

TRICOUNI NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2015

THE OCTOBER MEET 2014



Those in attendance were Malcolm and Patsy Barton, Vicky Lincoln and Benji, Bob and Sally Ling, David and Joyce Clode, Peter Leigh, Lynn Leigh, Jenny, Chris and Seren Wyatt, Caroline and Ed Mains, David and Susie Baggaley and Jason, Jacqui and Fraser Baggaley.

Thursday 23 October 2014

Malcolm and Patsy, who had been staying from earlier in the week put their engineering skills to the test helping Nigel fit a velux window - interesting in the rain apparently.

Vicky and Benji arrived mid afternoon and took a run around Buttermere to enjoy the autumn colours - unfortunately 'nice' walkers kept opening the gates, which meant opportunities for a cheeky rest were low!

David and Susie drove up.

Bob and Sally made it half way through the starter! Better late than never or turning up for the coffee. ☺

Friday 24 October 2014

The Wyatts had a leisurely start arriving at Scales Farm at 12:00. They proceeded to Sharp Edge where Seren and Jenny informed Chris that they would attempt Sharp Edge, in spite of Chris's misgivings. On arriving at the base of Sharp Edge they were greeted by two strapping young men who had attempted Sharp Edge and had turned back on account of slippery rock and treacherous winds. The ladies still insisted on going. Fortunately there was no precipitation during the ascent and all 3 members survived. To punish the disobedience, Chris chose to descend via a ridge to the west and so they had a long circuitous route back to the car when Jenny and Seren just wanted a hot bath.

Malcolm and Patsy and David and Susie, walked along the western side of Derwentwater via Castle Crag and down to Keswick returning by bus.

Peter, Lynn, David and Joyce met at Salutation Hotel in Ambleside for breakfast. They then drove to St. John's Vale with the intention of doing Dodds ridge so parked a car at each end. They ascended as far as Sticks Pass which was quite high and steep particularly after a full English! Lynn and Peter went on ahead but part way up Stybarrow Dodd it started to rain and sleet with strong winds so Lynn decided to retreat returning by the same route. Peter continued up to Stybarrow Dodd and returned the same way rather than continuing over the other Dodds and caught the others up in time for lunch in a sheep pen.....



Vicky, Benjy, Bob & Sally - started off pretty late after an 'alarm failure' in the Ling camp. They parked at Honister with the intent of doing the Buttermere Horseshoe back to front, setting off from behind Fleetwith Pike. Conditions were initially lovely, but a heavy squall on top of Haystacks and a realization that time was too short overall led to a change of plan. They dropped down Scarth Gap and round Buttermere admiring the lovely autumn colours to grab a hot drink at the café, then back to Scarth gate and up Warnscale bottom through more showers and conditions getting breezier by the minute to Honister and home to a great coffee and walnut cake by Tricia.

Saturday 25 October 2014

With the weather forecasting rain and 50mph winds on the tops it was decided to keep low so nearly everyone walked up towards Dock Tarn and Watendlath which was quite unusual for a Tricouni meet as normally there are several different excursions!



Vicky and Benjy, Jason and Fraser, Chris, Seren and Jenny, David and Joyce, Lynn, Malcolm, Patsy Caroline and Ed, David and Susie, walked to Stonethwaite, where they ascended through the wood, in the rain, in 'mother duck' like fashion (chasing the speedy Fraser and Seren) - the wind and rain really kicked in as they emerged on the top of the fell and following the descent to Watendlath, they regrouped in the café in the farmhouse with lashings of hot chocolate...



The majority of the group then walked through the woods and dropped down past the Lodore farm and Shepherds Crag to the top of Derwentwater, along the road to the

board walk, across to Manesty and back to Grange and then took the lower route alongside the river back to Seatoller.

Lynn, Jenny and the Clodes walked down to Rosthwaite to catch the bus back to Seatoller.

Vicky and Benjy had taken a quick detour to look at the trees in Brandlehow on Derwentwater and walked back beside Castle Crag to Seatoller.

Bob and Sally, followed the group a bit later down the road toward Watendlath from Rosthwaite. Sally then returned for some shopping in Keswick and Bob, having waited to see if the main party arrived at Watendlath, disappeared over High Seat and walked down into Keswick to meet Sally.

Jacqui enjoyed the house and the surrounds, suffering with a back injury.

NEW MEMBERS

The Tricouni club would like to welcome 3 new members voted in during 2013 - Mark Champion, Brad Gilbert and Fraser Baggaley respectively and Seren Wyatt who was voted in during 2014.

NEW ADDRESS

Malcolm and Patsy Barton have moved into rented accomodation in Scotland awaiting the building of a new house in the near future.

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Tea at Watendlath in sunny times!

