

Oakley Ramblers Club



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Our walk on 19th July was led by Annie and Rob, Annie writes “For how many days did we have ongoing sunshine BEFORE Friday 19 July??? All through Wimbledon even?

NOT for Annie & Rob’s walk however! It didn’t just ‘rain’ – it **‘RAINED’**, and virtually



non-stop – just a drizzle at the very beginning and so with a very unpromising forecast our intrepid band set off from the George & Dragon on what, when planned (including lunch at the pub),

was a gentle amble through bone dry wheat fields, woodland, quiet country lanes and alongside the River Blackwater. So keen were we that all should go well, we had even returned after the recce (including lunch at the pub!) to demolish many protruding brambles, overhanging branches and the inevitable stinging nettles, none of which had been the priority of the council’s countryside managers.

But oh did it rain.... Clothes were more than just ‘dampened’ – spirits were not, albeit there was a plethora of comments describing the varying degrees of saturation experienced by each.... ‘I’m soaked right through’/‘my trousers are waterproof, my jacket is not’/‘my jacket is waterproof, my trousers are not’/‘my backpack has soaked through to my jacket which has soaked through to me’/‘...and now my other boot is soaked’/‘my knickers are dry’ – sadly followed later by ‘EVEN my knickers are wet!’ (the same voice!) No names, no pack-drill!

A good lunch in, what all agreed was a very pleasant pub (there it is again!) helped to assuage any discomfort for most – not, however me who had to sit through it in a very cold, very wet t-shirt (one garment which, for obvious reasons, could not be divested!) – but such is the lot of a poorly clad walk leader. ‘No bad weather – only bad clothes.’

All walks depart from the school lay-by in Oakley Lane unless notified otherwise. Details of forthcoming walks will be published on our website. If you require any further information please contact the Walk Leader.

Roy Yeoman