



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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April 2019

The KFF Monthly Draw.

The latest winners are:

December - Laura Walsh.

January - Laura Walsh.

February - Laura... no, just kidding. It was David Birkett

March - Peter Goff

IMPORTANT NOTICE - BMC membership

Advance notice of likely increase in membership fees.

The committee have received notice from the BMC that their insurance scheme is under review at present. A member club (like us) has received a multi-million pound claim for injuries sustained by an individual and the BMC, in honouring the policy, has now to seek ways to keep the Club Insurance scheme financially viable.

This is likely to mean, at the very least, a substantial increase in BMC membership fees in the near future.

Your KFF membership fee this year will not be affected.

The BMC is dealing with the problem urgently of course and will inform us as soon as there is further news.

The 86th KFF A.G.M.

Friday 25th January 2019

The meeting passed smoothly, with very positive reports from all of the officers and no contentious issues raised. All existing officers were re-elected unanimously. Minutes will be issued when available.

Recent Social Events

Saturday 12th January 2019

Charlie's Walk

Fifteen Fellfarers & friends and four dogs met up on a rather damp morning to walk up Cunswick Scar for the annual Charlie's Walk. Five continued on to Staveley and six to the Union Jack for lunch.

Weekend 11th to 13th January 2019

The 41st KFF Clachaig Chalet Meet, Glencoe

K Fellfarers - Mick, Jan, Kevin, Norman, Alan, Veronica, Graham, Hugh

Bassetlaw MC - Mel, Charles, Mick, Adam

It was another enjoyable, though rather wet, Glencoe weekend. We gathered, as usual, in the Clachaig bar on Friday night after Hugh, Jan, Kevin, Norman, Alan, and Mick stopped off in Callendar to visit the Bracklinn Falls. How come we've driven past all those years and never noticed the sign? Well worth seeing.

An early start was made on Saturday to try and beat the forecast of worsening weather. Ten of us drove down Glen Etive: Alan walked on down the glen while Mick, Jan, Kevin, Norman, Alan, and Hugh ascended the very steep Corbett Beinn Maol Chaluim in drizzle and strong wind. Mel, Charles, Mick, Adam opted for the Munro Meall nan Eun on the other side of Glen Etive, with Mel and Adam topping out. Veronica and Graham took the sensible option and avoided the rain by driving out to the lighthouse at the end of Ardnamurchan. Three chalets have been booked for 2020, giving 14 places.

Weekend 18th to 20th January 2019

High House Quiet Weekend

A gloomy Saturday in Borrowdale with low cloud almost hiding the icy tops. Mick settled for a stroll back from Grange, taking in High Doat, after a pointless exploration of the fellside above Peace Howe. Buttermere was brighter for those who chose to walk around the lake. Hugh appeared later to join us for a bar meal in the Scafell.

Wednesday 30th January 2019

Midweek Walk No. 105. Hornby, Arkholme and environs

On a frosty morning, 10 members met in the excellent Hornby teashop for coffee. Ruth led us west along the bank of the river Wenning to the Lune watersmeet. At Loyn Bridge we left the river

behind for the motte and bailey of Castle Stede.

Still in the gloom of low cloud hugging the river, we headed over the shoulder of Windy Bank where perhaps 50 pairs of swans were seen in the fields below mingling with the pink daubed sheep. As we reached the summit field we broke through the low cloud into brilliant sunshine. Glorious!

Later, we parked our bums rather disrespectfully on gravestones at Tatham church to eat our sandwiches before crossing the River Wenning and then turning south towards Mealbank and the banks of the river Hindburn. A barn owl quartered a field, forced by the cold to search for prey in the daytime. We returned to the Hornby teashop for more hot drinks. It was a fine end to a fine walk.

Wednesday 20th February 2019

Midweek Walk No. 106. Wild Boar Fell

Hughie writes: With strong winds and damp weather forecast on the tops, and wet weather occurring at the start, Kevin made the wise decision to go for his low level option and leave Wild Boar Fell for another day. The thirteen members set off from the Fat Lamb Inn just outside Ravenstonedale.

Heading west through muddy fields, the group soon hit a minor road at Arthegarth and headed south west over the shoulder of Harter Fell. Just short of Adamthwaite, the route veered off onto a bridleway which led through Springgill to the A683. Crossing this, Kevin led up to Dovengill and the minor tarmac road that headed north. This was soon left to ascend onto the curiously named Fell End Clouds (so called because of the limestone rocks scattered about?), where lime kilns and mining activity was seen. The various channels in the vicinity were created by extracting minerals, mainly lead, from the exposed veins. The delightful walk continued along the ridge over Stennerskeugh Clouds before dropping down onto the old bridleway and into Stennerskeugh itself. The Fat Lamb was soon reached, and a drink inside rounded off what turned out to be an interesting walk despite the weather. Thank you Kevin.

Wednesday 23rd February 2019

Appetite Enhancer Walk and Annual Dinner

Hughie writes: Krysia always manages to find interesting walks to give members an appetite for the annual dinner that evening, but this one was exceptional by any standard, including the weather. On a beautiful warm morning more typical of May, Krysia led from the cars parked at the Strickland Arms up and over Sizergn Fell to join the Levens-Brigsteer Road. After passing the reservoir, the route branched off into Brigsteer Woods with the daffodils not quite open yet. The objective was the hide at Park End Moss, created by the NT in 2014. A selection of birds were seen including teal, moorhen, little grebe, lapwing, little egret, greylag geese, but no marsh harrier unfortunately. The route back led along the road nearly to Brigsteer, then up to Helsington Church where lunch was taken. The final leg took in Holeslack Farm and an amazing yew tree, before passing Sizergn cafe and the throng of visitors. Thanks Krysia for a lovely walk.

Thirty one members gathered that evening for the Annual Dinner at The Strickland Arms.

Thursday 28th February 2019

Indoor Climbing for All (or Social Evening at the Wall)

Nine members turned up at Kendal Wall for an evening of athletic endeavour and fun, including Harry Moffat who'd come to try it out. It has since become a regular Thursday night event again and we have great hopes that it will continue through the summer on real rock. See you all at Warton!

March 2019 events (notably Working Weekend and the Scottish Hotel Meet) are held over until the next issue. Software problems are preventing the editor from continuing this issue at present. Thank you Hughie for the words above (via the website) to dig me out of this hole and my apologies to everyone for the delay.

KFF Club Events for April - July 2019

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

April 2019

Tuesday 2nd Committee Meeting at the Rifleman's Arms

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 (GR given below), 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 main quarry (the big one at GR SD 491 723) carpark at 6.30 pm for some outdoor climbing on one of the Warton Crags. A drink afterwards at the Malt Shovel Inn, Warton.

Wednesday 24th - Midweek Walk No. 108

Clapham. Meet at 10.00 am at car park with toilets in Clapham (GR 745 692). Walk to Wharfe, then cafe at Feizor 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

Saturday 27th - Cycling for all

Meet at Kendal Leisure Centre at 1.30 pm for a ride of about 17 gentle miles at the pace of the slowest (perhaps split into two groups) with a cafe stop about halfway. Leader Roger Atkinson 01539 732490

May 2019

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

Weekend 3rd - 7th - High House

is booked for Fellfarers for May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 14th - Evening Walk

Leighton Moss RSPB Bird Reserve Silverdale Carnforth (GR SD 478 750). Meet at 6.30 pm around the back of the visitor centre. Walk Leader Paul East 01524 761083

Wednesday 22nd - Midweek Walk No.109

Yarlside and the NE Howgills. Meet at the Cross Keys (SD698 969) at 10am for an 8 mile walk with 2400 feet of ascent. There will be a bad weather alternative. Walk Leader Maja While

Week 24th - 31st - High House

is booked for Fellfarers for Whitsun Break

June 2019

Tuesday 4th - Committee Meeting at the Riflemans Arms

Tuesday 11th - Evening Walk

'A walk around New England.' The walk starts and finishes in the Eagles Head Carpark, Over Kellet, permission has been obtained, (GR522 698), This is a level 4.5 mile walk. Walk Leaders Sandra and Tony Atkinson 01524 423776

Weekend 21st-24th - High House

is booked for Fellfarers

Week 20th-27th - European Camping Meet at Alpes Maritime.

Brilliant mountain scenery close to the Mediterrean coast. Great potential for walking at all grades, climbing and via ferrata. Probable campsite at Camping a la Ferme Saint Joseph (to be confirmed). At present twelve members have signed up. If you think you might be interested in joining us please let Clare know (K. 727531) and we'll keep you in touch.

Wednesday 26th - Midweek walk No.110

This will be held in the Alpes Maritime area and the walk will be planned the night before over a glass of wine!

July 2019

Tuesday 2nd Committee Meeting at the Rifleman's Arms

Tuesday 9th -Evening Walk

A New Hutton Ramble. Meet at 6.30 pm. Parking at Hayfellside, Hayclose Lane LA8 0AG (GR5396 9096). A 3.5 to 4 miles walk in rolling pasture and quiet road. Walk Leaders Irene and Graham Ramsbottom

Weekend 12th-15th High House

is booked for the Summer Quiet Weekend. A Saturday walk(s) will be planned on Friday night with either a bar or communal meal on Saturday evening.

Wednesday 24th - Midweek Walk No. 111

Meet at Braithwaite near Keswick for an 8 mile walk with 540m of ascent.

Park where you can in Braithwaite and meet at the central bridge over the Coledale Beck (GR 231 235) at 10 am. The school offers parking at a modest fee.

The walk goes up by Barrow Gill to Barrow Door, with Stile End and Outerside as options. Then onto the col between Scar Crags and Sail. Return by Rigg Beck across Newland Beck to Ghyll Bank and finishes with a riverside walk back to Braithwaite.

Walk Leader Norman Bell 015394 44939

Month 29th -30th August - High House

is booked for Fellfarers' Summer Break