

SHORT WALKS GROUP

August walk—Margaret Brennand

Liz Benson and I were leading the August walk. The plan was to catch the 9.30 bus to Newby Bridge and then walk along the new Lakeside Path, arriving at Finsthwaite Church for a coffee stop. From there we would head up to High Dam, with option of just doing Low Dam. In great anticipation 22 signed up to join us.

And then the British summer weather came along. On that Monday it poured down all day. This did not deter 6 of us who squelched our way along the Lakeside Walk to Lakeside, some of us walked back and some escaped to the cafe.

Two days later we had a much brighter day in prospect and an evening walk was proposed. Eight of us met again outside the Swan Hotel and ambled along the Lakeside Walk and then up to Finsthwaite Church. Here we paused a while and Liz directed us to the grave of Clementina, allegedly a daughter of Bonnie Prince Charlie. The prospect of sitting out by the river with a drink in hand as the sun set was a great lure and we postponed the climb up to High Dam for another time. From the Church we ambled back through fields and woods to the Swan Hotel.

October walk

17 set off on this walk on a very overcast day. The route had to be changed due to local flooding. We walked to Newlands and then rose up the valley paths to appear on a road north of Ulverston. We then made our way through a wood to approach the Hoad over gently sloping hills. We then descended into Ulverston via the parish church. The mist did not allow us views but we had good company and it was sufficiently challenging to be satisfying

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