

HORNSEA DISTRICT WALKING CLUB

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Hadrian's Wall

Between 20th and 26th August, six Walking Club members, Joyce Davidson, Betty Lusby, Sue Copeland, Sylvia Caygill, Carron York, Neil Patrick, and John Stocks, tackled the challenge of walking the 84 mile Hadrian's Wall National Trail from Bowness-on-Solway to Wallsend, near Newcastle. They had a brilliant time walking 'The Wall', at a pace that allowed enough time to read the information and take in the scenery. Their accommodation was excellent, ranging from the chalets at the Robin Hood Inn and a Micro Brewery at Walton to the lovely B&Bs at Bowness, Carlisle and Gilsland. They managed to avoid 'Storm Betty' (no connection with our Betty!) and the only rain encountered during the week was near the end at Wallsend. In recognition of



all Joyce had done organising their week, her colleagues presented her with a wonderful gift of a Hadrian's Wall T-shirt and badge. It is hard to believe that just a few weeks after they passed through, the iconic tree at Sycamore Gap on Hadrian's Wall was felled in act of mindless vandalism!

Sunday Walks

Closer to home, 3rd Sept was a lovely day for a walk from Thixendale led by Sue Copeland. The six walkers headed towards Hanging Grimston, pausing for a drinks stop near Wold farm. The day was becoming very warm but they were blessed with a cooling breeze. After a short break they headed along the top of Hanging Grimston Wold and down into Brownmoor Dale. The shade provided by trees at the end of Swinham Wood provided relief from the sun, and made a good spot for their lunch break. After lunch they continued along the Yorkshire Wolds Way, to join the Centenary Way over Raisthorpe Wold into Thixendale. After the walk, slightly extended to 10 miles, they enjoyed well-deserved tea and cakes in the village hall.



There were six walkers again on a 9 mile walk on 17th September from Sheriff Hutton, led by Sylvia. They set off through the village and headed north on the Ebor Way for a mile before joining the Centenary way to the hamlet of High Stittenham where they stopped for their coffee/banana break.

They then continued past Stittenham Wood, still following the Centenary Way.

On reaching the lane between Low Mowthorpe Farm and Terrington they met about 50 horses and riders taking part in an



Endurance GB equestrian event from Castle Howard. After a lunch stop in Terrington, the walkers continued along the Ebor Way back to Sheriff Hutton, passing the ruins of the Castle which dates from 1377. This castle was once a favourite residence of Richard III and Henry VIII.

On an overcast 8th Oct, twelve walkers met up near Lockton on the North York Moors for a short walk led by Arnold. Setting off north by way of farm tracks and field paths the walkers reached the sheep pastures on Grimes Moor at nearly 800ft above sea level. They were now enshrouded in low cloud, restricting visibility to about 50yds, but luckily GPS mapping on mobile phones came to the rescue and they found their way to Bridestones Moor! With visibility improving, they picked their way across boggy ground to the edge of a ravine called Bridestones Griff. This ravine is bordered by the Low



and High Bridestones. It is thought the stones may have been named after Brigantia, a goddess, during the first centuries AD. Keeping to the east side of the Griff, the walkers passed the Low Bridestones then descended into Stain Dale. Continuing along the valley after lunch, they came to Staindale Lodge followed by a steady climb up to Lockton, to complete a varied walk of about 7½ miles.

Walks coming up:

Dec 10th: Brandesburton Golf Club - short walk followed by Christmas Dinner

Dec 17th: North Cave (10am) for a 9 mile walk

Jan 1st 2024 (Mon): New Years Day - short walk (to be confirmed)

Jan 7th: Goodmanham (10am) for a 7 mile walk via Kiplingcotes & Arras

Jan 14th: Driffield (10am) for a 9 mile walk (to be confirmed)

For more details, see the Club Walks Calendar at: www.dalestrails.co.uk