



Welcome to the new newsletter and thank you to those people who voiced their appreciation of the last one.

I don't have a clear idea of how this new venture will turn out so if anyone has any suggestions to make or would like to contribute ideas or articles now or in the future, please let me know. As always, any contribution is welcome: for instance, can anyone come up with a snappier title than 'The KFF Newsletter'? There might be a bottle of wine in it for a successful suggestion.

the Ed.

The Clachaig Chalet Meet, Glencoe. 8-10th Jan.

This seems to have become a joint venture over the last few years with Bassetlaw Mountaineering Club joining the Fellfarers to take their chance with the Scottish winter weather. We took two chalets and those who attended were: from K Fellfarers - Alan, Hugh, Mick, Graham, Veronica, and Frank and from Bassetlaw MC - Charles, and Adam, plus Mel, who is a member of both clubs.

Friday's journey north was enlivened for three of us by a visit to the Falkirk Wheel, an intriguing engineering project that is well worth calling in to see if you're passing that way. Snow building up on the road added a bit more fun to the journey and of course the snowy mountains of Glencoe looked superb when we arrived in the fading light. High above us were many pinpricks of light from headtorches of



mountaineers who were still several hours away from their cars, warm showers and the Clachaig bar.

Saturday dawned clear and bright (*above*) and three parties set off for the hills: Mel, Charles, and Adam attempted Stob Coire Sgreamhach and Bidean via Beinn Fhada. Mick, Alan, and Hugh set off for Meall Mor to add to their Graham and Marilyn count: and Frank and Graham ascended Buachaille Etive Mor in good conditions. The Bassetlaw group had a particularly challenging time as the weather closed in during the afternoon and they found that their chosen route was buried in deep snow. Still, by eight o'clock all were safely gathered in and the whole party enjoyed a great evening in the bar, complete with a blues band (loud but accomplished) and good beer (for a change) followed by birthday cake back in a chalet to celebrate Hugh's 70th.

Charlie's Walk. Saturday 9th Jan.

by Clare Fox

Seven hardy souls and a dog gathered at the Riflemen's on a damp grey Saturday morning for Charlie's walk. Val, John, Caroline, Roger Frank and Gordon set off up through Serpentine Woods, across the golf course and over the bridge to Cunswick Scar. We made our way to Charlie's spot to be met by Kryisia and Walter. Flowers were laid, words spoken and memories shared. We then set off back to Kendal, five of us via the Mushroom with four of us continuing onto the Union Jack Cafe to enjoy a well earned lunch - and very good it was too!

Midweek Walk No. 69. Wednesday 20th Jan. The Quarries of Tilberthwaite

Just one fine day in a seemingly endless procession of dreary wet ones meant that Hugh's walk promised to be a gem; and so it proved to be. It was not a big turn-out: Hughie, Roger, Mick, Graham and Irene, Tony and Sue, but with sunshine lighting up the snow on the tops we were all in good heart.

Hughie started by taking us to peer into the Horse Level, the bottommost of all the Coniston mines. The water inside looked too deep for comfort but we promised ourselves a return trip. Over Knotts we went, marvelling at the unfolding vistas and snapping away with cameras. A glaciated slab provided a perfect snow-free seat for coffee and many 'aren't we lucky?' comments (*below*).



There were quite a few other people pottering about around Low Hall Garth and Slater Bridge, all of them smiling.

Hugh led us through the sensational chamber of Cathedral Quarry (*below*) and into the open amphitheatre beyond. A little scramble led up to the terrace from which, with headtorches

on, we explored another level, a through-trip which brought us out into the sunshine again for lunch in the snow.

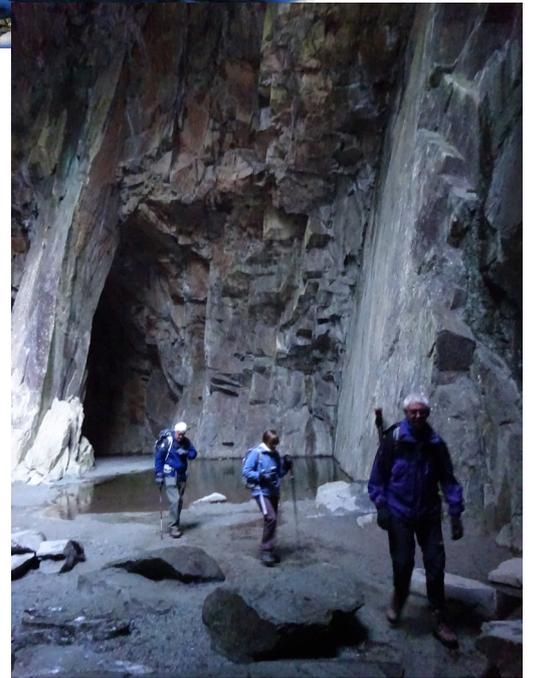
We returned via Stang End and the awe-inspiring big hole of Hodge Close.

We agreed later, over pots of tea in a Coniston cafe (the only one in the village that was open!), that it had been a grand outing. There had been new

experiences for some and even those who know the quarries thought that these man-made places always repay a return visit.

Some might think that the conditions would have been perfect for a day on the felltops. Well, so they would have but none of us felt that we'd wasted our day. Thanks to Hugh for a splendid day out.

There are more photographs in the Gallery on the Club website.



The KFF Annual General Meeting Friday 29th Jan.

December's floods in Kendal made it necessary to find a new venue at short notice. For a small cost Kendal Rugby Club opened up specially for us and met all our requirements very well. Thirty members were present.

There were no constitutional changes to debate and no controversial matters raised. There were some changes to the Committee to consider following the decisions of Alec Reynolds to retire from the post of Secretary and of Peter Goff and Helen Speed to step down as committee members. There was no great clamour from club members wishing to fill the vacancies and so Clare Fox agreed to take over the Secretaryship for the coming year - but at the cost of stepping down from her current post of Social Secretary. There were then no volunteers to fill *that* post. The remaining officers and members were all voted back into their posts. Peter Blamire declared himself willing to join the committee and was welcomed as a co-opted member.

The Trustees will remain unchanged until the new Lease is ready to be signed (see past newsletter no. 80 for progress with that).

The current management structure of the club is now as shown on the right: The Officers reports were all presented and accepted. It has been agreed by the Committee that minutes of the future AGMs will be given to the full membership and so you will receive a copy of the full minutes as soon as they have been approved by the President.

Meanwhile, there is one item from the Treasurer's report which is worth bringing to everyone's attention:

It might be thought that the club is in a very healthy financial position, given that it has funds of £22,806 in the bank. The Treasurer pointed out, though, that this sum has been bolstered over recent years by anonymous donations totalling £14,250. Without those 'unearned' donations (and taking into account rent currently owed to the Trust) we would have only £7,000 in the bank. The large sums spent on High House over the last few years have been well spent but, without the donations, we would not have been able to make all those recent improvements without seriously depleting our funds.

From these comments it becomes clear that the committee will not be able to continue doing the good work it has done in the past without finding ways to increase the Club's income significantly in the years to come.

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Photograph Competition. Friday 29th January 2016

A good selection of photographs were submitted and the standard made it very difficult to pick winners. Voting was by all members present and Joan and Laura counted up the votes.

Winners were: **Clare Fox** for the shadows on Helsington Church wall (*top left*) in the 'Club Event' category, **Irene and Graham Ramsbottom** for the puffin (*top right*) - Wild Nature category, **Jean and Fred Underhill** for the ladies at High House (*bottom left*) - 'Humorous', and **Mick Fox** for the shot of Hughie above the clouds in Madeira (*bottom right*) - 'Favourite Holiday Photo'.

