



Fundraising

1. Monthly Draw Winners

November: Laura Walsh

December: Carolyn Smith

January: Krysia Niepokojczycka

Prize money now stands at £30 per month.

2. Members' Night Fees

Members will recall that the committee has spent the last couple of years attempting to find painless ways to put the Club's finances onto a sound and sustainable footing. As well as the Monthly Draw (above) the proposal has been to trial a Members' Night Fee scheme for staying at High House. The proposed scheme has been set out in previous newsletters. The Committee will put a proposition to the AGM (see below) to establish the right to set up such a scheme.

The good news is that 2017 has been a good year for the Club financially and income has been such that the Committee proposes that the Members' Night Fee for 2018 will be £0.

Expenditure can fluctuate from year to year and there is still an underlying insecurity in our financial position. The proposed scheme will establish the committee's right to take action when needed in future, but for now: *no extra cost for members to stay at High House.*

High House Lease Negotiations

The last newsletter reported that we are "almost there!". We still are but at the time of writing, still not quite. There is just one last question that we are seeking reassurance on from our own solicitor. If the answer is "Yes" we can go ahead and sign. Watch this space....

Rod Muncey bequest

As reported previously, Rod left £2,500 to the club on his death, to be split equally between social events and High House.

Ideas proposed so far are:

1. A coach trip to a location suitable for various walks for all abilities, with an evening meal on the journey home. This reflects the tradition of walk/meals which used to be such a popular part of the club's social life (and in fact reflect the charabanc trips that were the very beginning of the club before High House). Possible destinations are: Moffat/the Borders, North York Moors, Peak District or North Wales.
2. A boat trip across Ullswater to various walks around Martindale (in recognition of the day the club gathered round for Rod's Last Wainwright on his 50th birthday).
3. A picnic table for High House with a slate top from Honister, perhaps carved with images of local birds and Rod's name.

If you have any more suggestions, please let a committee member know as soon as possible - decisions will be made in the next couple of months.

K Fellfarers AGM 2018

The AGM will take place at Netherfield Cricket Club, Parkside Road, Kendal, at 7.30 on Friday 26th January 2018. Documents will be sent to all members a week before the meeting.

Coming Events

January: Review of the Year 2017 Slideshow:

January means that once again the Editor will be showing the Review of the Year slideshow. If you'd like your favourite shots to be featured, send them along by disc, memory card/stick or online as soon as possible, including any relevant info (date, location etc.). Paper photos can be included too (and will be returned). Photos at club events will be especially welcome but anything from 2017 could be included. Digital images will be added to the club archive where appropriate and memory cards/sticks etc. will be returned. Contact Mick Fox on 01539 727531. The deadline is Tuesday 16th January.

Now it's catch-up time:

Recent Events:

Continental Camping Meet. June 11th - 18th 2017 Including Midweek Walk No. 86 - Chamonix

Ten members gathered for the appointed week in Chamonix and enjoyed a great week of walks amongst the splendid scenery there. Some made the journey there and back part of a month-long road trip. More details are to be seen on the club's website and there will be a slideshow in March.

Tuesday 13th June 2017 - Evening Walk

Around Woodwell. Peter Goff led 7 other members on a pleasant 5 mile evening ramble around the fields and woods of Silverdale.

Tuesday 11th July 2017 - Evening Walk

Lambrigg Fell. A surprising number of non-members (see below) turned up on this fine warm evening and there was a lot of getting-to-know-you chat as Krysia led us across the little-known ways of Lambrigg Fell, surrounded by brilliant distant views, all rounded off with a drink or two in the Station Inn afterwards. What a great place we live in!



Weekend 14-16th July - Quiet Weekend

Friday 14th was a fine day and some members enjoyed a short ascent of Barrow from Braithwaite before the gathering at High House. Saturday was a disappointment, however, and walks were planned for cold, wet conditions. One team opted for the shelter of trees: Lord's Seat and Barf from Thornthwaite, and the other team had a longer walk in the valley bottom from Buttermere. Still good fun though.

Wednesday 26th July - Midweek Walk 87

'A walk in the Eastern Howgills' was cancelled because of heavy rain.

Weekend 28th - 30th July 2017 Water Weekend

Followed by:

1st - 31st August High House

There are no reports from the Water Weekend but facebook shows that Fellfarer idiocy is still alive and well: a canadian canoe and a flamingo were transported to Sty Head Tarn for a play upon the water. That must have brought a smile to the face of many weary walkers! Well done Mark, Kevin and Graham. The club marked its place in fell-running history once more by marshalling the 2017 Borrowdale Race in August. (below: the portage resting at the thousand-foot boulder)



Tuesday 8th August - Evening Walk

Hughie writes: "Sandra and Tony led a group of 10 Fellfarers around the fields and lanes of Nether Burrow from the Highwayman Inn. It was a good turnout for a damp summers evening and an area few of us knew. Val managed to negotiate some cows without incident and we ended the evening over drinks in the pub. Thanks to Tony and Sandra for the last of our summer's evening walks."

Sunday 20th August - Treasure Hunt

Sunday 20th - They came from as far afield as London and Leeds to take part in Graham and Irene's Treasure Hunt with a difference (a Murder Mystery!) around the streets of Kendal. The Editor and the Treasurer teamed up and stormed to victory, although the Editor's policy of using local knowledge to take a couple of short-cuts was called into question. It was a novel way of spending Sunday afternoon and it was a happy gathering of Fellfarers at Cafe Nero in the Market Place (below) for the teatime prizegiving.



Wednesday 23rd August - Midweek Walk 88

Heughscar Hill. A dozen walkers and a few swimmers turned up at Askham on a fine fresh morning for Roger's walk over Heughscar Hill. No, the swimmers went to Askham's outdoor pool, not the hill. We wandered among the ponies and admired the peerless views down Ullswater before stopping for lunch at the Cockpit.

A circuit of Moor Divock took in the Pulpit Holes, the Cop Stone, the Cairn Circle (below) and other antiquities before we ambled back down that superb grassy track to meet the swimmers for tea at the quirky atmospheric teashop at Askham Hall.



Sunday 3rd-5th September 2017 - Black Sail Youth Hostel Meet.

The forecast was poor but Black Sail doesn't come cheap and we'd already paid so there was no crying off from this meet. Six miles of forest road-walking in the rain didn't dampen our spirits though and it was a jolly party, Hughie and Angie, Ruth, Clare and Mick, that gathered by the stove for the communal meal with the other hostellers that evening.

The forecast for Monday was for more of the same and, after a bright start, the sky filled up again and the felltops disappeared. Fortified by a good breakfast though, we set off out into it. The planned route up Pillar was not appealing so Hughie led the ladies on a traverse of Haystacks while Mick climbed Great Gable by the Liza/Beck Head route. We were all back quite early and spent the late afternoon and early evening watching (and quietly commenting on) a constant stream of Coast-to-Coasters calling in for a brief respite and a brew.

Tuesday was a little better (below) - we almost saw Pillar Rock once - but we'd all planned to head home, via a friendly little coffee shop in Cockermouth. It was a great experience, despite the weather, and one that we all agreed to try again.





Wednesday 27th September 2017- Midweek Walk 89

High Newton to Windermere. Thirteen Fellfarers and friends caught the X6 bus to High Newton (*above*) for Mike Walford's wander over the high ground east of Windermere. Linking footpaths took us over Whitestone to Simpson Ground Tarn, over Gummer's How and around Moor How, through the fields and woodlands above Winster to emerge on the Crook road below Brant Fell. The last lap then: the intricate footpaths above Bowness to Heathwaite and the finish at Windermere bus station. Many of us knew parts of the route but it was an interesting exercise to 'put the parts together'. A great day out thanks to Mike.

Sunday 9th October 2017- Weekend Walk

A Circular Walk from Reeth. It was a beautiful sunny day but other commitments for many members meant that only five made it for what we hear was a fine walk, led by Pam Heseltine, in Swaledale (*below*).



Midweek 17th-19th October 2017- Midweek Walk 90

Using the Oread hut at Rhyd Ddu as our base, seven members enjoyed a walk along the excellent Nantlle Ridge. Hughie writes : *"Wednesday dawned in brilliant sunshine, and the group ascended the first top Y Garn to brilliant views all round. The Grade 1 scramble along the ridge up to Mynydd Drws y Coed was enjoyed, and the ridge continued with easier walking (right) taking in the top of Trum y Ddysgl before walking down and up the 'land bridge' to the obelisk on Mynydd Tal y Mignedd. Lunch was eaten here in front of a superb view from the rivals in the south to Anglesey and the Menai Straits to the north. A return was made across the land bridge until we could descend the ridge from Trum y Ddysgl down to Bwlch y ddwy elor. Three of us had done the ridge before, but were all happy to repeat it: an excellent walk and definitely recommended. A great idea to have a mid-week meet in this hut and one for an annual event?"*

Weekend 10th-13th November 2017- High House

It seems to have been a very quiet Remembrance Sunday at High House. Roger attended the planting of a tree in Kentmere by Kendal Mountain Rescue in memory of Rod.

Tuesday 14th November 2017 - Slide Show

It is unusual for a review of club slide-shows to be included in the newsletter but 'An Illustrated Talk on Scout's Scar' by Jan Wiltshire was not one of our usual events. Jan is a local author and a respected naturalist, an expert on Scout Scar and its environs. An audience of 29 meant that we had to 'steal' seats from the neighbouring room to accommodate us all - much to the discomfort of the quiz teams who turned up later and had nowhere to sit. Jan didn't disappoint, with her expertise, her enthusiasm for her subject, and her superb photographs providing a fascinating insight into the natural world of a piece of land that most of us love and, until this show, thought we knew quite well. Perhaps there should be more illustrated talks of this kind in our future Social Calendar.

Wednesday 22nd November 2017 - Midweek Walk No. 91

'A Walk in Lower Dentdale' was cancelled because of torrential rain and flooding.

Sunday 3rd November 2017 - Super Moon Evening Walk

Fourteen of us, blinded by car headlights, peered into the darkness at Scout Scar Car Park. "Who's that? Are you one of us?" we kept saying, and then, "No need for headtorches, plenty of moonlight." Plenty indeed and once we got our night-vision we strolled to the Mushroom and across the limestone clutter to the summit trig point to gaze in wonder at the ghostly scenery around us, punctuated prettily by the twinkling lights of the Kent estuary, the Bay and the Lyth valley below. A short walk but memorable for the Super Moonlight and we were a happy group gathered afterwards in the Rifleman's Arms for mulled wine and cold beer.

Wednesday 13th December 2017- Midweek Walk No. 92 and Christmas Lunch

It was a foul day, heavy rain and blustery wind, not the best conditions for a day at the seaside but 20 Fellfarers turned up on Arnside prom with ~~suntan lotion and swimming costumes~~ full waterproofs and smiling faces for a short walk along the shore and over the Knott. It wasn't so bad once we got going! Drying out in the Wheatsheaf at Beetham, we were joined by another 6 members for our 'it's getting to be a tradition' Midweekers Christmas Lunch.



Next issue: already on the website and facebook (courtesy of Joan Abbott), more inspired lunacy: the return of the ATTT Trials.

KFF Club Events for January - April 2018

Every Thursday evening is 'Climbing for All' at Kendal Climbing Wall through the winter until April 19th.
Dates given for multi-day events below are from day of arrival to day of departure.

January 2018

Tuesday 9th - Committee Meeting at the Rifleman's Arms

1st-2nd - High House

is booked for Fellfarers for Christmas and New Year.

Weekend 12th - 14th Glencoe Meet

Three Clachaig chalets have been booked for our annual winter trip to Glencoe. Fully booked.

Saturday 13th - Charlie's Walk

Meet 10.30am at the Riflemans' Arms, Kendal, for a 4/5 mile easy walk, to Cunswick Scar. Followed by lunch at the Union Jack cafe in Kirkland, Kendal, or a drink at the pub (or both!)
Leader David Birkett K.738280

Wednesday 17th - Midweek Walk

A circular walk from Orton. Meet at 10am at the Chocolate Factory, Orton. Distance approximately 9 miles with moderate ascents up to 300 ft. taking in Robin Hood's Grave, Crosby Ravensworth (pub), Bank Moor, Graythorne Plain and Gamelands Stone Circle.
Leader Norman Bell tel. 015394 44939

Weekend 19th-22nd - High House

is booked for a Quiet Weekend. A winter walk(s)/meal for Saturday will be planned on Friday night.

Tuesday 23rd - Slide Show

'Review of the Year'. Mick Fox
Meet 7.30 pm at the Strickland Arms. Sandwiches provided.
Guests welcome.

Friday 26th - AGM

Meet at Netherfield Cricket Club, Parkside Road, Kendal, at 7.30 pm for the 85th Annual General Meeting of K Fellfarers.
Sandwiches provided. All members welcome.

February 2018

Tuesday 6th - Committee Meeting at the Rifleman's Arms

Weekend 9th-16th - High House

is booked for Fellfarers.

Tuesday 13th - Slide Show

'From Canadian Coast to the 'fiery Rockies' A short slide show given by Irene and Graham Ramsbottom followed by a social get together and chat.
Meet at 7.30pm at The Strickland Arms, Sizergh.
Sandwiches provided and guests welcome.

Wednesday 21st - Midweek walk

Hart Crag via Hartshop above How.
Distance 9 miles maximum. Elevation gain 700 m.
Meet 10.00 am at car park just north of Brothers Water (GR 403 134) Walk leaders: Tony and Sue Maguire K232597

Saturday 24th - The Appetite Enhancer Walk

Meet 10.30 am in the Crooklands layby (with the snack van) for a 5 mile walk. Maybe muddy but easy walking.
Leader Krysia Niepokojczycka 015395 60523

Saturday 24th - Annual Dinner

Meet at 7.30 at the Eagle and Child Staveley. Please let Val know if you are attending and let her have your menu choices.

March 2018

Tuesday 6th - Committee Meeting at the Rifleman's Arms

Weekend 9th-12th at High House

Working Weekend. Tea and biscuits provided plus supper on Saturday night. All welcome.

Tuesday 13th - Slide Show

'Fellfarers in Chamonix 2017'
Meet at 7.30pm at The Strickland Arms, Sizergh.
Sandwiches provided and guests welcome.

Week 18th-23rd - Killin Hotel Meet

Staying at the Killin Hotel, Killin by Loch Tay, Perthshire.
Tel No. 01567 820296

Wednesday 21st - Midweek Walk(s)

Walks to be planned in Killin the evening before.

Week 29th - 6th April - High House

is booked for Easter.

April 2018

Tuesday 3rd - Committee Meeting at the Rifleman's Arms

Week 29th March to 6th April - High House

is booked for Easter.

Thursday 19th - Climbing for All

Meet at 6.30 pm at Hutton Roof Crag and have a go at some easy rock climbs. Any queries contact Mick Fox.

Thursday 19th - First Evening Walk

Meet at 6.30pm at Hutton Roof Church GR 569 788
for a short easy walk. Leader Clare Fox

Wednesday 25th - Midweek Walk

A walk in Lower Dentdale. Meet at 10am at Millthrop Bridge on the Dent road, go over bridge and park immediately on the right (GR 661 913). Distance 10.5 or 8.5 miles with approximately 1200ft of ascent. Quiet lanes, grassy and stoney tracks with moorland (marshy in places).
Leader Frank Haygarth 01539 723948