

# Oakley Ramblers Club



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On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, led by Sandy, eight Oakley Ramblers set out in somewhat doubtful conditions for a 6 mile walk in the Binsted area, Sandy writes “situated



between Alton and Farnham and east of the A31. Despite days of heavy rain the ground was reasonable underfoot and the weather steadily improved during the day. Slightly hilly in parts with good long views the walk took us past Telegraph House (used in early Marconi wireless trials) to the edge of Alice Holt Forest, then on to Blacknest Village. From there via tracks and bridal ways back to Binsted Church for a visit to the grave of Viscount

Montgomery of El Alamein. A pleasant meal followed in the White Hart at Holybourne; the Binsted pub, the Cedars, having fallen by the wayside like so many small village pubs.”

Ten days later Karen together with four other Ramblers and one dog set off from the



pond in Upton Grey on a 5 ½ mile walk through colourful autumnal Hampshire countryside. Karen writes “Given the weather recently we were all pleasantly surprised that the only mud encountered was in the woods. Traversing a couple of ploughed fields was fortunately not muddy thanks to the farmer leaving the paths unploughed. The trees put on a colourful display and the weather was kind, hats, gloves and waterproofs were taken but not

needed. All in all a thoroughly lovely way to spend a mid-week morning.”