



Newsletter February 2018

Interest Groups Timetable for March

NOTE: I am experimenting with putting the timetable in date order rather than Group alphabetical order. Please let me know if you prefer it this way or the old way.

Date	Time	Group	Venue or Meeting point
Thu 1st	10 am	Digital Photography	16 Winchester Way. If fine weather, 9.45 for some outdoor photography.
Thu 1st	10 am	Recorder	Joan's house
Mon 5th	10 am	Italian	Lynda's house
Mon 5th	2 pm	Bridge	Hood Park Leisure Centre
Tue 6th	9:45 for 10 am	Walking	The Bulls Head, Hartshorne DE11 7ET. Parking at the pub is very limited so use the church hall carpark on the other side of Manchester Lane.
Wed 7th	10 am	Music Appreciation	Woodside Cottage, 61 Melbourne Rd, Newbold, LE67 8JH
Wed 7th	2 pm	Computer	16 Winchester Way
Thu 8th	10 am	Canasta	The Masseys'
Thu 8th	12 for 12.30 pm	Lunch	Ferrers Arms, Lount
Mon 12th	9.45 for 10 am	Medium Walks	Meet at Moira Furnace
Mon 12th	7 pm	Bridge	Ivanhoe Social Club
Tue 13th	10 am	Calligraphy	At Lynda's to continue practising a new script-Gothic Texture Quadrata
Tue 13th	1.30 pm	Literature	28 Willesley Gardens
Wed 14th	2 pm	Family History	2 Marlborough Way
Thu 15th	10 am	Recorder	Joan's house
Thu 15th	12 noon	Gardening	Self-drive to Planters Garden Centre, Tamworth, B78 2EY (only 1 mile from junction 10 M42) £8. See Paul to book
Fri 16th	10 am	Short Walks	Sence Valley, Ibstock
Mon 19th	2 pm	Bridge	Hood Park Leisure Centre
Mon 19th	2 pm	Computer	16 Winchester Way
Tue 20th	9.45 for 10 am	Walking	TBA
Wed 21st	10 am	Drawing and painting	2 Marlborough Way. Theme of Spring
Wed 21st	Depart 12.30pm	Trips and Outings	Theatre Royal Nottingham for 'Warhorse'. Coach leaves from Royal Hotel, Ashby at 12.30 prompt. Coach fare of £10 pp to be paid by 27th Feb
Wed 21st	2.30 pm	Quiz	Bull and Lion, Packington

Thu 22nd	10 am	Canasta	The Masseys'
Thu 22nd	2 pm	History	Packington Hall. Jane Harris - 'Finding the Foundling'
Thu 22nd	7 for 7.30 pm	Supper Club	The Gelsmoor Inn, Griffydam
Mon 26th	7 pm	Bridge	Ivanhoe Social Club
Wed 28th	Depart 8.45 am	Industrial Heritage	Lion Salt Works, Cheshire and Weaver Hall Museum
Thu 29th	2 pm	Arts & Crafts	Shirley's house

Early April

Date	Time	Group	Venue or Meeting point
Mon 2nd	2-4 pm	Bridge	Hood Park Leisure Centre
Tue 3rd	9.45 for 10 am	Walking	TBA
Wed 4th	10 am	Music Appreciation	TBA
Wed 4th	2 pm	Computer	16 Winchester Way
Thu 5th	10 am	Recorder	TBA
Thu 5th	10 am	Digital Photography	16 Winchester Way

*For trips, outings, walks and other events which meet away from the usual venues, see further details in the relevant Group Reports below, or on our website www.ashbyu3a.co.uk

MONTHLY MEETING

EGM held on 27th Feb

At the EGM held before the start of the normal monthly meeting the Committee's proposal to adopt revised articles of our constitution, as recommended by the Third Age Trust, was explained, discussed, and unanimously approved by the members present.

27th February: Speaker Fran Sandham talked of "A solo walk in Africa"

As a freelance author Fran has written for many newspapers and magazines, including The Observer, The Daily Telegraph, and The Financial Times. Fran gave us a vivid and exciting account of his solo walk across Africa from the Skeleton Coast in Western Namibia to the island of Zanzibar just off the East coast of Tanzania. The Skeleton Coast is so named after the number of bones deposited there following numerous shipwrecks. Fran told us that undertaking a walk from the West of Africa to the East in such a hot and sunny climate caused his face to become sunburnt, but only down his left hand side. This made him barely recognise himself in the mirror.

He undertook the expedition without any native guides or formal training. His only fitness preparation consisted of his regime of moving heavy boxes full of books around the book shop in which he worked. During the trip he carried his belongings in a rather large rucksack. Attempts to enlist the help of a donkey to carry his load failed, so he acquired a mule instead. It transpired that the mule had a psychotic disposition so the bulk of his journey was carried out unaided. Fran found Victoria Falls to be every bit as spectacular as he had hoped and completed the journey in one year covering some 5000 kilometres.

Fran's talk was most entertaining.

Next Monthly Meeting on 27th March at 2 pm:

Margaret Harrison will talk about "Becoming a Blue Badge guide"

Tea Rota etc. for the monthly meetings

Month	Tea and Coffee Rota	Meeters and Greeters	Reporting Groups
March	John Howlett, Neil Roberts, Joyce Ottey, Mary Gough	Val & Trevor Reed	History & Industrial Heritage
April	Jane Barnett, June Meir, Marion Shuttleworth, Sheila Hampson		Italian & Literature

GROUP REPORTS

New group - Spanish

Some members want to start a Spanish language group. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Groups Co-ordinator, James Bloor, on interestg@ashbyu3a.co.uk or 01283 224468

Arts and Crafts – Leader Shirley Bunting 01530 415755

The group had their first meeting of the year on 22nd Feb.

Bird Watching – Leader Anne Donegan 01283 760348- birdwatch@ashbyu3a.co.uk

The group have not been out this month and the date and venue for their next trip has yet to be decided.

Bridge – Leader Neil Roberts 01530 455957

This is Bridge for players of all levels playing friendly Contract Bridge with some chatter. Several of our number are "beginners" or "returners" and we have experienced players who are happy to help others improve their game. We now have about 20 active players.

The group has 2 new venues. They now meet at the Hood Park Leisure Centre in the 1st floor function room for afternoon sessions and at Ivanhoe Social Club in the front lounge for the evening sessions. Free car parking is available at both venues, but must be signed in at Hood Park.

If you would like to know more contact Neil on 01530 455957 or Pat Ford on 01827 830672

Calligraphy – Leader Jenny Slawson 01283 229718

13th February

We met at Gill's house and used work sheets and reference books to begin practising the Gothic or 'Black Letter' script. Some of us had viewed internet sources for advice as well. It was generally agreed that it is quite tricky and that we are going to need to work on it at home before the next meeting. After another couple of practice meetings we plan to work on individual projects using this script.

Canasta – Leaders Tom & Gillian Massey 01283 212380

Tom and Gill's canasta group has been running for some months now and last week they were up to 6 members. There is space for more. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings each month at 10 am to 12.

The Canasta group is now finding its feet but could really do with some more members. If you are interested in joining, then contact them on the above number or email canasta@ashbyu3a.co.uk

Computers – Leader John Howlett 01530 461774

We meet twice monthly to try to solve anyone's computer problems and to better learn how to use them whether they are PCs, Macs, iPads or Android Tablets. All are welcome. No experience necessary.

19th February

We were six today but with not much to report.

New member Jim worked with John H on connecting his Wi-Fi Printer to a laptop with some success. However this has still to be proven to work at home on his own laptop.

David is still struggling with speeding his laptop up, but with some improvement in most areas. The remaining problem appears to be with his email provider.

Off line: JD reported that his son managed to get Amazon's Echo Dot (Alexa) working after a spot of bother. It is not straightforward.

Digital Photography – Leader John Howlett 01530 461774

We meet to try to understand how to get the best out of our digital cameras whether they are simple compact cameras or full-blooded DSLRs and how to edit or modify the pictures afterwards. We try to get out and practice every other month. We do not as yet enter competitions.

1st February

As only three turned up to be with JH, we decided to postpone our planned outing to look for snowdrops or any other signs of Spring, and to not venture out into a bright, but very cold, day. So among other things we looked at 'Super Blue Moon' photos and discussed the frequency of these moons. It seems there will be no full moon in February but two in March.

For the curious, the term 'Blue Moon' comes from Old English 'Blewe' which means dangerous or warning, as the phenomenon involves thirteen full moons in a year, which was considered a bad omen.

There was also a discussion on special effects using time lapse settings whilst moving the camera, and how to make open water seem glass-like smooth.

We decided to review the possibility of an outside visit next time.

Drawing and Painting – Contact Chris Dogherty 01530 411148

21st February

This month's theme was February.

Google suggested all manner of ideas associated with the month of "February", and thus inspired, six of us produced a variety of interpretations, including:

Primroses, snowdrops, rhubarb, Vikings, and zodiac Aquarius !!!

Next month's theme will be "Spring"

Family History – Leader John Dogherty 01530 411148

14th February

For Valentine's day we had a new recruit; Bridget. Welcome, Bridget! In addition four current members attended.

John D went straight to work helping Bridget. She has an extensive paper tree, but no digital one save the one she has started on the Ancestry app on her iPad. As she cannot edit the tree on the app, she will explore signing up either to Ancestry.co.uk, or Find My Past. We discussed which is better with John H, and how to export a tree into other tree software.

Using his own Ancestry account, John D showed Bridget the basic features and pitfalls, and his preferred way of populating a new tree, and she will be returning next time with hopefully much progress.

Rosemary has a new Tablet and spent time initialising it and familiarising herself with it. We looked at the advances made in tablet software and hardware and Rosemary may well attend our next Computer Group meeting.

Audrey went over old ground searching for possible new leads to her dead ends. She currently has an extensive project to scan in photos and documents relevant to her father. Next time, if she wishes, we will look at helping her on her way using JD's A4 and A3 scanners.

Gardening - Leader Paul Dean 01283 295987

The Gardening Group is one of the largest interest groups. The committee try hard to provide a selection of activities suitable for all, including talks on various topics, trips out to well-known gardens and social events where plants are swapped and garden problems are solved! There is always food and drink at the end of each meeting and occasionally prizes to be won! Please come along and meet us and give the gardening club a try.

15th February

Our February gardening group meeting was held indoors at Packington village Hall, where we were visited by Byron Lewis of Lichfield Garden Centre. Our members were greeted with a stage full of beautiful plants all looking healthy and well cared for.

Byron started by telling us about his garden centre followed by an explanation of the group of plants he had brought along, their particular needs and colour availability and then answered questions showing his considerable knowledge and experience. Following his talk the plants were available for sale. Quite a few members took advantage of the sale and were discussing the plants over refreshments.

History – Leader Jane Harris 01530 838025

25th January

David Oakley gave his presentation "Seek and you may Find", postponed from last month.

He has been researching his family history and, as the period gets earlier, there are problems with names having been spelt differently and that ordinary folk are not well recorded unless they misbehaved! Where members of the family were wealthy, aristocratic or held high office, the records are much more forthcoming.

David has succeeded in tracing connections on his mother's side back to before 1500. Richard Marche formed part of the Royal Court of Charles I and Charles II and had rooms in Whitehall Palace. He is mentioned in the writings of George Fox and Samuel Pepys. His son was knighted and was involved in plantations in the West Indies. A cousin from there now resides in Canada. Other family members were involved in the Portuguese wine trade, in Brazil and with the Levant Company trading with Turkey.

There is also a connection with the Phillips family, who held the Garendon Estate and their tombs are to be found in Shepshed church. They supported Bonnie Prince Charlie and the family silver was sent to him at Derby. However, the Prince had left prior to the arrival of the Phillip's steward and neither the steward or the silver returned! Descendants gave the land for Mount Saint Bernard Abbey and a cousin currently resides at Osbaston Hall.

A most fascinating tale, brilliantly presented.

Industrial Heritage – Leader Mike Stow 01530 469152

28th February – British Motor Museum, Gaydon

Hot off the press. The Industrial Heritage group visited Gaydon museum today. Despite worries about the forecast snow, and various last minute cancellations by members due to illnesses, visiting tradesmen or other pressing needs, 11 of us eventually arrived at Gaydon.

The museum stands on the grounds of the Jaguar and Aston Martin test facility, but unfortunately the test track is hidden from sight so one cannot see any future models testing. We last visited Gaydon in Nov 2014 and quite a bit had changed thankfully. There are over 300 cars set out on display representing some of the best or most unusual vehicles produced by the British motor industry from the earliest times to the present day. Most of the cars are from the old British Leyland collection as unfortunately Ford, Vauxhall and the former Rootes group have declined to show any of their cars there. The few Fords and Vauxhalls that they do have been bought privately or are loaned by private collectors.

There is also a fairly new (not there last time) storage facility at the back called the Collections Centre where a further 250 cars not normally on display are stored along with the Jaguar Heritage Trust collection of prototype and rare Jaguars from their earliest days as Swallow Cars through to the present day. We all took the free guided tours of both the museum and Collection Centre to learn more about some of the most historic cars, and then wandered freely to try to look at everything else. One could spend days here and not study everything.

By 3pm the snow was falling heavily and so we decided to head home. The first few miles were quite treacherous but had mostly cleared by Warwick and the rest of the journey was not so bad. A great time was had by all.

Italian Group – Leader Lynda Hall 01530 415922

Only one pupil, and one potential pupil, turned up today, so Lynda postponed the class until next month, March 5th at 10 am

Literature Group - Leader Sandra Harris 01530 416653

The Group met on the 13th February to discuss “Betrayal” the second of two books by Helen Dunmore which the group have read. This month they are reading “Little Boy Lost” by Marghanita Laski.

Luncheon Group – Leader Colin & Sharon Woodland 01530 213867

We are a group of men and ladies who enjoy a meal together, at various pubs and restaurants around the area. Everyone is welcome, all we ask is that you sign the form below the notice board at the monthly meeting prior to the lunch, so we can book the relevant number of seats. If you cannot make the monthly meeting please use the contact phone number.

8th February – La Zouch restaurant, Ashby

Despite a slight problem with the number of people booked, the number of people supposedly coming and the number of people eventually turning up, and the worry that some may have gone to the De La Zouch Bangladeshi restaurant further up Market St by mistake, the restaurant managed eventually to seat us all in one room and serve us all up in reasonable time. The food was very pleasant with some excellent wines available for those who wished to indulge.

Music Appreciation – Leader David Oakley 01530 563409

This was our first group meeting of the year and we had a full morning of music. This initial 2018 meeting was kindly hosted by Trish and Paul between their globetrotting travels. We had almost a full house with eleven members, with one apology for absence from Lesley Thomas.

David launched us off with Neil Sedaka's 'Calendar Girl', which he thought appropriate for our first track of the year. Having heard that this was to be Paul Simon's last year of touring David chose Simon's most neglected album, 'Songs from The Capeman', which no one in the group had heard before.

Ann then took us back to the 60's with two tracks influenced by water. Ann would like to live nearer the sea so had chosen 'Albatross' by Fleetwood Mac followed by 'Feeling Good' by Nina Simone. This is how she had felt when last week she watched a duck having a good splash in a large puddle.

We had another couple of great blasts from the past from Trish with her choice of Roy Orbison's 'Only the Lonely' followed by The Platters with 'Smoke gets in your Eye's'.

Dorothy put us back on a more serious, but no less pleasurable, note with the first movement of Elgar's Cello Concerto, played by Paul Tortelier conducted by Adrian Bolt, a recording considered by many to best convey a feeling of nostalgia.

Sally had also had a water experience month and she kept us in a classical vein with the 'Horn Pipe' from Handel's 'Water Music'. Like her first experience on hearing the piece played in the open, she wondered just how much was heard by King George 1st as he sailed with the orchestra down the Thames. She then jollied us all up with the 'Thunder and Lightning Polka' by Johann Strauss Jr.

Lesley was next with two pieces by Sam Smith, a 25 year old from London who won the 2014 Brit's Critic's Choice Award and the BBC 2014 Sound of 2014 poll. Her chosen tracks were 'Stay with me' and 'I'm not the only one'.

Neal's choice was a couple of Paul Simon tracks. We often find members chose tracks by the same singer, sometimes even the same track. The first was 'My Little Town', a 1975 song and the last they recoded together before they went their separate ways. The song didn't appear on any of the duo's albums until much later. His second Paul Simon track was 'Rene and Georgette Magritte with their dog after the war' from the 'Hearts and Bones' album. It's been described as an evocative mood piece and a tribute to the doo wop groups of the 50's.

Nev was next and took us to an era that it seems most of us experienced and enjoyed, namely Trad-Jazz. He had chosen the recording of Sydney Bechet's 'Petit Fleur' with Chris Barber and Monty Sunshine. This was followed by Gerard Kenny, a frequently underrated singer, singing 'Miss Otis Regrets' by Cole Porter.

Mike followed up with the Peter Gabriel and Kate Bush track 'Don't give up'. It seems Gabriel's first choice to sing with him was Dolly Parton, which would have resulted in a somewhat different sound altogether. Mike's second selected piece was 'Jesu joy of man's desiring' from the Jacques Loussier Play Bach series of jazz versions of the maestro's works.

Last, and by no means least was Paul's choice of tracks. Firstly, a recording by Glen Campbell, one of his favourite singers, this one being 'He ain't heavy he's my brother', it's always interesting to hear another version of a song we always associate with another artist. And finally the last track today was The Carpenters 'Ticket to Ride' another cover version.

Once again a varied and interesting selection of music and it's always enjoyable when we don't know in advance what members have selected. Surprise, Surprise!

Quiz group - Leader Malcolm Bird 01530 563872

The group meet at the Bull and Lion, Packington. The Start time is 2.30 and involves tables of four. You do not need to arrange a team before the meeting as teams will be organised on the day. This enables single individuals to take part - and to make new friends by joining an ad hoc team. Tea and coffee are served. Total cost £1.20 of which 20p goes to a kitty for prizes.

The February quiz group meeting was preceded by our winter lunch. Nineteen members disposed of a delicious selection of scampi or gammon, ice-cream or jam sponge. After lunch, yet more quizzers arrived for the main event which was won by table five in the corner next to the usually victorious table by the window. Malcolm's questions on collective nouns proved nearly impossible for most of us but one table scored a massive 5/20.

Recorder group - Leader Joan Gibson - recorder@ashbyu3a.co.uk

The recorder group meet to make music in a relaxed, fun way. I would hope that we would be able to cater for a wide range of experience and skill. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings each month. New members would be very welcome. Complete beginners would find it difficult to catch up though.

1st February

3 of us this morning, so mostly trio playing.

First, high notes on descant/tenor: Tutor book 2: Nos. 17, 35, 38,44

Trios: 1, 5, 6 (have a look at 4); 22. Allemande; 3. Sellenger's Round

Pitts: Eriskay Love Lilt, St Anthony Chorale, La Donna e Mobile

Note fingering for D#/E-flat (G# for a treble).

I'll be back in March, with luck, so meet at mine on the 1st and 15th.

Supper Club – Contact Colin Ellis 01530 272592 - supper@ashbyu3a.co.uk

This group visits local pubs and restaurants for an evening meal. We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7 for 7.30 pm. The intention is that we will jointly decide on venues and hopefully members will take it in turn to organise it.

Everyone is welcome, all we ask is that you sign the sheet by the display board at the monthly meeting, or contact Colin, by phone or by email, so we can book the relevant number of seats.

There may sometimes be a limit on numbers depending on the venue's ability to cater for larger groups, in which case places will be offered strictly on a first come, first served basis. There may also need to be a cut-off date for bookings. This will be stated on the bookings list.

If anyone wishes to join us but has difficulties with transport or doesn't wish to drive at night, contact Colin at the number/email address above, and we will try to arrange for some car-sharing.

25th February - The Hollybush Inn, Breedon

For our second outing, 10 of us assembled at the Hollybush to be treated to a very good meal in the restaurant room at the back of the pub. Despite being the only diners in a large room, it was warm and snug on a very cold evening. The food was excellent. Proper home-made food, nicely presented which we all enjoyed and we left replete. Only Colin W felt he was short of custard, but then he can never get enough of the yellow stuff!

Trips and Outings Group - Contact Margaret Howlett 01530 461774

"Warhorse"- March 21st

The trip to see "Warhorse" at the Theatre Royal Nottingham takes place on Wed 21st March. The coach will leave from the Royal Hotel, Ashby at 12.30 pm promptly. The show starts at 2 pm.

This is now sold-out. If you have bought tickets but have yet to pay for the coach, please contact Margaret as soon as possible as the £10 will be overdue by the time you read this.

Bristol coach trip – May 24th

There are a few seats left on the coach due to cancellations. Contact Margaret for details.

"Nutcracker" – March 2nd

The trip to De Montfort Hall for the ballet is now sold out.

Greig Piano Concerto, Birmingham – Feb 15th

The trip to Birmingham Symphony Hall on the 15th was a great success. 22 members travelled into Birmingham by car and, after an excellent meal in Carluccio's by the canal, listened to a superb rendition of the Grieg Piano Concerto (and yes for you fans of Andrew Preview, pianist Freddy Kempf played all the right notes in more than just the right order!). This was preceded by Bax's "Overture to a Picaresque Comedy" and followed by the Elgar Symphony No. 1, both superbly rendered by the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

WALKS

The walk leaders will be at the meeting place whatever the weather and will only cancel the walk in consultation with those who turn up on the day. All dogs must be kept under control at all times. Walking boots or strong shoes are recommended. Be prepared for bad weather by taking warm waterproof clothing. Leaders act in a voluntary capacity. All ramblers walk at their own risk.

Walking Group - Leader Bob Baxendale 01530 481435

The walking group usually does walks of between 7-8 miles, twice a month, and we normally have a lunch stop at a pub near to, or at the end of, the walk.

20th February – Worthington, Breedon & Wilson

Thirteen members and one visitor gathered outside The Malt Shovel, Worthington on a fine, sunny morning. We set off through the village to pick up the Ivanhoe Way for a short distance. We then crossed over our first golf course of the day to arrive at Breedon having encountered the inevitable mud on the way, and set off on the steep climb to the church which contains some of the finest examples of Saxon sculptures in Great Britain. After a refreshing coffee/banana/chocolate biscuit stop admiring the far reaching views it was down the hill (shades of the Grand old Duke of York here). Before reaching the village of Wilson we went over our second golf course of the day. After passing through the village we got into the Cloud trail and had a gentle, flat and easy walk back to the pub for lunch. The Malt Shovel does not normally do food on Tuesdays but did so for us and made us welcome.

The 8.5 miles walk was done at a cracking pace today and we arrived back at the pub just over 3 hours 15 minutes later. According to people's gadgets we averaged 2.68 miles per hour. Don't quite know how we managed that but having no stiles to negotiate probably helped. Throughout the walk there were encouraging signs of spring with many clusters of snowdrops and Catkin laden trees.

Medium walks – Leader Carole Harriman 01530 222634

The Medium Walk group do walks of up to 6 miles. Anyone interested please contact Carole.

12th February – Lount Nature Reserve

14 walkers met at the reserve. The weather was cold but sunny, with a scattering of snow and ice underfoot. As the morning progressed the sun was warmer and the snow melted, there was some cold wind but not bothersome. Most of the route had good going but there were some muddy areas. There were a large number of stiles on the route, some rather tall.

The walkers set off out of the Reserve along Melbourne Road and entered a farm access road and into Rough Park. The track was well defined but had some puddles but with room to go round. At this point two walkers decided to abort due to prior a engagement. The land is hilly as it crosses the former opencast site but we continued on the farm track. Reaching the A512 underpass we walked up the concrete access road and turned into the first of the fields. Following the hedges we reached Corkscrew Lane where a coffee break was had. Turning left for a short distance, we entered the fields to find another steep slope leading to another lane. Down a jitty between two houses leading to a large field recently set to grass. Onward to Church Town School and onto the old Ashby Road. Another sloping field which has a boggy bottom. Some negotiated this relatively unscathed, some with wet socks; others decided on different route where one walker found herself sitting in the stream. Onto the A512 where the 'wet' walker went home to get some dry clothes. Continuing to The Ginn Stables, avoiding the other boggy area, and out onto Outwoods Lane and Rempstone Road. A short section of pavement walking back to The Reserve.

Apart from the muddy sections, and the attrition rate, this was a pleasant, and memorable 5.2 mile walk.

Short walks Group – Leader John Howlett 01530 461774

The short walk group organises walks using well defined paths and routes without stiles. The maximum length is 3 miles. All are welcome.

16th February – Moira Furnace, Conkers & Donisthorpe

6 ladies and 1 gentleman arrived at Moira Furnace at 9.45 to start walking at 10. By 10.15 our leader hadn't turned up, so the 7 decided to start off anyway with Cynthia leading and Sandra bringing up the rear. The sun was shining so we set off towards Donisthorpe down the canal-side, arriving at the start of the canal where we took the RH path towards Ashby Woulds. After a little while we found the path back towards the canal and eventually arrived back at Moira Furnace where a welcome tea, coffee and cake was enjoyed by all.

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