

## HORNSEA DISTRICT WALKING CLUB

### **Report compiled by Bogtrotter**

*with contributions from Sylvia Caygill, Joyce Davidson, & Julie England*



Spring has been a busy time for Hornsea District Walking Club members. On top of the regular Sunday walks there have been two 'days away' - three days in Wensleydale at the end of March, and five days in the Lake District at the end of April. The Wensleydale weekend was based at the White Rose Hotel in Askrigg, the village made famous as Darrowby in the original James Herriot TV series. The weather forecast wasn't good, but it turned out better

Semer Water from Countersett by Julie England



than expected.

Walks were on a 'watery theme' - the Askrigg Waterfalls walk, Marsett and

Semer Water, and Aysgarth Waterfalls. With all the rain in March, the waterfalls were impressive, although in places walking conditions were a bit squelchy!

In April sixteen Club members were based at the Patterdale Hotel. With a mix of ages and abilities several options were planned - long walks, short walks, sight-seeing etc. The biggest challenge taken on by ten of the group was the



The only way is up! by Sylvia Caygill

ascent of Fairfield (2964ft) via St Sunday Crag. Others tackled low level routes such as the Ullswater Way linking Patterdale with Pooley Bridge, done in two parts using either the bus one way or the Ullswater ferry. As if the ascent of Fairfield wasn't enough, a small group tackled High Street (2600ft), so named after the Roman Road along the ridge, on a

15 mile walk to Pooley Bridge, returning by bus. Days off from walking included a bus ride over the Kirkstone Pass to Windermere for a cruise on the lake ferry to Ambleside and back. Needless to say, everyone had a great time, especially as the weather turned out much better than forecast.

Back closer to home, with April/May being 'bluebell time' a couple of Sunday walks have included bluebell woods on their route. On 30th April, the walk, led by Joyce Davidson, was from Watton, going via Kilnwick then towards Lund through woods where the display of bluebells did not disappoint.

Their return was via Cawkeld and Hutton Cranswick back into Watton past the site of Watton Priory and the restored Medieval barn.

May 7th and the Sunday 'short walk' from Millington was led by Arnold Underwood. The route was described as going via the intriguingly named 'Baggaby Bottom', A glance at the map shows part of the Warter Priory Estate near the B1246 road described as Baggaby Bottom. At the top of the hill, the beech woods had a good show of wild garlic and bluebells. After an overcast start, the weather had improved becoming warm and sunny, so a deviation was agreed, taking in the views over Millington. Back down in Millington the walkers enjoyed tea and cakes outside the Ramblers' Rest tearoom, whilst listening to country music from a nearby Coronation garden party.

On May 14th just four members made the journey to Tadcaster for a walk led by Sylvia Caygill. As the mist cleared they set off on the Ebor Way, alongside



the River Wharfe coming to the picturesque village of Newton Kyme. Here they stopped to admire the 18th Century Hall next to the church. They continued to Boston Spa reading various blue plaques on the way at Wharfedale Hall, The Spa Baths, and Thorp

Arch Bridge. After lunch near Thorp Arch Bridge they walked through the village, known as Torp in the Domesday Book, and past Thorp Arch Trading Estate (previously a munitions factory during WWII). They returned to Tadcaster alongside the river for several miles then along Wighill Lane, ending the walk in the Walkers Kitchen tearoom near John Smiths Brewery. The Club's Wednesday Evening walks commenced on May 10th with the traditional walk from Hornsea via Goxhill and Wassand led by Stuart Kemp.

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

June 11th: Barrow-on-Humber (10am) for a 9 mile walk via New Holland

June 18th: North Ferriby (10am) for a 8 mile walk via Welton

June 25th: Wykeham Forest (10am) for a 9 mile walk via Broxa

### **Wednesday Evening Walks (all 4 to 5 miles):**

June 14th: Beverley Becks (7pm)

June 21st: Bilton (Asda) 7pm

June 28th: Stone Creek (Sunk Island) 7pm

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