

Oakley

Ramblers Club



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On a sunny 1st. December five ramblers enjoyed a 5 mile walk starting at Eversley Church. Karen writes "Charles Kingsley wrote "The Water Babies" there while he was rector from 1844 - 1875, and it is where he is buried.

The walk took in fields, lanes and part of the Blackwater River trail. A variety of wildlife was encountered en-route including a herd of about 8 deer, 3 alpacas (or llamas we

couldn't decide) and a lake with a great many water birds. Great fun was had scrunching through the fallen leaves".

Our regular post-Christmas Walk on 29th December was led by Pat who writes:

"On what started as a rather wet morning, eleven walkers left from the school lay-by at 11.00 to enjoy a circular walk with a stop at The Holly Blue for lunch. Fortunately it was mostly dry while walking, other than for a short spell of misty rain, on about half way. We headed out behind the school and past the new vineyard towards the Wayfarers Walk. The pace of the walk was governed by the wet and muddy underfoot, but no path was impassable as our route took us through Bulls Bushes Copse and across fields to Southwood Farm.

All was quiet, other than chatting, as no shoot today! Following the site of the old roman road, on the wooded path, we could see the size of the new housing estate being built along the A30. We then headed uphill to The Holly Blue where thirteen sat down for lunch. Having pre-ordered our meals we pleased to find that the pubs welcomes muddy boots and dogs, which is a good thing as we were all rather muddy! Excellent service and enjoyable meals. The sun appeared during lunch, a welcome sight in December".

I am pleased to welcome a number of new members to the club as we go into 2022 and look forward to seeing everyone on our regular rambles.

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