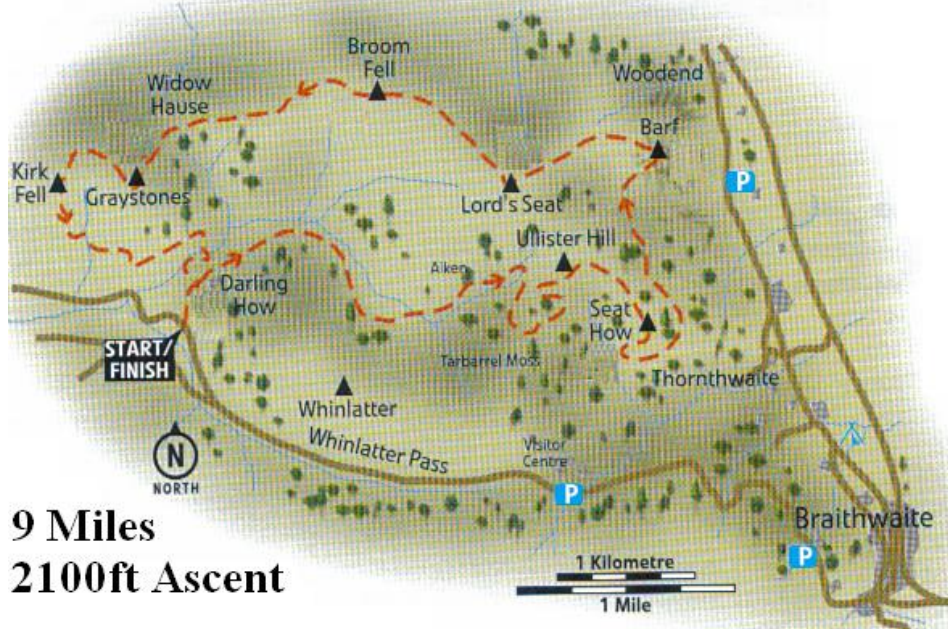


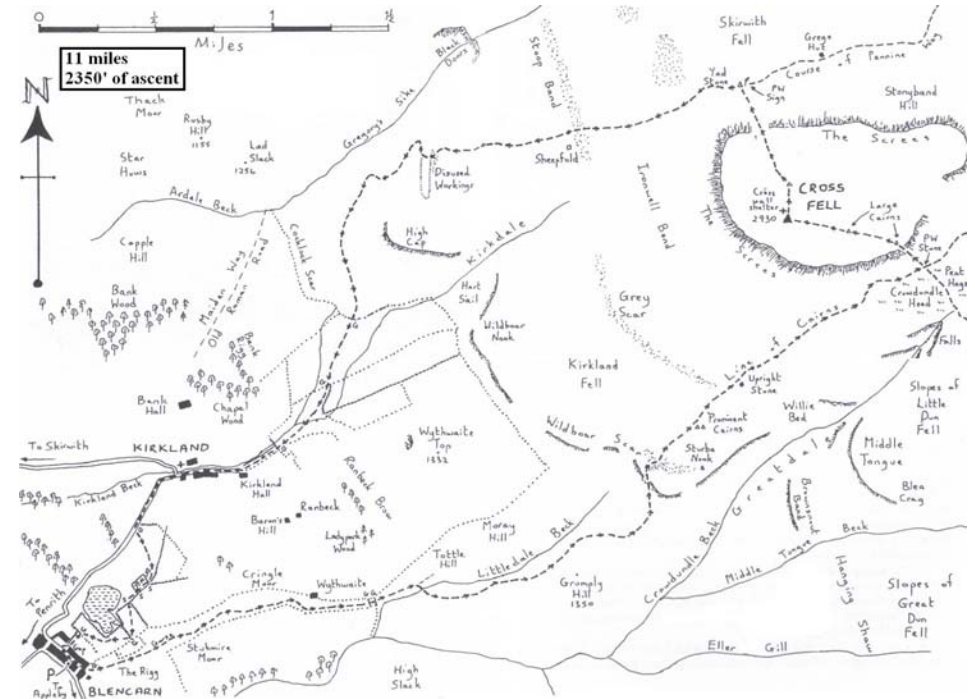


Braithwaite [17th November] – Bagging Wainwrights is a great way to discover the hidden treasures of the Lake District. This walk heads for the north-western fells where Whinlatter Forest Park has the proud boast of being England's only mountain forest. Clear tracks lead through the forest to the Wainwright fells of Barf, Lord's Seat, Broom Fell and Graystones, a collection of summits that few walkers would bag were

it not for Alfred Wainwright's series of guidebooks to the Lake District. These tightly-packed summits are linked by slender rolling rides that rise above the treetops to expose extensive views across this north-western corner of Lakeland. Given the fact that few walkers come this way, you can guarantee having the fells to yourself, so it's clear why this walk offers a winning combination for Wainwright baggers and less dedicated hill-walkers alike.



Cross Fell [20th October] – Cross Fell, at 2,930ft (893m), is a mountain of myth and mystery. It is said to have been given its name following a visit by the early Christian missionary St Paulinus during the seventh century. Before this, it was known as Friend's Fell, and was the haunt of devils. St Paulinus held a mass on the bleak, windswept summit to drive out the demons, and erected a cross there to mark the exorcism. Some of those exhausted Wayfarers might be excused for wondering whether he succeeded, and local people in the Eden valley below know that at least one devil still remains in the form of the vicious Helm Wind; it occurs when a north-easterly wind blows up and across the Pennines, tumbling with amazing force over the western escarpment near Cross Fell and into the Eden valley below, causing all kinds of havoc. Cross Fell is also famous for a bewildering geology which, in addition to the traditional Pennine mix of limestone, shale and grit, includes intrusions of the Whin Sill and coal, silver and lead mines. It is also a National Nature Reserve, part of a World Biosphere Reserve, and a Site of Special Scientific Interest on account of its rare sub-Arctic flora, more akin to the Cairngorms than the English Pennines. All this means that Cross Fell is a very special place, and a worthy summit to crown the Pennines.



Patterdale [February 2008] – If you want to savour the winter wonderland that is Lakeland, the Club have booked Parkside 1 for four nights (Wed 20th, Thur 21st, Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd) and Lodge 1 for three nights (Thur 21st, Fri 22nd & Sat 23rd). The



The cost of the full four night stay will be only £50 per person; up to three night's stay will cost £40 per person. Answer phone and eMail bookings will open at 9am on 1st October 2007.

Minibus Driver - The above event will mark the final appearance of Tony Austin as a minibus driver. Can I therefore on behalf of the Club offer a very big thank you to him for his much appreciated contribution towards Club activities. Hopefully one of his regular passengers will feel suitably inspired by his service to want to take over the baton? If so please contact the Secretary.

Annual General Meeting [20th November 2007] 6:30 in the Lamesley Room.