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NEWS FROM
LIVERPOOL ROAD
METHODIST CHURCH



AUTUMN 2025

FROM OUR MINISTER –The Rev Ernie Grimshaw



At the start of the new Methodist year, and having had pastoral charge for the last year, Nicky and I would like to thank you all for your help and support.

I am really impressed by the dedication and hard work that the members of our congregation put into making the church a dynamic place of worship and fellowship and a community centre for our surrounding neighbourhood.

I would particularly like to thank Doreen Iddon, Pam Christopher and Joan Farnworth. They have each stepped down from their duties after many years of service and hard work. We welcome Caroline and Katy to the team and also welcome Reverend Chris Humble as he takes up the Circuit Superintendent's role.

It is important that we look to the future and seek God's guidance for the direction we should travel, not only in relation to bricks and mortar, but also in mission and outreach. To this end, the Leadership Team will be spending time in prayer and reflection together seeking God's guidance.

So Be Bold, Be Strong for the Lord our God is with us.

Ernie

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

As I set about writing a report on behalf of the Leadership Team, being the final one as Senior Steward, I have taken a look back at how we have developed as a church in recent years. Sometimes we fail to recognise answers to prayer as progress may not necessarily have taken place in the way we first anticipated. In 2020, all the churches in the circuit were challenged to consider their viability by preparing a Way Forward Review or, the alternative, an exit strategy. The four Stewards at that time set about positively to present Liverpool Road as a church that had a promising future, especially as a community hub alongside a worship centre. The format of the review was four parts: A survey completed by members and adherents to find out current perceptions of church; a historical perspective of Liverpool Road Methodist Church; An overview of how the church is functioning today; an investigation, through various meetings with relevant professionals, into the current needs of the community. This culminated in giving a presentation at a Circuit Meeting. A lot of research and data collection was involved in preparing this review. Our strengths and weaknesses, both in fulfilling our potential for mission and opportunities for worship and fellowship, were also an outcome. We continue to draw on the many gifts and skills of our members whilst recognising key challenges, such as the availability of leaders and volunteers, being relevant as a worshipping congregation to new people and having the funds to update our buildings and keep them in a good state of repair. This was the time that the country was emerging out of lockdown following the Covid-19 pandemic and there were lessons learned and experiments in communication trialled as a result of this. Circuit led initiatives in delivering services online were well received. Zoom meetings became the norm for a while. The benefit of bringing together musical talent from across the circuit to enhance worship was recognised and continues to be put to use during regular Circuit Services. The needs of people in the community also changed with a constant focus on how

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the Covid experience had affected the mental health of children and adults alike. How have we emerged from this experience and reconnected both with each other as a worshipping community and the people in our neighbourhood? FACETS as a model of community engagement continues to offer people the opportunity for socialisation and learning.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS – being able to meet again in person for fellowship after lock-down was most welcome. We are grateful for the commitment of the leaders of these groups to keep core opportunities for learning and caring going. YOUNG PEOPLE – this work carries on through the commitment of leaders of our Junior Church and Girls' Brigade Company, and we are grateful for that. In addition, we offer financial support to Southport & Area Schools Worker Trust that is able to reach young people in settings off church premises

SUPPORTING FAMILIES ON LOW INCOMES – The Food Pantry that has been set up in conjunction with Compassion Acts meets an important need in providing not only some basic food at a reduced cost to those in greatest need but also advice and counselling. Church volunteers who work on an allotment link into this providing fresh produce and the chance for people to work alongside them.

A PLACE TO BE – A space for quiet reflection came up in discussion as something that might be an important asset in the future. The opportunity to buy and use the piece of wasteland behind Brookfields property has gone but as a concept it might still be worth considering.

WARM SPACE/DROP-IN CENTRE – This was trialled in response to the sharp increase in the cost of heating homes. Although there was not the anticipated demand for this at our church, it is important to acknowledge the effort that went into setting it up.

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UNDERSTANDING THE NEEDS OF THOSE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD – Time was spent arranging meetings, and forging links with, professionals who could direct people to church activities e.g. Social Prescriber for Birkdale, Community Connector, etc. A relationship was made with the people in post at the time.

TOOL SHED – The potential value in setting up this project was clear but the lack of volunteers to run it put the idea on hold. (A few years later this would resurface).

BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY – this course was launched and delivered at various sites across the town as demand determined. Whilst face to face delivery of this has recently encountered difficulties in the recruitment of volunteers, the course can be accessed online.

RAMBLING CLUB – A well-established programme of supervised walks in the summer, catering for different physical abilities, continued to provide an opportunity for socialising and exercise for people of all ages.

SEFTON COUNCIL for VOLUNTARY SERVICE – This has been a source of valuable information and support for faith groups as well as other charities. Networking to learn how other churches are responding to the needs of their neighbourhoods, help with sources of grant funding and a database of volunteers are examples of benefits.

ROOM RENTALS – Space to run group activities is a premium resource and there is currently no shortage of enquiries to rent our rooms. Our generous car parking space is an asset here. Through this, our links to Birkdale Community Library were forged, a relationship which continues to develop.

FEASIBILITY STUDY – Following on from The Way Forward Review, an exercise that was considered to have potential benefit to guide our discussions was an

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official feasibility study. Grants were approved by the Circuit and District to fund this. The findings did demonstrate how our buildings could be modified or upgraded to be more flexible and up-to-date but securing sufficient funding to achieve any of the suggestions remained open-ended.

BIRKDALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY & HUB The challenge that we regularly face to meet our aspirations for outreach is the recruitment of enough volunteers to run an activity. This is where developing relationships with organisers of community groups can make a project become a reality. This has happened with the Tool Shed idea. In January 2021, an email was received on behalf of the Birkdale Community Hub and Library, sounding us out on the possibility of hiring space on our premises to open a branch of the library. In addition to offering a book lending facility, other activities they would be interested in running included a horticulture club, bicycle maintenance classes and Tool Shed. The integration and expansion of their activities into our weekly programme of room use has meant making some allowances on our part but through working together, shared objectives are slowly becoming a reality. The shower room has now become a useful drinks bay near the Primary Room; volunteers help to look after the gardens around the buildings and the growing need for storage space is being addressed by the possibility of hiring a large container. Funds for their activities are raised through book sales, and a portion of this money is used to buy both consumables for projects and equipment, both of which we benefit from. Offers of help from volunteers, from both the community and within the church family, who feel they have skills to offer for the Tool Shed are most welcome.

GRANT APPLICATIONS. We still have it in mind to submit another application for Heritage Lottery Funding to enable us to upgrade areas in the church. This would be needed for us to apply any of the suggestions of the Feasibility Study that was carried out on both our buildings. The recent problem with dry rot is

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an illustration of the strain older buildings place on maintenance programmes and we must address such problems in the short term.

WHERE DO WE FIND OURSELVES TODAY? Underpinning all these developments have been regular opportunities to pray in groups as well as individually. We plan to hold an Away Day in the autumn at St Joseph's Prayer Centre in Formby, offering a time for reflection and further prayer about the future. A date will be arranged following this September Church Council Meeting during which outcomes of the Circuit Listening Events are anticipated. We welcome a new minister to the Circuit in the autumn, Revd Christopher Humble. He will take on the role of Superintendent and share in the responsibilities for the various churches. This will ease the filling of preaching appointments on the Circuit Plan for the next year. The need to fulfil the requirements for offering a safe spiritual and community base add a significant layer of administration to any new and existing activities. These can be time consuming, but we need to appreciate that safeguarding others and ourselves is very important, and we must respond with patience and understanding. For the Church Anniversary in May, we celebrated spiritual growth and lives changed in the past. The response to the invitations to the service was very encouraging. Nostalgic reflections about years spent at Liverpool Road were shared by both Revd Tim Harrison, whose father was a minister in the circuit when Tim was a young boy, and the guests who joined us for the service and stayed to share in the Faith Lunch. Whilst we celebrate the influence of the past, we are also delighted that there are a few new regular faces in the congregation today, some of whom are also attending a Fellowship group. Today, our work and witness in the neighbourhood continues through the strength of our commitment to love, care, befriend, share in fellowship and prayer, and provide welcoming spaces for worship and community groups. We are also grateful to those who have been prepared to step forward to offer their skills and take on new responsibilities. This is something to celebrate. A new project offering support

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to Carers in the community is in the early stages of discussion. Such a group is running successfully at another church in the circuit, so there is a model to learn from, but volunteer support has yet to be explored. Our links with other congregations are well established and this helps us experience different styles of worship in a variety of settings. There is also recognition that some activities or administrative tasks can be best fulfilled as a circuit. As the new Connexional year commences, the responsibilities of Senior Steward now fall on Dr Caroline Broadhurst who has life-long connections to Liverpool Road and has had past experience of this role. Since returning to Southport, Caroline has quickly settled into church life, helping out whenever called upon, and has followed through an idea to support families with young children in the neighbourhood in a practical way by setting up and resourcing monthly Pottery Painting Sessions for families with young children in the area. These sessions have been well supported and appreciated. The Stewards' Team will greatly benefit from her energy, commitment and overall leadership. In addition, I would like to express a sincere thank you to Pam Christopher for her contributions to the Stewards' team over a long period of time. Pam left the team at the beginning of June and is enjoying a new focus, a granddaughter. We welcome Marion Conroy and Katy Rushton as new Stewards and ask that they be remembered in prayers as they learn how to apply their individual talents to further the work and responsibilities of this role. Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their love and support as I have endeavoured to fulfil the role of Steward/Senior Steward to the best of my ability and assure you of my continued efforts and commitment to support the work and witness of Liverpool Road in future.

Doreen Iddon

Senior Steward

PASTORAL VISITORS' REPORT

With the transfer of Jim Consterdine, a resident at Connell Court, to be nearer his daughter in Grange over Sands, our membership currently stands at 66 with 39 people on our community roll. Jim asked to be linked to a Methodist Church when he came to Southport. He enjoyed the services at Connell Court and to be engaged in conversation. Jim had a great sense of humour, participated in 'chair games' and would accept the challenge of a game of draughts. Unfortunately, a deterioration in his physical health meant that he needed a level of care beyond that which could be provided at Connell Court.

Where access to hospitals and clinics for some people, arrangements are being made to help with transport whenever possible: thank you to those who provide this service.

Our 15 Pastoral Visitors will be updated on Safeguarding and DBS requirements at the next meeting, something which needs to be checked on a regular basis. The importance of this has to be recognised in the context of not only our pastoral visiting but also our community engagement activities. We appreciate all the attention and action, whether a Pastoral Visitor or not, to the care and concern for others.

Doreen Iddon

Pastoral Visitors' Secretary



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Obituary

CHARLES BRYAN BARRASS, known to most of us as Bryan died following a long illness on April 20th, 2025. Bryan was born in North Shields on April 2nd, 1937, living with his parents, sister, brother and grandmother, in a ground floor terraced house.



On leaving school he became an apprentice draughtsman with Swan Hunter. His interest in engineering and ships led to him attaining various qualifications in Naval Architecture and Ship Building. He started teaching Naval Architecture in Sunderland and obtained an MSc degree at Newcastle University. In 1977 he gained his PhD and the same year a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of (FRINA). Applying to an advert, was appointed and lectured at Liverpool Poly. He commuted from Hillside to Liverpool daily. Whilst waiting for the train he met someone from Liverpool Road Methodist Church who invited him to the following Sunday Service. Bryan attends and eventually becomes an established member of our Church. He met Hilary in 1967 and they were married in May 1970. They were to have two children Lynne and Jonathan Bryan enjoyed many sports and pastimes and was much involved in Church Life, especially Facets. He was always jovial. Lived life with great joy and enthusiasm To Hilary, Lynne and Jonathan and the greater family we offer our sympathy, love and prayers in your sad loss.

Other Members Unwell – Please remember in your prayers

Brenda Taylor in Westcliffe Court

Liz Winter in Peacehaven

Ann & Mark Taylor

Brian Simmons



Recovering Well

Bernard Capper following Knee surgery

New Great Grandson

Audrey & Jim Lloyd have a sixth Great Grandchild–
Noah Thomas– His parents Jacob and Chloe.
Cousin for Reuben, Levi, Harvey, Benjamin & Rosie.



THE FLOWER MINISTRY

A big thank you to everyone who has generously contributed to the Flower Ministry over the past year.

It gives everyone the chance of remembering someone which is shown in the notices on their chosen date.

The distribution after the service either to cheer someone up or recognise a special moment always brings a smile to the face of the recipient.

There are still some dates available should anyone else like to contribute.

Should anyone wish to help in the flower arranging or distribution after the services your offers would be very welcome. If you'd like to contribute in any way please contact Lin Capper on 07745138657 or Val Taberner 541196



Lin Capper
Val Taberner

It is whispered:-

Did you hear about our Minister who didn't have a door bell?

He won the NOBEL PRIZE !

THE FOOD PANTRY



Food Pantry has continued to open throughout the summer break serving our local families.

We are blessed as we receive an abundance of fresh produce from the allotment. Sharing ideas for uses of courgette, marrows and

pumpkins has been topical as the harvest of these has been plentiful. One of our volunteers has kindly made samples of courgette recipes so the shoppers can taste !

Compassion Acts whom the Pantry operates under work hard to boost up stocks through supermarket collections and public donations and are constantly in need of support for their projects . The opportunity to engage with and pray for the lives of our pantry members and volunteers is always a privilege.

Sally Eyes

Did You Know ?

*Regular naps **prevent Old Age** –*

*Especially if you take them while you're **driving**.*

*Growing old is **compulsory**. Growing Up **is optional***

PROPERTY MATTERS



The Monday Morning Maintenance Group are faithfully striving on and accomplish much tidying up as well as carrying out any necessary work and repairs

The big issue has been a further outbreak of dry rot in the Sandon Road apse – a continuation from where it left off. This time a larger area, than previous, which has been treated in an effort, perhaps necessary, in order to stop it in its tracks. Andy has been making all the arrangements.

Some slates from the Hall Roof have been replaced and further work is required on the gable end of the large hall. The Girls' Brigade store room is presently in the process of being re-decorated, be it slow progress.

Two surveys have recently been undertaken:-

1. A fire risk report from the firm who services our fire alarm system.
2. An Asbestos Survey which has revealed six low risk situation, which we shall need to monitor.

In October we are having a visit from a representative from The Methodist Insurers – quite an expansive test which will need our careful compiling..

At our recent Property Committee meeting Joan Farnorth resigned after twenty years loyal service. With Joan and Hilary Barrass finishing we have lost our two lady members of the Property Committee. Our very best thanks, to both Joan and Hilary, for their help and encouragement over the years of service. We shall miss their input.

Geoff France
Chairman

JUNIOR CHURCH



In Junior Church we welcome children from 4 years old upwards.

At present we only have two regular children, but we have had 16 visiting children this year. We are very flexible in the Sunday School and when children arrive for a visit we always

have a lesson planned for any age to do.

The children enjoy learning & reflecting on various bible stories in informal discussion, as well as Bible stories, other activities and games.

Vicky McCaffrey & Leaders

BIBLE STUDY & the New Football Season – ANSWERS

1. Derby; 2. Queen of the South; 3. Wolves; 4. Hearts;
5. Bury; 6. Reading; 7. Crewe; 8. Crystal Palace
9. Ayr; 10. Motherwell; 11. Leeds 12. Millwall
13. Blackpool; 14. Oldham; 15. Southend; 16. Newport;
17. Forfar; 18. West Ham; 19. Brighton; 20. Blackburn;
21. Oxford.

SIGNS OF THE TREES

(A poem by Derek Taberner).

I walk on a carpet of golden leaves, signs of the seasons from the trees.
A warning of what is soon to be, open my eyes and let me see.

A chill in the air where once it was warm, grey skies tell of a coming storm.
A time to die and a time to be born, do I have hope or am I forlorn?

A winter will come before a new birth, time to consider all my worth.
Time to draw in and think where should I be, to heed the message of the trees.

Jesus said consider the fig tree, when leaves appear summer will be.
Even so signs of the Kingdom have come, Jesus returns when all is done.

Wars will come and earthquakes appear; don't despair the time is near.
Jesus will come to carry us home; fears will cease when hope is grown.

For now, I look for Jesus' return, from signs of the trees I will learn.
To have hope within as His Spirit lives, let us rejoice in all we give.

Jesus is knocking so open the door, the fig tree will bear fruit once more.
Nurture it, tend to it, answer His call, His gospel is good news for all.

Derek Taberner

BIBLE STUDY and the New Football Season.

Look up the following references to find the football teams in English and Scottish leagues. The answers can be found in the New English Bible– spellings may vary. Other versions may not give all the answers.

1. Acts, Chap 14,Verse 20
2. Luke, Chap 11,Verse 31
3. Luke, Chap 10,Verse 3
4. John, Chap 14,Verse 1
5. Matthew, Chap 8,Verse 21
6. 1 Timothy, Chap 4,Verse 13
7. Jonah, Chap 1,Verse 13
8. Revelation, Chap 21, Verse 11 (?) &
Esther, Chap1, Verse 8 (two words)
9. 1 Corinthians, Chap 9, Verse 26
10. John, Chap 2,Verse 1 & John, Chap 4,Verse 6 (one word)
11. Psalm 23,Verse 2
12. Matthew, Chap 24, Verse 41 & Acts, Chap 23, Verse 3 (one word)
13. Matthew, Chap 5,Verse 36 & John, Chap 5, Verse 7 (one word)
14. Mark, Chap 2, Verse 22 & Genesis, Chap 9, Verse18(one word)
15. Acts, Chap 28, Verse 13 & Matthew, Chap 28,Verse 20(one word)
16. John, Chap 13,Verse 34 & Acts, Chap 21,Verse 3(one word)

Bible Study & New Football Season – continued

17. Mark, Chap 12, Verse 12 & Mark, Chap 12, Verse 34 (one word)

18. Psalm 103, Verse 12 & Genesis, Chap 7, Verse 13(two words)

19. Matthew, Chap 17, Verse 5 &

Matthew Chap 17, Verse 19 (one word)

20. Matthew, Chap 5, Verse 36 & Luke, Chap 3, Verse 17(one word)

21. Exodus, Chap 20, Verse 17 & Genesis, Chap 32, Verse 22 (one word)

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BROWNIES

The 63rd Southport Brownies continue to meet every Monday evening from 6.00 p.m. until 7.30 p.m. in the schoolrooms.

Brownies cater for young girls aged seven to ten years of age.

If you want your child to join Brownies or you know of any girl 7 – 10 years interested in joining call at the Church any Monday evening or contact Brown Owl AKA Amanda on 07366393005



Amanda Turner

Brown Owl

FACETS

'Facets' was set up thirty plus years ago by The Rev. Warren Bardsley and his wife Joan who were ministering at Liverpool Road at the time.



Its purpose was to cater, at a regular weekly meeting, for the retired community in the Birkdale area. It met every Tuesday from September to April and continues to be a popular meeting today, with a variety of activities offered.

At the weekly meetings members enjoy a get together mid-morning with coffee and a Facets Meal concludes each Winter and Spring's last session. Towards the end of October a Facets Holiday normally takes place with places of interest visited during the week. This has proved popular, with members, in the past.

Among the activities in the past included Art (Painting), Table tennis, Chess, Flower arranging, Discussion groups, Quizzes, Guitar for beginners, Scrabble, and Music for pleasure. Activities vary year by year but some are still ongoing. In the summer months members meet the first Tuesday morning of each month to enjoy a Coffee and get-together .

The 2025/26 session started with registration earlier this month and groups meeting the following week.(Tuesdays, September 9th and 16th respectively). 51 have registered so far and no doubt others will register once group activities start. It is not too late to register for the Winter Session – just call in on Tuesday morning from 9.30 a.m.

If you're at a loose end why not give it a try. You will be most welcome.

This has been compiled by Jim Lloyd as Brian Simmons is not too well as we go to press. I'm sure members will wish him well and for a speedy recovery.

GIRLS' BRIGADE



By the time you read this article, Girls' Brigade will have started back after the summer break, and we look forward to welcoming girls, old and new members. Looking back to the last session we had a busy few weeks, starting with a visit to the Lifeboat Station where we were shown just what happens behind the scenes. A couple of the girls were given the opportunity to try on the gear that the volunteers have to wear when going out on a rescue, you can imagine the sizing's were a little out, but it gave us a sense of how fit you need to be to endure the weight of the equipment under stressful conditions. We were able to sit on the tractors that pull the Lifeboat onto the beach and have a good look at the Lifeboat close up. We had a very interesting time there and appreciated the time given to us whilst we were there, plus the insight into the very important work that they do.

We were pleased to invite Ernie and Nicky to our Awards evening and Ernie was able to hand out the much longed for Awards to the girls. The evening ended in the best way – coffee and cake and a time to chat with the parents and friends who had come to support us. Our last evening was spent Ten Pin Bowling with other members of the District, a perfect end to the session. We look forward to the coming session and to supporting the girls that join us each Tuesday for fun and fellowship together.

We thank you all in advance for your help and prayerful support.

Jayne Wilcox

GUILD FELLOWSHIP

During the summer we had our usual fish and chip supper, in June, at the Swan café in Southport. As usual it was well attended, and everyone enjoyed the meal. For our second get together we had a visit to Cedar Farm, in Mawdsley, in July. We looked round the small shops, and went into the café, some had a scone and a drink, the rest had an afternoon tea. Everyone enjoyed themselves. For our final get together of the summer, ten of us had a guided tour of the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool. Some of us went by train, and shared a taxi from the station to the Cathedral, the rest went in cars. Lin Capper had arranged for a guide to show us round. He was excellent and the tour lasted about an hour and a half. We learned that the idea of building an Anglican Cathedral was first suggested in the late nineteenth century. A gothic style cathedral was agreed upon and an architect, Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, was appointed. Building work began in 1904 and wasn't completed until the 1980's. The oldest part of the cathedral, the Lady Chapel, was consecrated for worship in 1910. The cathedral is the largest one in Britain. If you haven't been it is well worth a visit and we would recommend a guided tour. There is no charge, but they suggest a donation of £5. We begin our autumn/winter programme on Tuesday, September 9th, with an evening meal at Dolce Vita Restaurant, in Ainsdale. This is followed every Tuesday evening, at 7.30 pm in the New Room, with a break over Christmas and the New Year. If you are at a loose end on a Tuesday evening, you are assured of a warm welcome. We end on a sad note, Brian Simmons, one of our long serving members, spent a few days in hospital, following a heart attack. When he was released he was advised to take things easy for a few days. We remember him in our prayers.



Eileen Fyles

POTTERY PAINTING SESSIONS

We continue to have Pottery Painting Sessions open to young families on the fourth Saturday of the month from 2–4 p.m. With refreshments provided. An opportunity to paint pots, as a family, for a small voluntary donation

Our sessions have continued to be very well supported, apart from August Bank Holiday weekend when I think a lot of people were away. We continue to have excellent support from our volunteers.

Our sessions for the rest of this year are on September 27th, October 25th, November 22nd and a Christmas Party on December 13th. We are also having a fund-raising event on Saturday, October 11th from

2.00p.m. to 4.00p.m. Katy Rushton's workplace has generously offered to match any money that we raise. We are calling this a Teddy Bears Picnic; with free entry and the options of a picnic with homemade cakes, a New and Used Teddy Tombola and a Teddy zip-wire with a certificate for any Teddies who make it down! A big thank you to Church Members who have already donated us lots of Teddies.

Caroline Broadhurst.



THE RAMBLERS GROUP

We have had an up and down year so far (*pardon the pun !*). Some trips have been very well supported whilst some have struggled for numbers

Our second walk of the season took us to Clitheroe. The long walkers started at the top of the hill above Clitheroe and walked into Clitheroe.

It was a lovely day and we all enjoyed refreshments afterwards . None walkers went to Clitheroe and the market.



Our next trip in May was led by John and Yvonne and they took us up the Great Orme and back, on a lovely sunny day. We watched youngsters on the dry ski slopes, sliding down the slopes, as we trudged our way up. The B walk went from just outside Deganwy into Llandudno. The none-walkers had a lovely day out in the sunshine of Llandudno

June's trip saw us heading up the M6 to Elterwater where we had a few adventures en-route. The coach driver had to get out and direct traffic on the way to Elterwater, as a coach coming the other way, was blocking the road. Although it didn't rain much on the walk the water underfoot was like a river in parts, and one lady hit a tree branch but all was good. Eve led a short walk through the Coniston campsite and the none walkers checked out the Tea Rooms of Coniston.

In July we had to alter the walk which should have been going to Kettlewell. We ended up going to Grassington, doing a shorter walk, due to the heatwave at the time. The short walkers just went down the river, under the shelter of the trees, and back The none walkers stayed in Skipton.

August saw us heading back up the M6 motorway to Keswick and to Threlked. The 'A' walkers, did a low level walk with the amazing views into Keswick. The walk started off in the rain but it cleared up after lunch. The 'B' walkers,

The Ramblers Group – continued

led by Eve, walked down the disused railway into Keswick.

September saw us going back up the M6 to Ambleside with the A walkers walking from Ambleside to Bowness, via Wray Castle. The 'B' walkers walked around the back of Windermere whilst the none walkers viewed Ambleside and Windermere, or both.

October will see us heading up to Bakewell and November will see us at Lyme Park for the walkers This will be led by Carolyn Miley. The Trafford Centre may be the favourite for the none walker.

Our Annual Meal will take place on January 24th, 2026, at the Old Links golf club, Moss Lane, Churchtown.

Anyone wishing to join our group just let me know and I will furnish you all the details

Thank you everybody, once again, for your support.

Janet Oldham

Over the Hill ?

*I don't **remember** any hill.*

*You know when you're old **you bend down** to tie your shoelaces
and start wondering what else you could do while you
are **down there**.*

