



Activity



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Trev MASTers Voice - November 2015

As I write the wind is lashing the rain against the window behind me and many of the remaining multi-coloured leaves are being hurled from the trees. Despite this current meteorological misery, this autumn has been a spectacularly beautiful one and I hope most of us have been able to get out into the countryside to enjoy it.

For many, perhaps for most of us the camping season is now over – though I know some are heading abroad in their vans and others, truly hardy souls, will be attending meets as we approach Christmas and even over the New Year. I fear Deb and I will not be among them. As genuine southern wimps we are looking forward to flying to New Zealand in January to spend time with our daughter and her family; and to enjoy the warmth of the sun on our backs!

The past year has been a bit of a mixed blessing for the MAS. Northern and Wessex Areas have continued for the most part to attract ample numbers to their meets. And Northern's hosting of the FOWAC was a notable success. Peakland Area sadly admit to be struggling. At the Section Council meeting at the end of September their Rep reported that they might not be able to form a committee next AGM. Subsequently some of those who had considered they had served long enough have said they would reconsider and our President, Andrew Wood, has kindly volunteered to be nominated for Peakland committee should he be needed. This noble effort deserves to spur others to come forward. If you live and camp in the Midlands, particularly if you have already enjoyed attending Peakland meets, please, please will you consider joining their committee. MAS cannot afford to lose another Area and there are many wonderful places to meet, to walk and to cycle in the centre of the country.

Meanwhile, Northern Area are now the only Area to organise a formal programme of winter walks and I would like to pay tribute to Nigel Beaton who for over 30 years planned winter walks down here in the south. Many, many thanks to you, Nigel for all your hard work.

Hoping many of us will continue happily plodding and pedalling throughout the winter, yours, *Trev Masters*

Cover picture *Our Vice Chairman makes a new friend. Unfortunately she's not eligible to become a member of MAS!*

“Spirit of MAS” Photo Competition

During 2016 the Section is running a photographic competition with a £25 voucher for the winning photo chosen by an independent panel of judges. The theme is “Spirit of MAS” and we are looking for photos that showcase what makes MAS special. The choice of subject is up to you; members taking part in a walking or cycling activity, simply relaxing on site, a spectacular landscape or sunset or anything else that you think reflects the Spirit of MAS theme.

Competition entries will be showcased in the Gallery on the MAS website and may appear in Activity magazine too. Photos may also be submitted for possible inclusion in the Club magazine or on the Club’s website.

Competition Rules:

1. Entry to the competition is open to MAS members only.
2. The closing date for the submission of entries is 31st December 2016.
3. There is no limit on the number of photos that you may enter.
4. All photos submitted for entry must have been taken during 2016 while attending an MAS event.
5. Photographs must be in JPEG format and submitted by email to photos@mountainactivitysection.org.uk If you do not have an email account you may ask someone else to submit entries on your behalf. Remember to include your name when submitting your entries.
6. As entries will be uploaded to the MAS website, may feature in Activity or be sent to the Camping & Caravanning Club for possible inclusion in the Club’s magazine or website, you must obtain permission from parents or guardians before submitting a photo which includes children.
7. The decision of the independent panel of judges is final.

Ann Hart with a halo! This phenomenon is known as a spectre or a glory, and occurs when taking a photo downsun in misty or low cloud conditions. Google full circle rainbow for more information



NATIONAL FEAST OF LANTERNS 2016

As you may or may not be aware, the Cambrian & Wyvern Region are hosting next year's NFOL. The venue is the Three Counties Showground at Malvern in Worcestershire.

The dates are from 26th August 2016 until 28th August 2016. (August Bank Holiday) Additional nights on Thursday and Sunday are also available to camp. The total cost for five days for two adults will be £72 , Children and CCY are free.

The theme for the event is "Movies of the World". This theme was chosen as it gives plenty of scope to get adults and children involved in the mardi gras parade etc.

The location is virtually in the centre of the country and has easy access from the motorway networks. Access to the Three Counties Showground is approximately 20 minutes from Junction 7 of the M5 if you are travelling from the North or from Junction 8 of the M5 if you are travelling from the South

The Cambrian and Wyvern Region have a lot of attractions and is an ideal location to enjoy a holiday with something of interest for everyone. The attractions include The Severn Valley Railway, West Midlands Safari Park, Walks around the Malvern Hills, Gloucester and Worcester cathedrals to name a few. Nearby are the picturesque Cotswold Villages, Cadbury World, the Black Country Museum as well as many Shopping Centres. Within a 2 hour journey the beautiful South and West Wales coastlines are accessible together with the ancient castles of Gwent.

The DA's within the Region have arranged Temporary Holiday Sites throughout our Region and we also have a THS arranged about ¼ of a mile from the Three Counties Showground the week before NFOL and the week following.

Mountain Activity Section

We welcome all members who have an interest in walking, cycling and camping. We aim to organise walks and cycle rides in beautiful countryside suitable for a range of ages and abilities.

Further details may be found on our website,

www.mountainactivitysection.org.uk,

or contact Secretary Liz Prior on 07952401489

or the membership Sec. Barry Cowlard on 07770287434.

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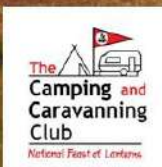
NFOL 2016



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Big Birthday Bash

Is it really ten years since MAS Northern had a truly mass gathering to celebrate the sixtieth birthdays of several of its members? It was a very well attended meet at Thorpe with a big barbecue in the evening. Members turned up at a pre-arranged location on site with their charcoal burners and a smattering of gas bbq's. A good time was enjoyed by all and copious volumes of our favourite beverages were sampled. Late at night, following imbibing of the aforementioned liquors and a deficiency of gas and charcoal, certain revellers resorted to burning unmentionable dried remains gathered from the field, although by this hour there was nothing left uneaten which could be barbequed.

2015 has seen these still active members reaching their biblical sell-by date, or more positively, within five years of a free television licence.

A couple of the ladies thought it would be nice for a celebratory get together at one of our scheduled meets and perhaps have another BBQ to mark the occasion. With advancing years comes the trait of caution, or in some cases, always looking for things going wrong. What if the weather is poor and we can't have a barbie? We had better choose a meet where there is a nearby hall in which we can hold a get together was the sensible suggestion and to this end the Dent meet was selected.

Having negotiated the road from Hell (Sedbergh to Dent) the lovely site of High Laning Farm was reached and proved to be very acceptable. The topic of escaping back along that road to Sedbergh was put to the back of our minds as we set about enjoying the first three days of very good and hot weather during which we embarked on a new walk every day and had crystal clear views of the beautiful Dentdale and the distant Howgill Fells. We were fortunate



in having the first two walks organised by our newly acquired members, Margaret & Tad. Cyclists tackled much greater distances and returned to camp full of praise for the excellence of the scenery.

By my reckoning there should have been eleven septuagenarians in attendance but unfortunately for reasons (not excuses) only a handful materialised.

The final day, Sunday, dawned all too soon and to our despair, the weather had changed from traditional Summer to humid/wet British. This did not deter several determined walkers and cyclists who set about exploring further aspects of this most beautiful section of the Northern Yorkshire Dales.

Sunday evening at 6.30 p.m. arrived and so did the majority of the remaining campers. An American supper had been suggested and as usual there was far too much food for those of us pretending to keep a careful eye on our figures.

“Honest Dave” of national AGM infamy at Pateley Bridge had morphed into Dicey Dave as we roared with laughter as we attempted to win the enormous jackpot of 2p pieces by tossing three carefully marked dice. Following a searching general knowledge quiz we set about the food, failing, as expected, to clear it all.

Honest/Dicey /Know-it-All Dave then super-morphed into the Dance Instructor and having declared that “I feel confident that I can teach you to dance” set about the most hilarious part of the evening as some of us seemed Hell-bent on shattering his confidence.

What a brilliant evening we spent, joking ,laughing, eating and dancing together.

I look forward with anticipation to the next batch of fifties, sixties and seventies coming of age.

John Doyle, Northern



CLIMBING SCAPELL PIKE

or

The day I took my grandma and grandad up Englands highest mountain. Scafell Pike

By Joseph Storey aged 4

Well I thought I had better get them up really early so as to get some energy down them for the long day ahead. We left the caravan at 07.45 and started walking at 08.30. From the car park the mountains were misted over, we put all our layers on and then started on the 4 hour trek to the summit. As the walk steepened we started to take off the layers as we soon warmed up. Stopping for a drink and an early sandwich to keep our energy levels up we then ascended into the deepening mist. Crossing the river I managed to slip and get my legs wet right up to my bottom but even this didn't put grandma and gramps off as we plodded on towards the top. I kept getting high fives from other walkers on their way up. Probably congratulating me for dragging grandma and gramps along. A few stops were enjoyed along the way for more of grandad's sandwiches and drinks. After 4 hours walking I eventually got them to the summit where we quickly took photos, then, scarpered off as quick as I could get them to go as the weather at that time was cold and windy. We eventually descended out of the mist with grand views over Wasdale Water and our car park. I think Grandma and Grandad did very well, don't you.



Joseph

P.S. Grandad says he runs up Scafell Pike but I don't know whether to believe him. What do you think?

"Take out a pen and paper." the teacher said.
"Imagine you are a millionaire and write an essay on how you're feeling about your good fortune."

All the children started writing their essay except for William.

"Why aren't you writing your essay, William?" asked the teacher.

"I'm just waiting for my secretary." he replied.



Brassknocker THS Site Limpey Stoke

I have just spent a week helping to steward at Somerset's THS at Limpey Stoke and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Although you are stuck on site the time quickly passes seeing new people in, recording their fees etc on the site list, pitching the units in the appropriate location and generally providing them with the necessary information on site and then the attractions close to the site, bus time tables etc. The day passes very quickly and the most rewarding aspect to me was the interesting conversations and gleaning valuable information on sites in their areas.

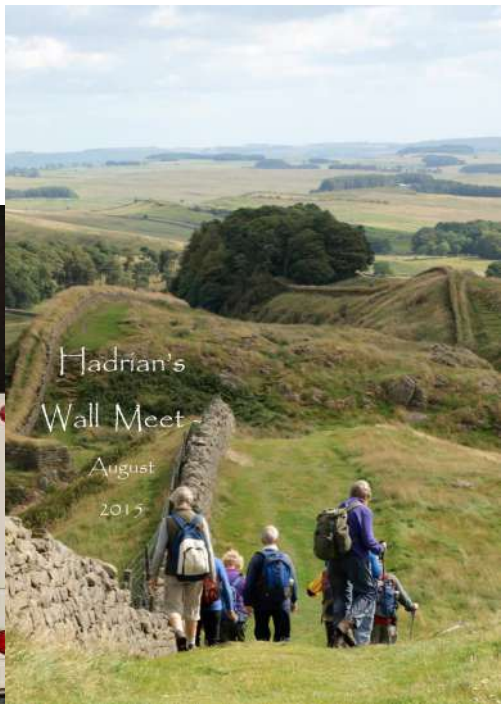
I managed to distribute the information cards that John has produced, and amazingly not one recipient knew there was a dedicated walking and cycling section within the CCC, as the word Mountain gives the totally wrong impression to people. The site attracted many walkers and cyclists and hopefully the MAS should gain a few new members just by taking time explaining about our group. I now need to restock with more cards to hand out to prospective new members - really there's no better way than talking to people to pass on your knowledge to them and likewise gaining much valuable knowledge from them. A most rewarding week spent at Brassknocker and I will certainly volunteer again to steward a THS.

PALLONE



.... from the Hadrian's Wall joint meet, Greencarts Farm, near Hexam, August Bank Holiday Weekend. An opportunity to walk in the footsteps of the Romans. To misquote one of Hadrian's predecessors, "We came, we saw, and we even passed a couple of trig points along the way."

Gordon & Mickey P.



SOFTY SOUTHERNER ENJOYS LOVELY YORKSHIRE

The two back to back five night Meets enticed me to make the long journey up to Yorkshire from the far corner of Essex. Of course, it is necessary to remember an extra sweater and water-proof when leaving the dry South East. It does rain here sometimes and the grass is bright green once again.

The first meet was at Hinderwell which is in a superb position on the cliff tops north of Whitby. A gate at the bottom of the field gave direct access on to the cliff path which is part of the Cleveland Way and hence a very well marked path. The first day over twenty MAS members took this path southwards. Some took the option of a bus ride back from Sands End but others, as the tide was low, were able to continue along the beach all the way into Whitby and catch the bus back from there. Walking in either direction along the coast is equally lovely and include quite a few ups and downs. Staithes to the north is a particularly attractive old fishing port. Inland footpaths were not always well maintained and one proved impassable. However our intrepid leader soon found an alternative route and we had a good circular walk even if not the one originally planned. There was an influx of very quiet visitors to the village the week we were there. They were great characters, some historical some depicting nursery rhymes and even the 'Great British Bake-Off Tent'. It was scarecrow week!



The second Meet was at Hutton le Hole, a delightful village on the southern edge of the Moors. It is a particular favourite of mine so I was very surprised to find that unlike Hinderwell, where there were nearly 30 units, we were down to only eight or nine. It is a glorious walking area and with the heather just coming into bloom was particularly lovely. The village is very pretty with a little stream running through it and paths go up onto the moors only a stones throw away.

It was great to revisit such picturesque places and to meet up again with old friends. Well worth the journey but even that was not too bad (unlike going west the notorious M25 can be avoided) and the A1 is now a very good road.

Hope to see you all again before too long meanwhile happy camping and walking. *Jenny Williams*



The pot of gold has just missed Hinderwell !



After forty years, Nigel Beaton has retired from the task of sending "Winter Walks" from members to be inserted in the CCC Activity Section. These walks of about seven miles were first started before the Activity Section was published and have been appreciated by so many members. All of us who took part in these walks send our thanks to Nigel for the enjoyment we had from them.

This is to say a huge **Thank you** for all the support I have had for two years when I attempted the Race for Life. I achieved 10k in just over one and half hours "walking of course" and raised £500 in the two years, much of which came from my MAS friends.

Thanking you all, *Frances Delaine*



This is a **Thank you** for all the support I had in raising money for the Countryfile Amble in support of Children in Need. Some of the money came from neighbours and family, but a lot came from my MAS friends on the weekend when we did the walk together – after all, they had to check that I actually did it! I raised a total of £220 for a good cause. Thank you all, *Annette Reynaud*

A cobweb seen at Graffham, early in a walk.





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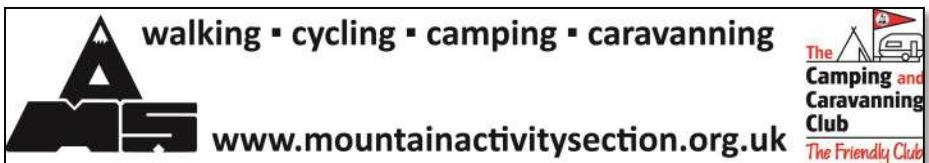
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The Website and Free Stickers

The first point of contact for many potential new members is our website. As many of you will be aware, the site has been redesigned to give a fresh new look. There are also a number of major changes behind the scenes so that Areas can now keep their list of events up to date, add news items and collections of photos to the gallery. If you don't know who in your area can do this, or if you would like to be the one who has this facility, contact your Area Secretary and the Webmaster to gain access

The car stickers are of the static cling type so they can easily be placed on and removed from windows. The business cards have the same information so that when you tell others about the Mountain Activity Section you can give a card to encourage them to visit our website and find out more. The stickers and cards have been given to Areas to distribute to - contact your area secretary to get a supply.

John Gerner



For the latest MAS news and information on
meets visit our website

www.mountainactivitysection.org.uk



Peakland Area Mountain Activity Section 2016 Meets List

Date	Venue, Map Ref	Stewards
March 24-29 5	Cotton Arms, Wrenbury, nr Nantwich 117/592479	Les/Jean 01298 213430/07967900225
April 8-10 2	Alstonefield, (Peakland AGM) 119/129555	
April 28-May 3 5	Church Farm, Sixpenny Handley, Section AGM (WESSEX) 184/996174	Wessex
May 3-8 5	Church Farm, Mildenhall, Marlborough 174/212695	Wessex
May 12-14 3	NCR AGM at Ukranian Centre, Weston-on- Trent 128/400288	Region
May 26-31 5	Woodford Halse, Northants, (Invite from Wessex) 152/557517	Wessex
June 10-13 3	Carlecotes, Holmfirth 110/177033	-
June 24-26 2	Wallbrook House, Brund, Longnor 119/097609	
July 14-18 4	Whitegates, Caerwys 116/126727	
July 26-31 5	South View Farm, Gt Busby, (Invite to Northern) 093/519057	
Aug 11-16 5	Gibraltar Farm, Arnside, (Invite from Northern) 097/462742	Northern
Aug 25-30 5	Eastnor Castle, (Invite to Northern and Wessex) 149/733369	
Sept 16-18 2	Sunnyside, Tansley 119/331604	
Sept 29-Oct 3 4	Lyndon Top, Rutland 141/897053	
Oct 14-16 4	Stanley Villa, Biggin 119/152595	
Oct 28-30 4	Ashover, (End of Season) 119/351632	

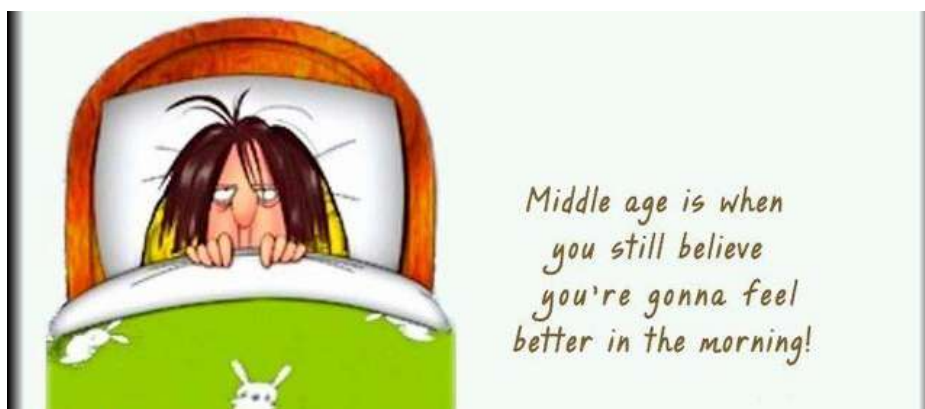


MAS WESSEX 2016 Meets List

N.B. We may have to change these sites. Please check in current month's Out and About or MAS Website: www.mountainactivitysection.org.uk or by contacting site officers or stewards 2 days before travelling

Booked days	Location BSB and map refs	Stewards
March 10 th - 15 th (Booked meet)	Hill Farm Caravan Park, Sherfield English, Hants SO51 6FH 185/300234	Julia & Len Framp- ton 02086 577 659 07772 617 739
March 24 th - 29 th (Easter B/H)	Butcherland Farm, Pipers Lane Ebernoe, Petworth, Sussex GU28 9JX 197/984272	Jon & Anne Hart 07961 198 814
April 7 th - 12 th Wes- sex AGM	Moreton in Marsh Cricket Club, Batsford Road, Moreton in Marsh, Gloucs, GL56 9QE 151/203328	Deb & Trev Masters 02392381220 07765040211
April 28 th - May 3 rd (May B/H) Nat AGM/FOWAC	Church Farm Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury Wilts SP5 5ND BSB 184/120 184/996174	Committee Trev 02392381220
May 3 rd - 7 th AGM follow on	Church Farm Mildenhall Marlborough, SN8 2LU BSB 174/047 174/212695	Tricia Anderson 020 8325 8445 07753 613 180
May 26 th - 31 st (Spring B/H) Invite to Peakland	Cherry Tree Farm, Woodford Halse, D aventry, NN11 3SB BSB 152/120 152/557517	Rae Williams 01295 267 463 07773 953 434
June 9 th - 14th	Highbench, Oakford Fitzpaine, Blandford, DT11 ORR BSB 194/126 194/801109	Ray & Hazel Miles 01425 627 159 07785 794 212
June 23 rd - 28th	Little Brangwells, Redmarley D'Abitot Gloucs GL19 3JQ BSB 150/115 150/764300	TBC
July 7 th - 12th	Wookey Farm, Wookey Somerset BA5 1DT [use BA5 1LL for older satnavs] BSB 182/363 182/507458	Sandra Ryan

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July 21 st - 26 th	Ashwell Farm, Little Kingshill, Bucks HP16 0DZ 165/895989	Pat Fowler 01494 482 339 07808 265 369
August 4 th - 9 th	Pit Hill Farm, Kidmore Lane, Den- mead, Hants PO7 6IY BSB 196/048 196/656135	Annette & Toni Busuttill-Reynaud 07762 326 340
August 25 th - 30 th (Summer B/H) Invite from Peakland	Eastnor Castle, Ledbury, HR8 1RL 150/742377	Peakland will Steward
September 8 th - 13 th	The Trooper Inn Stourton Caundle Dorset DT10 2JW BSB 183/097 183/715150	Frances & Edward Delaine 01425 617 893 07547 275 261
September 22 nd - 27 th	Besselsway, Blewbury, Didcot, Blew- bury Oxon OX11 9NH BSB 174/020 174/536865	Maurice & Deidre Spratt 01432 860 572
October 6 th - 11 th Booked meet	Charmouth Club Site, Dorset DT6 6DB 193/329965	Peter & Sue Short



MAS Northern Area 2016 Meets List

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STEWARD A MEET PLEASE ADD YOUR DETAILS BELOW

If you haven't stewarded a meet before and would like to know more,
please contact Alastair on 01274 566412 or Dave (01706 841995)

Dates, Event/ info, Nights	Venue, Address, Map ref	Stewards
3 - 6 March MAS - N (AGM 5th) 3	Auction Mart Skipton BD23 1UD 103/973518 M732/2016	Kathryn and John Cowlishaw 01943 462921 07931939376
24 -29 March 5	Silloth House Austwick LA2 8DH 98/778692 M935/2016	Dave and Viv Lewis 01132 860413 07949649232
8 – 11 April 3	Showground Malham BD23 4DB 98/898623 M738/2016	Chris and Colin 01274 423808 07968 226598
15-18 April 3	East End Farm YO25 3ET Garton on the Wold, Driffield 106/986593 M2778/2016	Steve and Lesley
28 April – 3 rd May AGM Sec- tion 5	Church Farm Six Penny Handley Dorset	Wessex Wessex
12-17 May 5	Cinder Hill Farm Cawthorne S75 4JA 110/287087 M1132/2016	Tad and Margaret 01274 547502
26 May – 5 June THS 10	Kemplerigg Gosforth CA20 1JD 89/088023 HS490/2016	John and Frances 01274 573946 07591 161875
10 – 15 June6 x EHU £3 per day 5	Bank Top Farm Cropton YO18 8HH 100/753890 M743/2016	Janice and Ian 01642 497414 07964622779
23- 28 June 5	Upper Eden RUFC Kirkby Stephen CA17/4TF 91/771084 M1011/2016	Ian and Christine 01535 270527 0745 4652002
8-11 July 3	Thornton Hall Farm Thornton-in-C BD23 3TJ 103/904482 M748/2016	Margaret and John 01254 879812
21 – 26 July 5	Stoneyhurst College Events Dept Clitheroe BB7 9PZ 103/690385 M1138/2016	Christine and Peter 01200 427289 07895074173
26-31 July Invite from P'land 5	South View Farm Great Busby Stokesley TS9 7AX 93/519057	Peakland Huddersfield DA

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5 - 10 Aug Invite from HDA THS 5 – 25 Aug 5+	Low Hall Farm Kettlewell BD23 5RB 98/969722	Peakland Huddersfield DA
11-16 Aug Invite to Peak- land 5	Gibraltar Farm Silverdale LA5 0OU 97/461757 M754/2016	Dave and Gill or friends
25-30 Aug 5	The Coates Farm Rushbury Church Stretton SY6 7DZ 137/525926 M3794/2016	Geoff and Carole 01484 684739 07788197649
4-12 Sept Invite from Lake- land DA 8	Spital Farm Kendal LA9 6PJ 97/524939	Lakeland DA
16- 19 Sept 3	Park House Jervaulx, Ripon HG4 4PH 99/168857 M761/2016	John and Jane
23-28 Sept 5	Bridge End Mill Baynes Field Wooley Burn Foot Allendale NE479NE 87/833558 M766/2016	
7-10 Oct Steward free if 10+ £3.50 ehu 3	River Laver Holiday Park Studley Road Ripon HG4 2QR 99/298709 M1016/2016	Ian and Diane 07761661039
14-17 Oct Invite to Nelda 3	Auction Mart Hawes DL8 3NP 98/876897 M771/2016	Sylvia and Mike 01254 667474
27 – 30 Oct 3	Newsholme Manor Oakworth Keigh- ley BD22 0RQ 104/029395 M1117/2016	Mike and Sue 07929717333

~ A man asked a fairy
to make him desirable
& irresistible to all
women. She turned him
into a credit card.

The Wainwright Fells

Back in October 2010 we decided it would be nice to revisit the Lakes; we hadn't been back there since our student days in Manchester and that was quite some time ago! So looking forward to seeing the autumn colours we booked a week at a dog friendly B&B near Keswick where the owner had left some route maps of local fell walks for us to use. We had a wonderful week reminding ourselves of what a beautiful place it was to walk in. The next year we returned and realized that we had actually climbed about 15 of Alfred Wainwright's 214 fells, more or less by accident. Then my son gave me a set of logbooks with all of Wainwright Fells listed page by page and this gave us the urge to climb some more of them.

Since then we have been returning every year. Sometimes we would take our motorhome and stay at the excellent CCC site in Keswick which is a really good location, not only being close to nearby pubs and shops but with a bus station only 5 minutes walk away. Taking a large motorhome along the narrow roads or parking it is just not practical so using the bus allowed us to start at one end of chain of fells and return from the other with no parking worries. Due to the remoteness of some of the fells we used our tent or stayed in cottages and then used the car to reach them. Many of these fells are very memorable because they are tucked away from the popular tourist areas and so rarely visited.

We soon became hooked on trying to walk all 214 fells and armed ourselves with all seven of AWs superb Pictorial Guides to the Lakeland Fells. We also used the OS GetaMap route planning software to plot our routes and load them onto my trusty Garmin GPS. This took a lot of time at home planning routes, where to stay and even where to park. But this paid off as we only rarely lost our way even in thick mist. Although AW describes in great detail every conceivable route up all his fells, we tried to link them by using the ridges to visit as many summits at the same time. Not all of them are huge mountains and some of the smaller ones like Castle Crag in Borrowdale are equally interesting. There is enormous satisfaction in reaching a summit and taking in the stunning views sometimes as far as Scotland or the Isle of Man. As we progressed it was really satisfying to look from one summit and be able to recognise those peaks around us that we'd previously visited.

Of course the weather isn't always perfect up there but I guess there'd be no lakes and tarns without the rain. Living in Southampton we don't have the luxury of being able to spot a good weekend and just set off so we had to make the most of our time there and unless it was pouring down we always set off on our walks. It's well known that the weather is unpredictable in the Lakes and many times we ended up in thick mist, strong winds, hail or driving rain. You do have to be ready for anything and we soon found out that our waterproof gear was not the same thing as Lakeland waterproof!!

On several of the years we arrived in the middle of a heat wave and on occasions delayed our start until the late afternoon because it was just too hot to start climbing. We had some really wonderful evenings with the sun going down, bathing

the scene in golden light and even spotting red deer on our way back.

There were lots of highlights too many to describe here but we do remember staying on a campsite near Coniston and on a beautiful spring day, setting off on the early bus to climb Wetherlam, Swirl How, Great Carrs (with the wreckage of a WW2 bomber on top), Grey Friar, returning via Dow Crag and arriving back in the early evening – missing Libby's afternoon tea by several hours.

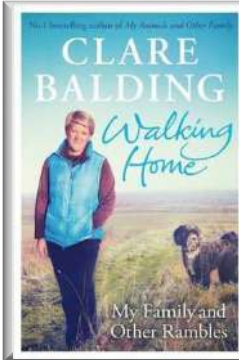
On another day we set out in sunny weather to climb a group of fells near Loweswater ending with Mellbreak . We were enjoying the breathtaking views over Crummock water when the sky began to darken around us and within a quarter of an hour we found ourselves having to scramble down a steep gully in torrential rain and thunder and lightning. Not the best end to a great day.



We completed our final fell Crinkle Crag in August this year. This very memorable occasion was made even better by having our son Nik, Emma and 3 of our grandchildren Ben, Joey and Katie with us! Nik unbeknown to us had carried a bottle of champagne up with him to mark the day in style!

Strangely, a few days later we felt empty having achieved our goal and wondered what next. The answer was obviousthe Coast to Coast walk, but that's another story.

Jon Hart



Reader's corner

A friend recently lent me a book which I thoroughly enjoyed. I am sure it would appeal to MAS members. It is 'Walking Home' by Clare Balding, published by Penguin Viking. A very pleasant and interesting light read based on a number of walks that Clare has done either for her Radio 4 programme 'Ramblings' or just for pleasure.

Jenny Williams

Editor's bit

Hello All,

My thanks to all those who sent in items for this edition—there's plenty of it. Please keep it coming

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