

# OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB MAGAZINE SEPTEMBER 2024

## Editorial

At the AGM earlier in the year I heard Ruth's request for help with the Newsletter and felt I should help the club despite little rock climbing in recent years and being based in Leicester. So as night follows day, the time to exercise my privilege to edit the Newsletter has arrived. As always the Newsletter is created by each of you through your contribution of participation and reports from meets and notices of forthcoming meets, and I am hugely grateful for the contributions that have been sent in to create this newsletter. The very large number of contributions and pictures is a delight - and a baptism by fire!



There was no Oread Alpine Meet this summer - so The front picture is from the Lofoten meet (Janet Briggs) , A write up of that meet is in this newsletter

To help us work as an Editorial team so no one is unreasonably over worked please send all future newsletter correspondence to [newseditor@oread.co.uk](mailto:newseditor@oread.co.uk) where both of us can access it. It would also be appreciated if picture files could be renamed to include a connection to the meet or author.

The last date for submissions to be included in the October Oread Magazine is Monday 23 September.

## Meet Leader news

Rob Tresidder has generously offered to lead two walks:

Saturday 19 October and Wednesday 04 December.

## Forthcoming Meets

**Saturday 23 November Oread 75th Annual Dinner Celebrations 6.45pm for 7:15pm**

The annual dinner will be held at: The Maynard, Main Road, Grindleford S32 2HE (A contemporary boutique hotel set in the Hope valley Tel 01433 424110)

### Overnight accommodation

The hotel does have accommodation and there are numerous nearby accommodation options, too many to list. Early bookings are advisable as it is a popular area of the Peak District.

### Camper vans

We have secured overnight spaces for 7 camper vans at Grindleford Station café car park.

The camper van capacity has been reached.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this celebration of The Oread Mountaineering Club reaching its 75th milestone.

The booking form is at the end of the Newsletter. Please complete your booking form and *[return to Chris Radcliffe no later than 28th October at the latest – thank you!](#)*

### Wednesday 4 September: Elton walk - Janet B

We will meet near Elton Church at 10 am for a 10.15 departure. There is no car park in Elton but you should find space either on Main Street, or Well Street which goes down beside the church. Please park considerately and car share where possible to reduce the number of cars.

The 17km route heads to Dale End then up Gratton Dale and Long Dale. After a short road section we head to Middleton and then drop down to walk alongside the River Bradford as far as Youlgreave. The Limestone Way takes us up to the non limestone Robin Hood's Stride and from there we return to Elton. Bring a picnic lunch. If the weather is good and you fancy joining me for a dip at the swimming area in Youlgreave bring swimming stuff. There is no café in Elton but

hopefully we can get some suitable post walk refreshments at the Miner's Standard in Winster.

### Wednesday 11th Sept: Colehill

Details about this meet are scant, one presumes the meet-up point is at Clehill quarry, National Stone Centre, Wirksworth, or is at the Boat Inn, Scarthin, Cromford? I hope the Wednesday walkers have all relevant info.

### 13th to 15th September 2024 75th Anniversary Camping Meet

The time for our 75th Anniversary Camping Meet at Chatsworth is fast approaching. We will start to gather during the afternoon of Friday 13th and have drinks and a cold buffet that evening to welcome everyone.

Saturday is dedicated to the BARMY competition and more details of how this will run and what you need to bring are provided below. The BARMY (Best All Round Mountaineer of the Year) competition has a long history in the Oread. It was originally started by Keith Gregson in the early 1990's and resurrected more recently by Michael Moss. As a fun and inclusive event it seemed a perfect fit for our anniversary weekend. Please do come and join us. The day allows plenty of time for climbers, walkers and runners to gain points by visiting places of interest in the Peak (trig points, ancient monuments, natural features, stoops, cafes and pubs). Extra points are gained by climbing routes and / or boulder problems.

### BARMY Competition Information – please read on...

Please arrive on Friday evening to enjoy a drink and help create a convivial atmosphere. The competition starts at 10 am on Saturday morning. Don't worry, you can participate at your own pace, there is no pressure to win!

You can register on Friday evening from 8pm or Saturday morning from 9 am. Registration will be in the large tent on the campsite, just follow the signs. Participants will need to complete the registration form and provide a mobile number before they head out for the day.

At the registration desk you'll collect a list of grid references, with descriptions and point scores. These grid references will have been sent out in advance but if you haven't had time to look at them please do so on Saturday morning. Participants will need to mark up a map with these grid references. You can go to as many or as few locations as you like. Remember, going climbing and / or bouldering also gains you points.

The organisers can help you find a partner if you need one. Minimum team size is two, no maximum number. The competition finishes at 5pm. Please hand in your score sheet and sign back in at the registration tent. Anyone arriving back after 5pm will lose points (see below).

What you need to bring to take part: Pen or pencil; Compass (optional) OS 1:25 000 White Peak Outdoor Leisure Map 24; Mobile phone

Personal first aid kit & medication ; Clothing appropriate to the weather conditions; Food & drink for the day; Money / card (visiting cafes and pubs gains you points)

#### **Instructions for climbers / boulderers:**

Climbers will need a rope and climbing equipment. Climbs must be completed by all members of the team using rope, gear and belays. Take a guidebook to record the names of your routes. Whilst grades don't matter for point scoring, all routes and boulder problems need to have a climbing grade and be described in a published guidebook. Maximum of 6 routes per crag or 6 problems per bouldering area.

*Penalties for any late returners: in the first 10 minutes – lose 1 point per minute you are late back. After 10 minutes – lose 5 points per minute you are late back*

#### **Wednesday 18th September: Curry Meet.**

A table has been booked at the Matlock Bath Balti (opposite the station) for 8.00pm. This should allow time for a route or two on Wildcat and swift pint in the Old Bank. Or a swift route on Wildcat and a leisurely pint or three in the Old Bank!

If you want to come for the curry, please let Simon P know by Sunday 15th September. All are welcome, even if you don't want to climb beforehand.

#### **Thursday 19 September 11.00 am start.**

**Walk, Talk and Bus!** Something a bit different for this month.

We will begin in the Peak village of Rowsley, toilets, tea/coffee/refreshments all available from here before the walk should you so wish. 11 a.m. start

We then cross the main road, past the school and take the road which lead us onto a field footpath eventually getting to Congreave. Instead of going down and steeply up, the shortest way, we will take the higher footpath, still steep but much less of it! We reach Pilhough Lane that takes us into Stanton in The Peak. From here we descend, using the footpath opposite The Lodge to a disused quarry. Crossing the roads and river it's the footpath through Oxclose Wood (short steep part) to Haddon plantation. The footpath continues over Haddon fields, to Wigger Dale dropping to Haddon House. Cross the main road to enter Bakewell showground and we walk along here to Bakewell. Refreshments and food in abundance at Bakewell if you wish. Toilets are 20p (if that's still correct) About

5.5 miles, some stiles.

For the return we can catch a bus, £2.00 fare or some will have bus passes. The 6.1 leaves on the hour (ish). Or there is another bus, Stagecoach, on the half hour. Not sure if they take £2.00 fares and bus passes. I'll check all this nearer the time. There is an option to walk back a different route, a steady uphill then down. This will give 11 miles! Possibly not! Individuals may want to? I can help if that is the case. Some may wish to linger longer in Bakewell, some may wish to get back as soon as possible. So many different choices at the end of this walk. Do join a happy band of OREADS for interesting talks, always laughter and a bus ride!

Thank you. Chris P.

#### **Saturday 21 Sept: Peak District Geo Walk 0 Parsley Hay to Milldale**

Parsley Hay to Milldale. An easy walk along a former railway track and through dales with limestone underfoot almost all the way. After a short excursion to view some of the youngest Peak District rocks in the disused sand pit at Hartington Meadows, the route proceeds to the village of Hartington with all its amenities. From here the walk follows the course of the River Dove along good paths which can be quite muddy in places. Sadly I'm not fit enough to lead it and so Nick Evans has kindly agreed to take over.

Please contact Nick E if you wish to take part. As it is a linear walk lifts can be organised back to Parsley Hay at the end.

#### **Wednesday 2nd October: Churnet Valley - Charlie T**

Meet at Mill Road car park, Oakamoor, Staffordshire (SK052446) for a 10:15hrs depart. Toilets and plenty of parking are available. The walk takes in Dimmings Dale, Hawkmoor and Whiston along with sections of the River Churnet. The route is approximately 9 miles (14.5km) along with 1000ft (300m) ascent, Please let me know if you are attending:

#### **UK documentary film**

Film distributor Dogwoof (home to over 28 Oscar nominated documentaries, including Free Solo) has released a new climbing film THE MOUNTAIN WITHIN ME. It is in UK and Irish cinemas from 23rd August. The film will screen at Nottingham Broadway from 30 August. After suffering a life changing, near-fatal spinal injury, The Mountain Within Me follows former Rugby player Ed Jackson's incredible recovery journey, from his first steps to an epic climb deep in the Himalayas, all whilst navigating a mental and physical transformation.

**Meets List 2025 - Edward B**

The meets list is out for 2025, (see double spread at end of this newsletter) and now I need you to fill in some of the blanks... Any meet that doesn't have a leader needs a volunteer to step forward and lead it. All meets need attendees, so please put some place holders in your diary for 2025.

There is no greater joy than leading a meet that gets people in the club out doing the things they love doing and bringing us all together at home or abroad! Leading a meet is simple, your main responsibility is to organise the weather and the fun! There are some very minor details like hut access, but myself and the hut secretaries will be on hand to make sure you have the information you need to lead your meet successfully. To get good huts in the diary we have to book them in advance by at least 6 months or even 12 months with some of the more popular ones. If we want to continue to see good huts in the meets list to give access to the UK's best climbing, walking and mountaineering we need to try to fill the huts come rain or shine! Which means we need to have well coordinated meets with detailed plans which are inspiring and desirable. Thought should be given to wet weather alternatives as we can't always guarantee the conditions but we should be able to guarantee a memorable time with friends. Be a part of your club's success, volunteer to lead a meet and be apart of your club's future.

### **Evening Meets - Rob T**

Fellow Oreads: the programme for next winter's talks is still looking a little thin. Do you have a talk in you dying to get out. Would you like to suggest the name of someone, a club member or an outsider that you would like to mention to me? I promise not to tell! I do have a small budget to spend but we only pay outsiders. I have one. I am looking for two more.

Here are the dates for our Ockbrook meetings. All start at 2000. I shall be opening a WhatsApp page in the Oread community so you can keep an eye open for updates there.

01 October 2024 ; 05 November ; 03 December (Chris Wilson) ; 07 January 2025 (Carrie Beadle) ; 04 February / 04 March.

## **News from The Committee**

### **Meets Secretary**

At the July Committee Meeting Ed Bloomfield was confirmed as Meets Secretary, taking over from Mike Moss. We all thank Mike for the work and enthusiasm he put in to being Meets Secretary - please support Ed so your meets are even more successful.

### **Club Secretary**

From Jan W: It's official our Club Secretary Pip L is moving and will no longer be able to do her job because of the distance. First of all I want to thank her on behalf of you all for her sterling work over the past few years. She has cheerfully done her thing despite the vagaries of her fellow Committee members and kept the organisation on the straight and narrow.

The Secretary's role is the glue that keeps the organisation together and running smoothly. We now need a new one. The current committee cannot take this on as some are already doing more than one job. If you think you could contribute even if it requires some adaptation can you please get in touch urgently as we need someone for the 10th September Committee meeting. A summary of the role can be provided at the back of the Newsletter - and I am here to expand on it or listen to any suggestions !!! We need your participation in the committee so the club works for you. Thanks in anticipation. Jan Wilson

### **GENERAL SECRETARY role content**

- 1 To record the Minutes of the Club's regular Committee Meetings and to keep a Minute Book as a ready source of reference. To book Committee meetings.
- 2 To act as the official in all correspondence from and to the club and to keep the Committee informed of all important news relevant to the Club.
- 3 To record and maintain the AGM, Minute Book for Club reference.
- 4 To ensure that the Club is administered in agreement with the Rules of the Club.

## **New Members and prospective members**

Firstly welcome to Ian Ferguson who's approval to Full Membership was approved at the July committee mtg

We have had two applications for full membership that need to go in the next newsletter for comments Maxwell Dean and Trevor Stevens.

We have had 3 new provisional member applications:

Dave F, Patrick B, and James C

### **MEET REPORTS**

#### **Lofoten (Janet B)**

The Oread last visited the Lofoten archipelago in Northern Norway in 2001, a return trip was planned by Derek P for 2020, but 'world events' got in the way of that, so we decided to resurrect it for 2024. The cast of 17 humans and a dog eventually emerged, Janet and Nigel B, Simon and Maggie P, Victoria and Dave, Chris and G, Mick and Helen H, Alison and Graham W, and Basil the dog, Emma H and Luke M, Steph W and Nea W and Alex M. Mick, Helen, Emma, Graham,

Alison and Nea were returnees from 2001, although Nea does not remember much from then. It was a fully van based trip so there were none of the 'tent blowing away' dramas of 2001.

As none of us were tied by school holidays we decided to be there for the summer solstice to see the midnight sun so the plan was a rendezvous at Kabelvåg campsite near Svolvær for the first few days, arriving around 22nd June and then let further venues develop from there. However we all had to get there first, and Lofoten is a long way North. Unfortunately the most Northerly crossing from Britain to Europe is now from Hull, or Harwich to the Netherlands, the R and the W took advantage of these options. For the rest of us the journey started by going South to Dover or Folkestone before heading North. For the retirees there was the opportunity of taking 2 weeks or more over the Northwards journey. First off the mark were the P on 6th June, closely followed by B on 7th.

Thus began the first part of the meet, the first installment of the 'Whatsapp meet'. We were all signed up to a Whatsapp group, firstly part of the Oread community then moved out of it. Over the next 2 weeks we shared our experiences, occasionally met up, once didn't meet up although 2 parties were in the same place at the same time, and gave and received advice about customs regulations, road tolls, and good places to visit on the way. Towards the end as we neared our destination it was a bit like an episode of 'Race Across the World'.

It emerged that there are many ways to get to Northern Norway; Germany first, then directly to Malmö in Sweden, or Denmark, then Copenhagen and the Oresund Bridge/Tunnel to Malmö, or Hirtshals in Northern Denmark to Kristiansand in Norway. Once in Sweden there was an inland route or a faster Baltic coastal route before crossing to Norway, or in Norway there was a very leisurely coastal route involving frequent, and fortunately reliable, small ferries, or a slightly faster inland route. Pretty much all variations were tried. The time taken was about 5 days for the fastest, or nearer 2 weeks for the slower journeys.

On the way, between us we admired ubiquitous roadside lupins, along with rain and winds in Denmark, saw some of the sights of Copenhagen, Malmö, Oslo, Stavanger, Bergen and Uppsala. A Scandinavian stone ship burial site was visited, the Pulpit Rock tourist attraction early in the morning before the crowds arrived, art galleries in Oslo, some botanical gardens and for Mick and Helen a lakeside cabin belonging to friends, for us a fjord boat trip followed by a splendid rail journey. Time off travelling was taken for climbing at Bechen in Norway and Simonsberget in Sweden, there was kayaking, waterfalls visited, some fine walking in the Rago National Park, some parkrun tourism, and for Nigel a bike ride up (and nearly not back down due to roadworks) the Trollstigen climb at the back of the awe inspiring Troll Wall.

Swimming, or at least dipping was done in several lakes, rivers, fjords and the sea, and some fish were caught, one pike so large that it broke Dave's rod, however there was no swimming in the Prestesteinnsvatnet lake as it was totally frozen over in the glacial highlands of central Norway. As we got further North there

was the entry into Lapland in Sweden, then crossing the Arctic Circle in Norway (along with an encounter with the largest stuffed polar bear in Europe) and sightings of reindeer, moose and elk, prompting discussions about the difference, if any, between mooses and elk. For the humans movement across the Schengen area borders were seamless but there was celebration when Basil was able to produce the correct vaccination certificates and paperwork for entry into Norway.

On the evening of 20th June the P, closely followed by ourselves and the W arrived in Skutvik for the ferry to Svolvær, Simon and Maggie had decided to stay the night and get the ferry next day, we were hoping to go over that evening. However it began to emerge that the ferry was cancelled, so we decided to go another half an hour up the coast and get on another ferry at Bognes. So that night ourselves and Graham and Alison were on Lofoten, albeit still a couple of hours from Svolvær. Others were not far behind. By the next evening most of the meet had assembled in a rather pleasant area of the Kabelvåg campsite. The 'youngsters' were still to arrive, in fact Emma and Luke were only just setting off. Mick and Helen had decided to take the ferry from Bodo to Vaeroy, an island near the end of the archipelago not connected by road to the rest, and then on to Moskenes, the Westernmost of the 'connected' islands, by another ferry. They got to Vaeroy after a somewhat rough crossing then got stranded on Vaeroy for 2 days before the next ferry was able to leave. There were worse places to be stranded, beautiful scenery and a pub that stayed open till 2am, and then they found themselves to be part of a summer solstice festival with electronic techno music and a naked man dancing on the beach.

For the next 2 weeks we had a more or less 'in person' meet, although when we were holed up in our respective vans on some rainy evenings the Whatsapp group was pinging away again. We were never actually all in the same place at the same time as Victoria and Dave headed West for surf and different climbs just before Emma, Luke and Steph arrived. Lofoten weather can be anything from very warm and sunny to very wet and windy, we had 3 or 4 bad days, and lots of lovely days. The sun never set so often activity went on well into the evening and we had to look at clocks to remind ourselves to cook and eat then go to bed.

The first couple of days were good and lots of climbing was done. The Paradiset area at Kalle was close by and had lots of very pleasant slab and wall climbs, as well as some harder routes. Gill and Chris first headed for the 1910 Ruta on The Goat pinnacle on Svolværgeita, a fine classic line which was surprisingly not too busy, whilst Dave and Victoria ticked off another classic in the Henningsvåg area: Bare Blabaer. Nigel and I took an early opportunity of a clear evening to cycle up to a north facing beach at Gimsoy and watch the midnight sun track along above the horizon at midnight, then 1am, before starting to rise in the sky again. A midnight dip in the sea was part of the experience. By the time we cycled back at 2 am the birds had started singing.

A few rainy or showery days followed. In the better interludes a number of us walked or ran around a lakeside walk behind the campsite, mainly around Stor-Kongsvatnet, with an optional extra of an ascent of Tjeldbergtinden, not high at

367m, but giving great views of Svolvær, Kabelvåg and the coastal areas. Those with kayaks, Mick, Helen, Dave, Victoria, Graham and Alison had a paddle in the sheltered coastal waters of Vatnfjorden, further North on our island of Austvågøya, Victoria upset the others by being the only one to see an otter. An excellent café in Kabelvåg was found and tested, and on a really wet day visits made to the Viking Museum further West on Vestvågøya, or the WW2 Museum in Svolvær.



PHOTO *The Land of the Midnight Sun*  
(Photo: Maggie)

The rainy interlude passed and with 3 days of lovely weather lots of fine routes were ticked. Dave and Victoria on Pianohandler Lunds Rute and the Tromsø Ekspressen followed next day by Vestpillaren Direct; Chris was very pleased to accompany Gill up Bare Blåbaer, and even more pleased to survive the 2 hours each way walk in and out. Most of the rest of the climbers in various teams did Pianohandler, Nigel and I went on more of an expedition than a climb up Rock and Roll Ridge, not a classic but with some good bits of climbing and some lovely views from the top. Emma, Luke and Steph set off to do Gandalf, possibly ended up on Gollum, or Smeagul, or bits of each and later discovered that the addendum to the guidebook suggests there are errors in the positions of these routes. Some 'rest days' from climbing were spend surfing at Unstad, or cycling. Lofoten has one main route, the E10 that links all the islands, this tends to be busy. The roads off this are quieter, but many are dead ends, leading to out and back cycling routes. We did find a couple of loops around Gimsøya, and a lovely one around the Northern part of Austvågøya. Another clear evening led to a larger gathering watching the midnight sun at Gimsøy.

After up to a week at Kabelvåg we started heading off to different pastures, some to the surfing beaches, Helen and Mick made their way North to Langøya, not strictly part of Lofoten, but just a beautiful and with hardly anyone there, and a good café! Several vans used a wet Saturday to drive west to the end of the E10 and the economically named town of Å (pronounced as in the O of born). There was the hope of climbing on the Reine slabs above the stunningly beautiful village of Reine but the improving weather the next day never really materialised. Nigel and I eventually decided at mid-day that the last shower had passed and set off on a walk into the interior of Moskenesøya, to the

Munkebuhtut. Unfortunately the last shower did not come until about 5.30 pm so we had an atmospheric misty, very isolated walk. Emma and Luke had better weather on a ridge walk taking in the 787m summit of Matmora in the North of Austvågøya. So stunning were the photos of the ridge and views that most of the rest of us repeated this walk before we left the area. Alison however was to see it in a different light.

The next day was beautiful. Graham, Alison, Nea, Alex and Basil got a ferry from Reine, up the Kjerkfjorden then walked to a lovely isolated beach at Horseid on the West coast of Moskenesøya. Nigel and I went for the renowned viewpoint of Ryten and then Kvalvika beach below it, busy if you were near the classic 'photo opportunity' spots, but quiet 50 m away from them. Dave and Victoria climbed Pizza Thief, Gill and Chris were on Gollum and Emma, Luke, Steph and Simon on Gandalf. Gill topped off the day with a midnight sun ascent of the Matmora Ridge, whilst Chris cycled around the massif.

By the middle of our second week Dave and Victoria started heading South through Norway, they had come via Sweden. The rest of us eventually congregated again on the coastal campsite at Lyngvaeret. This was not far from Kabelvåg but convenient for the Henningsvæer area climbing and with some lovely coastal islands for kayaking which was enjoyed by many of us (thank you Graham and Alison for the loan of kayaks). However in travelling there from Langøya Mick and Helen had a warning light come on in their van. After a frustrating day of waiting at a garage and parting with money they were on their way again. Unfortunately the light came back on, they limped their way to the campsite with the van engine shutting down to increasingly slow speeds. It transpires that nowhere in the North of Norway could fix the problem. At the time of writing their van is still in Norway awaiting repatriation at the whim of the insurers. Mick and Helen had a few more days, two in a lovely traditional Rorbu or fisherman's hut, before getting flights home from Bodo. Before then there was a bit more climbing to be done, notably an ascent by Emma and Luke, Steph, Nea and Alex of Child's Play, the route put up by Mick and Graham in 2001. How appropriate that the children, Emma and Nea, of the first ascentionists should play on Child's Play. Steph and Alex followed that with a long day doing Korstoget, linking up to Reisen and topping out in the midnight sun, what a finale.

Alison however, still had an appointment with the Matmora Ridge, as part of the Lofoten Sky Race from the North coast of Austvågøya to Svolvær on the South coast. It was a rather misty day so she didn't get the fine views (they were to come on a return later in the week in better weather). She completed the 32km in under 6 hours but modestly stated this was way slower than the winners, however it was way faster than many (page 5 out of 9 of results) and without revealing too many personal details many of the faster runners were probably a few years younger than Alison. Chapeau I say!

So then we all went our separate ways home again, and it became a Whatsapp meet again. Simon and Maggie set off North first to Andenes, right at the North

of the archipelago, before turning South and heading through Sweden. Those who came through Sweden went back through Norway and vice versa. Moose and elk were seen, and another otter for Victoria along with a polecat carrying its kit (that got our imaginations going). Climbs were climbed, waterfalls admired, national parks visited and fjords kayaked on. Dave started a thread of spotting the 'digger of the day' and Emma amazed us all by being able to name the make and model of them all. Nigel and I headed East to take part in the world's most Northerly parkrun in Oulu in Finland before finding that Sweden was full of mosquitoes, the Baltic really is Baltic to swim in, a strange thing called night happens as you go South. We then overshot to Southern Germany to visit friends before heading home. At the time of writing Nea and Alex are not home yet, still enjoying time in Norway.

If you have not been to Norway...go, if you have been I'm sure you hope to go back again. There is so much there that is stunningly beautiful, and most stunningly beautiful of all is Lofoten. It is a long way to drive, but the drive was a lovely part of the holiday. There is talk of the Newcastle Bergen ferry restarting one day, that would make it a lot more accessible, fingers crossed.

#### **6 - 9 August Tan-yr-Wyddfa working party: Steve C**

We swept, hoovered, cleaned, painted, built a new picnic bench, cleaned and treated Chuck H's bench, strimmed and mowed the grass and replaced the burnt out shower in the men's wash room. The weather was also kind enough to let us climb and hill walk over the weekend. What a top crew of volunteers and wonderful people, thank you for your support and company..

#### **Oread Meet "NOT at Glan Dena" 9- 11 Aug**

Due to unforeseen circumstances (electrical safety) we could not use the MAM hut so we relocated to Tan-yr-Wyddfa. We were allowed to use the parking at Glan Dena giving us access to Ogwen Valley. Meet attendees gathered from Wednesday when Nick arrived, having an early night before a 0500 hrs start for a day of plant hunting. On the Friday evening Simon, Pete W and I grabbed a route at Tremdoc (Christmas Curry, and old favourite) with the Micah Finish.

Saturday started wet, as forecast but it was much better on Anglesey, prompting an exodus of climbers; Ed and Mr Motivator, Gill and Dave Ward went to Castle Helen where Ed and Mike did North West Passage and Lighthouse Arete Direct. Steve Sally, Gandalf, Ethelmoss, Simon and I went to Holyhead Mountain and had a good time climbing in the sun. Back at the hut Chris R set off on a mountain bike ride over Cwm Pennant - more of a bile push over the heather. Pete, Ali, Peter Wragg, Laura and Ruth parked at Nantle exploring the old quarry buildings and lunching on top of Moel Tryfan with fabulous views.

Sunday was another lovely day. Steve and Sally, Pete and Ali headed for the Nanlte ridge from opposite directions. Ed et al went to Cloggy and embarked on Slab Right Hand on Far West Butress, a 3 star HS, because everything was wet. It wasn't quick drying and 90 ft runouts on wet slabs were quite an adventure.

Gill and Dave went to Tryfan to do Belle View Bastion and on to Hawks Nest Arete on Glyder Fach. Roger, Mike Mis, Simon and I went to the Slabs where we all started on Charity (very wet) then Gandalf and Ethel did Lazarus while I set off up Piton Route, but lack of memory had me going straight up rather than traversing right. I thought it was tough for 4b. It was actually Don't Use a (piton) Blade at 5b. Nick had a day on Tryfan and on return helped Derek finish assembling a new picnic bench. Ruth went for a stroll around the lake overtaken by Chris on the return leg of a much more successful bike ride via Telegraph Valley. This was a great meet, the hut almost full, lots of great cracks, everyone enjoying themselves. This is what this hut was for.

#### **Tan-yr-Wyddfa working party 6 - 9 Aug (Steve Christian and Dave Helliwell)**

The John S bench had finally collapsed (nobody has yet confessed to sitting on it at the time) so a new one was bought from North Wales Stoves, Abegele, and delivered as a flat pack. The driver said how good it was to deliver something made locally rather than in China! Simon protected it with a coat of Danish oil before it was assembled (by a team of arguing experts) and recoated afterwards. Meanwhile Steve and Sally gave Chuck's bench a thorough cleaning and coating with preservative.

The back walls around the side door - kitchen window, bootroom, toilets were repainted as it was all looking very forlorn and now is a sparkly setting for the new bench.

An unforeseen job was the replacement of the shower in the men's bathroom as it could offer scalding or freezing but nothing in between. The identical replacement purchased turned out not to be! The fittings are mirror image of the old ones - a lot more driving around to get the necessary plumbing bits - but it was done and is working - thanks to Derek.

All the usual washing, cleaning and gardening was thoroughly done by an enthusiastic team - the garden was a daunting job this year after the constant rain, plus the chap who mowed the grass retired last year and we haven't yet found a replacement.

We were lucky with the weather - just Thursday being unrelentingly wet. Consequently your hut is looking good - come and use it.



Thanks to Pete and Ali K, Simon and Maggie, Derek and Joan, Pete and Laura

Steve, Sally, and Ruth.

### Cromford to Winster Geowalk, 18 May

I think it was 17 aspirant geologists who assembled at Café P on Saturday morning, many gratefully accepting the proprietor's offer of free tea or coffee. We moved off up Intake Lane and onto the High Peak Trail, taking note of the remains of a timber tripod crane as we trudged up the incline. At Black Rocks, which the official guide describes as a sandstone boulder that "slide into its present position" some 320 million years ago, we were treated to a far more authoritative and understandable explanation from Nick Moyes.



The next excitement came half way up Middleton Incline. The notes suggest that brachiopods are visible in the clay wayboards in a cutting. After much scrutiny many of us believe we saw some! As we walked on many of the 463 competitors in the Ian Milne White Peak Marathon, the Swift Half Marathon, and the 'Down in a Shot' 10k passed by in the opposite direction in various states of fatigue, some more audible than others.

At the top of the incline Richard dashed off home for another engagement. On reaching Harborough Rocks trig point the masses decided that it was time for lunch, but only after at least one route had done been done by Simon and Roger. The stop was an opportunity to admire the view and learn about Carsington reservoir and the many Iron Age settlements in the area.

Descending past New Harborough Farm we marched for a while along The



Portway (a chain of ancient hillforts from Milford to Mam Tor, but they are definitely long gone as are all traces of their existence!) before dropping down to the Via Gellia. As we descended a number of DoE participants lumbered past in the opposite direction, all looking somewhat overequipped in the the glorious sunshine. The fields here had a great crop of orchids. Crossing the Via Gellia near what was previously Lillies Inn (in the 1800s) was not without its dangers and the subsequent ascent to Ible definitely raised the heart rate.

From Ible to Winster the route passed mainly through pleasant fields without incident. The ground was dry and the pub beckoned. A passing squall split the group in two as some donned their waterproofs, only to have to remove them as the sun shone again.



We regrouped at the Miners Standard and enjoyed a pleasant drink in the sunshine. Many thanks to all those who came along and made it a most enjoyable day. Chris Wilson.

### Earl Sterndale and a Couple of Ad Hoc Leaders! 7 August



There was no specific leader for this walk on August 7th, I had 'put it out there' on 'WhatsApp Walking', that I fancied going over Chrome and Parkhouse Hill, perhaps with a cafe stop in Longnor at the end of the day. Nick joined up a few of the dots, suggesting a circular walk taking in Stoop farm and a

bridlepath to Hollinsclough and Longnor.ÉÉ and so we set off. Despite no leader as such, to rally the troops, we were a good sized group of 12 people (Sue T, Linda D, Nigel B, Janet B, John G, Chris W, Jan W, Chris M, Nick E, Nick M, Richard H and Pip L)

We started from the pub in Earl Sterndale, which is still undergoing renovation



and is actually looking like it might be turned into a posh residence. Low level lush fields soon gave way to the shapely Parkhouse Hill and a steep ascent. Notable in exposed places was the really cold wind, and not the clearest of visibility. It wasn't the weather that one normally associates with August. The descent off is quite eroded these days, and a challenge for those with replaced joints, injuries or just aging knees like me!

Lunch was taken near Stoop Farm, sheltering beside a wall, to avoid the worst of the wind. After lunch, the Wilsons left us. It was Chris' birthday and he was keen to do a birthday climb. Nick E and Nick M added to our walk further, by sharing their in depth knowledge of botany, as they scampered around looking at pond life, river life and bog plants, water crowfoot was pointed out, amongst other species.

Our proposed path from Hollinsclough to Longnor was closed, so we re-routed under Chrome and Parkhouse, a little bit on the road and then an alternative footpath. Longnor's Craft Centre Coffee Shop provided welcome refreshments. Our return to Earl Sterndale took us into the valley, to cross the River Dove and over Hitter Hill.

Thank you for the shared company, a good day out. Pip.

### **Short walk Shining Cliff woods 18 July**

A glorious sunny day tempted seven to join me and we were glad of the shade as we made our way steadily uphill through the woods, pausing to admire the "Garden of Lost Hats", the now very overgrown crag and old wooden building which Reg remembered wardening when it was the original Youth Hostel. Out into open pastures with fabulous views all around. Some argued that 12.20 was far too early for lunch but it was pointed out that we would be having afternoon tea at Whatstandwell so lunch should be eaten first. Besides the tree trunk bench is a thing of beauty - it would have been rude to pass it by. On to Alderwasley taking the shady option through Kennel Wood, and down to the Family Tree cafe where cakes and scones sustained us for the return to Ambergate along the canal. Thanks to Sue Todd, Stuart Firth, Chris Radcliffe, Chris Paice, Mike Wren, Richard Hopkinson and Reg Squires for your company and Stuart for the photo.

### **Lowestern trip (Angela 26 / 27 July**

A full house on the Lowstern meet with much ground covered on foot and bicycle by teams taking in Ingleton onto Ingleborough; terrain around Dent and Dentdale; Ribblesdale/Blea Moor and the glorious limestone areas of Twistleton and Raven Scars. Whernside from Ribblesdale, returning via the villages of southern edge of the national Park. Chris clocked up many miles of off road cycling and Pippa cycled The Way of the Roses (Morecambe Bay to Bridlington).

## Climbing teams could be found enjoying

Robin Proctor Scar, Twistleton, Giggleswick and Dib Scar. Ice cream and pub stops were used for proper rehydration in the hot sun and adding to the fun. Some snuck in an extra couple of days of glorious weather to visit the area of the Norber erratics and Moughton Scar, with a warm finish down Crummackdale.

Thanks everyone for making it such a great trip.

### **20 July Geo Walk: Winstsr to Parsley Hay**

An end to end walk but with lots of offers of car sharing, lifts and support from all those who came we managed secure cars for all at both ends of the walk.

We began at the small, bus shelter type structure at Winstsr. Such an insignificant building but so significant in its time as that was the place for exchanging the lead ore people had mined for money.

No so insignificant was the gathering of 13 OREADS for a walk through time and history mostly of the geological features of the area. We began following the route of the Limestone Way to Youlgrave which is not 'just' limestone. It's Monsal Dale Limestone and, despite the name the Limestone Way it becomes sandstone and mudstone with Ashover Grit looming out the trees to the right. Robin Hoods stride also being gritstone. All this encountered before halfway!

The group trundled on past 'Nine Stones Close' of which there are only four left and to a welcome break by the River Bradford at Youlgrave. Between Youlgrave and Alport more limestone of the Eyam variety was encountered. The small cavities of the Rheinstor carbonated mud mound tempted some OREADS to use these as finger holes to begin climbing but, for me thankfully, to no avail. Snails and spiders found them useful though! Tufa was observed at Alport, apparently relatively young at 120,000 years old in its formation.



Here the group became 12 and we moved onwards along the river Lathkill and the dale. Brachiopods, adits (mine entrances) igneous rock can very easily be missed. All was located and seen. The group found 3 stones for another break. We pondered if these were some of the missing ones from the 9 stone circle.

Eventually we reached the old monastery, with some odd sights, Mary and Joseph statues, Grade 2 listed pig stys and a peacock sat very happily posing on top of a

pile of cow muck.

After seeing 8 different types of rock the car park was welcome and so was tea and cake at Monyash. And it didn't rain despite the weather forecast. We might not remember all the info, I won't, but maybe the 'take away' is to look up and look close.

People listened attentively and were thoughtful of my stumbling over some quite long words that the narrative required. I am very thankful to Jan, Angela, Pip, Tom, Linda, Chris M, Chris W, Richard, John, Racheal, Sue, Stuart for joining me, helping with logistics, supporting me and giving me confidence to move out my 'comfort zone' in leading walks.

### Short walk Kirk Ireton 15 Aug

It was grey with a chill wind - patchy rain forecast - so a pleasure to meet Jude, Chris, Chris, Nick and Pete all up for a gallivant. We set off at 11.03 and almost immediately got a call from Reg Squires - "I've been lost in a maze of little lanes - back on track now". We waited five minutes but he didn't appear. Texted vague directions and headed off to the Mountain. The trig point was gained by losing the footpath and following the boundary fence. Phone call from Reg: "I'm on the slopes of the Mountain - where are you?" "Just descending from the top, see you shortly."

Direct descent was impeded by the farmer muck-spreading in the field below - so we retraced our steps and, just as we returned to the footpath, the farmer drove up the field, catching us red-handed - oops - but he ignored us and went on his way. No sign of Reg. Cold in the wind so texted Reg that we were continuing to Biggin. As we left the village we discussed the two route options. The one described in the newsletter was over a mile longer, through many fields of long grass and a very treacherous, muddy field junction. We opted for the shorter, via the caravan site, pausing for lunch on a pleasant bank before the climb back up to Broom Lane. Just as we set off a figure appeared on the skyline, striding forward with wooden staff and sexy dark glasses. Who could this apparition be? Wonder of wonders - 'twas Reg who had successfully tracked the party - in spite of us no longer being on the described route! We completed the day together, through the caravan site (not a right of way) unchallenged - indeed given a friendly greeting by an employee - to Millfields carpark, round to Hays Lane and back through the fields to Kirk Ireton where the rain started on cue (just as it did last month) as soon as we got back to the cars! How lucky is that?!

### Tan-yr-Wyddfa Meet:12- 14 July

Back at the club hut and with a fair forecast 10 of us looked forward to a fun packed weekend of climbing ahead. The evening was spend deciding whether the mountain crags would be in condition. Cloggy was dismissed as it had rain for the previous day or so as was my choice of Cwm Silyn due to loose rock on some of the classic routes.

Saturday started slightly damp and so after a delayed start, Tremadog was decided as the venue. Dave, John Ed and I opted for Bwlch Y moch whilst Nuno and Rob settled for the more family friendly venue of craig pant Ifan upper tier.

After several ups and down steep muddy slopes trying to locate routes, only to be met with ques, we finally settled on Valerie's rib. I lead the first pitch and Ed the second. We decided the 3rd pitch probably wasn't worth the effort and abseiled off. Meanwhile John and Dave climb several pitches of several routes due to trouble route finding. With growing ques for the classics, we moved on to pant Ifan only to be met with a torrential down pour which put pay to the days climbing.

### Wednesday 03 July - Hartington Walk - Stuart Firth "Ain't Nobody Here But Us Chickens..."

As a lot of people were away on summer trips, it was heartening to have a good turnout for this midsummer midweek walk. The day had started misty and somewhat miserable and the crew took some motivating to actually leave the warmth and welcome of the Hartington Farmshop Café. However, once under way the clouds lifted and we had a great clockwise day out through delightful and quiet countryside.

**Photo 1: The magnificent seven - Chris, Sue, Peter, Linda Drew, Frédérique, Rachel and Pippa**

Lunch was taken on top of Ecton Hill - somewhere I'd never actually visited before - and we had great 360-degree views.



What was even more interesting was what lay beneath us - Ecton Copper Mine. This was once the biggest, richest and deepest copper mine in the UK and enabled the then Duke of Devonshire to finance the development of the posh bits of Buxton. The workings began 3,500 years ago, reached their peak in the 1700s and 1800s and go down 300m below river level. Boulton and Watt installed a state-of-the-art steam engine whose engine house appears to be in good nick as does the black (gun)powder house lower down the hill.

**Photo 2: There's copper in them tha' hills**

A pleasant stroll along the Manifold Valley cycle track brought us to Hulme End Tea Junction café where it would have been rude not to take refreshment. The Kelly's



blackcurrant and cream ice cream is recommended. The return walk through a bucolic landscape brought us to a farm track along which a long line of brown hens appeared keen to join our walk. At this point I spontaneously burst into song: Louis Jordan's "Ain't nobody here but us chickens, ain't nobody here at all". Much to my delight Linda entertained us with a full word-perfect rendition. In my eyes, that has to make her a good egg... I'll get my coat.

*Photo 3: We then came across Ecton Folly which looked like somewhere Harry Potter might have favoured*



Many thanks to all participants. Stuart

#### Dane Valley and Ludds Church Walk

The Day dawned fine and my anxieties about parking were allayed when six Oreads (including myself) were present with two cars safely parked in good time. The ladies outnumbered the remainder by two to one and with regard to the portrayed unseemly behaviour I can only say "make hay whilst the sun shines" Mr A's duty as photographer kept him occupied.



We started from Roach end and took a zigzag path using the old trackways thereby reaching the higher level on the ridge to the East of Black Brook at a gentle gradient. We then skirted Gradbach and travelled upstream beside the Dane, first through the woodlands with

pleasing colour in the vegetation and then across open moorland with clear and distant views over the three counties. Reaching Dane Bridge we dined above the river and then climbed a little to take a reverse parallel path higher up the bank of the river, the bifurcations leading to the noisome gorge of Ludds Church where we completed the ritual ascent in comparative comfort, the ground being dry, The day was rounded off with light refreshment at Hollinsclough and I

thank Frederique, Pippa Linda Louise and Peter for the good spirits during a day which seemed to be genuinely enjoyed with no setbacks whatsoever.

## Puzzle for September

On the recent Dane Valley Walk the participants observed that there were no "isle of man cracks" (see illustration) in the ground. With geology in mind notwithstanding that this was a "non geo walk" without a cerebral leader what

conclusions

regarding the nature

of the ground should be drawn from this observation?



## Answer to July Puzzle

The answer to the last puzzle was the doings of Colin on Craig yr Ysfa. This

is correct, there was a degree of uncertainty over the actual route, I had

Pinnacle Wall in mind but the details of the occurrence were from memory so

let us say that the answer is correct although it should be remembered that my

own ascent limits the choice to the middle standards.

## 3 – 17 February 2025 Sun Rock Benidorm: Ruth

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 - or just enjoying a change of scene and not having to cook for a couple of weeks!

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

## 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.**

Our preferred method of payment is via bank transfer to our Lloyds account. 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.

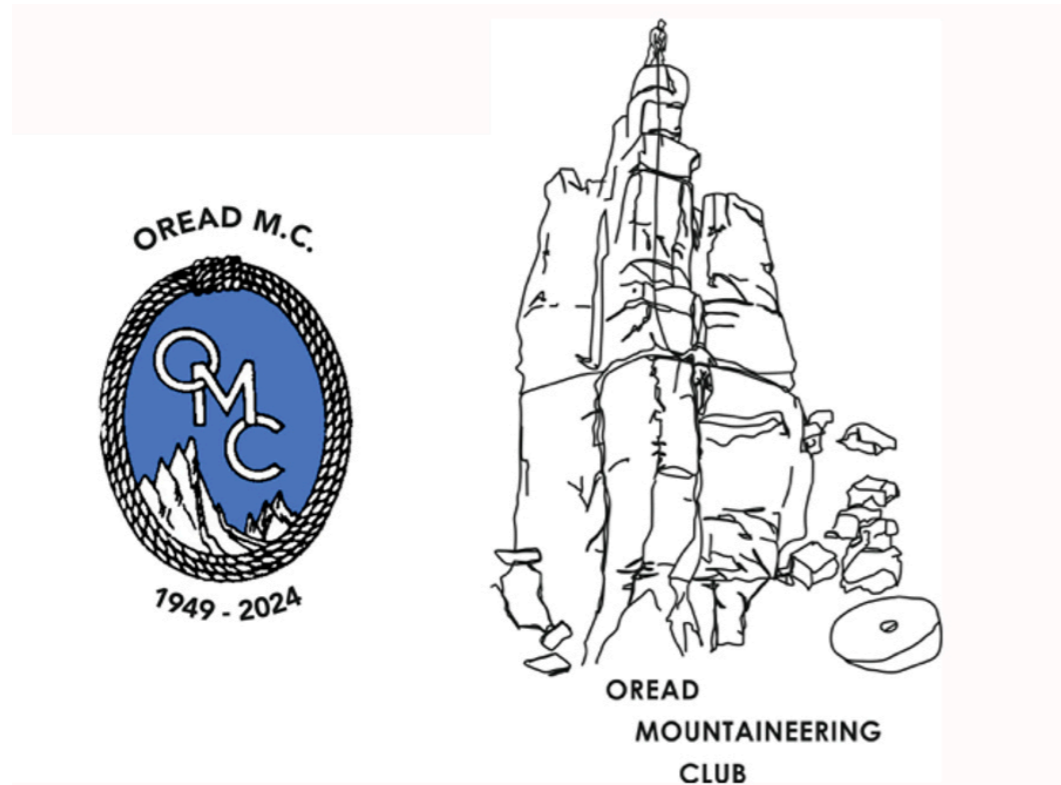
Alternatively you can post a cheque, payable to Oread M.C. to the above address.

# Oread Mountaineering Club 75th Anniversary

## T Shirts and Hoodies:

**Order by this Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> September) for delivery at 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Camp.**

We have club t shirts and hoodies available with a brand new design created for us by Bryony Lancaster printed on the back and the club logo embroidered on the



front.

The t shirts are available in traditional cotton, female and unisex fits, and in 'climate cool' polyester breathable fabric in men's and ladies fits, all in a wide variety of colours.

The hoodies come in single colour, unisex and ladies fits, and 2 colour with a contrasting hood lining, again in a wide range of colours.

To order your garments go to:

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

and place your individual order. The garments can be posted to you with a delivery charge, or collected from Tutbury, please note the instructions on the website to remove the delivery charge for collections. Any orders placed in time for the 75th camp will be bulk collected and brought to the camp. Subsequently

orders can be collected for you by Janet and Nigel (live nearby) or Jan and Chris (grandchildren live nearby) if you let us know you want them collecting. Please note:

1. The ladies sizes come fairly small so unless you like a 'body hugging' garment order up a size or go for unisex.
2. For the cotton t shirts and the single colour hoodies the colour range is split over 2 menus, if the colour you want is not on the first menu look on the second one. Confusingly there are slight variations as to what colours are available between the ladies and unisex ranges.
3. The club logo is embroidered on the front of all garments. The rear design will be printed in a light colour on dark garments, and a dark colour on light garments.
4. You can order individual garments at any time, now or in the future.

We hope you like what we have put together and will get your orders in asap to enjoy wearing them at the 75th anniversary camping weekend. If you have any questions or if you need help with ordering please contact Janet.

# 2025 Meets List

| 2025                                 |                             |                                       |                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
|                                      | Dates                       | Hut/Location/Title                    | Description                          | Leader         |
| J<br>a<br>n<br>u<br>a<br>r<br>y      | 1st                         | TBC                                   | new years day walk                   | ???            |
|                                      | 8th                         | TBC                                   | Wednesday walk                       | ???            |
|                                      | 10th-12th                   | Karn House Aveimore                   | Winter climbing in ther Cairngorms   | Rob Beck       |
|                                      | 18th                        | TBC                                   | Saturday walk                        | ???            |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
|                                      | 25th                        | Stanage                               | Peak district bouldering meet        | ??             |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
| F<br>e<br>b<br>r<br>u<br>a<br>r<br>y | 1st-8th                     | Rjukan Hytteby                        | Ice Climbing in the Rjukan valley    | Ed Bloomfield  |
|                                      | 5th                         | TBC                                   | Wednesday walk                       | ???            |
|                                      | 3-17th                      | Benidorm                              | winter sun sport climbing            | Ruth Gordon    |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
|                                      | 15th                        | TBC                                   | Saturday walk                        | ???            |
|                                      | 16th                        | Crattcliffe                           | Peak district bouldering meet        | ???            |
|                                      | 21-23rd                     | TYW                                   | weekend Scrambling & walking meet    | ???            |
| 0                                    | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    |                |
| 0                                    | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    |                |
| 0                                    | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    |                |
| M<br>a<br>r<br>c<br>h                | 1st                         | Curbar                                | Peak district bouldering meet        | ???            |
|                                      | 5th                         | TBC                                   | Wednesday walk                       | ???            |
|                                      | 7th-8th                     | George Starky Hut Patterdale          | walking and climbing in Patterdale   | Stuart Heywood |
|                                      | 14-16th                     | Waters Cottage Kinlochleven           | Scottish winter climbing             | Mick Hayes     |
|                                      | 22nd                        | TBC                                   | Saturday walk                        | ???            |
|                                      | 22                          | Matlock FC???                         | Saturday AGM???                      | Jan wilson     |
|                                      | 23                          | TBC                                   | Sunday Post AGM Walk                 | Committee      |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
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|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
| A<br>p<br>r<br>i<br>l                | 2nd                         | Wednesday climbing outdoors starts    | Harborough Rocks                     | N/a            |
|                                      | 9th                         | TBC                                   | Wednesday walk                       | ??             |
|                                      | 4th-6th                     | TYW hut meet North Wales              | Walking and Climbing in North Wales  | ???            |
|                                      | 17th-27th??                 | font camping meet                     | bouldering meet in font              | ??             |
|                                      | 17-21st                     | Cornwall camping meet                 | climbing and camping meet cornwall   | ??             |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
| 26th                                 | TBC                         | Saturday walk                         | ???                                  |                |
| 27th                                 | Millstone                   | Crack school climbing with a focus on | Simas                                |                |
| 0                                    | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    |                |
| M<br>a<br>y                          | 2nd-5th                     | Gower camping meet                    | camping, walking & climbing          | ??             |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
|                                      | 7th                         | tbc                                   | weds walk                            | ??             |
|                                      | 16th-18th                   | New members' meet Heathy Lee          | Climbing and bbq at the hut          | Kevin Moss     |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
|                                      | 24th                        | TBC                                   | Saturday walk                        | 0              |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
| 0                                    | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    |                |
| 23-31st                              | scotland                    | climbing and walking west coast       | mike moss                            |                |
| 0                                    | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    |                |
| J<br>u<br>n<br>e                     | 4th                         | TBC                                   | Weds Walk                            | ???            |
|                                      | 6th                         | low stern north yorkshire             | walking & climbing meet north yorks  | Pete armour    |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
|                                      | 13-15th                     | Tyw                                   | climbing and walking north wales BBQ | Tony Howard?   |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
|                                      | 22nd                        | Geo Walk - Flash to Brierlow Bar      | Saturday Walk                        | ???            |
|                                      | 23rd                        | Peak district women rock              | Local meet for Oread women to        | ???            |
|                                      | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    | 0              |
| 0                                    | 0                           | 0                                     | 0                                    |                |
| 26-28th                              | Little Langdale (Fylde hut) | Climbing and walking meet             | Snod                                 |                |

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|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| J<br>u<br>l<br>y                          | 2nd                   | TBC                                       | Weds Walk                             | ???           |
|                                           | 04-6th                | Rock Hall Roaches                         | Back by popular demand climbing at    | Charlie T     |
|                                           | 00-Jan                | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 12th                  | Peak district pinacles meet               | 0                                     | ???           |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 18th-20th             | Anglesey camping meet                     | Sea cliff climbing & camping          | Lianne/Dave   |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 26th                  | saturday walking meet                     | Saturday Walk                         | ???           |
| A<br>u<br>g<br>u<br>s<br>t                | 1st-3rd               | MAM Coniston                              | 0                                     | ???           |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 6th                   | TBC                                       | Wednesday Walk                        | ???           |
|                                           | 8-10th                | Heathy Lea family meet                    | 0                                     | Rob Beck/Nuno |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 16th                  | Geo Walk - Brierlow Bar to Tideswell      | Saturday walk                         | ???           |
| 0                                         | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     |               |
| 0                                         | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     |               |
| 22-25th                                   | Pembroke camping meet | sea cliff Climbing pembroke               | ???                                   |               |
| S<br>e<br>p<br>t<br>e<br>m<br>b<br>e<br>r | 3rd                   | TBC                                       | Wednesday Walk                        | ???           |
|                                           | 12-14th               | TYW                                       | 0                                     | ???           |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 21st                  | peak district barmy comp heathy lea       | barmy competition & heathy lea        | ???           |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 26-28th               | Stair cottage (keswick)                   | Climbing and walking                  | Snod          |
| 0                                         | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     |               |
| 0                                         | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     |               |
| O<br>c<br>t<br>o<br>b<br>e<br>r           | 1st                   | TBC                                       | Wednesday Walk                        | ???           |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 11-13th               | High house Lake district                  | walking & Climbing meet               | Nigel Briggs  |
|                                           | 0                     | Med Sport??                               | 0                                     | Em Hayes      |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 18th                  | Geo Walk - Tideswell to Edale             | Saturday Walk                         | ???           |
|                                           | 19th                  | Froggat Slab School                       | peak district slab workshop on slab   | ???           |
| 0                                         | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     |               |
| 0                                         | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     |               |
| N<br>o<br>v<br>e<br>m<br>b<br>e<br>r      | 31Oct -2nd            | TYW - North Wales                         | Curry meet - Tan yr Wyddfa            | Tony Howard   |
|                                           | 5th                   | TBC                                       | Wednesday Walk                        | ???           |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 7-16th or             | desert rock                               | Destination to be confirmed red rock, | Kev/Ed        |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 23rd                  | christmas dinner                          | 0                                     | ???           |
| 0                                         | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     |               |
| 0                                         | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     |               |
| D<br>e<br>c<br>e<br>m<br>b<br>e<br>r      | 3rd                   | TBC                                       | Wednesday Walk                        | ???           |
|                                           | 6-7th                 | Bullstones                                | 0                                     | Mike Mowbry   |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 13-15th               | Mannood dry tooling                       | Dry tooling meet hut to be confirmed  | Rob B         |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
|                                           | 20th                  | Geo Walk - Edale to Birchen Clough Bridge | Saturday Walk                         | ???           |
|                                           | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     | 0             |
| 24-1 jan                                  | tyw                   | Christmas and New Year hut meet           | ??                                    |               |
| 0                                         | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     |               |
| 0                                         | 0                     | 0                                         | 0                                     |               |

## Oread Annual Dinner Order Form

The dinner will be on the **23<sup>rd</sup> November** and will cost £35 per person (2 courses) or £43.00 (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.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> October AT THE LATEST!**

|                                                                                                            |               |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Name:</b>                                                                                               |               |  |  |  |
| <b>Payment Method:</b>                                                                                     | BACS / Cheque |  |  |  |
| <b>Starter:</b>                                                                                            |               |  |  |  |
| Chicken liver parfait, red wine poached pear, red onion marmalade and toasted sourdough (GFa)              |               |  |  |  |
| Roasted tomato and red pepper soup (VE) (GFa)                                                              |               |  |  |  |
| Classic caprese salad with heritage tomatoes and bocconcini, served with toasted sourdough bread (V) (GFa) |               |  |  |  |
| <b>Main Course:</b>                                                                                        |               |  |  |  |
| Lamb shanks with fondant potato. Slow roasted Mediterranean vegetables and red wine jus (GF)               |               |  |  |  |
| Chicken supreme au vin bourguignon, herb-roasted potatoes, silver skin onions and bacon lardons (GF)       |               |  |  |  |
| Pan fried cod with crushed new potatoes and creamy leeks (GF)                                              |               |  |  |  |
| Root vegetable and mushroom cottage pie served with green beans (VE) (GF)                                  |               |  |  |  |
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| <b>Dessert:</b>                                                                                            |               |  |  |  |
| Traditional bread and butter pudding, with crème anglaise and vanilla ice cream (V)                        |               |  |  |  |
| Raspberry mousse with Langues de chat biscuits, raspberry coulis and pavlova crumb (V)                     |               |  |  |  |
| Warm chocolate brownie, with salted caramel sauce and vanilla ice cream (V) (GFa)                          |               |  |  |  |

Please note here if you have any preference for who you would like to be seated with: