

After Eight's Weekend Away - 29th April - 1 May 2017. This year our party of 23 returned to the Kings Head, Masham for our 33rd weekend away, our 4th consecutive year at this venue.

This year the Tour de Yorkshire 2017 stage 2 (Tadcaster to Harrogate) was on Saturday 29th April - the route took the cyclists through Masham on the Saturday morning and afternoon so we had to plan our journeys carefully on the day, in view of the many road closures and to avoid being stuck in traffic. Some of our group set off early and managed to arrive in time to watch the cyclists ride through Masham and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Others took detours and called at different venues in the afternoon and also enjoyed their time in the Yorkshire Dales.

Having pre-booked our evening meal on the Saturday we all gathered together at 7pm for dinner which was excellent and it was great to meet up with everyone and have a good chat.

We were all interested in the route for the Sunday walk which Peter (Craske) had given a lot of thought to – Peter had been up the previous week and rejected one of the walks as it was too long and reverted to a walk that we have done in previous years, whereby a few people would have the opportunity to make the walk shorter if they wished.

At breakfast on the Sunday morning Peter had second thoughts and decided we should all walk together and changed the route slightly. This turned out to be a great decision, it was so good that we were all able to stay together, walk along the



riverside, had lunch in a field and all really enjoyed the day. Doreen Elliff was again a wonderful tour guide – driving Peter Webster, John Coates and Pam McFetridge around the Yorkshire Dales, enjoying their lunch, the scenery and the coffee breaks.

After a relaxing time in Masham on our return, some enjoying an ice cream or a coffee in the Market Place (in the sun!!), we all met for Sunday dinner, the roast selection being a popular choice for many of us.

After breakfast on Monday morning and a look around the market in the square we all went our separate ways - another successful weekend with good friends, good times and lots of happy memories!!

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