

Tandem and walking 22-23

April saw the Tandems resuming with access to Bowling club and Dart buses running back to normal. Unfortunately due to council strike with the park closing we were unable to have the last night chippy. Non- the less it was good to be back.

April 27th started with meeting in Gilford community hall then on for a walk at Tannaghmore Gardens before finishing the day with lunch in café Incredible.

May 18th Was our annual outing with a guided tour of Belfast. First stop was M&S on the Boucher Rd. for tea break, from there the guide boarded the bus for a very interesting tour of Belfast. To finish the day we had lunch in Boyles in Dromore which we all enjoyed.

June 22nd Started in Gilford Hall for tea coffee then on for a nice walk along the Bann. Lunch was in Ryans tea- rooms which was a little small for our needs, but overall a good day.

July 27th This saw our annual AGM meeting which was held in Gilford Hall followed by a nice walk along the Bann then of for a lovely lunch in the Banville.

22nd Aug. We went to Newcastle for the day and we could not have had any better a day for the weather. Every-one did their own thing, with either coffee ice-cream or the shopping as Doreen would say, then on it was on to Enniskeen House for lunch. Every-one seemed to have a great day.

4th Sep. All of us off to Scotland. After a stop at Dobbies Garden Centre in Ayr It was off to the Hilton by Hamilton which was just beside the horse racing course.

5th Sept. This morning it was off to Garrion Bridges Garden and Antiques Centre for some retail therapy ice cream and coffee.

In the afternoon we paid a visit to Chatelherault Country Park and Gardens for a lovely tour of the house and gardens.

6th Sept. Today it was off to the Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway for a ride on the steam train.

Then it was a short hop to South Queensferry for a river cruise under the three Forth bridges. On board we were treated to a cream tea of scones and strawberry jam.

7th Sept. This morning it was off to Leith for a tour of the Royal Yacht Britannia and shopping centre. In the afternoon we paid a visit to Portobello Beach for some ice cream.

8th Sept. Today it was time to set off for home so after a stop in Ayr it was time to catch the afternoon boat for Belfast.

28th Sep. The day started in Gilford Hall for refreshments then on to Pointzpass for our sponsored walk which was a great success. Ending with a lovely lunch in Rices in Pointzpass. This was our first time having lunch in Pointzpass, so I would say we will use it again in the future.

26th Oct. Saw the day starting at Gilford Hall for refreshments, then on to Madden for a walk along the tow path, and ending with lunch in the Banville Hotel.

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Nov. Was our Christmas outing to Warrenpoint, where some went for a walk and others headed straight to the Whistledown Hotel for Christmas dinner and a bit of music. It was a lovely day to ring in Christmas.

18th Dec. Gilford hall was the first stop for the usual refreshments then on to Rushmere, or for the brave few a walk around the Lakes as it was a very frosty day. Most hit the shopping centre for a few last minute prezzies or another coffee. We finished the day with a lovely meal in the Ashburn Hotel.

25th.Jan. A quick stop of for tea, coffee in Gilford then on to Lurgan Park for a good walk and ending in Lurgan golf club for dinner.

22nd. Feb. Gilford Hall was the usual first stop for refreshments, followed by a walk along the Bann River at Madden. The day finished with lunch at the Bannville Hotel for a lovely meal before heading home.

7th March. Party time for St. Patricks day took us to the Belmont Hotel in Banbridge for a lovely meal followed by music and dancing.

22nd March. As usual Gilford Hall for tea and biscuits the off to Banbridge for a nice walk and followed by lunch in Banbridge Leisure centre, before we all headed home.

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