

Walk 26. New Year's Day 1st Jan 2013

A Wonderful mild, sunny weather generated plenty of enthusiasm among the forty-five adults and five children who came on the village walk of 2.66 miles. This started from the electricity substation on Layer Road and the route was via a footpath to Lower End, Malting Green Road, footpath to The Folley. The walkers continued via another public footpath to pass The Kiln, through picturesque woods to Layer Mill, and then skirted sheep meadows and onto Bounsted Road before mainly using grass verges back to the cars and the social tea in the village hall organised by Derek and Ena Ingham.

Three of the children were only three years old so they needed a little carry from time to time on the shoulders of their patient fathers. Because of recent heavy rain the surface conditions varied from soft and muddy to good grass paths, all the walkers had expected mud which didn't affect their enjoyment nor from cleaning their footwear and from popping their trousers into the washing machine. It was good to see the parents and grandparents pointing out the features of the countryside to their children, ie horses, sheep, geese and chickens.

The walk leader was Gordon Davis and the event sponsored by the Parish Council which insisted upon high safety issues such as use of high vizability jackets and close control of the walkers on roads.