

LONG WALK – PEAK DISTRICT – 2 FEBRUARY 2012



Squeezed between severe frosts and subsequent snow our day dawned bright and sunny. Although the air was cool, the ground was firm and made for ideal walking conditions. Thus sixteen pairs of boots met at Tissington for a six mile walk.

We passed through the village by the Great Hall and a scary spectacle of men at enormous heights pruning huge trees. On into the countryside eventually meeting the Tissington Trail, which before Beeching took commuters to Buxton on steam trains. Then down into the valley via Alsop en le Dale before “sprinting” up the lee side, raising the heart beat and allowing us to justify a coffee break to admire the views.

Progressing the ridge via a number of pass-through stone gates designed for tall slim people, we eventually descended once more before climbing the sharp hill out of the valley and back onto the Trail for an easy amble to our cars. Lunch was taken at the Coach and Horses, a nearby pub.

The unexpected highlight of the day – not the weather or walk or food but a waitress who commented as we left “who are you – for the last two hours we have heard nothing but banter and laughter from you all in the back room”. **David Rooke**

A Roy Willson Fizzer !!!

The day started with the usual Roy Willson weather (no rain).. Many of us arrived at the pre-arranged venue to be greeted by Mike and Jan Gospel. Jan and Mary dispensed the drinks of Buck's Fizz. After a very pleasant time catching up with friends we collected our cars and drove over to Miller and Carter at Powell's Pool in Sutton Park. 22 walkers enjoyed a circular walk laid on by Mike Lock. The weather remained ideal for walking as we meandered through the heathland, wooded areas and included good views of Keepers Pool. 32 sat for lunch which was very enjoyable in very modern surroundings. Judging by the laughter, a good time was had by all. The effort put in to organise the day was very well received. Please see photos on our website. **Jim Bailey**



Indoor Bowling at Tamworth.

As you may recall we meet here regularly on a Tuesday. Some of the players have been bowling for many years - some have not !! This remarkable photo was taken last week.

Jim's wood has a white circle on it. Yvonne's woods are inside Jim's !! Is this what the ladies will have in store for us when we go on our annual trip to the Windmill ??



Sutton Park Probus Club

(Founded 1998)

President: Fred Nightingale

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Corporation Street

The Speaker at our January meeting was Jim Whorwood. We have seen him before – if our records are correct – on 22nd July 2010 when he spoke about his experiences as Lord Mayor of Birmingham. This year his talk was “The Creation of Corporation Street” and was so entertaining I soon forgave him for being a Liberal – a bit later I found myself trying to find excuses for him - it must have been his upbringing. He explained that over a period of many years the area which became Birmingham had greatly changed because of a number of factors which included peasants from outlying areas being pushed off their land (no doubt by wicked Tories), and heading for the town, the attraction of Birmingham for people trying to make a living because it developed so many different trades. and offered prospects of employment and the selling of anything. These things lead to vast overcrowding causing slums to develop and health standards to become appalling. Apparently the population grew from 15, 000 to 400,000 between 1740 and 1881. Slum areas stood in the path of the new street ie Corporation Street and our Speaker gave us a handout illustrating the condition reached by many of the dwellings. This was a report from newspaper cutting dated 4th October 1875. It seems that the Reporter had been to visit some of the houses and his notes included “ In the whole of the three houses I tried vainly to discover a whole pane of Glass” and “Window blinds made of newspaper” The Council's intention was to remove about 9000 people and re-house 18000 but like all good intentions it did not work – the Buildings and people went to make way for Corporation Street but not all the people were re-housed. There were many interesting photos of old Birmingham displayed and I hope the non Brummies enjoyed the talk as much as I did. John Cheal, as would be expected, gave a competent vote of thanks even assuring the speaker that no one had gone to sleep during the talk. I thought John, being the Christian that he is, was just being kind. However it did occur to me that as he is getting on a bit his ears and eyes may not have been working as well as they did. **Keith Keeley**



ASCOT THE PROBUS WAY.

Sunday August 5th 2010 sees our club going to the country.

By kind permission of John and Marlene Fellows we will again be visiting their home at Middleton for an afternoon spent accompanied by a Jazz Band, and a Hog roast provided by Carl the chef from Sutton Park golf club, Marquees provided by the Peter Gray family and the weather pre ordered from above. This year the ladies will not be expected to provide any sweets or salads But they will be expected to turn out in their finery. Fascinators, short skirts and low necks will be allowed and the ladies can do the same if they wish,,,, After all it is only Ascot darling??? Please bring a coloured umbrella for Brolly Parade. Reserve this date in your diary now.. More details to follow, **John Buckland**

Forthcoming Events for 2012

Entertainment Night (Giggetty) - Sat 24th Mar

Visit to Marston Brewery - Thur 12th Apr

Highbury Theatre (Comedy & Buffet) Thur 10th May

President's Supper - Fri 1st Jun

BBQ - Sun 5th Aug

City Break to York 9th - 12th Sept

Ladies Bowls Day - Tues 25th Sept

Kitchen Rota
Thurs 23rd Feb

Jim Bailey
Bill Arnott
Roy Galloway
Roy Willson
Roger Phillips
Graham Jones
Venue Secretary



Kitchen Rota
Thurs 22nd Mar

Selby Betts
Ivor Wesley
Harry Medcalf
John Longmore
John Buckland
Graham Jones
Venue Secretary

Long Walk and Pub Lunch 1st March

Start: Tom O' The Woods Pub at Turner's Green.

Directions: From M42 take B3400 to Hockley Heath. Then turn left onto B4439 to Lapworth. After 3.4 miles turn right for Losonford and the Pub which is 0.3 miles.

Meet at Roy's 9.15am

Mobile: 07884494535

Walk Leader: **Geoff Silvester**.

Short Walk and Pub Lunch 15th March

Time.. Walk 10.30.. Lunch 12.30

Pub: The Boot Inn Rectory Road B75 7RU

Please Note.. Parking is £1.00\hour before 12.00 pm (refunded against drinks\food).
Lunch: £7.00 for 2 courses.
Meals are 2 for 1 (Bring a friend !!)

Walk: Easy walk about 2.75 miles on made paths with no stiles.

Organiser: **Roy Willson**

Date	Event	Speaker\Coordinator	Vote Of Thanks	Newsletter Report
Thur 23rd Feb	South African Impressions	John Wilson	Barry Parsonage	Rod Crowley
Thur 1st Mar	Long Walk	Geoff Silvester	Depart from Roy's by 9.15am	
Thur 15th Mar	Short Walk	Roy Willson	Start at The Boot Inn	
Thur 22nd Mar	Heavy Haulage	John Budd	Mike Lock	Bryan Nicholas
Sat 24th Mar	Entertainment Night Giggetty (£16)	David Rooke	All Saints Church Hall from 7.30 'til 11.00	
Mon 2nd Apr	Long Walk		Details later	
Thur 12th April	Visit to Marston's Brewery	David Rooke	New Date has been confirmed	
Thur 19th Apr	Short Walk	Geoff Silvester	Barton Under Needwood The 3 Horseshoes	
Thur 26th Apr	Annual General Meeting			Harry Medcalf
Thur 3rd May	Long Walk	Rod Crowley	Depart from Roy's by 9.30am	
Thur 10th May	Highbury Comedy with Buffet (£18 approx)	John Cheal David Rooke	Sunshine Boys	
Sun 13th May	Sutton Town Hall (7.00pm)	John Cheal	Shrewsbury Male Voice Choir + B'ham Brass Band	
Thur 17th May	Short Walk	Roy Willson	Venue to be arranged	
Thurs 24th May	Potted History of 20th Century (Part 1)	Martin Harrison	Roger Phillips	Barry Parsonage
Fri 1st June	President's Supper	David Rooke John Cheal	To be held at The Terrace	
Thur 7th June	Long Walk	Graham Jones	Details later	
9-16th June	Trip to Ibiza	Brian Mallett	Further information is available from Brian.	