



Trip to Turners Green

Disaster struck early on the March long walk when several participants entered the M42 at the Belfry to travel to Turners Green only to discover a massive traffic jam spreading from the crash scene right back to junction 9 ! Attempts to exit at junction 6 were thwarted by a broken down lorry and so inevitably many of us arrive at Turners Green over an hour later than expected.

Undaunted seventeen members and partners all set off on a lovely walk through the Warwickshire countryside starting along the Grand Union canal before leaving it to join the Heart of England Way.

Mike Lock's knee and Barry Gill's hip were given a good testing over the many stiles encountered on the route which progressed through Hay Wood and into the grounds of Baddesley Clinton. The fields here were awash with snowdrops and daffodils waiting to bloom, a beautiful sight. After leaving the Park we passed a very impressive Equestrian Centre before returning to the banks of the Grand Union canal and arriving, in due course, at our final destination, The Tom o'the Woods pub. We all sat and a very enjoyable meal. Thinking next month we will all be picnicking instead !!

Our thanks go to Chief Scout Sheila and the 'Sweeper Up' of all waifs and strays, Geoff for a lovely day. **Graham Jones**

Short Walk to the Boot Inn.



36 members together with wives and partners met at the Boot Inn, Rectory Road for an amble through Rectory Park and Newhall area. There was plenty of space in the car park cost £4 which was redeemed at lunch time. It was rather cool to start and many wore extra clothing although the forecast for lunch time was sunny and much warmer. I have lived in Sutton for over 50 years never walking in this area. It proved very interesting and broadened ones geographical mind. We took a very pleasant walk along an extremely clean flowing stream, bearing in mind the low rainfall in recent months. It was clear to see how high the water level could

reach in wet conditions. The path taken was certainly a well-worn one from dog walkers of all breeds. Eventually we reached the rear of Newhall Mill which is still in good working order. Indeed, on one of the open days 2 years ago we bought milled flour to be turned into home-made scones. Towards the end of the amble the weather turned pleasantly warm with the usual Willson sunshine in evidence. Members were soon discarding the extra layers !! After approx 3.5 miles we returned to the Boot Inn for good pub grub - a starter and main course followed by large cups of coffee all for the princely sum of £7 !! Many thanks to Roy and Mary Willson for, as always, organising a very enjoyable amble..

David Wallis



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South African Impressions

"John Wilson Productions" announced the introductory slide. As a member of Shirley Photographic Society, John has been giving talks based on his travels to different parts of the world, for some years. All seemed well set for an interesting three quarters of an hour.



The travelogue for us was an 18 day Saga trip in southern Africa. There were many enjoyable photographs of the scenery and wild life. Victoria Falls, with rainbow effects in the spray, were

spectacular. To be as close as he was to a wide variety of wild life – colourful birds, monkeys, hippos, elephants, impalas, rhino, zebra and water buffalo – had clearly been an awesome experience.

Showing us the Voortrekker Monument would perhaps lead on to some mention of its features and associated history, but no. Some time was spent on the Shaka mock village. Various crafts and dances were demonstrated by people in "native dress"; an idyll somewhat spoilt by their changing before getting in their Mercs etc. to go home!

John had said that there had been a decision on the trip to concentrate on only the better aspects of the country, avoiding shanty towns for example. During questions this was at odds with the experiences of our members.

Barry Parsonage gave the vote of thanks, with his usual good humour. Personally, I thought this was a missed opportunity to hear more of the history, culture and present state of this part of the world. We have come to expect more than holiday snaps, however well presented.

Rod Crowley



Forthcoming Events for 2012

Visit to Marston Brewery
Thur 12th Apr

Highbury Theatre
(Comedy & Buffet) Thur 10th May

President's Supper - Fri 1st Jun

BBQ - Sun 5th Aug

Highgrove - Wed 8th Aug

City Break to York 9th - 12th Sept

Short Walk - Barton Under Needwood

Start: Walk 10.30am.. Lunch: 12.15\30

Venue: The 3 Horseshoes. Barton-U-Needwood

Amble: Parkland, woods and pasture. 2 stiles
Car Parking.. Please car share where possible.
We will have to 'crush' park.

Cost: £11.00 for 2 courses. Coffee included.

Directions: From A38, pub is on LHS. Car-park at rear.

Walk leader: Geoff Silvester

Kitchen Rota
Thurs 22nd Mar

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



Kitchen Rota
Thurs 26th Apr

John Booth
Terry Booth
John Cheal
Peter Gray
Denis Perkins
Graham Jones
Venue Secretary

Long Walk Mon 2nd Apr Ticknall - near Caulke Abbey

The walk is about 6.5 miles - suitable for all. **Reminder - Picnic lunch**

Meet at Roy's to car share leaving at 9.30am.

Directions. M42 towards Ashby. Becomes A42 and go to J 13 (Signed for Ashby)
There are National Trust brown signs for Caulke Abbey. A511 toward Burton. Straight on at island; SP Caulke Abbey. Follow these signs to Ticknall. Turn right at T junction SP Derby. After a few hundred yard, turn left SP Parking (Blue P) Ingleby Lane.

Car Park map ref: SK 354242 — by side of Village Hall. Parking is free and there are toilets.

Journey time about 45 minutes. If going direct we aim to meet at 10.30.

Rod's mobile on the day 07910 277 997

Date	Event	Speaker\Coordinator	Vote Of Thanks	Newsletter Report
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 - Ticknall	Rod Crowley	Details on page 2	
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	Car share at 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.	
Thur 14th June	Short Walk		Details later	
Thur 21 June	Visit to Stratford on Avon	Jim Bailey David Roy	More details later	
Thur 28th June	Potted History of 20th Century (Part2)	Martin Harrison	Peter Prime	Alf Dineen