

Five Miles and a Cup of Tea 2022

January 2022: HOVERINGHAM

The January walk from Ferry Farm was well attended.

The weather was reasonably good however mud was promised and mud we certainly got.

Some members took a detour to extend the walk a mile then a number of us met for coffee outside the Railway Pub in Lowdham.



February 2022: LAMBLEY

The walk from Lambley was well attended and we were treated to a welcome break in the bad weather. The mud wasn't as bad as it had been but an extremely slippy stone caught out one member.

Well done to the two members who live in Burton Joyce who walked to the start from home then back again adding miles to their walk.

We enjoyed delicious coffees afterwards on the covered decking at the Lambley pub.



March 2022: BENNERLEY VIADUCT

Bennerley Viaduct proved very popular with wonderful weather and a magnificent wrought iron giant to walk over. We also enjoyed a coffee in the sunshine outside the Festival Inn.



April 2022: BLEASBY TO MORTON

Lovely walk in through the fields from Bleasby to Morton then back via the river. It was a bit of a shock to find the tea shop and pub in Bleasby were closed. The Red Lion in Thurgarton came to our rescue with their heated outside area and great coffee.



May 2022: STRELLEY HALL

15 of us set off in the morning sunshine from Strelley Hall. The bluebells were the stars of the show followed closely by the scones and paninis at the Mulberry Tree Cafe.



June 2022: ATTENBOROUGH

On a hot sunny day in June, 17 of us walked from Attenborough visitor centre to Spring Lakes waterpark. We resisted the temptation to have a go on the pedalos and carried on round the lakes, noting the abundance of blackberry bushes for future fruit picking opportunities.

After a slight detour due to finding ourselves fenced in we made it back to the visitors centre. It was wonderful sitting in the Sand Martins hide, enjoying a coffee whilst watching the birds at close quarters as they feed over the water and return to their nests.



July 2022: CAR COLSTON

In the middle of the July heat wave we were really lucky to have a cloudy morning to enjoy our walk from Car Colston. We had a good view of Archer's Lake near Bingham then only a short pause to decide the direction of travel ! The crops had certainly grown in the last few weeks and those who are more petit than others couldn't always see over the top of them. The Royal Oak then did a good trade in cold drinks and proper chips.





August 2022: AMBASTON to ELVASTON

10 members set out in the heat for Ambaston to walk alongside the River Derwent. Some of us were lucky enough to see a kingfisher. We admired the view over the weir watching a heron then turned left towards Elvaston Castle, picking blackberries on the way.



At Elvaston we stopped for coffees and ice-creams then proceeded along the ornamental "long walk" out of the grounds. We crossed fields to Thulston then followed a lane back to Ambaston. Coffee and chips were had at The Clock Tower in the shade under the willow trees overlooking the canal.

A lovely walk and worth the journey to get there.

September 2022: FISKERTON

Thank you to Geoff for leading the September walk from Fiskerton where they came across Winnie-the-Pooh and Piglet looking for their pooh sticks.



October 2022: HARLAXTON

The October walk from Harlaxton was very well attended in the Autumn sunshine. We enjoyed a quick walk round the churches in Harlaxton and Denton, both of which had war graves with very interesting grave stones.



Denton reservoir was beautiful as always even though the water levels were low. The Grantham canal which is fed from Denton Reservoir was very green and Harlaxton Manor stood majestically in the background for our photographs.



November 2022: OLLERTON & RUFFORD

We weren't sure what the weather was going to do but 16 hardy members set off from Ollerton to Rufford Park.

We really enjoyed watching cars ploughing through the Ford creating huge plumes of spray.



The trees still had their autumn colours and the lake was beautiful as always. Leaving Rufford we were caught in a 10 second sharp shower which was just enough to soak the beet field we were about to cross.

Afterwards we were really looked after in Bella Vita where we had drinks and snacks.



December 2022: NETHERFIELD

December brought the Christmas hat brigade out in force. It was a beautiful day if a little chilly, perfect for a pre lunch walk. We sauntered along the river bank then round Netherfield gravels.

This led us along newly created paths round the Rivendell lakes.

Back at The Ferry Boat 22 of us enjoyed the Christmas Fayre. I think I would be safe in saying a good time was had by all.

