



The KFF NEWSLETTER

Note that there are many more photographs of club events in the Gallery on the Fellfarers' club website and on facebook.

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January 2020

The KFF Monthly Draw.

Recent winners are:

October - Krysia Niepokojczcka

November - David Birkett

December - Anthony 'Walter' Walshaw

January - Bob Walsh

The last newsletter ☹️

No-one has volunteered to take over when the Editor retires at this month's AGM so this newsletter will be the last one you will receive.

The Club online

The new Fellfarers website is up and running at www.k-fellfarers.co.uk (the same as the old address but with a hyphen!).

Please email anything to be published – reports, photos, events etc and any feedback to thewebmaster.kff@gmail.com. You can sign up for updates so you will be emailed whenever items are added to the news and gallery and, if you are really keen, there are google calendars for club events and High House bookings that you can add to your own google calendar.

Other addresses to note are:

Secretary thesecretary.kff@gmail.com

Treasurer kffhelen@gmail.com

Don't forget that your 2020 membership subs are now due. You can now pay online.

AGM

The K Fellfarers AGM will be at Netherfield Cricket Club on January 31st.

A number of minor changes to the Constitution and to the Hut Policy are proposed by the Committee and there will be a number of minor changes to the Committee too. Please note that the deadlines for propositions from the floor and for nominations have now passed.

After the formal business there will be a novel quiz, organised by Pam Hesletine, and social evening. See page two for details.

Future Social Events

The Limestone Link - Saturday 25th April 2020.

For details see previous newsletters. There are still seats available on the (free) coach from Arnsdale to Kirkby Lonsdale and all stops between.

If you are interested please let Clare Fox (01539 727531) know.

Sandra's 70th Birthday Bash

Sandra Atkinson invites every Fellfarer, yes even you, to her 70th birthday party at Bare Village Club (It's ok, you can come fully dressed) on Saturday 3rd October 2020. Put that date in your diary now. Details later in the year.

Recent Club Events

Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th October 2019

Away Meet in Rhyd-Ddu for Midweek Walk No. 114

Just six members attended what is becoming another fixture in the Fellfarer year. The forecast was good so five of us travelled down on Monday to get an extra day in. On Tuesday, while Clare visited a friend, Jenny, Norman, Kevin and Mick climbed Tryfan by its north ridge, a grade 1 scramble that has seen many Mountain Rescue call-outs over the years (it is very easy to stray onto difficult ground, particularly for those who lose their nerve and try to go back down). No-one lost their nerve and, although there was a certain amount of straying onto ground beyond the grade 1 category, the team passed the Cannon and shortly after arrived at the summit, a first ascent for three of us. It was too breezy for anyone to consider the bold stride from Adam to Eve and getting too late in the day to consider the continuation scramble of Bristly Ridge so we wandered down into Cwm Bochlwyd and took the track over the foot of the Gribin ridge to Llyn Idwal. Mick suggested that a summer midweek trip would give Fellfarers the opportunity to sample some of the classic climbs that Snowdonia offers in

abundance.

Jan joined us in the Cwellyn Arms that evening and the six of us discussed options for the Midweek Walk. We chose Cnicht, the 'Welsh Matterhorn'.

So on Wednesday, a cool bright day with lots of blue sky, we drove to Croesor. We climbed the obvious scrambly southwest ridge and were soon on the rocky summit, enjoying the splendid 360° panorama of mountains and coastline. We wandered northwards, crossing the boggy ground of Cwm-y-foel to explore the enigmatic 'deserted village' of the Rhosydd/Cwmorthin quarries. We had lunch perched on slate walls in the sunshine there and Mick tried to find a level he had explored solo many years ago. The favourite contender was deep in water at its entrance so he put his headtorch away.

It had been 'half a plan' to continue to Moelwyn Mawr but as we climbed towards the abandoned Croesor quarry the sun was already low in the sky. We descended the superb grassy incline into Cwm Croesor and so back to our waiting cars. We celebrated what had been a fine mountain day with beer and a bar meal in the Cwellyn Arms that night.

On Thursday we all went home but Kevin and Jan made the most of the good weather with a traverse of the eastern end of the Nantlle ridge first.

Weekend 8th - 11th November 2019

Remembrance Sunday High House Meet

Only the President and family members made it to the FRCC event on Great Gable this year but another fifteen Fellfarers stayed at High House for the weekend, the Castle Crag ceremony being the favoured event for members now.

Wednesday 20th November 2019

Midweek Walk No. 115 - Crag Hill and Brethersdale

Hughie writes: A good turn out of 18 members and guests enjoyed a day of incidents. Two cars were late in arriving at the start point of Hucks Bridge, and then one member left his poles in the car requiring a back track. Eventually the group arrived at the stepping stones across Borrow Beck. Some members made it safely across, but after one member ended up slipping into the beck, the remaining 9 people decided not to bother. Instead they walked down the valley and returned along the ridge on the north side of the valley.

Meanwhile, the 9 members who had made the crossing continued up the Breasthigh Road and descended to Bretherdale Head. Having lost so much time through the various incidents, the decision was made to cut the walk short by walking up Bretherdale to emerge on the A6 at the Shap summit. The return to the cars was made along the old turnpike road down to Hause Foot and back to High Borrow Bridge. By a quirk of timing they arrived at the same time as the other group!

Wednesday 11th December 2019

Midweek Walk No. 116 - A Walk from Wilf's and Christmas Lunch

Twenty two arrived at Wilf's for coffee. *Hughie writes:* A good turn out, but a poor day. After meeting in Wilf's for coffee, and remembering to obtain a Frog parking card for those parked in the yard, the assembled throng set off by crossing the river Kent. Heading up Hall Lane in the damp but dry conditions, most then branched off over the stile to cross the field and join the others on the lane to Brunt Knott farm. Keeping on the lane, the way went past Craggy Woods where the rain started, and all ended up back at the cars rather damp.

The lunch was taken in the Eagle and Child pub, where the group were joined by past President John Peat and his wife Anne, Dorothy Haygarth, and Graham Ramsbottom who was suffering from a bad cold. Thanks to Irene and Graham for organising the walk and meal.

Tuesday 17th December 2019

Evening Walk and Social Evening

Twenty two members and friends turned up again! Well, for the drinking part anyway; nine of us walked in the darkness to the top of Castle Hill and enjoyed the spectacle of Kendal's lights strung out all around us, interrupted only by the stark silhouette of the castle's ruins. We wandered down the north slope to the Sedbergh Road, past the sad, closed-down Castle pub and back by the river to join what seemed to be a Fellfarer's party at the Factory Tap. We managed to appropriate a corner just big enough for us all and the party continued until closing time. What a great way to start (well, continue) the Christmas festivities.

PS: Congratulations to Mike Wilson and Ray Garnett for summiting all 214 Wainwrights in 2019

KFF Club Events for January – April 2020

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

January 2020

Tuesday 7th - Committee Meeting at the Rifleman's Arms

Tuesday 24th December - Friday 3rd - High House
is booked for Fellfarers for Christmas and New Year

Saturday 11th - Charlie's Walk

Meet 10 am. The Riflemen's Arms, Greenside Road, Kendal. A walk over Cunswick Scar and lunch (optional) at the Union Jack Cafe, Kirkland. Leader David Birkett 01539 738280

Weekend 10th - 12th. The KFF 42nd Glencoe Meet

Three Clachaig chalets (14 bedspaces) have been booked for our annual winter mountaineering trip to Glencoe.

Weekend 17th - 19th - High House

is booked for a Quiet Weekend. A walk/meal for Saturday will be planned on the Friday evening. Come along with ideas.

Tuesday 21st - Slide Show

'Review of the Fellfarers' Year 2019' by All of You.

Meet at 7.30 pm at Netherfield Cricket Club. Guests welcome refreshments provided. *Please send last minute contributions to the Editor (email: michaelfox50@hotmail.com) as soon as possible.*

Wednesday 29th - Midweek Walk No. 117

Meet 10am. Wilf's Cafe Staveley (GR 472 981) for coffee. Walk starts at 10.30 prompt, a circular low level walk of approximately 5 hours. *Obtain a Frog Card at Wilf's if parking there.* Leaders Mike and Adele Walford 015395 52102

Friday 31st - 87th KFF AGM

Meet 7.30 pm at Netherfield Cricket Club, Parkside Road, Kendal. Sandwiches provided. Official business followed by a quiz: 'Whose Boots are These?' by Pam Hesletine. Prizes for the top three entries.

February 2020

Tuesday 4th - Committee Meeting at the Riflemen's Arms
(Subject to confirmation)

Tuesday 11th - Slide Show

Fellfarers in Europe 2019 with Norman Bell

Meet at 7.30 pm at the Netherfield Cricket Club, Kendal. Guests welcome and light refreshments provided.

14th - 21st - High House

is booked for Fellfarers.

Wednesday 19th - Midweek walk No 118

Dead Pike, a simple Winter Wainwright.

Meet at 10.55 am. at Armboth Road End (GR NY 325 129) for a five mile walk (1250 ft. ascent) over Steel Fell and back to Grasmere. Longer option via Calf Crag if weather and enthusiasm permit. The 555 bus leaves Kendal at 9.40. Drivers can park in Grasmere and catch the same bus at 10.45. Leader Mick Fox 01539 727531

Saturday 22nd - The Annual KFF Appetite Enhancer

Meet at 11 am at layby, Otter Bank off A6 north of Kendal (GR SD 532 972) for an easy 5½ mile walk via quiet lanes and byways. Leader Krysia Niepokojczycka 01539 5 60523

Saturday 22nd - Annual Dinner

Meet at 7 pm at the Eagle and Child Pub, Staveley for our *Annual Dinner*. Menus enclosed please choose your meal and contact Val on K.727109 or email (valcalder@hotmail.co.uk) by 15th February.

Thursday 27th February - Climbing for all - indoors

Meet at Kendal Climbing Wall from 6.30 pm and have a go at climbing. Any queries please contact Kevin Ford K.734293

March 2020

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

Tuesday 10th - Slide Show

Fellfarers and Gods - An Ascent of Mount Olympus

Meet at 7.30 pm at Netherfield Cricket Club Kendal for the last Slide Show of the season presented by Kevin Ford. Guests welcome. Light refreshments provide.

Weekend 13th - 16th - High House

is booked for Working Weekend

22nd - 27th - Fort William Hotel Meet

The Alexander Hotel, Fort William is booked for the 5 night hotel meet. Check in from 3 pm. Dinners will be served at 7 pm. Breakfast at 8am. Payment in total due on arrival. Parking at the hotel.

Wednesday 25th - Midweek Walk No 119

Fort William - Walks to be planned according to the weather and local conditions. There will be a choice of walks to suit all members. Please bring along your ideas.

April 2020

Tuesday 7th - Committee Meeting at the Rifleman's Arms

10th- 17th High House

is booked for Fellfarers

16th - First Evening Walk

Meet at 6.30 pm at Hutton Roof Church (GR 569 788) for a short easy walk. Leader Clare Fox K.727531

16th - Climbing for all -

Meet at 6.30 pm at Hutton Roof Crag and have a go at some easy rock climbs. Leaders Colin Hunter/Kevin Ford. Join walkers for drink after at the Station Inn, Oxenholme Road

Saturday 25th April - The Limestone Link Walk

The coach to Kirby Lonsdale and Holme will leave Arnside front (near the Albion Pub) at 9 am. (Free thanks to Rod Muncey's bequest). The walk will start from Kirkby Lonsdale (or Holme) and finish at Arnside. If you would like a bar meal at the Albion Pub after or prefer fish and chips on the prom please let Clare Fox know. Maps of the walk can be downloaded from the Limestone Link website.

Wednesday 29th - Midweek Walk No 120

10th MwW Anniversary Picnic at Priest's Hole, Dove Crag

Meet 10.30 am at Cow Bridge car park, Hartsop (GR NY 402 134). Mild scrambling to the cave but otherwise easy walking on good paths. About 7-8 miles. Walk leader Kevin Ford 01539 734293