



Relative Mutters

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Dear Members, here is our latest update on progress at Relative Towers. Firstly, a bit of admin.

Standing Orders and Direct Debits

We have now opened the new RHSoc Bank Account and Alan Holmes has transferred the old RHSoc account monies to us. We note that a few Subscription payments have still been trickling in. Could we ask you once again that you please cancel all Standing Orders and Direct Debits to the old RHSoc account. This will shortly be closed completely and any monies paid into it could disappear.

Mountaineering Scotland (MS) Affiliation

There appears to be some confusion about the affiliation process. If you are not already a member of MS or BMC or MI, you do not need to take any steps to join MS at present. We will advise you in December what the combined cost of RHSoc and MS Membership is going to be, and we will collect that sum from you. We will do the affiliation process and you will receive your MS number from them by email. It currently looks as though there will be a slight increase from £16.25 to £17.50 in the MS Club Subscription.

Current MS / BMC Members

Following our requests for our current Members to advise us if they were already affiliated to one of the National Bodies, responses are still coming in and we have just hit the 100 mark for this category. You are all a far more Clubbable lot than we knew.

St Kilda Islands Trip runs for the first time since 2017.

The St Kilda Islands trip ran two weeks ago for the first time since 2017 and was quite successful. A poor forecast meant that it was only a two-day event and Soay proved unlandable. However, about a dozen of the 22 sailors summited Dun and / or Boreray. A big hand to Dave McGimpsey for his expert ropework on Boreray, ably assisted by Audrey Litterick. Ace organiser, Rick Salter, travelled to Leverburgh to brief the crews and had to be restrained from taking a spare place by wife Jenny and dug, Bryher, grabbing a leg each.



The gloomy summit of Boreray (A Litterick)

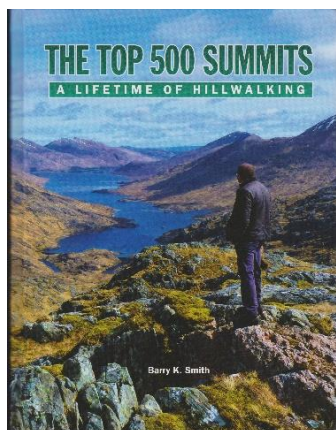
For the first time, everybody on this RHSoc organised trip was in both RHSoc and either MS or BMC. This will be standard practice in future years.

A total of 24 have been certified to travel to the Stacs should a fair-weather window arrive in the next few weeks. First 12 to Leverburgh get on the boat!

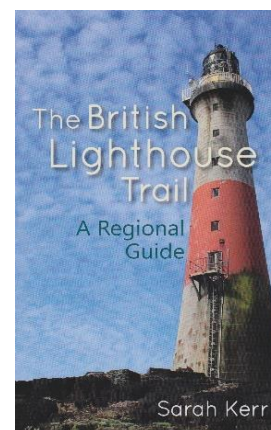
Annual Dinner and AGM, Banavie, Nr Fort William. 6th June, 2020

The Annual Dinner and AGM have been booked at The Moorings at Banavie, near Fort William. This is a large venue so we can easily accommodate the usual 80 plus Members and Guests. Members have been sent the details and 32 have already signed up, eight months in advance. Cost will be £30 pp, payable on booking. Please address all enquiries to the Organiser, Jenny Hatfield at the dedicated mailbox (rhsocdinner2020@gmail.com). Please note that cheques should be made payable to 'Relative Hills Society'.

Publications



Following the publication in 2016 of our new Treasurer's Hill-Bagging memoir, 'The Top 500 Summits', we can report another authorial debut from one of our Members. Sarah Kerr is well known amongst the Sibbing community as she regularly joins them in her quest to visit every lighthouse in the United Kingdom. She has now produced her book, 'The British Lighthouse Trail', based on years of painstaking research. Over 600 lighthouses ranging from Shetland to Jersey are



described and there's a little box for noting when you visited. My wife's face paled when she saw it – not another list! Both books can be obtained from all good booksellers or from the authors via RHSoc (rhsoc@rhsoc.uk).

Website

If you looked up the RHSoc website (www.rhsoc.uk) recently, you will have noticed that it is under construction. We are looking for a portfolio of photographs of all types of hill and groups of people to populate the website and would welcome any that you can send us. Please provide a full description and we will credit you when / if they are used. Please send photos to 'editor@rhsoc.uk'.

Member's Survey

We did promise that a short survey would be sent out to Members soon. Unfortunately, due to several Committee Members selfishly going away on holiday and enjoying themselves, this has been delayed. We still hope to send something out by the end of October.

Back Copies of Relative Matters

We have a few spare copies of this year's Relative Matters. These are available for purchase at the bargain price of £5 inc p&p. It says £10 on the back of them! Contact us via 'rhsoc@rhsoc.uk' for these.

Slaidburn Bagger Rambles: 22nd /24th November, 2019

This is now full and there is a waiting list. I look forward to meeting many of you there.

Regards,

Chris Watson – Deputy Chair, RHSoc