

1933.

At Easter a party of the staffs & their families were at Troutal for a week; continuously rainless weather persuaded them to lay a better pipe line from the 'moss' down to the corner of the house, & such water as there was became available for those who stood by the tap with patience.

Dunrobin in the middle of April, with the spring an early one, took a deal of beating.

H. V. L.

1933.

Summer 1933.July 21st — July 28th.

A. P. Bates.

H. & Page.

Maurice DeBally

R. T. Rickers

G. M. Jones.

H. L. Lohr

D. W. Wright.

P. Stubbbs

S. J. Dixon.

S. W. Walker.

T. J. Hopwood.

E. Storey.

H. A. Bashin

R. J. Edwards.

T. H. Downs.

J. H. Greenhalgh.

G. R. Holmes.

J. V. Rimmer

B. Downs.

E. Dalton.

W. F. Christian.

A. Rosenbloom.

S. Evans.

J. C. Price.

J. & Gregory.

F. W. Reece

E. M. Brown

L. J. Purvis.

July 27th

H. M. Redington

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The party by train arrived in two sections late on Friday. Cricket until dinner — & after.
 Chhb — absent — in Gateshead.

Saturday - July 22nd.

HWK, C&P & party of 26 — went up Wraynos to Three Shires Stones — turned left to Pike o' Blisco — over Cribble Crags to Bow Fell. Down Ewer Gap & Noasdale — home. Glorious weather the whole time & wonderful views of the Langdales & the Scafell Group.

Chhb arrived.

All the party very tired — good walking by Juniors.

Anbers sprained an ankle.

Sunday - July 23rd.

The whole party started early for Seathwaite Tarn. Chhb & C&P — & 10 boys to Dow Crag & spent two hours sun-bathing on top. After lunch on to Old Man. Magnificent view all round. Returned via west side of Seathwaite Tarn. HWK with the remainder walked partly round Tarn, sun-bathed, & returned by Seathwaite Village.

Organised rounders in the evening.

Monday - July 24th

Ghbb to Cateshead - mourning over a lost 4/- for portage on an express letter

Very wet day - JWH & GZP with all the party except Ankers went to Coniston via Walna Scar & returned by the same route. All very wet - but cheerful. Driving arrangements worked well.

Both Hebrews wasted money on the local museum! Walker ate 8 buns &

Tuesday - July 25th

Ankers left camp for home. Walker received a telegram. Very wet - indoors until 1 o'clock.

Organised tournament in Pump Room & Whist Drive.

All the party walked down the valley to Ulpha. Found glorious weather - returned to Inoutal where mist still hung about.

Wednesday - July 26th

JWH & GZP & 23 boys - Cockley Beck & then by pony track to top of Caves. Lunch in the mist & then on to Swirl How. Good views for

a few minutes & then heavy mist. Impossible to find Old Man — missed Seathwaite Tarn — & came down Grey Fries to Hinning Ho. GHB had returned & gone with Hall up Walra Sear on to Dow Crag & Old Man to meet the main party. Failed to find & returned by Seathwaite Tarn — & the water bike. Rounder in the evening.

Thursday - July 27th.

Hot, thundery weather.

GHB & five boys to Scafell by Hard Knott - Eskdale & Can Spout. Mist on top. Returned !! by same route.

JWH & GR & juniors — over Hard Knott — into Eskdale — lunch & exploration of Roman Camp — JWH theorised on the "drainage" system. Down Eskdale — over pack bridge & through bracken & then over Harters Fell back to Camp — crossing the Duddon at the bathing pool.

Two visitors — *old boys — arrived for dinner having walked from Wasdale Head via Styhead Pass, Esk Hause, Esk Pike, Bow Fell, Crinkle Crags & Wraynose. *The brothers Redington. Bathing & Rounders. Heavy storm during dinner.

~~Friday~~ - July 28th - August 4th.

Taylor T.D.

Ralphs W.J.

E.H. Dickinson

J.H.W. Spriggs

H. A. Bashin

Colville. E.C.

Waller. G. W.

Price. G. S.

Stubble. P.

Culshaw G. W.

Hughes, E.

Coffey L.P.

Campbell J.A.

Coop. J. G.

Gregory. J. E.

Bullock. J. H.

Bird. R. E.

Dudgeon. R. P.

Roberts. J.

Christian. W.

R. J. Edwards.

Johnson G.

Thompson L.E.

E. Dalton.

H. Bartlett.

S. R. Pollard

A. F. May.

August 2nd.

F. W. Reese

S. L. R. B.

Bates A. P.

Storey. E.

Cohen R.

Holmes. G. P.

Greenhalgh. J. H.

Friday July 28th.

At about 4.30 p.m. H.B. and A.F.M. arrived with the party coming by train, S.R.P. having come earlier by road.

After dinner the whole party strolled down the road to Seathwaite, leaving the road occasionally to look at the Puddon Gorge and the rocky track of the Tarn Beck above Seathwaite.

Return by same route arriving about 9.30 p.m.

Saturday July 29th.

Rain fell steadily during the night and it was still raining when the whole party set out at 10.30 a.m. Good time to the top of the Wrynose Pass after a short wait in a barn at Dale Head whilst a very heavy shower came over Hardknott and preceded us up Wrynose Bottom. Down Wrynose to Vivar where the road over Low Fell was taken into the Tilberthwaite Valley joining the main road at High Gerdale. Rain continued to fall steadily and sometimes heavily so the stop for lunch was short, most of the party being wet through. A short stop was made in Conistone where the party dispersed for 20 minutes, some to buy tuck and some to explore. Return to camp was by way of Walney Sear and a few of the more energetic ones in advance of the main body of course paid an unexpected visit to the slate quarries. As it rained still the road from Long House was followed to camp. Indoor games in the evening.

Sunday July 30th.

As the party consisted mainly of young boys who were tired and stiff from the previous day's long round an easy day was decided upon. The sun was doing its best to shine when the party strolled slowly down the road towards Seathwaite until the Duddon Gorge was reached. A path to the right was then taken and a good scramble brought us to the bottom of the gorge where, the sun coming out, our photographers got busy. The route then brought us to the stepping stones by Low Crag, ~~and~~ more photographs were taken from the iron footbridge and a pleasant half hour was spent sunning on the rocks under the bridge. We then took the footpath to Seathwaite and returned to camp by road. In the afternoon most of the party indulged in an exciting and exhausting game of 'tip-and-run' in the paddock until physically incapable of running further.

After tea a visit was paid to the Seathwaite Farm following the path up from Browside ~~up~~ to the dam. Returned in leisurely manner by the same route.

Monday July 31st.

Rain fell heavily all the morning so lunch was taken at Troutal and a late start was made in a steady drizzle for the Seathwaite path to the Stepping Stones.

Crossing the bridge the path was followed to Grassguards and on ~~the~~ to Birks. Returned to camp by the road. The Duddon, swollen by the day's rain was a source of great interest at Birks Bridge and other points on our route down the valley. Games in the evening.

Tuesday August 1st.

Our first bright morning. We decided to make the most of it and to visit all the tops on the Seathwaite and Conistone Fells. An early start was made for Greyfriar which was climbed from Dale Head slowly, owing to the large number of small boys in the party. At one of the stopping places Dudgeon lost his mac. and went back with Dalton to find it. After a long and unavailing search they returned to camp. Arriving at Greyfriar the party spent some time identifying tops and admiring the particularly fine view. Seafell, its head in the clouds, was a source of great interest to the younger boys who had not previously seen it. Then on to Little Carrs, Carrs and Swirl How where lunch was eaten. After lunch S.R.P. took a party down from Swirl How to Wetherlam — much further than it looks and ~~was~~ were rewarded by a magnificent view on 3 sides — well worth the visit. A steep climb brought us back to the remainder of the party just as everything became obscured by low clouds. We then visited the Conistone Old Man and the clouds lifted and gave us

a short opportunity to examine the Conistone valley and Windermere. Behind us Dow Crag looked particularly dark and foreboding. Dow Crag was then visited by a party with A.F.M. + S.R.P. and H.B. took the weaker brethren down the side to the Seathwaite Tarn. The latter then crossed the beck by a heap of rocks about 200 yards from the Tarn, not the "official" crossing place, and the remainder crossed on the dam to obtain photographs of the Tarn. Coming down Dow Crag the party stopped for sun-bathing as the sun came out brilliantly, and at least two members of the party went to sleep! Return to camp by Browside.

Games in the field after dinner.

Wednesday August 2nd.

Another wet day, incessant rain and cloud at about 800 ft. The morning was spent in camp where lunch was eaten. At about 2.30 p.m. the whole party trooped out into the rain to the top of Hard Knott Pass, by the various short cuts to Black Hall farm + then up the road.

Everyone was by then soaked to the skin so 4 boys were sent back to camp to light fires and the remainder went down Hard Knott Pass to the bottom where the main party returned by the same route. S.R.P. and 6 enthusiasts decided to come back over Harter Fell

by the path up through the wood lower down the valley.

Unfortunately the path was soon lost and, visibility being never more than a few yards, we steered a S.E. course by compass and duly arrived at Grass Guards. The road was then followed to Birko and then to camp.

The Hardknott party arrived earlier and were joined by G.L.R.B., F.W.R. and the party from the walk along the Roman wall, all equally wet, and an excellent dinner and a fireside evening were greatly enjoyed by everyone.

Thursday August 3rd.

Still raining. The morning was spent at camp. F.W.R. and 3 boys left by car for Broughton. After lunch the party left by road for Uelpha as mist and rain obscured all the high ground still. G.L.R.B. wrote 6 letters and went down to Seathwaite to post them.

Friday Aug 4th Dictated by G.L.R.B.
H.B. O.A.F. P. left at 10.30 with

party returning home S.R.P. following shortly after in his flier.

G.L.R.B. with 5 remaining boys went to Seathwaite Tarn & on to Dow Crag, lunched there in blazing sunshine & saw Bates A.P. safely down to Fouts Water on his return to Bowston. Returned by

Seathwaite Tom. Had tea, with the bathing
pool where they were joined immediately by
S.W. & party.

Mr Symonds called in the afternoon but
unfortunately the camp was empty except
for the birds.

Thompson went to bed before dinner suffering
from neuritis. Temperature 102.6° . Ordered to
remain in bed. Dosed with cocaine. Adh diet.

After dinner Henry, Wright, Cornithers &
Lund arrived having 'watched' from Aulleside
the foot of the Wynnosse, Mr Wetherham
& Swift How & Seathwaite Tom. They were
very tired.

Tyler, Robson & A. E. Rice did not
materialise & so to bed, good night all,
good night.

Saturday Aug 5th

Thompson Temp 101.8° . 9 a.m.

We all assembled outside the house to give S.L.R.B.
& good send off just before 11 a.m.

S.W. & 12 then the rest off, leaving in camp
the invalid & 3 blistered old boys, Lund
Cornithers & Wright. Our first objective

Seathwaite Tom was reached in comfortable
style, most of the party travelling stripped to

the waist. Weather was fine during the whole of
 the walk but the sun only came through the
 clouds at intervals. We rested awhile by the
 Tarn, then went up Dawbraz - a stiff climb
 but was eaten at the top and the view
 enjoyed. There were too many clouds for a really good
 view. We dropped down to the 'col'
 between Seathwaite Tarn & Foutswate which
 sparkled with many golden points in the
 sunshine. An easy climb (after Dawbraz)
 brought to the top of the Old Man. The
 every cairn we visited during the day
 this one was affected by a swarm of
 insects (flying ants I am told) at the
 very top of the cairn. Why is that?
 I consult the index of "Walking in the Lake
 District" but can't find any of the 3 words.
 We sunbathed at a respectful distance from
 the insects. An easy walk took 9
 of us to Brin Fell near Fairfield, & subsequently
 to the insect-hunted summits of Great How
 Crag, Swil How, Carr & finally Grey Friar.
 Barrow and 3 of the younger boys returned
 by a ^{quicker} route from the Old Man.
 The ^{Seathwaite Tarn} main party reached camp
 by dropping down by the shortest (or steepest)

route from Long Trion

S.W. took a bathing party to Birk's Bridge
a delightful bathing spot where safe diving
& waterfall squinting was enjoyed
then to camp for food - voted A.I. by
everyone.

He invalid much better at night after a day in
bed.

Tyler arrived about 9.30 p.m. having
walked from Bonita via Goatwater.

Sunday 6/8/33.

Another fine warm day though cloudy.
Invalid much better as he is showing
a desire for food & was caught clutching
a very hefty sweet in one hot & sticky
hand.

Tyler took a party of six up Hart's Fall
via Birk's Farm. Another party of four
with Henry took a shorter cut up Hart's
from immediately behind Trontal. They
came down at the summit where both
parties met. Both parties came down
reportedly without incident.

S.W. stayed in camp & wrote letters
& read morning file of camp correspondence
(not here but one)

In camp Sunday 6/8/33

Old Boys

Tyler H.S. arrived 5/8/33
 Henry L.
 Ellis W.R.A.
 Hunt H.R.
 Wright R.S.
 Compton B.

Burr G.
 Bates M.H. (6/8)

Others

Thompson L.E.
 Hughes S.
 Bullock S.H.
 Culshaw S.H.
 Dennis A.
 Hilditch H.
 Johnson S.
 Porter N.E.
 Eric Wiers (from Vesoul).
 Paddock A.G.
 H.B. Pyman (6/8)
 S. Womack.

and re-addressed the letter which had arrived for boys who had left camp. In the afternoon S.W. took a party of 12 to Duddon Gorge where we had much fun bathing in sun, air & water.

Henry & four others went to Burn Bridge with the intention of bathing but found the place infested with motorists. Those without costumes did not wish offending the sensibilities of civilised motorists. Henry however went in clad in shorts which immediately floated down to his ankles. Here bathed in a regulation costume. Henry & co. were further incensed on returning to H.Q. to find a strange motor car parked outside the house & the passengers belonging it emerging from an am-bathing place behind the house. In order to prevent a recurrence of such incidents a large notice "NO PARKING" skilfully executed by Henry, now adorns the wall outside the house.

Tues at 6 pm rejoiced the hearts & bellies of all including the invalid. A game of tuff's men helped also later on to produce merriment.

the dish of ping pong balls, a monotonous
chanting (Henry in alleged song), & the
whine of returning motor cars alone
broke the peace of the evening.
Monday Aug 7th.

a fine morning with excellent
visibility. Two parties set off with the
same objective - Bon Fell. (The incident
was the only one left in camp - much
better) the junior party, led by Burr
& Tyler skirted the base of Red How &
reached the top of the Crinoids near the
Shelter Crags where they proceeded
to Bon Fell via Three Towns. lunch
was eaten at top. the senior party
- led from the road by S.W., reached
Buckley Beach & went over Red How where
there was a magnificent view - Hot Bank
- Narconate Bay, the Side of Man,
Holly Angleboro. then along the ridge
of the Crinoids. lunch was eaten
at Three Towns & the the junior
party was joined at the top.
Two parties were formed there.
S.W. party of 13 returned via
Wingate Beach over Gap, Upper Esk Dale

to the falls, along Eschdale, up the Hard
Knot Pass into Duddon Dale

The party consisted of Tyler, Ellis, Burr,
Clegg & Hilditch: proceeded together to Roseacre
crag. Here lost Ellis who went on whilst others
stopped to take photographs of the view down

Wickledale. After waiting for Ellis party moved on to
Pike: Packer, picking & eating Bilberries en route.

Admirable view hence: from this point party followed
track under Simmer Crag into Dungeon Ghyll to
New Hotel. Molluscmania prevalent in St. Langdale.

Followed little Langdale road past Blea Tarn &
crossed Fell Foot & joined Wythdale road. From here
a remarkable sky, a symphony in luminous greys,
delighted us, though it promised a change to foul
weather. Near summit of Wythdale Burn began
to show signs of extreme fatigue & complained of
palpitation; Clegg & Hilditch, very tired & cheerful
pushed on to camp & arrived fifteen minutes before
Tyler & Burr. Ellis had been in already 1/2 hr.
having taken almost identical route with a
slight variation at Dungeon Ghyll. Despite the
straggling & fatigue it was an excellent day.

Tues Aug 8th. To Wastwater Pools. Left 9.45, back a few minutes before 7. In Eskdale we shed half the party, the rambblers, while the walkers went on to Whin Rigg. - Route: over the beck, round the shoulder of Brandy Crag to the junction of the tracks to Penny Hill & to Brothelkirk [See pages 195-7]. The 'Sea beast' referred to on p 196 is now added as a guide by C.H.A. white crosses on the rock, from the point where the track first takes across the beck by the beast: so that the path down to Penny Hill is now becoming well trampled. From Penny Hill by Woolpack, Eel Tarn, Burnmoor Tarn & to the skyline (keep striking up hard to the right & going solemnly on the side of your feet) between Ill Fell Head & Whin Rigg.

This route gives a heavy day but is a grand walk as it opens up two of the finest Dale heads on the way - the head of Eskdale, as you begin to drop down from the watershed, & the heads of Wastdale & Bowderdale as you look from Whin Rigg. Probably there isn't a walk in the district with more variety & change of style as you go on it. The day was full of clear wind & blue sky & everyone took to it the heavy going very kindly. The day

is recommended annually for the stranger walkers.

Excretory defects in H. G. Tyler led to a summons at 10 pm of the doctor from Broughton: subsequent complications kept some of the party out of bed till 1.30.

Wed. Aug 9th. A cloudy morning, which soon turned into another grand day, ^{well} in the tradition of Troutal's annual third week. One party went late to Greyfriar, the main party at 10 am to the sea-wand falls on the left side of the dale, below Peathwaite.

Route was via Southwaite, Sleekle Pike where lunch was eaten & we 'unbathed' & had a marvellous view seawards - the Outdon Estuary, Morecombe Bay, the Pennines. Behind us the fells showed up clearly with cloud masses & patches of blue sky to lighten the heaviness of some of them.

The descent was made to Broughton Hills & thence up the Sleekle valley - a charming valley which is not too well known. There is a good road on the right hand side between hedges in which at one part were masses of fuchsia in flower. We came to the left hand side ^{by a stone bridge} of the valley at Stephenson's Ground & climbed to the state

quarries beneath Walna Scar. An
 early sun dawn brought us into the
 main road & back to camp by
 5 p.m. At the bottom the bathed
 (see photograph) in the river at
 the back of the house.

Thursday Aug. 10th.

For our last marching day in camp the weather
 clerk has been good enough to provide us with
 a very fine, exhilarating morning and also
 to fulfill his anti meridian promises by
 sending a sunny day and a refreshing breeze with
 This is the record of the "Ramblers" (the walkers
 are now Scafell way): Tyler, still invalid, took
 Bullock Johnson & Thompson via Birks, Grassguards,
 by the cart road to Low Crag. Here, because a late
 start had been made, and the R. had soon dropped
 out of Rumble, lunch was eaten & the soul fed
 on the excellent view wh. included Hartley, Bow Fell,
 the Crinkle Top ... Greyfriars, Walna Scar. Party next
 walked in the gorge, dried in the sun & ambled back
 to camp. Here Bullock & Thompson revealed astonishing
 latent energies, ^{with} wh. they belook themselves to Farmer
 Tyson & made his hay for him! The amble occupied from
 11.45 - 3.30.

Sigs, as distinct from Ramblers, left at

9.30 and went by Dalehead stepping-stones, Black
 Hall, Mosedale, Westyrigg Crag & Cam Spout [2
 hours from home] to Scafell. The ascent was
 made by Cam Spout Crag. On reaching the head
 of the Spout cross left & climb up the
 semicircular ridge which curves right &
 hits the main ridge, near Green Top, 15 yards
 from the summit. A very fine ascent: keep
 well to the left at first, in climbing
 Cam Spout Crag. $3\frac{1}{4}$ hours to the top of
 Scafell Crag, (over the Pinnacle & Deep Gill),
 from home. Meeting a Kings School party (children)
 on the summit we lunched with them, & four
 of them came on with us. — Descent by
 Deep Gill ("W. Wall") to Lord's Rake — not
 too secure, with a party of 17 to start the
 stones down. Lord's Rake full of Boy Scouts.
 Then to Mickledore & the Pikes. Descent
 by the main track towards ~~the~~ Esk House
 for a few minutes: then in the col between
 the Pikes & Ill Crag we took the turning
 down "the Rake" into Upper Eskdale: the
 track is a good one — to the right of the
 beck — & is an easier descent, the scree
 being less heavy in its build, than that
 from Mickledore to Cam Spout: & is

any case the descent again to Rickbedore is a repetition. — From a point well before the Rake joins Upper Eskdale, follow the track out right: it then runs to below Dow Crag (v. fine) to Cam Spout. The return by Gestyrigg & Rosedale brought the party home by 5.45, at the end of one of the brightest & most lovely days ever spent in the Seafell range from either Seatoller or Troutal. The smaller boys walked splendidly.

There is no reason to be at all afraid of going to Seafell from Troutal.

J. Burr, W. R. A. Ellis, & H. Hitch left us on the outward journey at Cam Spout, went direct to the Pikes, & thence to Erik House & the lake: descent to Wasdale, & home (8.20^{pm}) by Burnmoor: a magnificent piece of walking.

Friday, Aug 11th

All gone by 10.45: Hall by 3 pm: H.H.P. by 5.15 pm. The third week this year has been one unbroken splendour of sun & clear skies.

H.H. Lysons.

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