

Oakley

Ramblers Club



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Thanks to Annie & Rob, who stepped in at the last minute, our walk on 10th October went ahead as planned.

Annie writes “After some jiggery pokery with cars to find suitable parking space on the grass verge by the Lodge at Malshanger, our next pre-walk challenge was presented by the most ENORMOUS piece of farm machinery which was gingerly driven past us as we congregated – not sure who was the most worried, it’s driver or us (actually us!). However despite the driver’s displeasure at our parking there (there is no sign stating one can’t and it is a spot regularly used by walkers), 10 ramblers set off on the 10th of the 10th at 10 for a pleasant walk billed as ‘Talk ‘n Toddle’. The title was a nod to the fact that this would not be a thrilling, exploring pastures new, foray into the unknown but was just a chance to ‘toddle’ around the local and familiar, thus not requiring depletion of precious petrol to drive to any new location. Sadly the sunny intervals promised in the forecast a week earlier showed no sign of materialising, but it was dry (unlike when the walk was reccied the previous week!)



There followed a 5-mile stroll encompassing Malshanger House, the peaceful woods and on to Tangier House, crossing the 3-level stile into and beyond its fields, with magnificent views in each direction. Pausing on some very convenient fallen trees for some rest and recuperation, the ‘Talk’ of ‘T ‘n T’ could be given full rein, whilst

also presenting a brilliant photo opp.!

And happily the route was not, after all, familiar to each AND the sun eventually appeared - so a win-win!



Careful..!

Details of our walks on 22nd.October, after much rain as in this picture, and 6th November will be included in next month's report.

We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and hope that we can celebrate more like the "old" days!

Finally if you need to walk off Christmas dinners we have our post-Christmas walk on 27th December and welcome everyone to join us. Check our website for details.

Our current full programme of walks diary is available on www.oakleyramblers.org

Roy Yeoman