



Relative Mutters

No 4, February 2020

Dear Members,

Happy New Year from the RHSoc Committee. We hope you are all getting ready for another big year on the hills. Now that the End of January deadline for submission of Baglogs and Bagtotals has passed, here is a brief report on progress to date:

Baglogs and Articles

We have had the usual late flurry of Baglogs from you and look forward to an entertaining fourth edition of Relative Matters. Gill Stephens, the editor, has imposed a strict deadline although if anybody has any gems to impart to us, I am sure they will be acceptable as long as we get them this weekend.

The target is to print and mail out the Journal during March, together with the Membership Cards for Ordinary Members.

Bagtotals

The requirement to sign a Consent Form has been generally accepted by the Hoffers and the HoF Clerk, Mark Trengove, has collected over 200 to date. He has been rather overwhelmed by the scale of the task, especially as he decided to launch an Overseas bagging forum at the same time. He thanks everybody for their patience and can assure them that it is a one-off requirement. A few people have refused outright to sign the Consent and we will comply with their wishes not to appear in RHSoc publications.

We have just done a final chase-up of those who were in last year's Marilyn Hall of Fame who have not yet responded and the portcullis will be dropped in the next few days in order that we can collate the Tables for Relative Matters.

Membership

The response to the December mailshot of Application Forms has been excellent and a total of around 180 Members and Subscribers have joined up as of today. Gordon Coventry, like Mark, has been very busy recording the data from all those Application Forms. Again, these won't be needed for next year's renewals.

The deadline for paying the annual subscription is 28th February, unless you are hoping to have your article / baglog published in Relative Matters. In that case you had better get your subs in sharpish as it is a Members and Subscribers Journal - non Member's articles are only accepted by invitation.

Those who are affiliating to Mountaineering Scotland via RHSoc will be enrolled on 1st April as explained previously. They will receive their Membership Card before then in order to obtain MS Discounts, should they wish to do so. It looks as though we will have around 50 Members for whom we will be their Primary Club. We think this is a great vote of confidence in the Society from those who have not previously taken the step of affiliating to one of the Mountaineering Associations (including half of the Committee).

Nigel Thackrah – Hoffer 283

For the second Mutters running, we are sad to have to announce the death of one of our Members. Nigel was a keen Marilyn Bagger but an absolutely avid (and very popular) Tumper. When he was diagnosed with a terminal illness a few years ago, he didn't stop bagging. After initially completing his Corbetts, he then concentrated on Tumping, completing county after county, until at the time of his death he had completed 86! Nigel passed away in December and there will be a full obituary in Relative Matters.

Upcoming Events

1. Spring Bagger Rambles: Islay: 24-27 April 2020

This year's Spring Bagger Rambles is at Port Charlotte YH in Islay from 24th to 27th April 2020. The cost will be £79.80 per person for 3 nights, £26.60 per night. If you'd like to attend, please email gillmstephens@gmail.com to book a place, letting Gill know how many nights (2 or 3) and if you'd like to join in with a meal at the local hotel on the Saturday night. There are still a few places remaining for Members and Prospective Members.

2. Annual Dinner and AGM: Banavie, Nr Fort William. 6th June 2020.

There are still places available for Members and Guests at the Annual Dinner at The Moorings, Banavie, Nr Fort William. The price is £30 per person.

Please contact Jenny Hatfield on 'rhsocdinner2020@gmail.com' for more information

Link to Moorings website (<https://moorings-fortwilliam.co.uk/>)

3. St Kilda Island Trip: 11-15 September 2020

A trip to hopefully bag the St Kilda Islands' Marilyns is planned once again this September. This is a Members Only RHSoc sponsored event and anybody interested should contact Rick Salter at 'rick_salter@yahoo.co.uk'

4 Triggers Meet at Wooler YH: 27-30 March 2020

The Trig Bagging group have planned their Spring meet at Wooler in Northumberland for the last weekend in March. It stretches over three nights at a cost of £20 pppn. There are a few spaces left and anybody interested in attending should contact Chris Ottley at 'chrisjottley@gmail.com'. This is not a RHSoc sponsored event.

Members are encouraged to arrange their own events on behalf of the Society and will receive advice and support from the Committee should they wish to do so.

Landmarks

1. Pete Ridges finally reached the Marilyn Hall of Fame on Lendrick Hill on 4th December accompanied by family members and a small group of elite Baggers

2. Bob Taylor climbed his 1000th Marilyn and 1200th Hump on Cairnsmore of Fleet on 3rd January 2020. This hill was prominent in the view from Bob's bedroom when he was growing up – as was Merrick which was his 600th Marilyn and final Corbett back in 2008.

3. John Glew completed a remarkable clutch of Lists on Coniston Old Man last Saturday, 25th January 2020. From the RHSoc stable, it was his 5000th Tump, his 1200th Hump and his 600th Marilyn. It was also his final All Cumbrian Hill and final Cumbrian Trig. He completed six Lake District Lists including Wainwrights, Birketts and Synges and the English elements of a further 11 Lists including Marilyns, Humps and Simms. The weather of course was rubbish - the Lakes never let you down!