

Selby and District u3a Walking Group Thursday 11th May

Hello all,

We met at Nostell Priory, somewhat depleted as some of the team are on holiday and others had sent apologies. However ten members arrived, some after navigational errors and others almost late, including me!

Actually a much more pleasant morning than might have been expected after the heavy showers in the previous days, but being warm, still and dry we were hopeful.

Good condition roadways within the park led past the Courtyard and the Main House down by the lake. We then ventured onto new ground to eventually join a mountain bike route. This is rarely used by bikes but walkers do like it! This took us through pleasant woodlands, climbing to the highest point within the park where the Obelisk is sited. The original use of this was the Tradesmen access to the rear of the estate, keeping the riff raff away from the posh part of the big house. Now it has locked and chained gates and rooms stored withstuff.

Following a request by Pauline for more images of our u3a activities, Mike was busy with his camera here and after more woodland walking mainly downhill, further opportunities presented themselves. We then returned to the lake and the Courtyard Café for cake and discussion on the dark clouds now appearing. Very soon a heavy deluge, but the large table umbrella's kept most of the rain away from us. Several didn't wait for it to recede and were last seen under coats and hoods heading back to their cars. We trust they arrived satisfactorily. The more patient ones held back for not very long and the deluge almost stopped on returning to the Car Park.

A pleasant four mile walk on mainly new ground to most seemed to go down well as the weather during the walking was very satisfactory.

Thank you all for coming, the next walk will be on 8th June.

John Duffy's Longer Walk will be in two week's time on 25th May and details will be available in due course.