

# Oread Mountaineering Club Magazine

**October 2024**  
**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Camp Special Edition!**



**Countdown to the start of the B.A.R.M.Y. Competition: note Larkam preventing Mowbray from an early breakaway. Photo Kev Fidler.**

**For a video replay of this historic moment by Spike Johnston visit**  
<https://youtu.be/phRgIkStQzE?si=7-r5sRh3oMI9jk1N>

## **Editorial**

Well! The Anniversary camp has been and gone and what an amazing, fun-filled occasion it was. How wonderful to have good weather for the two camping nights so being outdoors, socialising, was a pleasure – if chilly. Shame about Sunday's rain but still a good day enjoyed, ending with the last of the cake at Heathy Lea. More fun times coming soon with local walks, meets to Wales and the Lakes, and more celebrations – first the famous curry meet at Tan yr Wyddfa, Bonfire Night fun and then the finale of our Anniversary year – the **Annual Dinner at the Maynard!**

**Have you booked? If not do it now!**

**Absolute deadline for bookings is 28 October – and places are limited so do not leave it to the last minute!**

Looking forward to next year – the 2025 meets list is in here – is there a meet you would like to lead? Have a look and see what you can do.

Meets reports? only room for the big one this time! Other meet reports and articles will be featured next month!

**It would be really helpful if all future newsletter correspondence could be sent to [newseditor@oread.co.uk](mailto:newseditor@oread.co.uk).**

**Copy Deadline 23 October.**

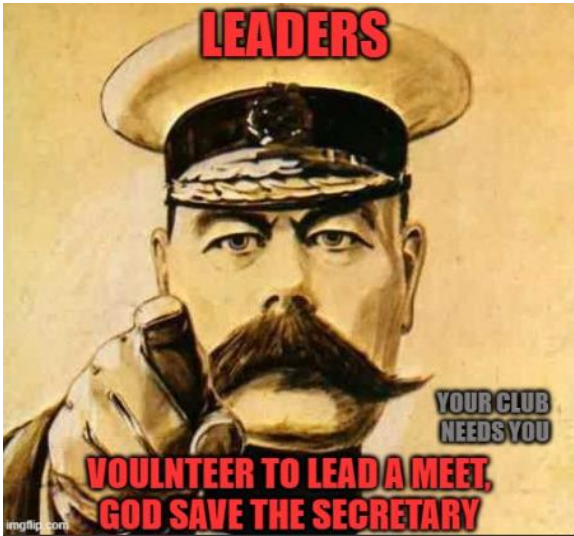
# Meets List 2024 Ed Bloomfield

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O c t o b e r	2nd	Wednesday walk	Churnet Valley	Charlie Taylor
	2nd	Wirksworth Leisure centre 7pm	Midweek climbing chat	winter wall
	4th/5th	Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales	Rob Beck
	9th	Awsome walls Sheffield 7pm	Midweek climbing chat	winter wall
	16th	Alter Rock Derby 7pm	Midweek climbing chat	winter wall
	17th	Thursday short walk	Ashover	Ruth Gordon
	19th/20th	Fylde hut swap	Little Langdale	Dave Snod Helliwell
	19th	Weekend walk		Rob Tresidder
	28th	Summer time ends, start of Monday climbing	The Unit, Derby	
	30th	Notts Climbing Centre 7PM	Midweek climbing chat	winter wall
	N o v e m b e r	1st/2nd	Curry meet - Tan yr Wyddfa	N. Wales
4th-18th		Morocco	Anti-Atlas	Gill Radcliffe/Ed Bloomfield
6th		Wednesday walk		Rachel Walker
6th		Wirksworth Leisure centre 7pm	Midweek climbing chat	winter wall
9th		Bonfire night Heathy Lea	Sausage, marshmallows, fire	Kasia Sajdok
13th		Awsome wall Sheffield 7pm	Midweek climbing chat	winter wall
20th		Alter Rock Derby 7pm	Midweek climbing chat	winter wall
21st		Thursday short walk	Beeley	Chris Radcliffe
23rd		Oread 75th Annual Dinner with guest speaker Johnny Dawes	Maynard, Grindleford	
24th		Post prandial walk	??????	
24th		post dinner climb with Johnny Dawes	Froggat	
27th		Notts Climbing Centre 7PM	Midweek climbing chat	winter wall
D e c e m b e r		4th	Wednesday walk	
	4th	Awsome walls Sheffield 7pm	Midweek climbing chat	winter wall
	7th/8th	Bullstones	The Strines Pub	Wilson's
	11th	Black rocks evening (wirksworth for the less brave)	Midweek climbing chat	winter wall
	12th	Thursday short walk		Ruth Gordon
	14th	Weekend walk, Geo walk stage	Milldale to Wetton Mill	Clive Russell
	18th	Notts Climbing Centre 7PM	Midweek climbing chat	winter wall
	24-1 Jan	Christmas & New Year	Tan yr Wyddfa	

## Meets List 2025 - Edward Bloomfield

The meets list is out for 2025, 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 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 UKs best climbing, walking and mountaineering we need 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 - 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 a part of your club's future.

2025				
	Dates	Hut/Location/title	Description	Leader
J a n u a r y	1st	TBC	new years day walk	???
	8th	TBC	Wednesday walk	???
	10th-12th	Karn House Aveimore	Winter climbing in the Cairngorms	Rob Beck
	16th	TBC	thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	18th	TBC	Saturday walk	???
	25th	Stanage	Peak district bouldering meet	??
F e b r u a r y	1st-8th	Rjukan Hytteby	Ice Climbing in the Rjukan valley	Ed Bloomfield
	5th	TBC	Wednesday walk	Chris Paice
	3-17th	Benidorm	winter sun sport climbing	Ruth Gordon
	15th	Wetton Mill - Upper Hulme	Saturday walk	Stuart Firth
	16th	Crattcliffe	Peak district bouldering meet	?????
	20th	TBC	thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	21-23rd	TYW	weekend Scrambling & walking meet	?????

M a r c h	1st	Curbar	Peak district bouldering meet	???
	5th	TBC	Wednesday walk	Chris Mather
	7th-8th	George Starky Hut Patterdale	walking and climbing in Patterdale	Stuart Heywood
	14-16th	Waters Cottage Kinlochleven	Scottish winter climbing	Mick Hayes
	20th	TBC	thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	22nd	TBC	Saturday walk	???
	22	Matlock FC???	Saturday AGM???	Jan Wilson
	23	TBC	Sunday Post AGM Walk	Committee
	28-30th	North York Moors camping meet	Climbing and walking in north yorkshire	Wilson's
A p r i 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	TBC	thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	18th-27th	font camping meet	bouldering meet in font	Nuno
	17-21st	Cornwall camping meet	climbing and camping meet cornwall	??
	26th	Upper Hulme - Flash)	Saturday walk	Chris Paice
27th	Millstone	Crack school climbing with a focus on coaching crack climbing skills	Simas	
M a y	2nd-5th	Gower camping meet	camping, walking & climbing	??
	7th	tbc	weds walk	?
	15th	TBC	thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	16th-18th	New members' meet Heathy Lee	Climbing and bbq at the hut	Kevin Moss
	24th	TBC	Saturday walk	
	23-31st	scotland	climbing and walking west coast scotland	mike moss
J u n e	4th	Dovedale	Weds Walk	Clive Russell
	6th	low stern north yorkshire	walking & climbing meet north yorks	Pete armour
	13-15th	Tyw	climbing & walking N wales BBQ Meet	Tony Howard?
	19th	TBC	thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Geo Walk - Flash to Brierlow Bar	Saturday Walk	???
	23rd	Peak district women rock	Local meet for Oread women to celebrate women in the club climbing	???
	26-28th	Little Langdale (Fylde hut)	Climbing and walking meet	Snod
J u l y	2nd	TBC	Weds Walk	Chris Paice
	04-6th	Rock Hall Roaches	k by popular demand climbing at the road	Charlie T
	12th	Peak district pinacles meet		???
	17th	TBC	thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	18th-20th	Anglesey camping meet	Sea cliff climbing & camping	Lianne/Dave
	26th	saturday walking meet	Saturday Walk	???

A u g u s t	1st-3rd	MAM Coniston		???
	6th	TBC	Wednesday Walk	???
	8-10th	Heathy Lea family meet		Rob Beck/Nuno
	16th	Geo Walk - Brierlow Bar to Tideswell	Saturday walk	???
	21st	TBC	thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	22-25th	Pembroke camping meet	sea cliff Climbing pembroke	???
S e p t e m b e r	3rd	TBC	Wednesday Walk	???
	12-14th	TYW		???
	19th	TBC	thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	21st	peak district barmy comp heathy lea	barmy competition & heathy lea	?????
	26-28th	Stair cottage(keswick)	Climbing and walking	Snod
O c t o b e r	1st	TBC	Wednesday Walk	Chris Paice
	11-13th	High house Lake district	walking & Climbing meet	Nigel Briggs
		Med Sport??		Em Hayes
	16th	TBC	thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	18th	Geo Walk - Tideswell to Edale	Saturday Walk	???
	19th	Froggat Slab School	peak district slab workshop on slab climbing technique	???
N o v e m b e r	31Oct-2nd	TYW - North Wales	Curry meet - Tan yr Wyddfa	Tony Howard
	5th	TBC	Wednesday Walk	???
	7-16th or	desert rock	Destination to be confirmed red rock , wadi rum or tafaroute	Kev/Ed
	20th	TBC	thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	23rd	christmas dinner		????
	24th	post prandial walk		
	24th	post dinner climb ,		
D e c e m b e r	3rd	Goyt	Wednesday Walk	Clive Russell
	6-7th	Bullstones		Mike Mowbray
	13-15th	Mannood dry tooling	Dry tooling meet hut to be confirmed	Rob B
	18th	TBC	thursday short walk	Ruth Gordon
	20th	Geo Walk - Edale to Birchen Clough Bridge	Saturday Walk	???
	24-1 jan	tyw	Christmas and New Year hut meet	??

## **Wednesday and Weekend Winter Wonder Walks**

It may seem ages away but it's time to start thinking about offering to lead a walk in 2025. All the dates are in the Meets Calendar and specifically, I'm looking for leaders for the following walks:

Wednesday: 08 January 2025

Saturday: 18 January 2025

GEOWALKS: Saturdays 21 June, 16 August, 18 October, 20 December 2025.

Would volunteers please contact: Stuart Firth on xxxxxxxxxxxxxx or email

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## **Evening Meets - Rob Tresidder**

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 8.00 pm. I have opened a WhatsApp page in the Oread community so you can keep an eye open for updates there. 05 November ; 03 December (Chris Wilson) ; 07 January 2025 (Carrie Beadle) ; 04 February; 04 March.

Please be in touch via the WhatsApp group or direct with me

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

## **Forthcoming Meets**

### **1 October Evening lecture at Royal Oak cancelled.**

There will be no lecture on Tuesday, 1 October. I'm sorry about that. It has been a hectic year for me so far and I haven't exactly been flooded out with offers, but nor have I been as diligent in seeking out evening entertainment as I have been sometimes in the past.

So the first talk of the series will be on 5 November. Speaker TBA; please keep an eye on WhatsApp and the November newsletter.

### **Wednesday 2 October Churnet Valley Charlie Taylor**

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, Hawksmoor 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:

charlie.taylor xxxxxxxxxxxx tel xxxxxxxxxxxx

### **4-5 October Tan yr Wyddfa Rob Beck**

The Welsh hut is reserved for the weekend so book your place via the website and let me know you are coming for a weekend of fun and hopefully some great routes. Rob Beck email:[xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) tel. xxxxxxxxxxxx

## **Thursday 17 October Short Walk Ashover Ruth Gordon**

This walk will explore the North side of Ashover, OS explorer 269 Chesterfield and Alfreton. Park in the large car park at Ashover village hall/ surgery SK 352 633 for an 11.00 am start. There is a steady climb at the start to Far Hill trig point, (the only significant climb of the route) then field paths to Alton, North edge, across Press reservoirs, and left on the bridleway. Over Birkin lane, fieldpaths to High Ashes farm, lane to Span Carr farm, and a field path direct to Ashover, (Rattle) where welcoming hostelrys await. 6-7 miles.

Ruth Gordon email: [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) tel. [xxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxx)

## **18 - 19 October Little Langdale Dave "Snod" Helliwell**

Back again at the Fylde Club hut in Little Langdale where we have enjoyed so many great meets over the years. Grid ref NY31575 03014 Bargain price too – it is a hut swap so we only pay our own members' rates £5.00 a night!

<http://fyldemountaineeringclub.org/index.php/little-langdale/>

The hut is well situated for climbing on the classic Langdale crags – Gimmer, Raven, Pavey Ark plus the nearby slate of Hodge Close offering harder routes as well as a dry tooling venue. Great mountain walking - nearby peaks include Wetherlam, Great Carr and Pike O'Bliscoe which form part of a horseshoe walk around the valley (and the line of the Three Shires Fell Race). There's also brilliant mountain biking in Grisedale Forest not far away. If the weather is unkind there's the stunning Cathedral quarry to explore right next door and tempting short walks to sample the delights of the Cake Farm (bring cash!) or there's always Ambleside Climbing Wall.

We have 16 beds for Friday and Saturday nights. (Extra nights before or after may be available but must be booked direct with the FMC hut warden, Jen Chambers, email [fmc.bookings@outlook.com](mailto:fmc.bookings@outlook.com))

Parking is limited so we need to car share as much as possible.

Bookings are coming in already so don't delay – book your bed with me:

email: [xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxx) tel. [xxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxx) and leave a message. Mobile [xxxxxxxxxxxxx](tel:xxxxxxxxxxxxx)

## **Saturday 19 October Walk Middleton by Wirksworth Rob Tresidder**

Start: Car park (What3Words: treat.dull.multiples; grid ref SK286 538) immediately N of High Peak Trail, which serves the National Stone Centre and the Derbyshire Eco centre. Both are worth a visit either before or after the walk, as is the adjacent Millennium Wall which consists of a score of sections of dry stone walling characteristic of various parts of the country.

Start time: 10.00 am. Distance: 13k. Climb 600m

The walk will take us past mining and quarrying and some built up areas. So, lots of variety and lots to look at. A visit to a lead mine will be on offer. It's a ten minute walk in and then out the same way. A very short crawl at start. Should be OK in walking boots. I shall probably be wearing trainers so will change into Crocs for the visit to the fairly wet passage. Some typical coffin level working,

traces of old railway and galena will be on view. Through Cromford and up behind Sir Richard Arkwright's house before descending to Matlock and then walking to "the Bath" over High Tor, now a free attraction. The walk will end outside the Pav in Matlock Bath.

From here the wise will be able easily to return to Matlock, Chesterfield, Sheffield, Barnsley, Wirksworth, Belper and Derby. Bus frequency is 2 - 4 per hour.

To get to the start, I'll be catching the 6.1 bus which leaves Derby bus station at 0850, though I won't be getting on until it passes my front door. I'll get off three minutes later and guide any Oreads on that bus to the start of the walk via the Millennium Wall. Other buses include the 6.1 from Bakewell, the X17 from Sheffield and the 110/111 from Ashbourne. Petrolheads can park at the start (for a fee) and easily make their way back there from the finish.

Rob Tresidder tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **Monday 28 October Climbing Unit Derby**

The clocks have gone back so it's time to start meeting up for weekly bouldering, fun and chat at the Unit from 7.00pm. Unit 5, Mason's Place Business Park, Nottingham Road, Chaddesden DE21 6YZ <https://theclimbingunit.com/>

## **1-3 November Tan yr Wyddfa Curry Meet North Wales Tony Howard**

In keeping with the mood of celebrations this year, let's continue our festivities for the Curry Meet.

The very first curry meet took place on 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2001, almost exactly 23 years ago. Twenty-four people attended that meet and some of them are still around as active Oreads, including Nick Evans, Pam Storer, Mike Hayes, Derek and Joan Pike, Graham Weston, and Sharon Fletcher. Graham and Beth Cooper (nee Beare) were also there. You are all invited to attend this celebration.

Over the intervening years the clientele has changed a lot – see curry meet history in the forthcoming Almanac. I hope all you regulars of more recent years and earlier years will also attend, along with newer members who have not been to one these bashes before.

There will be some bubbly, plus party games and at least one organised walk, I hope. Suggestions are welcome. Lockwood's Chimney – though probably not me??

The basic format will be as before. Most of you will be familiar with our Welsh hut and with the curry meet format, but for the few who are not, the hut is based in Rhyd Ddu just south of Snowdon. This gives easy access to most of the best walking and climbing in Snowdonia.

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

The cost for the food will be **about** £10 per person, for everyone **who signs up**. Payment method to be decided. I will let you know about this in advance. Bring



your own wine and beer etc. I will provide the bubbly. These meets have always been a well-attended warm social occasion. So, if you've not been before, come and join us.

If you would like to come along & particularly if you would be willing to make a curry, please let me know ASAP, indicating what you would like to cook. In that way we should be able to provide a balanced menu.

Tony Howard: Home: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx Mobile xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
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## **Wednesday 6 November Derwent Edges Walk Rachel Walker**

Meet at the last lay-by before the Fairholmes carpark for free parking at 10.00 for a 10.15 start. SK 17370 88929. (Derwent Overlook car park- Satnav 53.39717, -1.74054. postal address Car Park, Overlook, Hope Valley, S33 0AQ).

Directions: To get to the Derwent Edge Trailhead by car, turn off the A57 Snake Pass road at Ladybower Reservoir following the brown signposts for Derwent Valley Dams. There is paid parking at the visitor centre or, if we are lucky, a lay-by with free car parking just before the main carpark.

This stunning Derwent Edge Walk takes you from the Ladybower Reservoir up steep, wood-lined ravines to emerge on top of the moors. On a clear day expect phenomenal views of the Derwent valley and its unique "gritstone (sandstone) tors".

From Fairholmes we go in the direction of Derwent Dam then shortly take the steep path that climbs Hollins Clough. Crossing the heather moor we head towards Lost Lad and Back Tor. Heading south along Derwent Edge we pass several unusual rock features by the path with unusual names; Cakes of Bread, Dovestone Tor, Salt Cellar and Wheel Stones. From Wheel Stones the path drops off the edge and back towards Ladybower reservoir down the side of a plantation and to a collection of old barns at Grindle Clough.

Distance 8 miles. Elevation 1,575 ft

Rachel Walker: tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, email: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **9 November Bonfire Night Heathy Lea Kasia Sajdok**

A family – friendly bonfire night at Heathy Lea. Marshmallows, sausages and fireworks are encouraged.

Kasia Sadjok email: xxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **Saturday 23 November Oread 75<sup>th</sup> 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. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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.

We have secured overnight spaces for 7 camper vans at Grindleford Station café car park. **This is now fully booked.**

Contact: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

We are delighted to confirm that the legendary Johnny Dawes has agreed to speak at our Anniversary dinner.

His ground-breaking first ascents in places close to Oread hearts include Britain's first E8 - Gaia on Black Rocks "a true member of gritstone royalty" and on Cloggy, Britain's first E9 - Indian Face - at the time considered to be the hardest and most dangerous trad route in the world.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this celebration of the OREAD and reaching its 75<sup>th</sup> 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 – thank you!**

## **6 – 8 December Bullstones 24 Jan Wilson**

Team Oread - we need to have a dose of real Bullstones in our 75th Anniversary year!!! So for a full immersive experience I propose using some of the area close by Bullstones Cabin.

If you want to join the fun the plan is to gather on Friday night 6 December at the Strines Inn. They are happy to have a few cars left from Friday to Sunday. They will do food but it must be pre-ordered so let me know and I'll send you the menu. I anticipate some car sharing so we don't offend the landlord.

Friday night sleep out high up on the route to Lost Lad. On Saturday morning we will either find the site of Bullstones then head back down the reservoirs, crossing over Ladybower, then back through Bamford Mills and up to Thorpe Farm (total 21 miles ) or the route can be shortened to as little as 10 miles. This is weather and fitness dependent. I hope to create a bit of the old, mildly anarchic, process we used to enjoy and to see some valiant route finding.

We will finish the day at Thorpe Farm Bunkhouse for an overnight stay on Saturday 7th. Food can either be self-catering or delivered from Hathersage or we can walk into Hathersage (about a mile).

On Sunday the return to Strines can be by short 7.5 miles trails or made longer depending on the weather and the mood of the party.

Places are limited so I will need firm bookings and payment in advance for the bunkhouse (around £23) by mid November please.

Jan Wilson: email [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

## **3 – 17 February 2025 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 - 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 Gordon email: [xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx) tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxx and leave a message if I'm not at home.

## News, Articles and Reports from Meets

### Oread 75th Anniversary Camping Meet



What an occasion! The weather gods gave us two perfect days – in this most dismal, sunless year to enjoy being outdoors, chatting and socialising (in our duvets and new hoodies – it **was** chilly) - more than we dared hope for! The Oread, friends and families turned out in force. There were around 100 folk camping on both Friday and Saturday nights – not all the same 100 – many people could only manage one night, others dropped in for a few hours on Friday afternoon and evening, Bob Pettigrew, Spike and Helen joined us and “fly by night on his bike” Brian West made a fleeting appearance. Many more joined us for tea and cake on Saturday afternoon including Pete Scott and Rock Hudson. Almost 200 people came and went over the weekend. Many of us met up with people we hadn't seen for years as well as familiar faces.

**For others it was their first ever Oread meet: -**

“My first B.A.R.M.Y., my first in a camper van, my first not knowing who with or what I would be doing on Saturday. Apprehension was high but I should have

known better. I was made welcome, as with all Oread events. Kind souls took me on a 'walk' on Saturday. A barmy walk!

I knew more people to talk to than I thought, conversation was varied and my fitness good enough for Saturday's outing. Evenings passed quickly and all in all the personal challenges worked out well because the Oreads ensure all are looked after.

Note to self - bring camping chair next time! Thank you to the organisers."

### **Making it happen – Chris Wilson**

After three years of planning a 2021 Zoom concept became a reality this September. The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Focus Group (Nigel and Janet Briggs, Ruth Gordon, Dave Mason and Chris Radcliffe) conceived the idea of a hut based informal gathering with camping in Wales or the Lakes. In early 2022, nearing the end of a walk around Calver, we passed through a lovely looking campsite and thought something like that would make an excellent base – but how do you book a campsite for a large and unspecified number two years ahead? We made enquiries with Chatsworth but turned down their first offer as unsuitable. Then Jan spotted vans on their Golden Gate site. Many emails and phone calls eventually led us to the right person - Ifor Teare, Chatsworth's Event Operations Manager. As Christmas 2022 approached, between Christmas events, international horse trials and so on, Ifor took time out to take Jan and I to the Golden Gates campsite to see if it was suitable. It was and the dates were agreed and set.

We then set about organising facilities on site. But how many of us would there be? What would people want to eat and how much would they pay? What about drinks? A team was set up to run the Barmy competition and leaders for activities were found.

In autumn 2023 I noticed that questions asked of Ivor were not being answered. We had by then found a toilet hire company and narrowed down the food suppliers. Invitations had been sent to kindred clubs and the Oread had been told to reserve the date and get ready for a camp at the Golden Gates. Ifor then advised that we couldn't have the campsite on the agreed date! A bit of correspondence followed and in late May 2024 the alternative site we used was agreed. This had been used during lockdown for glamping pods but licensing constraints have curtailed that.

Just a few little things remained to be finalised. The food, the Barmy competition, the invites, people to come along, activities for Sunday, tents for communal activities, helpers, tables, chairs, lifts for non-drivers, cakes, cooking facilities, lights, plates, cutlery and other items in such long lists that our large dining room table overflowed! We began sending notices about the event quite early and as the date drew near sent out emails and WhatsApps and Jan made phone calls until most members knew something was happening. On the day before the meet I got to the site, the grass had been cut and everything looked great - apart from the sheep and the dry water supply! Ifor to the rescue again. On Friday it was "just" a matter of erecting the tents and getting set up. And then one of the best meets the Oread has had in decades began. The dozens of organisers, helpers, cake makers, clearer uppers and so on did us proud, thank you all!



## **Anniversary clothing Janet Briggs:**

It was great to see many of you enjoying wearing your Oread 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary t shirts and hoodies over the weekend. The idea of having a new Oread t shirt really got off the ground when we contacted talented designer and artist and friend of the club, Bryony Lancaster. Bryony, with some input from Kyya Morrel, came up with a splendid design featuring Apple Arete on Gardoms, first ascended by Oread founder member Dave Penlington in 1952. The t shirts and hoodies are still available to order on an individual basis, we don't need a minimum order. Details of how to order are on page 22 of this newsletter.

## **The Course Setters Comments - Chris Radcliffe**

I have probably taken part in a dozen Barmy Competitions over the years, so I was happy to get involved and suggest an approach for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend.

In previous iterations of the event, people developed their own route and made their own selection of crags, climbs, trig points, antiquities etc. There was quite a bit of gamesmanship which I exploited successfully with Rob Tresidder and others. We had our comeuppance when Jack Ashcroft outfoxed us with a marathon walk over multiple trig points.

It seemed to me that with the prospect of newer members of the club and some visitors who had no prior experience of the Barmy format, it would be simpler to create a range of checkpoints in advance, along the lines of an orienteering score event. Initially I looked at an area from Longshaw Park in the north to Rowsley in the south, but to preserve the 100% reproduction of the 1:25000 mapping, this would involve 4 x A4 maps and would clearly be too large an area for anyone not planning an ultra-run experience.

Hence, I trimmed the area to fit an A3 map (two x A4) and reduced the number of checkpoints to 48. The scoring definitely favoured the climbers, but this was in keeping with Keith Gregson's original concept which was to encourage "all-round" mountaineers. The important part was to participate and enjoy the day. From the very positive feed-back that I have received, I believe the concept worked and together with the brilliant weather we enjoyed we had a successful day.

There were 26 teams involving 68 people who took part on the day. I don't have the records to back it up, but from recollection of previous events I am certain this was a record. The winning team of Mike Mowbray and Alan Monks made an outstanding effort. Apart from 960 points for climbing 32 routes, they also accumulated 590 points from visiting other features. This total was only exceeded by one walking team, "Are We There Yet" comprising Steve, Cathy, Nick and Chris Paice. The runners-up, Tom and Roger Larkam climbed 30 routes to accumulate

900 points and a further 380 points to give a total of 1280 points. Hot their heels were the new generation team “Twiggy” comprising Ed, Simas and Tom Roberts (DMC) who climbed 26 routes and accumulated an overall 980 points.



Neil and Alan Weatherstone won the Family prize with 390 points, one of the best scores for non-climbing teams. There were five family teams (defined as including teenage or younger children). This included the Boast family with Holly and Alice who easily won the certificate for the youngest participants and ascended Trafalgar Wall on their dad’s back!



At the other end of the scale, I was pleased to accept a certificate as the Most Senior participant after an enjoyable circuit with Rachel and Tony. The inaugural “Bent Krab” award for the most anarchic performance went by popular acclaim to Mike Mowbray for top roping a boulder problem – the commissars should probably have annulled the points instead, but it wouldn’t have made much difference to his score.



At least twelve teams included visitors, including members of other clubs that we have reciprocal rights with. These included the Climbers Club, the Derwent MC, the Castle Club and the Midland Association of Mountaineers.

I am very grateful to everyone who participated with such enthusiasm. It made the effort of developing the course and producing the maps worthwhile.

Of course rules are made to be bent. The rules did not say Messrs Wright and Ames couldn't do it in a Porsche (spotted by your Hon. Ed. racing down to Curbar crossroads) and then spend so long in the Wheatsheaf that they ended up with negative points. The rules did not forbid bikes so the Anarchists team went by bike and Stuart narrowly missed the Bent Krab award for clipping the verge on the Sheffield road, losing much skin to the tarmac.

### **Barmy Competition - The Ladies Team by Gill Radcliffe**



Pippa and I teamed up on Saturday morning to do the Barmy Competition. The aim was to run between crags, do a few routes and have a good day out and we think we achieved all three!

In our rush to get our climbing gear sorted on Saturday morning we omitted to fill in the registration form for the event. Ironic, given that I had created the form and had been registering other competitors on Friday evening and Saturday morning!

*Gill and Pip before.*

We dashed off with everyone else at 10.00 am, oblivious to our 'misdemeanour' and enjoyed a gentle run to Birchen via Dobb and Chatsworth edges. After our six routes at Birchen, we climbed at Baslow and Curbar, ticking off checkpoints en route. One of the nicest aspects of the day was bumping into other Oreads enjoying the same escapade. We saw Charlie and Kasia at Birchen in a large group obviously interspersing routes with relaxing underneath the crag. Snod, Simon and

Bott seemed to be creaming up the routes at Baslow, whilst Roland and Angela had an extended lunch at the bottom of the crag. We passed Mike and Alan in a blur - we were running so fast on our way to Curbar. We could have gained more points by continuing to climb but we wanted to stretch our legs instead. So once we reached Froggatt we opted to run along White Edge to the Grouse Inn. It's a very runnable track and gives great views towards the Derwent valley and the Kinder plateau. Having quenched our thirst with a half pint (each) of sparkling water and a packet of crisps (one) we proceeded to the Chequers Inn and this time (ever the big spenders) shared half a pint of sparkling water. However, it was free so we had to buy a packet of nuts to gain our points. The landlord was not impressed.

Having spent money at two establishments we opted to skip The Eating House at Calver and finished with a jog along the Derwent Valley Heritage Way, arriving

back 15 minutes early. Maybe we should have stopped off at the cafe after all. Our score of 920 points made us the winners for a minute before Ed and co. came back. In the end we were fourth and very happy with that. We did 12 routes, 4 boulder problems (with mat), ran 24km and ticked off 20 checkpoints. It was a grand day out and thanks go to Chris Radcliffe for creating the course, map and score sheet.

*Gill and Pip after the event.*



For a flavour of the event Spike Johnstone made a hilarious video of the start – note the Anarchists Team on bikes and the Porche team picking up speed.

Link to video <https://youtu.be/phRgIkStQzE?si=7-r5sRh3oMI9jk1N>



*Left: Climbing teams at Birchens.*



*Right: Sue Todd Anarchist!*

And so, back for tea and cake.

### **Behind the Scenes at the Barmy - Pam Storer**

I think we mistakenly felt that the campsite during the day would be a peaceful place and give us time to rest. This was not to be. In fact it was a hive of activity. Kev and Jan worked tirelessly, tidying up after the Friday night fuddle and preparing for hosting our special guests during the afternoon. The cakes so



generously prepared by our culinary experts (and Costco – thanks Stuart and Sue) were temptingly displayed to delight the hungry competitors on their return. Kettles were filled and boiled endlessly by Kev Fidler to provide tea for our exhausted competitors. Paul, Kev and Colin were particularly helpful in developing a strategy for checking and recording scores. Thanks to Colin's help meeting the returning teams and Kev's amazingly speedy mathematical skills in checking the score sheets this worked like a dream. Sue Wren gave support in recording scores, while Sue Lancaster was on standby to write the certificates as clear winners emerged. The award ceremony led by Jan and Paul was as exciting as the competition itself. All in all an amazing day thanks to the hard work of all the behind the scenes team.



*A posse of Presidents! (More came later but missed the photo call).*

### **Saturday night:**

Around 6.30 people started drifting over to the Pavilion Cafe for drinks and the promised burgers and salad. This was undoubtedly the least successful part of the event arrangements. The cafe had been told how many to expect but they were woefully understaffed for the numbers. They served over 120 meals and only stopped when all supplies ran out. Two lovely, cheerful young lasses manned the bar, took food orders, provided salads, sandwiches and sausage rolls, while one guy (who had started work at 7.00am) barbecued burgers long into the night! Long waits for food were frustrating but everyone was fed and then it was back to the campsite for a music night. Mike Mowbray, Alan Monks, Irwin Bottomley, Mike Wren and Gil Male all contributed to an unforgettable evening of acoustic guitar and songs reflecting their varied musical tastes.



**And Sunday morning.**

Sadly the forecast had got worse overnight – the rain promised for the afternoon was now due by 11.00am. The demolition team made haste to get the communal tent and gazebos down, everyone else in tents packed up furiously – but sadly it was already in light rain that the Sunday activities got underway.

**Long Walk: 13 miles Camp site to Heathy Lea via Rowsley - Steve Booth**



It started spitting with rain just as Mike, John, Seyhan, Cathy, Leo ( plus Rory the collie) set off on the long Sunday walk with me. Luckily, it held off for the morning and cafe stop, and did not dampen spirits on a very wet afternoon walk back through the Chatsworth woods, the latter of which at least provided a little shelter. Rory obviously didn't feel he'd got wet enough, as he decided to have a little wild swim in the pond above the Chatsworth aqueduct. We were very pleased to reach Heathy Lea after a last adventurous shortcut through the heather, especially with the mugs of tea and sumptuous cakes on offer - big thanks to the bakers and tea providers, as both were hugely appreciated on the day! Thanks from me too to the good natured walkers who accompanied me.

### **Short Walk:- Chris Paice**

Well, I knew four people were joining me, I walked out the gates with 14 and by the time I got to the road in the slight rain there was 20!! There were variable degrees of wetness during the walk. Way above my 10 fingers that I have! Thankfully, I had a bright orange coat belonging to Roger (I hope I got the name correct) as my back marker.

Up the road and along the contours, through the inquisitive cows and passing the easily missed Grundy graves. The Eating House was a planned stop and amazingly the whole of the marquee was empty so could accommodate us all. Even more amazing - the heavens opened as we drank and ate in the dry. Steadily back along the Derwent to the campsite. As with all the walks, people supported me in reassurance of navigation, listening and waiting for stiles etc to be crossed so we kept together broadly as group. Thank you all.

### **Cycling and swimming:**



Nigel put together a proposed 50km route for a Sunday bicycle ride and published it in advance to the WhatsApp cycling group. My vision for the swimming was that anyone keen to take part could wander along to the popular swim spot in the River Derwent, 'between the weirs', possibly after taking part in other activities, on the Sunday afternoon, for a cool down in the glorious sunshine.

What actually happened was a little different. A group of six gathered on Sunday morning in indifferent weather, well equipped with waterproofs, unfortunately in some cases without mudguards on our bikes. Nigel, Janet, Pip, Rachel, Yuriy and Kat rode up and down, with lots of 'along' on lovely White Peak country lanes, and then up a bit more, eventually to Monsal Head. Some of us found a short detour to miss out one hill. At Monsal Head the group split, Nigel and Pip completed the full 53km route, with some challenging weather and some challenging hills which allowed Pip to warm up, albeit temporarily, and with a welcome café stop in Monyash.

The others of us headed back to Baslow where, after some refreshments, Janet, Yuriy and Kat cycled to the Derwent below Chatsworth House, stripped off in pouring rain and slithered down a muddy bank into the river. Then we had a lovely swim, a couple of hundred metres upstream to within sight of the weir, just avoiding being dive bombed by Canada geese, and back down again. By this time it had stopped raining so we could get changed in the dry with a wonderful feeling of well being!



### **And back at the campsite**

Once everything was packed up those of us left headed to the cafe for a late breakfast – where the same two lasses were there to serve us, as happy and friendly as last night! Did they ever get to go home? Breakfast was excellent – except for Hayes Senior whose breakfast order was hijacked by Hayes Junior team! Insufficient contrition was noted!

### **And so to Heathy Lea:**

The hut, after a good spruce up (thanks Michael Hayes, Pam Storer and others), looked really spick and span for the finale to our anniversary weekend. In the wet we all stayed snug indoors, both rooms packed, welcoming the Long Walkers, many of the Short Walkers/and others too. All the cake was devoured and much tea drunk as we relived the events of an unforgettable weekend.

Thanks to all the event photographers: Janet Briggs, Kev Fidler, Stuart Firth, Colin Hobday, Steph Jimenez, Gill Radcliffe and Chris Wilson.

## **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.

## **Information on Member Activities**

Welcome to newly rejoined Provisional Member Simas Jermosenka. We hope you will enjoy many happy days with the Oread.

Current Provisional Member Maxwell Dean has applied to upgrade to full membership and we have a new Full Membership application from Trevor Stevens, for approval at the October committee.

Current Provisional Members Yuriy Arlachov, Cathy Ayton, Steph Jimenez, Lydia Nowak, Dave Ward, Richard Ward and Steph Ward have more recently applied to upgrade to full membership, for approval at the November committee. Sue Lancaster and former member Richard Freestone have also applied for full membership. If you would like to comment on any of these applications, please contact a member of the committee.

## **Oread Mountaineering Club 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T Shirts and Hoodies:**

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 two 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 at the top of the web page to remove the delivery charge for collections.** Orders can be collected for you by Janet and Nigel Briggs (live nearby) or Jan and Chris Wilson (grandchildren live nearby) if you let us know you want them collecting.

Please note:

- The ladies sizes come fairly small so unless you like a 'body hugging' garment order up a size or go for unisex.
- 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.
- 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.
- You can order individual garments at any time, now or in the future.

If you have any questions or if you need help with ordering please contact Janet Briggs: email [janet.briggs@me.com](mailto:janet.briggs@me.com)

## Rusty's Puzzle Corner

**This month's puzzle:**



Where is this Peak District reservoir which has a landscape feature named after a human feature to the North West, and another named after a vegetable to the South?

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## 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.

**Either post** your completed form to Chris Radcliffe, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx or **scan and email** your form to xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx to arrive by 28<sup>th</sup> October at the latest.

**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)				
<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: