

We arrived at Beverley Thursday 9th June and met for a short meeting to introduce ourselves to each other and discuss the agenda for the weekend.



Maureen discussed the walks and alternatives and took a vote on the most popular routes

We started our first day Friday 10th with a bright start and a group photo outside Beverley Hostel.

*Left to right from back
Edward, Jane, Bill, Jacqui, Sue, Hazel, Chris and Maureen
Dawn was delayed and appears in other photos.*

We set off sharing a car to the village Market Weighton whilst waiting for others to catch up. Some of us managed a take away coffee at a lovely welcoming church. We started on the Yorkshire Wold way towards Londesborough where we took a break and then through to Goodmanham where we visited a previous pagan site now a Christian church.



Having a break



Big Key to the church door from the local pub

From the point of entering the church Maureen was able to enlighten us about the history of this building. This was quite an emotional time for us all to be standing in such a place of beauty. I believe this was the highlight of the day. You can see the beautiful window and how the story was depicted.

Millennium window. All Hallows.

The left hand light of the window tells the story of the spiritual history of the parish, from the destruction of the pagan sanctuary and conversion of Edwin by St Paulinus in 627, through the building of the present church, begun in 1130, to the celebration of 1300 years of Christianity in Goodmanham. The right hand light reflects the pastoral history of the parish, showing different farming methods and, at the top, walkers on the Wolds Way. The theme is that of a journey and is based on a speech made at the conversion of Edwin and reported by Bede, in which the parallel is drawn between man's pathway through life and the flight of a sparrow, which enters through the window of a great hall, finds momentary comfort in light and warmth, before flying out on the other side, back





into darkness. Based on an original idea by the late Neil Thwaites, the final design and completion of the window were by Ann Sotheran of York.

We continued our day stopping off at the village Goodmanham Arms pub for a comfort break and to admire the memorabilia inside and of course to return the big key!

We continued our lovely day inspired by our previous church visit and the theme just got better as we came together in the evening reflecting on the day. Maureen led us into a quiet time and she read a beautiful poem she had written from her book. I was deeply touched.

2nd Day – Saturday 11th June - A Walk to Bempton Cliff's bird sanctuary, Flamborough Head towards Bridlington, walking around 10 miles



The day started bright but was quite windy walking along the cliffs bird watching. Maureen was in her element sharing with us the names of the birds we saw - Guillemots, Puffins, Razorbills, Gannets, Kittiwakes etc



The cliff walks were dramatic looking onto the sea, we caught a shower or two but still enjoyed the fresh air and beauty along the coast, every so often stopping to look through RSPB telescopes to spot a mother feeding her chicks or fighting off the enemy



More Photos of our lovely day



Look closely – a Puffin in the hillside

Final day - Sunday 12th June - Walk 3 Millington Woods near Pocklington

On the last day of our trip, our leader Maureen directed us all down to Millington Woods near Pocklington. Again the weather was kind to us and we started walking in sunshine.

In the church at Millington we saw a beautiful window donated by one of the residents of Millington – the opening ceremony was conducted by the Archbishop of York.

On we went across some beautiful countryside and saw the site of an old Roman road.

We bumped into a teacher from a school in York who was leading a group of secondary school students doing a Duke of Edinburgh expedition. That brought back memories as I had done one of those some years ago.

Needless to say we bumped into the students later but were under strict instructions not to give them any help!

Finally we returned to Millington to have a lovely piece of coffee cake and cup of tea in The Ramblers Rest.



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