

**Trip Report: Peak District**

**Date:** 6th May 2016

**Group:** Selina (leader) and Mike (co-leader), Lesley, Jim G, Lynn, Ann, Sue S, Sue L, Bob, Colin, John

**Route:** Chinley to Edale... and back ..

**Total Distance:** 8.4 miles

**Total Ascent:** 2047 ft

**Weather:** Fine and sunny

We finally set off from Bunbury on a walk that had to be postponed from the previous week due to adverse weather conditons. i.e Sleet, rain, snow etc etc./.How different could the weather be today.....Apologies to all who could not make todays walk.

An early start from the Yew Tree was required to catch the 9.23 am train from Chinley to Edale. We arrived in plenty of time to allow for the first coffee stop of the day on the station platform and even time to admire the station herb garden. All went according to plan with good news ( the ticket collector didn't bother to collect our fares) and bad news (Colin didn't get to use his 'virgin' senior rail pass).

On arrival at Edale we met with a bunch of students from Kettering off to do some river measuring ...and after we negotiated the crowds we then stopped at the information centre for a comfort break and various clothing changes.

Later that day.....

We joined the Pennine Way at its very start and enjoyed the sunshine as we walked over to Upper Booth and on to the bottom of Jacobs Ladder where we stopped by the brook to enjoy a lovely coffee break. Upwards and onwards at differing pace we reconvened at the top. Some of the group in training for Austria now decided to go on to 'bag' Kinder Low whilst others continued on the planned route down to Coldwell Clough. We then enjoyed another lovely break in the sunshine whilst the others caught us up. Another ascent out of the valley, before crossing the Hayfield road and up on to Cracken Edge.( A little muttering about more ascent this late in the day but not too much). From there it was down hill all the way back to the cars in Chinley, with just a minor navigation hiccup.

The route back to the Yew Tree was uneventual for two of the cars...less said the better about the third...poor John, a female satnav and two women passengers !

The usual rehydration therapy was deserved by some more than others, but all in all a grand day out made all the more enjoyable by sharing a

drink in the sunshine in the garden joined by various members of the support crew.

Thanks to all who joined me.

Selina