

STROLLERS

December 2018 – January 2019 Newsletter

October meeting at Sandall Beat.



October – November 2018 Newsletter

.....'What is this world so full of care, we have no time to stand and stare!' or in this case - sit. Something on July's stroll around Rossington caught the eye of these three. What could it be? is it a bird? is it a twister? no it's a..... Answers on a postcard etc.



Mike Bowser

August – September 2018 Newsletter

The Strollers last walk was during the June heat wave. There were a few hiccups locating the car park at the moors, but by the time our guide Janet arrived we were all present and ready to go. We were told a brief history of the area and plans for a new visitor centre. It was good to start walking and find the cool shade of the trees. We paused overlooking the water and Janet told us about the habitat that had been introduced and encouraged over the years. We walked on to our next stop overlooking the marsh, where a plane had crashed during the war, and a memorial was erected to the 4 crew who lost their lives. Luckily 2 others survived.

We only did a short easy walk because of the heat, but some of us promised to return to support the hard work the volunteers do, hopefully for the opening of the new centre in October.

We then drove to the Green Tree for our lunch, where a lovely cool table had been reserved for us. Thank you to Sonia and Ron for organizing the walk, the lunch and the weather!

Allen Whittaker



ARKSEY WALK

It did not look very promising for the start of our April walk. We had gathered at the Teapot in Arksey and were pre-ordering our lunch for later, when we had a heavy shower. Reluctantly we left the shelter of the café and headed out of the village towards the railway crossing leading to the Bentley Community Woodland. Luckily the rain began to ease and the sun came out. After carefully negotiating the crossing we enjoyed a short but pleasant walk, past the lake and up to a high point with good views of Doncaster. Back again into Arksey village, we walked past the old church and almshouses. We had a brief stop for a photo call before heading back to the Teapot where a long table had been reserved for us all to enjoy lunch together.

Allen and Brenda Whittaker



On a cold but sunny day, the Strollers set off from the Hatfield Chace pub, after pre-ordering lunch. A record 32 members walked to the bridle path behind the pub and continued into Dunsville and the Quarry Park, which is just off the main road.

The park is well maintained by volunteers with spring bulbs just coming up, but we were a little early to see all but the snowdrops. We walked through a wooded area leading to the perimeter and then back to an open area and the outdoor gym equipment. The park is well used by dog walkers but also a tranquil place to just hear the birds.

We came back via the path that crossed Broadway, the main road through Dunsville, and back to the Hatfield Chace where our pre-ordered lunches were soon served to our very long, reserved table.

Allen Whittaker



February – March 2018 Newsletter

It was a bright but cold November morning when the Strollers met for the last walk of the year from the Crown at Barnburgh. We walked into the village and looked at an old red phone box which is now a library, well stocked with books on shelves that you borrow and return on trust. We started the steady climb up to Barnburgh Cliff when we were passed by another group of walkers, and on speaking to them they were a group from Stocksbridge U3A! The view from the cliff was quite spectacular and you could see for miles towards Sheffield and the Peak District. We then started our descent back to the Crown but had to negotiate a load of fluorescent tubes that had been 'fly tipped' across the lane. Thanks, Sue for reporting this. We then walked back down to the warm and welcome carvery where two large tables had been reserved for us. Thank-you Ron.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Allen and Brenda Whittaker



October – November 2017 Newsletter

On a pleasant August morning, a group of members met at the Park Club, Woodlands. Our guides for the walk were Pat & Dave. We ambled along a nice stretch of countryside. It used to be Brodsworth colliery and is now the Brodsworth Community Woodland. The view from the top was quite spectacular and you could see for miles. Some even took advantage of the weather and time of year to do some blackberry picking! After approximately 4 miles we landed back at base to partake in a very welcome drink and lunch.

Linda and Brenda



Langold - June meeting.

After a minor detour!! - a good time was had by all.



June – July 2017 Newsletter

On a sunny March morning the Strollers ventured to Conisbrough. The walk was quite challenging with a long upward incline to the viaduct. The views were excellent. The walk back was more relaxed, passing the castle and on to a pleasant meal at the Sea Fish restaurant.

Bridget Thompson







The April walk was from the Hatfield Chase.

We may have had a record number of walkers - 29. We walked on a quiet bridle path through the houses bordering Thorne Road, then over Broadway into Quarry Park.

A vast area that few of us knew of but is just off the main road. This is a new walk for us and we were all impressed with the park. Also another example of what a team of volunteers can achieve over time. I think we would all recommend the park as a peaceful place to go, with outdoor gym equipment that many of us tried! We enjoyed the wooded part with the bird sounds and the wild flowers. This is one of those gems on our doorstep that is a secret that more of us should know about.

Allen Whittaker









April – May 2017 Newsletter

As storm “Doris” was predicted for the day of our Cusworth walk we were not surprised to wake up to wind and rain. We had many phone calls asking “Are we going in this weather!” but as leaders we needed to turn up but didn’t think many would join us. We were pleasantly surprised that 15 hardy U3Aers arrived. After a short discussion we decided to brave it.

Although very windy, the rain was only light and intermittent, with even spells of sunshine. We headed to Cusworth via the Trans-Pennine Way and walked round the two duck ponds and returned back along the same route, which is a disused old railway line.

Back at the Newton Inn our tables were reserved for a delicious carvery lunch. In the morning, what seemed like a complete washout, turned into an enjoyable day.

Allen and Brenda Whittaker



Tickhill – October 2016

The Millstone car park was almost full before we arrived. After all finding a parking place, we set off to the duck pond for our photo call. October's was a gentle flat and easy walk, along the lanes and fields on the outskirts of Tickhill.

We were soon back in the unspoilt village and enjoying the quaint independent shops in the High Street.

After our meal from the carvery, or alternate menu, we requested any ideas for next year's walks. We soon had 2017 all planned! Many thanks for the enthusiasm and support since we have taken over this group. Special thanks to Pat and Dave who have offered to lead some of the walks.

Allen and Brenda Whittaker



Rossington – September 2016

What a good turn out we had on a lovely sunny morning for our September walk! The Styrrup had asked us to choose our lunch before departing, so we left our orders and headed out of the car park.

It was only a few minutes before we realised we had missed our turning. Talking too much! Soon back on track we walked passed the primary school and were a novelty to the children at play time.

Heading into the countryside behind Mount Pleasant we realized again, we may have gone wrong. A local dog walker pointed us in the right direction. We hadn't made such a big mistake, we had just done the walk in reverse order.

Back at the Styrrup our pre-ordered lunches soon arrived, and we all enjoyed the generous, hot portions. Looking forward to our next walk in Tickhill.

Can we order the same weather please?

Allen Whittaker



Barnburgh – June 2016

It was referendum day when we met for our June walk on a warm summer morning.

On leaving the Crown, Oliver the dog took the lead through Barnburgh village, which is still decorated with bunting and bikes from the Tour de Yorkshire.

We climbed up a long steady path to the top of the crags, where we caught our breath before continuing through the wooded area.

With Oliver still leading, we emerged from the trees to a view for miles towards Sheffield. It was then downhill all the way back to the Crown where they had reserved a large table for us to enjoy our carvery lunch together.

Allen Whittaker



Langold Lake – May 2016





Cantley Park – April 2016





Walk around Brodsworth Community Woodland & meal at Brodsworth Garden Centre – March 2016

