

HORNSEA DISTRICT WALKING CLUB

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Christmas & New Year

Since the last issue of Leven Life the Christmas Festive Season has been and gone.



Over the holiday period the Walking Club programme featured two traditional walks - firstly on Dec 10th there was the Christmas Dinner walk. The short walk was just over 4 miles via Brandesburton and Burshill, after which the walkers were joined by non-walking members for Christmas Dinner in the Club House at Hainsworth

Park Golf Club. There was a similar format for the New Year's Day walk from Atwick with a short walk via Bewholme, followed by lunch at the Black Horse in Atwick.

Sunday Walks

In January, the Club programme settled down to its normal routine of one short walk (6-8 miles) and two or three longer walks (8-10 miles) on Sundays each month.

The 7½ mile walk on 7th January started from the village car park in Goodmanham.

After the recent rain, the weather on the day was fine but a little colder. The group set off, led by Arnold Underwood, and headed into Goodmanham Dale. Here they

joined the Hudson Way 'Rail Trail' which was followed for 2 miles to the former station at Kiplingcotes. The railway linking Beverley and York was 'axed' by Dr

Beeching in 1965. The substantial brick road bridge and buildings at Kiplingcotes are some of the few structures remaining along the line. After a coffee stop at the picnic tables, the group walked down to the road to pass under the bridge.



They found the road flooded but to only a couple of inches deep, so it posed no problem to the walkers. Then came a steady climb up the road onto Arras Wold where it was chilly in the brisk, north-easterly wind. They found shelter near some trees for a lunch break before continuing on the Yorkshire Wolds Way down to Goodmanham. Many of the group called at the Fiddle Drill tearoom for tea and cake before heading home.

And so to Sunday 28th Jan for an 8 mile walk from South Cave. There were seventeen on this walk led by Joyce Davidson - the biggest turnout for some time. Immediately upon leaving South Cave the walkers faced the steep climb onto the Wolds at Mount Airy Farm. They continued up past the airfield landing strip and turned alongside the belt of trees to walk over Great Wold. Although the sun was trying to break through, there was a chilly wind blowing. The trig point at 530ft above sea level was the highest point on their walk. After a coffee stop, they walked down the Riplingham

road then took the right fork into Brantingham Dale. At the bottom of the dale they passed All Saints Church in its picturesque setting by the stream against a back-drop of conifers. As it was past twelve o'clock, the benches around Brantingham pond made a good spot for a lunch break. After lunch they headed out of the village then turned right along a lane into the quaintly named Woodale. Past the farm, the



walkers joined the Wolds Way and faced the climb by Woodale Plantation back up to Mount Airy Farm with a view south over the River Humber. After crossing their outward route on Mount Airy they took the farm road down the hill and along Beverley Road back into South Cave, completing their walk at just

after two o'clock.

The walk on 4th Feb was different to the usual format of walking in the countryside. Following a suggestion by Sylvia Caygill, the Ice Sculpture Trail in York was included in the Club's programme. The theme for this year's Sculptures was 'City of Dreams'.

After taking the Park & Ride Bus into York the group set about following the Ice Trail - which comprised 33 sculptures. In the city centre there was a demonstration of how the ice sculptures were carved, using chainsaws and chisels. By 2.30pm they group had found 30 of the sculptures, so they chose to go to the medieval Merchant Adventurers Hall for tea and cake before catching the bus back to their cars and driving home.



Finally on a damp Feb 11th, 18 intrepid walkers met in Millington for a 6½ mile walk via Givendale led by Arnold Underwood. Heavy overnight rain had created wet and muddy conditions but this didn't deter the walkers. The dismal day was brightened by the snowdrops and aconites in the grounds of St Ethelburga's Church, Givendale where they made a brief stop for lunch. Back in Millington



following their adventure, it was time cups of tea at the Ramblers Rest tearoom - when of course the sun came out!

Walks coming up:

March 24th: Thornton Abbey, North Lincs (10am) for an 8 mile walk

March 31st: Bishop Wilton (10am) for a 9 mile walk via Kirby Underdale

April 14th: Watton (10am) for a 9 mile walk via Kilnwick Woods

April 28th: Leven (10am) for linear walk to Hornsea, returning by bus

Days away are planned for April 5-7th (Saltburn) and April 21-26th (Patterdale)

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