

THE WALKERS

JOHN IRWIN

The tall, lean hungry looking walker whose large feet terrify those tiny blades of grass on which they are about to tread

HARRY JAMES

The bold, determined 'doer' whose balding head reflects the sun's rays in the eyes of his faithful followers

PETER MILLER

This bespectacled, well dressed gentleman of the hills, whose titanic hands can encompass rolled umbrella, bowler and briefcase is an example of *** to us all

EDWARD WATSON

His exquisite good looks are only marred by his modesty and his short fat hairy legs

*** to be discussed

THE BENEVOLENT FUND OF THE R.I.C.S.

The Benevolent Fund of the R.I.C.S. was born in 1970 from the amalgamation of the funds of three former Chartered Land Institutions. The purpose is to assist members and their dependents through Branch Stewards in any of the following ways (1) financial assistance (2) professional advice (3) provision of residential accommodation, where necessary (4) education (5) holiday grants. Finance is raised in a number of ways, sale of Christmas cards, cuff links, tombola stalls etc.

In the Northumberland and Durham Branch the five stewards have allocated nearly £1,200, together with sympathetic advice to several needy cases.

Obviously it is in the best interest of all members that this walk be well supported to ensure that the Fund continues to flourish.

THE HISTORY OF THE LYKE WAKE WALK

This yah neet, this yah neet,
 Ivvery neet an'all,
 Fire an' fleet an' cannlelight,
 An' Christ tak up thy saul

This tale outlined in this and the following verses of The Lyke Wake Dirge go back to earliest Norse times — (we see their grave mounds forming part of the local landscape) There is no

suggestion however that corpses were carried along the Walk. Bill Cowley, a local farmer, issued a challenge in the Dalesman that he would present a cup to the first walkers who traversed the Yorkshire Moors from Osmotherly to Ravenscar. He was eventually forced to accept his own challenge and it was in the middle of Wheeldale Moor at 3.00 a.m. that the particular poignancy of this ancient Dirge hit the first party of walkers and the Walk was thus named. After this first crossing in October 1955 many thousands have followed in Bill Cowley's footsteps.

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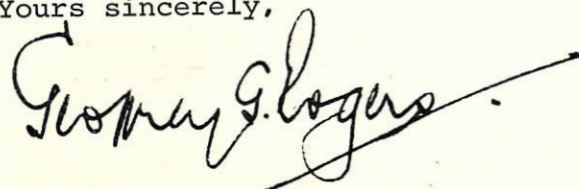
Dear Member,

I write this letter to commend to you the efforts of the Northumberland and Durham Junior Branch to raise money for the Benevolent Fund during Benevolent Fund Month. It is a most imaginative way of doing so and the effort of the walkers and all those who have assisted in this venture deserve to be very fully supported, by all members of the Branch, Senior and Junior alike, and indeed by non-members as well.

I suppose a further way to make money would be to organise a sweep on the time involved or physical condition (by weight) of the walkers at the end; they have wisely decided that the finish of the walk is to be at a Licensed House.

Good luck to them all. They have my admiration and gratitude for their endurance and devotion to the cause. Make sure that you, the reader of this, indicate in terms of hard cash your admiration as well.

Yours sincerely,



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A team will attempt a sponsored walk of
THE LYKE WAKE WALK
on
16th NOVEMBER 1974
on behalf of
THE BENEVOLENT FUND OF THE R.I.C.S.



Weather report 16th November 1973
North Yorkshire Moor

Gale force winds with scattered snow showers