

Walk- 2013 Our August History walk took us to the site of the Point-to-Point races. We had a lovely August evening as our companion and over 20 of us met outside the White Horse for the walk down Knowsley Road and up to Barrack Fold Farm. On the way, there was a discussion about the Isolation Hospital at Paddock Leach which was situated just before the white building which can be seen in the distance.



Once over the stile beyond Barrack Fold Farm



a whole new vista came into view, looking down towards Harwood and Across to Winter Hill.



From our vantage point we looked across to Bentley Hall Road where the starting point of the Races was.



They then used the Field boundaries as jumps and the stream at the bottom as a water jump to complete an elongated U shaped course.



The Bookmakers would have been in front of us - as would a large percentage of the crowd (up to 100 000 people on one occasion).



The Holcombe Hunt was also mentioned and we discussed the current whereabouts of the hunt. We then left Barrack Fold Farm and headed around the Nursing home.



Here we looked at the area which is said to be the place where the troops for the King mustered before their attack on Bolton.





It is rumoured that some of the soldiers are buried under the mounds on the edge of the path from the lodges.

We passed Knowsley Cottages, discussing the historic significance of these buildings.



Having bid goodbye to those not joining us for a drink, we then visited the Duke William Pub for our evening refreshment