

TRICOUNI NEWS SPRING 2018

RELATING TO THE AUTUMN MEET OF 2017



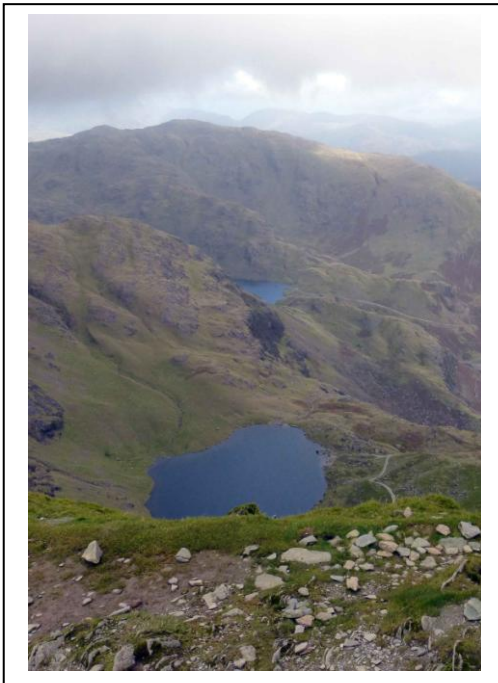
Those present were: - Katie and Richard Stockwell, Joyce and David Clode, Peter Leigh, Nigel Leigh, Vicki Lincoln, Jason Baggaley, Caroline and Florrie Mains and Malcolm and Patsy Barton.

The forecast for the weekend was mixed weather as per usual for the Lake District!

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH 2017

The forecast was for it to be windy and it certainly was on the top. A south west 30 - 40mph dropping to 20mph by midday (not sure about that) There was the chance of some rain early on but we didn't get any and the promised fog didn't emerge either but neither did the extensive sunshine ☺

Joyce and David Clode and Richard and Katie Stockwell met up with Peter and Nigel Leigh and Vicki Lincoln at the Walna Scar Road car park. Peter, Nigel and Vicky wanted to do something a little more ambitious than an up and down of the Old Man of Coniston so they set off on a different route. Richard and Katie and Joyce and David set off but Joyce started to feel unwell about a quarter of the way up so she dropped out and made her way to Coniston. The others continued having lunch at the top trying to shelter from the wind behind the shelter with many other people whose places were quickly filled on departure!



They continued on the ridge with fabulous views and met Peter, Nigel and Vicky coming the other way. Katie, Richard and David continued along the ridge to Goats Hause and down to Goats Water past Dow Crag back to the Walna Scar Road.

Peter, Nigel and Vicky started at the Walna Scar Road and made their way up to the Old Man of Coniston via Brown Pike, Buck Pike, Dow Crag and Goats Hause meeting us on the ridge and taking in the Old Man of Coniston before returning via Brim Fell and Levers Hause dropping to Levers Water and back via Boulder Valley and Big Hill.



There were no reports from any other club members.

Dinner :- Chicken Liver Pate with Onion Marmalade and Melba Toast, Sea Bass with a lemon and caper butter, Hassleback Potatoes, Broccoli and Sweet corn with Chocolate and Cherry Mousse for dessert

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH 2017

The weather today went up not down! There was rain forecast in shower clusters so it was a bit of pot luck if you got dobbed on! We did ☹ but then we had the most fabulous sunny afternoon. The wind was a south/ south west 15 to 20mph so a little blustery if you were facing it. There was to be fog shrouding the higher fells but it also shrouded the lower fells where we were; but it did clear by lunchtime to bright sunshine and warmth.

Joyce and David went to Keswick to buy essentials(whatever they might be)! They came back at lunchtime and played with Florrie before catching the bus to Grange and walked back on the top path.

Katie and Richard drove to Powter Howe via half the roads in the Lake District. Well it seemed that way with the diversion! They went up to Barf via Clerks Rock negotiating a short rock gully which was steep, slippery and wet. It rained for about 30 minutes and then the cloud cleared to give blue sky. It was as though the views just opened up out of the grey skies ☺ There was much boggy ground on the way to Lords Seat and Ullister Hill before returning via Seat How to the woodland slope where we had come up. The downside was going down the slippery rock gully ☹

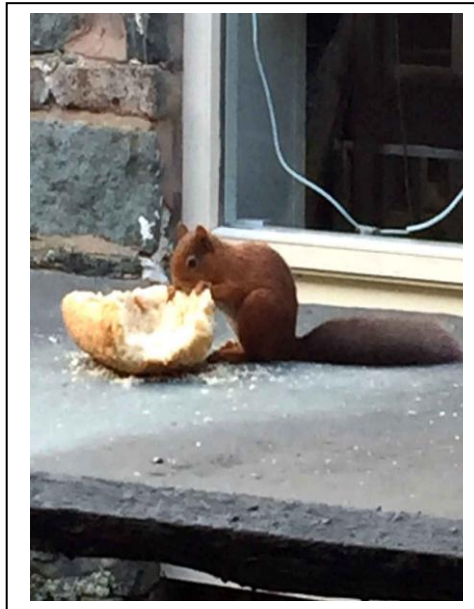


Malcolm and Jason went up Sour Milk Gill and Gillercombe to Green Gable and Great Gable, returning down the breast route to the Styhead and back to Seatoller House. It was cloudy, rainy and windy on the summit with poor visibility but got better as they went down and was sunny by the time they got to the Styhead.

Peter went up Dalehead and Robinson then had a pint in the sun at Buttermere before returning to his car at Honister on the bus. Nigel and Vicki started off with Peter but not for long as their pace was quicker, so took in Dalehead, Hindscarth and Robinson before dropping down to Buttermere and up to Red Pike, High Stile and Haystacks and back to Honister.



Caroline, Florrie and Patsy walked to Johnny's wood on the higher path and returned to Seatoller for lunch before visiting Keswick in the car. Florrie was excited to see a red squirrel!



Dinner :- Sweet Potato and Butternut Squash Soup, Feather blade of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Carrot and Parsnip mash and Roasted Cauliflower followed by Sticky Toffee Pudding.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST 2017

The weather forecast was for rain so the majority of the party left Seatoller without doing a further walk.

Katie and Richard visited Sizergh Castle on the way to staying in Sedbergh. Joyce and David travelled to Carlisle to meet their friends.

Vicky, Nigel and Peter followed Katie's written instructions for the Barf and Lords Seat round up to the point in para 6 where you join the forest track and turn left for 100m. At that point they turned right and followed the forest track as it descended until they



reached a lower forest track which traversed horizontally about midway between Seat How and the valley floor. Unfortunately they could not find any trails or paths that would take them lower so turned left along this track which took them past current forest workings and involved climbing over a lorry piled up with logs. (Probably the only climbing which took place at this meet!)

Eventually it rejoined the upwards route out at the stile and river at the end of paragraph 1, thus avoiding descending the rock step. Peter was going pretty slowly so it took them over 3 hours without stopping and they had rain from Lords Seat onwards although relatively light most of the time. (This is Peter's report) Thanks ☺

Other news :-

Karen Clode and John Caldwell moved to Melbourne, Australia last April, where Karen is working for the same company as in the UK as a water engineer. They are enjoying life 'down under' and are planning to stay for at least another year. They are returning to the UK at Easter and will be attending the Easter Meet.

It will be good to catch up with them for those that are attending the Easter meet.

