

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October “ The long view from.....” with Penny and Paul Kurowski.

Our leader Paul with his wife Penny, bringing up the rear, led 7 intrepid walkers for this 11 mile walk.

We started out from East Budleigh Car Park near All Saints Church and made our way to the River Otter by road and footpaths. It was cloudy, windy, fairy warm but rain was probably on the cards.

We then walked in social distance along the River Otter towards Colaton Raleigh where we took the footpath next to The Hall.



We crossed a bridge over the Otter towards Ashtree Farm and then uphill towards Keble Seat. We stopped there for our picnic lunch and were partly sheltered under trees. I think Paul got the timing exactly right since the heavens opened at this time, and we watched the grey clouds coming towards us from Newton Popleford.

We then continued mountaineering uphill towards Mutter's Moor, Peak Hill and Ladram Bay before returning to East Budleigh via Otterton.

The walks were wet and very slippery and especially down towards Ladram Bay from Peak Hill. According to my app I did 26,500 steps 15 kilometres and 54 floors. However it was an enjoyable walk and well organised.

Lucilla Phelps

We received another write up of the walk so I have also included this one below.

Nine hardy walkers set off from East Budleigh, ably led by Paul and Penny. The forecast was for showers, but luckily we were only caught in one in the afternoon. Crossing over to Otterton we followed the river upstream to Colaton Raleigh and beyond, taking time for a coffee stop and a query about a possible Archimedes screw being newly sited on the river, but not visible.

After crossing over the river towards Ashtree Farm we continued on the road a little way, and at Northmostown headed up onto Mutters Moor and Keble's seat, where we stopped for lunch. Paul had plenty of information at his fingertips when we came across points of interest.

Sadly whilst admiring the view towards Newton Poppleford, the forecast proved correct, and we could see a heavy shower advancing rapidly towards us, so cut our lunch break short. However, the rain soon stopped and we enjoyed the Autumn colours of the trees on Mutters Moor before continuing to Peak Hill and back along the coast path (very slippery in places) down to Ladram Bay, where we stopped for a second lunch break.



The tide was in but no one was tempted to rush into the sea for a dip. We headed out of Caravan Park up along Lower Ladram footpath to Pixham Lane, and then down Bredon Lane to Otterton, avoiding the road.

Many thanks to Paul and Penny for such an enjoyable long walk and for ensuring that the weather was kind to us.

Dee Woods