



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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The 85th KFF AGM_26th January 2018

The minutes will be sent to all members in due course but the main points are listed below:

Club officials. Clare Fox and Val Calder stood down from their respective posts and from the committee. Peter Blamire was appointed as Vice Chairman, Helen Speed as Treasurer and Jan Lancaster as Social Secretary. Pam Heseltine filled the one vacant place on the committee. All other committee posts are as before. Kevin Ford replaces Cheryl Smallwood as a Trustee. All were appointed unopposed. Full contact details are given right:

Finance and Fundraising. Spending on High House has been quite minimal in the last year and so the club's bank balance has improved substantially since the big fund-raising debate of the previous year. The Club still needs to raise money but perhaps with not quite the urgency that was then thought. The main item of the evening's discussion was the proposal by the committee to implement a change to the Hut Policy to allow it to charge members night fees for staying at High House:

Hut Night Fees. The proposed change was agreed and the committee now has a mandate to charge fees if it needs to do so. The fee for 2018 is set at zero and any change to this figure will be subject to ratification at a General Meeting.

Nomination of Officers. A change to the Constitution was agreed to allow the committee to set a deadline for nominations before future AGMs. (Copies of the new Policy *(continued on page 2)*)

GENERAL INFORMATION

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High House (and farm) Postcode: CA12 5XJ
High House OS ref: (Explorer OL4) GR 235 119
High House Guest Night Fees: £8 p.p.p.n.

OREAD MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
(Reciprocal Rights Partnership)
Oread Website www.oread.co.uk

OREAD huts are available to Fellfarers at the following rates:

Tan-y-Wyddfa
Rhyd-Ddu,
North Wales.
O.S. Grid Ref. 570527
Fellfarers: £5.00 p.p.p.n., Guests: £9.00 p.p.p.n.

Heathy Lea Cottage
Baslow,
Derbyshire.
Fellfarers: £4.50 p.p.p.n., Guests: £6.50 p.p.p.n.

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Co-opted Member: none

and Constitution are available on the club website and on request from the committee)

The National Trust Lease. Negotiations have finished and it was announced that the lease was ready for signing by the Trustees. *(update: it was signed by all four Trustees and delivered by hand to the National Trust Headquarters on 23rd February. We are now waiting for the Trust to sign and return our copy. We still have to register our leasehold with the Land Registry when that is done. An explanation of the key points of the new lease will be also be given to all members once we have the signed copy returned)*

The KFF Monthly Draw

The latest winners are:

February: Pam Hesletine

March: Peter Blamire

A Letter from Australia:

From: Dr James Duff
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Sent: 01/04/2018 08:45:

Below is a piece I wrote after two glorious days at the hut (Green Gable, Seathwaite Fell, snow pack rain hail).

'Sitting there by the stove with dads photo on the wall (taken at a Wasdale gathering) I was moved by the memories of just how much the hut and the fells meant to the Fellfarers back in the day when most of them worked long hours in the factory.

The hut and the hills were a great release for them and of course their experience was set against living thru the Great Depression and the Second World War, quite different from ours in the present day.

Having said that it does evoke the feelings I feel myself!

*"This is the ground primeval the moss girt rocks and the sky
This the land that I sprang from, mountain and fellside so high.
It's here that my heart springs to life, opens with love for it all
Forgetting the weeks dull days of labour thru each striding footfall.
For now it's up to the fell, soaring past Sourmilk Ghyll
That my labouring lungs must propel me, skyward to drink my fill.
The wind might tug at my hair the rain slash at my face
But my heart is bursting with love for the mountains and my mates.
For its cold joy in a solitary passage, so much warmer shared with a friend
And delights of the summits are worth less if the valley is empty below.
Now the countryside lies before us, spread out as a toys on a rug
And the peace of the top envelops us, all paths from here descending.
Time for a jam sandwich and a cup of hot coffee in a chipped mug.
Time to ponder the ages it took, to carve out the mountain neath our feet
Such a beautiful world of wildness, sewn together, a patchwork quilt
Of rock, soil, plants and animals watered into nature's jigsaw sublime.
Perhaps time to wonder, a touch of sadness a cold tear, in our eye.
At civilisation and us humans, so apt to to tear down blow up and destroy.
Descending back to valley below, knees are starting to ache
Our thighs begin to protest as Stockley Beck Bridge we approach.
Then it's the longest weary mile, from bridge to hut, we must tread
Back to the hut and its friendships, it's warmth some tea and a bed".*

Cheers
Jim

PS We had a great party for Alex with fifty guests! Edith Stilling made a brief appearance!

Recent Events:

Clachaig Chalet Meet, Glencoe. 12-14th January 2018

Hughie writes:

The 40th Annual Glencoe Meet (joint with Bassetlaw MC)
K Fellfarers - Mick, Alan, Hugh, Jan, Kevin, Norman, Graham, and Veronica

Bassetlaw MC - Charles, Alvin, Adam, and Mick

It was the 40th anniversary of this annual Meet, and three chalets were booked - Rowan, Birch, and Beech. Mel had flu so was unable to make it. An indifferent forecast for the weekend proved slightly pessimistic, and some tops were achieved.

On the way up, Alan, Hugh, and Norman stopped off at the newish Riverside Museum in Glasgow for some interesting transport displays.

Meanwhile Mick (KFF), Jan, and Kevin had a riverside walk to see The Falls of Leny near Callendar, and Alvin and Mick (BMC) had an abortive attempt on Ben Vorlich.



The forecast for Saturday was for strong winds, so Hugh persuaded Mick (KFF) and Norman into a walk into the Coire Gabhail (Lost Valley) to find some snow to play in, without much success.

Jan and Kevin opted for Beinn a'Chrulaiste, a Corbett near the Kingshouse (now being redeveoped) and had a successful if windy outing (*Jan at the summit, left*).

The Bassetlaw group had a successful walk up the Munro Buachaille Etive Beag, with Adam ticking off both tops.

The music in the pub that evening was better and quieter than usual, and a great night was had. It's good news that this Meet, once in danger off stopping due to a lack of numbers, has taken off again, and the same three chalets have been booked again for next year.

Charlie's Walk. Saturday 13th January 2018



David led a band of eleven from the Rifleman's Arms to his brother's 'spot' on Cunswick Scar and after a few moments contemplation there the party wandered back to Kendal for lunch in the Union Jack cafe. *(above: Richard, Roger, Peter, Mike, Frank, David, Tina, Val, Margaret, Clare's sister Kate, with Clare taking the photo)*

Midweek Walk No 93. Wednesday 17th January 2018

A Circular walk from Orton

Norman, Jenny, Roger, Hugh & Angie, Mike, Ray, Les

Four members turned back after encountering snow on the road (with more forecast to come) but eight others braved the weather and met up at the chocolate factory cafe in Orton. The plan was to walk to Crosby Ravensworth via Robin Hoods Grave, returning via Bank Moor and Gamelands Stone Circle.



Norman writes: The route was from Orton north to Crosby Ravensworth via what appears to be an old track. Over the ridge, west of Orton Scar, a long gradual descent begins and first encounters a well-established cairn known as 'Robin Hood's Grave'. Hugh, Angie, and Les were concerned about the return journey in the snow and so turned back after Robin Hoods Grave.

Along Hollins Scar, where Ray and Mike freed a sheep with its horn caught in the hay feeder, there are views across to source of the river Lyvennet which is at King's Well (a spring).

After passing Crosby Lodge we descended to footbridges to cross the river for tea, sitting on an old field roller. After that we followed the river to Crosby Ravensworth. As 'The Butchers' was closed until the evening, we turned for the return journey immediately, and had lunch on the side of the road to Bank Head Farm, with fine views of the snowy countryside and the village. A kestrel hunted in the strong breeze right in front of us. Then the road becomes a byway and heads SE up to Bank Moor where we followed the track south over Graythorne Plain, steadily climbing to Orton Scar, east of the monument. There were good views across to the snowy Pennines one way, and to the Howgills the other. From there, downhill back to Orton, omitting a visit to the stone circle as the snow would have rendered the fallen stones less than dramatic.

High House Quiet Weekend. 19-22nd January 2018

Margaret & Roger, Mick & Clare, Fred & Jean, Val, and Ruth

The day turned sunny unexpectedly and Ruth, Clare and Mick walked over from Rosthwaite to Watendlath and returned over the snowy summit of Brund Fell (Grange Fell) (right), whilst Margaret, Roger, Fred, Jean and Val stayed below the snowline, walking the valley bottom from High House into Johnny Wood and back.

The day was finished with a very good meal in the busy bar at the Scafell Hotel. The forecast was for heavy snow in Borrowdale overnight and for all day on Sunday. While the thought of getting snowed in at High House is very attractive when you should be at work (or school) it becomes less appealing when you know you could be at home listening to Radio 4 rather than shovelling snow to get up the farm road. We all bailed out on Saturday evening.

To come in the next issue:

Midweek Walk No 94. Hart Crag. Wednesday 21st February 2018

Appetite Enhancer and Annual Dinner. Saturday 24th February 2018

Working Weekend

10th Annual Scottish Hotel Meet. 18th - 23rd March 2018

Incorporating Midweek Walk No 95.

Coming Events:

Rod's Coach Trip - Saturday 7th July 2018

As reported previously, Rod Muncey left a substantial sum of money to the club on his death, to be split equally between social events and High House.

The first social event, if there is sufficient interest from members, will be a Coach Trip from Kendal to Moffat on Saturday 7th July 2018. It might go like this:

Time	Activity
0830-1000	Depart Kendal for Moffat
1000-1045	Coffee in Moffat
1045	Coach to two drop-off points on the A708 (8km and 14km east of Moffat)
1100-1630	Various walks (see attached sheet for options)
1630-1645	Pick-up by coach back to Moffat
1700-1730	Meet for drinks in The Buccleuch Arms (93% Excellent or VG on Trip Advisor)
1730	Meal in The Buccleuch Arms
1930-2100	Depart Moffat for Kendal
2100	Arrive Kendal

There are up to 53 places available on the coach and priority will be given to K Fellfarers members. We must know how many are interested very early so that we can book the right size of coach.

The cost of the coach will be about £500, paid for by Rod's gift, and all other costs (drinks and food) are to be met by individuals.

We need to know numbers as soon as possible so if you are interested please get in touch by emailing Clare Fox at clarefox50@hotmail.com or by telephone: 01539 727531.

ALSO: If you would like to go on the trip but cannot make the 7th of July please let Clare know. If necessary the date might be changed to accommodate members.

To come:

Still to be organised from Rod's Fund are:

1. 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).
2. A commemorative picnic table for High House with a slate top carved with images of local birds and Rod's name.



KFF Club Events for April - July 2018

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.

April 2018

Tuesday 10th - 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

May 2018

Tuesday 1st - Committee Meeting at the Rifleman's Arms

Wednesday 2nd - Evening Walk

A walk to Wray to look at scarecrows! An easy 4 miles walk starting at the car park next to the bridge in Hornby village at 6.30 pm. There is an honesty box for parking. There is a pub in the village for refreshments after the walk. Leaders Sandra and Tony Atkinson 01524 423776

Week 4th to 8th May - High House

is booked for Bank Holiday weekend

Wednesday 23rd - Midweek Walk

Bowfell via the climbers traverse and the Great Slab. The classic route up Bowfell taking the narrow and undulating climbers' traverse with some mild exposure, followed by an ascent of Great Slab leading to the summit. Approximately 8 miles with 800m of ascent. Meet at 10 am at the National Trust carpark by the Stickle Barn. Leader Hugh Taylor 01524 762067

Week 25th May to 1st June - High House

is booked for Whit Week.

June 2018

Tuesday 5th - Committee Meeting at the Rifleman's Arms

Week 25th May to 1st June - High House
is booked for Whit Week

Tuesday 12th - Evening Walk

Meet at 6.30pm at Woodwell Car Park, Silverdale (GR 463 744) for a leisurely walk looking out for orchids. Distance 3 miles approximately. To finish in The Woodlands Pub, Silverdale.
Leader Peter Goff 01524 736990

Week 15th-18th - High House

is booked for Fellfarers

Week 13th - 20th - European Camping Meet.

This will be held in the Chartreuse area (just north of Grenoble) with camping at Camping de Martinere near St. Pierre de Chartreuse.
For further information contact Clare Fox 01539 72753

Thursday 14th - European Midweek Walk

This will be planned and held in the Chartreuse area.

July 2018

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

Saturday 7th - Coach trip and a choice of walks near Moffat followed by a meal in The Buccleuch Arms, Moffat. Depart from Kendal 08.30 am and return by 10.00 pm. The cost of the coach will be funded by Rod Muncey's gift to the club.

See page 3 for more information and for booking details.

Tuesday 10th - Evening Walk

Easy walk from Heversham. Meet at 6.30pm Dallam School car park (GR4964 8315). Distance 4 miles with 400 ft of ascent.
Leaders Irene and Graham Ramsbottom 01539 725808

Week 13th to 16th - High House

is booked for Summer Quiet Weekend.

Wednesday 25th - Midweek Walk

Wetherlam and down Black Sails ridge. Meet at 10.00am at GR 300 975 (Coppermines Road) for a 9 km walk with 2250 ft of ascent. Leader David Birkett 01539 738280

Week 27th - 30th - Water Weekend.

Full details of venue will be sent to members when available (please also check website).

Weeks 30th July - 31st August - High House

is booked for members.