

Lakes meet - Agnes Spencer hut, Patterdale – 11th – 13th Jan 2013

The promise of a winter wonderland tempted a few of the DMC to the Agnes Spencer hut in the Lakes in early January. A typically popular meet was this time a little under supported due to many of the stalwart members being away or injured. However, eight of the fourteen places were filled and plans were made for adventure.

On the Saturday one small group set out together for excursions on the east of Ullswater, and unusually (for mountaineers) got the boat to the start of the walk. The views from the boat were superb with snow filled peaks visible all across the lakes. The plan was to bag a number of Wainwrights but each had slightly differing objectives so the group split into two with Mike and John going in one direction and Dean, Ben and Colin set off up the steep sided slopes of Bonscale Pike.

The weather turned around lunchtime with the promised cold front arriving on time but this cleared quickly giving superb views around Kidsty Pike and the strong gusts of wind brought with it wildly changing atmospheric conditions as we walked towards high street. The day ended in dry clear conditions having managed ten Wainwrights between us. Eddie and Helen had other plans with objectives further south (around high street).

On the Sunday the group split into four groups: Dean, Eddie and Helen went off to tackle Pinnacle Ridge on St Sunday Crag, Mike and John set off for Helvellyn and Colin managed another circuit around the east hills, Ben also went solo to St Sunday Crag the sensible way.

