

# Oread Mountaineering Club Magazine

**June 2026**



**The New Members meet at Stanage and Heathy Lea. Photos Nigel Berry.**

## **Editorial**

Meets coming up include a family climbing and picnic day, local walks including the next Geo walk, Northumberland, Little Langdale, Llanberis Pass and Cader Ydris, followed by Coniston in August - what's not to like?

There are potential two meets in here that will happen only if they get support: a trip down **Ecton Mine** in October, page 8, and hut to hut in the **Pyrenees** in July 2027 page 9. **If you are interested in either of these you need to tell the meet leader – by 30 June for Ecton.**

Write ups include Pip Leach's charity cycle ride, the New Members's meet and local walks. There are also photos and memories of Tony Raphael.

**Copy Deadline 20 June.**

# Meets List 2026 - Edward Bloomfield

Ed Bloomfield email edwardlbloomfield@gmail.com tel. 07990 066362

	Dates	Hut/Location/title	Description	Leader
J u n e	3rd	Shillito Woods	Wednesday walk	Nck Evans
	6th	windgather rocks	picnic and ear defenders	Daniel Bost
	12-19th	Northumberland	Climbing and camping meet	Kevin Raisin Moss
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	17th	Tansley	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
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	20th	Fairholmes - Upper Burbage	Geowalk Saturday	Chris Wilson
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26-28th	Little Langdale Fylde MCHut	Climbing and walking meet, Lake District	Derek Pike	
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J u l y	1st	Monsal Head	Wednesday walk	Brian Dyke
	3-7th	Tyw	Maintenance meet	Snod
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	10-12th	Ynys Eitws, CCHut, Llanberis Pass	Climbing in Llanberis Pass	Mike Mowbray
	16th	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	17-19th	Cader Idris	Wales	Ngel Berry
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25th	Mbw Cop 23km	Saturday walk	Nck Evans	
A u g u s t	31-2nd Aug	Coniston Copper Mines, YMC Hut	Climbing and walking meet, Lake District	Tim Harrison
	5th	Danebower Hallow	Wednesday walk	Rusty
	8th-15th	Val Cenis Vanoise national park	Alpine meet	Steve Christian
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	20th	tbc	Thursday short walk	Chris Paice
	22nd	0	Geowalk Saturday	Rachael Walker
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28-31st	Pembroke camping meet	Climbing and walking meet	0	
S e p t e m b e r	2nd	tbc	Wednesday walk	Chris Mather
	5-12th	Lundy Island	Climbing meet	Kevin Raisin Moss
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	17th	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	26th	tbc	Saturday walk	Stuart Firth
25-27th	Hblyhead, Rhoscolyn	Climbing & Camping weekend	Alan Monks	
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O c t o b e r	3-4th	Hbathy Lea	Maintenance meet	Kevin Raisin Moss
	7th	tbc	Wednesday walk	Ngel Briggs
	9-11th	Great Langdale FROCHut	Climbing and walking, Lake District	Janet Briggs
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	9-18th ish	Kalymos	Sport Climbing	??
	15th	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
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24th	Upper Burbage Bridge - Robin Hbod 15k	Geowalk finale Saturday	Gill Radcliffe	
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30-1st	TyWNorth Wales	Curry meet, Climbing and walking	Tony Hward	

N o v e m b e r	4th	tbc	Wednesday walk	Rachael Walker
	6-8th	Heathy Lea	Bonfire Night	???
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	14th	Annual Dinner tbc	0	0
	15th	Walk	Post Prandial walk tbc	???
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	25th	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
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	4-6th	Bullstones Meet	0	??
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	17th	tbc	Thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
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26th	tbc	Boxing Day walk	tbc	

## **Forthcoming Meets**

### **Wednesday 3 June Shillito Woods walk Nick Evans**

Start: Shillito Wood Car Park. Free. SK295750. What3words received.adapt.veal  
Route- Greaves's Piece, Flask Edge, Totley moor, Longshaw, White Edge. Distance  
10 or 11 miles.

Nick Evans: email [nick.evans4864@gmail.com](mailto:nick.evans4864@gmail.com) tel. 07341 258328 or via the Walking  
group WhatsApp.

### **Saturday 6 June Windgather Family Meet Dan Boast**

Family meet at Windgather Rocks, parking at SJ993782 (just on the road  
underneath the crag).

It's a lovely short crag with features that are very child-friendly. We'll be bringing  
a 3 and 5 year old but all families welcome. We'll be setting up some top ropes  
and pads for the children and plan to have a sociable picnic at the crag.

We have a couple of kids harnesses for younger ones if anyone needs to share.

Dan Boast email [dboast42@gmail.com](mailto:dboast42@gmail.com) tel. 07934 712621

### **12-18 June Northumberland Kevin Raisin-Moss**

Northumberland has lots of quality crags, predominantly high quality hard  
sandstone with a good span of grades, so great for grit aficionados, or even lovers  
of sandstone: I've really enjoyed the Staffordshire variety in the past.

Camping is at Highburn House which has good facilities, electric/non electric pitches and is only a short walk to Wooler, a nice market town and one of the driest places I've noted when weather watching. Inform them that you are Oread when booking (lots of campsites were fully booked when I enquired so recommend reserving a place asap).

Its well placed to get to the best of the crags, being 15 minutes drive to the famous Bowden Doors and Kyoeloe and 30 minutes to the southern 5 star crags such as Simonside and Ravensburgh.

I've got the routes book but there's a standalone bouldering guide to the area too. Add to that excellent walking and lots of historic sites so there's stuff for everyone. Join the WhatsApp group and contact Kevin Raisin-Moss if requiring further information: e-mail [mapperleysamurai@gmail.com](mailto:mapperleysamurai@gmail.com) or tel: 07920 522691.

## **Saturday 20 June Geo walk Fairholmes to Upper Burbage Bridge Chris Wilson**

Although this section of the Geo walk will take place in perfect weather on June 20 don't forget your suncream, hats and shorts. The route is described following this link:

<https://peakdistrictgeowalk.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Section-12.pdf>

It's 18 km long with 530m of ascent from Fairholmes over Lost Lad and Back Tor to Moscar and then the full length of Stanage to Burbage. We need cars at the start and end, so please let me know if you're coming along. It's also possible to shorten the route by leaving a car at Cuthroat Bridge and saying goodbye at Moscar or Crow Chin. If either of these options appeals let me know and we'll try to arrange something.

If you want to be enlightened with knowledge about the route (other than its geology) I can send you a fact sheet of info gleaned from the internet.

There are no pubs, cafés, restaurants or mobile food outlets on the walk so be prepared.

The route is linear and parking at each end can be problematic, so a 9.30 **departure** from Fairholmes seems reasonable, with cars left at each end. It takes about 30 minutes to drive from Fairholmes to Upper Burbage Bridge. Could you please let me know if you are going so we can co-ordinate transport.

Chris Wilson [c.wilson.48@talktalk.net](mailto:c.wilson.48@talktalk.net) / 07881698758

## **Thursday 25 June Tansley short walk Ruth Gordon**

We will start at 11.00 am by Tansley church. SK 323 599 off the A615 Matlock – Alfreton road. There is street parking to be had in various spots on the road through the village. We will go through fields and woodland across Knabhall Lane to Allen Lane and Holestone Gate Road. Lunch will be taken near Turningstone Edge before retracing our steps to return via Old Engine Farm, Packhorse Farm, Knabhall and Whitelea Lanes. Distance about five and a half miles with just one short steepish bit as we climb out of Tansley.

Ruth Gordon: [alistair.ruth@btinternet.com](mailto:alistair.ruth@btinternet.com) tel. 07999 857922

## **26-28 June Little Langdale meet Derek Pike**

The Fylde M. C. cottage at Little Langdale (NY3157903030) is well positioned for most kinds of outdoor activities, walking, climbing or chilling out. Great Langdale is a shortish drive away with all the climbing you could wish for. A glance at a map will show you all the possibilities of the area.

The cottage sleeps 14 and is down a narrow road and is about 100 yards short of a river. The car park is small, four to five cars max so car sharing is desirable. The parking on the other side of the river is no longer available. Anyone who can offer lifts to other members please let me know.

Back to another important item, the weather, the weather gods have confirmed that there will be some weather but were extremely reticent on what type so better come prepared.

Any info that you may require please ask. Anyone wishing to stay before or after the meet must contact the Fylde's hut booking secretary, Jen Chambers email [fmc.bookings@outlook.com](mailto:fmc.bookings@outlook.com)

Derek Pike: email [22derekpike@gmail.com](mailto:22derekpike@gmail.com) tel. 07876 238312

## **Wednesday 1 July Monsal Head Walk Brian Dykes**

This was originally advertised as one of Peter Amour's walks, but Peter has asked that I step in and lead it for him. As per Peter's original plan, we will meet up at Monsal Head (where the ice cream van is normally parked) at 10:00. There is a large Derbyshire Dales District Council car park at Monsal Head (£6.60 - all day) but there is also some free roadside parking on Butts lane heading east from Monsal Head towards Little Longstone.

The route I have planned is about 15km and with 400m of ascent. Initially we will descend to the Monsal Trail, leaving it at Great Longstone before ascending to Longstone Moor. We will then cross the moor to pick up concessionary paths leading towards Cressbrook Dale - just above Ravensdale crag. We will then take the footpath descent into Cressbrook Dale to pass Ravensdale Cottages and to pick up the Monsal Trail again at Cressbrook.

The descent into Cressbrook Dale is steep, but was not a problem on my 'dry run' but could be a problem if it's very wet - and as such walking poles may help. Also bring food and drink for a lunch stop. Please let me know if you will be joining...

Brian Dykes: email: [brian.dykes.bd@gmail.com](mailto:brian.dykes.bd@gmail.com), Tel: 07763 020692.

## **3 - 7 July Tan yr Wyddfa Working Party Snod Helliwell**

This year we have a change to the format of the last few years. The usual suspects have been taking advantage of a free stay at the hut midweek. This is quite selfish and precludes our younger members, who have to work for their living, from taking part. So this year a weekend is included to let them have the benefit of a free stay too, in return for a few hours work. There's always time for a route or two at Tremadoc. Of course they are welcome to stay on if they wish! The hut is reserved for members bookings only so book yourself in online and let me know you are coming.

Snod Helliwell email [fingertipdave@outlook.com](mailto:fingertipdave@outlook.com) tel. 07976 517216

## **10-12 July Ynys Ettws Llanberis Pass Hut Mike Mowbray**

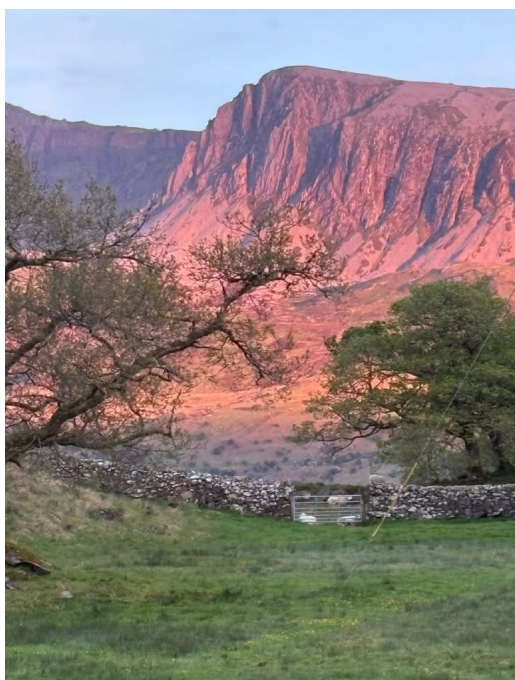
Stunningly located in the heart of the Llanberis Pass and surrounded on all sides by Eryri's most spectacular mountains, Ynys Ettws is possibly the best-situated hut in Britain. After a ground-up refurbishment in 2023-4 this truly is a state of the art base for exploring Eryri, whilst all the major crags of the Llanberis Pass are within walking distance. So come on all you Oread's, sort out your lead rack and remember where you left your trad head. We have 12 beds booked in this splendid hut. If the weather is unkind there is still Gogarth and Tremadog. Excellent walking and bouldering too and if all else fails a mass ascent of Lockwood's Chimney looms.

For further details join the WhatsApp group or be in touch.

**Please let me know when you commit to attend as I expect this to be a full meet.**

See you there.

Mike Mowbray email [mjmowbray@icloud.com](mailto:mjmowbray@icloud.com) tel. 07841 982398



## **17 – 19 July Cader Idris Nigel Berry**

South Snowdonia a great base for walking, scrambling and climbing.

We will be camping in the Gwynant valley within range of both Cader Idris and the Rhinogs.

Nigel Berry: email [nigebmic@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nigebmic@yahoo.co.uk) tel. 07939 073394

## **Saturday 25 July Mow Cop Walk Nick Evans**

My legendary Mow Cop walk:

Start Timbersbrook Car park. Free. SJ 894628 demand.remix.grudging

Route - Dane in Shaw, Congleton Edge, Mow

Cop, Biddulph, The Cloud. 14 miles.

Refreshing beer available en route.

Nick Evans: email [nick.evans4864@gmail.com](mailto:nick.evans4864@gmail.com) tel. 07341 258328 or via the WhatsApp group.

## **31 July – 1 August Coniston Meet Tim Harrison**

The [YMC Coniston Copper Mines Hut](#) is perfectly situated for climbing on Dow Crag and the many other crags around the Old Man of Coniston. There are also plenty of opportunities for walking, scrambling and other outdoor activities, with

easy access to other Lake District areas. An optional group meal is planned for Saturday evening (menu yet to be confirmed). Join the meet WhatsApp group or be in touch with me to find out more and to book your bed.

Tim Harrison: email [tim0403@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tim0403@hotmail.co.uk) or tel. 07491 686657

## **8 -15 August The Vanoise National Park Alpine meet Steve Christian**

This year's summer alpine meet takes us to the Val Cenis in the Vanoise National Park. We'll be staying at camping Les Melezes, which has good facilities and plenty of shade, [link here](#).

[Les Mèlèzes à Val-Cenis Termignon en Savoie](#)

**The campsite in Termignon is now open for bookings for the Oread summer alpine meet on the 8th to 15th August, see the link below. Some members are arriving earlier or staying longer.**

The message from the site manager is:

"When booking, you can add comments and in this case, fill in "oread" so that we can make sure to assign you places close to each other.

Note that the pitches measure at least 80m<sup>2</sup> and that it is possible to accommodate up to 6 people on them, so it is possible for the members of your group to reserve 1 single pitch for several tents and several people so that it is more economical for you"

[https://thelisresa.webcamp.fr/list.php?](https://thelisresa.webcamp.fr/list.php?camping=melezes73&lang=en&PHPSESSID=fj18brs0b76lcdhl6lgn7405rs&begin=2026-08-08&duration=7&end=2026-08-15&nb_pers=1&type=1)

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There is walking, mountaineering, via ferrata, valley cragging, mountain cragging, mountain and road riding all within easy reach. It's good for active families and I have holidayed there many times in the last decade.

There is general information about the area in the link below.

[Vanoise National Park - Haute Maurienne Vanoise](#)

There is a Cicerone selective guidebook in English that covers the many activities (link below), along with French language and topo guides for more detail on rock climbing in the area.

[https://www.cicerone.co.uk/mountain-adventures-in-the-maurienne?](https://www.cicerone.co.uk/mountain-adventures-in-the-maurienne?srsltid=AfmBOooDTQXwE_1-V9r-MOE1iefgcU_Uh1BckP5QxX_or5HVekfzJrEN)

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If you have any questions about the activities in the area, I have spent several summers here in the last decade, undertaking family activities like rock climbing, via ferrata, MTB, walking and easy mountaineering, so don't hesitate to contact me. Any queries you can reach me on [climbersteve@hotmail.com](mailto:climbersteve@hotmail.com), there is also a WhatsApp group in the Oread Community you can join to express interest, keep up to date or ask questions.

## **Proposed 17 October Ecton Hill Mine Visit Stuart Firth**

Oread members have walked over Ecton Hill many times and observed the extensive overground copper and lead mine-workings. Some members have actually been underground and report that it is a fascinating place.

- Once one of the foremost mines in the UK
- Worked for copper and lead for 3,500 years until 1891
- In 18<sup>th</sup> Century, Duke of Devonshire made £300,000 - possibly used to fund building of Buxton Crescent
- Firsts in mining technology, chemistry, geology
- Deepest mine shaft and first use of mining explosives in Britain
- Boulton and Watt steam engine
- Site of Special Scientific Interest above and below ground

What's not to like?

Consequently, I am proposing a private Oread underground trip and would appreciate expressions of interest so that I can gauge numbers. Please would you let me know **by 30 June 26** if you might be interested; no commitment required yet. The cost is a minimum donation of £10 per person which goes towards the charity's expenses. The tour is guided by expert volunteers.

There are two underground options: Deep Ecton - easy but wellies needed. More exciting is a possible through trip to Salts level via 50m of fixed ladders. More kit is needed but can be provided. The trip will include a short presentation, an overground walk and a visit to the 1788 engine house.

For more background info: [www.ectonmine.org.uk](http://www.ectonmine.org.uk) and [www.ectonhillfsa.org](http://www.ectonhillfsa.org)

I hope there is enough support to allow this unusual meet to take place. Be adventurous - it should be fun!

Stuart Firth: email [stuartmfirth@btinternet.com](mailto:stuartmfirth@btinternet.com) tel. 07977 458048

### **\*SAVE THE DATE\*14 November**

The Annual Dinner will again be held at the Bentley Brook Inn, Fenny Bentley DE6 1LF. Further details to follow next month.

### **25 November - 6 December Anti Atlas Morocco Ed Bloomfield**

We plan a return to the Anti Atlas – if you are interested join the WhatsApp group or be in touch.

Ed Bloomfield email [edwardlbloomfield@gmail.com](mailto:edwardlbloomfield@gmail.com) tel. 07990 066362

### **29 January – 12 February 2027 Sun Rock Benidorm Ruth Gordon**

It's a long way off but some of us have already booked our annual trip to the Costa Blanca in search of sunshine, bolted limestone and beautiful mountain walking. We have booked a few days earlier this time to avoid the mid February weekend which gets fully booked very quickly. However the hotel is very popular and early booking is advisable.

We have booked a Jet2 holiday from Manchester or East Midlands at the Aparthotel Terralta, Benidorm, with Half Board Plus but you can also self cater if you prefer. Car hire is essential for getting to the crags but we will organise that nearer the time when we know how many are coming. Any questions please be in touch.

Ruth Gordon email: [alistair.ruth@btinternet.com](mailto:alistair.ruth@btinternet.com) tel. 01629 56636 and leave a message if I'm not at home.

## **July 2027 Pyrenees mountain walking/climbing Mark Hipwell**



### **Expressions of interest invited for a Mid-July 2027 Pyrenees Trip.**

This will be a hut to hut trip, using each hut as a base to explore the Cirque De Gavarnie and Ordesa Canyon (UNESCO site). Prospective peaks include Mt Perdu (3352m), Marbore Cylinder (PD 3328m), and Taillon (3147m). Walks include the spectacular Faja de las Flores, Breche De Roland, and the Circo de Cotatuero. If interested, please contact Mark Hipwell on the club WhatsApp or tel. 07706 451717.

## News, Articles and Reports from Meets

### Pip and Jonathan Leach - Land's End to John o' Groats charity cycle ride



Pip and her brother Jonathan are cycling from Land's End to John O' Groats starting on June 26. They are doing this as a fundraiser for the Alzheimers Society and hope to raise £2,000.

Pip writes:

“We are doing this in memory of our parents, both of whom died with dementia. We saw them change so much from being vibrant active people with interests in many areas of life to ones being afflicted by dementia. We would like to raise money to help support those individuals affected by dementia and also to support family and friends around them.”

If you would like to donate to their fundraiser the link is

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/jonathan-leach-1?](https://www.justgiving.com/page/jonathan-leach-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

[utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/jonathan-leach-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

or be in touch with Pip by email [pippasleach@gmail.com](mailto:pippasleach@gmail.com) tel. 07941 395856

## Wednesday Walk - Around Ecton 1 April Nigel Briggs



*The team on top of Ecton Hill. Photo Janet Briggs.*



Eleven people and one dog assembled at Weag's Bridge, well this is not exactly true as two participants had been delayed by a local road closure. Sitting in a valley with a complete lack of mobile phone signal we had not completely given up on them but could not contact them. After a 15 minutes wait we started, heading up the road we thought they would approach by. Before we turned off the road the missing pair arrived on their way to Weag's Bridge. A few moments waiting while 'boots were laced' and the group was finally fully assembled.

*Fossilised ironmongery. Photo Rachel Walker.*

We proceeded through Wetton, over Wetton Hill to the Top of Ecton and along to Ecton Hill. Enjoying fine views but with a cutting cold wind along the way. From the summit it was down through the old mine workings to the buildings at the foot. Here they obviously host groups and benches were arranged, they were too inviting to ignore and made a good stop for lunch.

Along the way we found a boulder fit for the day (1<sup>st</sup> April), did it contain fossilised Carboniferous bolts, springs and washers or crinoid stems, I think the jury is out!

After lunch it was across the River Manifold to skirt below Warslow before heading south and then east at Hoo Brook to follow it back to Wettonmill and a cup of tea. Finally it was back along the Manifold Way to Weag's Bridge.

There is a story to this walk. It was planned as the Spring Stride in 2020. I was going to lead it as my first duty as President (although that version had an option of a visit to The Greyhound in Warslow). We had just finished the reconnaissance and were about to drive home when the Prime Minister announced the 'no unnecessary travel' in the unfolding Covid pandemic. Now the Spring Stride may be considered necessary by some but full lock down was implemented before the walk or the AGM for that matter. I was pleased we could walk the walk after six years.

The one question that remains unanswered is who was Weag?

### **New Members' Meet 15-17 May Ed Bloomfield**



A new members' meet plagued by the weather! We met at Stanage edge popular end in what felt like a November's day on Grit. Friction was great but it was a bitterly cold day for the middle of May. Near 20 oreads made the effort to come out - many recently joined and one prospective member along with a good turnout of seasoned Oreads and one German woman, Cora, who was over visiting Simas

so you could call it an International Meet really! Some classic routes were climbed - Holly Bush Crack, Right Hand Trinity, Christmas Crack and Green Crack - though I'm not sure many would agree this is a classic other than Simas as he double stacked his way to the top.

We retired to the Millstone for 3pm to take shelter from the rain - it seemed all of Stanage had the same idea, an early pint and some colouring inn before heading back to Heathy Lea for an optimistic bbq and a thorough test of the recently installed fire alarm courtesy of the vege burgers.

The outlook was bleak for the Sunday and being as a few of the recent new members were found scratching about in the Cave of Dreams dry tooling at Masson Lees wanting for a club of enthusiastic winter climbers it seemed appropriate to return for a good stiff pull on some ice axes. Tim Harrison made a sterling effort onsighting the Velvet Pelmet and Doug a brilliant job on Heavens Above before Derbyshire Mountain Rescue had him away for a shout at Thors Cave. Thanks to all those who attended and for those that didn't you are forgiven except the tear away group that went to Millstone - you have some grovelling to do.

Until next time Ed.

## **Dovedale Short Walk 21 May Rusty Russell**



After the appalling conditions of the last two outings we were graced by weather which although perhaps on the warm side of optimum was at the least pleasing and acceptable. The outing took in two ascents from the level of the River Dove to approximately 300 metres with the corresponding descents of which only the one from Alsop to Milldale was somewhat steeper than the optimum for comfort.

From the lay by at Alsop Moor we started off down the pleasing dry valley

which I call "Iron Torrs " although it is not specifically named on the map. Thereafter we climbed the Staffordshire Bank of the river, opposite Reynards Cave and travelled anti clockwise to Alstonefield and then down to the river at Milldale where we consumed the second helping of our rations whilst admiring the ducks and the former mill race and weirs. As we rose again on the Derbyshire Bank the



important landmark of Moat Low, which I can see from home (standing on tiptoe on my dustbin) came gradually in to view. Thereafter the last section along the Tissington Trail back to the start was a little warm and tiring, (I had inserted this into the route to avoid the obvious footpath for the last bit which was being grazed by a bull, and had not checked the distance for which I apologise)  
Those present, Ruth, Heather, Nick, Sue, Rachel, Stuart, prospective member John and myself. (This list has been randomised by Microgoog inc, to avoid any accusation of having ranked the participants.)

## **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.**

## **Information on Member Activities**

Welcome to new provisional member Csilla Megyesi and full members Mark Hipwell, Martin Hooper and Tim Sellears. We hope you will enjoy many happy days with the club.

### **Tony Raphael**

Tony died in Scotland on 4<sup>th</sup> May after enjoying a day of good weather out on the hill with friends. He was on the way down, deep in conversation, when he suddenly collapsed.

Jenny Raphael would love to hear any memories and stories about her dad. You can contact her by email [raphael.jenny@gmail.com](mailto:raphael.jenny@gmail.com) or text 07857 087212.



*Tony in Ullapool 2025 photo Pete Kennington.*

### **Spike Johnston writes:**

When I first met Tony in the early 1990's, little did I know how much I would come to enjoy his company which was generally educational or amusing. For me,

the best part was the benign incidents on the mountains during our annual trips to Ullapool. And what was so good about Tony was that he enjoyed laughing about these with us in the pub.

One of my favourite moments was when he wanted to conquer Moruisg, a Munro in Torridon. Tony offered to drive Brian, Helen and myself, and I ended up in the front of the car, And Tony expected me to navigate him to the start of the walk. He dutifully followed my guidance, down a track, over the railway and parking in a gravel area. We set off up the mountain – here is the route description: “*Moruisg is a very prominent mountain rising like a beached whale above upper Glen Carron. Unfortunately the usual ascent route is up a wide and soggy slope with few features to break the effort.*”

The route description was very accurate, and I took one of my favourite photos (see below) of Tony striding purposefully up the wide soggy slope with poor visibility.



*Tony Raphael striding up the wrong mountain.*

Fortunately, when we reached the summit, the clouds parted and we saw a view that we could not understand. Brian was the first to solve the puzzle, we were on the wrong mountain, and it was not even a Munro. Tony was very disappointed, and he never asked me to navigate again!

Tony could be relied upon for entertainment, like trying to buy beer at the Travellers in Glenridding but still wearing his ski goggles, or on the this year's Ullapool trip when he turned up to the Arch pub and brought his own bottle of ketchup out of his pocket!

Tony was always keen to update us on Jenny and Adam, and Chloe, and he was extremely proud of his second Grandchild. I will miss Tony in Ullapool next year. I have collected together the Ullapool and Patterdale videos that contain Tony in

action!

[https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhvYh8kXmyf9C6jJ5bt3tKNFX11P50hX9&si=clvGCgHA\\_BYVRk1V](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhvYh8kXmyf9C6jJ5bt3tKNFX11P50hX9&si=clvGCgHA_BYVRk1V)

### **From the Kenningtons:**

#### **Pete says:**

I first met Tony and Freda at Tan Yr Wyddfa, I can't remember the year but it was more than 25 years ago. Invited by Nodge and Pam, he joined the Ullapool group sometime around 2008 and as space was limited, shared their bedroom (but not their bed) for many years at Ardmair House.

He often joined us out on the hill, always happy to let others navigate, he was either way in front and sometimes behind and we often lost him, but like a bad penny he always turned up back at the car in good spirits.

I enjoyed his entertaining and witty company, his inquisitive mind and expansive knowledge of all things medical (an important asset to us aging folk)

I remember one winter outing up Ben More Coigach where ice axes and crampons were necessary, once the snow had petered out the group removed crampons and continued across the heathery hillside unhindered. Tony was some way behind and we spotted him stumbling along, tripping and cursing, in his rush to catch up he had left his crampons on!

He will be missed in Ullapool but never forgotten, RIP Tony.



#### **Ali says:**

My first memory of Tony is at Brian West's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party sporting a shiny green wig and 'strutting his stuff' on the dance floor.

Some years later he joined the 'Ullapoolers' on the annual February pilgrimage to the far North West. His trademark walking poles and goggles accompanied most outings. Pam and I were ambling along the coast from Ullapool when Tony appeared, somewhat over overdressed for the conditions, with large rucksack and goggles in place, waving his poles and shouting a cheery greeting. He made us

smile! He was a good talker, and listener, always full of enthusiasm and we will miss him next year.



*Tony unmasked! Photos Pete Kennington.*

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