

Oakley Ramblers Walk Report 27 February 2022 - Burghclere Triangle from OS app

We set off from Beacon Hill Car Park, just off A34 at 10.30 on a beautiful sunny morning, with blue sky all day.

With Beacon Hill behind us, we followed mostly field and wooded paths. We headed first towards All Saints Church, Old Burghclere, a listed building, but didn't stop here.

As a direct result of the gales on the previous weekend, there was the occasional tree crossing the path, but these were easily navigated, either under or over. Fortunately some didn't block the path!



Despite the traffic hum from A34 at first, we could hear much birdsong and there was evidence of Spring everywhere.



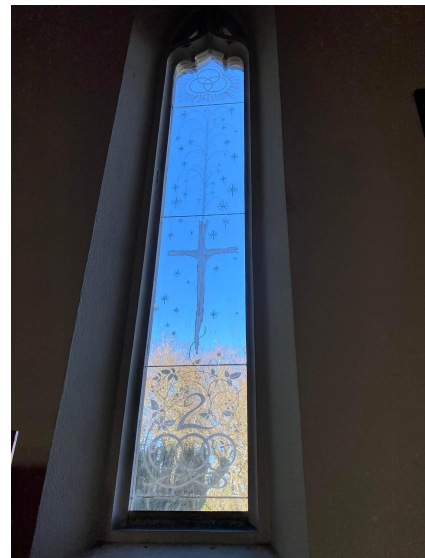
The gates on the right were the entrance to beautiful grounds, with ponds, wildfowl, signs of Spring and mud.





We passed some grand houses, sometimes walking partly through the grounds.

Around 1pm, we arrived in Burghclere and walked through the village to the Church of the Ascension. Here we stopped briefly to check out the Millennium window, the last church window designed by Laurence Whistler. Engraved by Sally Scott, it was dedicated in 1999.



Sunday lunch at The Carpenter's Arms was very welcome, with generous portions and lots of empty plates.

After lunch, as had been promised, we did encounter mud and boggy areas that required some careful negotiation, however all agreed that it was worth it to enjoy a walk with variety, great views and very little road walking.

Particularly later in the walk, there were great views in the distance of Watership Down and then Beacon Hill - a walk for the energetic on another day.