

## **SHORT WALKS GROUP**

March 9th

The walk in March started at Canal Foot Ulverston on a murky day. We walked for a short distance along the beach, quite slippery in places, and then across fields to reach a quiet lane which took us up to the main road. After carefully negotiating the road we walked up the delightful Newlands valley passing the old industrial remains and then climbed up to the Hoad. By this time the weather had still not improved and the view was disappointing. We then carefully negotiated the descent into Ulverston, crossed the road to Booths and took a short path to join the canal towpath back to canal head. The weather was drizzly by this time but a few of us ate our packed lunch out in the open, we're such hardy souls.

Thanks to John and Jane Davis for leading the walk.

April 13th

21 travellers set off from Wray castle in lovely sunshine with a slight nip to the air. We visited the outside of Wray church and took a path down to the lake and another path back up again to High Wray where we took the path to base camp, taking advantage of a seat and log for refreshments and views. We then wound up through the woods where Shirley was talking too much. She thought it was a bit odd when she passed some tarns and a look at the map showed she had overshot the path down. Gary said she should have kept quiet, it did prove to be a perfect lunch stop with far reaching views and a wall to sit on. We retraced our steps and took the path down to Belle Grange. The path was not for the faint hearted being stony and steep in parts, several knees and hips suffered. It was with some relief to walk along the shore back to Wray where various people sampled the excellent cakes and pastries in Joe's cafe. The rain held off and the only cloud had been the length 7 miles. Moral for Shirley, next time your watch says 6 miles on the recce, believe it. It was a varied and beautiful walk and most people seemed to enjoy it, despite looking mildly shattered at the end.

Thanks to Shirley Geddes

*Jan Tomlinson*