A select group of 3 tackled the longer walk on June 22nd. We started in Stamford Bridge under blue skies but with a weather forecast of a strong chance of a shower before the end. Crossing the river we took the riverside path south, under the viaduct, towards Kexby. This section is divided up by gates and stiles and according to the official walk guide it is possible to see mute swans, kingfishers and great spotted woodpeckers. But on the day we were limited to butterflies, dragonflies and swallows.

After a short stretch alongside the road we branched off on a bridleway, and passed through Scoreby Wood. When I had tested the route last month the rhododendrons had been in bloom but by now theye were well past their best. Shortly after skirting the edge of Hagg Wood we joined Route 66 (this is a cycle route and has not yet inspired a famous song). At about this point I was reminded that I had forgotten to stop for a lunch break! So after a stop for refreshment we completed the walk with no sign of the forecast rain. The end of the walk was along part of a disused railway line which led across the viaduct and along the line of the old track, between the platforms of the old Stamford Bridge station (see link below).

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