

Summary of Joss and Bill's Big Day Out

(JOSS YARNELL & BILL MIDDLETON)

To mark Bill's 60th he was invited to participate in a long walk! Everyone said, 44 miles – you must be mad, you'll never do it.

Well to be honest as we drove up on Tuesday 27th May, leaving Newark at 4.30 am, neither did we. It rained continuously till we hit West Yorkshire and after dropping some water bottles at the bottom of Greenwood Clough, by the reservoir on the road crossing to Blackstone Edge and a final one at the road crossing before the ascent to Naze End, we hit the MCC car park in dry and relatively clear conditions. Apart from a little rain on Dog Hill and some low cloud for a short time as we headed from Dog Hill to White Hill the weather was ideal for running for the rest of the day.

Everything was going fine until we hit Trough Edge End, still pretty much on our 10hr 30m schedule, but then the impact of a tumble coming down Dog Hill much earlier in the day, groin strain and damaged ankle, started to kick in and we got progressively slower! However, the weather was fine, it was still early in the day, and even if it meant walking the rest of the way round we decided we would complete the outing. We started to take our time and admire the views (Stoodley Pike from every direction!) and were even granted a superb sunset as we descended from Sheep Stones Edge.

We had a great day out, we would come back and do it again, if it wasn't for the fact that there is so much more to do. Thanks to Simon Bourne for his route suggestions.

SCHEDULE AND ROUTE

1. **Start 6.52 To Crow Hill** – Over 1K up Stake Lane, turn R. Go past Nab End then cross Aaron Hill past Pitts Farm then R to trig. **7.30**
2. **To Manshead End** – down to track and follow to CW. L for about 3K to trig **8.02**
3. **To Dog Hill** – S then SE down Greenwood Clough. Cross road R for 250M then up left bank to trig **8.40**
4. **To White Hill** – WSW to cross dyke then to reservoir wall. Follow path along stream to Motorway Bridge then PW to trig **9.25**
5. **To Blackstone Edge** – reverse PW back over bridge continue on PW to trig **9.58**

6. **To Little Holder Stones** – Continue on PW then short cut to road. Proceed on PW to path between reservoirs. Follow then NE to trig **10.57**
 7. **To Trough Edge End** – W to cross PW and pick up paths to S Hollingworth. Follow track to N Hollingworth then road L down to PO. Continue W for 2.5K to trig **12.13**
 8. **To Great Bride Stones** – reverse to track then NE to A681. Through Todmorden, left under railway then 3rd right follow up to Greenhurst Hey and mast, then left to trig. **13.53**
 9. **To Hoof Stones Height** – N to road then follow road to County Boundary. Follow via Wolf Stones to trig **14.45**
 10. **To Standing Stone Hill** – E to Noah dale, Hoar side and Rough Hey then after 0.5K N to Popples Close and across moor to trig **15.38**
 11. **To High Brown Knoll** –E via Ling Hollow then fence to Blake Dean. Cross river, path over footbridge then up-hill onto track to Walshaw. Follow track via Horodiddle to Lumb Falls then up to road. R turn then L onto path. L at road then R up to Naze End and continue to trig **17.31**
 12. **To Nab Hill** – E to drain then follow N then NE around top of reservoir to road. Continue E to trig **18.24**
 13. **To Sheep Stones Edge** – Reverse then cut across to shaft from E of Low Brown Knoll. Follow paths S to trig **19.49**
- To MCC** – Descend S to Wicken Hill and Hill House farm. Down through woods, cross canal. L at main road and R back into MCC. **20.28**