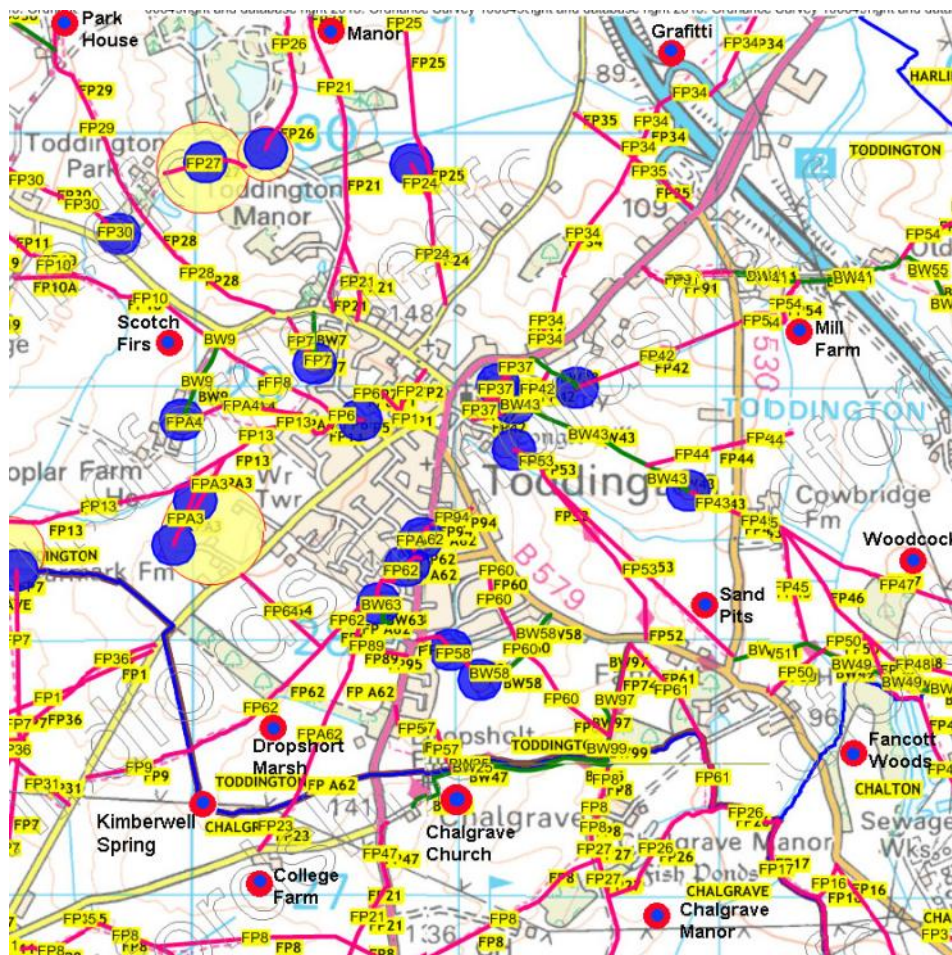




What a super summer we have had. We had a few members lapse but they were soon replaced by a few new ones. We have recorded our second cancellation, the first by sheet ice last winter and recently we cancelled because of the torrential rain on 24 September.

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.



You will find our walks marked with a blue dot within a red dot listed below:

Park House, the Manor, Graffiti, Scotch Firs, Mill Farm, Woodcock, Sandpits, Fancott Woods, Chalgrave Church, Chalgrave Manor, College Farm and Kimberwell Spring. We also do various walks involving the Glebe and Crowbush.



Tuesday 7 May was our 2 year anniversary so we celebrated this with a longer outing by walking or driving to the Fancott Arms then walking around the 32 acres of Fancott Woods & Meadows Nature Reserve, refreshments in the pub and some drove back whilst some walked. Photos of the event below and on the next few pages.



Above: walking the woods.

Left: the entry bridge over the river Flit.

Just upstream, to the left, the water cascades in from the Chalton waterworks.





Passing through the gate  
into the meadows



The lush meadows



Walking back, river Flit in the background





By now we were hungry and thirsty and eager to go in!





A couple of photos of the back of the Fancott and a couple of our group dining inside.

Check the last page because we are visiting this venue again for our Christmas outing on 17 Dec,





## Some other walk photos



A group appears over the horizon returning to Dropshort



The cows were unfazed when we walked to Kimberwell Spring



Our group at the Sandpits





Lost in the jungle



Walking through the cows with the black bull



Left: Returning to the  
Glebe

Right: The hill up to Crow-  
bush







CHRISTMAS

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## Fancott Woods & Meadows

Ancient trees

Bluebells

Wildflowers



Bedfordshire  
Cambridgeshire  
Northamptonshire

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OUTING



### W4H Toddington

### Announcement

We plan to walk at Fancott Woods and Meadows for our Tuesday Walk on 17th Dec and call in the Fancott Arms after for coffee, a snack, a light meal ... whatever you choose.

This will deviate from our usual plan and be a much longer outing.

There are 3 options :

1. Shared driving starting at 10.45 from the Library, park at the pub, do the walk, coffee, shared drive back. **2 mile walk.**
2. Meet at Library 10.30, walk down to the Fancott, rendezvous with others, do the walk, coffee, get a lift back. **3 mile walk.**
3. Meet at Library 10.30, walk down to the Fancott, rendezvous with others, do the walk, coffee, walk back. **4 mile walk.**

Leaders will be on all routes.

We have made a reservation at the Fancott Arms for 12 noon and they will serve us as we wish. Plan to get back about 1pm or if you walk back 1.30pm.

The Fancott have advised we can enjoy any two from three courses off their menu for £12/head or choose from the menu which is sent to you with this newsletter.

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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