

## Tricouni Meet Report | October AGM meet – 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

The weather for the weekend started off with weather warnings and extreme winds, then improved to showers and intermittent sunshine – a real four-seasons-in-one-weekend, (though (fortunately?) no snow was seen). The autumn tints were somewhat disappointing on arrival, but Fridays gales seemed to flick the switch and by Sunday, normal service was resumed.

The meet was attended by:

Julian Leigh and Sarah Morecambe  
Nigel and Scarlett Leigh  
Vicky, Scarlett (and Rosie) Lincoln  
Jason, Jacqui and Fraser Baggaley  
David and Susie Baggaley  
Malcolm and Patsy Barton  
Caroline, Ed, Florrie and Sandy Mains  
Brigitta, Iain, Finlay and Grace Hardie.

Everyone else was sorely missed.



## Friday

In celebration of Florrie's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday, the **Barton-Mains party** ordered an extra big helping of wet and windy weather and did Florrie's favourite walk – a tour around the Buttermere, taking in all the classic sights – the waterfalls roaring, the buttery larches and the deep-dark-echoey tunnel. Halfway around they met a herd of wet Baggaleys, as an extra treat. On their return, Trish produced a fabulous birthday cake, enjoyed by all.



*Florrie with her favourite mountaineer.*



*A 'chance' encounter...*

**Jason, Jacqui, Fraser, David and Susie** set off from Sykes Farm tearoom in Buttermere, and walked anti-clockwise round the lake. They tested out the tea-room (highly recommend).



Then **J,J&F** walked back round lake and up Warnscale Bottom, and over into Honister quarries. A typical Baggaley 3pm lunch was enjoyed in the Bothy at the top, sheltering from 40mph winds and rain.



*Jacqui helping Fraser up Warnscale.*



**Julian, Sarah, Nigel, Scarlett, Vicky, Scarlett and Rosie (dog)** had a leisurely breakfast, while ruminating on the weather and ever-increasing wind strength. In an unusual fit of sense, they decided on a low-level walk and drove over to Wray Castle (far shore of Windermere) and had a very breezy walk taking in Latterbarrow and returning to the Castle along the lakeshore. The advice provided by the National Trust 'Do not dwell under trees' was pretty sound, as chunks of tree fell nearby; but there was some lovely and dramatic views and a good warmup for more vigorous activities.



*Hiding from the wind*

## Saturday

**Julian, Sarah, Nigel, Scarlett, Vicky, Scarlett, Rosie, Jason and Fraser**

somehow got out of the door on time and setting off from Seathwaite to scale Scafell Pike – the Scarlett’s first ascent.

A good pace was maintained with applications of occasional treats, leki poles and a little four-pawed-power.

The team reached Styhead tarn and set out on the Corridor route, which was delightfully sheltered. The summit was looking pretty cloudy however. Jason and Fraser went ahead to visit Lingmell and re-joined later.

As the team made the final push up from Hollow Stones, the breeze kicked in and the clouds cleared. The views from the top were incredible, you really could see the whole Lake District and beyond, and the cairn was (surprisingly) in excellent repair. They stopped for lunch in the lee of the cairn, and then set off over Broad Crag and toward Great End (the girls mutinied

and refused to cover the extra km, starting the descent down Esk Hause, with the rest of the party catching them up as they skipped down Grains Gill).

**Jacqui** stayed in and did her paperwork, (or so she tells us...).



*Still smiling, 1 hour in.*

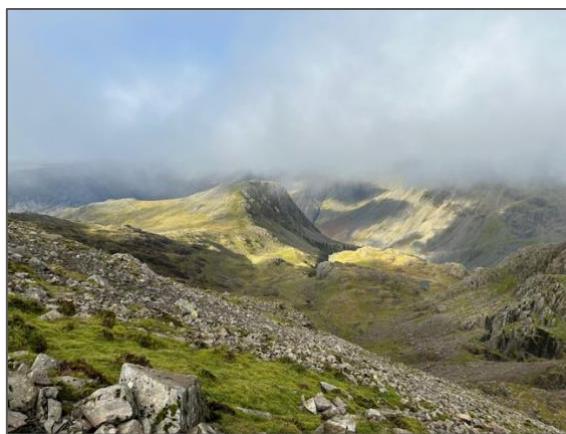


*Summit of Scafell – the official shot*





*Summit of Scafell – the outtake*



*Starting the descent*



*Via Summit of Broad Crag,*



*and over Great End*

**David and Susie** drove to the Coast, to St Bees, where they walked the coast path to St Bees lighthouse, looping back via Egremont. Their trip to the coast was well rewarded, with the cloud lifting and bright sunshine delivering beautiful views across Firth of Forth and Isle of Man. They returned via Lamplugh, stopping at the Kirkstyle Inn at Loweswater for an excellent bowl of soup.



*David in front of St Bees lighthouse*

**Caroline, Ed, Sandy, Florrie (and Pikachu), Brigitta, Iain, Finlay and Grace** went down to Grange and took the scenic route, enjoying the fantastic autumn tints in Brandlehow Woods. Wanting to try all the modes of transport the Borrowdale valley offers, they then took the ferry through to Keswick, and trialed the biggest highlight of the valley - the open top bus back to Seatoller.



*All aboard Borrowdale's roller-coaster*

**Malcolm and Patsy** walked up Langstrath to the Stake Pass, enjoying some peace and quiet.



## Sunday

The **Mains and Hardies** took a wander through Johnnys wood to the YHA near Grange and back. Lots of fun, lots of rain, lots of complaining and also some gorgeous weather when the sun came out eventually.



*Borrowdale chain-gang*

**Jason, Jacqui and Fraser** walked up Skiddaw starting in rain but finishing in lovely sunshine, before setting off home.



**Julian and Sarah** also walked up Skiddaw but didn't meet the Baggaleys.

**Nigel, Scarlett, Vicky and Scarlett** went to the bouldering wall in Keswick (well negotiated by Scarlett).

Scarlett, Vicky and Rosie then went to visit Crummock Water and Buttermere, which were looking splendid in the afternoon sunshine.



**Malcolm and Patsy** went to see a customer in Yorkshire, returning to Seatoller and dinner with Vicky and Scarlett, and some lovely 'normal' guests.