



The National Trust Lease – update.

The lease has now been signed and returned to us. Our tenancy is currently being registered with the Land Registry.

So what has changed? Many of the basic conditions are essentially the same as in previous leases of course but the document has been completely rewritten in plain English and many anomalies have been removed (for example we no longer have a requirement to “repaper the parts usually papered with paper of as good quality as that in use at the beginning of the term”. Sadly we no longer have the right to build a bathing pool).

As a general guide, some of the main points are:

- The lease is a legal agreement between the National Trust and the four trustees of K Fellfarers.
- The NT insures the building against: “fire, explosion, lightning, flood, earthquake, storm, bursting of pipes, impact by aircraft and articles dropped by them, impact by vehicles, riot, civil commotion and such other normal risks”.
- Most of the land within our wall/fence boundary is part of Seathwaite Farm’s tenancy, not ours.
- The Trust retain the right to hunt shoot and fish upon the premises and to mine or quarry on the premises for minerals, chalk, peat, or petroleum.
- Our obligations include:
 1. All electrical work must be carried out by an NICEIC electrician.
 2. Both chimneys must be swept at least every 6 months by a HETAS contractor and a certificate must be provided.
 3. We must carry out fire protection work and maintain firefighting equipment where required by the NT or by legislation.
- The NT allows us (the committee/hut booking secretary) to decide who may or may not use the premises but we may not take in lodgers.
- We may not use barbeques unless they are fuelled by bottled gas, except when the hut booking secretary gives permission to use disposable barbeques.
- We may not light campfires anywhere but in the firepit.
- We may not use any heat-producing tools anywhere on the property.
- Camping is no longer banned in the grounds but it is only permitted when given approval by the hut booking secretary.
- We must not put anything outside the building which is unsightly or visible to members of the public.
- We must not disturb any bats.
- We must not allow the property to be used for political purposes or for commercial filming.
- We must not use freestanding liquid fuel, gas or electrical heaters in the building.
- We must not make any alteration to the property. *This was the cause of much heated discussion when we asked to add the words “without permission from the landlord”. The NT has stated that we may ask for permission to make alterations and that permission may be given but their legal team refuses to put the words into the lease because that might imply that such permission would be given automatically. So the lease doesn’t mean what it says. But the old lease didn’t either.*

- The Trust owns all of the trees on the property. We must not cut down, plant, remove or damage any trees or bushes. *Perhaps this should be viewed in the same light as the previous clause.*
- We must ensure that we comply with every law, bye-law and regulation relating to the property. *This puts a huge responsibility on the committee to ensure that it is always aware of what those many different laws are.*
- If we (the club, its members or their guests) do anything, through negligence or wilful misconduct, to invalidate the NT insurance we would be required to pay the NT the cost of any damage.
- We must have at all times Public Liability Insurance of at least £5 million. *In fact, through our membership of BMC we have P.L.I of £10 million.*
- The full term of the lease is 20 years (starting from 25th March 2015) but we have the right to formally end the agreement at each fifth year if we wish to do so. *The NT doesn’t have that right.*
- The lease now requires the NT to “keep in good repair and condition” the private water supply up to the first stoptap in the building. *In the past the NT have not had any responsibility for our water but now they seem to be taking our supply a bit more seriously. It is not clear-cut however: Elsewhere in the document it states that we are responsible for ensuring that the water supply complies with current legislation and that the NT doesn’t guarantee the quality, quantity or continuity of supply of water. Yet another clause refers to the NT supplying bottled water if required. We’ll just have to wait and see how this one works out.*
- Everything else in the property is our responsibility to keep in good repair.

A more detailed information sheet will soon be available for Trustees and anyone else with an interest.

The signed copy of the lease will be stored safely in the County Archive and the Secretary will have an electronic copy available.

The KFF Monthly Draw.

The monthly draw continues to raise over £600 a year for the Club whilst giving members the opportunity to have a bit of a flutter.

The latest winners are:

July - Laura Walsh
August - Jim While
September - Pam Heseltine
October - Phil Blamire

The KFF Online Shopping Fundraiser:

Remember that if you are an online shopper, you also have an opportunity to raise funds for the Club while you shop, without it costing you a penny.

It’s a really easy way to raise money for us – you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 3,300 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S. When you make a purchase, the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.

We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our new easyfundraising page at :

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/kfellfarershighhouse/>

and click ‘join us’.

Recent Events

It seems not quite appropriate to use the word 'recent' when the Editor has to play catch-up going all the way back to February! To fit it all in the reports will be rather brief but you will find more information and many photographs on the club website.

Saturday 24th February 2018 - The KFF Annual Dinner.

Another excellent turnout (about 35 members) had a convivial evening together at the Eagle and Child.

Sunday 18th - Friday 23rd March 2018

The 10th Annual Scottish Hotel Meet. Killin.

Thirty one members met at the Killin Hotel, Perthshire for what proved to be a superb Scottish Winter Meet. As always the daily excursions were varied, including long Munro-bagging days, lesser outings to summits of Corbetts and Grahams and several easier walks to explore the delights of the countryside around Loch Tay and beyond.

The first two days were exquisite, with a cobalt-blue sky and freshly fallen snow frozen to perfection for hillwalking and photography. The cooler, damper two days that followed didn't deter the fearless fellfarers of course and by Friday the tally of hills ticked off was satisfyingly high: Ben Lawers, Beinn Ghlas, Creagan na Beinne, Ciste Buide a' Claidheimh, Meall nan Tarmachan, Meall Garbh, Beinn nan Eachan, Creag na Caillich, Schiehallion, Meall Ghaordaidh, Meall nan Subh and Sgiath Chuil.

Other walks took in the old railway line between Lochearnhead and Killin, the Fortingall Yew, the Drummond Hill hillfort, and the superb scenery in the immediate vicinity of Killin.

Midweek Walk No 95 broke with tradition - it was held on Tuesday, when a dozen of us ascended Meall nan Tarmachan (*below*), unless it was on Wednesday, when sixteen visited the hillfort. I don't know. The meals were excellent (if you ignore the hotel's attempt at sticky toffee pudding) and the company was, of course, first rate. For those of us who were lucky enough to be out on the snowy tops, the memory of those first two days will stay with us all, I think, for ever.



Thursday 19th April 2018 - Climbing/Evening Walk

Fifteen members met on a fine evening at Hutton Roof church, three to climb the friendly little crag and twelve to follow Clare through the challenging tangle of trees to the summit trig point and back. We finished with drinks at the Crooklands Hotel.

Wednesday 25th April 2018 - Midweek Walk No. 96. Dentdale

Frank, after being foiled by foul weather on two previous attempts, finally got to lead fellow club members (15 in all) on a circular walk, over new territory for most, around lower Dentdale.

Evening Walk in Wray Wednesday 2nd May 2018

Eight fellfarers met at Hornby for the walk around the Wray scarecrow festival.

Wednesday 23rd May 2018 - Midweek Walk No. 97. Bowfell

Hughie writes: The middle of May saw a prolonged spell of high pressure giving lovely sunny weather. It was during this sunny spell that 13 members met up at the Stickle Barn car park in Langdale for a great day on Bowfell. With Mick shooting off up Mickleden to tick off a Wainwright route up Green Tongue, the other 12 trudged up The Band in the heat, meeting up with Mick where the Climbers Traverse path leaves the Three Tarns track. Lunch was taken at the start of the Climbers Traverse. Enjoying the walk along the 'narrow undulating path with some mild exposure', water bottles were topped up at the small water source debouching from the rock below the Great Slab.

The slab itself may be tackled up the main path which hugs the side of the slab giving little exposure. Others may choose to walk out onto the slab itself (*below*) to experience the unique geological feature. All too soon the top of the slab is reached and the summit is attained.

Descent was made by Three Tarns and Buscoe Sike, giving great views of Hell Gill with its wonderful pools. People were divided on whether to round off the day with a drink in the Old DG or the Stickle Barn, so both were used. A great walk on a wonderful day.



Tuesday 12th May 2018 - Evening Walk around Silverdale

More from Hughie: With the lovely warm and sunny weather continuing into June, seven members met up at Woodwell in Silverdale for a short walk round the wells of Silverdale hoping to find some orchids. Peter led the group over The Lots to Eaves Wood, returning via The Row and Burton Well where the Ladies Slipper orchid was over. The return to Woodwell was via Scot Wood - below - where the only orchids seen were Common Spotted.

The evening was rounded off with drinks in the ever quirky Woodlands Hotel with beer at £2.70 a pint. Thanks Peter for another interesting walk.

Wednesday 13th - Wednesday 20th June 2018 Continental Camping Meet - The Chartreuse.

Just eight fellfarers arrived at Camping Martiniere at St. Pierre de Chartreuse in one of France's less well-known pre-Alp massifs. Despite a wet first day and occasional cloudy summits, the team had a superb week of mixed walks. The wet day was spent at the superb Cirque of St Meme, usually thronged with tourists in season. Eat your heart out Malham Cove!

The peaks of the Chartreuse all appear to be limestone monsters rearing out of dense forest (*next page top left, Chamechaude from the campsite*) but the ones we ascended all proved to be imposters, easily achieved in a day's walk. Some ascents were equipped with cables on short awkward sections but much of the time we walked on good forest paths. Above the treeline we generally walked on thin tracks across scree, rock or flower-decked meadow.

After the cirque we tackled Charmont Som, 1867 metres, from the campsite, Chamechaude, 2082 metres, from the Col de Porte, Grand Som, 2026 metres, from the Col du Cocheron, and La Pinea, 1,771 metres (*Midweek Walk No 98*), from the Charmont Som oratory. Highlights of the trip included viewing the Jean-Marie Pirot artworks



Wednesday 26th September 2018 Midweek Walk No. 101 Helm Crag

Fifteen turned up for the one hundred and first midweek walk. Well, fifteen turned up for coffee in the Heaton Cooper Gallery cafe. Graham was injured and so he and Irene were allowing the 555 to do all the hard work for them today.

The forecast had been foul and cloud blanketed the fells above 1,000 feet. The leader had still not decided whether to follow the bad weather plan but Maja's boundless enthusiasm - "just go for it" - tipped Mick in favour of sticking to Plan A. It was the right choice. The cloud retreated and broke up as we walked up into Easedale (*below*) and we lunched in comfort by the Lion and the Lamb. The plan had been for everyone (who wanted to) to ascend the Howitzer but the forecast had led Mick to leave his rope behind and the rock was too greasy for anyone to venture to the topmost pinnacle without it. We were treated to fine views and a beautiful rainbow as the sky continued to clear and we strolled along the Gibson Knott ridge to Calf Crag at a nice easy pace. We returned by the delightful Far Easedale route, most of us having forgotten how lovely the beck is - and how far it is back to Grasmere! Still, it proved to be a popular walk and another grand midweek day out.

in the nearby church of St. Hugues de Chartreuse, superb views of the distant snowy peaks of the Alps in the east, the delightful convivial evenings (usually in Graham and Irene's quirky, arty, lodge) and, perhaps most memorably, the sight of four Carthusian monks, clad in white habits and walking boots, appearing out of the forest at nearly 2,000 metres and setting off up the cable-protected gangway towards the summit of Grand Som. No doubt they were discussing matters of deep theological import but they seemed to be laughing quite a lot.

Tuesday 10th July 2018 - Evening Walk from Heversham

Irene writes - A perfect summer evenings amble around the fields from Heversham was enjoyed by seven of us led by Graham and Irene, and accompanied by Grahams sister Margaret, Frank, David, Roger and Margaret. The highlight was the wonderful view from Heversham Head and a well earned drink in the pub.

Wednesday 25th July 2018 - Midweek Walk No. 99. Wetherlam

Hughie yet again: With David as the leader, 11 members and friends met at the bottom of the Coppermines Road in Coniston. The weather continued to be dry and warm at the end of the month, and members passing Yewdale Tarn were surprised to see it completely dried out. The route led up into the valley and broke out to ascend Hole Rake before branching out up Lad Stones, a route that is often wet and boggy but perfectly dry in this weather.

A cool-ish lunch was taken on the summit, where we met up with Mick who had taken the Black Sails ridge as one of the Wainwright routes that he is ticking off. With little sun so far, the group headed across to the summit of Black Sails and then down the delectable Black Sails ridge. Branching off to descend the incline into Red Dell, some members recalled the underground and over ground exploration of this area with Eric Holland in 1997 - see the Clubs 75th commemorative book on page 202.

A drink in the Yewdale Inn in hot sunshine rounded off an excellent days: thanks David.

Wednesday 15th August Midweek Walk No. 100. The Duddon Valley

We met at Birks Bridge in the Duddon Valley, and walked on a good track to Grassguards Farm and then followed the old track down past Wallowbarrow Crag to High Wallowbarrow Farm, which, interestingly, was built with local rocks containing some red colouring (possibly haematite). Then on to the river where we had lunch. Some light rain on the way had stopped and we enjoyed lunch by the river in spate. Then onward to the Newfield Inn where some refreshment was taken with a toast to the 100th midweek walk. Afterwards, we followed a track through the fields and then an ascending track to Seathwaite Tarn. The mist prevented a good view, but we could see how extremely low was the water level. We followed a faint track to descend from there, and back to Birks car park. We'd had no more rain until then, and the moment we arrived, the heavens opened. Good timing!



Saturday 29th September 2018 Rod's Legacy Walk Howtown.

Twenty seven turned up at Glenridding for the steamer to Howtown, the fare being paid out of Rod's bequest to the club. It was a glorious sunny autumn day and, once the obligatory team photo had been taken (*below*), everyone rushed to take advantage of, well the coffee shop to start with.

We then spread across the Martindale fells, different groups taking in Place Fell, Hallin Fell, Steel Fell, Wether Hill and Loadpot Hill, plus of course Martindale old church and the lakeside walk through Hallinhag Wood. The return journey across the lake, into a choppy upper reach of Ullswater was quite exciting for those who braved the prow of the Raven. Later, over dinner in the Eagle and Child, we raised our glasses once more to the memory of that fine gentleman: "Thank you Rod Muncey".



KFF Club Events for October 2018 – January 2019

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

October 2018

Tuesday 2nd - Committee Meeting at the Rifleman's Arms

Tuesday 9th - Slide Show

'Fellfarers at Killin' Slide Show followed by social evening at the Strickland Arms. Meet at 7.30 pm. Sandwiches provided and all welcome. Presenter Jan Lancaster.

Please send any Killin photos to Jan as soon as possible.

Tuesday 16th to Thursday 18th - Away Meet Rhyd Ddu

The Oread hut is booked at Rhyd Ddu for two nights.

If you would like to come along please let Jan Lancaster know.

The price is £5 per member per night, guests are £8 per night.

Wednesday 17th - Midweek Walk No.102

North Wales. This walk will take place from Rhyd Ddu and will be planned by members present on the 16th.

Week 19th - 26th - High House

is booked for members for half-term.

November 2018

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

Weekend 9th to 11th - High House

is booked for Fellfarers for Remembrance Sunday.

There will be a short service at the war memorial on top of Castle Crag at 11am on Sunday. All Welcome.

Tuesday 13th - Slide Show

'A Cumbrian Summer to Remember' presented by local nature writer Jan Wiltshire. Meet at 7.30 pm at the Strickland Arms, Sizergh. Sandwiches provided. Guests welcome.

A small donation towards costs would be appreciated.

Wednesday 21st - Midweek Walk No. 103

Elterwater. Meet 10am at Elterwater (free roadside parking on the common around GR 329 049. To walk over Lingmoor. Valley bottom alternative if weather is foul!

Leader Roger Atkinson K.732490

December 2018

Tuesday 4th Committee Meeting at the Rifleman's Arms

Wednesday 12th - Midweek Walk No. 104 and Christmas Lunch

Meet at the Station Inn Oxenholme at 11.00 am for an easy walk over the Helm followed by a bar meal at the Station Inn between 12.30 pm and 1 pm. Car parking in the pub car park.

A menu will be e mailed to you nearer the date.

If you cannot make the walk you are very welcome to join us for the meal. Just let us know.

Leader Clare Fox 01539 727531.

Tuesday 18th December - Social Evening

at Burgundy's Wine Bar, Finkle Street, Kendal, for a glass of mulled wine and possibly a mince pie too!

A walk may be planned beforehand but this will be weather dependent. You will be given plenty of notice!

Otherwise look forward to seeing you then anytime after 7.30 pm.

Week 24th December to 2nd January - High House

is booked for Fellfarers for Christmas and New Year festivities.

January 2019

Tuesday 8th - Committee Meeting at the Rifleman's Arms

Week 24th December - 4th January - High House

is booked for Fellfarers for Christmas and New Year.

Saturday 12th - Charlie's Walk

Meet at the Rifleman's Arms at 10.30 am for a 5 km walk.

Back in time for a late lunch!

Leader David Birkett K.738280

Weekend 11th - 13th - Glencoe Meet

A joint meet with Bassetlaw Hill and Mountain Club.

Three chalets have been booked for this popular away meet

To book your place please contact Hugh Taylor.

Weekend 18th - 20th - High House

is booked for the Winter Quiet Weekend. A walk(s) will be planned for Saturday on Friday night followed by a bar meal at the Scafell Hotel, Rosthwaite.

Tuesday 22nd - Slide Show

Review of the Year slide show at the Strickland Arms, Sizergh. Meet at 7.30 pm at the Strickland Arms, Sizergh.

Sandwiches provided and guests welcome.

Please send your photographs to Mick Fox before the end of December.

Friday 25th - Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place at 7.30 pm at Netherfield Cricket Club, Kendal. Sandwiches provided.

Wednesday 30th - Midweek Walk No. 105

Hornby, Arkholme and environs.

Meet at 10.30 am at Hornby car park by the river bridge (GR SD585 683) for an 8 to 10 mile, mainly riverbank and field paths with 150 metres of ascent. Hornby tea rooms will be open from 9.30 am (for early birds!). Refreshments and a warm by the fire after walk (closes at 4.30 pm)

Leader Ruth Joyce 01524 35703