

Summer 1935.

1<sup>st</sup> week July 19<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>.

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S. K. Pollard  
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P. B. Hubbard 3B.	Stiles P. 5J.
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B. Kaplan 3B.	Noel E. Martin. Ac.
E. W. Constable. 4W.	E. J. <del>Little</del> Ac.
J. P. Rutteren B.	H. Parker.
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E. L. Curzon. 3h.	St. Lewis 5J.
A. Robertson ASc.	W. H. Adams 3M.
G. H. Townsend 5w.	Albert Carr. Bc.
F. R. Howell 5J.	J. H. Greenhalgh. Bc.
P. J. Wright 5W.	
S. J. Dixon 5J.	
H. E. Rens 5SI.	
R. J. Edwards 5W.	

Friday, July 19.

The main party with S.R.P. and A.F.M. in charge left Exchange Station at 11.10 a.m. reaching Broughton at 3.30 p.m. We were greeted by a steady downpour of rain which continued throughout the evening. We arrived at Camp in relays and found that F.W.R. Martin n. 8 and Little ? G had performed stout work since the previous Tuesday — even to the distemping of the two front rooms. Everything was in tip-top order and we made ourselves at home and hoped that the weather would clear in the near future.

Saturday July 20.

Our hopes were not fulfilled. It was a morning of low mist and rain so the road walk to Coniston was decided upon. At this juncture Howells arrived by cycle — Lewis & Greenhalph had cycled up the previous day: he had spent the night in a farmhouse near Broughton having missed the road twice and reaching Coniston on each occasion. The whole party of 36 boys with S.R.P. and A.F.M. left Camp at 11 a.m. and travelling via Cockley Beck and Woynose lunched at the foot of the pass. The weather had now brightened considerably and we had a good view of the Langdales. After lunch two "blisters" were sent back. The remainder continued via Viccars Farm, Talbuthwaite and Yew Dell to Coniston. The party dispersed to buy tiffin and souvenirs (made in Birmingham). Then came the ascent of Walna Scar. The young boys stuck it magnificently. And so home via Long House and Tongue House and the usual (?) short cut to the Seathwaite road at the gate nearest camp. Here we were welcomed by the Headmaster and S.V.B. who had come to spend a day with us. F.W.R. and Mr. Stevenson

(from Prescott Grammar School) had been for a stroll round the tops, their itinerary including Greyfriars, Carrs, Swirl How, Old Man and Walna Scar. In the evening, after a game of rounders, The Head and S.V.B. opposed S.R.P. and A.F.M. at Bridge. The game ended very satisfactorily from the writer's point of view.

Sunday July 21.

A glorious morning. Everyone turned out and there was a walk through the Duddon Gorge to the bridge just below Seathwaite. S.R.P. was kept busy answering questions on the prolific insect life and luxuriant vegetation of this part of the Duddon. A large ant-hill greatly intrigued the party and for the rest of the trip S.V.B. tried his hand at composing a song hit which began "Antennae says there antennae antennae on an antennae mox" After a pleasant hour spent on the bridge throwing stones at the water we returned home for lunch by the road. After a hearty meal the warm sunshine made us think of a siesta, but the Head and S.V.B., resisting a strong desire for a postprandial sleep, set off for Liverpool. An unfortunate accident occurred in the evening: B.S. Fletcher Bm fell by the river and broke his arm. F.W.R. and S.R.P. rushed him off to Broughton to Dr. Southern. He returned home the next day. S.R.P. tinkered with the car and improved its performance. For the benefit of L.G.Y. (who has the privilege of drowsing during the third week) let us now say that the car goes like a bird.

Monday July 22.

A cheerless morning with low mists. The early day was spent either getting wet in the paddock or playing the less intellectual

card games. S.R.P. spent his time attending to blisters - The silence room has the appearance of an out-patients' department. Lunch was eaten in camp and by 2 p.m. the weather cleared considerably. We set out for a walk that would keep us reasonably dry. Down the road to the Newfield, where we were met by our old friend the beagle - a good-natured stupid animal which followed us for the rest of our trip. Across the bridge and up the side of Wallowbarrow Crag. We then followed the path along the ridge parallel to the Duddon, through Grassguards and so down to Berks and home. In the evening there was an exciting game of rounders - front room v back.

Tuesday July 23.

A day that opened very promisingly. Visibility was excellent. It was the day for which we had been waiting to visit the tops. We set off up the road to Dale Head and then ensued a long scramble to the top of Greyfriars - but not in record time. We were rewarded with glorious views. Lunch was taken at the cairn and then we set off for Carrs. A.F.M., suddenly developing a mysterious pain in his knee, cut off across the fell and made a bee line for the Old Man. He was immediately followed by 75% of the boys. The remainder accompanied S.R.P. to Carrs and Swirl How, whence Raby, Walker, Guzman and Lewis travelled on to Wetherlam. They missed the main party and made their own way back to camp. The remaining groups gathered at the Old Man, where we were photographed by a total stranger for no apparent reason. We decided to miss out Dow Crag and came down to Seathwaite Tarn, crossed the dam and home via the path to Browside. In the evening F.W.R. and A.F.M. went to Seathwaite.

where they met a party from King's School, Chester, who were staying at the Newfield. They renewed acquaintance with Mr. Pickatt who had done his practice teaching at the Institute some short time before.

Wednesday July 24.

The glorious weather continued and a 'lazy day' was decided upon. S.R.P. took all boys into Eskdale via the Hard Knott Pass. They were accompanied by F.W.R. to the top of the pass where lunch was taken. The party minus F.W.R. then continued to Eck Falls, where the afternoon was spent bathing in an excellent pool and getting sunburnt. The return journey was made down Eskdale and then over the shoulder of Harton Fell to camp. Mellors, Carr and Appleton unintentionally took a longer route and after considerable difficulty in crossing the Duddon arrived at camp when dinner was well on its way.

Thursday July 25.

To our great surprise and content the weather continued hot, tempered to-day by a slight breeze. S.R.P. accompanied by F.W.R. walked down the valley via the Gorge to the Wordsworth stepping-stones. F.W.R. returned via Seathwaite where he was met by A.F.M. After lunch F.W.R. & A.F.M. in the car passed various camp groups trudging along the road towards Alpha. They continued to Millom from which place they mercifully rescued G.F.P. who had just arrived from Sunderland. The walkers and the less energetic reached camp simultaneously. G.F.P. has just had the intricacies of camp supplies and accounts explained to him in a lucid manner.

Friday July 26.

The weather, although not so hot, continues fine. We have made all preparations for our departure. The week has been one that will be long remembered by all. The weather has been excellent (S.R.P. even now can scarcely believe it): and although we have had mostly young boys with us, which debarred us from the longer walks, we have all continued to enjoy ourselves enormously and everybody looks very fit.

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2<sup>nd</sup> week - July 26<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Staff:-

H. Barnett.

G. F. Lewis.

W. Peters.

Walker. J. V. 5s.

J. R. Laby 4R.

E. W. Constable 4W

Ad. Davis. RM.

J. R. Howell 5J.

H. E. Row 5s

R. J. Edwards. 5W

A. Gould. 3h

E. L. Curzon. 3h.

J. G. Dixon. 5J.

As Green 3h

W. Holmes. 3h.

E. E. Vine 4W.

Wildman, E. J. 5J.

N. J. Franklin. RM.

H. Appleton. 3H

B. Kaplan 3B

M. Gould. 3B

A. G. Walker. 3H.

B. Downs Rsc.

R. H. Pain - 3m. . .

H. J. Pilkington. 5j

E. G. D. Barker - B.

E. S. Jones - B

H. H. Green . B

A. G. Jones B

R. A. McKenzie 4w

~~R. J. Fallows. R5c.~~

H. H. Wilkinson 3x

R. Holmes. 3X.

R. J. Fallows. R5c.

J. H. Greenhalgh. 6B.

Albert Lau. 13c.

B. T. Moscon. 5w.

Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.

A party of 15 arrived with H. B. at Broughton at noon & made their way up the valley by the usual processes. G. F. P. who had arrived the previous day, rescued W. P. from the wilds of Broughton at 5 p.m. After dinner a short walk up the valley was cut short by rain, so the party got wet playing rannoch in the field instead of walking.

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mist very low in the valley - a most unpromising day. In view of the weather a road walk via Alpha into Eskdale & back over Hard Knotts was planned, & the whole camp turned out in hopeful trepidation. At Alpha while we were eating lunch the expected downpour arrived, & the whole party gulped hastily to finish the meal before it was stolen by the flies or soaked by the rain. A straggling return from Alpha. Though bad enough, this was not so



brays to Bow Fell. From Bow Fell some magnificent views were obtained of the greater masses of the Lake District - Skiddaw, Saddleback, Helvellyn, Langdales, the Scawfell group, with glimpses of Gable & Pillar in between. To the writer, the Scawfell group had never appeared so grand & impressive. Good views of the Pennines & of Duglavoro in the distance. The descent from Bow Fell was on the three farms side, down into Lingrove Beck & so into Moasdale, where for once the donkey track was fairly easily found. It was a novelty to reach camp with dry feet after traversing Moasdale.

Bathing party on arrival at camp.

~~Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup>~~

Mc Kenzie & Benstable with G.F.P. into Broughton to the doctor's. Benstable's ear trouble turned out to be not too serious (although he had to be forbidden bathing), but Mc Kenzie was found to be suffering from shingles, & preparations were made for his return home the following day.

Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

Main party of 21 with H.B. & W.P. left camp about 11 a.m. for the Old Man round. There was not a cloud in the sky & the day promised to be very hot & very clear. The heat made the easiest route advisable & the ascent was made via Walna Scar, a long halt being made in the quarries for lunch. From Walna Scar, the party after shedding several members suffering from heat, sunburn or general lassitude, proceeded up Brown Pike, & so via Beck Pike & Dow Bray to Benister Old Man. Magnificent views were obtained of the main heights of the district & of Windermere & Benister Lake,

but a haze had gradually crept up from the sea, so that the long distance views to the south which had been anticipated did not materialize.

From the Old Man a few of the party returned via Seathwaite Tarn to camp. Incidentally the walk settled a point of interest. The usual tendency on the return from Bonister is to get onto the track running up to the quarries under the Old Man, & on discovering the mistake to wick wretchedly across to the proper Walrus Scar track. It would appear to be definitely better to continue along the first track, & passing by Goats Water to come out on the lowest part of the ridge between Dow Bray & the Old Man & so directly down to Seathwaite Tarn - a much more direct route to camp from Bonister than over Walrus Scar. The rise from Goats Water to the ridge is only from 1646' to the 2000' contour line.

From the Old Man the party proceeded over Brim Fell, & W.P. getting separated from the rest of the party through a slight misunderstanding went on to Swirl How & Barro, catching up with the rest of the party as they began the descent between Grey Friar & Barro to Bockley Beck. At about 1200' to 1400' a rough cart track was struck which led in winding fashion down to the farmstead about 150 yds from Bockley Beck Tarn. This track was very kind to sore feet, & would prove an interesting route up to Grey Friar or Wetherlam.

Butting party on return to camp, the water pouring delightfully warm.

Another party of 11 with Greenholph & Barr as old dogs in charge, set off for Washwater Sees, via Grassgates, & after losing & recovering the path continued round the shoulder of Harter Fell to Eskdale, striking the road near the Youth Hostel.

Fallows, not feeling well, here fell out & returned to camp. The party

then proceeded up to the Woolpack Inn, thence via the path up to  
Eel Gorn & along Whitten Beck to Burnmoor Gorn. Then leaving the path  
the party proceeded west to Whin Rigg & so along the top of the Westwater  
Senees then back along the back side of the senees to Burnmoor Gorn,  
& so home via the Ward Knotts.

Wed. July 31<sup>st</sup>

Greenhalgh & Bow again had a separate party of 4,  
this time over Woywoss to Little Langdale & Blea Gorn. Four of  
the party, however, fell out at Bockley Beck, ~~afternoon~~. The party,  
after reaching their objective, Blea Gorn, enjoyed lunch & a pleasant  
lay in the sun for about an hour, & then returned over the same  
ground.

The day was more blazing hot, if possible, than the previous two,  
& there was no inclination to tackle any of the high tops. There  
was, however, a general desire to repeat the previous week's  
exploit, & to bathe in the pool below Oak Falls.

Accordingly, as G.F.P. was for once free from the daily journey into  
Braughton, the three staff set out with a party for Oak Falls, via  
Black Hall & Ward Knotts, & the usual descent round the shoulder of  
Bowler End into Oak Dale, & so to the Falls. ~~After~~ about an hour &  
a half after lunch, practically the whole party enjoyed a very excellent  
bathe in the long (& very deep) pool below the Falls. The water was,  
however, very cold, & a number of the party only went in after considerable  
chaffing (including your's too). About 4 p.m. the party began the  
returning journey, following up the Strigone Beck for a little way, & then  
round the shoulder of New Bank into Hoandale, & so down the

double track to Black Hall & so to camp. For three days in succession, two of them down Noosdale, we had gone dry footed - a truly astounding state of affairs. On reaching camp, another bath, in quite warm water.

After three days of such intensive heat, there was much trouble in camp from sunburn, & the staff were kept busy applying ~~some~~ Balamine Lotion, which provided great relief. Encouraging weeks, please note that there is some Balamine in camp & should be applied with a swab of cotton wool. This will be found very soothing, even if Dr. "Doc" Henry does know something better!

Thursday, Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

Sun seen early, but much cooler, & cloud creeping up from the sea. However, like Macbeth (in, I believe, a play of that name) we had begun to be awed by the sun. In spite of the cooler conditions, there was no response to the suggestion of the Seawall climb, nor of Hatter Fell and/or Scaholale, nor of a medium distance walk to Birken Pool for a bath. A number, however, had money to burn, & decided to burn it in Beniston. H.B. & W.P., therefore, following the line of least resistance, led a party of 30 out to do the Beniston round. The majority, however, were overcome by their exertions by the time they had reached the Three Shire Stone. Ten, however, were keen on going on, & they were led off therefore by W.P., who was chiefly intrigued by the possibility of trying a new return route instead of the interminable Walrus Seas. From Three Shire Stone, the whole party made excellent walking to Beniston, via Vicars & Gilbertswate.

The whole "kept in a bunch, & made the very good time of 1½ hours

from these stone steps to the centre of Bonister. Here a halt was made for  $1\frac{1}{4}$  hours to enable the party to buy up the town.

The return journey was made via Goats Water, & formed a most interesting variation of the very dull Walna Scar route. The party followed the Walna Scar route until the Walna Scar ridge itself came into view, & until the valley between Daw Bray & the Old Man was clearly visible. Then, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile before the old bridge with iron railings, as the Walna Scar track twisted half left, a green tongue about 2 yds. wide between bracken was observed. This was followed for about 100 yds, & led into a rough cart track proceeding in the required direction. This was followed until it obviously began to turn up into the granaries. The party abandoned it & proceeded over grass for about fifty yards, & then, very luckily, a quite good stony footpath was struck, obviously rising up to Goats Water. The path itself was rather interesting, & broke the monotony of interminable cart tracks. Goats Water was reached 1 hr. 10 mins. after leaving ~~Goats Water~~ Bonister. The ascent to the ridge between Daw Bray & the Old Man took a further 23 minutes. The echo from the cliffs of Daw Bray was quite terrifying, multiplying the human voice about tenfold. From the Daw Bray ridge the descent was made straight down the back side into the Southwaite Farm valley, & along the path on the north side of the valley right along to the embankment, & thence down to Broad Beck. In spite of the dry weather this part of the fell was as wet almost - as ever, & the winter got wet feet for the first time since Saturday. The party reached camp after a walk of  $2\frac{3}{4}$  hours from

Banister, to find that L.G.Y. had arrived at 5.30 p.m. thereby contributing greatly to the solution of the problems of G.F.P.

Batting part before dinner for the Banister party - all of whom had walked splendidly.

H.B. with the more tired or less enthusiastic element, had lazed for an hour or two before returning to camp, which they reached about 6 p.m. Rounders in the field after dinner.

W.P.

3<sup>rd</sup> Week.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>.

Staff. -

1. G.F. Pollard
2. L.S. Young.
3. L. Henry O.B.

Others -

E.G. Little Ac  
Wood Martin Ac.  
T. W. Speckman. 3H.  
L.G. Boffey O.B.  
G.R. Raby 4R.  
H.T. Green. 3h.  
R.L. Moxon. 5W.  
J.G. Hoop. BSc  
N.J. Franklin. R17  
Jones E.S. - B  
Boylett GASC  
W.E. Holmes. 3h.

Barker. C.G.D. Form B.  
Green. N.F. Form B.  
Jones A.G. Form B  
G.S. Roe. Ac  
J.D. Macadam Ac.  
T.J. Hopwood Ac.  
K.L. Wilkinson 3x  
R.W. Holmes 3x.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1935.

Only six people came by train, led by Mr. G. Pollard, on his first visit to Brunel, & met by Mr L. J. Young who had come by car the previous night, also on his first stay here.

Three cyclists arrived later. With the veterans of last week this made a total of 20. For the first time infants from Train B were admitted. No walk was undertaken by the party as a whole, but Messrs Pollard, Young & Henry went to Seathwaite Farm. The widges & horse flies enjoyed the evening most, & the camp retired at 10.15 at the end of a fine day.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.

The party set off under Mr Pollard to Seathwaite Farm via Browside, the vertical wall, & the Symonds track until they lost it. They then proceeded to climb Dow Craig, followed an hour later by Messrs Young, Henry, & three more boys. Only Holmes was left in camp, suffering from sun-burn & medical advice.

The two groups joined on top of Dow Craig & had lunch. The youngsters then went to Wabra Scar under Coffey & returned to camp via Turner House. The others proceeded up Old man, & then along the ridge northwards, including Brim Fell, Great How Bags & Swil How, but omitting Wetherlam & the ultimate Carrs. Having left a plumber-mason at work on the Camp

Boiler, Mr Young wished to <sup>be</sup> back by 4 p.m. & cart him back to Broughton, so he & Mr Pollard with some boys dropped down on to the road, while Henry & others took in Greyfriars. The latter party arrived in Camp <sup>by dropping down over Hovetall Hill,</sup> first, as they wanted tea. Having had this, a bathing party went to Birks Bridge & bathed in the degenerate manner of civilized man, i.e. they wore bathing costumes so as not to injure the susceptibilities of two female sun-bathers. Sep-11 - r - sun & midges, dinner & ping pong & then nothing in particular ended the day pleasantly.

Weather dull at first, then warm & sunny, with a useful breeze. 12.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

G. F. Pollard led a party to church in the morning, & asks that this be recorded. The rest of the Camp took part in a very un-Christian game of Rugby Handball, which combined the savager elements of both games & omitted the refinements of either. Prostrated by this, a bath was indulged in by the players & others.

Dinner at mid-day was so good that everyone felt sleepy after it, & many slept. After an hour or so, a selected party of twelve went up Harker Hill, starting via Birks Bridge & farm, & then proceeding to the southerly aspect & taking the hill at its longest & least steep. The prospect from the top was unclouded & almost unlimited.

The party then returned more or less as they came, largely to enable them to decide whether to bathe at Birks Bridge. The presence of females & motor cars decided them against it, & a high & wide tea was had instead. Cricket, ping pong & a bathe for the youngsters concluded the evening, much to the satisfaction of the overfed local widges.

Weather dull, but sunny at times.

The food is exceptionally good so far this year.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August.

Messrs Young & Henry with 4 boys set off in the hope of doing Seafell, but after being enveloped in mist on the way up hrossdale, & only finding Carr Spout after close attention to map & compass & some wandering off the true path, they decided against making the ascent, for the mist appeared to be growing denser all the time. Lunch was eaten a little further down Eskdale under a natural rock shelter, & the party then walked down to the Hard Knott above Butterickell, where some climbed the pass & returned that way, & others lost their way to Birks Moor & ended up by crossing the shoulder of Harter in thick mist.

Mr G. P. Pollard led a short walk to Stickle Pike via Seathwaite Church & the path behind the Newfield. Mist again made an ascent worthless, so the party came back over the side of Caw.

The evening was fine, & cricket & ping pong took place as usual.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August

Mr G Polard set out with 11 boys to try Scafell. Mist was very heavy however, so at the foot of the Hard Knott they decided on Wasdale Head, & proceeded over the pass, through Eskdale, the Woolpack Inn, & Burnmoor Tarn. There was scarcely anything to see as the mist persisted until after they had to turn back. Return was over Biker Moor & down to the Duddon at the back of Camp without the aid of the path.

Three boys went off ~~with Henry~~ over the Wraymoor & through Lillerthwaite to Conistone. The party, especially one Mr Wilkinson, was a slow one, & unfortunately arrived at its destination just as they closed. Leaving again at 3.45 it was 7.35 before they managed to climb along the Walska Scar Route, turning off at the bridge & coming via Goat Water & Seathwaite Tarn, & arrive in Camp over Cronal Fell.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

It was decided to take advantage of indisposition affecting N<sup>o</sup> Martin & Sq Little to leave them in charge of the Camp, & Messrs Polard, Young, & Henry set off with five boys to have another shot at Scafell. Party went via the stepping stones, Inousdale, across the Esk, & then climbed up Carr Spout. Lunch was eaten at the turn left in the path that ascends the scree about the middle of the mountain, & the ascent then continued at a fairly good speed.

The mist cleared during the ascent, but returned as the party reached the Summit, so that nothing was to be seen. Descent was made by Deep Ghyll & Lord's Rake on to Hrickledore. Continued mist prevented the party's ascending the Pike, & so they dropped down from Hrickledore via Camp Spout to Skdale. Here two pairs of boots had fallen to pieces, so the rest of the party sped on via Broaddale in order that Mr Pollard could return in the car & rescue the wearers of same when they reached the foot of the Hard Knott. Hrickledore-home inside 2 hours.

Dinner preceded a handicap ping pong tournament under the aegis of Mr Pollard. Macadam won the tournament.

(Honour's course - only.)

Thursday 8. VIII. 35

Wrist, boots, ankles, & bellies were all against anything strenuous being attempted to-day, so with the exception of two ostensible walkers to the Langdales who set off across the river in the direction of Birki Farm, the Camp did not walk. Tip-it & run in the morning & sounders in the afternoon, with a bathe at Birki Bridge passed very pleasantly a day that later proved fine.

Messrs Reece & G. V. Brown arrived at 4.15 p.m. & were welcomed right well.

There has been a high prevalence of sickness in the Camp this week, which coincides with a record lowness in the water supply & an excessive prevalence of flies, either or both of which may be causal. It is probably worth boiling or chlorinating the water during very dry

summers, & something more effective than Flit is desirable to  
protect food from flies. Raby & Goffey swear they really L.H.  
did the Langdales - via Wrynose etc.

Friday, 9. viii. 85.

Not much cleaning up was done by the boys. Three cyclists  
got off about 7 a.m., & Mr Young left about 8 with 3 boys whom he was  
leaving at Broughton. The others left in two loads & were all gone  
by 9.30 a.m. Mr St Brown & Henry then dealt with blankets  
& rooms in preparation for the arrival of SV's party on Saturday,  
& Mr Rice overlooked the accounts & the tuckshop affairs etc.

Thus ended a week of quite good weather & a very pleasant  
period: the Camp this week has shown an excellent spirit.