



Ribbleshead viaduct, with Inglebrough peeping out behind in the distance.

AYCLIFFE FELL WALKING CLUB

AYCLIFFE FELL Walking Club were out in force last Saturday 10 June with a visit to the Ingleton/Horton in Ribblesdale, the Yorkshire Dales, writes *Andy Jakob*.

The weather was hot and the area was full of charity walkers raising money for children's hospitals and noticeably hundreds of walkers fundraising for Motor Neurone Disease Association.

AFWC members often do similar fundraising activities individually and next month two members are raising funds and awareness for the Alzheimer's Society (details on our website).

There were a number of walkers on Saturday with one member choosing to walk over Whernside and Inglebrough (2 of the 3 Peaks) from Ribbleshead.

Most opted to walk from Chapel le Dale and Clapham with some going over Whernside, and some over Inglebrough.

Others, including myself went along more level routes via the impressive Ribbleshead Viaduct and a section of the Ribble Way into Horton. Whilst all was calm lower down, it was cold and blowing a gale on the top of Whernside!

We were delighted that both the Golden Lion and The Crown pubs were open for business and some enjoyed an excellent buffet meal at the former.

Also popular was a visit to the much cooler atmosphere of St Oswald's Church where tea, coffee and cakes were being served. Everybody enjoyed a great day and were full of smiles on the way home.

It should be noted that AFWC outings involve enough choice so, if you are new to walking, you can choose a shorter walk whilst braver and more experienced walkers may choose the longer and more demanding routes.

The walks are not 'led' as such, but there are enough walk suggestions for everyone's needs at a cost (to cover the coach) of only £15 per person per outing. Annual club membership is only £10/ person.

The coach picks up walkers in Darlington, Aycliffe Village, Newton Aycliffe, Middridge, Shildon, South Church and Bishop Auckland and frequently Barnard Castle and the Premier Inn at Stockton if on route.

If you are interested in joining us on our walks, please visit our website www.aycliffefellwalkingclub.com and book a seat on the coach using the online form.

The next AFWC walk will be on Saturday 8 July with a long-awaited visit to Skelwith Bridge, Elterwater and the Langdale Fells. Some lowland routes will be available but Crinkle Crags and Bow Fell will also be on the menu.



Dean Midas scouting out locations for filming of *The Devil's Stone*.

LATEST LOCAL HORROR SHORT STARTS PRODUCTION

AWARD-WINNING LOCAL film director, Dean Midas has started work on his new short horror film, *The Devil's Stone*.

The *Devil's Stone* is very real and its three large lumps of igneous rock are positioned near the council offices in the centre of Crook, Durham.

It is called the *Devil's Stone* because legend says that if you run seven times around it, the Devil himself will appear.

Dean will also be filming at The Witham in Barnard Castle. For more than 150 years, the community venue for theatre, music, art and social events has been at the heart of

Barnard Castle and Teesdale's cultural life.

Dean said: "I can't wait to start filming, as the legend has intrigued me for years."

"I am also honoured to be filming at The Witham. The building has loads of history and it is set in the centre of the stunning Barnard Castle."

Mr Midas is the North East Film-maker of the Year and BBC Upload's Film Master for 2023.

His previous short films have been watched around the world and picked up many awards.

The Devil's Stone will be released on Friday 13th October.



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