

Hornsea District Walking Club

Report compiled by Bogtrotter with contributions from Sylvia Caygill, Sue Copeland, and Arnold Underwood.



Sunday, 29th March, saw a change to the programme with the walk in Rosedale, originally planned for April, being brought forward. This meant an early start for the drive up to Rosedale coinciding with the clocks being put forward one hour to Summer Time! To compensate, walk leader Sylvia Caygill allowed a 15min later start to the walk! So on a cold and windy day eight walkers, Sylvia, Sue, Stephen, Sam, Graham, Andy, Dave and Angela, met in Rosedale Abbey village for a long walk around the head of the dale. They set off walking by Northdale Beck for a mile, then headed to the disused kilns at the site of Rosedale East Mines. From there they continued along the track-bed of the old railway which served the iron mines until the 1920s. By Nab Scar they made their lunch stop, albeit struggling to find a sheltered spot from the cold wind! Then they continued along the course of the old railway round the



head of the valley at 1,000ft above sea level. However, instead of keeping to the track they chose to walk down into the valley to escape from the wind. From there they walked down Daleside Road - a farm track leading to the hamlet of Thorgill. Taking to field paths they came to a footbridge over the River Seven and continued back to Rosedale Abbey at about 4pm having walked 11 miles.

Sunday 5th April, Easter Sunday, and a 7½ mile walk from West Heselton led by Arnold Underwood was on the calendar. This walk was planned as a double loop on the Wolds on the 'brows' above the villages of Knapton, and West and East Heselton. Twenty walkers set off up the hill to join the Wolds Way and head west along Knapton Brow. After Storm Dave of the night before, the weather was bright but still very windy. Along Knapton Brow, the woodland provided slight protection from the wind and so they took their elevenses coffee stop before leaving the woods. Although no longer sheltered from the wind by heading east, the wind was behind them. Just before the end of the farm track they were caught by a short sharp shower of hail. This had almost cleared by the time they had got their waterproofs on! The group then walked along the road back to the top of the hill above West Heselton to rejoin the Wolds Way for the eastern loop along Heselton Brow with views north over the Vale of Pickering to the Moors. Although it was near lunch time, they pressed on to woodland by Manor Wold Farm which provided some shelter from the wind. After lunch it was down the farm road to East Heselton with the hillside populated with sheep and lambs. In the hamlet of East Heselton they visited St Andrews Church. The church was completed in 1877 in an Italianate style with a 32 metre spire. It is now in the care of Churches Conservation Trust.



Unfortunately the church wasn't open but it's large porch provided shelter from another brief shower. From here it was back across fields facing a strong headwind to West Heselton

where, despite the strong wind, and the occasional shower, everyone agreed it had been an excellent walk.

On 26th April there were eight walkers on the club walk from Caulkleys Bank near Nunnington, led by Sue Copeland. They set off east along the ridge with the Howardian Hills to the south and Ryedale and the Moors to the north. They descended towards the River Rye at East Ness from where they walked alongside river, past Nunnington Mill into Nunnington itself with views across to Nunnington Hall. After a lunch break they headed west from Nunnington still in the company of the River Rye for a while. At Low Moor Plantation they turned away from the river to cross the ridge and drop down into the little village of Stonegrave which is famous for its church, Stonegrave Minster, which has its origins in the 8th Century. The walkers then faced one more climb back onto Caulkley's Bank for the final mile along the ridge to where their cars were parked.

On Sunday 10th May, fourteen walkers gathered in Sancton village car park and at 10 o'clock set off through the village towards Houghton Woods, led by Arnold Underwood. On a field



path they passed two large bulls relaxing the other side of the wire fence! In Houghton Woods rhododendrons were coming into bloom. It was about eleven o'clock when they reached the 'crossroads' of paths in the woods so time for a coffee break. From there they headed out of the woods down to the hamlet of North Cliffe. The road there sounded really busy - and soon they found out why - they had come across the tail-end of a Charity Tractor Run that had started out from

Pocklington. After watching the tractors disappear towards South Cliffe they crossed the road to head along Sands Lane to North Cliffe Wood Nature Reserve. This was new ground for many on today's walk. The woods are renowned for bluebells but as they walked into the woods, the bluebells there were past their best. However as they completed the trail past open heathland there were still good displays of bluebells. Here they took their lunch in the sunshine, sheltered by the trees from a chilly wind. From the woods they headed back along Sands Lane to North Cliffe, from where, about a quarter mile along the busy road, they came to a footpath up the hillside. From the top, the walk continued past fields of turf to Castle Farm to rejoin the road back into Sancton, finishing the 8 mile walk by 2.30pm.

Coming Up:

Wednesday Evening Walks

24th June - Hull Bridge (Near the Crown & Anchor) 7.00pm 5 miles

1st July - South Cave (Market Place) 7.00pm 4½ miles

8th July - Beverley (TBC) 7.00pm 5 miles

15th July - Barmston (Near the Black Bull) 7.00pm 4½ miles

Sunday Walks

21st June - Byland Abbey (Lay-by), 10.00am; Medium Walk 9 miles

28th June

5th July - Bempton (Village Hall) 10.00am; Short Walk 7½ miles via Bempton Cliffs

12th July - Millington Wood (Car Park) 10.00am; Medium Walk 9 miles

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