

## MAY WALKS

<u>Mornings</u> Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Miles</u> <u>aprox</u> 4.5	Woodmancott
Saturday 13th	6.5	Ellisfield
Wednesday 24th	7	Brimpton Common

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## Recent Walks



### **Sunday 2nd April 6.6 miles**

18 walkers gathered at **Silchester** for walk start, 14 sharing cars from Oakley, 4 meeting at Silchester recreation ground.

From there setting off in a northerly direction through wooded Benyon's Inclosure, and past Kiln Pond. Near Mortimer West End turning south. Using back roads, bridleways arriving Callava car park. Next a path north of Kiln Yard Copse, into higher open fields with sheep/lambs. Looking eastwards were panoramic views while we descended to site of Roman amphitheatre. Then walking along the ancient walls and back to Silchester along Brenda Parker Way. It had been very muddy underfoot all morning but at this point the route was totally water-logged to a depth of several inches:

2 got through, 16 found an alternative route. Many stayed for an enjoyable lunch at Calleva Arms. *Leaders Ray & Pauline*

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

*Led by Derek Beer* 6 ramblers set off for a 5 ½ mile walk at **Ufton Nervet** (pic in April LINK).

The weather was rain mixed with sleet as we set off, but fortunately dried up nicely by the walks end.

We followed footpaths through open farmland, and reached Ufton Court. This is an impressive Tudor Manor with an interesting history. We were able to see the fishing ponds, and were told about priest holes within the Manor. Walking through the lovely countryside we saw the first lambs of the season, and various other livestock. Due to recent snow and rain we had to negotiate some flood water and a lot of mud, but the walk was very enjoyable. After the walk a tasty meal at the Spring Inn.

*Pauline Haynes*