

## **Lancaster Fellwalkers Report of the Anniversary Walk on New Year's Day 2009**

Lancaster Fellwalkers started the New Year with a walk from Jubilee Tower to The Ward's Stone led by the club president, David Ward. Thirty seven past and present members and friends aged from under 10 to over 70 set off in bright but very cold, frosty weather for the anniversary walk, a replica of the walk on the first club programme 70 years ago to the day. As it turned out conditions could not have been better as walking was easier on frozen ground than on what would have been a battle with bogs. The group had a steady climb up to Grit Fell and then over the stile and headed on the footpath across the heather moor and past frozen pools to The Ward's Stone, at 1848ft. the highest point in Bowland, with views on a clear day to the Three Peaks, Lakeland Hills, Morecambe Bay and Bowland but somewhat hazy in the distance today. The group had a break for sandwiches here, sheltering from the cold wind amongst the huge rocks of grit stone. Half the group returned by the same route with some of the stronger walkers detouring to add on a mile or two but all arrived back at Jubilee Tower after an invigorating, memorable and very enjoyable 7 mile walk.

The next outing is on 18<sup>th</sup> January for walks from Newby Bridge to Hawkshead.

For the Sunday walks programmes and photographs of this and other walks visit our website at

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