

# Lake District –Jan 2009

## Under Catbells and Derwent Water Shore Walk



It was a glorious New Year's Day, just the kind of day to be out in the lovely Lake District. We parked on the roadside at Hawksend and walked up the road a little before taking the wide path below Catbells. John stopped to take some video of the surrounding hills, Clive of course would have reeled off the names of these but it's me doing the writing now however I will have to try harder with names and places in the future.

Who could pass this by and not find "the time to stand and stare" (no daffodils here) and then of course try to capture it on camera.



Our way ahead, with David and Josie leading, was a little iced up in places but it only added an extra sparkle to the hills, a treat indeed, it was hard to take your eyes from them. One of the party (who shall remain nameless to prevent embarrassment) went for a slide at one point and we were all suitably sympathetic (well, nearly all) no harm done but you do need to be wary at all times whilst out on the hills.

These icicles were set to stay for sometime in the cold air, they hung in deep shadow on a small outcrop of rock above our path.





We dropped down to cross the road, and then walked along it to take a path on the right into Manesty Park; the trees hid the sun for a while and it became very chilly until we reached the lakeside path.

Peter and Barbara on one of Derwent's landing stages looking for a nice shot of the area.



The ice on the lake was thicker nearer the end of our walk, Peter, Josie and Barbara were testing it out. I love the sound of skimming stones on ice so we spent sometime there once again just playing.

The frost on the grass had us all reaching for our cameras before we made our way back to the road and the cars.

