

I have booked the **Annual Dinner** for the weekend of 12-14 November 2021 at the Cumbria Grand, Grange-Over-Sands, at a bed-and-breakfast rate of £55 per person sharing a standard double room (there is a £10 supplement for a single room). Please quote the Rucksack Club when booking. For those who don't know, it is a large Victorian Hotel and more information can be found at <https://strathmorehotels-cumbriagrand.com> though don't expect quite such a smart bedroom as that shown on the video for £55pp!

I chose this venue as I have enjoyed Annual Dinners here in the past and there are many options for walking, climbing and biking of a strenuous or more leisurely nature. I am also delighted to say that **Mick Fowler** has agreed to be our principal guest and he will speak on Saturday evening.

On Friday evening I plan to have an 'Adventure' based series of talks by members from 8pm; to start this off Andy Connolly and his partner Sarah have agreed to talk about their cycle traverse of North and South America from Alaska to Patagonia, much of it off-road. Prior to this there will be a 3-course dinner available to members in the hotel restaurant at the reduced rate of £15 per head (normally £22.50); if you intend to take up this offer, please could you indicate this on the Annual Dinner booking form as the hotel would appreciate a rough idea of numbers expected.

I will provide more details about the activities and talks by early September on the website as well as in October's Meetstaff. So, get a room booked, send me your Booking Form [attached to this email] for Friday and Saturday evenings, and come and enjoy a weekend amongst friends, enjoying whatever activity takes your fancy and listening to some cracking talks. Looking forward to see you there.

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