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Benevolent Fund

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20 years ago, 4 members of the Northumberland and Durham Junior Organisation completed the Lyke Wake Walk in aid of the RICS Benevolent Fund. Older, but not wiser, they are to re-attempt the Walk on 5th November 1994. Once again they are seeking sponsorship for their efforts in aid of the Benevolent Fund.

In recent years the number of requests for help received by the Fund has trebled at a time when fundraising has been difficult. Please give every possible support by providing your sponsorship on this occasion. Every pound raised will help those less fortunate members and their families who face hardship due to such circumstances as illness, disability, unemployment, bereavement, separation of families or difficulties in retirement.

Please give generously to help those in need now - you never know when you may need the Fund to help you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Digby, FRICS
Chairman (Board of Trustees)

FROM THE COMMITTEE
by instructions of:—

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THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS
JUNIOR ORGANISATION
NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM



DELETE.

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.

5TH NOVEMBER 1994.



Weather report 16th November 1973

North Yorkshire Moor

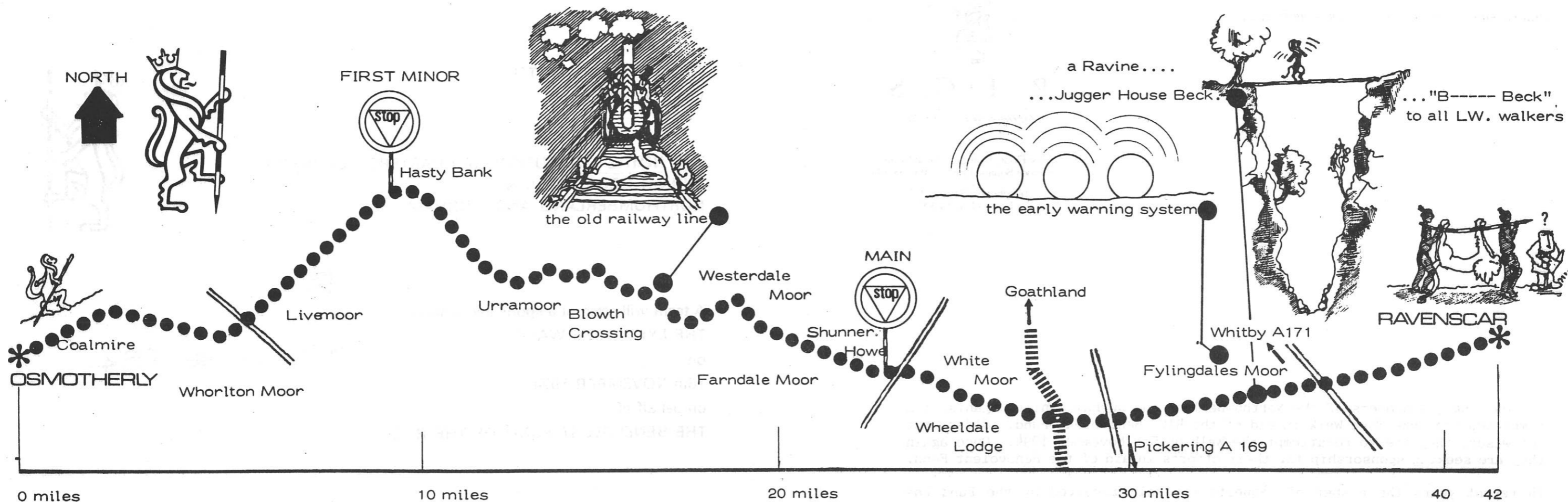
Gale force winds with scattered snow showers

16TH NOVEMBER 1974

- FAIR - TEMP 8°C - 6HRS SUNSHINE

5TH NOVEMBER 1993

- MISTY WITH DRIZZLE - TEMP. 10/12°C



THE WALKERS

As at 1974.

Any need to change!?

- Check medical records

- Leave as original!

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 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.