

Hornsea District Walking Club

Report compiled by Bogtrotter with contributions from Sylvia Caygill, Steve Smith, and Arnold Underwood.



The club walk on the longest day of the year, 21st June, was from Byland Abbey. Eight walkers led by Sylvia Caygill, set off from the lay-by near Byland Abbey on a very warm day and headed towards Coxwold. Some parts of the route were overgrown but there were lovely views with a welcome drink stop at the pub in Coxwold. Here, the 15th century St Michael's Church has a distinctive octagonal tower. From Coxwold they headed east along the vale between the Howardian Hills and the Moors then turned north towards Wass and back past the impressive ruins of Byland Abbey to complete their 8½mile walk. The Abbey was established in the mid-12th Century by monks from Furness Abbey who spent several years finding a suitable site. Although Byland Abbey was famed for its sheep and wool, with an abbey church said to be one of the finest, it never achieved the success of nearby Rievaulx. Dissolution came in the reign of Henry VIII in 1539. The site is now in the care of English Heritage.



On July 5th, eleven walkers, led by Arnold Underwood, set off from Bempton & Buckton Village Hall through Buckton and turned up Hoddy Cows Lane towards the cliffs. It was a steady climb past fields of potatoes to the highest point of the walk on the cliff top 300ft above sea level. After a break they turned to follow the Headland Way Coastal Path down towards RSPB Bempton Cliffs. Once they reached the surfaced paths and viewing platforms it became very busy with birdwatchers. The walkers joined the birdwatchers trying to spot the elusive puffins! There were gannets, and kittiwakes, razorbills, and guillemots, - many with



young, balanced precariously on the narrow cliff ledges. Down below the 'Yorkshire Belle' was giving its passengers a different view of the cliffs. After a drinks stop at Bartlett's Nab, the walkers continued along the clifftop path. At the next viewpoint was a gannet with two chicks, and down below on the cliff face was one solitary puffin! Happy that they had seen a puffin they continued, leaving the crowds behind, towards Dykes

End. This is the northern end of Danes Dyke, a pre-historic earthwork that cuts across the Flamborough Headland. Here they took their lunch stop. Afterwards they took to a permissive path along field sides, now in the care of the adjacent farm, and much better maintained than a few years ago! With views ahead towards Bridlington, they reached Blakehowe Lane leading back to Cliff Road. From there it was down into Bempton village with a loop past the church and the dried-up pond. This brought them to Bolam Lane and the village hall, to end an enjoyable little walk at about 2.30pm. Unlike other days recently, it had been a pleasant day for walking - cloudy and breezy and not too warm.

For his walk on Aug 2nd led by Arnold Underwood, made use of the 'Wolds Explorer' bus service from Pocklington. This meant a late start as the bus doesn't depart until 11.20am. The driver was pleased that nearly all in the group had senior bus passes which made her job collecting fares easier! After a scenic journey across the Wolds via Millington the Hornsea group alighted in Huggate at about ten to 12. The thirteen walkers now faced an 8 mile walk



back to Pocklington, with the plan being to 'keep to the tops' avoiding steep ups and downs - the trend would be downhill to Pocklington! The midday sun was hazy, and with shade from trees and a pleasant breeze, conditions were not as hot as they could have been. After a lunch stop overlooking Well Dale, further drinks stops were made above Millington, near Warrendale, and at Kilnwick Percy. The 8 mile walk took almost exactly 4 hours from leaving the bus

in Huggate to arriving back in Pocklington at ten to 4. Some of the group visited the Black Bull pub for well-deserved cold drinks before heading home.

Because of the hot weather, Sylvia Caygill swapped her up and coming Sunday walks to do the coast walk from Barmston, where it would be cooler, on the 9th of August and the Hunmanby walk on the 16th. Sylvia was joined by six others and Daisy the dog on Sands Lane in Barmston on a warm Sunday morning. From Barmston, with tides being favourable, they walked along the beach past Fraisthorpe, then continued along the King Charles III England Coast Path to Wilsthorpe and Bridlington South Beach. There were sea baptisms being carried out on the beach, organised by Hull Vineyard church. After lunch they walked back along the beach to Earl's dyke as it was cooler for the dog. The sky clouded over as they walked back to Barmston along farm tracks past Hamilton Hill, ending their day with drinks in the Holiday Park bar.



The weather for Sylvia's rescheduled walk from Hunmanby was much cooler - in fact they were caught in a shower of rain! Sylvia had only three others for company - Betty Lusby, Margaret Goodson and Dudley Coates - on this walk via Stockingdale, the Wolds Way, and Muston. They passed evidence of a recent 'wild fire' near Hunmanby Grange, and spotted deer in Stockingdale. After a lunch stop in Muston they continued to the outskirts of Filey, then past Muston Grange on the Centenary Way back to Hunmanby.

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

Sunday Walks Coming Up:

6th Sept - Pickering (Recreation Rd), 11.00am; Short Walk 7miles

13th Sept - Grosmont Station for 9.53am train to Whitby, then walk back to Grosmont 9½miles

18 - 20th July - Weekend in Rothbury (Northumberland)

4th Oct - Castle Howard, 11.00am; Short Walk 7½miles

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