



LAKES AREA NEWSLETTER - NOV 2018

**Next Area Meeting 7:00 pm Nov 21st Eagle and Child
Staveley KENDAL**

NEWS UPDATE

FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

At our June and September Area meetings the issue of footpath construction was raised. After listening to the multiplicity of views of our members we set up two consultation meetings to learn more about what was going on. The first was office-based with 'FtF' - Fix the Fells - and our BMC Access & Conservation Officer, Rob Dyer, came along. We clarified the situation as to how all the related organisations, path-builders, the National Park Authority, NT and BMC are all interrelated and where the money comes from and how it's being used. We met again on site at Boardale Hause, Patterdale, to understand the wide variety of aspects taken into account in the preparation phase and the processes that are involved in the repair and building of paths. Very illuminating and we expect to be presenting some of this information at one of our forthcoming meetings.

More information on the schedule of work can be seen at: <https://www.fixthefells.co.uk/paths-to-be-fixed-2018-work-programme/>



ROAD ACCESS - WEST SIDE of THIRLMERE

This from Paul Phillips – United Utilities (Thirlmere)

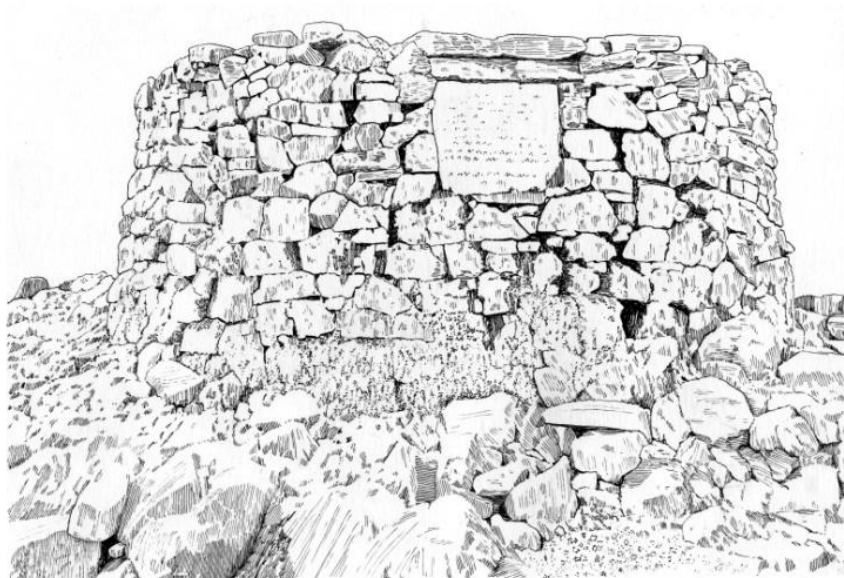
"We have completed tree clearance from the road and the curtilage and roadside crag / rock outcrops as far as Armboth car park. We are currently following up with road surface and roadside wall repairs with a view to opening vehicle access from Harrop Outgang (current limit due to works and turning opportunity) all the way to Armboth. In the meantime the harvesting team are now cutting in the section from Armboth to the dam junction. The lakeshore path from Steel End Car Park to Dob Gill is completely refurbished with broken boardwalks replaced with raised stone sections and associated drainage. The section onwards to Armboth is open with the caution that access onto the West Road is still affected by the road surface clearance and walling works."

PARKING AT WALNA SCAR ROAD ABOVE CONISTON

Permission was granted by LDNP in 2016 for the car park at the start of the track over Walna Scar, as the car park had been used as an unofficial car park for more than 10 years. The land was Common Land and the landowners applied for the area of the car park to be classified as common land, which was subsequently agreed by the Commoner Commission. It is likely that the landowners will create a car park and have permission for parking for 58 cars and charging between 9.00am and 9.00pm. There will be free parking outside these times and no gate or locking of the car park. The only non-landscaping barriers on the site, other than the existing fell gate, will be Kent Carriage Gaps. These will be located beyond the car park and serve to allow horse drawn vehicles, walkers and bicycles access along the Walna Scar Road at any time. Cars and 4x4s will be allowed as far as the car park at any time. Only those vehicles which have permission by the Estate, ie Mountain Rescue, Quarry & Estate vehicles and Graziers, will be able to pass through the Kent Carriage Gap. Car parking charges have not been decided at the present time and the BMC have been in communication with the land agents re these.

CENTENARY OF WORLD WAR 1

Scafell Pike was given to the nation by Lord Egremont in memory of those who died in WW1. This year the National Trust has rebuilt the summit cairn which now looks a fine construction.

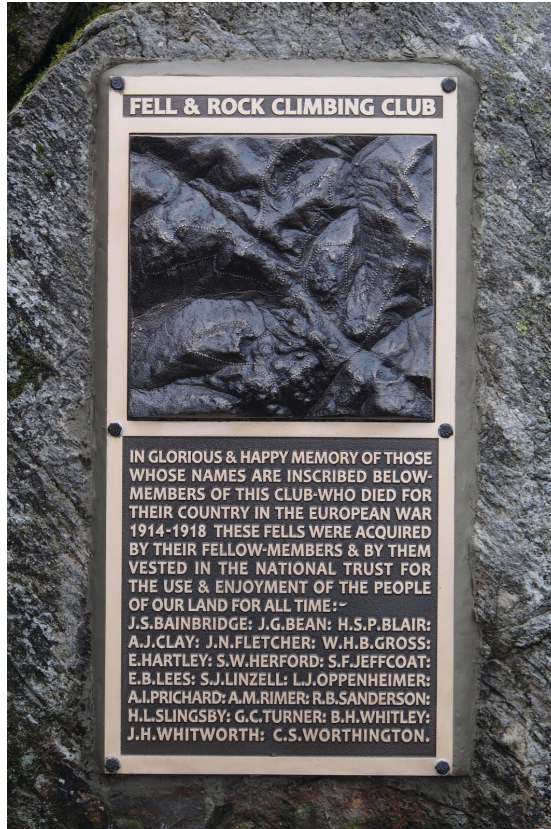


Summit memorial Scafell Pike

New summit cairn on Scafell Pike - drawing by Mark Richards

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – GREAT GABLE

11TH November 2018 is Remembrance Sunday and also the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1. There will be the usual commemorations around the country and in particular on Great Gable, one of the 12 summits given to the National Trust by the FRCC in memory of its 20 members who died in WW1.



Memorial plaque on Great Gable

Last year there were issues in connection with parking at Seathwaite and this matter is under consideration; this will take some time to be resolved.

Anyone going to the Remembrance Service on Great Gable should consider the following –

- **Car share – to avoid 4 people in 4 cars = 4 cars to park somewhere!**
- **Park elsewhere and meet and travel together**
- **Walk or use a bike**
- **Go by bus from Keswick up Borrowdale**
- **National Trust will be allowing free use of the car parks at Seatoller and Honister**
- **park sensibly, don't waste space and don't block roads**
- **If parking near Seathwaite, or anywhere, it is important to leave space for emergency vehicles as well as farming vehicles !**

Further advice is available from the National Trust www.nationaltrust.org.uk/borrowdale-and-derwent-water/features/busy-days-at-seathwaite?campid=partner_Lakes_Play2018_FRCC_Seathwaite "

The FRCC also respectfully requests that visitors to the war memorial on Great Gable do not leave poppies, crosses or other mementos at the summit.

RENDEZVOUS HAUTES MONTAGNES (RHM) - LAKE DISTRICT 2019

The RHM is a gathering of European women climbers and in 2018 it celebrated its 50th anniversary meeting at Innertkirchen, Switzerland. The next meet will be in the Lake District on 13th – 21st July 2019. The meet will be based at the Great Langdale campsite with approximately 30 visiting climbers from Europe and many British women. Participants should be experienced climbers who are competent leading multi-pitch climbs. There will be a reception on the first evening and a final meal at the Stickle Barn on 20th July.

Registration will open on 30th October and close on 30th May.

www.rhm-climbing.net

Joanne Barnes is the meet contact joisiemarley@hotmail.co.uk

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE TRUST

Autumn has been a busy period at the Mountain Heritage Trust. Headway is being made catalogueing both the George Band and Pete Boardman collections which were recently donated. The summer lecture series, organised in conjunction with the Royal Geographical Society and Field Studies Council, concluded with mountaineer and explorer Nigel Vardy. Discussions are underway for next year's speakers and the programme will be published Spring 2019.

Given the success of the British Women Climb exhibition, a decision was made to extend the viewing period at Keswick Museum until the end of 2018, allowing more people to learn about the experiences of women climbers, their challenges to social expectations, and their mountaineering achievements across history.

Alongside this continues the Man and Mountain exhibition, exploring the life of Sir Chris Bonington – the renowned mountaineer whose home was made amongst the Cumbrian fells. This is open until January 2019.

Significant consolidation of the library collection over the summer has meant that many duplicate titles are now available for sale at Withnail Books in Penrith. A range of rare mountaineering books are available covering national and international subjects, with some dating back to the early 1900s. Funds raised from these sales will go towards MHT's continued preservation work.

MHT also are actively looking for financial donations of any amount, or support raising awareness of mountain heritage within the climbing community. If you're interested in making a donation or enquiring as to how you can support their work, please email

enquiries@mountain-heritage.org



Chapel Head Scar Bleep and Booster © Gabriela Maass

EVENTS

6th November 7:30pm £3.00

Victor Saunders – Apects of his Wanderings – Skiddaw Hotel, KESWICK - AC

**13th November 8pm £5.00 Video Evening – The Kirkgate COCKERMOUTH
Keswick MC**

**14th November 6.15pm £10.00 Skiing in Scandinavia – Wilf's Café Staveley Nr KENDAL
Tania Noakes and Iona Pawson (includes a meal at 7pm) alibramall@gmail.com
Eagles Ski Club**

**14th November 7.30pm £15.00 Fundraiser in aid of Caldbeck Fellview School
Stephen Venables – From Everest to Antarctica – MUNGRISDALE Village Hall**



The largest gathering of like minded outdoor enthusiasts in the world
KENDAL - November 15th - 18th

Nothing more to be said... <http://www.mountainfest.co.uk/programme>

BMC HILL WALKING SYMPOSIUM

The first ever BMC Hill Walking Symposium will be held over the weekend of 24 and 25 November at Losehill Hall, Castleton in the Peak District. It is designed for everyone with an interest in our hills and mountains to learn more about what the BMC is doing, discuss the key issues affecting hill walking today and attend a number of workshops exploring the big issues: organising local conservation efforts, leading walks, landscape issues affecting out uplands, navigation skills and emergency procedures in the hills. This will be followed by an open discussion on the future of access in England and Wales and there will be the opportunity the following day to join one of four led walks in the Peak District. Please visit the BMC website for more information.

<https://www.thebmc.co.uk/bmc-hill-walking-symposium-aims-to-inspire-volunteers>



BMC **HILL WALKING** **SYMPOSIUM 2018**

Saturday 24th November – Sunday 25th November,
 Losehill Hall, Castleton, Hope Valley S33 8WB

5th December 6.15pm £10.00 Skiing in Morocco – Wilf's Café Staveley Nr KENDAL
 Brian Horn (includes a meal at 7pm) alibramall@gmail.com Eagles Ski Club

11th December 7.30pm £3.00 Autumn 2018 Trip – Skiddaw Hotel KESWICK - AC
 Paul Ramsden

15th January 2019 7.30pm £3.00 - Janhukot 1st Ascent – Skiddaw Hotel KESWICK - AC
 Malcolm Bass

19th March 2019 7.30pm £3.00 A Brief Golden Light – Skiddaw Hotel KESWICK - AC
 John Porter

Keswick MC also have events planned for January 22nd and February 13th at The Kirkgate COCKERMOUTH – 8pm starts - £5.00

BMC YOUTH MEET – 5th – 7th July 2019

For a number of years the BMC Youth Meet has been held at the FRCC hut at Rawhead in Langdale. This meet is open to young climbers aged between 12 and 18 to give them experience of crags in the Lakes; meeting other climbers and the experience of staying in a climbing hut - and has provided some amazing times for youngsters and adults alike. Experienced adult climbers come along to help; a check under the DBS scheme is made by the BMC. There will be 16 places for young climbers and we are looking for experienced adults to help.

Please contact Ron Kenyon - email ron@jaggedlakes.plus.com - for information accordingly for the young climbers and adult helpers.

Ron Kenyon and James McHaffie
 Image: 2018 Youth Meet at Raw Head Great Langdale



CLIMBING WALLS

SANDS CLIMBING WALL – CARLISLE - IMMINENT CLOSURE !!

The climbing wall at the Sands Centre in Carlisle is set to close in the spring of 2019. A major refurbishment, costing £19m, is planned for the Sands Centre, with the current wall being demolished and not being replaced. Two new swimming pools, gym and a full-time theatre being installed. Several of which are already available. The Sands is ***the*** only lead wall in Carlisle.

There is a public protest to be held on the 3rd November, at the Sands Centre, against the removal of the climbing wall from the city. This will be at 12.00pm and all are welcome to come along and show support for a new climbing wall at the Sands Centre.

The wall has been the centre of an active climbing population for many years and was first opened in 1985 with Chris Bonington cutting the ribbon. There are popular evening climbing classes that coach climbing and instruction for both children and adults. These have run for over 20 years and continue to be very popular. Pete Gunn has been instructing these popular classes for the last 14 years.

The city has Eden Rock, which is a comprehensive and superb bouldering facility, but many climbers prefer the roped climbing especially among the older members of the Carlisle MC and the Sands Centre caters for this. The refurbishment is therefore an ideal chance and opportunity to have a new, purpose-built leading wall for the city - in fact there were plans in 2014 to incorporate a new lead wall, in the refurbishment. It is hoped that the public protest day will help both educate and persuade the council to re-think their plans and incorporate a new wall in the refurbishment.

There is an online petition where some more details can be found and it is hoped that we can gain your support. Link below

<https://www.change.org/p/www-better-org-uk-save-carlisle-climbing-wall>

Pete Gunn



KENDAL WALL - Developments and Events

New 12 metre wall - The main leading hall at Kendal Wall is fully open (check website for routes setting days) after a busy and noisy construction period in September building the new 12 metre wall section.



Marmot Masters 2018 – 2019 - This year the series will feature 4 rounds. The first three rounds will be hosted with an open style format, meaning you have just over a month to come in and try the boulders as many times as you'd like, whenever you'd like! The final round will be hosted as a GRAND FINAL.

Dates for the first three rounds are as follows:

Round 1 ~ 8th October – 25th November 2018

Round 2 ~ 26th November 2018 – 13th January 2019

Round 3 ~ 14th January – 1st March 2019

To compete in each round all you need to do is grab a scorecard from Reception for £1! Scorecards available from 6.00pm at the start of each round. At the end of each round a prize raffle will take place featuring loads of fresh Marmot goodies, so make sure you get your scorecards in! Your scores are cumulative so the more rounds you enter, the more you score! Minimum Age 12 years.

GRAND FINAL ! - Sunday March 3rd 2019 from 1.00 – 6.00pm, featuring great music, free pizza, amazing boulders, and awesome Marmot prizes !

Free Workshops – KMF Weekend - We are delighted to say that on Friday 16th of November, we will have two local AMI instructors running FREE workshops and on the following day (Saturday 17th Nov) we will be joined in the morning by BMG guides delivering FREE workshops. Call the centre on 01539 721766 to book your place.

For information on the AMI workshops click here: <https://www.kendalwall.co.uk/event/ami-free-workshops-at-lakeland-climbing-centre/>

For details of the BMG workshops click here: <https://www.kendalwall.co.uk/event/british-mountain-guides-free-workshops-at-lakeland-climbing-centre/>

New Sessions at Kendal Wall

Monday evenings 6.00 to 7.30 pm Women's bouldering club night.

By popular demand, a women's social club with a female instructor or coach. A supportive, friendly, welcoming group, meeting weekly to develop climbing skills and meet new climbing buddies.

Wednesday 7.45 pm Training and coaching Social with Ben Roe who will be on hand with training and coaching tips. Come along to meet new climbing buddies and get strong! Just pay your usual entry fees and ask for Wednesday Social.



Serendipity (S) - Kettle Crag, Langdale

Practising self rescue may save your life

With winter fast approaching local Mountain Rescue Teams (MRTs) are preparing their personal winter kit (transponders, shovels, probes) and winterising their vehicles. Call-outs at this time of year generally involve inexperienced walkers ill-prepared for the added challenges presented by shorter daylight hours and the appearance of snow and ice on the high fells. The majority of climbers are well-prepared for the conditions but, unfortunately accidents happen, even to very experienced climbers. This was the case with two MRT members late last year.

Early on the evening of 11th December 2017, Penrith MRT were tasked by Cumbria Police to go to the aid of a fallen climber above Blea Water, at the head of the Haweswater valley. Ed' had been leading a pitch on the Blea Water Icefall when he fell, sustaining multiple serious injuries. According to Ed', if Graham had not been practised in self/partner rescue he (Ed') would have been left dangling on the rope, his breathing compromised by his injuries and position, in bitterly cold conditions, with potentially serious consequences. Therefore, it was Graham's ability to quickly set up a hoist, to haul Ed' up to a position of safety, and then escape the system in order to move to a location where there was a 'phone signal, that was a major contributor to a positive outcome.



The location of the incident made for a tricky extraction so, with a long carry to Mardale Head in prospect, both Kirkby Stephen and Patterdale MRTs were called to assist. The rescue lasted long into the night and involved 40 mountain rescuers and HM Coastguard who airlifted Ed to the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle. Thanks to the efforts of all those involved, in his rescue and treatment, Ed is back on his feet and out on the fells but is not yet fit enough for MR duties.

The learning point from this incident, apart from taking the kit you would need in case something goes wrong, is to ensure that you have thought through and practised what you would do if you or a climbing partner has an accident. Agree who will carry which bits of emergency kit and know where your partner has stowed the 'phone, shelter, belay kit, etc. If, as in Ed's case, one of you is unconscious, communication either before setting-out or during the walk-in may save vital minutes.

Mountain Rescue Teams are manned by volunteers who are on call 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Teams do not receive any Government funding so rely entirely upon donations from you, the public. The annual cost of Patterdale Mountain Rescue Team providing a service is £80,000 (an average of £1000 per call-out!). Donations may be made online, via text or by traditional methods (<http://mountainrescue.org.uk/make-a-donation>).

Be safe and enjoy the climbing this winter.



Dowthwaite to Greenside ski traverse - ascent of Great Dodd - December 2016

CLUB CORNER

EDEN VALLEY MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The Club was formed in 1975 – this was due to a number of factors but primarily this was to highlight the number of climbers in the Penrith and Eden Valley area and bring them together.

The current membership is 71 - most in the Penrith and Eden Valley area. There is a wide range of interests with rock climbing, mountaineering and walking as well as fell running, ski-mountaineering and piste skiing, mountain and road cycling, kayaking etc – there was a teshirt produced for the club with a misspelt word of “moutaineering” – which is a new word, we in effect invented, which describes what members do.

Programme of activities during the year

- Evening meets spread round the area between the likes of Crag Lough and Trowbarrow – and places in between. During the winter there is a regular Wednesday meeting at the Eden Climbing Wall.
- Monthly meets with Day and Weekend meets – the likes of Wales, Yorkshire and the Lakes
- Some social events as well as talks in the winter.
- There is an annual dinner and that day there is a fell race around Gowbarrow – come rain (and snow) – come shine !
- An iGroup email system allows members to keep in touch and enquire of those want to get out.

The Club was closely involved with the building and now running of the Eden Climbing Wall in Penrith. There is a management committee for the wall including members of the EVMC and the Leisure Centre. Members of the EVMC are involved with regular hold changes, mainly during the winter, to create their own “classics” to later enjoy. The Wall is not as big as the likes of Kendal Wall but has a good selection of routes to “do battle with”.

Many people, often moving the area, have joined the EVMC and opened a new world of friends and companions.

Website - www.evmc.co.uk

Facebook - Eden Valley Mountaineering Club

Secretary - Al Davis - email jal@aol.com - telephone 01768 866082



Start of EVMC Fell Race at Dockray

NEXT BMC LAKES AREA NEWSLETTER

Our area has 2,500 BMC members. The Newsletter includes stories and news together with announcements about future events and of course our own meetings. If you have enjoyed a special adventure, feel strongly and want to comment about something or have an announcement that would be of interest please send these to Ron Kenyon our Area Secretary - ron@jaggedlakes.plus.com

DEADLINE for your copy is - Wednesday 19th December

Announcements are also made on the **Lakes** Area section of the BMC Community <http://community.thebmc.co.uk/lakes> Register to get the most out of this site...

We also have our Lakes Area BMC Members facebook page for dialogue comment and news. If you are using fb you can join here - www.facebook.com/groups/192553650902324/





BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

Lakes Area meeting Wednesday 21st November 2018

- **Eagle and Child Staveley, near Kendal**
- **7.00pm for refreshments: meeting starts 7.30pm**
- Our AGM together with the General Meeting

AGENDA

- Elections
- Meeting Dates for 2019
- There may be a talk...

BMC LAKES AREA PEOPLE

Elections will take place to fill the key roles that make our Area tick.
Any member may stand – here are the current takers:

Area Chair	-	Mike Parsons	-	willing to stand
Area Secretary	-	Ron Kenyon	-	willing to stand
Area Treasurer	-	James Bumby	-	willing to stand
National Council Rep.	-	Mike Parsons	-	willing to stand
2 posts		Fiona Sanders	-	willing to stand
Clubs Representative	-	Vacant		
Climbing Wall Representative	-	Vacant		
Area Youth Co-ordinator	-	Vacant		
Hill Walking Representative		Stu Smith	-	willing to stand

Access Officers

• General Officer for Lake District	James Bumby	-	willing to stand
• South Lakes	James Bumby	-	willing to stand
• Kentmere, Longsleddale & Langdale	Max Biden	-	willing to stand
• North Lakes and Eden Valley	Ron Kenyon	-	willing to stand
• Duddon & Eskdale	Al Phizacklea	-	willing to stand
• West Lakes	Vacant		

THE 8 FACES OF LOCAL AREA VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to give something back to the activities you love?

There are many ways to get involved with the BMC and help shape the future of climbing, hill walking and mountaineering, including a range of vital volunteer roles at local area level.

Area Chair

This important position is the heart of any BMC Area; they must work closely with other volunteer in the Area and liaise with BMC staff. The Chair must be able to represent members' views in a fair and balanced manner at local, regional, and national level.

Area Secretary

The second in command, Area Secretaries work with the BMC Office to arrange, publicise, and promote Area Meetings, produce agendas and record meeting minutes, and help ensure that meeting action points are followed up.

National Council Representative

Each BMC Area can appoint two people to serve on the BMC's main policy-making body, National Council. They represent the views of their Area at National Council and report back to their Area on any relevant decisions or debates at National Council.

Access Representative

Voluntary Access Reps play a vital role in the BMC's work, liaising with landowners, conservation bodies, national park authorities and others, to maintain and improve access for climbers and walkers.

Area Youth Co-ordinator

AYCs support the BMC's work with young people by organising and supporting local BMC events and consult with the BMC office on child protection issues.

Climbing Walls Representative

The main role of the Climbing Walls Rep is to liaise with climbing walls and wall users and to refer any relevant issues to the Area.

Clubs Committee Representative

The BMC Clubs Committee provides a forum for the discussion of all matters of concern to BMC Affiliated Clubs; each Area can appoint a representative to the Clubs Committee.

Hill Walking Representative

Hill Walking Reps work to widen the scope of issues covered at Area Meetings and increase the appeal of meetings to hill walkers, suggest ways the Area can develop its hill walking work, and assist in addressing hill walking-related access issues.

Interested in becoming a BMC Local Area volunteer ? Ask about volunteering opportunities at your Area Meeting or contact the BMC office about other volunteering opportunities.

LINKS

BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL - Lakes Area Meeting – MINUTES - Wednesday - 5 September 2018 community.thebmc.co.uk/Event.aspx?id=4002

<http://community.thebmc.co.uk>



Bramcrag Quarry – the best crag in the Lakes: probably. Image: Ron Kenyon