

## July Fell Walk Report by Phil Clarke

We met over in Wensleydale in the lovely village of Carperby. Fourteen of us met for this varied walk after completely taking over the village hall (honesty box) car park. The first 3 miles were up, up to the top of Carperby Moor where it topped off at just under 1650 ft. We were on shooters stony tracks with the added knowledge that were on the James Herriott 15Km Trail race that was being run on the next Sunday. Not surprisingly there were no takers to enter. It is a tough race!!! The walk became much easier, undulating terrain to where we met a path that took steeply down to the village of Castle Bolton. In my head I had booked a couple of benches for lunch in the village but to no avail, there was a walk challenge on, and the benches were taken by groups 40 years our juniors. Oh well we are hardy souls in Teesdale U3A we had some banter with them, lost out so just sat on the grass looking at the great views of the castle and further afield. After lunch the walk took us down to the river valley of the Ure. After passing the almost finished new build of Hollins House which was impressive, we arrived at the lower Aysgarth Falls which in my opinion are better than the main Falls. There we walked on limestone pavement almost in the river. A quick stop at the Middle Falls before walking a mile or so over fields back to Carperby. A walk of real variety just under 11 that turned out to be 12.4 miles. Oops!! Then a great chat and refreshments in the local pub where James and Helen Herriott spent their honeymoon, The Wheatsheaf.

