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Cover photos:

Front:: Across the valley from Simon's Seat

Rear: Ambling along the Ingleton Waterfall Trail



Welcome From the Editor

Firstly, my apologies for the technical difficulties with the last issue (new editor teething problems!) all should be well going forwards.

We have some great meet reports and photos this issue courtesy of Kath and Graham Willis. It looks like they have had some great walks in 2022 along with other members and guests, so a special thank you to you both for sending your tales my way, I have thoroughly enjoyed reading them. I will be featuring some more in the next issue, plus a cautionary winters tale from another member which I look forward to sharing and a recount from distant lands. Please keep the meet reports and individually planned outing tales coming, the more the merrier.

I hope you enjoy the Christmas quiz contained in this newsletter, test your knowledge of all things Yorkshire and feel free to challenge one another. Who will be victorious and earn bragging rights?

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the club a heartfelt Merry Christmas and an outdoors adventure filled new year.

Deadline for input to the next Newsletter is **14th March**.

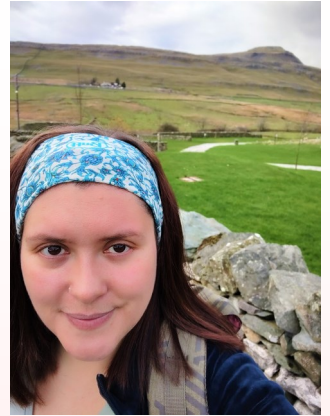
As always, material for the next newsletter can be sent to me at:

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Committee Matters

Reference was made in the last newsletter of the progress (or lack of) in obtaining a sewage permit from the Environment Agency [EA]. Over a year had elapsed since the club had applied for a permit but in mid September 2022 the Club Secretary made contact with the EA to enquire about the progress of the application. Regular contact between the EA and Club Secretary was needed since the information submitted on the original application form was insufficient to enable the EA to process the application. Clarification was needed on [sewage] discharge volume and this was directly linked to maximum occupancy and occupancy rate of all properties using the septic tank. This was a fundamental aspect on which the Secretary was able to provide specific information. Information was also needed about the condition and maintenance of the drainage system [field] and this was satisfactorily supplied. By October 7th the EA were satisfied with what the Club had supplied it with and could progress with procedural aspects, such as advertising on the Gov.Uk website so that other organisations eg LDNP and the general public could comment on the application should they wish to do so. Impact on the local Coniston Mines SSSI nearby was also considered.

The EA Permit Officer telephoned the Club Secretary on December 7 th ,informing him that the sewage permit had been authorised and would be passed to an internal department for issuing.

There have been developments relating to Club publications since TYM 389 was produced: initially Northern Rock guide sales were encouraging but since then it has been reported that there has been a slow-down. The YMC's current share of sales income has recouped around 38% of the club's publication costs. The Yorkshire Gritstone Guide Volume II has at present only 171 copies remaining, less than twelve months of sales: 254 copies were sold in 2021 whereas the 2022 total is 182 to date. A former editor of YMC guides, Robin Nicholson, is to be approached to see if he is willing to undertake the reprinting of Volume II.

As a follow up to the work undertaken in diverting the rainwater drainage to the front of the hut, which had meant that the patio to the front of the building needed digging up, and this has now been reinstated. The reinstatement process extended to the car parking area, where 4 tonnes of gravel was spread to make good the area.

The fire escape to the rear of the member's cottage had suffered severe storm damage earlier in the year so this was repaired during the course of the latest housekeeping meet. The faulty cooker recently mentioned in the member's cottage has now been replaced and is functioning perfectly. Future work planned for the hut include the complete re-painting of the inside of the whole premises, both ceilings and walls. The planned improvements to the storage areas beneath all worktops had been held in abeyance until a quote had been

received from Allen Furness, who had fabricated the existing stainless steel worktop coverings. The quote proved too expensive so the work is to be undertaken 'in house'.

The signal booster installed at the hut in April has been re-located in order to improve its effectiveness and early reports are that this has been successful.

Meet attendances have been reported to be down on what was normally expected, but this was thought to be that the effect of Covid 19 was still being felt.

Discussions with the Skipton based Craven Mountaineering Club have been taking place, with a view to arranging joint meets. These would be on an informal basis since there seemed to be a mutual interest in supplementing under-subscribed meets. This would include both walking and climbing meets.

New member Henry Green, who has been showing a keen interest in joining the committee and as a result has now been co-opted onto it.

Ongoing problems with the club website have been experienced and proposals had been made at the September meeting to resolve the situation. With the existing Webmaster now retired, a revamp of the existing website is to be made. Henry has considerable expertise in this area and a non-working website is to be put together and made available for viewing at the next committee meeting. An external company would be used: they run the servers but they would be used remotely by the club. The domain is owned by the YMC.

Incorporated features could include online shop, hut booking system and mobile phone compatibility. The site would be administered by Henry, who would ensure that security issues were adhered to.



Looking down the Coppermines Valley, The YMC Hut in the distance



Member Messages:

An Offer of Winter Gear

As the winter season approaches I have come to the conclusion that due to advancing years I will not be tackling anything icy or snowy anymore , therefore if there are any (preferably club members) aspiring winter warriors out there I have the following bits of kit to dispose of totally F.O.C. although a donation to a suitable preferred charity would be nice.

Available gear:

- 1 Pair 50cms. mountain technology axe's
- 1 Pair Grivel 12 point step in crampons
- 1 Pair size 8 Asolo rigid plastic boots

Please contact Martin Hirst for more information– 01484 607916

A Message of Thanks

It wasn't mentioned on the day but a great big thank you to Derek for arranging an excellent Christmas dinner at Elaine's Tea Room at Feizor. Many thanks once again Derek..

Best wishes from Sol & Mabel Lomas

Alderman's Hill & Cotton Famine Road

Date: Sunday 3rd April 2022

Start Point: Binn Green CP above Dovestones Reservoir GR SE 017 044

Attendees: Ben Gilbert, Laurie and Anne Morse, Peter and Jennifer Tennant, Kath and Graham Willis, (members)

The total distance travelled was approximately 13k (8 miles) with 363m (1190ft) of ascent.

Arriving early at Binn Green Car Park is essential to avoid disappointment as it is very popular with walkers, runners and cyclists and fortunately we all arrived in time to get a coveted parking space. It was a dry start with plenty of sunshine and although there was a cool breeze, we soon warmed up as we followed The Oldham Way path around Alderman Brow up to Board Hill Brow. Continuing uphill we soon arrived at the Pots and Pans stone and the obelisk war memorial.

After a short break to admire the view we travelled north across Dick Hill, passing Sugar Loaf, Shaw Rocks and Slades Rocks. Here we left the Oldham Way which went in a westerly direction, and we carried on to eventually reach the trig point at Broadstone Hill. Leaving the main path we headed north east over tussocky grass until we reached the drainage channel of the Cotton Famine Road. This elevated path in between two channels ensured that our feet were dry and the gaiters were superfluous to requirements, as we passed South Clough Moss and Featherbed Moss to arrive at a layby on the A635 Holmfirth Road.

Crossing the road we once again found ourselves on uneven and at times boggy ground as we headed south west down Rimmon Pit Clough towards the ruin of Rimmon Cottage. Here we found the least draughty spot to have lunch before heading downhill with the watercourse on our left. After crossing over Lamb Knoll we scrambled down to the weir and found a suitable spot to cross Greenfield Brook to reach the wide track which descended to Greenfield Reservoir.

Continuing along the track we passed the Bill O' Jacks plantation which is undergoing a transformation with many of the trees being felled. Hopefully new ones may be planted before we are this way again.

At the weir between Yeoman's Hay and Dovestone Reservoir, we took the track uphill before arriving at a stile in the wall on the right and the steps leading us back up to our start position. By now the car park was heaving and there were queues going in and out with no parking spaces available.

As we left we noticed there were traffic wardens issuing parking tickets for those who had left their vehicles on the double yellow lines. If it is like this in April, goodness knows what chaos will ensue in the summer months.

With most people heading home a couple of us called at the very busy Huntsman pub on Greenfield Road for refreshments.

Kath Willis



Photo: Looking up Holme Clough at Lamb Knoll on Saddleworth Moor above Greenfield reservoir. Ben Gilbert in blue jacket .

Marie Murphy – Some Great Memories

Marie went on a climbing course in Borrowdale and met up with the YMC so both Marie and Brian joined the club in the 70's. A very active member, she was the Meets Secretary for a few years. Organised two excellent trips crossing Morecambe Bay and lots of other huts and camping in Scotland and Wales. I got to know Brian doing long distance walking events and so also found Marie.

She suggested we do the Dales Way in October half term in 1991. Little did I know this would be the beginning of many happy years of friendship, fun and adventure.

Marie always enjoyed what she called 'Adventures' so the Coast to Coast and West Highland was followed with various epics with her bad knees and weather but never gave up.




Marie almost at the summit of Catbells, loving it.

Marie spent a lot of her time at Doune Marine on Knoydart where an old YMC member set up a sailing/diving place. She loved helping out in the house and the boats, sailing and fishing. She was invited to go on a sailing trip on Eda Frandsen with them and asked me to go with her (I had to pay). A fantastic week around Skye, Gairloch area in some very rough seas. She organised a super Easter week in Inverie, Knoydart for 8 of us as she had contacts in Doune to find accommodation.

Marie was very active at home in the village and raised a lot of money for Macmillan Cancer running coffee mornings every year. She led walking groups out every month, getting shorter and slower but still out there. She loved going to Wimbledon for the tennis with Joan Garratt for many years.

Getting older but she never gave up, always wanting to get out exploring, a great friend and companion on the hills for over thirty years.



A good cyclist, (much better for her knees) so along with Brian did lots around the Dales, C to C and a great trip to Orkney, Shetland and Fair Isle, cycling around and birding, otter spotting which Marie could sit for hours doing.

Skiing was her other love. She eventually got Brian into it too so had many trips to France. I can remember her taking Adam skiing all week at Glenshee when we were camping at Coilacriech near Ballater. He would only be 11, whilst we were Munro bashing.

2003 started our work with the Youth Hostels. Both retired she suggested we volunteered to run the small hostels. First was two weeks on Raasay, then Broadmeadows on the Borders. Down to Wales and Llanduessant, and Blaecaron and to Acomb on Hadrians Wall. Hard work but lots of fun and I do remember Marie taking some children out in the dark to see bats in a nearby barn. Marie, an avid Jigsaw fan, always brought her board so we had one on the go for anyone to join in.

Brian sadly died in 2014 so Mary invited Marie up to Doune for a holiday. She asked me to take her. We had a super time with Mary and Alan, it is such a fantastic spot. Marie wondering how the hills had got a lot harder and bigger, it had been a while since there had been there. We followed this with a week on Skye.

2017 I took her to Rosthwaite for a few days.. What would you like to do Marie? I would love to get up Catbells again. A long, hard day for her scrambling up but she did it and was so pleased, not easy for an 82 year old. It was a good summers day so no hurry.

2018 took us to Mull for two weeks. Otter spying and White Tailed Eagles. Back via Ardnamurchan.

Jane Wainwright

Ilkley Moor

Date: Sunday 22nd May 2022

Start Point: Cow and Calf CP Hangingstone Road, Ilkley, OSGB SE 130 467

Attendees: Ben Gilbert, Tony Raithby, Ken Tilford, Kath and Graham Willis, (members) Martin and Susan Brennan, Donna Johns, John Martin (guests)

The total distance travelled was approximately 14k (9 miles) with 343m (1125ft) of ascent.

From the carpark we headed up the path towards the quarry and followed the Dales way path running parallel with Hangingstone Road. It was a breezy but dry day and we soon arrived at Coldstone Beck which led us up to Lower Lanshaw Dam and Burley Moor. From here we continued west with High Lanshaw Dam on our right and a kilometre further on we stopped for a photo opportunity at the 12 Apostles stone circle (said to be thousands of years old).

Passing Lanshaw Lad and crossing the Dales Way Link path we walked over White Crag Moss and the partial board walk enabled us to reach the summit of Ilkley Moor at 402m without getting our feet wet. A short distance from here we stopped at Thimble Stones, where the boundary wall and stones provided shelter from the wind so we could take an early lunch.

Continuing on our way we passed the Wireless station at Whetstone Gate before arriving at Buckstones and Rombald's Moor. At the Shepherd's Hut we took a path north down Long Ridge End to join the Millenium Way. Walking east we passed the Swastika Stone and eventually arrived at White Wells. From here some of the party continued up to Rocky Valley and the rest of us took a scramble across the rocks on a lower level path.

After crossing Backstone Beck we climbed up to the top of the quarry before taking steep path down through the rocks and back to the starting point

Refreshments were taken at bustling Cow and Calf Hotel.

Kath Willis



Buckden Pike

Date: Sunday 5th June 2022

Start Point: Car Park at Buckden Village OSGB SD 942 773

Attendees: Andrew Barton and Pickle (his dog), Kath & Graham Willis (members) Vicky (Craven MC), Bill Cordingley, Freda Williamson (guests).

Having thought the venue may be busy due to it being the Jubilee bank holiday, we were quite surprised to see a virtually empty carpark at 9:30am. Two members of the YMC who now live in Buckden came over to say hello and inform us that there was to be a Jubilee celebration in the village later that day.

This was a cold and dull June day and although it was dry, the path up Buckden Beck from the car park was very greasy and badly eroded, making it very tricky underfoot in places. From the Lead Mine a steep climb took us up onto Buckden Moor and after reaching a stile in the wall a short walk took us to the trig point of Buckden Pike at 702m.

With low cloud spoiling our view, we soon retraced our steps and continuing in a southerly direction, arrived at the Memorial Cross. Unfortunately along with the usual flowers and crosses at the memorial, there was broken glass from two candle holders. I suppose someone thought it had been a good idea at the time!

Further down the wall we found some shelter for lunch, but as it was cold and windy, we didn't stay long and were soon on our way again. The path took us to Tor Mere Top and down to the Starbotton Cam Road which we followed down to the village of Starbotton. As always seems to happen, the weather cleared up a little and although it was tempting to stop for a drink at the pub, we walked down the road and took the path at Calf Hall Farm to cross the river Wharfe via a foot-bridge.

A pleasant walk along the side of the river led us back up to Buckden and although there was no sign of a Jubilee Party, we did see a traditional gypsy caravan and a horse grazing on the village green - no doubt stopping off on their way up to the Appleby Horse Fair.

As the pub at Starbotton was closed we had a drink at The Blue Bell Inn in Kettlewell.

Kath Willis

Weets Top and Winterburn Reservoir

Date: Sunday 7th August 2022

Start Point: Free Parking in the disused quarry on Boss Moor OS SD956 618 off Boss Moor Lane

Attendees: Bill Cordingley (Guest), Ben Gilbert, Tony Raithby, Kath & Graham Willis (members).

The route was about 16.9km (10.5 miles) and 385m (1,263ft) of ascent.



Weets Top Summit trig party. Left to Right is Kath Willis, Ben Gilbert, Bill Cordingley (Guest) & Tony Raithby

It was a dry sunny day but there was a cool breeze as we set off from the quarry dropping down Moor Lane before turning sharp right down the Dales High Way path towards the northern edge of Winterburn Reservoir. Here we crossed Hetton Common Beck and proceeded along the waterside path south west passing Park

Gill before crossing a stile on our right into a field. Continuing along paths running parallel with the reservoir we passed Way Gill, Windross Laithe and Cowper Cote where we headed west to Carlton Village. This first section of the walk had been quite boggy when we did our recce last Autumn but after a prolonged dry spell this summer the going underfoot was much easier.

From Carlton we headed north following a series of paths and tracks until we found a suitable place on Carlton Moor to stop for lunch. From here we continued uphill arriving at Weets Gate, with the summit trig point at Weets Top a few meters to our right. Here we admired the view, took the obligatory group photo and then headed back to the Gate and the remains of Weets Cross.

Heading east we arrived at Park House before dropping down to Knowe Bank and Low Lainger next to Lainger Beck. Here we headed south along Boss Moor Lane which rose steeply up to our start point. Refreshments were taken in the village of Cracoe.



Kath Willis on Weets Cross near summit of WeetsTop

Kath Willis

Weekend Meets 2022

December

Dec 23rd Xmas /New Year Coniston Hut Club Meet (11 nights).

- ◆ To Book: ymchut@gmail.com

Dec 26th Ilkley Cow & Calf – Traditional Boxing Day Meet.

- ◆ Cow & Calf Public Car Park. Approx post code LS29 9RF – GR SE 130 467:
- ◆ Derek Field - derek-field@hotmail.co.uk.
- ◆ Meet Time – 10:30am

Please check www.theymc.org.uk for confirmation of start point details.

Membership Renewal 2023

The time to renew your Yorkshire Mountaineering Club membership is fast approaching and you are reminded that your current subscription expires on the 31st December. We hope you will renew for 2023 and look forward to seeing you at some of our meets. Membership fees have not increased this year.

All members should have be contacted regarding completing membership renewal for the new year.

As a reminder on subscription rates the following will apply for 2023 for both Full members and Aspirant members:

Individual - £28

Family - £50

Single Parent Family - £28

Junior (over 16 but under 18 on 1/1/2023)

Student (Under 25 and in full time education on 1/1/2023).

If you have any problems contact: membership@theymc.org



A Yorkshire Christmas Quiz

- 1) Where is the highest pub in Yorkshire?
- 2) In which town can you find the factory producing Yorkshire Tea?
- 3) Which is the highest of the Yorkshire 3 peaks?
- 4) Which town on the River Swale is famous for one of England's oldest castles and a well known folk song?
- 5) At 2.9 million glorious acres, Yorkshire is the largest county in the UK, true or false?
- 6) In which year was the Yorkshire Dales National Park established?
- 7) How many arches does the historical landmark "Ribblehead Viaduct" have?
- 8) There are many caves and potholes in the Yorkshire Dales. In which rock type are they found?
- 9) This Dales village is famous for its Cove, the ravine of Gordale Scar and Janet's Foss waterfall.
- 10) Which famous long distance footpath crosses the Yorkshire Dales and was officially opened in 1965?

Answers: 1) Tan Hill Inn, Richmondshire 2) Harrogate 3) Wharfedale
4) Richmond 5) True 6) 1954 7) 24 arches 8) Limestone 9) Malham
10) Pennine Way

And finally.....

If there's anything more that you think the club should be doing please let the committee know: by speaking to a committee member or email the club Secretary - ymcsec2016@gmail.com



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