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

Film: **Full frame digital**

Subject:

U3A Hike Upton - Fiskerton - Rolleston.

Notes:

I confess that I am much of the opinion that once one has seen one field footpath in Nottinghamshire, one has seen them all.

The U3A hiking group provides me with something of challenge as I try to recover from my ambulatory abstinence of a year or more. Induced by the succession of tendonitis, plantar fasciitis and deep vein thrombosis the problem has been exacerbated by the loss of Max's mobility and the associated weight gain (mine not Max's. The faithfully hound has uncannily maintained the same weight despite an excruciating slow amble around Bridgford Park having been substituted for our previous five mile brisk constitutional walks. Where as at one time I felt frustrated by the group's lack of pace, now I find myself at times struggling to keep up and without much motivation so to do when I survey the scenery through which we pass.

Interest is occasionally provoked by the built environment but the walks are generally arranged so as to avoid any sites of historical or architectural interest and the residences we pass have little to recommend them. Even the former home of Kate Greenway at Rolleston had few distinguishing features, other than the blue plaque identifying it as such. Not that I know anything of Kate Greenaway or her work. I thought I recognised the name but found that I believed her to be a contemporary authoress of children's books, which I now know she is not. So I have learned something, albeit something of little value, little value that is, to me at least.

I also learned that the church at Rolleston has eight spires which, I read somewhere, is rather unusual possibly even unique, although I cannot now find the article which carried this news.

The one thing that I did learn of any use, not only to me but possibly to your good self is that the Cross Keys in Upton is an excellent hostelry. Two blazing fires and a lovely landlady with a practical approach to the purveying of real ale. Never more than three options, all brews at 4.2% alcohol by volume or less, because "most people that come here have to drive and they can't really be doing with anything stronger". All real ales at the same price to keep things simple (currently £4.10 per pint even the Blue Monkey). The spirits of long dead agrarian souls are present and ghosts sit before the fire. A truly lovely home and public house.

Dates:

Dates and times are verified from original exif data.



F47B6204 - Mill Farm.

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F47B6207 - Snowdrops and the dead.



F47B6211 - Church and Rectory.



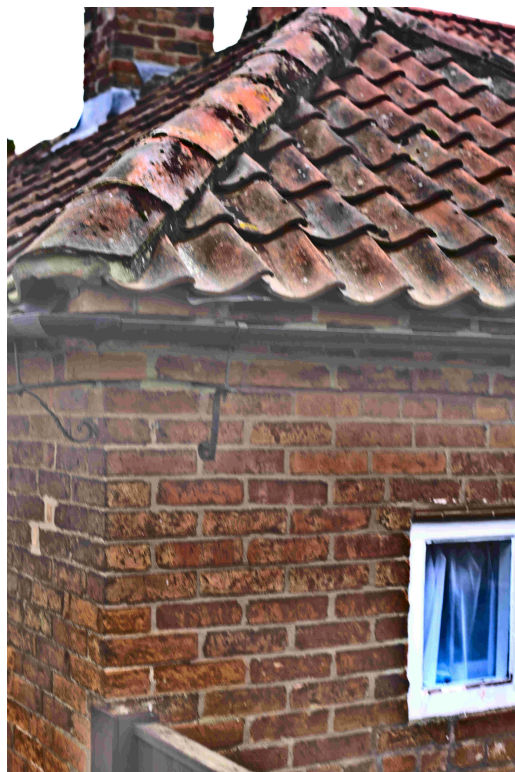
F47B6216 - Riverside stop.



F47B6219 - Stable block.



F47B6221 - Blue plaque.



F47B6224 - Pantiled cottage.



F47B6227 - 8 Main Street.



F47B6231 - Abandoned cottage.



F47B6233 - Thatched cottage.



F47B6234 - Post Office on the Green.



F47B6239 - Manor House.



F47B6241 - Cross Keys.



F47B6246 - Open fire.