

PART 1

After a lengthy committee meeting, chaired by myself, and fully supported by Cinders and Shadow, I was unanimous in that we should go North and visit Scotland for the first time. Graham an Associate member of the Committee (no voting rights) was informed, the RV was packed and off we set on Sunday 24th April.

THE BECKS GO NORTH TO SCOTLAND

SANDRA & GRAHAM BECK



CLEETHORPES

After leaving Grantham behind, our first stop was Cleethorpes Showground Campsite, but we experienced an unexpected stop on the way due to a puncture in the left hand rear tyre. It was our first puncture in the RV but luckily we carry a spare, the equipment and the knowledge to change the tyre and within half an hour Graham had us on our merry way once again!

Arriving at the Campsite the kettle went on for a well deserved cuppa and a biscuit or two.





ONWARDS AND UPWARDS TO YORK

From Cleethorpes we headed on towards York and parked up at Naburn Lock Campsite where we planned to stay for six nights.



This is a delightful site, the Managers are friendly and extremely helpful. The accessible beach is totally dog friendly, there are miles of lovely walks, either towards Cleethorpes, or to the Sailing Club in the opposite direction. For those not wishing to walk into town, (about a brisk 10 minute walk) there is a bus stop outside the entrance.

Opposite the Campsite is a Golf Course and Country Park, and there are various useful outlet stores. We had a most enjoyable three day stay, despite the fact that we experienced rain, hail, sleet and very high winds, not quite what we had 'ordered'!!



HISTORY OF CLEETHORPES

Cleethorpes is a seaside resort on the estuary of the Humber in North East Lincolnshire, Lincolnshire, England with a population of nearly 40,000 in 2011. It has been permanently occupied since the 6th century, with fishing as a primary industry, while developing as a resort since the 19th century.

The town lies on the Greenwich meridian and its average annual rainfall is amongst the lowest in the British Isles.

The name Cleethorpes is thought to come from joining the words clee, an old word for clay, and thorpes, an Old English/Old Norse word for villages, and is of comparatively modern origin.

Before becoming a unified town, Cleethorpes was made up of three small

villages, or "thorpes": Itterby, Oole and Thrunscoc, which were part of a wider parish called Clee (centred on Old Clee).

Whilst there are neolithic and Bronze Age remains in the area, permanent occupation appears to date from the 6th century, when the Danes arrived, with substantial communities appearing only in the 9th century.

The manor of Itterby was purchased in 1616 by the trustees of Peter Blundell's charity for the benefit of scholars and fellows at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge from Blundell's School, Tiverton. This is reflected in many of the street and park names in the area.

Cleethorpes developed as a fishing village. By the time of the 1801 census the population was 284.

The 1820s saw the first developments of Cleethorpes as a health holiday resort, with sea-bathing and the taking of medicinal waters becoming fashionable. By 1831 the population had increased to 497.

In 1842 the Cleethorpes Enclosure Bill was enacted. 2,050 acres (8.3 km²) of land were divided among land owners and eight new roads developed.[5] In 1848 Cleethorpes was described as "...much resorted to as a bathing-place, for which it is highly eligible; the air is pure, the scenery good and besides a few lodging-houses and smaller inns, there is a large hotel, built some years since, on an eminence embracing extensive views of the sea, the Humber, and the Yorkshire coast. Many of the population are employed in the oyster-fisheries."