**Honorary Membership.**

I would like to express my thanks for granting me Honorary Membership of the Selby Fell Walking Club which I should have done at the AGM last Thursday but time did not allow it.

I understand that it was awarded for my work as the club treasurer over a number of years. I have to say that I did not want to retire from being the club treasurer and only retired due to ill health reasons. I am sure that Irene Brereton will prove to be a capable replacement treasurer.

I enjoyed being the club treasurer very much as it ensured that I had close contact with the entire membership. It also meant that I knew what was going on and why.

I can therefore recommend that club members are as active in club affairs as possible. I enjoyed leading club walks particularly and made many friends doing it. Remember the more you put into the club the more you will benefit from it.

I would like to thank you all once more and tell you that I intend to keep walking with the club as long as I am physically able. Thank you all very much.

*Dave Shilladay*

I am delighted to receive the honorary life membership from the club.  Please would you convey my thanks to the club members.  I met so many different likeminded people over the years and made many good friends such as yourself.  I had the opportunity to be in good and safe company while exploring our wonderful countryside.  For my part I tried to serve the club the best I could but the club served me in return a hundredfold.  I have such good memories of the walks I did and the camaraderie of the members.

*Katie Duggan*

Winter 1992. Les McMorris said it would be a good idea if I joined the SFWC.

So with no equipment and no experience, I did a 14 miler over the Wolds to arrive back at the bus in the dark. I was so pleased to have made it and though tired, determined to join the next one.

And so the adventure began.

Visits to Glaramara where Brian took us up monstrous high fells- but what an opportunity to climb Helvelyn, Scarfell Pike, Great Gable and many more.

Long distance walks with Pauline followed- the Wolds Way, Cleveland Way and best of all the Dales Way.

Somewhile ago now, I was pleased to be given the opportunity to initiate the medium walks for members like John Haslam who was poorly and struggling with 12 plus miles but wanted to stay in the SFWC and meet with his friends once a month.

Later, Katy kindly started the short walks for similar reasons.

It’s been such fun being part of the May visits to Northumberland, Willersley Castle and Grange- as much for exploring new areas as discovering wonderful pubs to go to at night.

Alongside walking through beautiful countryside to places I wouldn’t have visited otherwise are the wonderful friends I’ve made- some from a long time ago through to now- all treasured.

I’ve tried to give something back for all of this- like Dave and Katy.

It’s been totally amazing- thank you very much SFWC.

*Elizabeth Dear*