

Cumbria Come Back

David Bowyer enjoys an extended stay in the Lake District extending the weekend of the LRSOC's annual club rally

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A year ago the Committee agreed, and arranged to hold this year's Rally in Cumbria. At the time I thought brilliant, I love Cumbria. I've been driving in my Land Rover 90 up to the Lake District every year now for some time, not only to explore the wonderful green lanes in the area, but also to enjoy the atmosphere of the Lakes with the ferries, boating, yachting and Lakeside towns. To me, the Lake District has so much to offer with mountains wherever you look, valleys between, rivers topping up the lakes, waterfalls tumbling down and lots of places of interest

including museums and mines.

My exploring of the area has only taken me as far as Grasmere with an occasional trip up to the towns of Keswick and Penrith and one trip across 'The Old Coach Road' over Threlkeld Common. So, with the rally being centred on the delightful Park Foot Holiday Park on the edge of Ullswater Lake just southwest of Penrith below the pretty village of Pooley Bridge, this had to be the makings of a good holiday, supporting the Club and giving me a chance to explore another part of Cumbria known as the Northern Lakes.

Having spent a few weeks before the Rally thoroughly servicing and refurbish-

ing 'DF', my newly acquired 86in Station Wagon, I felt it was more than fit to take it to Cumbria. I have known it for 42 years as it belonged to Andrew Stevens, one of the three founders of the Club and I was happy to embark on the long drive up to Penrith. I decided not to drive 323 miles up the M5 and M6 in one hit, instead I stopped overnight halfway.

On arriving at the Holiday Park on Friday afternoon, I was greeted by organisers Chris Wilderspin and Peter Jolly and signed in by John Robinson. Having been given my Rally Pack with lots of information, I then met Rob Sharpe and Trevor Cooper who both live

