

CHESTER U3A

VISIT TO TISSINGTON WELL DRESSING, MONDAY JUNE 6TH

Our coach, bound for Buxton, left Chester in weather that steadily improved over the day and the journey on the way took us along circuitous roads through the beautiful green countryside seeming to spread for miles and miles, filled with scenes of openness leading to a far horizon, such as is the county of Derbyshire. We arrived in time for coffee and a walk around this interesting town and then onto the coach and away to Tissington. The day was, by then, very sunny and warm and we walked this most pleasant village, coming across the beautifully decorated wells edging the roadways. A gentleman standing beside one of the wells explained the intricate work of placing the arrangement of flower heads, beads and other items into the clay, which holds them in the large various scenes. A delightful manor house is central to the village, although unfortunately it was not open to visitors. There was a large stone built church quite near the manor house and, further on, a very much smaller church in which a video of the well dressing was being shown. Tea, coffee and delightful cakes were served in a small café and also in a larger marquee. Very friendly ducks swam in the large village pond or idled on the grassy banks, obviously quite used to visitors. The perfect weather and the walking around the village tempted quite a few of us to enjoy a little snooze as our coach driver gently drove us home.

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