



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 National Trust Lease

Our tenancy is currently being registered with the Land Registry. If there is any further news it will be reported at the AGM.

The Water System at High House

Allerdale District Council carried out a Risk Assessment on our water supply about one year ago and have recently produced a schedule of required improvements (although the water itself meets current health standards). Under the terms of the new lease much of the required work is now the responsibility of the landlord. The National Trust has been notified and the committee has taken the opportunity to request that the tangle of pipes and tanks on the fellside be simplified, perhaps by combining the farm and High House intake. Watch this space.

The KFF Monthly Draw.

The latest winners are:

September - Pam Heseltine

October - Phil Blamire

November - Laura Walsh

December - Laura Walsh. Again - comments to the organiser please, not the editor!

Rod Muncey's Memorial

The new picnic table has been ordered and a memorial plaque incorporating Angie Mitchell's design (*right*) will be added when the table is delivered and erected.



The A.G.M. 2019

Changes to the Constitution and Club Rules

There are no changes proposed by the committee.

Election of officers

All the current officers of the club (President and vice-presidents, Trustees and members of the Committee) are willing to serve for another year and so the committee is nominating all for re-election. If any member wishes to propose alternatives for any post they may do so but only with the prior agreement of that person. Remember also that names need to be submitted to the committee before its meeting on Tuesday 8th January.

Recent events

Tuesday 16th to Thursday 18th October 2018

Away Meet at Rhyd Ddu, including Midweek Walk No. 102

Eight members and friends stayed two (or three) nights at the Oread hut in Rhyd Ddu. Some enjoyed short walks on hills in the Clwydian range on the way there on Tuesday.

The weather on Wednesday was forecast to improve after a cloudy start and we agreed a Midweek Walk that would include some scrambling on Clogwyn Du'r Arddu's Eastern Terrace if conditions were right. We crossed the disused quarries and the Snowdon Ranger track to traverse Moel Cyngorion to Bwlch Cwm Brwynog. The cloud hadn't lifted and the rock felt greasy so the scramble was left for another day. We climbed back into the clag on the Snowdon Ranger track to the summit, thronged with tourists in gleaming white trainers, and so back by the Rhyd Dhy track - when the promised blue skies finally appeared. We finished the day with a meal in front of the log fire in the Cwellyn Arms.

Thursday was a fine sunny day, and we all enjoyed our different hills: Norman and Jenny stayed on for an extra night and walked the ridge from Moel Cyngorion to Moel Eilio. Jan and Kevin drove to Ogwen

for a walk on the Glyderai, Mick and Clare ticked off the Marilyn Hope Mountain near Wrexham, whilst Ruth and Hugh walked up Yr Eifl on the Lleyn Peninsula. Hugh says: "A very enjoyable three days walking: more please!"

Weekend 9th to 11th November 2018

High House - Remembrance Sunday.

Ten Fellfarers braved the poor weather to attend the ceremony on Castle Crag and our president walked to Great Gable for the traditional Fell and Rock ceremony. He reports: "I went on a last minute whim: I'm glad I did as it was quite moving although they only held a two minutes silence. If anything else was planned it would have been impossible with the wind and rain and the size of the crowd - it could have been three to four thousand at a guess. The announcement of the silence had to be passed back in the crowd by word of mouth. The silence was followed by a round of applause, something I've not come across before, but I suppose I'm a bit behind the times. The big minus was queuing, fifty minutes from Windy Gap to the summit, and then an hour from the summit back to Windy Gap."

Wednesday 21st November 2018

Midweek Walk No. 103 Elterwater and Lingmoor.

The President led the Midweekers, thirteen in all, through the Elterwater quarries and up through Baysbrown Wood to the summit ridge of Lingmoor. The higher fells, lightly dusted with new snow, were obscured by cloud for much of the time, with just enough light coming through to produce an atmospheric golden haze. A cool breeze kept us from lingering long over our picnic lunch. We descended by the Side Pike ridge, through Fat Man's Agony and back by the Cumbria Way path through Great Langdale. Passing Wall End Farm provoked recollections of stories about the famous barn there, the accommodation used by impecunious climbers in the 1950s (Hugh has now put a small feature article on the barn in the Gallery section of the website). A fine winter outing, thanks to Roger.

Wednesday 12th December 2018

Midweek Walk No. 104 and Christmas Lunch Meet

Always the shortest walk of the year, this one, because it has to end by lunchtime. This year twenty one met at the Station Inn, Oxenholme to walk around and over the Helm. At the small tarn on the Underhelm side we were beset by the friendly, frisky fell ponies. Eventually they galloped off, presumably disgusted at not being given food, and we were able to resume our descent to the thin track which skirts the base of the Castlesteads end of the hill, thence up to the summit and so back along the ridge to our starting point. We were joined by more members and twenty five of us sat down to a jolly lunch - traditional Christmas pub fare of pizza, burgers and the like.

Tuesday 18th December 2018

Social Evening at Burgundy's

Despite the wrong address being given in the last newsletter, seventeen members managed to find the venue - Burgundy's on Lowther Street. The Social Secretary sends apologies to those who spent the evening wandering up and down Finkle Street with puzzled expressions on their faces. The lucky ones gathered in the upstairs area of the wine bar and the circle of chairs increased as numbers swelled until we seemed in danger of filling the place. There was, of course, much banter and many friendly insults exchanged. I believe there might even have been some snatches of intelligent conversation at times but I probably misheard. The evening passed in a cheery fashion and we were all rather disappointed when the barman called "Time". It was only 10 o'clock. Modern life eh?

Happy New Year to all Fellfarers!

KFF Club Events for January - April 2019

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

January 2019

Tuesday 8th - Committee Meeting

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 at the Union Jack Cafe, Kirkland. Leaders Clare Fox and Val Calder

Weekend 11th - 13th - Clachaig 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 Fellfarers' Year 2017 slide show. 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

February 2019

Tuesday 12th - Slide Show

Fellfarers in Europe presented by Norman Bell at the Strickland Arms, Sizergh. Meet at 7.30 pm. Guests welcome and sandwiches provided.

Weekend 15th - 22nd - High House

is booked for Fellfarers.

Wednesday 20th - Midweek Walk

Wild Boar from the Fat Lamb, Ravenstonedale A walk of approximately 8 miles on paths and open fellside with a low level alternative if the weather is poor. Meet at 10am in car park of the Fat Lamb Crossbank Ravenstonedale (GR 739 023). Pub serving teas and coffee! Leader Kevin Ford 01539 734293

Saturday 23rd February - Appetite Enhancer Walk

Meet at the Stricklands Arms at 11am for a 4.5 to 5 mile walk over Sizergh Fell through Brigsteer Woods to Park End Moss Nature Reserve. Remember your binoculars. Return via Hall Slack Farm and Sizergh Castle to the pub. Leader Krysia Niepokojczycka 015395 60523

Saturday 23rd February - Annual Dinner

This will be held at the Strickland Arms, Sizergh Meet at 7 pm. Please let Val know if you are hoping to attend and send her your menu choice. Menus included with this newsletter. Contact Val Calder 01539 727109

Thursday 28th February - Climbing for All (indoors)

This will be held at the Climbing Wall, Kendal from 7 pm onwards. If you are a complete novice please let Kevin know beforehand so experienced climbers will be on hand for advice and help. This event will be followed by a drink (or two) at a venue to be decided on the night. Contact Kevin Ford 01539 734293

March 2019

Tuesday 12th March - Slide Show

'Himalayas' presented by Mel Middleton. Meet at 7.30 pm at the Strickland Arms, Sizergh. Sandwiches provided and guests welcome.

Weekend 15th - 18th - High House

is booked for the Working Weekend. All members are welcome

Week 14th - 19th - Hotel Meet

The Killin Hotel, Killin is booked for a five night hotel meet. Booking is essential and payment is required in advance with 50% deposit by the 24th Jan and the remainder at the end of February. Contact Clare Fox 01539 727531

Wednesday 27th - Midweek Walk

The walk(s) will be planned in Killin, Scotland.

April 2019

Weekend 18th - 26th - High House

is booked for Fellfarers for the Easter break

Thursday 18th - First Evening Walk

Meet at 6.30 pm at the main quarry carpark, Warton for a short walk on Warton Crag. Followed by a drink at The Malt Shovel Inn, Warton. Leader Peter Goff 07763416228

Thursday 18th - Climbing for All

Meet in the Warton quarry carpark at 6.30 pm for some outdoor climbing on Warton Crag. A drink afterwards at the Malt Shovel Inn, Warton.

Wednesday 24th - Midweek Walk

Clapham. Meet at 10.00 am at car park with toilets in Clapham (GR 745 692). Walk to Wharfe, then cafe at Frizor then back to Clapham via Austwick. About 10 miles with 750 feet of ascent approximately. There will be a bad weather option. Leader Mike Wilson 07902 802405