

Trip Report: The Lake District

Date: 19th June 2010

Group: Jim W (leader) Elena, Sue, Chrissie, Mari, Lesley, Jean, Lynda, Tony, Hugh, Jim G, Irene (training for a trip to Peru with Sue) Tilley

Route: Gatesgarth Farm in Buttermere, ascend Scarth Gap Pass and take in the ridge incorporating Seat, High Crag, High Stile, Red Pike, descend via Blea Crag to Crummock Water and return via Buttermere

Total Distance: Unknown

Total Ascent: Unknown

Weather: Unknown

Ok so 'Girl Power' definitely rules in BUMS at present with 8 of the squad being female and all yomping along high passes with no difficulty; even the dog was female.

An early start from Bunbury for most, although the leader was staying in the lakes but still arrived after everyone else. Hugh and Mari from our Southern Branch made the trip up the night before and were rewarded with yet another fine weekend of weather in the lakes.

This is one of the classic walks in the area with outstanding scenery when the weather is as fine as it was. It is quite a pull to the ridge but once there the going becomes fairly easy.

A coffee stop has become a feature of BUMS walk and this being no exception was taken on High Crag.

Lunch was taken at Red Pike where we enjoyed fantastic views to the Isle of Man and to Scotland. At this stage Tony became a bit emotional and pointed out his honeymoon venue on the Isle of Whithorn, and Sue not to be outdone described her wedding night in a tent!! Ian sure knows how to treat a lady.

A fairly easy descent to Scale Force via Blea Crag showed just how little rain has been seen in this area for some months now as the waterfall, normally quite a spectacle, was virtually non existent.

The walk along Crummock Water and Buttermere to the finish was scenic and was described by Tony as a 'Horace trail'.

There was a promise of ice cream at the end but to the disappointment of Lynda only the ice cream sign remained with the ice cream van nowhere in sight.

An excellent day in the Lakes.

Jim W

Ps the reason for the leader already being in the lakes was he was on a cookery course. For those interested he can now make Ham Ballontine; Braised ham Hocks; Potted |Shrimps, Salad of wood pigeon with beetroot and black pudding; Chocolate stout cake. If you are having a dinner party he is available for private hire.