

TRICOUNI NEWS AUTUMN 2019

RELATING TO THE SPRING MEET OF 2019



Those attending were :- Joyce and David Clode, Peter Leigh, Helen and Roy Cross, Katie and Richard Stockwell, Richard, Steph, Gwen and Angus Oaten, Kristina, Stuart, Raya and Iris Clode, Andy Kingston, Julian , Laura , Tom and Sophia Leigh and Vicky, Chris, Milo and Scarlett Lincoln.

FRIDAY APRIL 19TH 2019

High pressure dominated the Tricouni meet so we had the best weather ever. It was hot and sunny! Friday was slightly more windy than the other days but still mostly sunny. Wind was easterly up to 25mph at times. No rain, so fab views all around.

Joyce and David drove down from Scotland.

Stuart, Kristina, Raya and Iris and Dave (the Dog!), Steph, Richard, Gwen and Angus, Andy, Richard and Katie and Stuart's friends Natasha, Dave, Max and Eva Vallance who had been staying at Seatoller that week all met at the roadside near the High Side House turn. There were lots of cars so the parking was a bit interesting but no one's car overturned! They walked up to Ullock Pike where they had an early lunch after an early start for some of the group then along Longside edge to Carlside where the group split in two. Stuart, Raya, Iris and Gwen descended via Dodd Wood by luck to the Old Sawmill Tearooms and found some much deserved ice-cream. The rest of the group continued up to Skiddaw; the shaley path had deteriorated somewhat since I had last been there so was even more slippery than previously remembered. I don't think I will forget this time though! They all arrived safely on the top and made their way in a northerly direction to Bakestall and down Birkett Edge which was very steep and boggy at the bottom.



They joined the Cumbria Way at Black Nettle Hause and made their way towards Barkbeth where they had an altercation with a farmer who didn't want them on his land! After a diversion around the farm the path was regained and they were so glad to see the cars again after walking for 5½ hours - 9 miles in distance.

Vicky, Chris, Milo and Scarlett started near the Ravenstone Hotel and followed the Allerdale Ramble route up onto Ullock Pike where they also had lunch but not at the same time as the other group(!) and then went up and over Carlside and back through Dodd Wood collecting a flagpole on the way to be used as a broomstick!



Helen and Roy, Peter, Julian, Laura, Tom and Sophia did the Mardale Round up the Riggindale Ridge taking in High Street, Mardale III Bell and Harter Fell and back to the car. They had a good day out but it took longer- *much longer* -coming down than they thought so were all rather tired coming down from Harter Fell. Thomas twisted his ankle on the way down so was in some pain. Julian lost the sole of his boot on Harter Fell but managed to tie it up with some string but it still flopped about. They saw some mountain bikers coming down Harter Fell but sadly no one would give Peter a lift on the back.



Dinner: - Tomato and pesto soup. Supreme of chicken with wild mushroom sauce with roast charlotte potatoes, sweet corn, courgettes and sugar snap peas. Strawberry and raspberry white chocolate cheesecake.

SATURDAY APRIL 20TH 2019

More sun today and blue sky – 2 days running; unheard of for an Easter meet! Hardly any wind which made it very hot for walking even on the fells.

Roy and Peter parked at Gatesgarth and headed up Scarth Gap and down the other side. Somehow they missed the short cut and ended up about a mile from the Memorial Bridge. Then going straight up a footpath from the bridge they seemed to end in 'nowhere land' and traversed across, climbed a waterfall and through the forest before Roy headed on to find Pillar rock. It was getting quite late by now so he didn't make it to the summit. Peter took a diagonal path through the trees to a supposed bridge but no bridge (!) then finding the Memorial Bridge again and the right path they hadn't found earlier - all too late now. They managed a rendez-vous at Scarth Gap and headed back to Gatesgarth for well deserved ice-cream.



Kristina, Raya, Iris, David and Joyce, Richard and Katie and Helen parked at the Honister Hause and climbed up onto Dalehead by Yew Crag Quarries and along Hindscarth Edge and Littledale Edge to Robinson, where they had lunch, then across Buttermere Moss to High Snockrigg and down to Buttermere. The group met lots of runners en route taking part in two different fell races and felt for them, considering how hot and windless it was. There was a race on their part at the end to catch the bus in time and just enough time to buy an ice-cream, but the bus was delayed by 25 minutes; it then took 45 minutes to reach the car at Honister as the cars along the roadside were parked very badly and there was only room for one vehicle to move at a time so lots of backing up and even boulders on the side of the road were moved. It was a very busy Easter Sunday in Buttermere.



Stuart, Andy, Steph, Richard, Gwen and Angus went up the Honister Pass and onto Grey Knotts, Brandreth and Green Gable and up the Corridor Route to Scafell Pike coming back over Great End, Broad Crag to Esk Hause and down Grains Gill. En route the sole of Andy's boot came off (seemed to be a trend for the Easter meet – who next?) Luckily for him Gwen and Angus had been on an Outward Bound course and came to the rescue with sticky tape and safety pins. It seemed this kit was still in the rucksack from previously breaking a finger two weeks earlier! Unfortunately, higher up Angus had slid down a snow bank hitting the grass and banging his head on a rock but luckily he seemed to be ok and didn't need any first aid himself. It was a very long day out for all of the group by the time they arrived at Seathwaite ☺



Vicky, Chris, Milo and Scarlett did the same route but slightly ahead so we never met up until at the bus stop.

Julian, Laura, Thomas and Sophia decided to have an easier day so walked from Rosthwaite to Watendlath and back coming back by a different route, led by Thomas. They were a little worried about his ankle but it seemed ok.

Karen and John climbed Mount Feathertop near Melbourne and had their own Tricouni meet.



Dinner: - Ham hock and apricot terrine with piccalilli. Slow cooked feather blade of Lakeland beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, honey roast parsnips and braised cabbage. Sticky toffee pudding with sticky toffee sauce.

SUNDAY APRIL 21ST 2019

The forecast said for strong sunshine and strengthening wind later with no rain. It was another perfect day for walking and climbing, although most people were tired from the day before.

Roy with lots of energy decided to relive his day before but try and make it to Pillar Rock this time. He started at Gatesgarth again and up Scarth Gap and down to the end of the Memorial Bridge into the Ennerdale Forest where he found the track up to Steeple and then onto Pillar returning via the Black Sail Pass onto to Kirkfell across to Windy Gap to Green Gable and Brandreth skirting the edge of Grey Knotts then down Warnscale Bottom to collect the car arriving back at Seatoller with 8 minutes for a shower!!!

Richard and Katie and Peter decided to try a bit of scrambling on the Intake Ridge which they had been looking to do for some years since Katie had climbed Cam Crag but the Easter weather had either been too wet, snowy, windy or just not suitable –no excuses this year! They started at Seatoller and made their way to the bottom of the ridge although with some discussion of where this actually was as the description in the guide book was suitably vague. There were a number of scrambles which were fun and then a more difficult climb which Katie avoided by going over the grass to the top. There was a group of climbers on the top who looked with amazement when Richard appeared up the rock face with just a rope, a smile and his bendy walking boots. They were quite snobby about them turning up on their rock on a wing and a prayer! After Peter had made his way up they walked steeply up towards Bessyboot along to Tarn at Leaves where they had lunch and back into Combe Gill to Seatoller. The intake ridge was fun and they might give it another go - another year ☺



Chris and Milo went searching for Gruffalos on the Zog Trail in the Whinlatter Forest skimmed a few stones in the lake and came back.

Steph and Helen spent the day painting by the river near Seatoller.

Julian, Laura, Thomas and Sophia, Vicky and Scarlett, Richard, Gwen and Angus, Kris, Raya and Iris and Andy walked along towards Rosthwaite where Andy went swimming in the pools and some of the others paddled. It was very hot the cool water was just what was needed. They had lunch and made their way to Seathwaite Slabs where some of the group were having climbing lessons; those who were not climbing took photos and gave encouragement!



David and Joyce walked to Grange by the high route and caught the bus back having lunch at Seatoller House before going down to Seathwaite to watch the climbing.



Dinner: - Curried parsnip and cauliflower Soup. Slow cooked pork belly and Cumberland mustard gravy with rosemary and garlic Potatoes, crushed swede and garden peas. Lemon posset and vanilla shortbread.

MONDAY APRIL 22ND 2019

A bit windier than the last couple of days but still perfect blue sky weather with no rain or clouds. This has been the best Easter for many years weather-wise ☺

Katie and Richard, David and Joyce and Helen and Roy walked to Stonethwaite and along to Rosthwaite stopping for tea and cakes in Rosthwaite sitting in the sun. David and Joyce and Katie and Richard returned to Seatoller whilst Helen and Roy continued into the Jaws of Borrowdale for painting, bird watching and generally relaxing by the river.



Julian, Laura, Thomas and Sophia, Peter, Kristina, Stuart, Raya and Iris, Steph, Richard, Angus and Gwen climbed Latrigg. There was a chance to see the wonderful views from the top across Derwentwater and Keswick before heading home. The party ascended from Keswick and as they got through the tree line, the children all decided to take a vertical ascent straight up the mountain, while the older generation took the more sedate circular path route. Upon eventual arrival at the top, Peter proclaimed that they had all been sitting and waiting in the wrong place, as his GPS was showing the next summit as being 4 foot higher. So after finishing their snacks and drinks they all strolled the 50 yards to the other summit for good measure, before descending back to the cars and their long journeys home.



Andy Kingston made his way home on the trains. As did Vicky, Chris, Scarlett and Milo but by car.

CLIMBERS OLD AND NEW

Peter Leigh on the Intake ridge



Sophia Leigh on Seathwaite Slabs



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