

TRICOUNI NEWSLETTER SPRING 2017

RELATING TO THE AUTUMN MEET OF 2016



Those present were: Katie and Richard Stockwell, Jenny Wyatt, Lynn Leigh, Peter Leigh, Joyce and David Clode, David and Susie Baggaley, Jackie and Dominic Lodola, Vicki Lincoln and Benjy, Jason Baggaley and Tony and Eve Reynolds.

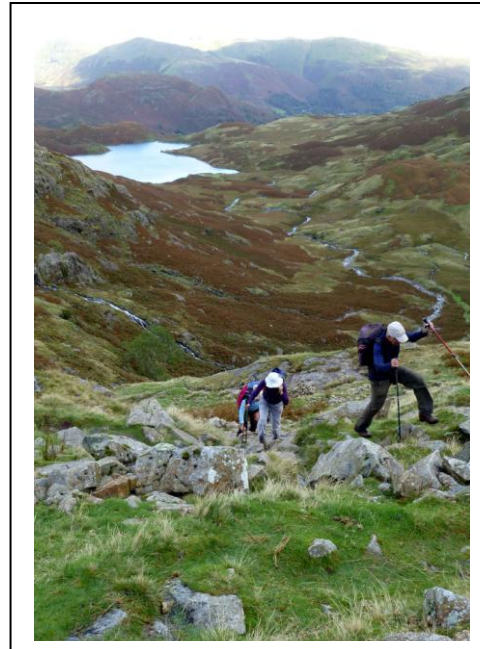
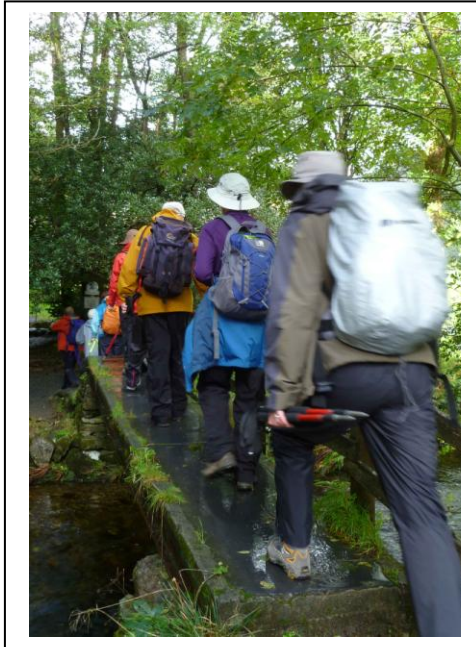
The forecast for the weekend was not very good but it turned out to be very good with little rain and not much wind.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH 2016

It was meant to be quite windy - wind up to 25mph W/SW on the tops but we felt little of this. Cloud base also quite low with some showers more in the morning.

Jenny, Peter, Lynn, David and Joyce, Katie and Richard, Susie and David, Jackie and Dominic and Vicki and Benjy decided to do a circuit of Easedale Tarn as the forecast wasn't looking too good initially.

They all started with waterproofs - trousers included as there was a hail storm as they set off from the car park at Grasmere but very quickly into the walk everyone was shedding clothes as the sun came out and it was quite warm and very pleasant on the lower part of the walk. A bit colder and windy higher up at lunchtime but nowhere near as bad as the forecast suggested.



The group started off together but split later. The path headed up alongside Sourmilk Gill and cut around the left hand shore of the tarn. There were a few scrambly sections further up and the path then headed off around the back of Belles Knott.



This is where the party split with Peter, Lynn, Vicky and Benjy and Jenny heading off towards High Raise. They took in Sergeant Crag instead and headed towards High Raise but followed some fence posts to head down to Easedale Tarn. The planned mile excursion turned out to be about 5 miles more.



The rest of the group had lunch at the top before heading up onto Tarn Crag. They found a route down but it wasn't quite as instructed on the walk sheet Katie had!!!! They managed to join the main path further down so all was well although there was much wading through the bracken! The walk was timed as 2 hours and 6 minutes but I think you would have had to run around to do it in this time.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1st 2016

Perfect weather forecast although there was not too much sun. Hardly any wind and good visibility but some cloud. It seemed to vary from area to area!

Jason Baggaley did the Buttermere horseshoe in 6 hours completing a circuit of 37km! There were a few showers en route and some rain at the Honister mine for about 5 minutes. He took in Dalehead, Robinson, Hindscarth, High Nook, Buttermere, Red Pike, High Stile, High Crag, Seat, Haystack, Honister mine and Seatoller.

Tony and Eve went from Seatoller to High Doat and onto Castle Crag and back via Grange and the road to Seatoller.

Jenny, Peter, Lynn, David and Joyce and Vicki and Benjy went up to Dalehead and onto to Robinson. Vicki and Benjy took in Hindscarth as well and then disappeared! The others had a leisurely sunny lunch over Buttermere and then made their way down to the Bridge Inn to sample the beers and caught the bus back to Seatoller, or to the car in the case of Joyce and David.



Vicki and Benjy had some refreshments at the cafe at Buttermere and took a look at Red Pike but decided against it and went up Scarth Gap onto Haystacks and back over Honister.



David and Susie and Dominic and Jackie drove to Ennerdale and walked to Black Sail hut which was 6 miles. David and Susie walked there and back. Dominic and Jackie went from Black Sail hut up Beckhead and onto Great Gable down the Styhead to Seathwaite and were collected by car by Jason.

Richard and Katie started their walk at Longlands and followed the old road used by the Cumbria way before branching off to follow Charleton Gill. They first visited Little Sca Fell and then Great Sca Fell, descending over Meal Fell to the ravine of Trusmadoor; then a 'there and back' to Great Cockup before descending through the ravine of Trusmadoor back to the car. The weather was mostly cloudy but a bit of sun at lunchtime.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2nd 2016

The weather forecast was for a mostly sunny and windless day again.

Most of the group dispersed after breakfast.

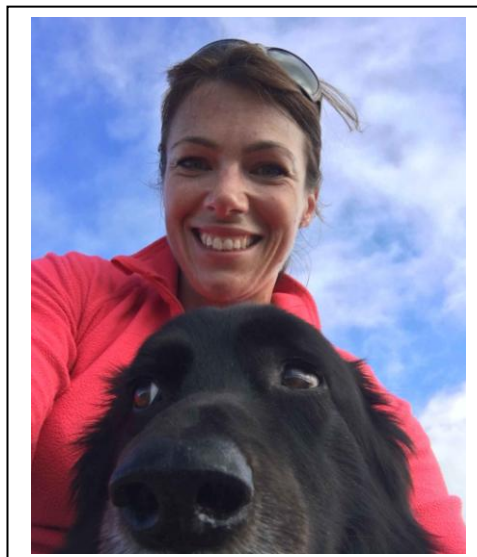
Susie and David were staying another night but spent the day looking for slate place mats and pottering around.

Eve and Tony walked around Buttermere and had lunch in the Fish. A group of six joined them for dinner at Seatoller and interestingly one of them had last visited the house 35 years ago with the hunt and on two occasions was the hare. I asked him if he was caught and he answered 'Of course - that was what was expected of me'

Lynn, Peter, Katie and Richard decided to do a shortish walk so headed towards Rosthwaite on the lower path from Seatoller; a path Peter had never walked on! From Rosthwaite they headed up to Watendlath where they had refreshments at the cafe in the sun before heading back to Seatoller via Stonethwaite. The short walk was still 4 hours long! They had lunch in the sun in the garden at Seatoller before heading home (Peter and Lynn) or to Cornwall (Katie and Richard).

Vicky walked up along Glenridding common - to stretch her legs before going home - then decided that the weather was so nice that she should go up Helvelyn (it was really busy, in a nice way, as a sunny Sunday should be). Benjy was a bit less impressed with another haul up a hill, until he found that there were lots of lovely ladies further up. They then came down Striding Edge, which was pretty testing being roped to Benjy - but he was pretty good (She thought it was easier with 4 legs)! And he only tried to jump off the mountain after a sheep once.

They then ambled down enjoying the view, cooled down on the grass next to the car and then joined the traffic south....



OTHER NEWS

Malcolm Barton has moved house as follows:-

After 2 years of designing and a hard 14 months of building we've finally moved into our new house on the northern side of the Firth of Forth. It's been an interesting and often testing experience - initially battling with very hard rock to excavate the foundations and then working through one of the wettest winters that the contractor claims to have experienced - but we are there at last!!

So far everything is working well - the place is so airtight that we've had to install a mechanical ventilation system and I dread to think what the bill was for the insulation! But we have a high performing house with great views to the Forth railway and road crossings and one minute away from the train station.

Our new contact details are:

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Karen Clode and John Caldwell are moving to Australia for the next 3 years from March 16th to be based in Melbourne for Karen's work.

David Clode also received this information about the CHA

Dear David,

I am emailing you as the Secretary of the Tricouni Mountaineering Club (I hope that is correct). I have been researching Thomas Arthur Leonard, and the organisations he was involved in, at the University of Cumbria and in February 2015 was awarded a PhD in Cultural History. As I am sure you will know, T A Leonard, a Congregational Minister in Colne, Lancashire in the 1890s, founded the Co-operative Holidays Association (Countrywide Holidays from the 1960s) in 1893 and the Holiday Fellowship (now HF Holidays) in 1913. He was also instrumental in the establishment of the YHA and the foundation of the Ramblers' Association. He was associated with a number of other outdoor organisations and on his death in 1948 was hailed as the "Father of the open-air movement in this country". You can find out more about my research on my website www.douglashope.co.uk.

I do not need to tell you that the Tricouni Club has its origins in the CHA. My reason for contacting you, therefore, is to let you know that my book on Thomas Arthur Leonard and the Co-operative Holidays Association has just been published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing, which includes references to the formation of the Tricouni Club in 1929. I attach a copy of the book announcement, which includes a

link to a full summary of the book and a 30-page sample extract. The book covers the history of the CHA from its foundation in 1893 to its demise in 2002 and its production has involved a number of former affiliated rambling clubs as well as former members of the CHA and Holiday Fellowship. Nancy Green, Leonard's great grand-daughter and Val Harvey, the Chairperson of the CHA have both endorsed the book.

I should be really grateful if you would draw the attention of your membership to the publication of this book and if any members are interested in purchasing a copy, a 20% discount is available on orders from the Cambridge scholars website www.cambridgescholars.com with the code: leonard20. I think anyone interested in the life and legacy of T A Leonard and the history of the CHA will find it a very interesting and informative read.

Thank you for reading this email.

Kind regards

Douglas

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www.tricouniclub.org

