

7 – 9 Miles Walking Group

April Muker Walk report by Phil Clarke

After a couple of monthly walk cancellations due to the dismal wet and windy winter ten of us managed a springtime walk but NO it definitely wasn't a Spring-like day in Upper Swaledale. It was cold but thankfully dry. 7C a hat and gloves Spring walk!!

We left the pretty village of Muker and walked in single file as the sign informs you towards the River Swale where we crossed it at Rampsholme bridge. The route now is fairly flat towards the bottom of Swinner Gill where a nice wooden bridge has appeared. The path is very undulating until you get to the beautiful waterfall where we stopped for a break. Lots of water, so so attractive, especially for the folk of Keld who have it on their doorstep.

Through the village past a B/B with quirky perhaps Kinky Boots and a red phone box!! that Pete checked and it would work. Then the big climb of the day that I am famous for, over Kisdon Hill at about 500m towards Muker. A sheltered spot was found for lunch out of the wind where Barry, Chris and co. made a makeshift picnic spot of wood, wire etc most impressive. After lunch it was very steep down into Muker but with amazing views of Swaledale. Just under 8 miles so we deserved a cake and hot drink in the ice cream shop in Reeth. Maybe it wasn't as cold as I suggested as one of the group had a double scoop ice cream.

Many thanks to Phil for leading the walk.

The walk on Wednesday 15 May will be led by Nicky. A walk of 8.5 miles from the village of Bowes to the trig point at the top of Citron Seat at the edge of Gilmonby Moor, via the remains of Eller Beck lead mine. Descending from Citron seat we return beside Sleighholme beck and pick up the Pennine way to Bowes. This is an area less well walked for us to enjoy and we may just spot some mannequins too! Let nickygrace729@gmail.com know if you would like to come along

Our June walk will be led by Peter on June 19th starting from near the CB inn in Arkengarthdale the walk will be a 7 mile exploration of the upper dale including Whaw and High Faggergill. Please contact nickygrace729@gmail.com if you would like to join this walk



