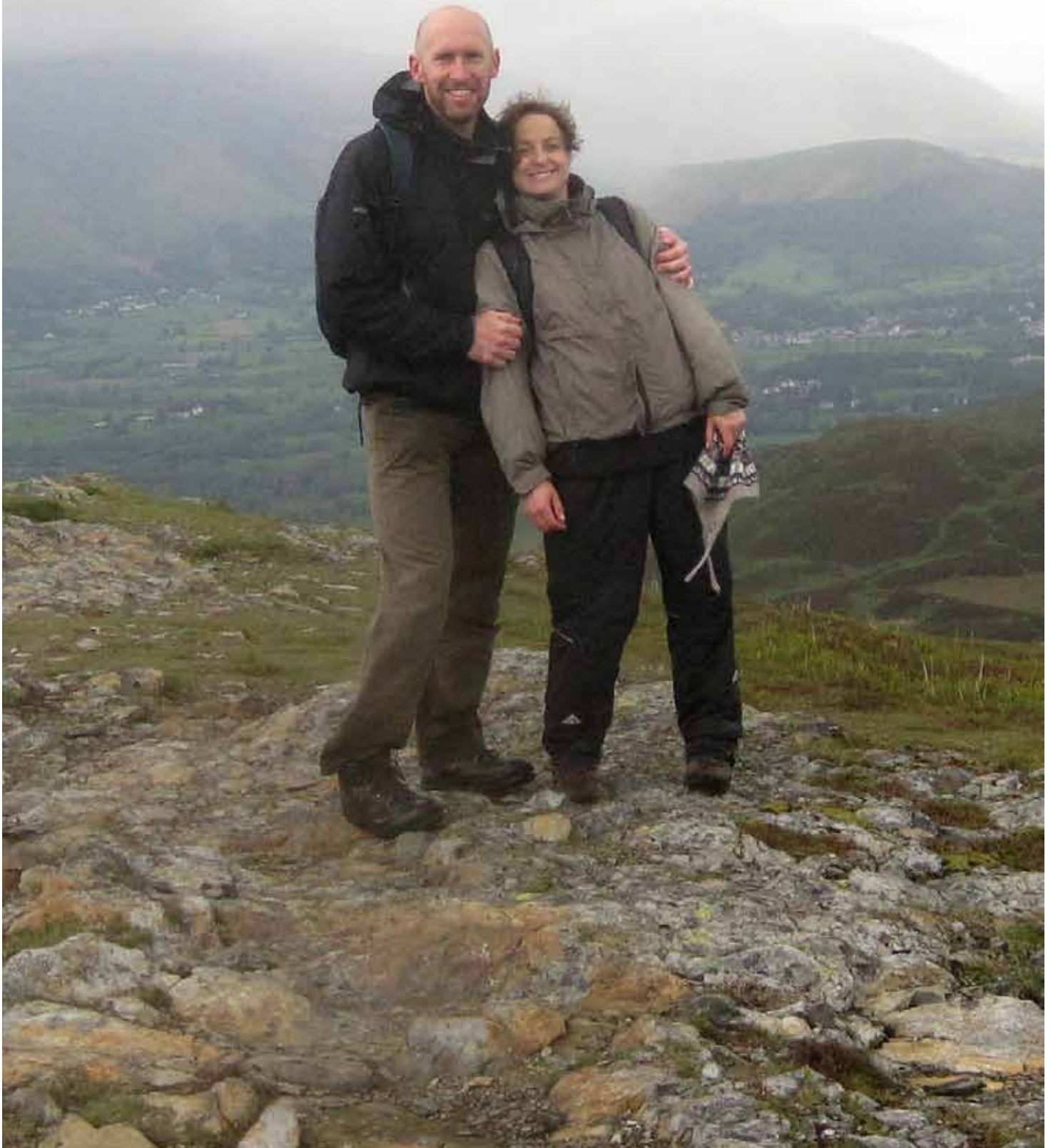


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Editorial

The main difficulty I had to deal with for this issue was deciding what to leave out! A burst of activity in May and much donated material about activities of members beyond the Club's programme meant that I have quite a lot 'held over' for the future.

The Scottish Hotel Meet in March had to make do with only two pages when it could easily have filled more than double that.

In particular I should mention one missing epic work: Mel Middleton's tale of his encounters with the Alpine Giants. The article could almost fill a newsletter on its own. I will find a way to make it available to interested members. It's a great story.

Nearer to home the events and challenges associated with our 80th year dominated Club life for many members and you will find references to them on many pages. Make the most of it - I have it on good authority that we won't be celebrating a Club birthday again until the 90th year!

Thank you to contributors Steve Lee, Joan Abbott, David Birkett, Irene Ramsbottom, Sarah Jennings, Colin Hunter, Maggy and Gary Lightfoot, Margaret Cooper and Clare Fox.

Ed.

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CLUB NEWS

Birdwatch

Peter Barnes reports on the birds at High House: The only definite use of nesting boxes this year is by a pair of Great Tits in a box on the Scots Pine, although Tawny Owl chicks have been heard calling nearby. Amongst the less common birds spotted there this spring are Redstarts and Lesser Redpolls.

Borrowdale Fellrace

The organisers of the race have decided to add an extra checkpoint this year: at Sty Head. The club has agreed to provide the marshalls here as well as at the traditional checkpoints so we need at least two more checkers. Please let Peter Goff know as soon as possible if you can help.

Wainwright Completers

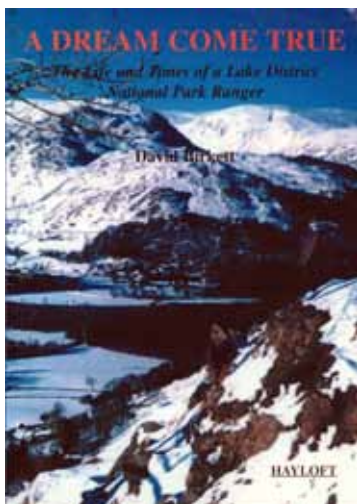
Well done Tina and Kevin Ford for completing their Wainwrights with an ascent of Base Brown on the morning of the High House Birthday Party in May. See page 16.

The High House Visitors Book

It has been noticed that some members are not signing the Visitors Book when staying at High House. On one recent (busy) weekend only a handful of Fellfarers had put their names in the book. Please remember to sign in when you arrive!

Book Sale

David Birkett published his autobiographical work 'A Dream Come True' about his life as an Alpine guide, Kendal Mountain Rescue Team member, National Park ranger and K Fellfarer back in 2002. He has now offered a number of copies to be sold at a bargain price with proceeds going to club funds. Price: Whatever you want to pay but at least two or three pounds. Contact Clare Fox or David himself if you would like to buy a copy.



Birthday Boy

Stuart 'Clanger' Bell celebrated his 70th birthday in June with an evening in the Ring O'Bells (pictured below with some of his Fellfarer chums and looking forward to the next 70).



Building Works

High House can expect a lot of activity in the coming months:

- **Summer Wine Team (21-25 July)**
A variety of repair and improvement works inside and out, including completion of the ladies' washroom improvements and preparation for the new fire escape door.
- **Building Contractors (2nd and 3rd weeks in August)**
New escape door from the men's dormitory, new ceiling and fire doors.
- **Summer Wine Team (15-19 September)**
More repair and improvement works including the installation of a new external store.
- **September 2014 Working Weekend**
All the usual jobs plus more kitchen tiling, a new ceiling to the men's WC, lots of painting and a heater in the drying room.

Please note the two Summer Wine Team events and come along if you can.

Also note that builders will be at work throughout the building in August, including some demolition in the men's dorm. It could be rather draughty in there for a couple of nights! Alec Reynolds has full details of the jobs planned.



80th Celebration Clothing

To celebrate the Club's 80th year we have commissioned a new embroidered logo (below) to be used on a range of clothing.

The range of items you can order is very large in a variety of colours and prices. Some examples are:

- Ladies hooded sweatshirt
- Men's microfleece full zipped jacket
- Polo shirts (ladies or men's)
- Men's ¼ zipped fleece
- Full zip fleece – unisex
- Lady fit full zip fleece
- Sweatshirt – unisex
- Hoodies - adults and children's
- Children's fleeces.



Clare Fox hopes to place an order soon and to save you any delivery charges will collect the items in person from the supplier in Coniston and get them to you.

If you are interested please contact Clare and she can let you have full details of styles, prices and colours available.

It was reported in the last issue that Helvellyn saw “a lot of Fellfarer action” during the first week of March. That action continued during the second week too.....

Helvellyn by Striding Edge

Wednesday 12th March 2014

Steve Lee



I don't think I passed more than one other car on the drive to Glenridding and no more than two other walkers going up to Helvellyn via Striding Edge. It wasn't that early either! I started at 9 am from the car park and had the place almost to myself although was pleasantly interrupted by the first lark of my year just past The Hole in the Wall. The ridge was in great nick – no ice at all until very near Helvellyn summit.

They had forecast a blanket of low cloud drifting in off the sea but affecting mainly western fells, and from the summit it was visible, lurking in the depths of Thirlmere and stretching away to the south-west. All morning the Helvellyn ridge kept it back and left me sunbathing on the other side.

There was an impressive cornice hanging off the eastern side of the plateau and too much snow and ice to descend Swirral Edge without pointy bits, so I continued north and dropped into Keppel Cove to descend to Glenridding that way.

All in all, a superb morning out – and back at the desk by two.





Mick and Hugh recording the archaeological dig before covering it up.



Always lots of cleaning to be done. Sue makes sure the bedrooms are spick and span.



Kevin fitting safety edges to the steps



A (plastic) visitor inspects the fridge.

Working Weekend.
14-16th March 2014
Joan's Miscellaneous Pics



A Walling Team repairs boundary walls



Resurfacing the parking area, every man and shovel needed.



Graham makes a fine job of kitchen tiling



Frank and Alec - perfection painting!



THE 6TH KFF SCOTTISH HOTEL MEET

Alexandra Hotel, Fort William
incorporating Midweek Walk No. 47

23rd - 28th March 2014



With about 30 members (above) buzzing about all over the snowy Lochaber landscape for 5 days it is impossible to record everything that everybody did in a couple of pages. It isn't just about the hills either; many members are content to enjoy the Highland experience without venturing onto the high ground (top left). The bargain price we get from a group booking makes this meet unmissable for some Fellfarers and their friends. The accommodation is excellent, the food is superb and we do seem to get lucky with the weather.

Anyway, here's just a few examples of what we did, with apologies for all the many great days out that are not included here :

Sunday 23rd

Although Sunday was 'just a travelling day' with no-one reporting a walk or a hill done, everyone agreed, on arrival at the Alexandra Hotel, that the journey had been something special. Snowy hills under a perfect blue sky. One member wrote "In 30 years of making this journey I have never experienced anything like this. Rannoch Moor was a wonder."

Monday 24th

Mam na Guallainn 796 m.

For some this was a battle to be refought. Four members had retreated from near the summit in deep snow in March 3 years ago (they didn't want to miss their dinner!). Sunday evenings circulated 'wish-list' revealed that 10 Fellfarers liked the idea of climbing 2,611 feet from sea-level. So that's what we did (*second and third left*) with the sublime snow-and-sea scenery of Loch Leven, the Mamores, and the Aonach Eagach, all around us. It's a shame Kevin left his camera near the summit! Meanwhile, just across the loch :

Sgorr na Ciche (*The Pap of Glencoe*) 742 m.

Irene Ramsbottom

Ever since our first sighting over 40 years ago of the Pap of Glencoe it was on our list of must dos. It took a long time to get round to it but some things are worth waiting for.

On the first day the conditions looked good, clear skies and only a light dusting of snow on the top, or so we thought! Margaret and Ellie joined us and we strode out over the lower slopes. After reaching the snow line the path became indistinct and it was apparent the snow was a lot deeper than it looked. The summit looked a very steep climb. A lunch stop and a discussion on whether to go on ensued. The decision was unanimous to carry on (*bottom left*). The views were fantastic but with a combination of gusty winds and deep snow covering loose rock it was a challenge for all of us. The sight of Ellie ahead forced to get horizontal whilst we shouted to ask if she could see the top will remain with us for a long time. We all felt a real sense of achievement when we reached the wonderful airy top, a real Sound of Music moment!

The way down was slow so it was somewhat off-putting to meet a local man dressed lightly compared to us with a young dog bounding up looking like he was out for a quick doggy walk. It put our challenge somewhat into perspective. Nevertheless the "high" and the buzz from the sense of achievement stayed with all of us for the rest of the week and especially in Margaret and Ellie's faces. Thank you to Margaret and Ellie for sharing with us the joys of climbing a very special mountain.

Tuesday 25th

Carn Dearg 834 m.

Kevin returned to Mam na Guallainn, this time with Ray, Mike and Karen, and found his camera. Hooray. The Foxes drove into Glen Roy and climbed past the Parallel Roads into a mirky 2,000 ft cloud ceiling and on by compass bearing across a black and white arctic wasteland to the summit of Carn Dearg. Great fun but no photographs worth sharing!



Wednesday 26th**Sgurr Innse 809 m. and Cruach Innse 857 m.**

The guidebook gives a long time for this outing and only Hughie, Mick and Norman Bell opted to visit the 'Innse Twins'. Mists draped themselves gracefully over the crags and snowy ridges of the Grey Corries as we drove up the rough track to Lairig Leacach. We walked past the 'Wee Minister' (see last year) and on beneath the towering ridges and pristine snowfields of Stob Choire Claurigh. Stob Ban was jaw-droppingly beautiful, a perfect white mountain gleaming in the sunshine. That sun made us hot and sweaty as we climbed steep snow to the top of Sgurr Innse and we lay, drowsy in its heat, after lunch there (*top right*). Sublime winter mountains stretched to every horizon.

Thursday 27th**Sgurr Cos na Breachd-Laoigh 835 m.**

David Birkett

Only two persons opted to join me for this attractive-looking horseshoe route, and what a duo, Mike and Adele Walford, two very experienced mountaineers. The day dawned bright and sunny with a nip in the air, the journey passed quickly through superb scenery; the narrow lochside road was a switchback with disappearing horizons on the 16 mile length. At the newly built Glendessarry Lodge the gillie greeted us 'you can't park here', in a best London accent, this was despite the guide books recommendation. We chatted and he offered to run us back and lock the gate. Walking at last, the air was warm as we climbed up the Glen Kingie path, nearing the col we followed the narrowing ridge NW. Ahead was a lone walker, who we gratefully followed, breaking way through the thawing areas of snow. At pt. 822m, Druim a Chairin, (*second right*) the easterly summit of the Corbett we marvelled at the extensive vista looking into the Barrisdale and Glen Quoich forests. Mike's knowledge came to the fore, explaining the Munros, completed two decades ago. Onwards, the narrow ridge was followed, passing A' Chioch, a 30' pinnacle and then the 300' climb to Sgurr cos na Breachd-laoigh, the Peak of the Cave of the Bonny Calf (no, I haven't made it up). The distant views amazed us, with Skye to the west and a dense white Grey Corries and Ben Nevis to the east. Down the SE ridge involved steep snow banks and crag avoidance, we caught up with the lone walker. During the week we had all experienced slips, little did I know it was my turn. I was talking to Adele, the next moment my left leg was pointing up my back and my right pointing forwards. I eased myself up, thinking the worst, a miracle, all was well. Back at the car we reflected on a fine day on the Scottish hills.

Stob Coire a'Chearcaill 771 m.

Ten of us managed to squeeze, with gear, into two cars at 9.30 on a fine clear morning. It was a shock for some of us to see that the Lochaber Hotel (with its beloved 'Tin Shed' bar) at the Corran Ferry had been demolished. So many memories of winter evenings in that bar. The ferry whisked us over the glistening Loch Linnhe and we were soon parked at Stronchreggon, saying 'hello' to the highland cattle there. Glen Chreagainn was gorgeous in the sunshine, bright flowering gorse and birdsong. Then came the reality of ascent: Wet tussocky grass slopes, easy-angled but interminable. We made light of the tedium and were eventually gathered on the Braigh Bhaich ridge, with a couple of miles of level wind-blasted walking before us. At the far end of the ridge our objective began to rear up, a fierce little black and white headwall which proved to be a pussycat of easy walking. Magically, the wind melted away on the summit (*third right*) and we basked in the sunshine, surrounded by yet another wonderful all-round panorama of mountains that no-one could put names to. We came back by the same way and celebrated, while waiting for the boat, with a pint in the Inn by the Ferry. Some of us continued the celebrations in the 'Grog and Gruel' that evening after dinner (*bottom right and below*). And why not?



Tan-y-Wyddfa Hut Meet

Rhyd Ddu, Snowdonia
11th - 13th April 2014

*Caroline, John and Caitlin Walsh,
 Claire, Mark, Jessica and Matthew Walsh,
 Penny, Dame, Ebbie and Paige O'Sullivan,
 Val and Colin Hunter,
 David Birkett, Hugh Taylor,
 Clare and Mick Fox.*

It happens sometimes, even with Fellfarers: every bed in the Oread 'mountain hut' (actually a detached former railway worker's house) was booked in advance. Full house!

We (Clare and Mick) set off from Kendal early on Friday and by late morning were walking in the Ogwen valley beneath the incomparable Tryfan (*top right*). The objective was a minor rocky knoll, Clogwyn Llech Lefn, on the opposite side of the valley. It sits in the bwlch between the much higher peaks, Pen yr Helgi Du and Pen Llithrig-y-wrach. It's a listed 2,000 foot top, not worth doing in its own right but when combined with its two bigger neighbours it promised to give a good short day out.

A water leat, channelling all the rain that falls on these south-facing slopes into the Llyn Cowlyd Reservoir, with a flat grassy verge gives good easy walking across what would be rough boggy ground. We followed it to a convenient footbridge and then climbed the Y Braich ridge of Pen yr Helgi Du. A cool breeze meant that we didn't overheat in the bright spring sunshine. The air was clear and the summit views into Cwm Eigiau and across the Carneddau were magnificent.

We dropped into Bwlch y Marchog, saying hello to the very friendly wild ponies on the way, and I scrambled to the highest rock of my new top and posed for photos.

The steep ridge to Pen Lithrig-y-wrach looked fearsome from below but was mercifully short and we were soon enjoying a picnic lunch on the summit and gazing down at Llyn Cowlyd (*second right*). Apart from the ponies, we seemed to have the hills all to ourselves. A steep descent into Cwm Tal-y-braich gave us the only poor walking of the day. The bottom of the cwm is unpleasantly boggy. Never mind, we were soon on the verge of the leat again and our feet began to dry out as we strolled back to the car.

There were some shenanigans with the key at the house. The key-holder had set off much later than the rest of us and we had to wait in the pub until he arrived. What a shame. Still, we did get settled in eventually and had a pleasant evening.

Saturday was a disappointment. The weather had changed and a grey dismal blanket of cloud hid everything above 2,000 feet. Colin and Val decided to make their first ascent of Snowdon direct from the house. The remaining seven males caught a bus to Pen-y-pass to ascend Snowdon from that side while the ladies and girls walked, by various routes, into Beddgelert.

The men crossed Cwm Dylli (*third right*) and climbed into the cloud on Y Lliwedd. We got strung out traversing the tops of the rough rocky ridge but regrouped where the Watkin Path climbs up into Bwlch Ciliau (*bottom right*). We watched with amusement as an inexperienced group passed back and forth, unable to make up its collective mind which way to go to get to Snowdon.

After our brief coffee-stop we charged on, scrambling up the eroded path to arrive at the (as always) crowded summit. People were queueing to stand on the very highest point and everywhere there were crowds huddled against the damp and the chill. The cafe was closed on a day which would surely have yielded thousands of pounds of turnover.

We separated there, some to take the Rangers path down and some to descend by Bwlch Main on the Rhyd Ddu path. We caught up with Colin and Val on Lechog and chatted as we dropped out of the cloud and ambled back to the house.

The ladies had had a great day out too and the train ride home had added to their fun.





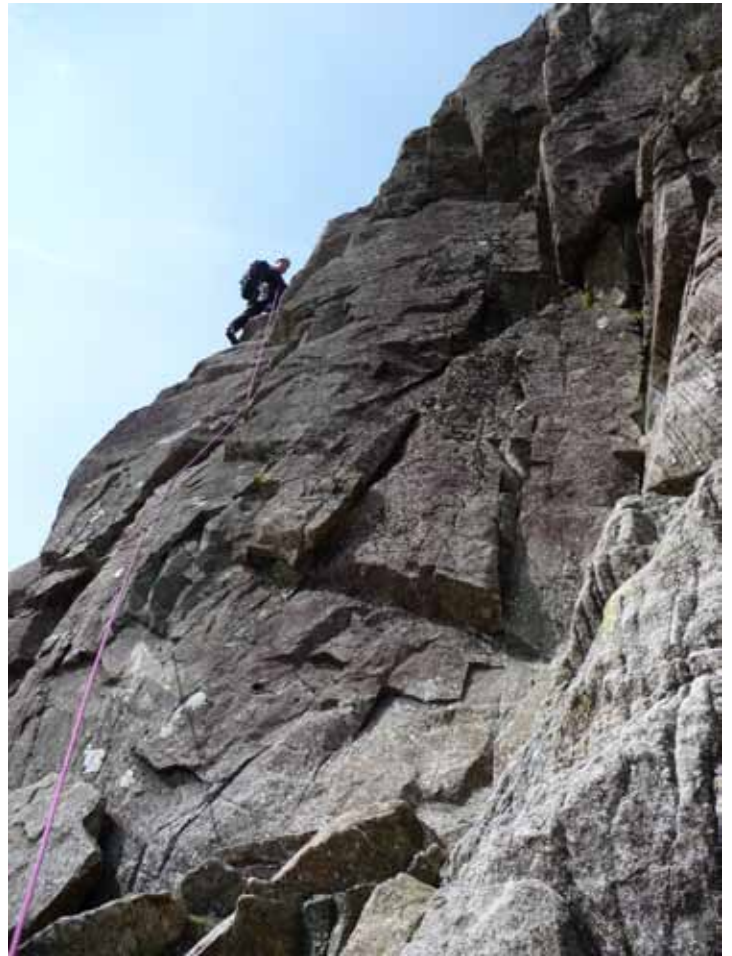
Easter at High House

18-21st April 2014

Fine weather meant a feast of fun for members staying at High House.

On Saturday a big family party (Jennings, Walshes, Lancasters, Whiles and Hesletines plus Alec) explored Glaramara (*top two pictures*) and on Sunday Sarah and Wayne climbed the classic rock route Gillercombe Buttress (*right and below*).

Photos are courtesy of Sarah



The perfect weather wasn't confined to Borrowdale of course and during Easter weekend the Editor took his 3 year old grandson Ollie for his first rock-climbing experience. The easy-angled outcrops and slabs of Brant Fell were perfect for his little legs. They were fine for Ollie's legs too.



Walk or Climb ?

Warton Crag, Thursday 24th April 2014

Walkers - Roger, Cath, Tony, Sandra, Clare, Val Calder, Val Hunter, Sue, Gordon, Tony, and Hugh
Climbers - Sarah, Steve, Mick, Mike, and Colin

This was the first evening of the year for the Shinscrapers to get out onto a local crag instead of being inside on the Kendal Climbing Wall.

This traditional 'first night' has been at Hutton Roof Crag for as long as anyone can remember and in the past we have seen many non-climbers from the club come along to have a go on the easy routes there. A true 'Climbing for All' night.

Numbers of members 'having a go' have fallen in recent years though and it was decided to incorporate a walk into the evening. Then after two years of walk/climb evenings it was thought that Hutton Roof was rather limited for walks. Hence the move to Warton Crag.

Sixteen smiling Fellfarers gathered beneath the impressive cliffs of Warton Main Quarry. It was a lovely spring evening and Colin and Val had even arrived early to enjoy a picnic tea there while they waited for the rest of us.

Cath led the walkers (*top right*) around Warton Crag to Leighton Hall where they enjoyed fine views across Leighton Moss and the Bay (*second right*) before returning over the top of the Crag.

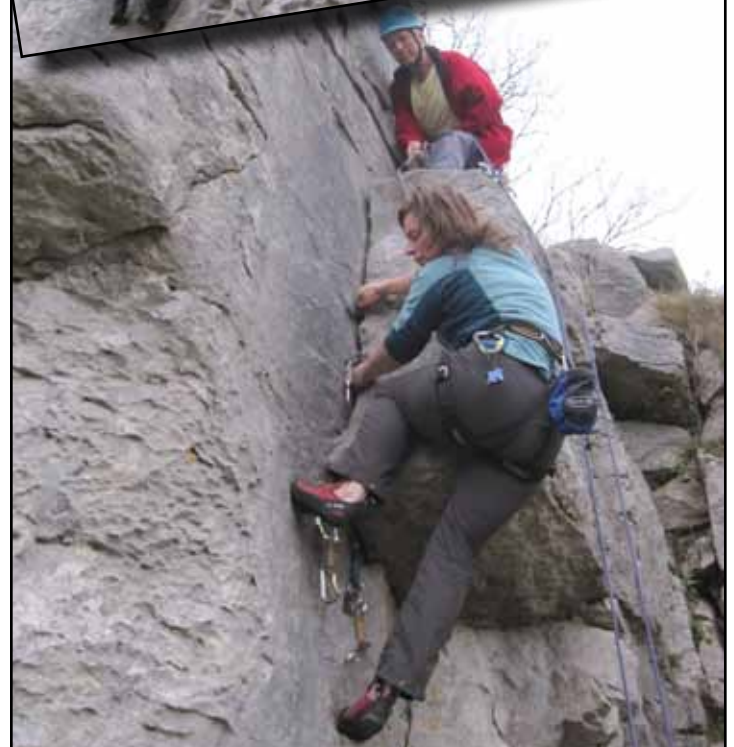
Mike led the climbers through the Nature Reserve, amongst the cowslips and early bluebells, to the summit beacon and thence to the Upper Crag, where they began to play on the rocks.

The picture third right shows Colin on 'Finger of Fun'. Everyone decided that it is under-graded and some cheated a little by attacking it from the side instead of direct from below. Fun indeed. In the background and in the photo bottom right are Steve and Sarah grappling with 'The Plumb', a little layback problem that proved to be even more Fun than The Finger. The 'route of the crag', 'Judith', was also climbed, plus three more routes to add 6 to the Shinscrapers 80 Climbs list for the year. A good start.

Both groups had an excellent evening and made the most of the limited daylight hours. All were rewarded with a gorgeous sunset (*below*) that none of our cameras could do justice to. Sky, sea, rocks and Fellfarers' faces were all lit with a fiery red glow. An experience to linger long in the memory.

After so much joy we felt greedy going along to the New Inn at Yealand for a beer afterwards...but we went anyway.

Thank you to Cath and Mike for organising a brilliant evening.





Peering into the two entrances of Sell Gill Holes



LIMESTONE COUNTRY

Midweek Walk No.48 Birkwith and Alum Pot

Wednesday 30th April 2014

Colin Hunter

The usual suspects:- Frank, Mick & Clare, Tony & Sue, Colin & Val, Irene, Roger, Hughie and Sam.

These 11 intrepid souls turned up at the Pen-y-ghent cafe in Horton in Ribblesdale bursting with enthusiasm for a coffee before taking on Frank's walk. Once energised with caffeine however, they get up and go returned and we embarked on the walled lane of the Pennine Way for a couple of kilometres before branching off for the grassy track of the Ribble Way.

Another 2 1/2 k of very pleasant walking saw us above High Birkwith Farm but not before the party split following a comfort break taken by one member who then, being out of sight, took a lower line than the rest of the jolly party and subsequently thought he would be completing the walk in glorious isolation. A yell from higher up the fell however, brought us all back together for the descent to Birkwith. Continuing down, lunch was taken on the bank of the River Ribble

before following the lane leading to the picturesque hamlet of Selside. On leaving the village, the intention was to visit Alum Pot and it's huge gash of an entrance. However, 200 metres before the pothole we came upon a sign on a gate informing all and sundry that to proceed further would entail retracing our steps back to Selside and parting with 50p at the farm for the privilege. Discussions at the gate ensued and with much shaking of heads and cries of "opportunist" we chose to forgo the pleasures of the pothole and continued S on the track to it's junction with the Sulber Nick path which descends from Ingleborough.

We were then led easily back to Horton and more coffee when thanks were given to Frank for his excellent choice of route and weather conditions.

PS. What is a mountain with a Welsh / Belgian name doing in Yorkshire?

Walking towards High Birkwith



Sulber Nick





A Whitbarrow Wander

An Evening Walk. Tuesday 6th May 2014

After a small setback (wrong grid reference) was dealt with by last minute phonecalls and emails, thirteen Fellfarers (*top left*) turned up at Millside (one who didn't get the message arrived all alone half a mile down the road). Mike opted to take us clockwise on the 5-mile circuit: past Beck Head and through the woods below Chapel Head Scar to the path rising above the treetops (*second left*) to the summit cairn of Lord's Seat (*third left and above*), then back along the delectable ridge to Whitbarrow's southern tip and so back to Mill Side. We were delighted to be caught by Frank on the summit, determined to find us despite starting from the wrong place. Wainwright, in his 'Outlying Fells of Lakeland' calls this walk the most beautiful in the book: "*in surroundings high above the encircling valleys and amidst scenery that has no blemish*". His words still hold true - almost: The stark white skeletal wind turbines to the east are certainly a blemish but the view of them was fleeting and did nothing to spoil the superb traverse of the ridge, lit by the westerling sun (*bottom*).

The timing was perfect: the light faded as we descended through Buckhouse Wood to the cars and then a few spots of rain dotted the windscreens as we parked outside the Derby Arms for that joyful finale to a grand evening's stroll: cheese and onion crisps and beer; mmmm!

Thank you Cath and Mike for another fine walk.



The Club's 80 Wainwrights Challenge

The system of 'booking' your fells in advance got off to slow start and there were some people wondering early on whether we would reach our target. They needn't have worried. The Challenge gathered momentum as the week wore on and the eightieth top was ticked off on Wednesday 28th.

By the time the Birthday Party started at High House at 12 noon on Saturday 31st (the deadline) members of the Club had ascended 92 Wainwrights. Well done us!

Below is the list of tops and the names of those who took part. More on the following pages.

(Left: Ray Wood's 'selfie' on the summit of Bakestall on the first day of the Challenge)

Top	Height metres	Completed by
Northern Fells		
Skiddaw	931	Margaret Cooper, Ellie Woodburn, Ray Wood, Ruth Joyce, Clare and Mick Fox
Skiddaw Little Man	865	Ruth Joyce, Clare and Mick Fox
Carl Side	746	Margaret Cooper, Ellie Woodburn, Ray Wood, Ruth Joyce, Clare and Mick Fox
Long Side	734	Margaret Cooper, Ellie Woodburn, Ray Wood, Ruth Joyce, Clare and Mick Fox
Lonscale Fell	715	Margaret Cooper, Ellie Woodburn, Ruth Joyce, Clare and Mick Fox
Knott	710	Sue and Tony Maguire
Ullock Pike	680	Margaret Cooper, Ellie Woodburn, Ray Wood, Ruth Joyce, Clare and Mick Fox
Bakestall	673	Ray Wood
High Pike (Caldbeck)	658	Sue and Tony Maguire
Latrigg	368	Ruth Joyce, Clare and Mick Fox
Eastern Fells		
Helvellyn	950	Kevin Ford
Nethermost Pike	891	Kevin Ford
Raise	883	Kevin Ford
Fairfield	873	Graham and Irene Ramsbottom
White Side	863	Kevin Ford
Dollywaggon Pike	858	Kevin Ford
Great Dodd	857	Kevin Ford
Stybarrow Dodd	843	Kevin Ford
Hart Crag	822	Graham and Irene Ramsbottom
Dove Crag	792	Graham and Irene Ramsbottom
Watson's Dodd	789	Kevin Ford
Red Screes	776	Hugh Taylor
Great Rigg	766	Graham and Irene Ramsbottom
Clough Head	726	Kevin Ford
High Pike (Scandale)	656	Graham and Irene Ramsbottom
Heron Pike	612	Graham and Irene Ramsbottom
Low Pike	508	Graham and Irene Ramsbottom
Nab Scar	440	Graham and Irene Ramsbottom
Central Fells		
High Raise (Langd)	762	Mike & Cath Palk
Harrison Stickle	736	Mike & Cath Palk
Sergeant Man	730	Mike & Cath Palk
Thunacar Knott	723	Mike & Cath Palk
Pike O'Stickle	709	Mike & Cath Palk
Pavey Ark	700	Mike & Cath Palk
Walla Crag	379	Pen O'Sullivan and girls
Loughrigg Fell	335	Mel Middleton
Western Fells		
Scoat Fell	841	Rose and Paul East
Red Pike (Wasdale)	826	Rose and Paul East
Steeple	819	Rose and Paul East
Base Brown	646	Tina & Kevin Ford
Haystacks	597	Margaret Cooper

Top	Height metres	Completed by
Far Eastern Fells		
High Street	828	Mike & Cath Palk
High Raise ((Martin)	802	Mike & Cath Palk
Rampsgill Head	792	Mike & Cath Palk
Thornthwaite Crag	784	Mike & Cath Palk
Kidsty Pike	780	Mike & Cath Palk
Harter Fell (Mardale)	778	Mike & Cath Palk
Mardale Ill Bell	760	Mike & Cath Palk
Ill Bell	757	Mike & Cath Palk
The Knott	739	Mike & Cath Palk
Kentmere Pike	730	Mike & Cath Palk
Froswick	720	Mike & Cath Palk
Branstree	713	Ray Wood
Yoke	706	Mike & Cath Palk
Gray Crag	699	Mike & Cath Palk
Rest Dodd	696	Maggy and Gary Lightfoot
Loadpot Hill	671	Hugh Taylor
Wether Hill	670	Hugh Taylor
Selside Pike	655	Ray Wood
Shipman Knotts	587	Mike & Cath Palk
The Nab	576	Maggy and Gary Lightfoot
Angletarn Pikes	567	Maggy and Gary Lightfoot
Brock Crag	561	Maggy and Gary Lightfoot
Arthur's Pike	532	Hugh Taylor
Bonscale Pike	524	Hugh Taylor
Sallows	516	Mick Fox
Wansfell	487	Hugh Taylor
Sour Howes	483	Mick Fox
North Western Fells		
Whiteside	707	Dame & Pen O'Sullivan
Scar Crag	672	Dame & Pen O'Sullivan
Causey Pike	637	Dame & Pen O'Sullivan
Outerside	568	Dame & Pen O'Sullivan
Lord's Seat	552	Jan Lancaster
Broom Fell	511	Jan Lancaster
Barf	468	Jan Lancaster
Barrow	455	Dame & Pen O'Sullivan
Rannerdale Knotts	355	Margaret Parker
Grasmoor	852	Dame & Pen O'Sullivan
Eel Crag (Crag Hill)	839	Dame & Pen O'Sullivan
Grisedale Pike	791	Dame & Pen O'Sullivan
Wandope	772	Dame & Pen O'Sullivan
Sail	773	Dame & Pen O'Sullivan
Hopegill Head	770	Dame & Pen O'Sullivan
Sale Fell	359	Peter Barnes
Southern Fells		
Swirl How	802	Kevin Ford
Great Carrs	780	Kevin Ford
Wetherlam	762	Kevin Ford
Pike of Blisco	705	Hugh Taylor (& Norman Bell)
Cold Pike	701	Hugh Taylor (& Norman Bell)
Harter Fell (Eskdale)	653	Mick Fox
Hard Knott	549	Mick Fox
Lingmoor Fell	469	Irene Ramsbottom

The Skiddaw House Meet

Incorporating Midweek Walk No. 49

Wednesday 21st - Thursday 22nd May

Sue and Tony Maguire, Ellie Woodburn, Margaret Cooper,
Ruth Joyce, Ray Wood, Clare and Mick Fox.

It's almost impossible to pass Skiddaw House, or even to look at its location on a map, without wanting to go and stay there. It is one of the remotest habitable buildings and the highest YHA hostel in the country. Hidden away in the folds of the hills behind Skiddaw's great bulk, it was built by the Earl of Egremont some time just before 1830 as a gamekeeper's lodge for the management of grouse shooting. It was extended and became two dwellings, by the end of the nineteenth century being used as family homes by a gamekeeper and by (sometimes more than one) shepherd. There were also rooms for his Lordship and the shooting parties.

This joint usage by gamekeeper and shepherd continued until the early 1950s. Several families were reared here. The longest service was put in by Pearson Dalton, who came to the House from Caldbeck "for a month" in 1922 and left in 1969 aged 75! The estate was broken up in 1957, the house and land were sold to a local farmer and when Dalton left in 1969 the house, no longer needed, was allowed to decline.

Now it advertises itself as a basic but cosy hostel and when the idea of a stay there was suggested within the club there was a lot of interest. Family interests, illnesses and holiday commitments meant that some dropped out at the last minute but eight Fellfarers still enjoyed a great night there.

Six of us met in bright sunshine in the centre of Bassenthwaite village. There was a minor disappointment to start with: The Sun Inn was not open so we had to forego the much-anticipated starting-coffee. Never mind, Skiddaw loomed large in the southern sky, the birds sang their hearts out and the verges were bright with wild flowers. We set off, caffeine-free but smiling. Tarmac for a little way and then a gate to open fields (*top right*)

My plan, a selfish one, was to follow an ascent described by Wainwright: along an old drove-road through the little-known and lonely valley of Southerndale, steeply up the dales head-wall to Carlside Col and thence to the summit of Skiddaw. First we had to find the dale. The map shows a footpath crossing fields in a fairly direct line but somewhere near Collersike Wood a stile seems to have gone missing and we wandered aimlessly for a while before taking a determined line onwards to emerge on the High Side road where we could get our bearings once more.

Through more fields, a track led us into the lower reaches of Southerndale. A footbridge across Southerndale Beck proved to be a double draw for the 'Collectors of 80' (see page 18): Ellie and Margaret had a paddle in the beck and Ruth crossed the bridge. More ticks for the collective lists. The grown ups sat and watched (*second right*).

Eyes gazed upwards to the fine Ullock Pike ridge on our right. It rose dramatically and beckoned. Several members confessed to never having walked it so the plan was changed. Southerndale will have to wait for another day.

The ridge above Watches is steep but we had all day and so we ambled upwards at a comfortable pace. A cuckoo called from somewhere on the shore of Bass Lake far below, the first of the year for some, and a glider swooped and soared in the blue sky above us. It was a great day to be out.

We lay on the springy moss and turf of Ullock Pike's summit and had a picnic lunch. If Longside Edge has a fault it is that it is far too short. The fine promenade 2,000 feet above the sparkling lake was soon over and we stood on Long Side summit (*third right*), with Skiddaw's great grey ramparts still a long long way above us. The ridge had given us two additional Wainwrights to start the club collection. We strolled the short distance to Carl Side and then girded our loins for the steep diagonal track (*bottom right*) that climbs the last 800 feet to the summit of Skiddaw.

How many days in a year is Skiddaw top cloud-free? Not many but we had one of them (*opposite page, top left*). There was a chilly breeze and extra layers of clothing were added but no-one complained.

Another change of plan here: everyone had caught the collecting bug and when it was suggested that, instead of an almost direct descent to the Hostel, Skiddaw Little Man and Lonscale Fell could be added, the ladies agreed with enthusiasm. Ray volunteered to go it alone and visit Bakestall in the opposite direction.

The direct descent from Lonscale to the Hostel was something of a trial for tired legs, the last mile being pathless through heather, but we finished (some time after Ray) in good heart (*opposite page, second left*).





The wardens, Marie and Martin, welcomed us and made us very comfortable (although a problem with the water heating meant no hot showers available that day). The log stove was soon blazing and the red wine being allowed to breathe as dinners were prepared. The sitting room boasts a library bigger, and much more catholic in its content, than that at High House and many more comfortable chairs. Carpets too (*third left*).

Martin gave us some of the recent history of Skiddaw House:

The House was leased from the owner in 1986 by John Bothamley who had already created the YHA Carrock Fell Hostel a few miles away. After much effort, expense and a list of planning problems, the building was handed to YHA and operated as a simple hostel until 2002, when disagreements forced the YHA to decline to renew the agreement.

In 2006 Martin (Webster), who had been the warden from 1992 until 2000, decided to reopen the House. His initiative was successful and in April 2007 it opened again as an independent hostel under Martin's management. The old YHA "Friends of Skiddaw House" group was reformed and incorporated early in 2007 as Skiddaw House Foundation, a Registered Charity, with the declared aim of maintaining the House as a hostel in the long term whilst retaining the principles of the YHA.

Sue and Tony were there too, having come from the opposite direction on the Cumbria Way. Tony writes:

'It's a plod up the Caldew Valley from Carrock Mine to Skiddaw House. The house came into view with about three miles to go; it sits, somewhat majestically, at the head of the valley along which we were walking on our second day of the Cumbria Way from Carlisle. From Caldbeck we had taken in High Pike (top right) and Knott as our contribution to '80 tops'. So Skiddaw House was a welcome sight, albeit at the end of the plod, but on a clear, sunny day, which we were enjoying, the wide open valley was quite magnificent.

In fact our luck was in on the first day with fine weather on what many regard as a tedious stretch of the Cumbria Way. Abundant spring flowers and surely best-ever hawthorn blossom made the whole route a delight; fabulous accommodation at Greenside House and a pint and meal at the Oddfellows rounded off a perfect day. Skiddaw House offered more traditional mountain furnishings but was nonetheless welcoming and proved a cosy venue for our rendezvous with other Fellfarers.

Weather defied miserable forecasts for the next three days and our passage to Ulverston, with overnights at High House and Ambleside was mostly rain free and highly enjoyable. So enjoyable, in fact, that we forgot about the time and were in danger of missing our bus to Kendal with still two and a half miles to go. Sprinting through cow trodden fields at the end of a seventy-five mile walk is not to be recommended but we arrived at the bus stop just as the driver folded away his newspaper and started up the engine. A lucky end to a charmed, and charming, five days.'

The setting sun bathed the back of Blencathra and Great Calva with a gorgeous golden light (*bottom left*) as we sat around the table chatting until bedtime. The dawn, however, showed a different view. No view at all in fact. The clag was down to the doorstep, with rain forecast, and plans for a walk out over the hills 'back o' Skidda' were abandoned. We followed the track past Dash Falls and then paths over the fields back to our waiting cars.

In fact the forecast was proved to be wrong, the sky cleared and after coffee in the Little Dodd Garden Centre, Ruth, Clare and I had a little sunlit stroll to the top of Latrigg. One more for the list!

COLLECTING WAINWRIGHTS

Many members responded with great enthusiasm to the Club Challenge of ascending 80 Wainwrights between 21st and 31st May. Here are just a few examples. See also page 18.

Ascent of 4 Wainwright Peaks (26th May) *Maggy and Gary Lightfoot*

(Top left, Angletarn Pikes; second left, The Nab)

Maggy and I wanted to chip in with the 80 Wainwrights challenge so we picked 4 peaks that looked straightforward to cover in a good walk. We hadn't planned to make such an early start, but 6:30 am saw us on the road, with a little trepidation as the cloud looked quite low and threatening, 7:30 parking at Deepdale Bridge (between Brothers Water and Patterdale), 8:00 at Boredale Hause and 8:30 on Angle Tarn Pike, the first of our 4 Wainwright peaks we had targeted for this morning. Yes, it rained lightly on and off and the breeze was chilly but the cloud level was just high enough not to bother us, so we tripped lightly past Angle Tarn and on to our second peak Brock Crag, still just about clear of clag.

Inspired by our success so far, we set off again without delay for Rest Dodd, a bit more of a challenge being the highest of our peaks of the day. By the time we reached its top it was just shrouded in mist, so the views were not great and we could see nothing of High Street from there. We breakfasted in a sheltered spot just on the way down its steep northerly descent as the cloud lifted and the sun shone on our last target, The Nab, and on Martindale beyond.

On down for The Nab and after the descent we hit the peat hag on the Hause. If anyone reading has been up the Nab you'll know what I mean! Just as well we were in bare feet (more about that later). It took quite a while to pick our way through the hags and most of the remaining ascent was

very boggy on the path, but we reached the final target before long, elated that our plan for the walk turned out to be manageable.

In the warm sunshine we decided to drop off the end of The Nab into Martindale, not having done our homework so not realizing that there is no right of way. After the very steep descent and much longer tail off into the valley than it had looked from the top, we emerged from a gate which indeed stated "private, no entry" back the way we had come. Anyway, from the road we headed up the graded bridle path with very tired legs to Boredale Hause and ran down the descent back to the car for 1:00. We reckoned the whole loop was around 11 miles so sustenance was definitely needed, provided by the Brothers Water Inn, which was strangely deserted considering it was Bank Holiday Monday.

Oh and, for anyone who's interested, about the bare feet thing. Since Maggy and I ran the London-Brighton 100k challenge in May 2012 in barefoot style (minimal soft shoes) we have been completely sold on barefoot and we have changed from boot peak walkers to lowland minimal joggers. Our boots have been gathering dust in the shed ever since. However, until now we had not attempted high peak walking in barefoot style, but I must say that today's walk (with some jogging thrown in) was a dream, particularly on the steep, wet descents. Our feet are waterproof, so no beeswax needed!

Gary

The Coledale Horseshoe plus (28th May) *Penny and Damian O'Sullivan*

(third left, summit trig point of Crag Hill. See also cover picture)

Still in their early days of collecting all the Wainwrights, Pen and Dame look for every opportunity to get on the hills that their busy lives allow. The Club Wainwright week coincided with a family visit to Kendal so Grandma was asked to look after the two girls and Granddad was asked to pick a good day out. The extended Coledale Horseshoe looked a good bet, with the potential to visit up to 12 Wainwright summits in a continuous outing. The forecast was poor but the sky was showing blue between high white clouds when we parked in Braithwaite and we set off in t-shirts on the long ridge of Kinn, rising to Grisedale Pike. The ridge undulates westward to the distant top of Whiteside, over Hopegill Head and many other minor bumps, so that a traverse involves much more ascent than a simple comparison of summit heights would indicate. The rock was damp and 'slape' so care was needed on the exposed

narrow sections. When we turned at Whiteside's summit to return the tops had vanished. Black clag was descending and we were soon in it. In fact a compass bearing was needed on Sand Hill to find the right line down to Coledale Hause. Grasmoor was too shivery cold to linger on, although two old fellers were huddled in the shelter there - in shorts! At Wandope we decided to save Whiteless Pike for another day, on the grounds that it is such a delightful walk up from Buttermere and it would be wasted in these conditions. We descended the narrow rocky ridge from Crag Hill to Sail and then dropped out of the cloud for the final four tops: Scar Crag, Causey Pike, Outerside and Barrow. Later we discovered that Barrow was the Club's 80th top. We finished with a delicious and well-deserved (we thought) pint in the Royal Oak. Eleven tops for the Club and eleven tops for Pen and Dame!

The Last One: Base Brown (31st May)

(bottom left, above Sourmilk Gill)

Kevin had completed 213 Wainwrights about two years ago but Tina still had a fair number to go to so he decided to save the last one, Base Brown, until she had caught up. Tina drew level a short time ago so it was just a matter of picking the right day to 'finish them off'. Kevin had made a big contribution to the Club's list earlier in the week with a long outing on the Helvellyn ridge, collecting nine Wainwrights en route. If they were going to finish their list and add to the Club's list, their only option was Saturday morning, just before the party. We knew that the Club had reached its target but now the race was on to add yet more

to the tally. Hughie had exhorted us to get 90 or even 100. No pressure then! Kevin and Tina made an early start from Kendal and arrived at High House at 8.30. The Ed. joined them and they were soon clambering up alongside Sourmilk Gill. Pausing only briefly there, they picked their way through the jumble of fallen boulders below the Hanging Stone crag to find the narrow sheeptrod which leads safely below the Stone and out onto the grassy eastern flank of the fell. A group of ladies on the summit (after prompting) applauded the Fords. Hugs and kisses all round and a swift descent to High House for the double celebration.

Tina and Kevin Ford



The High House 80th Birthday Party

Saturday 31st May 2014



Arrived later: Frank Slater

Behind the camera: Jean Underhill

It was a smaller gathering than usual at the High House Birthday Party this year but that was to be expected. It was always planned to be a small members-only affair and a number of Fellfarers had been at High House the previous weekend and were unable to return. There were apologies from more than 20 who wanted to attend but couldn't. For the 34 Fellfarers who did make it, it was a lovely

summery afternoon, with fine weather and pleasant company. Our president made a short speech and cut the birthday cake and the High House Mice sent a delegate outside to join us. The food was all provided by those who attended, a superb spread. "The best ever" was one member's opinion and she was right. Those who stayed overnight continued the festivities with an evening around a bonfire.





Progress Report (all correct at time of going to press):

SHARED CLUB CHALLENGES

1. To visit 80 islands. January 1st - November 29th

Irene and Graham Ramsbottom's visit to Shetland in June raised the total number of islands visited by Fellfarers so far to 50.

2. To visit 80 Wainwright Tops. May 21st - 31st

You will have read on page 16 that club members visited 91 different Wainwright tops in the week-and-a-half allocated. ✓

3. To climb 80 routes. January 1st - November 29th

Climbers in the club are now well on the way with over 60 routes done.

PERSONAL CHALLENGES

1. Rose and Paul East completed their 80 different bird species spotted in one day on Friday May 23rd. Total spotted: 85. ✓

2. Sue Blamire and Lis Blamire Dubreuil completed a double challenge together on Wednesday 11th June: 80 kms walked in the Ardeche plus 80 poteaux (footpath signs) collected. In fact they walked 101 kms and collected 84 signs. Lower right is Sue with the 80th, at Valos near St Maurice d'Ibie in the Ardeche. ✓

3. Jan Lancaster and Ruth Joyce are collecting 80 footbridges. Upper right is Ruth on a log bridge poised above Dash Falls in the northern Lakes.

4. Helen Speed is progressing with her 80 Fungi Challenge

5. Fred Underhill is also getting on with his fishing in 80 bodies of water.

6. Margaret Cooper and Ellie Woodburn are paddling in 80 bodies of water. See below.

7. Kati and Gary Sandys are visiting 80 Old Westmorland Churches.

8. The O'Sullivan girls (age 5 and 7) are bidding to do 80 things they have never done before.

9. The Editor has reached 70 of his 80 new mountain/hill tops.

If you have a personal 80s challenge that isn't listed here, please let the Editor know before the next issue is due.



Margaret's Busy Week:

Following a great week of walking, including a walk from Kendal leisure centre to Crook via Scout Scar with Blackburn Ramblers, surmounting five peaks with the Fellfarers as part of the "80 tops week" and staying at Skiddaw House, I then proceeded to High House. My purpose was to climb Haystacks as one of the "80 tops" and also to follow the final stage of a walk which is named "Wainwright's Way", running from his birthplace in Blackburn to Haystacks where his ashes were scattered in 1991. Nick Burton who leads the Refresh group that I walk with on Mondays, created and published the walk in memory of Wainwright, his boyhood inspiration.

Saturday dawned fine but cloudy as I set out following the old toll route from Seatoller, leading to the mine workings at Honister. From there the route led me up the old tramway, past the remains of the drum house and down to the Warnscale Beck. I contemplated a paddle, as Ellie and I are endeavoring to paddle in 80 different bodies of water as our personal challenge but decided to wait. The sun kept managing to break through and wonderful views appeared as I gained height. Reaching Innominate Tarn, I decided a paddle with Wainwright was in order and managed to collar a bemused passerby to photo me. As I got re-booted a family of ten ducklings appeared with their mum, proceeding to amuse me with their diving and splashing around. The summit was close, the views superb and lunch was welcome. On the top, a photo opportunity was taken, then down to Scarth Gap, quite a scramble, and onwards to Buttermere, a paddle in the lake, coffee and a visit to the church, where I viewed Haystacks from the memorial window to A.W. I said a silent thank you for a brilliant day. The bus then returned me to my car and back to High House for another walk the following day up Latrigg. A week of wonderful walking and weather to match. What could be better?

Margaret Cooper



SOCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE NEWS

Greetings from the Social Sub-committee. Firstly I must congratulate all the Fellfarers who rose to our 80's challenge to climb 80 Wainwright Tops in 11 days. As I am sure most of you must know by now, not only did we manage to bag our 80 tops we exceeded all expectations and climbed 91 so well done to all members who rose to the challenge.

Thanks also to all members who came along to our Hut 80th Party. It was a lovely sunny day and there was splendid buffet so many thanks to all who contributed to the buffet and for just being there!

For various reasons the European Camping Trip and the Minibus Trip have been put on hold this year but hopefully will be back on the calendar for next year.

We have just finished planning our Social Programme for August, September and October and hope that there is something in it for everyone. We've some great walks lined up in Yorkshire, Lancashire and of course the Lake District National Park. If you can join us on any of the walks come along it's usually a grand day out! We have a canal trip booked for August which sounds like fun and our winter social programme will begin in October with an 80's Quiz.

Finally do make sure you have 29th November marked in your dairies. Staveley Beer Hall is booked for the Fellfarers 80th Party. For further news on all 80s events please read our special page!

With best wishes from the social sub-committee

Clare Mike Tony and Joan

80 Questions Quiz Night

Tuesday 14th October 2014

A Lakeland Trivial Pursuits evening at the Strickland Arms. The questions will be loosely based around the Trivial Pursuits topics of Art & Literature, Sport, Science & Nature (all with a Lake District theme). And as it's the club's 80th, expect a few questions on the club's history - so dust off your copy of the Fellfarers Book and get your quizzing heads on!

Find yourself a team of 3 or 4 and come along for a fun evening. There will be a prize for the winning team.

THE FELLFARERS' WAY

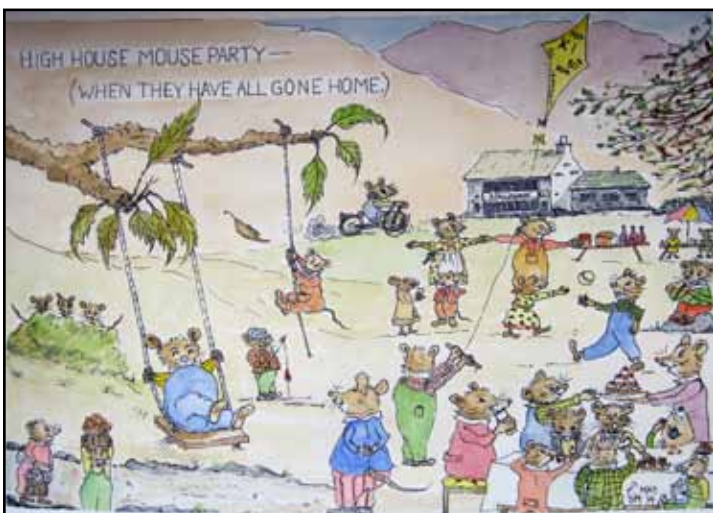
Don't forget to enter the competition to devise a Fellfarers Way to complete our celebrations.

You can enter a walk of any length, in any location, with or without High House as a focal point.

There will be a prize for the entry which the Social Sub-committee considers to be best.

Closing date: 1st November

Below: Fred Underhill shares his vision of the Birthday Party at High House in May after the humans have all gone home.



CONISTON WATER

11th - 13th July 2014

This camping meet will take place on the shores of Coniston Water at the Coniston Hall Campsite. You cannot book a place but when you arrive at the camp-site just mention Tony Walshaw's name.

The owner of the site is Brian Wilson and the telephone number is 015394 41223. If you are arriving late on Friday night please phone him and let him know. The price is £8 per person per night and £2 per car.

The site is on the lake shore so don't forget your boat. If you prefer dry land, though, there's lots of good walking too. In fact there is something for everyone. Fingers crossed for some sun!

MIDWEEK WALK · LANCASTER CANAL TRIP

Wednesday 27th August 2014

This is a combined boat trip and walk. We will meet at the Crooklands Hotel at 10.45 am for coffee.

The canal trip on board the 'Waterwitch' starts at 11.30 at Crooklands with a trip to Stainton which will include a commentary from a member of the Lancaster Canal Trust. This will be followed by a walk and picnic lunch and then a trip back to Crooklands on the boat around 2.30 to 3 pm.

The boat accommodates 12 people so if more come along we can divide the group and some can walk to or from Stainton (about 3 miles).

There will be a charge of £5 per seat on the boat. To book a place please contact Clare Fox as soon as possible. Everybody welcome!



THE 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Saturday 29th November 2014

Staveley Beer Hall

Please keep that date free! Guests are welcome.

The party starts at 7pm and finishes at midnight.

A buffet will be provided.

There will be an exhibition of our activities in the Club's 80th year and throughout its history.

A slide show will provide a continuous show of images from the past and present.

The 555 bus provides an excellent service to and from Staveley until very late in the evening.

If you haven't managed to attend many events this year please do come and join us. If you are in touch with any past members of the Club please do pass on the invitation to them.

They'll be very welcome.

KFF CLUB EVENTS JULY - OCTOBER 2014

Where the contact person's phone number is not given below, full contact details should be found on page 2.

Events marked with an *asterisk are described in more detail on page 19.

Dates given for multi-day events are from day of arrival to day of departure.

July

(Committee meet at the Rifleman's Arms on Tuesday 1st. Social Evening 9 pm onwards)

Weekend 11-12th

***Walter's Water Weekend** to be held at Coniston Hall campsite. £8 each plus £2 per car per night. No booking. Just turn up on Friday. (GR SD 304 963). Details on page 19. Info: Tony Walshaw 015395 52491

Tuesday 15th

Evening Walk – 'The Storth Geo-Trail'. 5 miles. Easy.
Meet 6.30pm. Ship Inn Car Park, Sandside. Leader Peter Goff (01524 736990)

Week 21-25th

Summer Wine working party at High House. Info: Alec Reynolds

Saturday 26th

Saturday Walk – 'Walney Island'. 6-8 miles. Easy.
Depart 9am X6 bus from Kendal Bus Station. Meet Alec in Barrow and then to meet drivers:
Meet 11.30am (approx) West Shore car park, Walney (GR170699) Please let Alec know if and how you're coming. Buses to Kendal: 10 past each hour through late afternoon and early evening.
Leader Alec Reynolds

Wednesday 30th

Midweek walk - 'A Figure of 8 Walk in Wensleydale'. 9 miles. Easy. Undulating.
Meet 10.45am. Village green/stone cross, Carperby (GR 006 897). Leader Tony Maguire (01539 232597)

Every Thursday

Evening Climbing for All. A different crag each week. Info: Mike Palk (01425 736548)

August

(Committee meet at the Rifleman's Arms on Tuesday 5th. Social Evening 9 pm onwards)

All Month 1-31st

High House is booked for Fellfarers, including:

Saturday 2nd

Borrowdale Fell Race - Extra marshalls needed this year. Please contact Peter Goff

Two weeks 11-22nd

NOTE: Builders working in High House. Contact Alec Reynolds for exact details/dates.

Tuesday 12th

Evening walk – 4-5 miles of gentle field walking
Meet 6.30pm. Mint Bridge on the A6 (GR 522 943) . Leader Roger Atkinson

Wednesday 27th

***Midweek Walk** – Canal Trip on narrowboat with commentary / picnic / walk from Stainton.
Meet 10.45 for coffee at Crooklands Hotel or 11.30 am at canal.
£5 per person for boat. Limited places so booking essential. Contact Clare Fox.

Every Thursday

Evening Climbing for All. A different crag each week. Info: Mike Palk (01425 736548)

September

(Committee meet at the Rifleman's Arms on Tuesday 2nd. Social Evening 9 pm onwards)

Sunday 14th

Weekend walk – Nine Standards Rigg from Kirby Stephen. Medium difficulty, 10 miles. 7 hours.
Meet 9.30am. Stenkrith Bridge (GR773074). Leader David Birkett K.738280

Week 15-19th

Summer Wine working party at High House. Info: Alec Reynolds

Weekend 19-21st

Working Weekend at High House

Wednesday 24th

Midweek walk – Backbarrow to Latterbarrow. Distance 16k (10 miles) Easy walking.
Meet Backbarrow bus stop. 10am bus (X6) from Kendal. Leader Mike Walford 015395 52102

Saturday 27th

Weekend Walk - 'Shore Walk'. 6-7 miles easy walking. Good views. Cafe lunch. Tea after walk.
Meet 10.30am. at Sandra and Tony's house, 169 Bare Lane, Bare.
Leaders Sandra and Tony Atkinson (01524 423776)

Every Thursday

Evening Climbing for All. A different crag each week. Info: Mike Palk (01425 736548)

October

(Committee meet at the Rifleman's Arms on Tuesday 7th. Social Evening 9 pm onwards)

Tuesday 14th

***80s Quiz Night** at the Strickland Arms Pub. Teams of 3 or 4 people. Prizes to be won!
Meet 7.30pm. Sandwiches provided. Guests Welcome. Contact Mike Palk (01425 736548)

Sunday 19th

Weekend walk – Clougha Pike and Grit Fell (option of Ward Stones, weather dependent).
Distance 7 miles (9 miles with Ward Stones) and 1300 ft of ascent.
Meet 10.30am. Rigg Lane car park. (GR526 604) Leader Mike Palk (01425 736548)
Please note dogs are not allowed.

Week 24-30th

High House is booked for Fellfarers. October Half Term.

Wednesday 29th

Midweek walk – 'Timeless Dentdale' 6 miles 700 ft ascent. Fairly easy walking.
Meet 10.30am. Park at Church Bridge (GR SD 7074 8715)
Leaders Irene and Graham Ramsbottom (01539 725808)

Every Thursday

Evening Climbing for All. Kendal Wall. Info: Mike Palk (01425 736548)