

IVW PEAK DISTRICT HOLIDAY 2022

Sunday April 24th to Friday April 29th



Hartington Duck Pond

Celia and Bob are organising an IVW group holiday in the Peak District. The holiday will be centred on Hartington, a pretty village in the heart of the White Peak area of Derbyshire.

The walks will be varied, going through Towns, Villages and Dales. We will visit the towns of Bakewell and Buxton, the picturesque villages of Tissington, Hartington, Parwich, Edensor and Ilam, and also Chatsworth Park. This document gives a provisional outline of the walks on the holiday.

To book on the holiday please send an email to robertwallace@ntlworld.com giving your name(s), email address and contact telephone number. We will respond confirming your booking and giving details of how to pay the £10 administration fee. Numbers on the holiday will be limited to 30. Priority will be given to members who are not booked on the IVW Ambleside holiday in May 2022. Please do not book on this Hartington holiday if you are going to Ambleside.

Celia and Bob

Sunday April 24th THE UPPER DOVE VALLEY

Start Time 11.45am at the Duck Pond (SK128605) in the centre of Hartington

Length 6.5 miles

Ascent 250m



Sheen Church

The walk starts from the centre of **Hartington** by the Duck Pond.

After passing the old Nuttall's creamery, once a source of Hartington Stilton and Buxton Blue cheese, we cross over the River Dove and climb up the hill to the small village of Sheen where we will have a lunch stop around 12.30pm.

After lunch there will be a brief stop to look at the historic **Sheen Church** with its weathered-green, copper covered short spire. Some of the

fascinating but grotesque gargoyles date back to medieval times. The village is first known to have had a church in 1185 and the oldest grave slab goes back to 1200.

The walk continues by skirting Sheen hill with lovely views of the Manifold valley before dropping down to cross the River Dove again at Pilsbury.

The afternoon stop will be by the earthwork remains of **Pilsbury Castle**. The castle occupies an area of high ground overlooking the River Dove and was probably originally an Iron Age fortification before being used by the Normans. Indeed the name 'Pilsbury Castle' is formed from the Celtic 'pil', the Saxon 'bury' and the Norman "castle", all meaning 'fortified site'.

From there we will climb above the valley floor and follow the scenic River Dove back to Hartington.

We should be back in Hartington between 4.30pm and 5.00pm.



Pilsbury Bridge

Monday April 25th

CHATSWORTH PARK

Start Time 9.30am at Bakewell Bridge (SK220687)
Length 10.5 miles with ascent of 350m
Short walk of 6.5 miles starting from the same place

The starting point is by the bridge in **Bakewell** at the Bridge Car Park.

The walk follows the River Wye valley to Haddon Park and continues behind Haddon Hall to reach the village of Rowsley where we will have the morning coffee stop.

The walk continues along the River Derwent to Carlton Lees where we will enter **Chatsworth Park**. After a short lunch stop we will walk on to Chatsworth House.



Chatsworth House and Park

Stopping for about an hour, there are three options to choose from:-

- a) Look around the many shops, visit the cafes or stroll in the Chatsworth parkland....or
- b) Walk up to the Hunting Tower - and back down again....or
- c) **Short Walk Option.** Do the above or even visit Chatsworth House and/or gardens before catching the bus back to Bakewell.

The main walk will continue to the quaint village of **Edensor**. There will be time to look at the church and graveyard with its notable occupants, or even have a cup of tea at the 'Tea Cottage'. Then it will be over the hill to drop back down to Bakewell.

There should be time available at the end of the walk to buy your Bakewell tarts and puddings!!



Edensor Village



Hunting Tower

Tuesday April 26th

BUXTON and surrounds

Start Time 9.30am at the Slopes Car Park
Length 10 miles with ascent of 300m
Short walk of 7 miles



Pavilion Gardens

Buxton is a spa town in the High Peak in Derbyshire. It is England's highest Market Town.

Today's walk will start by following part of the Heritage Trail through the town of Buxton looking at the Spa Baths, the Opera House and the lovely Pavilion gardens.

We will then walk out to the moors and into the Goyt Valley before climbing back to the outskirts of Buxton. The short walk will follow the road back to the Pavilion gardens and town centre.

The main walk will go up to Grin Low Tower with its beautiful views over Buxton. Built in 1896, it is also called Solomon's Temple in memory of the man who erected it to tackle the local unemployment problem.

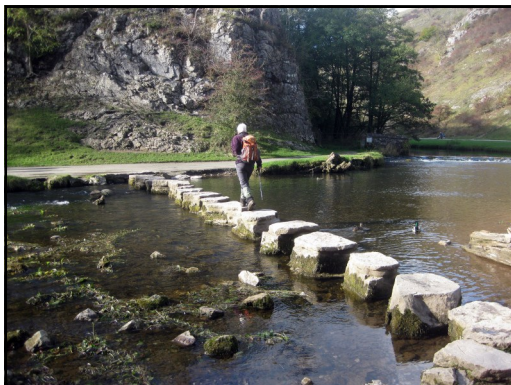
The walk concludes by dropping down through woodland to Poole's Caverns and the Pavilion Gardens.

Wednesday April 27th THE CHARMS OF DOVEDALE

Start Time 9.30am at Alstonefield (SK130556)

Length 11 miles with ascent of 350m

Short walk of 7.5 miles starting at Milldale (SK139547) at 10.45am



Dovedale Stepping Stones

The walk descends to Dove Dale at Coldeaton Bridge and follows the river downstream to Milldale where the Short walk starts. This will be our morning stop - the take away cafe may be open.

The walk continues down the Dale passing the impressive Dove Hole caves, Tissington Spires and up over Lover's Leap - we will keep to the path!!

It is a little way further to the Stepping Stones that we will cross - there is an alternative route.

On to the village of Ilam with its Swiss-style houses and ornate Ilam Cross and to Ilam Country Park for our lunch stop. **Ilam Hall** was built in the 1820's and was converted into a luxurious hotel in the 1920's. The business went bankrupt and the house was sold for demolition. A benefactor saved the day by donating it to the National Trust in 1934. Today it houses a Youth Hostel and a Learning Centre. There will be plenty of time to look at the Visitor Centre and Italian garden or visit the Manifold tearooms.

In the afternoon the walk continues through Ilam Country Park and up to Castern Hall.

Over the fields to drop down to Hopedale. Here those on the short walk will return to the Milldale Car Park while the rest of us will continue back to the village of Alstonfield.



Ilam Church

Thursday April 28th

THE FIVE DALES WALK

Start Time 9.30am at White Lodge Car Park (SK171705)

Length 11.5 miles with ascent of 400m

Short walk of 6.8 miles starting at Litton Mill (SK160730) at 11.15am



The main walk starts from the White Lodge car park off the A6 near Monsal Dale. We will walk up Monsal Dale and then along the Monsal Trail to **Cressbrook Mill**. The original mill was built by Sir Richard Arkwright, often called 'father of the industrial revolution' for his invention of the spinning frame at Cressbrook Mill. We then follow the River Wye through Miller's Dale for a coffee stop at Litton Mill where the short walk starts.

Passing through Tideswell Dale we will reach Tideswell for the lunch stop. **Tideswell Church** is widely known as the 'Cathedral of the Peak' (it is not actually a cathedral) due to its size and splendour. Inside the church there is an exhibition of the works of William Newton (1750–1830), a labouring class poet often referred to as 'the Peak Minstrel'. He made his fortune as owner of Cressbrook Mill and the exhibition includes details of the life of apprentices at Litton and Cressbrook mills. Time will be available to look around the church and to visit one of the many pubs and cafes.

In the afternoon the walk continues to Litton which was originally a lead miner's village. The village green has an ancient cross and a pair of stocks.

Walking down Tansley Dale and Cressbrook Dale we will return to Cressbrook Mill. Here, those on the shorter walk will continue upstream following the River Wye through Miller's Dale and back to Litton Mill.

The main walk continues up to Monsal Head with its superb views of Monsal Dale. Perhaps time for a coffee or ice cream and then it is not far back to the car park.



Cressbrook Mill

Friday April 29th

PEAK DISTRICT VILLAGES

Start Time 9.30am at Tissington Station Car park (SK137548)

Length 6 miles with ascent of 250m



A dressed well

The walk starts from Tissington Station Car Park. Tissington is famous for its 'Well Dressing' which is held on Ascension Day (May 26th in 2022).

We will walk through the village looking at some of the wells used for 'dressing', passing Tissington Hall and over the fields to join the Tissington cycle and walking Trail on our way to the village of Alsop en le Dale. The morning break will be taken at the pretty village of Parwich from where we will climb back to Tissington.

There is a cafe in Tissington (but no Pub) where you may wish to have a coffee before the journey home.

The Art of Well Dressing

Clay is dug locally and is mixed with salt and trod (like grapes!) to the right consistency. The design is prepared weeks before the event. Flowers are picked locally. The picture is traced on to the boards and marked out with cones from the alder trees or with coffee beans. Then comes the delicate and laborious task of infilling with flower petals. No artificial or synthetic materials are ever used at Tissington. Each petal has to be put in separately and they overlap like tiles on a roof so that the rain will flow off the picture. This process takes many hours and occupies all of the three days preceding Ascension Day.



Hall Well

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. GROUP DINNER

We hope to arrange a Group Dinner on Thursday 28th April. This will probably be at the Biggin Hall Country House Hotel. The Hotel is about 2 miles from Hartington.

2. ACCOMMODATION

There are many B&Bs, Hotels and self catering cottages in and around Hartington. The YHA has its Flagship hostel in a 17th century Manor House in Hartington—some rooms have en-suite facilities.

3. HOW TO BOOK

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4. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact Celia and Bob by email or on 01234 768011 if you require further information.