

After Eights Annual Yorkshire Dales Trip 2019 (June 10th – June 12th)

Following on from the success of changing our dates last year from May Day to June for our Masham break, we decided to keep to the June dates for 2019.

23 ladies and gents came along for our 3 day break.

The weather leading up to June 10th was pretty grim with lots of rain but we all had a pleasant journey travelling to Masham on the Monday. It was great to see everyone together again and we enjoyed our evening meal at the Kings Head Hotel.

On Tuesday morning after our 'full English breakfast' we had our usual team photograph before splitting into two groups with Doreen Elliff kindly chauffeuring a few of our group around the Dales and the rest setting off on our annual walk.



We thought we were in for a very wet day but to our surprise we managed to stay dry until the latter end of our walk. A few of our party did the first part of the walk and then set off back to Masham;

they called by the Church which is in the Market Square and were invited to a 'sing-a-long' which they really enjoyed. They also viewed the Yorkshire Dales Sculptures which were on display.

The rest of us continued and had a great walk taking us through open pastures, alongside the river, through the Masham golf course, (stopping for lunch in a field, shortly after passing Shaws Farm).



We were surprised to see a herd of cows in the field we needed to cross but the farmer came to our rescue by moving them all away while we climbed over the style. On our journey David Hood, a keen bird watcher, spotted a kingfisher near the river, a Lapwing in one of the fields and he saw an Oyster Catcher flying over (very observant).

On arrival back at the Kings Head the rain started and continued throughout the evening – how lucky we were to miss the rain during most of the day! A few of us had a treat at the Café in the square – a scone with jam and cream and others with a delicious piece of coffee cake!.

We enjoyed another nice meal at the hotel in the evening and afterwards a get-together in the bar, reminiscing on past years – especially the first 15 years, when we stayed in Youth hostels!

On Wednesday after breakfast we all set off heading home with lots of happy memories of yet another year of enjoying spending time together – this being our 35th annual break.



Thanks to Peter Craske for organising the walk and to Doreen Elliff who ended up driving 70 miles around the Yorkshire Dales, with her passengers (Pam, Olivia and Peter) having coffee at Jervaux, lunch at Hawes and they also saw middle falls at Aysgarth which were quite a sight!

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