

Walkers and Ramblers in the Province of Yorkshire North & East Ridings

SUNDAY 4th JUNE 2006 at 11AM

Our intrepid band assembled outside the Crown & Cushion pub in the village of Welburn for a short 6 mile circular walk of the grounds surrounding Castle Howard. Numbers were somewhat depleted, as Maureen Chambers and Margaret Miles had to pull out owing to dogs, Polly and Holly, being unwell (is there something in the air around Hunmanby and Bridlington?)

The weather was perfect as we set off around the Lord of the Manor's Estate, firstly through field and paths and then on to a small copse leading up to a wood festooned with Bluebells. This called for a rendition, by Peter Wright our Walk Leader, of the world famous song "Bluebells" and this clearly left several people amazed at his ability to remember the rather complicated words!

Onward through the wood and up and over a little bridge which led to and from nowhere. With the house in site we had a little break and then meandered on to the rear of the summerhouse where we had our lunch.

After lunch we walked alongside a HA HA wall which had been recently repaired, round the corner, through another small wooded area, and along a very good cart track up to the village of Coneythorpe. Passing through the village and onto the main road which runs through the estate, we observed the great lake and walked along more cart tracks before returning to the village of Welburn.

After de-booting, we reassembled in the bar of the Crown & Cushion to chew over a few thoughts and a dish of roast potatoes provided free of charge, courtesy of the management. Peter tried to teach us the words of 'Bluebells' but, unfortunately, the rest of the group did not possess his amazing powers of retentivity!!

Another good day had by all despite a distinct lack of trains (group joke).

If you really want to know what a HA HA wall is, then join us on our next walk when we guarantee you will be made most welcome.