

**Title: Many thanks to Stuart Bell**

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Many thanks to Stuart Bell for leading our walk on Aug 7th, starting with a short exploration at the top of Farndale with Rambler passengers, and then meeting the ME1 and continuing down into a wild side of Rosedale on one of those elusive paths though bracken....beautiful.



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Once down in the Dale, Stuart guided us into a favourite spot for him and many others, the Dale Head Farm Tea Garden.



Now we are all converts! Lastly, a steady climb out of Rosedale to catch the Rambler or ME1 again. Stuart writes a regular walks column in the Whitby Gazette, and has also published an amusing book of some of these walks.

*Helen Gundry 11th September*

The Friends of Moorsbus Guided Walk visited Sleightholme Dale this Sunday. However, getting close to bus time, we galloped out of the house minus my camera, so no pics! We reached Sleightholme Dale across the fields from Fadmoor. Actually, we missed a stile somehow and ended up in the wrong field. But no-one seemed to notice our trespass, and we found our way into the woods at the top of Sleightholme Dale without mishap. The trees are just starting to turn there, though we could have done with a bit of sun to show the full colours. We came back through Hagg Wood and into the top of Manor Vale, but with more time you can go down Sleightholme Dale into Kirkdale, where you

can find the very ancient St Gregory's Minster and even more ancient caves. Bones of lions and other animals were once found in those caves, and now are *preserved at the Museum in York.*

*Helen Gundry 15th September*