

Paul, John and Ros parked at Buckden and climbed Buckden Pike via the Roman Road followed by a peaty path along the ridge before descending to Starbottom. They crossed a fast flowing Wharfe and followed the riverside path back to Buckden.

The cloud level was variable but when it lifted the visibility was excellent. They then travelled to the A1M via Grassington and Knaresborough. From the high ground above Pateley Bridge we could see the Cleveland Hills including the Kilburn White Horse right down to the Wold escarpment.

This was a most enjoyable and sociable meet with activities that were enjoyed by all and my thanks to those who gave me much needed assistance in the kitchen to enable us to eat on Saturday evening."

Martyn Trasler

#### Attendies

John Whalley, President

Alan Linford	Michael Smith
Carol Whalley	Mike Godden
Ged Campion	Pat Dempsey
John Brown	Paul Dover
Martyn Trasler	Rebecca Humphreys
Matthew Trasler	Ros Brown

## **GREAT LANGDALE, RLH JOINT MEET WITH THE WAYFARERS Sept 16 - 18**

The annual joint meet with the Wayfarers took place at their Robertson Lamb Hut (RLH) in Langdale and as usual they provided excellent hospitality and accommodation. George Chambers did the honours with the evening meal on the Friday and breakfast on Saturday. David Carpenter followed this with the Saturday evening meal and Sunday breakfast. All meals proved to be excellent and were most welcomed. Thanks also must go to the many others who provided help with preparation, serving and clearing up.

Despite some prolonged heavy rain late Friday afternoon and overnight the remainder of the weekend turned out to be perfect for walking with a mixture of warm and drying weather. Those wishing to climb though decided to wait until the Sunday to make sure of the conditions.

A number of the YRC attendees were able to get to Langdale early enough for a walk on the Friday. In increasing rain Jim, Christine and Michael explored Loughrigg including its 'caves' (quarries) whilst Martyn, who stayed at Low Hall Garth (LHG) overnight on the Thursday, was able to set off from Rossett Bridge. In a brief break in the rain he followed Mickelden to the junction of Rossett Gill and Stake Gill opting to take the path following the latter up and over the top towards the Borrowdale fells. From the high point of the pass he then took what appeared to be a path towards High Raise which he ended up summiting but not by any discernible track, that initial sighting was the last he saw. From there a track across the soggy top to Sergeant Man and onward towards Blea Rigg breaking off towards Stickle tarn 2/3rds of the way across. From there it was a track down to the back of the New Dungeon Ghyll (NDG) before regaining the track to the Old Dungeon Ghyll (ODG) and a meet up with some of our Wayfarer hosts!

Saturday, which turned out to be the best day for weather, saw many out on the fells, Michael and Richard decided to scramble up Crinkle Gill, which following the heavy overnight rain was sodden and rather splashy! They continued the scramble up the crag above the Gill before heading over Bowfell and then going over to Esk Pike.

Paul and Bill (the Cambridge two) decided to walk up to Bowfell from the ODG NT car park. The main car park was full but there was plenty of space in the overflow field, however, by their return later in the afternoon the overflow section was also very full.

Paul and Bill took the Mickelden route to Bowfell up Rossett Gill, with a small diversion to Rossett Pike, then onto Esk Hause, back over to Bowfell via Esk Pike finally returning down the Band. On their way from Esk Pike they met David Carpenter and Peter Ferguson from the Wayfarers who had come up Hell Gill and over Bowfell as well as Michael and Richard.

Martyn temporarily joined Paul and Bill on his way to Great End via Rossett Gill returning with a diversion up Allen Craggs and the long route over to Stake Pass before coming back down the Stake Gill path to Mickleden Beck and onto Langdale.

Coming in the opposite direction down the Rossett Gill path a group of three from Essex were met who had camped overnight at Angle Tarn in what they described as atrocious conditions and, a little later. Two others who had their tent ripped apart overnight looking for local accommodation that night!

Jim and Christine took the route up from the NDG NT Car Park up to Stickle Tarn. Beyond this point they attempted to follow the path (readily discernible on the map but little trace in reality) up Bright Beck. Eventually they hacked up the hill from the beck and paused at the cairn near Thunacor Knott. From this they took the most direct path to the top of their namesake Harrison Stickle. Their steady way down lay between Loft Crag and Thorn Crag and then Mark gate before returning to RLH via the road.

Dorothy having suffered a back injury shortly before the joint weekend chose a low level walk from the RLH to Tilberthwaite via Chapel Stile, Elterwater, Little Langdale and Hodge Close, returning via Blea Tarn and ODG, about 13 miles, a lovely walk on a good day with a little detour to call in at LHG.

On the return Richard and one of the Wayfarer's braved the cool RLH pool for a dip! A quite wonderful feature at the east side of the club created with a manually operated sluice across an unnamed gill running off Raw Head but which must be rather cold most of the time!

Sunday turned out to be cloudier than Saturday and after an early brief period of very light rain remained dry giving those wishing to climb a good day on the south facing Langdale Crag.

Richard and Michael climbed on a breezy Upper Scout Crag # 1 route with Steve Crossley in a joint venture for the Joint Meet (a rarity) then # 2 and the Glaciated Rib after the Wayfarers left.

On the last a guide with a string of clients on short ropes stopped on a nearby ridge and used Richard (leading) as an object lesson in different types of rope work. The route is renowned for its lack of protection in the lower reaches, but Richard put on a good performance under scrutiny placing protection as far as the crag allowed.

Jim and Christine took the opportunity to explore the western end of Lingmoor Fell. They met up with the Smiths back at RLH for a cuppa and teacake before heading home.

Paul and Bill at first opted to go from the NDG NT car park up to Blea Rigg via the Whitegill Gill to the east of Scout Crag (where they met a number of the Wayfarers embarking on climbs up Scout Crag). The Gill route looked very uninviting being heavily covered in bracken with no distinct path to be seen. As a result they decided to make a return before turning back up a small track to join the normal route to Stickle Tarn alongside Stickle Ghyll. A short way along they left this very populated route to take the public footpath heading under Tarn Crag. This proved to be much quieter and enjoyable with pleasant views back to the Ghyll. After passing Stickle Tarn they took in the tops of Sergeant Man, High Raise\*, Thunacor Knott, Harrison Stickle, Pike of Stickle (using a short but pleasant scramble on the North Side) before returning over Loft Crag and down the footpath by Mark Gate above Raven Crag. It had been a delight to climb the Langdale Pikes in brilliant visibility.

\*At the shelter on the top of High Raise, Paul and Bill once again met the Essex three. They had camped Saturday night at Stickle Tarn but said they had spent yet another night with high winds and rain! An extremely good reason to join a club to enjoy much more comfort in a hut, so Paul didn't miss that opportunity to say they should give it some serious thought!



Richard Smith on Scout Crag



Paul Dover on Bowfell

Ian Crowther and John Jenkin unfortunately missed the meet as they had not picked up on the date change made after initial publication. They did though spend the next weekend at LHG.

**Attendees (YRC):**

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| Paul Dover             | Michael Smith                                          |
| Bill Gibbs             | Richard Smith                                          |
| Christine Harrison (G) | Martyn Trasler                                         |
| Jim Harrison (G)       | Mike Godden<br><i>(Also a member of the Wayfarers)</i> |
| Dorothy Heaton         |                                                        |

**Wayfarers :**

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| David Carpenter | Jack Middleton |
| Ian Crosset     | Colin Smith    |
| David Lawrence  | Peter Ferguson |
| George Chambers | Peter Dixon    |
| Mike Allen      | Steve Crossley |
| Barrie Cheetham | Keith Osborn   |



**NORTH PENNINES**

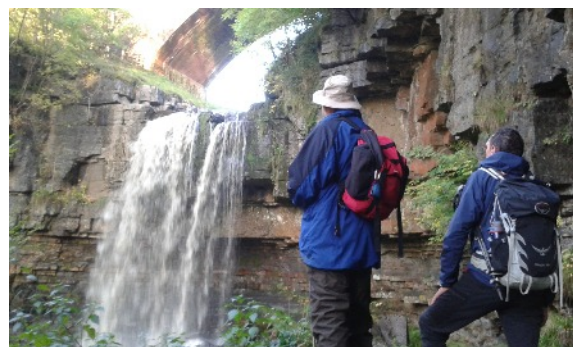
October 14 - 16

The YRC does not often visit the North Pennines on its meets calendar, but the combination of hillwalking and mine exploration proved attractive on this well-attended meet based at the Assay Office Bunkhouse in the world renowned Nenthead Mines complex.

On Friday, on the way to Nenthead, Michael Smith, Christine and Jim Harrison stopped off at Bowlees for a walk round Teesdale's Low Force, High Force and Summerhill Force (all in flood) and Gibson's Cave.

Against an improving weather forecast on Saturday, Mick Borroff, Ian Hawkes and Martyn Trasler undertook a long circular walk (18 miles) from the mine along the River Nent (observing a barn owl in broad daylight) to the cobbled town of Alston (great pie shop!). They then followed the River South Tyne upstream along the Pennine Way to Garrigill, where a quick pint was

enjoyed in the B&B next to the closed pub. The tributary of Ash Gill (flock of juvenile starlings seen) was then followed past several cascades to its impressive waterfall; although no-one could be tempted to go behind it to view the curtain of water from the inside, they all did a spot of caving up through a rift on the right hand side, rather than following the path to view the fall from the road bridge above.



In fact Martyn cracked his ribs crawling through the rift with consequent bruising. A damp return was made along a faint path to the lonely ruined cottage of Seldom Seen in Priorsdale and back down through the interesting mix of