



Neolithic Studies Group Spring Meeting

Lake District and Cumbria

15-17 May 2020

This year's Spring Meeting will take place in the Lake District and Cumbria, starting on the evening of Friday 15th May and concluding mid-afternoon on Sunday 17th May. The meeting will be based in Penrith, Cumbria. This year's organiser is Emma Watson.

On Friday evening at 7pm, the Little Martindale room in the North Lakes Hotel will play host to introductory talks, with a cash bar nearby (<https://www.northlakeshotel.co.uk/>).

On Saturday 16th, we plan to set off at 9:30 (at the latest). We will be visiting all the Neolithic monuments (and possibly a few Bronze age ones (sorry!!)) along the A6 southbound from the A66 to wards Shap. These include: two henges (a Type I and a Type II); Trainford Brow Early Neolithic long barrow; at least 4 stone circles – Gunnerkeld, Kemp Howe, Oddendale and Gamelands; and the 'lost' Shap Neolithic stone avenue.

As the distance is minimal (a total of 40 miles for the full day), we plan to travel together by pooling available cars. To this end, it would be really useful if you could provide an indication of your travel arrangements on the attached booking form so we can establish that we have enough cars to accommodate everyone.

On Saturday evening at 7:30pm, a meal has been organised in the Cross Fell room in the North Lakes Hotel at £26.00 per person for a 3-course meal.

On Sunday morning, at 10am, we will travel (again, by pooling available cars) to nearby Long Meg and her Daughters stone circle, where Paul Frodsham will walk us around the site and discuss the recent excavation and findings. After this, there will be an option to either return to the North Lakes Hotel or to travel on to Castlerigg stone circle.

Most of the sites we will visit are easily accessible on foot though a small number will involve walking along rough tracks and across unimproved ground so a reasonable level of fitness will be required. The weather here can also change very quickly, so be prepared for all eventualities and bring your walking boots and waterproofs as well as sun block and gloves. Four seasons in a day is quite common in Shap!

Cost will be £20 and is based on a group of 25. This cost covers the room hire, talks on Friday evening and a packed lunch on Saturday. Payment for the Saturday evening meal will be needed 4 weeks in advance of the date.

Organiser – Emma Watson, 07748 652084, e.e.watson@durham.ac.uk

Please use the booking form attached and make sure you return it by **Friday 17th April**.

Provisional programme

FRIDAY 15th MAY

Group arrives in Penrith

7-9pm Introductory talks on the Neolithic archaeology of the area.

North Lakes Hotel, Ullswater Rd, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 8QT

SATURDAY 16th MAY

9:30am Depart Penrith, from outside North Lakes Hotel

- Mayburgh and King Arthur's Round Table henges
- Trainford Brow Early Neolithic long barrow (viewing only)
- Gunnerkeld stone circle (emergency toilet available here, with permission from the farmer)
- Oddendale stone circle (and possibly Iron Hill N & S ring cairns, time permitting)

1:30pm Lunch stop – North Lakes Hotel packed lunch provided (toilets available here)

2:30pm

- the 'lost' Shap Neolithic stone avenue, including the Goggleby Stone
- Kemp Howe stone circle (may only have time to view from road)
- Gamelands stone circle.

6pm Return to Penrith

7.30pm Meet for pre-dinner drinks (not included)

8pm Dinner at the North Lakes Hotel at £26.00 per person for a 3-course meal.

SUNDAY 12th MAY

10am Depart Penrith

- Long Meg and her Daughters stone circle and on-site talks

1pm Lunch (bring own packed lunch)

2pm Group disperses/ travels on to Castlerigg stone circle, Keswick

NB All site visits are subject to change and are dependent on timing constraints and weather. Additional sites may be added if time permits.

TRAVEL TO PENRITH

BY AIR

There are many airports within a 2-3 hour drive of Penrith, including Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Manchester

BY BUS

Penrith is on the route of various National Express itineraries.

BY CAR

Penrith sits in the M6 and so easily accessible by car.

BY RAIL

Penrith sits in the west coast mainline and so is easily accessible by trains operated by Transpennine Express, Northern by Arriva etc.

ACCOMMODATION

Penrith

There is a wide range of accommodation options available in and around Penrith including hotels, guesthouses and self-catering cottages. If you are not travelling by car, please ensure you stay within easy walking distance of the town centre.

The North Lakes Hotel and Spa has offered a B & B deal of £130 per night, for single occupancy of a double/twin room. Other deals are available, on request. Please contact Stef McCall, Conference and Reservations Co-ordinator, on 01768 860165 or email her at <https://www.northlakeshotel.co.uk/> to avoid disappointment.



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15th - 17th May 2020

Booking Form

Name:

Email address:

Mobile number:

(email will be the main means of contact)

If booking more than one place, please give additional names, email addresses, mobile numbers

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Proposed Travel Arrangements:

Saturday night dinner: YES / NO

Payment Method: Cheque (enclosed) Bank Credit Transfer

Cheques should be made payable to **Neolithic Studies Group**. Bank credit transfers should be paid to Sort code: **09-01-52**, Account number: **72613800**, quoting your **surname** followed by **S20** as the reference.

Please send completed forms and cheque payments of £20 to:

Emma Watson, c/o Cassandra Hopkiss, Archaeology Department, Dawson Building, Durham University, South Road, Durham, DH1 3LE.

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How we will use your data: Information in this form will only be used to allow us to plan the fieldtrip and communicate with you about the fieldtrip, and to document your attendance at this event in the NSG mailing database. This is in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR legislation. Please sign to indicate consent for us to use your data as described here.

Signed

Completed forms must be received by Friday 17th April 2020