



TRICOUNI NEWSLETTER SPRING 2016

Relating to the Autumn Meet of 2015

There was only a very small gathering for the AGM Meet with a total of only 11 members as follows :- David and Joyce Clode, David and Susie Baggaley, Peter Leigh, Lynn Leigh, Jenny Wyatt, Malcolm and Patsy Barton and Caroline and Ed Mains.

This resulted in considerable discussions as to whether moving the date from the half term weekend was the cause but no definitive conclusion was reached. However, it did result in relatively little climbing being accomplished.

Friday 25th September 2015

Weather: Mainly dry after a heavy shower early on. Cloudy but with glimpses of the sun and a moderate westerly wind.

David & Susie climbed Catbells from Little Town but failed to find Mrs Tiggywinkle. Initially they found difficulty in finding a pub for lunch, The Swinside Inn having been booked for a charity event "Party In The Valley" with bouncers on the door with a £50 entry fee! They retired to a pub in Braithwaite because the music sounded too loud and the entrance fee was rather prohibitive, David's deafness meant that he couldn't actually hear it, although the party on Causey Pike could hear it.

The main event was an expedition to Causey Pike by David & Joyce , Peter, Lynn and Jenny. Peter took the precaution of parking a car at Braithwaite after his usual 360 mile mad dash up from Kent.

Soon after the summit was reached, the party stopped for lunch (Jenny needed sustenance, presumably because the Seatoller breakfast wasn't big enough). After lunch David & Joyce elected to drop down to Stonycroft Gill and return by a nicely graded track. Meanwhile Peter, Lynn & Jenny set a fast pace along the ridge to Sail and Eel Crag. They had intended sing "Sailing" on reaching the top but Peter and Lynn couldn't remember the words and Jenny was too out of breath from chatting up lots of men along the way. Descending to Coledale Hause a vote was taken as to whether to return via Coledale or over Grisedale Pike. As Peter had the car keys, Jenny & Lynn decided to follow him over Grisedale Pike. Big mistake as Peter had forgotten how far it was from Grisedale Pike to the car park. Actually Jenny hadn't forgotten as she had never done the round before. Nevertheless, three weary climbers made it back to Seatoller by 5:50 having been on the fells for 7 hours.



Saturday 26th September 2015

Weather: dry, high cloud with occasional sunny periods, light breeze.

The A Team of Malcolm and Patsy with Ed and Cass set off to climb Scafell Pike but a short way into their hike Cass developed a migraine and had to return with Patsy. Malcolm and Ed climbed without pause via Grains Gill and Esk Hause and reached the summit in record breaking time. On the way down they came across an item of ladies clothing, a thong. Malcolm did not recognise what it was, he later explained that Patsy's underwear was the size of a barrage balloon but Ed picked it up and stuffed it in his rucksack. This resulted in much discussion as to how it came to be on the path and then Ed realised that he would have to do something with it before Cass found it and jumped to the wrong conclusion. His dilemma was resolved when they came across a young man on his stag do carrying a rucksack festooned in ladies underwear and was able to return it.

The B Team of David and Susie, David and Joyce, Peter, Lynn and Jenny drove round to the north of Skiddaw to a place called Peter House, near Braithwaite. They then walked 3 miles up the Cumbrian Way before cutting up onto Great Calva. Before returning via Little Calva, Peter begged the question as to whether ascending both peaks would make Calva dos!!!! The route crossed some very boggy ground and Lynn lost one leg in up to the knee. It was suggested that if she wanted to get the BOGOF she would need to put the other leg in. The route down was very difficult and steep with lots of heather to trip you up. Susie took a tumble but said that she was alright because she had landed on her head. All returned to Seatoller in plenty of time for the AGM, Dinner and the England v Wales rugby match.



Sunday 27th September

Weather: A cloudless sky with only a very light breeze.

While Ed and Cass and Lynn and Jenny headed for home, Peter, Malcolm and Patsy climbed up through the mine workings onto Maiden Moor, traversing its length to the col with Catbells for an early lunch before dropping down to Grange where Peter bailed out and caught the bus back to Seatoller while Malcolm and Patsy returned via Manesty Woods and along the river. David and Joyce intended on doing the same but at a slower pace but only went to the top of Maiden Moor and back down the Miners track. David and Susie walked up Ennerdale to the Black Sail Hut and then back down the same way.

Congratulations to Vicky and Chris Lincoln with the birth of a new son Milo on Tuesday October 20th at 7lb 3 - perhaps a new future mountaineering/ sailing/ kitesurfing champion...

