



# BEHIND THE SCENERY Walna Scar Shepherds Meet



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The Walna Scar Shepherd's Meet Centenary



This is another chapter in filming the social history of country life in the Lake District, with the production of a DVD to commemorate the centenary of the Walna Scar Shepherds Meet, near Conistown/Seathwaite, which took place in autumn 2008.

The Lake District is one of the last places in England that still has a network of Shepherds Meets, which were originally established as a way of transferring stray sheep between neighbours' farms at the end of the summer. As well as a few beers, the days involve showing prize sheep, a stick show, pet show and a social or "crack" as the locals call it. After taking their sheep home, all return in the evening for a traditional shepherd's singing competition that includes songs handed down through the generations.

These special days were once seen in many remote valleys in England where sheep graze on common land, but now because of changes in government support, social pressures and economics, very few areas have been able to keep this tradition alive.

You can buy copies of this and other DVD's in the Behind the Scenery series from The Cumbria Farmer Network, The Old Stables, Redhills, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 0DT.

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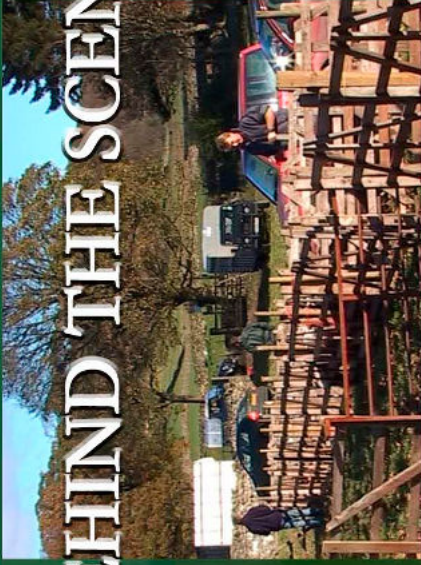
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# Walna Scar Shepherds Meet Centenary Celebration

