

## REPORT OF NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK 2018

Thirty-seven adults met at the village hall for walk 41 including six from Colchester, three from Mersea Island and Sonia from Florence, Italy who had recently moved to the village. The leader, Gordon Davis, briefly explained his reasons for covering the same area due to a bad weather forecast in the area (*the rain held off whilst the ramble was on and didn't arrive until the next day*). Proceeding to the layby on Mersea Road in front of Donyland Woods, the walkers were again counted and followed the leader through the woods and eventually to the new wharf side development with its circular footpath (*very muddy and dangerous when the village walk was initially explored*).

Continuing on to the Albion public house the group turned left and upwards to the playing fields and back through Donyland Woods to the parked cars and finally to the village hall where Derek and Ena Ingham had a welcome cup of tea waiting. These stalwarts of the village had previously indicated their desire to finish with their tea and coffee duties and will be replaced by Keith and Rosemary from Layer Road.

The Parish Council are very proud of their *green* activities and are hopeful of arranging for a Press photographer to take a photo of the walkers on their next ramble for insertion in the local newspaper. The walks provide the opportunity to meet with and to socialise with other local persons.

Although this walk was slightly longer than the usual distance of two-three miles everyone seemed relaxed and happy to be outside in the fresh air after the Christmas inactivities.

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