

Oakley Ramblers Club



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This year we appear to have selected a number of walking days which brought heavy rain and this was the case on 16th August when I was to lead a walk. I sat in my car at the normal meeting point waiting for anyone foolish enough to arrive as the torrent of rain fell continuously, fortunately no-one arrived!

We had much better weather on the morning of Saturday 31st. August when Richard & Heather took us on the planned ramble.



Greywell Mill Pond

Richard writes "Under sunny skies, four members joined our walk around Greywell.

After parking at the Fox & Goose, we headed along the road to St Mary's Church, walking around the church to join the board walk alongside the River Whitewater.

At Greywell Mill, we stopped to look and listen to the water passing over the old wheel, and watch a family of ducks swimming around the mill pond.



Odiham Castle

Continuing on we headed across Greywell Moor's Nature Reserve to Deptford Lane, turned left and headed back towards the village before taking the footpath over the entrance to Greywell Tunnel and Basingstoke Canal.

Following the towpath along the canal we reached Warnborough Green, turning left up Mill Lane, crossing the River Whitewater again at Odiham Ford. We then followed the footpath up to the Hook Road. After crossing the road we entered Butter Wood on the Earl of Malmesbury's Estate. Butter Wood is a picturesque wood of mainly mature beech and oak trees. Crossing Greywell Hill Park with the canal tunnel below and views across to Odiham and beyond, we headed back down to the village for an enjoyable lunch in the Fox and Goose.

