**Selby and District u3a - Walking Group Report – 13th April**

Twelve of our Group met at the Chequers Inn, Ledsham.

The weather was fine but blustery as we left the village along a minor tarmac road before field stiles and farm routes took us to yet another style by Newton Farm and adjacent to the RSPB Reserve at Fairbum Ings. Our route then turned south westerly (further than initially intended) through pasture being enjoyed by a herd of Highland cattle with calves, but being a docile breed, they kept well away from our intrusion, allaying the concerns of some of our ladies. Eventually over more stiles we arrived at Ledston Ings by the railway bridge and we were able to turn eastwards to and proceed back towards the RSPB Reserve where Mike called for a coffee break. The only significant rain of our walk occurred here for all of two minutes. Due to the time and distance already covered, it was decided to leave the route around the lake to Fairburn for another day and to return to Ledsham by the unsurfaced route called Newfield Lane (an antient road) with no further sign of rain. We arrived back at the Chequers having enjoyed walking on good quality ways and having completed just over six miles. As several members had commitments in the afternoon a small group of us tasted the hospitality of the Chequers, noting having visited before but a long time ago. The log fire was a welcome sight adding to the ambience of the venue.

Our next walk is scheduled for 11th May and details will be available in due course.

The next “Longer Walk” is scheduled for 27th April.