

## WALKING CLUB REPORT *Compiled by Bogtrotter*



The annual Walking Club Christmas Walk and Lunch was on Sunday, 11th December - an optional short walk followed by Christmas Lunch, this year at the Constable Arms in Sproatley. Joyce Davidson, the Club Chairperson, had arranged permission for the walkers to enter the parkland of Burton Constable Hall via the Holiday Park/Caravan Site off Park Road, Sproatley.

On a bright, frosty day, the walk comprised a figure-8 loop around the two



lakes by way of the Capability Brown Bridge then across the Park towards Burton Constable Hall and the amenities at the Stable Block. They returned around South Lake to the Lodge and back along Park Road into Sproatley, arriving at the Constable Arms in good time for

lunch. The walkers were joined by a few other non-walkers, so 26 sat down for an enjoyable 2-course lunch followed by tea or coffee and mince pies. The day didn't end there though, as our resident thespian, Betty Lusby, had organised two 10-minute pantomimes performed by Committee Members to 'entertain' the diners - 'Snow White and The Dwarf' (not Seven Dwarfs, due to the current economic situation) and 'Cinderella'. "Was a good time had by all ?" "Oh no it wasn't", "OH YES IT WAS!"

2023 began with the traditional New Year's Day Walk. Eighteen walkers met outside the New Inn in Leven for a 4½ mile walk led by Arnold Underwood. After overnight rain, the day was sunny and breezy. The walkers set off out

of the village and turned to follow field paths past the Fishing Pond, to Double Bridge over a well-filled Catchwater Drain. They continued to the bridleway which runs parallel with the Leven bypass. Rejoining the old road near White Cross they headed back towards Leven so



completing the first loop. A left turn onto a farm track marked the start of the second loop. This led to Sandholme and the bridge over the Leven Canal. To avoid the muddy path by the canal, the walkers wended their way through

the village via Carr Lane and Westlands Way to arrive back at the New Inn at 1 o'clock. Here they enjoyed a few drinks to celebrate the New Year and an excellent buffet, prepared by Licensee, Mivvie. There was more than enough food for the eighteen of us, so it was shared with others who had taken advantage of the Inn being open.

There was another good attendance of seventeen for the 9 mile walk from Goodmanham to Londesborough on 29th Jan, led by Joyce Davidson. Their route followed parts of the Yorkshire Wolds Way between Goodmanham and Londesborough then continued to the access land of Cleaving Coomb, with views towards York. From there they headed back into Londesborough village, where there were plenty of snowdrops on show near the Church. They returned through Londesborough Park to Goodmanham.

On a sunny 5th Feb, just eleven walkers met up on the Square in Hunmanby for the 7 mile 'short' walk led by Sylvia Caygill. They set off from the church down Bowling Green Lane and over fields leaving Hunmanby behind. After crossing the busy A165 they reached the peace and quiet of the lake in Primrose Valley Village for their elevenses break. Billy Butlin arrived here in 1939 to commence construction of a Holiday Camp but the camp was first



used as an RAF training base during the Second World War. The Holiday Camp closed in 1983 and the site is now Primrose Valley Holiday Village with residential housing. The walkers then continued to the beach at Mile Haven and walked along Muston Sands to Filey. Here they took a leisurely lunch stop in the

sun, with some even buying fish and chips! After lunch they faced a steep climb up the steps to join the Centenary way past Filey golf course and Muston Grange and across fields arriving back in Hunmanby via Northgate.

### **Sunday Walks coming up:**

March 12th: Hovingham (10am) for a 9 mile walk via Terrington

March 19th: Sinnington (10am) for a 9 mile walk via Lastingham

March 24th-26th Weekend in Wensleydale (Askrigg)

April 2nd : Nawton (10am) for a 7½ mile walk via Kirk Dale

For more details, see the Club Walks Calendar at: [www.dalestrails.co.uk](http://www.dalestrails.co.uk)