

# Tandem and Walking 23/24

---

**APRIL** Saw the start of the Tandem and Walking in Lurgan Park. The weather wasn't great but everyone seemed to enjoy being together again.

**APRIL** Gilford Community hall first stop for a catch up and refreshments, then we headed to Tannaghmore Gardens for a nice walk and a lovely day it was for it. Lastly we made our way to the Ashburn Hotel for our meal.

**MAY** First outing of the year was to Newcastle and the weather was kind. We had a lovely few hours in the town each doing their own thing before heading back to the bus and making our way to the Enniskeen Hotel for our meal and then home ward bound well fed and tired.

**JUNE** Our second outing of the year took us to Newtownards stopping for a short while in the town then making our way to the Somme Centre for a guided tour, taking in the history of the horror of the first world war, it was very moving. Then we ended the day with having our meal in Boyle's in Dromore. The meal was very slow being served but worth the wait as it was lovely.

**JULY** This was the a the annual AGM meeting which was held in Gilford Hall, followed by a walk in Gilford along the Bann and then on to the Banville Hotel for a lovely lunch before heading home.

**AUGUST** Started in Gilford Hall for the usual refreshments followed by a walk Madden to Scarva along the towpath, then on to Sinton's in Scarva for lunch which was very tasty. To finish the day we had a group photo taken before making our way home.

**SEPTEMBER** Off we went on our annual holiday to the Beaches Hotel in Prestatyn, Wales. The weather was beautiful for the duration of the trip and the hotel was just off the beach. Every day we enjoyed visiting somewhere new. It was a lovely holiday. The highlight for me was the horse-drawn canal trip, it was just beautiful.

**SEPTEMBER** Off we headed to Gilford for tea, coffee and then meaning to go for a walk along the Bann but that was knocked on the head with heavy rain so we just chatted some more to make up the time before making our way to Banbridge and the Belmont Hotel for lunch and then home.

**OCTOBER** After our usual refreshments in Gilford we made our way to Lurgan Park for a guided tour of the history and interesting highlights the Park had to offer. To round up the day we had our lunch in Lurgan Golf Club which as per usual was lovely. After which we made our way home.

**NOVEMBER** Was an early start on the bus to Warrenpoint for our annual Christmas outing. Most people had a walk round the shops, or a coffee, before heading to the Whistledown Hotel for a lovely Christmas meal. The hotel was as usual decorated absolutely beautifully. After a bit of music and a twirl round the dance floor we then headed homeward.

## Tandem and Walking 23/24

---

DECEMBER This was our last outing of the year starting in Gilford hall for tea and catch-up then on to Rushmere where some hardy souls went for a walk around the lakes while the rest headed into the shopping centre for some last minute Christmas shopping. To end the day we enjoyed lunch in the Ashburn hotel.

JANUARY We started in Gilford hall and were then to go to Lurgan Park for our walk, but due to a storm the night before the park was closed so we just extended our time in Gilford hall and then off to Lurgan Golf Club for lunch after which we made our way home.

FEBRUARY Started with Gilford hall for refreshments, followed by a walk along the tow-path to work up an appetite before arriving at Sintons in Scarva for lovely lunch before heading home.

MARCH As per usual our day started in Gilford for refreshments. We were due to have our walk in Banbridge but due to heavy rain just a few had a short wet walk in Gilford while the rest just sat and chatted in the hall. Our meal was held in Shephard's in Banbridge which Catherine had recommended and while I wasn't there that day it got the thumbs up from all as a good spot.

Carol Ferry