



E-Newsletter Number 60 July 2023

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The weather was kind in Cumbria at the start of the Summer but as I write this E-News we've returned to more traditional Lakeland weather – a mix of light rain, steady showers and downpours. But it's a small price to pay for the beauty of the Lakes!

Lakeland Show

We'll be at the [Ambleside Show](#) on Thursday 27th July (weather permitting!). If you're at the event, which takes place at the Sports Field, Rydal Park (LA22 9PN) from 10.00 am, do pop by our stand and say hello. It's good to put a face to a Society member's name. You'll also enjoy a great day of traditional Lakeland sports.

THE WAINWRIGHT SOCIETY PROUDLY PRESENTS

The 20th Wainwright Memorial Lecture by Richard Warren

CHAIR - LAKE DISTRICT SEARCH & MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION

Saturday 30th September 2023 @ 6pm - Rheged, Penrith



MOUNTAIN RESCUE - THE INSIDE STORY
Mountain Rescue teams across Cumbria are busier than ever in 2023.

Richard Warren, Chair of LDSAMRA, will give insights into the work of Cumbria's 12 Mountain Rescue teams, how technology supports their work, why search and rescue dogs are still so important and much, much more, including those lighter moments, which help to relieve the stress of an extremely demanding voluntary role.

It will be a fascinating evening lifting the lid on MRS work. All profits will be donated to Mountain Rescue Cumbria which relies on voluntary donations.

For more information on the LDSAMRA visit them online - www.ldsamra.org.uk

Tickets are priced at £12.00 each (£8.00 for Society Members) and can be purchased by calling Rheged on: 01768 868000 or online at: www.rheged.com/event

2024 AGM

After a few meetings via Zoom, I'm pleased to say that our 2024 AGM will return to being an in-person event at Staveley Village Hall on Saturday 30th March at 3.00 pm. The meeting will be preceded by a Society walk. More details will be given in *Footsteps* in due course.

2023 Annual Lecture

This year's annual lecture will be given by a team of Mountain Rescue speakers led by Richard Warren, Chair of the Lake District Search and Mountain Rescue Association. The lecture will take place on Saturday 30th September at 6.00 pm at Rheged, Penrith. You can book tickets online via Rheged's [website](#), by 'phoning 01768 868000 or in person at Rheged's booking office. Tickets are discounted for Society members.

Cumbria's Mountain Rescue teams have been extremely busy this year with visitor numbers increasing and the ever-popular Scafell Pike has accounted for a large number of rescues. Richard and team will tell us about the challenges they face and how traditional rescue dogs and, more recently, drones and powerful search lights, are being employed to support volunteers. All profits from the evening will be donated to Mountain Rescue, our 2023 charity beneficiary, so do come along if you can.

Society Discounts

A reminder that if you wish to take advantage of instore discounts you will either have to show your membership card or give the store the Society's exclusive discount code which you can find in the Members Area of our website. If you don't have the discount code with you you may not be able to claim the benefit. Online purchases usually require you to enter the discount code before checking out.

Society Charitable Donations

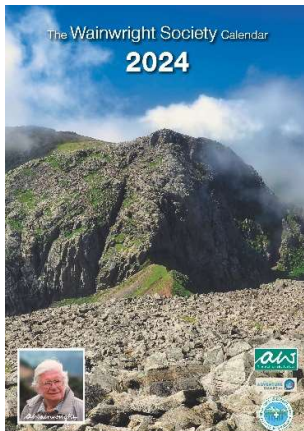
Thanks to the generous contributions made by Society members, sales of our 2023 Calendar and the very kind gift of AW drawings and prints by Joan and Richard Robinson of Penrith, we were able to make a total donation of £8,640 to our 2022 charity beneficiary, Animal Rescue Cumbria, a charity AW supported wholeheartedly.

This year we've donated £2,250 to date to Mountain Rescue Cumbria. Of course, we aim to boost that figure with sales of our 2024 Calendar.



We've now donated over £175,000 in total to charities we believe AW would have supported which is a great achievement by Society members.

Society's 2024 Calendar



Our 2024 calendar is back from the printers and will go on sale in the next two weeks. We'll publicise its launch in the usual way. All profits will be donated to Mountain Rescue Cumbria so your purchase will support a very good cause. Mountain Rescue depends entirely on voluntary donations to carry on its essential and life-saving work.

Tony Hudgell and Orrest Head

When AW reached the top of Orrest Head on his first visit to the Lake District in 1930 he described the occasion as “an introduction to a dream”. As he put it: “Those few hours cast a spell that changed my life”. The Society was a strong supporter of making the summit path to Orrest Head more accessible so that more people could enjoy the view that so transfixed AW.

On 8th August eight-year-old Tony Hudgell, whose legs had to be amputated following life-changing injuries, will attempt to summit Orrest Head to raise money for four charities which have special meaning for him - The Tony Hudgell Foundation, Bendrigg Trust, Crohn's & Colitis UK and Fix the Fells. His aim is to raise £509. If you would like to support Tony you can make a donation [here](#). We wish Tony all the very best in his endeavour.



Great Coastal Railway Journeys

Our former Membership Secretary, Richard Daly, appeared in this Michael Portillo series of BBC programmes talking about Alfred Wainwright, his guidebooks and the coast-to-coast walk. You can still catch the programme on BBC iPlayer [here](#). Richard will be writing an article on the experience for *Footsteps*.

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