 8 November Bonfire night Heathy Lea Kevin Raisin-Moss

Chatsworth's fireworks are the previous weekend - our celebrations will be much more interesting. Come and join in building the bonfire and having a great night's fun. Kevin Raisin-Moss email [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## Thursday 20 November Youlgreave Walk Andrea Doyle

**Start time:** 11.00 am

**Starting point:** Youlgreave Car Park **W3W:** ///mandates.polished.clouding

**Grid ref.:** SK205 640

**Approx. distance:** 6.5 miles / 10.5 km

**Route:** From Youlgreave Car Park, along River Bradford, past Middleton, uphill towards Bleakley Plantation; past disused quarry (Anthony Hill); on through Elton towards Cratcliffe Tor and Robin Hood's Stride; past stone circle; return to Youlgreave. There are numerous alternative footpaths, should anyone wish to cut the walk short on the day for any reason.

Andrea Doyle tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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

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

**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 Royle's in Buxton, we have the Rockfax Peak bouldering guide. 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.

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 28<sup>th</sup> 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:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

**Sunday, 23 November Post Prandial Walk Tissington**  
**Mike Moss**

After the previous evening's calorific excesses the President is offering a walking social extension to the weekend. Assemble at the Tissington Trail Car Park at 10-45am for an 11-00am departure. The route wanders north-west through Newton

Grange to Alsop En Le Dale, to then cross the valley and head for Parwich (Sycamore Inn as a drink/meal option, make your own arrangements on 01335 390212). The route concludes by heading south with Sitterlow Farm on your left, to then complete the loop by accessing Bent and Darfield Lanes to the cars. Hope to see a good turn out to complete a weekend of socialising.  
Michael Moss email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **28 -30 November, Birkness Barn, Buttermere Meet Charlie Taylor**

We have 15 beds booked at the Fell and Rock Club's Birkness Barn in the Buttermere Valley in the Lake district. Located in one of the quieter valleys of the lakes, on the banks of Buttermere we should hopefully be in time to enjoy the beauty this valley offers in its Autumnal colours.

There is plenty of good hill walking straight from the hut. The rocks of Grey and High crags, all within walking distance, offer some good climbing with the opportunity for a dip in the lake to finish off the day.

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

## **Wednesday 3 December Goyt Valley Walk Rusty Russell**

Please assemble at the car park at SK013756, near the NW corner of Errwood Reservoir at 10.15 for a 10.30 start, (this should give us almost six hours of daylight, and so, I estimate, a two hours margin).

Many have previously suffered in my company in the area but there remains untrodden ground. Since we will be looking at winter ground conditions I have two options in mind. If suitable, I would like to introduce you all to a remote little dry valley on the west side of the main ridge over Cats Tor but should the ground be soft and wet then we will follow firmer paths North beside Fernilee Reservoir before swinging anticlockwise and passing the delights of Windgather to descend via Pym Chair and Errwood Hall.

As many will know, there are frequent road closures in the area so I would advise an approach via A5004 from Buxton.

It would be helpful if those intending to take part would email me xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx when we can also discuss car sharing.

## **5-7 December Bullstones Meet Mike Mowbray**

I have booked The ULMC Hut 'Fallcliffe Cottage' between Grindleford and Hathersage for Sat Dec 6th. The hut sleeps 16 and I have 10 people already confirmed. Please let me know, preferably via the 'Bullstones' WhatsApp group, if you too would like to join us. The format will be to meet in a pub ( hopefully The Barrel Inn) on Friday evening for drinks and food, then walk for less than one hour to a suitably wild bivvi spot. On Saturday we may walk 10-12 miles, but

shorter options are possible. I plan a take away curry to be delivered after some refreshments at Fallcliffe.

On Sunday we can have a shorter walk back to Friday's pub and our vehicles. I do hope we manage to fill the hut for a great, challenging and above all sociable weekend that maintains this excellent Oread tradition!

Mike Mowbray email [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **Christmas/New Year at Tan yr Wyddfa Snod Helliwell**

The hut is reserved for members and their guests over the festive period 24 December to 4 January. Book yourselves in, come and go as you please. I will not be there at Christmas but will arrive a day or two later in time for a New Year celebration featuring a joint meal -including Joan's wonderful soup! probably a fiendish jigsaw, silly games and fun. Hope to see a good crowd there.

Snod email [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx or WhatsApp

## **1 January Youlgreave Lathkill Dale circuit Richard Freestone**

Please join me on New Year's Day for a 7-8 mile stroll taking in Youlgreave, Alport, Over Haddon for lunch at the Lathkill Hotel, Lathkill Dale and Cave Dale. We shall start from the car park on Moor Lane SK194645 at 11.00. This car park is now pay and display I'm afraid but there is free parking at the road junction about 100 yards west. Lunch can be taken at The Lathkill Hotel but you need to book in December before Christmas at <https://www.lathkil.co.uk/menus/> 01629 812501 please mention you are from the Oread. We should be arriving there at about 13.00. There is plenty of industrial heritage in Lathkill Dale plus a connection between Over Haddon and MI6.

Richard Freestone 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:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## Toubkal Meet – 12 to 17 March 2026 Nige Berry



Winter ascent of Morocco's highest peak, Toubkal (4167 Metres).

Last year I organised a friends' trip to the Atlas and by popular interest, I have been asked to plan another trip next year using the local trek company that was such a success last time.

For a flavour of this, see Aaron Wigley's video on WhatsApp.

Flying from Manchester, the local contact out there will supply transport, accommodation, food, mule and porters, as well as a local 'guide' (now a requirement to go into the national park). Suitable for anyone who wants to climb a big mountain and can use crampons and ice axe. Winter walking experience. For more information on costs, itinerary and what to expect contact me Nige Berry email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## News, Articles and Reports from Meets

### Pennine Way Hike – August 2025 Nige Berry



In support of those club members taking part in the section hike of the Pennine Way next year – Go For It!

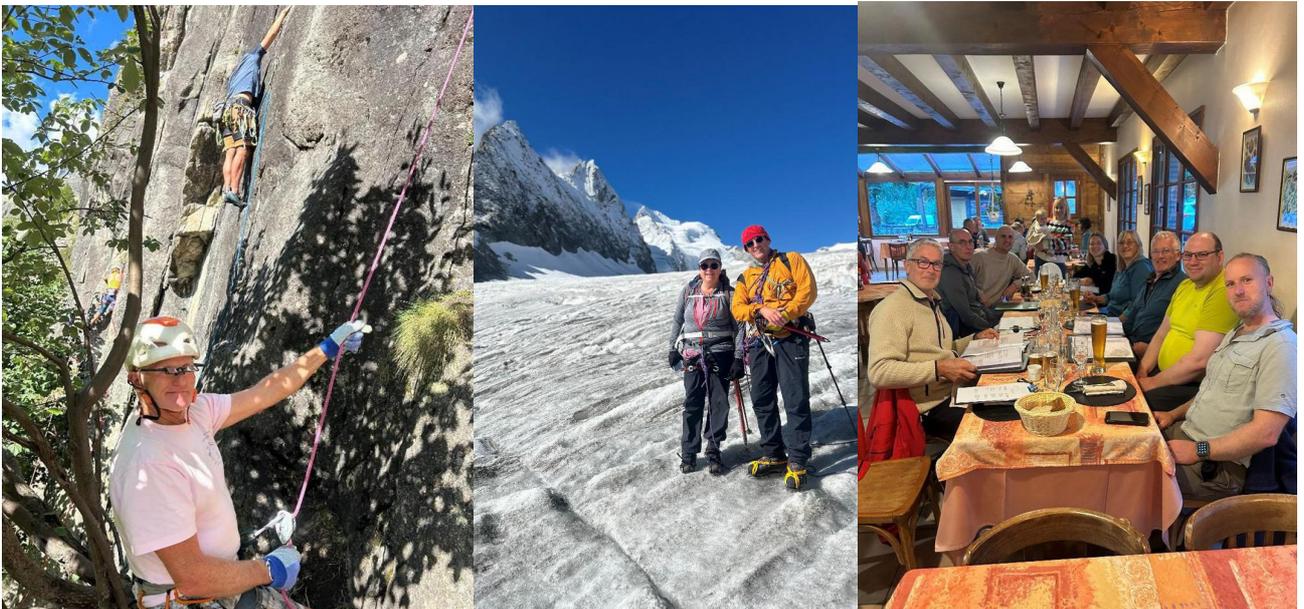
This August, after putting it off for far too long, I was lucky enough to through hike the 268 miles of the Pennine Way, over 17 days, half the time camping, half

using hostels and accommodation, Northbound from Edale to Kirk Yetholm. Despite the 60 years of use, it still remains a remarkable interesting challenge. Good luck to everyone.

## **Ailfroide Meet – 30 August to 7 September Nige Berry**



20 club members, prospectives, partners, a small child and a well behaved dog, 6 camper vans, 4 tents, great campsite, 1.5 days of rain, lots of fun and laughter, at least 3 group meals in Ailfroide restaurants, a dozen pizzas (should have been



more!), even more bottles of wine drunk, 3 different via ferratas (nearly one too many), many superb valley walks, 2+ visits to Briancon old town, 6 alpine hut nights, glacier climbed, more than 10 multi-pitch climbs, some bee stings, dozens of sport routes, 7a to 4+, slabs, cracks, overhangs, several awesome uphill cycle miles, many, many, many thanks to all those who took part and made this meet such a success.

## The B.A.R.M.Y. Competition 21 September Ed Bloomfield

This year's Barmy comp had a twist, and the rules added to the joy of the day as many of the climbing teams were racing for the same routes only to find they were busy with other people - it seems the general public wasn't aware what was at stake, while Chris Radcliffe was racing around the peak district on his bike and Steve was clocking up some miles on foot there was precious little time to waste. Eight teams all in - six climbing, one walking and one cyclist although I think we all did a bit of running along the way; the president probably more than he bargained for. Jae and Roland, Bex and Miles, Michael Moss and Gill Radcliffe, Ed, Twiggy, Roger and Tom, Nuno, Vera and Rafael, Trevor and Snod and two solo teams Steve Booth and Chris Radcliffe.

We met at Heathy Lea where there was much debate about the finish time and destination, the anticipation was unbearable except for Snod who decided he would start at half 10 and take his rope and rack for a walk with Trevor round the peak, I'm not sure how many points you get for carrying a rack maybe one for next year!



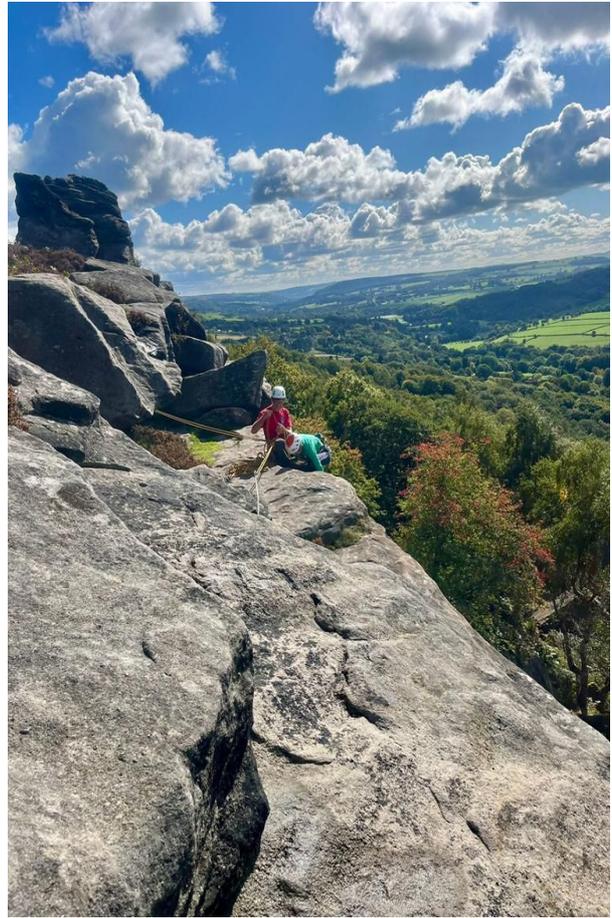
The clock struck 10am and it was a mad dash for the first controls for the rest of us. We headed for Gardoms and wrestled Gill and Michael for two top 50 routes, Apple Arete, *(left, Tom climbing)* an Oread original, a fantastic route no matter what day it is and NMC crack! Onto Baslow we went, no Oreads in sight, six quick short routes and on to Curbar, One and Done PMC 1 - the top 50 HS in the bag, onto Froggatt we ran round the mass of tourists, there was even a dj on the top of Curbar not sure who put that on but it wasn't me.

We found the rest of the contenders at Froggatt - Tody's Wall, Green Gut, Three Pebble Slab, Sunset Slab, Heather Wall, there were many top 50s to go at and other fine climbs were done when we found the rest of the world polishing the gritstone masterpieces. As we left the crag Roland asked where we had been. Not realising you could climb on both the north and south map he and Jae had run straight to Froggatt in the morning! As we were leaving he threw a top rope down

Tody's and abseiled in for good measure and snapped "its the best all round

mountaineer of the year after all!" A cunning plan it seemed at first though I'm not sure it went to plan when him and Jae were 45 minutes late back to the hut. A search party was nearly launched but Roland suggested it was just too nice out to rush back and sniped another route at Curbar instead! The four of us hurried back along the edges picking up some controls on the way and got to Birchen in time for three routes before flogging back to the safety and comfort of Heathy Lea. Everyone was well weathered when we returned to the Hut, Radders even raced through to Chatsworth for more points before dismantling his bike at high speed on the driveway, I'm not sure what the judges made of the landing.

We retired to the Robin Hood inn and shared a few beers and laughs reminiscing about the day's antics! Thank you all those who attended and a special thanks for Radders sorting the Map, we were all winners in the end although Mr Radcliffe was the official winner and the competition was very close, long live the BARMY!



## Bamford Edge 1 October Chris Paice



The weather wasn't terrible but damp and low ish cloud as John, Simon, Rachel, Chris (not me!) and Chiz joined me for a steady uphill stretch to Bamford Edge. We are used to road works and diversions but to reach the top we followed the footpath diversion due to the felling of diseased Larch trees.

Although windy but not damp at all, there was good views over the reservoirs and then the Hope valley. Steadily descending to Bamford two of the party braved the unmarked footpath over the golf fairways whilst others took the track/road. Bamford station provided seating for lunch as trains whizzed past in both directions. Conversation was deep, thoughts on how butterflies migrate many miles, thousands in fact, and how they can navigate that. Very interesting and enlightening for me.

Crossing the river leads us to the Thornhill Carr nature reserve with some interesting carvings and hope for the future of nature. The 'plug holes' were definitely not in use with the reservoir being well below them.

At the dam a photo was kindly taken by an unknown person at the request of Rachel. Thank you.

The weather was kind, the walk steady, time for appreciation of the countryside but importantly good conversation with fellow walkers.

Thank you all for joining me.

## Winster walk 16 October Chris Paice

Autumnal weather was the scene for the day with some lovely colours on the trees.

Over fields, over and through stiles Andrea, Lula, Sue, Stuart, John, Richard, Ruth, Heather, Rusty and Chris number two walked. Height was kept for most of the way ensuring views at all times. Perhaps the Grangemill quarry isn't the best view but a point of interest. Very often there were obvious traces of the past lead mining that was dominant in the area. The young cows decided to run away from us, thankfully but very unhelpfully crowded around the next stile. The men went forth, and the cows moved with Rusty using his farming skills to stop them following us to the stile. All was well, cows negotiated without incident. The dry valley of Horsedale was crossed with lunch being by the defibrillator. Not needed in this instance!



Along the limestone way the Derwent valley stretched below us, who needs drones when you can walk along a ridge and view from above naturally? Good company, laughter and all in all a good day out. Thank you, Stuart for the photo and all for coming and your support.

## Peak District Geowalk stage 9 Tideswell to Edale 18 October Rob Tresidder

A happy band of eleven set out from the Anchor Inn near Tideswell. After a brisk walk along the road we were soon into the deep trench of Tideslow Rake.



*Photo credit: Stuart Firth*

We were supposed to be looking out for gins, buddles, settlement ponds and winding gear from the surface workings and later the mines that extracted lead from the vein from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century. In the end the only things we could positively identify were a couple of capped shafts and hundreds of spoil heaps. We traversed Bradwell Moor and when we reached the Limestone Way, the party split.

Five returned to Tideswell to inspect the Cathedral of the Peak while six continued towards Castleton, entering the village along Cave Dale after making positive identifications of basalt or was air iron pyrite?

In the village we watched motorised ghouls firing up passers by in preparation for Halloween. They disturbed our picnic on the green not at all.

Avoiding the centre of the village, we passed through Goosehill before



*Steve, Andrea, Lula, Sue, Rachel, Nick, Gill, Chris, Rob, Simon, John, Stuart.  
Photo credit: anonymous A level Photography student doing his silver DofE.*

climbing up a busy and crowded Winnats Pass from Speedwell Cavern to a point near the top of the pass where we branched northwards and bought chocolate at Blue John before traversing on narrow footpaths below the shales and bandings of Mam Tor until we reached Hollins Cross. Then an easy descent into Edale across the river which few seemed to Noe the name of and so into the village. Some immediately sought their cars. Others, more relaxed, stopped in the Penny Pot and the leader caught a very crowded train one stop to Hope and so by bus home. We had fine weather and good views. Attenders were Sue Todd, Stuart Firth, Andrea Doyle, Gill and Chris Radcliffe, Steve Booth, Simon Pape, Nick Evans, John Gwyther and Rachel Walker.

## Hut Bookings.

Hut bookings are now made online at the Oread website [www.oread.co.uk](http://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](mailto:michaelhayes6688@gmail.com)

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

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

### Hut Door and Barrier Codes

Note – these are available on the website in the Club Information section under the Members tab section **when you are logged in as a member.**

## 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 [xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

## Information on Member Activities

Welcome to new provisional members Lee Atkins, Sarah Atkins, Dejan Fernandes, Timothy Harrison and James Taylor and full members Trevor Stevens and Emily Young. We hope you will enjoy many happy days with the club.

## Rusty's Puzzle Corner



What is the connection between what is frequently seen in the Peak District pastures and

1: an English city in a vaguely South Westerly position.

2 a geographical region in Northern Europe.

I am looking for two separate answers.

Hint: think “pigmentation”. The picture is by way of a clue.

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