

# STROLLERS

*April – May 2024 Newsletter*

## February

We met at the Glasshouse for a walk round Kirk Sandall and Barnby Dun.

Fifteen started on the walk, through the housing estate down a small lane to a field which was a bit muddy after all the rain we have had recently. Across the road over the railway bridge and on to Barnby Dun. We passed the Pinfold (see photos). Across another road and down to the canal. We walked down the side of the canal to St Oswald's church in Kirk Sandall. After passing the church we walked down the lane back to Doncaster Road and to the Glasshouse. Three more joined us for lunch which was organised by Celia. We all had a very enjoyable meal .

*Dawn, Celia and Sue*







## January

We had a lovely Strollers walk in the morning on Thursday 25th around Lakeside, then on to the White walk into Bessacarr and then on to the Red path back to Lakeside. I am pleased to say the weather was very kind to us.

We had a lovely lunch at the Beefeater, Lakeside.

Thank-you everyone for coming.

*Celia Griggs*





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#### **November**

The u3a Strollers walk in December was the Trans Pennine walk in Sprotbrough to Cusworth Hall.

On a fine December day about 20 Strollers set off from the Newton Arms pub on Sprotbrough Road. We enjoyed a three and a half mile walk along the Trans Pennine Trail to Cusworth Hall and a walk around the lake there.

We then walked back to the Newton Arms for a nice pub lunch with everybody enjoying a chat about their upcoming Christmas activities.

*Ken Bradbury*





*December 2023 – January 2024 Newsletter*

## **October**

A wet and miserable day for the Strollers walk but it didn't dampen anyone's spirits. Our walk took us from Newington to Austerfield and then on a circular route around the Mosaic Reserve. We then headed back to The Ship Inn in Newington for lunch and a natter.

*Cynthia Morris*





## September

The u3a Strollers walk in September was the Blaxton/Finningley walk.

On a cloudy but fine morning, fifteen walkers set off from The Station pub at Blaxton. We enjoyed a three and half mile walk through country lanes, fields, woodland and road before arriving back at The Station for lunch.

Several other u3a members met us back at The Station to join us for a very enjoyable lunch. Ann Louise and the team looked after us all very well indeed.

*Sue Coote & Sue Stenton*







## August

In August a small group of Strollers met at Highfields to walk alongside Langthwaite Dyke behind the allotments, followed by a short walk in Highfields Park. Some members walked all the way around Highfields lake (pictured) while a few took a needed rest and completed half of this circuit. The meeting culminated with an enjoyable meal at the Highwayman pub along with much social chit chat.

*B Thompson*





## July

On 27th July the Strollers met at the Angel Inn in Blyth to revise a winter walk to Hodsock which had been affected by torrential rain and the flooding of the river Ryton.

The walk started this time in better weather with a visit to Blyth church to look at the medieval doom painting and to take advantage of the church toilet.

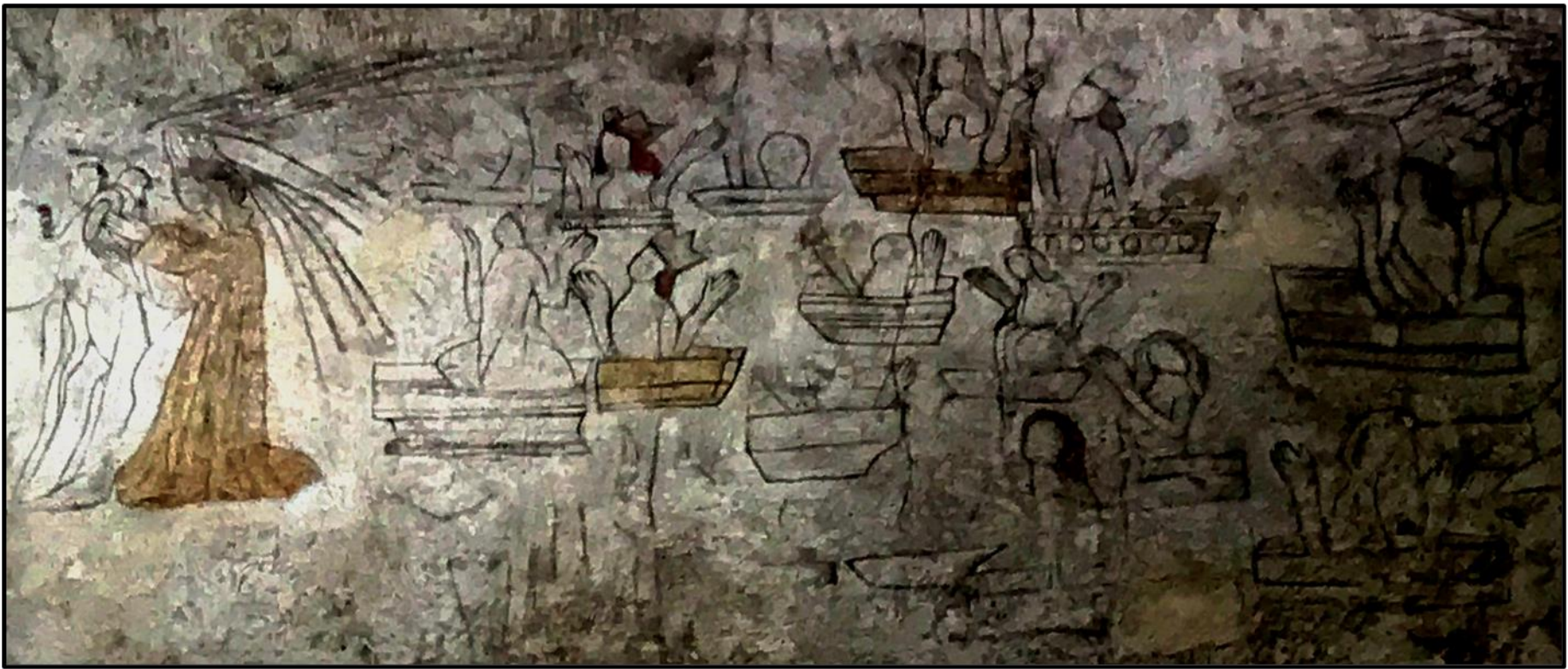
Unfortunately, due to heavy rain in the proceeding days the river was again flooded and it was decided to follow a direct route along Worksop Road to Hodsock Priory. Although the first part of the walk stayed dry, whilst returning across Moore's potato farm the heavens opened and lunch at the Angel was a rather soggy affair.

Thanks again to Alan and his team at the Angel for their prompt service and good food.

*Julia Toft*







## THE DOOM PAINTING

*Depicts the last judgement.*

*It was probably the work  
of a travelling artist.*

*In the centre, kings and commoners  
alike rise from their coffins.*

*Christ is seated upon a rainbow throne  
with St Mary, St John and 11 apostles.*

*Angels lead the good souls to Heaven  
and unrepentant sinners to Hell.*

*During the reformation the paints  
was whitewashed over. Traces were  
found in the Victorian restoration of 1881  
and re-discovered in 1988.*

*Cleaning of the paints began in 1987*

