

FIVE MILES & A CUP OF TEA 2017

March 2017: CALVERTON

On a sunny Spring morning over 30 of us set off from The Admiral Rodney pub in Calverton for the March walk. The ascent beside Ramsdale Golf course was worth it to enjoy the expansive views from the top of Cockpit Hill. More sweeping vistas were glimpsed from Spindle Lane, which eventually took us to the fortified earthworks of Fox Wood, which is always worth a detour.

The descent back to Calverton along rather muddy paths, but in warm sunshine, completed the walk. We were welcomed cordially at the pub and enjoyed hearty portions of lunch to reward our efforts.

Maggie Doherty

May 2017: KINOULTON & COLSTON BASSETT

The walk started, in brilliant sunshine, from the Neville Arms, Kinoulton where, at the end, half of the group of 19 took a well-earned drink and sandwich!

The varied walk along canal path, fields and the pretty village of Colston Bassett went through lush countryside and stopped half way at the beautiful St Mary's Church ruin, with its Saxon foundations and more recently Georgian additions.

Jackie Feeney



August 2017: SILVERHILL WOOD, TEVERSAL

Twelve of us set off from the Teversal Visitor Centre on a sunny day. We passed the Carnarvon pub and into Silverhill Wood Park, the site of the Silverhill colliery which opened in 1875 and closed in 1992.

We then started to climb to the (reputably) highest point in Nottinghamshire at 205m. From here there are good views towards Chesterfield and Hardwick Hall and in the opposite direction Lincoln Cathedral could be seen through binoculars.

We carried on down through the park and onto a footpath towards Rowthorne before circling round to arrive in Teversal village and back to the visitor centre. A welcoming drink and a snack at the Carnarvon pub rounded off the walk.

Terry Bartram



October 2017: BLIDWORTH

Our October walk was five miles starting at the Fox and Hounds at Blidworth Bottoms. For those who don't know the area, it is just off the A614, towards Ravenshead. Here there are several footpaths that criss-cross a large wooded area. There were 19 of us on the walk, and we started in the direction of Blidworth village. From there we joined the Robin Hood Way, which bordered onto farm land. On this section we were entertained by the antics of groups of very young piglets running about on the 'open plan' pig farm. On the return section we headed into the woods, which lead us back to the pub at Blidworth Bottoms. Despite our title Five Miles and a cup of tea we now seem to be more '.... and a sandwich'. If you are interested in joining us though, the eating/drinking is completely optional, and several members choose simply to do the walk.

Christine Russell