

## UP AND COMING WALKS

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June Winchester** including walking past cathedral, up St Catherine's Hill and with a stop at St Cross Hospital Open Garden towards the end of the walk. Around 7.5 miles, starting from St Catherine's P&R mid to late morning. Check club website for further details

Other walks proposed for June **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Check website nearer the time as times for walks may change.*

For further info on walks and social events check out [oakleyramblers.org](http://oakleyramblers.org) or email [oakleyramblers@gmail.com](mailto:oakleyramblers@gmail.com)

### Walk Report Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Woodmancott



The weather forecast wasn't looking too promising when 5 of us set off from Oakley for a 5 mile walk around Woodmancott and Popham. Fortunately for us the forecasters were wrong and apart from a few minutes near to the start we were able to walk in the dry and even experiences some short spells of sunshine.

The walk started from St James Church Woodmancott, heading behind the church and through a small wooded area before turning left and walking on a farm track beside the fields to Popham village. After past the houses we turned right at the pond and headed along the road and up the track to the woods. As we entered the woods we were greeted with the delicate perfume of the bluebells and the screech of peacocks. ( We later caught a glimpse of one of the peacocks in the distance). The section through the woods was fairly muddy but well worth it to see and smell all the beautiful spring flowers. After exiting the woods we stopped to admire the

magnificent views before heading back to Woodmancott via farm tracks and a small section of lane. A beautiful walk enjoyed by all. Leader Pauline Shead.



*Pauline Haynes*