

TRICOUNI NEWS AUTUMN 2018

RELATING TO THE SPRING MEET OF 2018



Those attending were :- Peter Leigh, David and Joyce Clode, Richard and Katie Stockwell, Dave and Phoebe Prisk and Gwen the dog, John Caldwell and Karen Clode, Stuart, Kristina, Raya and Iris Clode and Dave the dog , Richard, Steph, Gwen and Angus Oaten, Andy Kingston, Lynn Leigh and Charlie Harrison.

FRIDAY MARCH 30TH 2018

The forecast was for cold weather but maybe with some sun. An easterly wind of 20mph increasing to 35mph by evening with a few snow showers and some clouds. Only -1c at 750m but feeling like -15c where exposed to the wind. It was going to be a cold weekend!

Nearly everybody who was meeting up this weekend met to walk up to Red Tarn, just below Striding Edge on Helvellyn – 18 of us in all, as follows :- Peter, David and Joyce, Richard and Katie, David and Phoebe, John and Karen, Stuart, Kristina, Raya and Iris, Andy and Steph, Richard, Gwen and Angus. We all met and parked in Glenridding and followed the path up via Miresbeck to the Hole in the Wall and onto Red Tarn.



Conditions got snowier as we ascended and by the time we approached Red Tarn it was indeed snowing. We had a snowy lunch near Red Tarn. There was some thought to go onto Striding Edge but no one in the group had crampons or ice axes and conditions looked quite hairy. There were some reports from other descending walkers that conditions were quite bad with sheets of ice and very slippery rocks. Some of the group went to have a look at Swirral Edge and we all returned via Red Tarn Beck and Greenside Road but not all at the same time!



Joyce, David and Iris turned back at Miresbeck and followed the path towards Lanty's Tarn continuing on towards Grisedale, but thought better of it and retraced their steps to the main track and car park.

Lynn and Charlie did a walk from Pooley Bridge which we had all looked at doing on a previous Easter meet. They walked along the east side of Ullswater and then up towards Heughscar Hill and Winder Hill Farm and circled back to Pooley Bridge.



Dinner:-Carrot and Coriander Soup. Salmon on Wilted Spinach with a Dill and White Wine sauce with Charlotte Potato Wedges, Blanched Broccoli and Buttered Sweet corn, Warm Chocolate Torte with Black Cherries and Cream.

SATURDAY MARCH 31ST 2018

A little worse than yesterday with strong northerly winds thrown in for good measure approaching near gale force on the peaks. Significant wind chill. Supposedly there was to be little precipitation but that was not the case for any of the walkers out today. -2c at 750m but will feel as cold as -16c in the wind ☹️ This forecast was the least accurate of the three ☹️

Joyce, David, Richard and Katie parked at Spooney Lane and walked up towards Latrigg zigzagging over the top. This is when the weather took a turn for the worse; this is the second time we have done this walk, last time in torrential rain. Maybe a third time we may get some decent conditions! This time we had wind and horizontal sleet blowing us inside out and freezing us 'to death'. It was better as we headed down into the woods at Brundholme where we diverted through the 'World War One trenches' as sections of the top railway road were still closed from the 2015 floods. It was extremely muddy as it was being used as a forestry road and we wished we had used the railway road instead. The weather improved slightly to just drizzle. At the car we decided a beer was in order to celebrate Richard's 75th birthday but some of the party preferred Hot Chocolate☺️ We went to the Mary Mount hotel, a place none of us had visited in all the years of coming to the Lake District. Highly recommended ☺️

Kristina, Stuart, Raya and Iris and Gwen with Dave the Dog parked at Seathwaite and walked straight up the valley to the tarn, got frozen to death in a blizzard and high winds, so made a hasty retreat to the warmth of Seatoller House.

Peter, Steph, Richard and Angus went up the Styhead and onto Allan Craggs with the intention of going further but there was a lot of low cloud and then a whiteout so decided to retreat and came back via Grains Gill.

Andy had a cultural day perhaps the best choice under the circumstances. He caught lots of buses and made it to Lake Coniston to visit Brantwood Ruskin's House; He had a very good day out.



Karen, John, Dave and Phoebe with Gwen the dog parked at the Latrigg car park and made their way along Millbeck road and up onto Skiddaw via White Stones and Carlside returning via Little Man. Conditions were horrendous with constant snow and ice and it was very windy; so much so that Gwen's fur froze! I am not sure if they had a good day out!



Lynn and Charlie went up Rannerdale Knotts and around Crummock Water.

Dinner:-Grilled Brie with Tomato and Garlic Relish. Chicken with wild mushroom and Cumberland mustard cream sauce with diced herby potatoes, honey carrots and sautéed green beans. Sticky toffee pudding with sticky toffee sauce and cream.

SUNDAY APRIL 1ST 2018

The best day of the weekend with sun ☺ Light winds, clear air and sunshine, a good day with a moderate east wind, possibly a little snow or hail, no cloud and excellent visibility. Still cold -3c at 750m but quite tropical lower down by the lake at Windermere.

Despite the icy conditions some of the group decided to go up Blencathra. Peter, Stuart, Kristina and Raya, Andy, Steph, Richard, Angus and Gwen all set off from Scales and headed up Halls Farm Ridge (Narrow Edge). There was a lot of snow underfoot with good views in perfect visibility; some of the group did not like the icy conditions and the drop offs on either side but others loved it. Luckily there were no casualties and everyone returned safe and sound down the grassy zig zag tourist route.



Karen and John, Dave and Phoebe with Gwen the dog, Joyce and David and Iris went to Grasmere parking in the centre and heading off to the East side of the lake visiting Rydal caves and then onto Loughrigg Fell. Iris was the first one to the top and the 360 views were amazing. They came back via the east side of the lake and wood to the Faeryland cafe where there were lots of ducks, geese and swans.



Lynn and Charlie walked to Grange where they had an ice-cream and then around to Derwent water where they caught the ferry to the Mary Mount hotel and the bus back.

Richard and Katie drove down towards Windermere where they did a walk to Wray Castle and Blelham Tarn starting at High Wray. It was a lovely walk with varied scenery on a beautiful sunny day which made the 2 previous cold days blur to a distant memory (well just about!) There was a bonus of visiting the National Trust property at Wray Castle where Beatrix Potter stayed as a child which was quite fascinating with lots of towers and turrets and hidden rooms upstairs.



Dinner :-Leek and Potato Soup, Roast Pork with a Cumberland Sausage stuffing and Roast Potatoes, Homey Roast Parsnips and Red Cabbage. Hot Cross Bun pudding.

MONDAY APRIL 2ND 2018

Winter was back with vengeance today. Heavy snow showers all day and a very strong east wind with whiteout conditions. Nil chance of cloud free summits with no sunshine and quoting the MWIS “appalling visibility”! Generally a bad day with no thoughts on walking. -3c at 750m but getting much warmer into the evening.

So not much activity to report!

Extra news

Lynn Leigh and Charlie Harrison are pleased to announce they got engaged just a few weeks ago. They will be getting married in Australia in April 2019. Congratulations to them both.

Holly Isabell arrived on May 23rd weighing 7lb, a daughter for Nigel and Kelly Leigh and a sister for Scarlett. Congratulations to them.

Fraser Baggaley has been doing very well in the skiing world. He recently won the British Indoor Championships Slalom U14 boys ski race in Manchester. Well done to him.

Absent Friends

Seren Wyatt dropped just 4 marks in her AS levels (amazing) so is hoping to apply to University to train to be a vet. Her brother Sam is going to Cambridge this autumn to do an MPhil in International Relations and Politics. Chris is still working on his software project and Jenny is still teaching Welsh and getting beginners thru their exams.

Katie and Richard Stockwell went to visit Sean and Jo Hopson in April whilst they were in the Wye Valley. It was lovely to see them again and hope they will come back to Seatoller soon time soon.



It was very muddy on one of our walks. UGH UGH UGH!



Not much chance of breaking through this gate!

We have had a very tiring weekend but shame there is no fire for us!



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