



# W4H Toddington 6 months Newsletter

MAY 2018



We celebrate our first year with our second newsletter by email. Not everyone has email so we will deposit a hard copy in the Library which will be available for all to read.

I think we can conclude that our first year has been a successful one. We have generated 14 different walks, many circular, thereby allowing us to extend each walk to two weeks by doing a reversal. Kathy Bocutt has also recently qualified as a walk leader, which gives us a very firm foundation now and makes it easier for us to cover our holidays. We have a total of 89 members on register and regularly get 30 on our Tuesday walks. Our best total has been 35 people.



To celebrate our first anniversary, we arranged a walk to Poplars Nursery on 8 May, have coffee (and cake in some cases!) and walk back. Here are the 32 of us walking down Harlington Road hill. We did the walk in record time, in exactly half an hour, and got back in good time too, with the whole event taking only an hour and three quarters. While having a good time chatting, it was suggested that a future venue could be to walk to the Fancott Arms and partake in similar beverages before returning. We will let you when we plan to do this because the walk will exceed the planned one hour.



Here we all are before going into Poplars Nursery where we had reserved spaces and the Restaurant Manager came out to ensure that all was okay.

While we were all there, we informed you that our previous email relating to GDPR was inadequate and that the information on our files from your registration form comes under 'Special Category Data'. We therefore needed your signed consent to hold this data. The full brief was passed around the tables for all to read, followed by the consent form to sign and date, which everybody did.

We will update other members as and when they turn up for future walks.

Thank you for being so understanding regarding this matter. It is necessary for a professionally-run scheme.



4 March 2018.

Walking down Princess Street.





17 April 2018. A group photo outside the off licence on the corner of Park Road.

27 March 2018. Another wet one just entering the Glebe. It was a little bit squelchy underfoot that day!





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Walkers as far as the eye can see in Grange Road. And it was wet!



If you keep your eyes open you can encounter some great sights on our walks, such as this charming pony and trap that we saw recently.



We hope to be out in the countryside again soon where we will hopefully see buzzards, red kites, foxes, cows and even wild orchids at Dropshort Marsh Nature Reserve.



**One year ago.**

Our group having tea/coffee in the Library after our inaugural walk on 9 May 2017 (and we think all those faces are still with us!)

Looking forward to our second year together. **HAPPY WALKING!**

Should you wish to contact any of the walk leaders, our details are listed below. Although we are the ones who organise them, your voice matters, so let us know your views.

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