



The AGM

This AGM saw the retirement of Gordon Pitt after eight years as our president. He was thanked and presented with a framed photograph of High House.

The reports of the officers included a short presentation on the long negotiation of the new lease, including the happy news that we expect to have the lease ready for signing in a matter of weeks now. Apart from these items and the election of club officials (see right), the principal feature of the AGM was the presentation from the committee of its analysis of the club's financial position and the urgent need to increase income. Those of you who weren't at the AGM will wonder why, with more than £25,000 in the bank, we need to raise more. The point is that the healthy-looking bank balance is entirely due to anonymous donations and the rate relief that we enjoy in being classed as a small business. Neither of these can be relied upon in the future and without them we would be running at a loss. In addition to that, £15,000 of our existing balance has been set aside to provide cover for members in the future if, for some reason, the club wishes to, or feels it has to, opt out of the High House lease.

Helen Speed writes:

Fundraising Ideas Needed

Those of you who attended the AGM will be aware that the Club needs to raise significantly more funds to support High House if we are to see through the next 20 years of the new lease successfully. The Committee examined the financial position thoroughly before the AGM and has already put forward some proposals to raise funds, and we have agreed to increase the fees to book High House, charge clubs for use of the Member's Room and increase night fees for guests. There have been other suggestions too, such as charging a seasonal premium to book High House in high season, charging members a night fee to stay at High House and raising the membership fee but these haven't been agreed - we need more ideas from the whole membership on ways to boost funds before a decision is made.

A small group has been formed to consider new proposals and work them up, to report back to the Committee within the next few weeks. Do you have a suggestion? Have you successfully raised funds for a Club in the past? If you have an idea, or would like to join the group that is looking at this please get in touch as soon as possible during February.

You can email your ideas to fellfarer.funds@gmail.com or call Helen on 01539 733959, or pass on your thoughts to any member of the group (Peter Blamire, Pam Heseltine, Mark Walsh and Helen Speed). We look forward to hearing from you!

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O.S. Grid Ref. 570527

Fellfarers: £5.00 p.p.p.n., Guests: £9.00 p.p.p.n.

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Baslow,
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