

Roll: **20220707-9231**

Camera: **Canon EOS 5D Mark III: E53**

Film: **Full frame digital**

**Subject:**

Birds and a walk.

**Notes:**

Seems I forgot to upload the buds before setting off on the U3A walk. The little chap is I'm certain a juvenile robin redbreast although he puzzled me for a while. The larger bird I think to be a female blackbird largely on the basis of the company she keeps, else wise she might be a mistle thrush. I notice that her beak is now yellow whereas last year the same bird I swear had a black beak.

A walk along White Edge, returning via Froggat and Curbar Edges is one I've intended to do for a very long time. Return walks, Curbar to Grindleford Station Cafe, Curbar to the Grouse, walks done on me own, with Maggie I think once, with Dad and Roy on a New Year's morning (with a long struggle to get up to Curbar Gap due to the road being a sheet of ice) with Suzie, with Joseph (in 2014 I think), with Neil and Mary to spread Dad, Mum's and Suzie's ashes but never have I done White Edge. From the OS map, it looked like difficult ground with no clearly defined path, so always there seemed to be reason at the time not to include White Edge.

I had determined to walk Curbar and Froggat once again and to include White Edge, when the Covid restrictions struck and then, very rapidly thereafter, Max became too old and stiff to make the attempt so when the Peak Walks Group scheduled this walk including a visit to the Grouse, I was well pleased.

I planned to arrive early, around 10.00 and to park in the layby near the Grouse, to avoid the National Trust parking charges (£4) but the Waze route was very slow and took me to the Topley Moss end of the A625 where there was a road closed sign. It then took me on a circuitous drive back to the same junction at which point I decided to weave past the signs and take the A625 anyway as there was no knowing where the road might be closed and it could be after the Haywood turn off. It was. I parked in the layby and trotted down to the car park to arrive at 10.30 exactly with 6 or more travellers still struggling with the road closure at the Curbar end. We had to wait until 11.00 before everyone was assembled and then we set off in the opposite direction to that which I had expected. I was disorientated and was surprised after about forty minutes to find that we were on Froggat Edge when I thought we walking in the opposite direction.

It was a glorious day, the predicted clouds were not in evidence. I had for the first time forgotten my hat and I knew I was burning. Someone gave me some sunscreen so I was able to protect my face and arms but did not think to rub it into my scalp.

We passed the spot where Dad, Suzie and Mum's ashes were scattered but there was no time to brood as Peter was anxious to press on.

White Edge turned out to be a broad rocky path which would be no obstacle even in foul weather.

We were at the Grouse after three hours despite three stops for rest and refreshment, which seems pretty good going and better than I used to do years ago.

The Grouse is still home to miserable unwelcoming staff, penny pinching (50p extra for pickle with cheese rolls or salads), uptight rules and slow service. Still it was a nice pint and a half of Bank's Bitter (£4.10) and the small beef pie, chips and peas (£10) was good too.

We spurned the 10 seat table reserved for us in the back room and sat outside, or at least most of us did. I discovered when I went for the half, that 4 including Pam had preferred the cool of the bar.

The drive back was long and slow. I ignored the satnav and did our old route Curbar, Baslow, Chesterfield, M1, Radford.

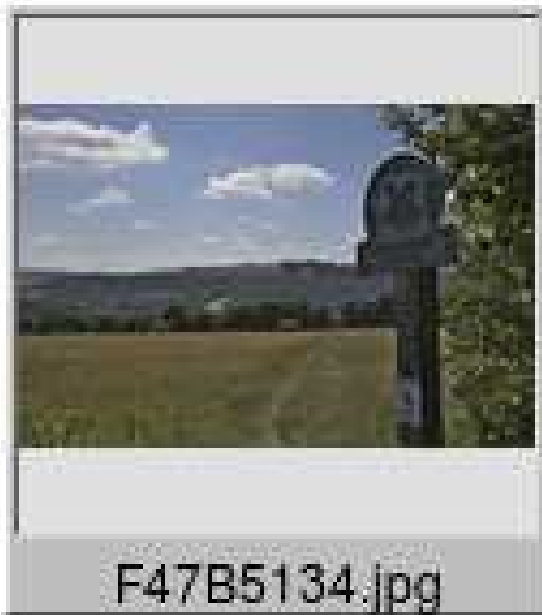
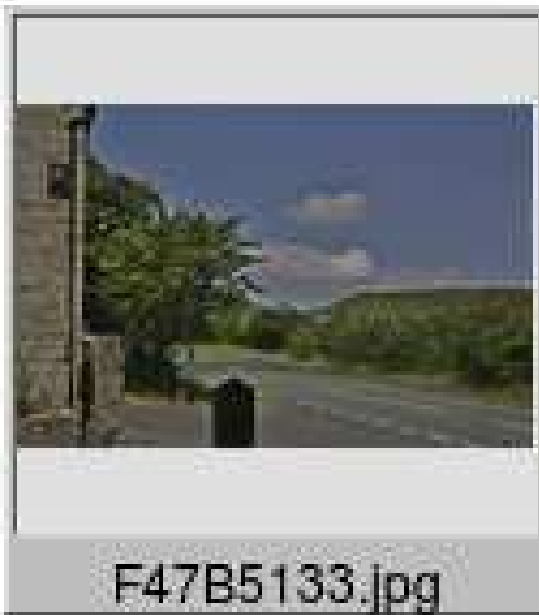
**People:**

Peter Elderton, John Pickles. Maureen Wade, Simon and others in the Peak Walks group.

**Dates:**

Dates and times are verified from original exif data.



**Frames:**

F47B5079 20220621 10:02:46 Juvenile robin.  
 F47B5081 20220621 10:02:52 Juvenile robin.  
 F47B5083 20220621 10:03:00 Juvenile robin.  
 F47B5090 20220621 10:07:08 Common Blackbird?.  
 F47B5102 20220621 10:11:16 Squirrel on a bird feeder.  
 F47B5103 20220621 10:11:18 Squirrel on a bird feeder.  
 F47B5104 20220621 10:11:23 Squirrel on a bird feeder.  
 F47B5105 20220621 10:21:23 Fox glove.  
 F47B5106 20220707 10:11:51 Froggat Edge.  
 F47B5107 20220707 10:11:51 Froggat Edge.  
 F47B5108 20220707 10:12:14 Froggat Edge.  
 F47B5110 20220707 10:14:28 Froggat Edge.  
 F47B5111 20220707 10:14:37 Froggat Edge.  
 F47B5112 20220707 10:15:18 Froggat Edge.  
 F47B5113 20220707 10:23:04 Froggat.  
 F47B5114 20220707 10:23:38 Walking Group.  
 F47B5115 20220707 10:28:23 Walking Group.  
 F47B5116 20220707 10:28:28 Walking Group.  
 F47B5117 20220707 10:28:34 Froggat.  
 F47B5118 20220707 10:28:42 Gritstone Rocks.  
 F47B5119 20220707 10:32:55 Gritstone Rocks.  
 F47B5120 20220707 10:33:17 Man in white with walking poles.  
 F47B5121 20220707 10:35:03 Taking a break on a gritstone edge.  
 F47B5122 20220707 10:35:05 Taking a break on a gritstone edge.  
 F47B5123 20220707 11:56:13 Derwent Valley.  
 F47B5124 20220707 11:56:25 Path through a landscape.  
 F47B5125 20220707 11:56:47 Calver Peak.  
 F47B5126 20220707 12:00:40 A rest on White Stone Edge.  
 F47B5127 20220707 12:00:54 A rest on White Stone Edge.  
 F47B5128 20220707 12:18:10 The Grouse Inn.  
 F47B5129 20220707 14:11:49 The Grouse Inn.  
 F47B5130 20220707 14:12:58 Flowers at The Grouse Inn.  
 F47B5131 20220707 14:13:24 Flowers at The Grouse Inn.  
 F47B5132 20220707 14:13:27 Flowers at The Grouse Inn.  
 F47B5133 20220707 14:14:13 White Edge Moor.  
 F47B5134 20220707 14:15:06 Longshaw Estate.



F47B5079 - Juvenile robin.



F47B5090 - Blackbird.



F47B5105 - Fox glove.



F47B5107 - Froggat Edge.



F47B5108 - Froggat Edge.



F47B5112 - Froggat Edge.



F47B5113 - Froggat.



F47B5115 - Walking Group.



F47B5118 - Gritstone Rocks.





F47B5119 - Gritstone Rocks.



F47B5121 - Taking a break on a gritstone edge.



F47B5124 - White Edge of Derwent Valley.



F47B5125 - Calver Peak.



F47B5127 - A rest on White Stone Edge.



F47B5128 - The Grouse Inn.



F47B5129 - The Grouse Inn.



F47B5130 - Flowers at The Grouse Inn.



F47B5133 - White Edge Moor.



F47B5132 - Flowers at The Grouse Inn.



F47B5134 - Longshaw Estate.