

STEPHEN VENABLES NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2017

SPRING IN THE LAKES AND ANDALUCIA

In May I enjoyed what has become an annual visit to the Lake District to talk to Scania managers, as part of their development programme with Marie Shelton and Steve Carter of Apter International. I always try to combine the event with a day's rock climbing. No-one seemed to be available this time (and the weather was fairly dodgy) so I contented

myself with a Memory Lane solo trip up Jack's Rake on Pavey Ark, which I first did in 1970 with my mother and our dog.



Earlier this spring Rosie, the dog (different dog) and I spent eight wonderful days walking the new **GR 141** round the **Serrania Ronda**. Every day was lovely, but Day Five, crossing an entire hillside carpeted in sunflowers, was particularly special. An article will be appearing soon in *The Great Outdoors Magazine*.



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BEING HUMAN AT BASE CAMP

If you are anywhere near the Lake District on the evening of **June 29**, please come to my talk at **Rheged, near Penrith**. This is part of the 'Being Human at Base Camp' exhibition by Derek Eland, a recent 'artist in residence' at the Nepal side Everest base camp. My talk will be about a rather different base camp and a rather different kind of Everest ascent.



photo courtesy of Joseph Blackburn

Four Men on a Mountain – Everest Kangshung Face **19.30 June 29**

Details here:

<https://www.rheged.com/event/being-human-at-basecamp-lecture-series-stephen-venables-four-men-on-a-mountain-everest-kangshung-face-plus-q-a/>

SOUTH

Future plans include my third sailing/skiing visit to the Antarctic Peninsula, next January. That expedition aboard *Pelagic Australis* is now full. However, having enjoyed such a brilliant **South Georgia** trip last September (featured recently in *Climb* magazine) Skip Novak and I are planning another early spring expedition to South Georgia for **September/October 2018**. This will be a five weeks charter departing from the Falklands on **16 September 2018**. For experienced ski-mountaineers this is a chance to explore the island's sublime glacial hinterland and – we hope – continue with unfinished business on some very fine unclimbed summits. But as usual there will also be places on the 'support

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team' for people who may have less experience but would still like to enjoy the island's extraordinary coastline and wildlife – and not-too-serious treks inland – based on one of the best yachts operating in the Southern Ocean.



Full details appearing soon at www.pelagic.co.uk and www.stephenvenables.com



In the meantime, if you would like to talk about the expedition, please contact me direct.

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