

HORNSEA DISTRICT WALKING CLUB REPORT

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SUNDAY WALKS

The summer's Sunday Walks programme seemed beleaguered with amendments be it due to the weather, unavailability of leaders, or fewer members willing to make longer journeys!

On 16th Aug the weather for Sylvia Caygill's rescheduled Hunmanby walk was much cooler - in fact they were caught in a shower of rain! Unfortunately, Sylvia had only three others for company - Betty Lusby, Margaret Goodson and Dudley Coates. The route was via Field House Farm on the Centenary Way down into Stockingdale. There they joined the Yorkshire Wolds Way which they would follow into Muston and on towards Filey. They had passed evidence of a recent 'wild fire' near Hunmanby Grange, and spotted deer in Stockingdale. There were views from Muston Wold towards Flamborough Head and Leberston Cliff on the coast. After a lunch stop in Muston, where there were plenty of seats and a pub, they continued to the outskirts of Filey. To avoid walking alongside a busy road they turned towards Muston Grange and rejoined the Centenary Way back into Hunmanby to complete the 9½mile walk. In Hunmanby they enjoyed drinks at The Cottage Inn before heading home.

With no others signing up for the walk from Appleton-le-Moors on 23rd Aug, Sylvia chose to cancel that walk for one closer to home. This would be a linear walk from Brandesburton to Hornsea following a route via Seaton and Wassand, devised by Betty Lusby and using the No 24 or 25 bus in the opposite direction. Led by Sylvia and Betty, there were just two others, Graham and Stella plus Daisy, Stella's dog. On a warmer day than expected, they set off at 10.30am from Brandesburton Village Hall, which is a WW2 building on the perimeter of the former wartime airfield. The walk crossed the old airfield with evidence of bunkers and other

buildings. Upon reaching a road they turned towards Catfoss Grange in the grounds of which is a collection of various railway artefacts. These include various signals, signs, and the restored signal box from Sleaford East! The walkers continued by way of minor roads to arrive in Seaton at just after 12 noon. Here the seats by the village pond provided a convenient spot for lunch. After lunch they left Seaton and crossed the main road to enter the grounds of Wassand Hall. From Wassand they continued into Hornsea and after taking a break there, returned to Brandesburton and Leven by bus and concluded an enjoyable day out with drinks at The Leven Inn.

For his walk on Sept 6th, Arnold also made a change, to reduce the travelling time, by starting and finishing his walk in Pickering. Leaving their cars parked near the Sports field, the ten walkers - Sylvia, Betty, John, Margaret, Dudley, Joyce, Wendy, Andy, Steve, and Arnold - set off through Pickering, past the railway station and Beck Isle Museum. A narrow overgrown path took them past the kilns of the long-gone iron works to the road at New Bridge crossing. From there they followed Blansby Park Lane for about 2 miles. On the parallel North York Moors Railway track, Schools Class steam locomotive 926 'Repton' rumbled past, just glimpsed through the trees. The group paused for a coffee stop then entered woodland which is part of the Duchy of Lancaster Estate - in Yorkshire! A little further on they took to a path crossing the railway track and leading into a Nature Reserve and a footbridge over Pickering Beck. The walkers now faced a long climb out of the Dale and although it was raining, the trees provided some shelter. At the top, they found a suitable spot for their lunch break. Continuing after lunch, they headed south emerging from the shelter of the trees, with the flat farmland of

Scala Moor on the left and the wooded valley on their right. After a mile or so the group reached new houses on the edge of Pickering and skirted round a play area to reach the ruins of Pickering Castle. By now the rain had cleared and the sun was shining. They shed waterproofs, took photos then continued down to the steep road to the NYMR station where diesel loco 47077 'North Star' was departing with the Lunchtime Pullman service returning to Grosmont. From the station they walked through the town back to their cars on Recreation Road. It had been an enjoyable 7 mile walk, despite the light rain, which covered new ground for many in the group. Just outside Pickering on their drive home, they called at the Steam & Moorland Garden Centre for cups of tea on the balcony in the glorious sunshine.

On 13th Sept it was an early start for the five who drove up to Grosmont to join David and Margaret who were spending the weekend in the area. David had planned a linear walk which meant catching the 9.53am Northern train from Grosmont to Whitby then walking back to Grosmont. It was a fine sunny morning in Whitby as the seven walkers set off back alongside the River Esk. The riverside path passes under two viaducts spanning the valley - first the fairly modern, functional concrete structure carry the A171 road, then the former Larpool railway viaduct. This impressive thirteen arch viaduct, constructed of 5 million locally made bricks, once carried trains on the line to Scarborough 120ft above the river. The walkers reached Ruswarp and there turned away from the river and climbed to the delightfully named village of Ugglebarnby where they made a coffee stop at All Saints Church, overlooking Sleights in the valley below. The walkers then headed down to Sleights to cross river and railway after which they faced another climb up the other side of the

Why not join some of our walks?

The HDWC programme has a mix of Sunday walks of between 7 and 10 miles in length.

Sharing transport to and from each walk can be arranged by contacting the Walk Leaders or Committee Members via text, email, or WhatsApp. Details are online at www.dalestrails.co.uk/calendar.

WALKS COMING UP:

Sun 4th Oct - Castle Howard (11.00am) for a 7½ mile easy walk via Bulmer in the Howardian Hills

Sun 11th Oct - Newgate Bank Car Park, north of Helmsley (10.00am) for a 9 mile moderate walk in Ryedale via Hawnbury

Sun 18th Oct - Lockton (10.00am) for a 9 mile fairly strenuous walk via Levisham on the North York Moors

Sun 26th Oct - Willingham Woods Car Park, near Market Rasen (10.00am) for a 8½ mile moderate walk on the Lincolnshire Wolds

valley to Aisalby. Here in the grounds of St Margaret's Church they took their lunch break. After lunch they gradually dropped down into the valley to follow the waymarked Esk Valley Walk through fields and woodland for the remaining 4 miles back to Grosmont. The road into Grosmont is currently closed to traffic for bridge repairs but fortunately access is provided for walkers to cross. The weather had been sunny all day for this 9½mile walk. A good day was rounded off with tea and cakes at the NYMR Grosmont Station Cafe.

Barmston, Wansford, Hutton Cranswick and Old Ellerby, usually with a pub at the finish. The final evening walk, led by Stuart Kemp, was on 12th August in Hornsea and coincided with the partial eclipse of the sun.

A celebratory evening meal marking the end of another successful season of evening walks was had at the Thai Palace Restaurant in Beverley on 26th August.

Evening Walks

There have been weekly 4-5 mile Evening Walks throughout the summer from towns and villages including Hornsea, Beverley, Hedon, Skidby, South Cave, Brandesburton, Hull Bridge,



1. Hunmanby scorched earth
2. Muston mirror
3. Catfoss Grange
4. Wassand
5. Pickering Castle
6. Afternoon tea
7. Whitby Station
8. Larpool Viaduct
9. Lunch