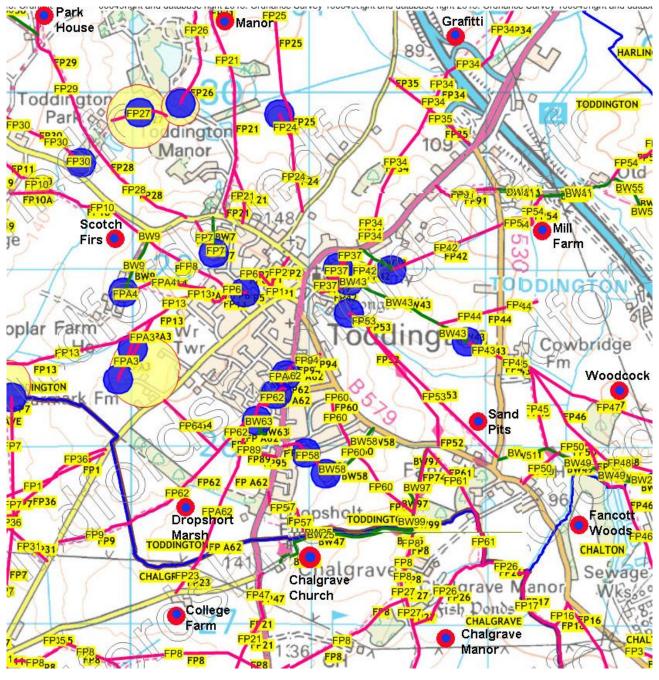


What a super summer we have had and even through the heatwave our numbers did not dwindle, and twice we recorded 36 attendees plus we had a lot of new people join us. The summer allowed us to get out into the beautiful countryside which surrounds us and on the following footpath map we illustrate many of the places we have visited. Because not everyone has email a hard copy of this newsletter will be deposited in the Library.





Tuesday 29th May saw us head out on a very misty morning, a brilliant turnout, and we went across Park Road and followed the footpath which goes through the grounds of Park House.

A great photo coming down the hill through the wheat field path in the mist with Sheridan and Jane looking like they are enjoying it.

We go through folk 's property quite a few times: Park House, Chalgrave Manor and Mill Farm all have footpaths going through their land.



Thirty-six in the mist





We explored both our local National Trust 's wildlife reserves: Dropshort Marsh is 5 acres and Fancott Woods & Meadows is 32 acres. For the latter we organised a special long walk of 4 miles with a break: drinks and snacks at the Fancott Arms.











The walk to Chalgrave Manor



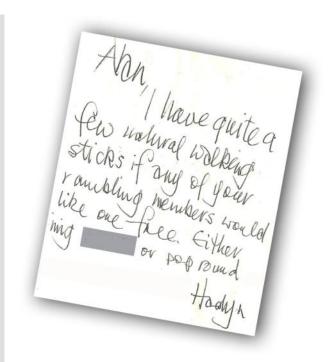




I had a very pleasant experience when my old friend, Hadyn Martin, the Toddington artist, left this note on my back door last week. I walked to his house but had to go back and return by car as he insisted I took all these 19 walking sticks in the photo below and I will be bringing them to the Library this week.

Handmade sticks such as this are quite valuable so we suggest if you take one you make a decent donation to the library, as your means allow.

We will let Hadyn know the results and that we appreciate his kind gesture.













We are delighted and excited to inform you that Poplars Nursery have agreed to host our Christmas Outing once more on Tuesday 18th December.

We will leave our Library as usual and walk to Poplars to arrive at 11am, where we will be met by John Little, who will tell us something of the history of Poplars and their nature reserve called Wadelows. Weather permitting, we will have a short tour of the reserve returning to the Learning Centre to view their full-size 1581 Agas map of Toddington. A little about this, then at approximately noon we will go to their restaurant to be met by Paul Ward, their Catering Services Manager, for lunch, who is offering the same great deal as last year: full Xmas fare and tea/coffee for £10. Arrive back as soon as possible after lunch.

Options are: Drive down and/or order your own eats/drinks on the day. We need to know numbers and if you require the Xmas lunch please.

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

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