50c. The Wasdale Headbangers Annual Reunion

Some may say Wasdale Head Bangers Reunion!

2019 (49th), 2020 for 50th Annual Reunion and 2024 (54th)

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The **Wasdale Headbangers** are a group of 'young men' who have met every year in January and February to 'celebrate' their Lake District exploits and friendship originating from camping, walking and climbing, originating in the 1960s.

The six original Wasdale Head Bangers were Barry, Ken, Mike, Pete, Shaun (aka Phil) and Bill, but many others derived from friends and family have joined the reunion over the years.

The first **Wasdale Head Bangers reunion** was in 1971, in 2019 we celebrated our 49th reunion and we have now reached the 50th reunion in 2020!

There is a technical dispute as to whether 2020 is the 49th or 50th reunion year, who cares?! We can do the same next year in 2021 to make sure!

The photographs illustrate our yearly meeting in the Wasdale Head Inn and the landscape setting of Wasdale where many walks have been undertaken, both past and present and a few, we hope, in the future, even beyond 2020?

Any images and captions from past and present are always welcome!

40th reunion video https://www.flickr.com/photos/avondrow/4416410015



One of the early reunions, year ?

Please read these IMPORTANT NOTES for all patrons!

1. Happy to receive any images plus caption details of anything anybody did for the 50th reunion of the Wasdale Headbangers in 2020.

2. Any digitised archive images from past reunions? e.g. people, location, year etc. from pub or walk.

3. PLEASE tell me if any caption name is wrong on this page or anyone misspelt!

4. I'm happy to add any comment or detail to the picture captions I've done so far.

5. If you want a copy of the original image then just email me the number [**1 to 9**] chem55555@hotmail.com

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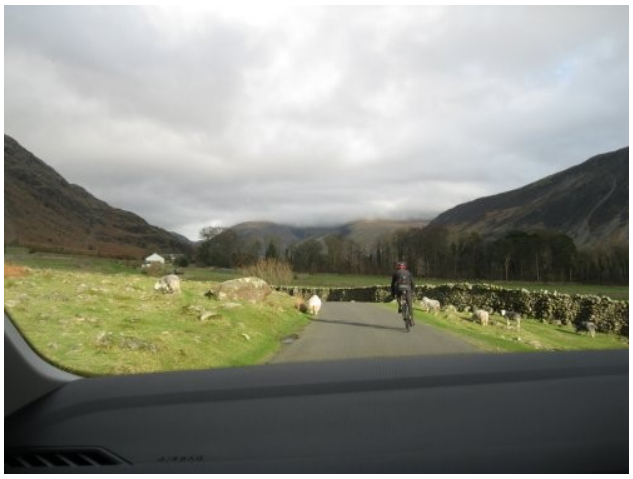




The Wasdale Headbangers Annual Reunion 'Coat of Arms'!

Pictures of the 50th and 54th reunion of the Wasdale Head Bangers in 2020 and 2024 have been added to this page.

The 54th in February 24th-25th 2024





Duncan and Phil heading along nicely once sheep and cyclists out of the way!

A walk along the coastal cliffs from St Bees Head on the Saturday after a very late start !!!

Just five Wasdale Headbangers finally, after midday!, set off, namely Dave, Duncan, John, Pete and Shaun












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Back to Wasdale via Hartley's Beach Shop and Tea Rooms!!!

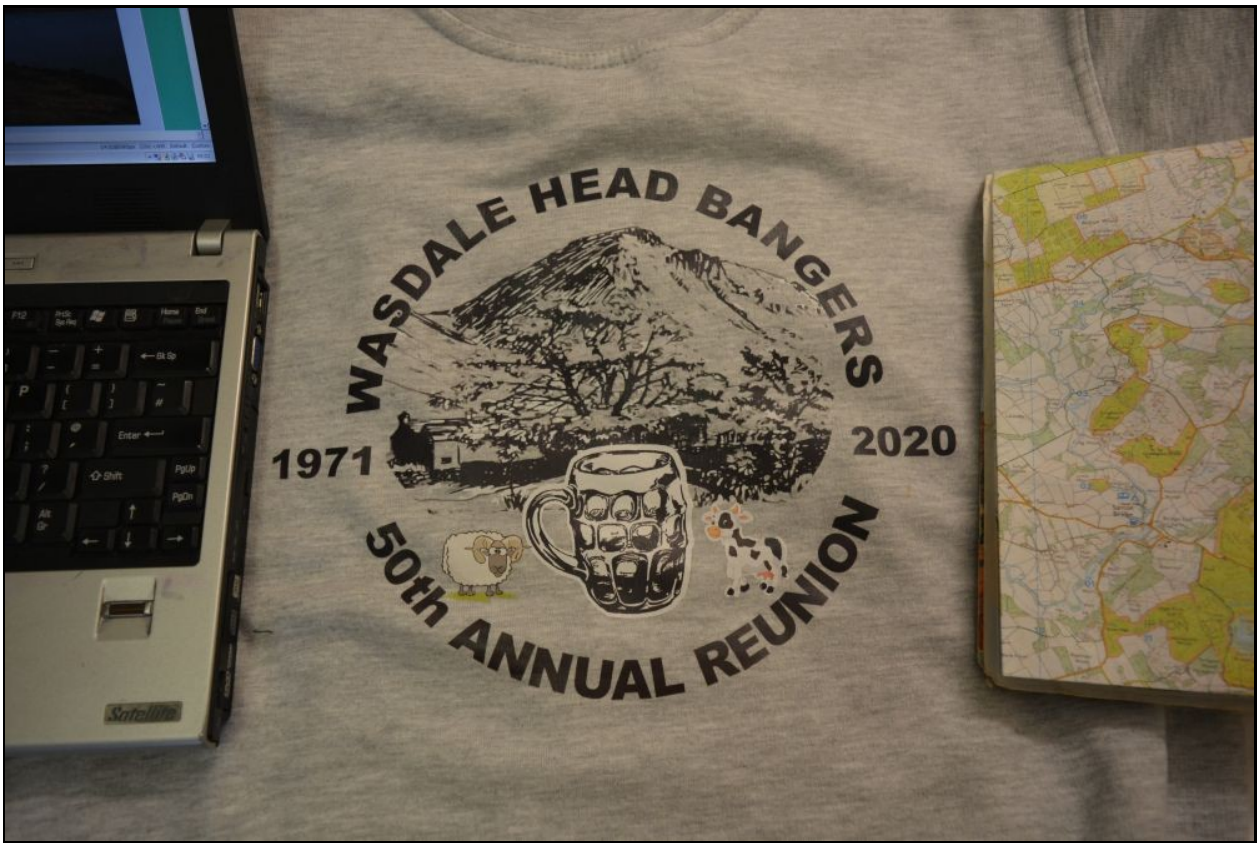




Saturday evening 2024 in the Wasdale Head Hotel, with four of the originals!! Pete, Mike, Shaun (aka Phil) and Kenny

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The 50th Reunion Anniversary of the Wasdale Head Bangers in February 22nd-23rd 2020



The new Wasdale Headbangers 50th annual reunion sweatshirt!



The Bridge Inn, Santon Bridge, February 2020



A startled Peter rabbit caught on his mobile phone!



Mike is thinking "Why am I here?"



Its that pesky photographer Shaun again!

For many of the 'participants', The Wasdale Head Bangers reunion weekend often starts on a Friday night in The Bridge Inn at Santon Bridge.



The weather wasn't too bad for the 50th Reunion Wasdale Head Bangers in 2020.

(Apart from 50-60 mph gusts of wind above 2000 ft on Saturday!)



Ben Carman, Les Seed, Aaron Carman and Sam Carman ascending from Wasdale to Sty Head.











Wasdale Headbangers 50th reunion in 2020.

On the Saturday, Tom & Co. had turned back at Sty Head.

However, on the same day, Richard Gahan in the blue jacket, Gary Wilde in red and Rick Nuttall in black, walked from Sty Head to a 'crispy' Great End and back down to Wasdale Head.

Richard Gahan is a Scout Leader with the 7th Ramsbottom (Greenmount) Scout Group.









To contrast matters! A very 'strenuous walk' and lunch in Miterdale! Followed by much needed refreshment in the Bower House Inn

Mike, Pete, Shaun, Duncan, Dave, Jay in any order! (Shaun, as ever, was behind the camera!)







Saturday Evening's Festivities in the Wasdale Head Inn in 2020



BUT first, a blast from the past - Mike, Pete, Ken, ?, Barry Clarke, Chris Wood, Shaun, Terry Clarke (circa 1976?)



and so to Saturday night, Wasdale Head Bangers reunion February 2020

At the end of the evening a beer mug comes around and we all contribute a charitable donation!



This year it came to £230, and Pete reckons we have contributed from 2007 to 2020 £1730 to the very important Air Ambulance & Wasdale Mountain Rescue - I'm glad to say, over the years, we haven't need them! (yet!)

The Portrait Gallery!

Unfortunately, Barry Hill could not attend our 50th reunion due to a broken leg!

However, Barry is 'captured' on the right with Pete at the 49th reunion - he was there in spirit.



[1] Jay, Dave, Sam, Aaron and Ben Carmen (50th Reunion Wasdale Head Bangers)



[2] (front 3 +3 left to right) Rick Nuttall, Gary Wilde, Rick Gahan, Barry Jones, Barry Jones, Paul Crichley, Pete Crichley (50th Reunion Wasdale Head Bangers)



[**3 and 4**] Les Seed and John Booth, and then remembered John Taylor! (JT) (50th Reunion Wasdale Head Bangers)





[**5**] Tom, Ken, Tony, Jed Griffin (50th Reunion Wasdale Head Bangers)



[**6**] Mike, Pete and Duncan (50th Reunion Wasdale Head Bangers)



[**7**] Mike Woodend, Pete Armstrong, David Healey, Stephen Crompton (50th Reunion Wasdale Head Bangers)



[**8**] THE CF MOTT LOT - Andrew Clarke, Chris Floyd (Bear), Nigel Metcalfe, Joy, Duncan Wright (50th Reunion Wasdale Head Bangers)



[**9**] Phil (Tom) and Ken (KG) (50th Reunion Wasdale Head Bangers)



A donkey plus blow-up Zimmer frame!



The 50th Reunion Wasdale Head Bangers birthday cake! (~11 pm Saturday night)

A GREAT TIME, as ever, WAS HAD BY ALL, with Pete as ever leading the singing!



The cake ~2pm Sunday afternoon!

Sunday- most people had left, but weather had improved and Shaun and Duncan walked up to Sty Head Tarn



Its that Sty Head stretcher box photo-shoot again!



Tom and Co. went up to Sty Head on the Saturday (picture please Tom), but quite rightly, turned back due to bad weather, particularly high winds - gusts of 50-60 mph.

On the Sunday Duncan and Shaun went up to Sty Head in much better weather as you can see below! However, we turned back too and returned for cake and other snacks while watching England beat Ireland in the Six Nations Rugby!



A portrait of Duncan and lichen!

The Wasdale Headbangers have their annual reunion in the beautiful setting of Wasdale, but mainly in the Wasdale Head Inn!



The beautiful landscape of Wasdale - Yewbarrow, Wast Water and Great Gable in the distance. (2019)

Outside of, and apart from, Ritson's Bar, the glorious setting of the Wasdale Headbangers annual reunion!



The Wasdale Head Inn (GCHQ!) below Yewbarrow



Middle Fell with Ken and Ben Greenall - the mountain men! (2019, 49th Wasdale Headbangers Reunion)



Shaun (aka Phil) on Seatallan (2019)



(Ben or Ken?) Time to be heading back to the Wasdale Head Inn!!!! (Wasdale Headbangers Reunion)









The Wasdale Head Inn - the Wasdale Headbangers Annual Reunion location, in particular Ritson's Bar!!

On the bottom right, the rather twee mezzanine was once the floor of a 'flea-bitten' room we first stayed in back in the early 1970s.

These days most of us stay in B&B and self-catering holiday cottages, but Duncan still camped in 2019 - brave man!





Scene from the 49th reunion of the 49th Wasdale Headbangers Reunion.





The 49th Wasdale Headbangers Reunion: Duncan Wright, Chris Wood, Nigel and Joy




Pete Osborn and Barry Hill at the 49th Wasdale Headbangers Reunion.




The 49th Wasdale Headbangers Reunion: John Booth + Tom (Mike's son-in-law) and Ben.




The 49th Wasdale Headbangers Reunion




Mike Woodend and Ken AND Mike and Chris Wood at the 49th Wasdale Headbangers Annual Reunion



Pete and Shaun (aka Phil in another life!) at the 49th Wasdale Headbangers Annual Reunion.

More pictures from the archives prior to the 50th Wasdale Headbangers Reunion in 2020



Duncan's own photograph of Duncan's tent, a 'moody' Wasdale Head, 2019 (Wasdale Headbangers Reunion)



Dave Carmen, Pete, Mike, Barry Hill and Barry Jones above, Sty Head in 2012 (Wasdale Headbangers Reunion)





Mike (and cake) and Ken (and helmet) at the 40th Wasdale Headbangers reunion in 2010



Barry, Pete, Mike and Dave Carmen (taken the last year Tony came?), location? year? (circa 2017? Bridge in Eskdale, Wasdale Headbangers Reunion)



Mike, Pete, Duncan, Barry and John Booth (ice-cream in Boot, 2019, Wasdale Headbangers Reunion)