

Hornsea District Walking Club

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Between 15th & 22nd June, Walking Club members Joyce Davidson, Betty Lusby, Sylvia Caygill, Sue Copeland, and Neil Patrick plus friends Jan & Derek embarked on an adventure to walk the Northumberland Coastal Path. Using public transport - bus to York and train from York to Alnmouth - they arrived in Alnwick on Saturday afternoon. They were based in Alnwick and used local bus services to and from their start and finishing points each day. With typical English weather, they had rain at the start of their adventure but towards the end it was dry and warm. They completed the 62 mile trail on Friday 21st in Berwick-on-Tweed. It was a varied walk with wild flowers, gorgeous white sandy beaches, and historic castles.

Sunday Walks

On 30th June there were five walkers on a 7 mile walk from North Grimston - leader Carron York, accompanied by Sylvia Caygill, Jyl Midgley, Caroline Gowthorpe and Neil Patrick - on a day of changeable weather. From North Grimston they made their way across fields towards Settrington. After passing Settrington House they took the lower path via Low Bellmanear Farm then up the delightfully named Fizgig Hill. It was warm work plodding up the hill! At the top they took their lunch break overlooking Settrington Wood on High Bellmanear. They then followed the Centenary Way down past Wood House Farm into North Grimston. On the drive home, a stop was made at Fimber for tea & cakes.



On August 4th, twelve walkers met in the car park near Hutton-le-Hole for a walk via Gillamoor led by Arnold Underwood & Caroline Gowthorpe. The group set off down a lane into Douthwaite Dale, crossing the River Dove by the footbridge near the site of Yoadwath Mill. Then it was up the other side of the dale coming to the first of the 'surprise views' - the new Ravenswick Hall - a 21st Century Manor House and Estate, built by millionaire, owner and chairman of Middlesbrough Football Club, Steve Gibson. The walkers then continued along lanes and farm tracks to Gillamoor, and another 'surprise view'. This one at the top of the hill overlooking the River Dove and the moors of Blakey Ridge. Lunch was taken on the green by St Aiden's Church. After lunch and a look inside the church, it was downhill to the River Dove near another former mill and up past Grouse Hall Farm to a green lane at the base of Shepherds Nab. All twelve walkers chose to take on this hill to be rewarded by another 'surprise view' towards Farndale. Then it was down into Hutton-le-Hole and a break for tea and cake before continuing via Ox Close Lane to the car park, so completing a varied, interesting walk of nearly 8 miles.

Wednesday Evening Walks

Lately, evenings have been the best part of each day and this was so 19th June for the walk from Hotham. With several club members away walking in Northumberland, the walk was enjoyed by just two - leader Arnold Underwood, and Pat Procter. Their route followed a field path to North Cave. After a



loop by Mill Beck in North Cave they returned towards Hotham through the Park. A 'green lane' east of Hotham village led them round to Hotham Church, bathed in the evening light. Finally another loop by farm tracks to the north brought them back to the centre of Hotham, so completing the 4¼ miles just before 9.00pm

So to 26th June and another warm sunny evening for the walk from Brantingham going via Elloughton Dale led by Joyce Davidson. Regular walkers Joyce, Jyl, and Sylvia, were joined by two new walkers, Gavin and Julian.

On 3rd July the 5 mile walk, led by Neil Patrick, set off from Beverley Saturday Market onto The Westwood. They cut across past the chalk quarry, to emerge near Normandy Avenue. They continued along Victoria Road towards Jock's Lodge and along the lane to Butt Farm. Field paths were followed to Broadgate from where they headed back onto the Westwood and down to Newbegin, finishing at the Market Cross at 9pm. With sightings of a rainbow over the Humber Bridge and a beautiful sunset, the walk was enjoyed by all seven walkers.

The Evening walk on 10th July was from Bethell's Bridge, near Hempholme at the end of the narrow road from Brandesburton. It was another fine evening with five participants on the 4 mile walk, led by Sylvia Caygill that finished in time to get home to see Watkins goal put England into the Euros Final!

A lovely evening on 17th July saw a good turnout of eleven walkers for the 5 mile evening walk from Arnold going via Rise and Long Riston. The walk was led again by Sylvia, and she was accompanied by Sue Copeland, Neil Patrick, Julie England, Wendy and Mike Norton, Stuart Kemp, Jenny Marshall, Anne Machalica, Sheila Hon, and John Stocks. It was a warm sunny evening after the previous few days of unseasonal cold, wet weather. They headed east across fields to Rise village - the well-maintained grass paths made for much easier walking than the previous Wednesday. After walking through Rise they continued between Farnton Plantations and the gallops towards Long Riston, then through the village and back into Arnold to the Bay Horse Inn for a drink and some crisps.

Wednesday 31 July saw ten walkers enjoy a 5¼ mile walk from Walkington led by Sue Copeland. On a sunny warm evening the walkers set off along Kirk Lane taking footpaths and minor roads to encircle Risby Park and the site of the medieval village of Risby. Afterwards, refreshments were taken at the Ferguson Fawcett .



And so to 7th Aug and the final Evening Walk which was from Leven and led by Betty Lusby. Eight walkers set off from the New Inn and headed alongside the canal as far as Sandholme Bridge. From there they walked through Little Leven after and turned along Heigholme Lane. Just before Heigholme Hall they took the field path to the footbridge over Barff Drain and then the track leading to the road. Heading back towards Leven, they took

the field path across Northfield emerging on East Street. They arrived back at the New Inn at 9 pm for drinks to round off this summer's evening walks programme.

SUNDAY WALKS COMING UP :

Sept 15th North York Moors, Wheeldale (9 miles); Sept 22nd The Wolds, Huggate (9 miles)

Oct 6th Castle Howard (7½ miles); Oct 13th Forge Valley, Hackness (9miles)

For more details, see the Walks Calendar on: www.dalestrails.co.uk/calendar