**AFWC Leeds-Liverpool Canal review**

**Aycliffe Fell Walking Club** members braved some of the hottest weather conditions so far this year to walk a section of the Leeds - Liverpool Canal path between Stockbridge Wharf and Gargrave.

It was a wonderful day out with bright sunshine and clear blue skies. The routes between the hills offered lots of different views from the canal and we were very happy not to be climbing in such weather!

The boats and barges were out in full force and it was great to see so many people enjoying the waterway as well as walkers and runners aplenty. Most noticeable was the number of herons about, along with huge gatherings of swans and cattle straining to reach the water for a drink.

Talking of which, members enjoyed refreshments at Snaygill and Skipton before all reaching Gargrave for further liquid and food refreshment. The Frying Yorkshireman provided some of the best fish & chips ever tasted! AFWC is a friendly club who like to help the local communities wherever we visit.

The next walk is in the Lakes with walks from Low Lorton to Keswick. The five main routes chosen range from 8– 14 miles in length and offer lowland routes through the Whinlatter Pass as well as modest and more challenging climbs (for instance to Grisedale Pike).

Please look at the website aycliffefellwalkingclub.com for further details or if you are interested in joining us. Annual membership of £10 runs from January to December with each walk outing costing £15 to cover the cost of the coach. We look forward to your interest.