**Awayday in Norfolk, Tuesday 11th June 2019**

9 walkers, 10 miles – leader Ron Williamson

Having booked their rail tickets in advance, today’s intrepid walkers were determined to get their money’s worth despite the forecasted dire weather forecast. Three planning an overnight stay in Cromer had their preparations blown away whilst a fourth decided that a day’s decorating was the best option even at the expense of an unused rail fare.

The grim prediction proved to be accurate as we alighted at the forlorn Cromer station to face an onshore gale and driving rain. Resolutely we set forth and fortunately the first 8 miles were inland where some shelter was available from the worst of the storm. The first check point at Felbrigg Hall was reached without incident and revitalised after an extended coffee break it was time to locate the Norfolk county top of Beacon Hill. No problem but also no views as all was a sea of grey.

Now downhill through extensive National Trust woodlands which kept us immune from the worst of the weather but presented a few navigational problems. With a promise of a tea shop ahead, dodging the spray from traffic along a short road section was an added entertainment.

Alas the tea shop was shut! The now drenched and downhearted crew unanimously decided that enough was enough and decided to make haste to the nearest town to seek refuge. A quick visit to the promenade confirmed that to continue along the shore would be foolhardy and that an amble along the beach eating ice cream somewhat unconventional.

So we finished in Sheringham some two hours early and 6 miles short of our objective. Now followed the best part of an hour drying out and eating fish and chips in a local café before catching an early train to Norwich and believe it or not locating a rather posh recently opened Wetherspoons close to the station. “A great waiting room.”

A good day out with a soggy cold walk but having the bonus of warm company

Photographs by Gavin Fuller; more from Gavin are on the Group Facebook site