



Meets for July and August from the Oread newsletter



Chris Wilson and Mike Mowbray topping out on Grey Panther, Kilt Rock, Skye. Photo Martin Lancaster

Wednesday evening climbing venues.

The venues can still be changed if the weather is unsuitable but at least there will be a starting point for discussion via the WhatsApp group.

3 July	Wildcat then The Boat Cromford
10 July	Horseshoe/Stony then the Derwentwater Arms Calver
17 July	High Tor then The White Lion Starkholmes
24 July	Masson Lees then The Barley Mow Bonsall
31 July	Wildcat then The Fishpond

Wednesday 3 July Hartington Walk Stuart Firth

Meet at Hartington Farm Shop and Cafe (W3W changing.florists.hunter)
G.R. 129 605 at 10:00 for a 10:30 departure. Route to be revealed on the
day - depends who shows up and the appetite of the party.

(Cafe open 10:00 - 16:00)

For lift-sharing contact Stuart Firth: email xxxxxxxxxxxxxx; tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

12-13 July Tan yr Wyddfa Charlie Taylor

Back at our club hut at Rhyd-Ddu, North Wales, there's plenty on offer
straight from the door: Tremadog is just down the road and Cloggy can be
reached on foot straight from the hut. There is also good climbing to be had
in the Llanberis pass with Gogarth an hour up the road. For the walkers
there's Snowdon and the Nantlle ridge on the doorstep.

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

Thursday 18 July Short Walk Ambergate Ruth Gordon

We will start at 11.00 am from the parking just over the river bridge on
Holly Lane (the little road that goes off near the Hurt Arms and the cricket
ground at SK347415. We will make our way up through Shining Cliff woods
to a fine lunch spot in the fields above. Then over to Alderwasley and down
to Whatstandwell where we might be tempted to stop at the Family Tree for
a beer or afternoon tea before heading back to Ambergate along the canal.
Ruth Gordon email xxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

20 July Geo Walk Winster – Parsley Hay Chris Paice

**This is another end to end walk so an earlier start time please, 9.00 so
that lift shares/ parking etc can be sorted for a 10.00a.m. start to the
walk.**

Start:- Ore House, Winster SK 238 601 DE4 2DR

Finish:- Parsley Hay SK147 637 SK17 0DG

Distance:- 18km

Total Ascent 305m

This section of the walk is in limestone country, apart from a brief
excursion on to the overlying sandstone and shale around Harthill Moor.
Typical White Peak scenery is first encountered in Bradford Dale, closely
followed by Lathkill Dale with its crystal-clear river.

The steep path up from the river to reach the limestone plateau provides
the only significant climb of the day.

The above is not my words, taken from the Geo walk description.

There are two extensions, one 15 minute to look at tufa forming. I have
homework to do!

The other is longer, up to Arbor Low/Gib Hill, an extra 45 minutes. We will
consider this as group.

The following is important.

PLEASE CAN I KNOW WHO IS COMING AND WHO IS WILLING TO PROVIDE TRANSPORT. It would be good if I could know by midday on 19 July. This gives me time to ask and sort it all out. Thank you.
Christine(Chris) Paice:xxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

26 -27 July Yorkshire Sport Climbing (+ Trad) and Walking Angela Pingram

This was a fantastic meet last year in a gorgeous place. We had a great time on what I think is about the best sports climbing in Britain so I'm really pleased to lead a return trip. Very keen to tick off some more great routes. There's a good range of grades on excellent rock and a choice of bolted and trad limestone. It's also lovely walking and cycling territory. We'll be based at the Yorkshire Ramblers Lowstern hut: <https://www.yrc.org.uk/venues/lowstern/> which is ideally situated for all of the above and is a spacious and comfortable hut. Contact me for more information and to book a space (we have 10 spaces).
Angela Pingram: xxxxxxxxxxxxx or xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

6-9 August Tan yr Wyddfa Working Party Dave Helliwell

This is a rare chance to stop at Tan yr Wyddfa for free! We plan some general maintenance both indoors and out, some cleaning, painting and tidying up. Unfortunately the guy who cut the grass has retired and so far I have failed to find a replacement so it looks like Nodge will be back on grass cutting! There is usually time available to go climbing in the afternoons and it's a jovial party so do come along and join in the fun – but Derek Pike is still banned from chimney-sweeping – we don't need that much fun! Anyone who can spare a midweek day will be very welcome – even if it is just a few hours on Friday before joining the Glan Dena meet at the weekend.
Snod Helliwell email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx and leave a message, mobile xxxxxxxxxxxx

9-11 August Ogwen Valley Dave Helliwell

This is your opportunity to climb in the Ogwen valley without an Alpine start as the parking is usually full at first light with van dwellers and early risers. We will be stopping at Glan Dena - a modern, purpose-built hut belonging to the M.A.M. <https://www.themam.co.uk/huts/glan-dena-hut>

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

This meet is always very popular – and this year follows straight on from our own hut working party (to which you are cordially invited!) We only have 10 beds reserved but if I get firm bookings in good time we can reserve another six. Please note – in the week preceding the meet I will be at Tan yr

Wyddfa with only occasional access to phone signal or internet so do make your booking before!!!

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

Wednesday 7 August Earl Sterndale Shortie Straw

Meet outside the Quiet Woman (W3W admits. tripped. mothering APPROX GR 090 670) at 10:15 for a 10:30 departure - pub currently shut and being extensively refurbished.

Unless a volunteer emerges, route and leadership to be fought over by attendees.

12 – 22 August Austrian Alps Michael Hayes

Come and join us in Austria this August in the wonderful Otztal valley just South West of Innsbruck.

We were last there in 2019 and had a fantastic couple of weeks sport climbing, mountaineering, walking, hut to hutting, mountain biking and enjoying this wonderful area.

We are staying at the campsite in Umhausen so if you want to come along then just book yourself onto this campsite Ötztal Camping Tyrol (oetztalcamping.com)

and contact me if you want any more information.

Michael Hayes Email: xxxxxxxxxxxxxx Tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thursday 15 August Short Walk Kirk Ireton Ruth Gordon

We will start outside the Barley Mow, Kirk Ireton at 11.00am. Parking usually available along Main Street. The walk will take in a trig point, "The Mountain" which is only a gentle ascent but gives stunning views all round. Then we descend, steeply at first, to Biggin by Hulland and on to Carsington Reservoir. Around the edge for a bit and return to Kirk Ireton via Hays Lane. Around six miles but no steep ascents. Annoyingly the walk is split between the White Peak and Derby O.S. Maps.

Ruth Gordon email xxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Saturday 17 August Dane Valley and Lud's Church Clive Russell

This is another fine bit of the western Peak District albeit with a parking problem. The terrain is somewhat less verdant and more rugged than on my recent walk from Alstonefield, gritstone plays limestone.

We shall have to find informal parking somewhere along the road leading to Roche End where we shall meet on foot at ref **SJ96 645** This is adjacent to the 407 spot height on the map and just west of Bearstones Rock. I propose to start at 10.00am sharp, not because the walk is unduly long but

in order to park first. It is especially important to share vehicles for obvious reasons and, as always, first comers are welcome to travel with me. Text me on 07895 761615. (Blue Skoda Octavia if you want to recognise me at the meeting point).

I propose to descend from the meeting point at the apex of the ridge and then pass through Gradbach to take a path alongside the River Dane to Danebridge. We shall then painlessly gain height and return along the top of the ridge on a parallel path and include a trip through the noisome depths of Lud's Church, a steep gorge with historic significance.

Clive "Rusty" Russell emailxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

24-26 August Bank Holiday Pembroke South Roland Smith

If you have been to South Pembroke before, you will no doubt agree that it contains the best trad' limestone climbing in the UK. The Oread will be heading there for the August bank holiday this year, with the tides looking good for the weekend and the preceding few days. If you haven't been before, then you are in for a treat.

As long as you are happy on VS's there will be enough classic routes to keep you busy for a first trip. It is better if you are a competent abseiler as there are limited opportunities for walking/scrambling to the bottom of the crag, but there are some.

Most of the climbing takes place within the Castle-Martin firing range, but the MOD aim keep it open for the whole of August and the bird bans will have finished, so it is probably the best time to go.

It is a wonderful coastline for walking the sea cliffs, with the flora and fauna being improved by being closed to the public for most of the year. There are several decent cafes in Pembroke and good quality pasties are available in nearby Tenby.

We will be staying at the St Petrox campsite, on the way to Bosherton. It is fairly basic but it does have hot showers and decent washing up facilities. They didn't seem to want me to book, but they said that if I can turn up a few days before the weekend with a good idea of numbers then they will rope off an area for us, so please let me know if you intend to join us. We will probably arrive on the Tuesday or Wednesday beforehand.

The last time the Oread had a meet there, the most important facility of the campsite was a tractor to tow us all out of the mud, but we stayed there a few weeks ago and it was fine.

Roland Smith; email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, tel xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Wednesday 4 September Walk Nigel and Janet Briggs

Details not yet available as Nigel and Janet are on holiday. Look out for updates in the September newsletter and on the WhatsApp walking group. Any queries Janet Briggs email:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxx

13- 15 September 75th Anniversary Celebration Camp Chatsworth Jan and Chris Wilson

It's time to commit to being there or being square!!!!

This is your chance to meet and compete with lots of old friends and new or just kick back and relax in a wonderful spot with amazing company. All welcome, bring the family!!!!

This is just a brief update to give you the latest on the Celebrations at the Camping Meet in Baslow this September. We visited the site with Chatsworth and can now confirm we have a fabulous flat field behind the Pavilion Café in Baslow on the edge of the estate. This is within easy reach of all the Baslow amenities including pubs and a shop. The café is happy to do breakfasts and to provide either their own food or a barbeque on Saturday night including a bar. Opportunities like this don't come along every day so get motivated.

A team of Oreads has been beavering away to make this a really memorable event. We just need a few more of you to commit to some or all of the weekend so we can confirm our food and beer arrangements. So, drop an email or WhatsApp to Chris Wilson email xxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxx

Sunday 15 September Anniversary short walk Chris Paice

Among the activities on offer at the anniversary camp I will be leading a short walk on the Sunday starting and finishing at the Chatsworth campsite.

We will go into Baslow and then over the bridge to pick up a footpath that takes us steadily uphill to Wheatlands Lane.

A short road stretch will bring us to a footpath that takes us through Bank Wood, cross the road and it becomes Bramley Wood.

We walk into Calver at Fold Farm and drop down to the river. (Not in it!) It's then a steady river walk back to Baslow. About 5 .5 miles. A 10.30 start so no rushing.

As this is part of a weekend of activities and something different, I propose that at Calver we have a lunch stop and not a packed lunch.

The café is very welcoming to groups and have, in my experience, set up the outside marquee. However, they will need a rough idea of numbers which I can CONFIRM on the day. So it would be really helpful if you could let me know in advance if you are likely to be joining me.

(You are, of course, more than welcome to bring your own packed lunch, drink etc and eat by the riverside if you prefer.

Should you wish to look up what they offer/prices etc it is 'The Eating House'/ The Derbyshire Craft Centre. S32 3XA.

Chris Paice: emailxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

4 - 18 November Morocco

A few members are going to the Anti-Atlas in Morocco at the beginning of November. If you want any more details please contact Gill Radcliffe by email:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

23 November Oread 75th Annual Dinner at the Maynard Arms

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.

This will be inspirational - do not miss it!

Save the date in your diary now.

Oread Annual Dinner Saturday 23 November Campervan Parking

We have found somewhere to park up to seven vans close to the Maynard Hotel in Grindleford where this year's dinner is being held!

Grindleford Station Café have agreed to let vans park on their land overnight for about £10 each. We've said arrival time will be about 18.00 and that anyone not having breakfast in the café will depart before they open at 9.00.

If anyone wants to use this facility they will need to book in advance to ensure it is not oversubscribed.

If you are interested, please send the following details to Rachel Walker email xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx tel. xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Name:

Vehicle Registration:

Vehicle Type and Colour:

Be prepared, payment will be required in advance nearer the date!

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 tel. Xxxxxxxxxxxx and leave a message if I'm not at home.