Rambles: report for CTHH AGM 2020

The start of this year marked the 2nd anniversary of our Churches Together rambling programme and the completion of 12 satellite walks on the outskirts of Hemel Hempstead. Moderate circular rambles of approximately 4 to 5 miles take place on Saturdays between 10.00am and 12.30pm once every two months. The footpaths around Grand Union Canal, Redbourn Nicky Line, Nettleden, Potten End, Great Gaddesden, PiccottsEnd, Leverstock Green, Pimlico, Bedmond, Chipperfield, Flaunden and King’s Langley have all been explored, with usually a turn out of 7 to 15 ramblers from all churches and even a turn out of 2 to 3 ramblers in poor weather conditions. Unfortunately, on our 13 walk completed last February around Potten End/Great Gaddesden an accident occurred in muddy conditions when one of our ramblers, a lady in her 50’s, slipped and fractured her arm. The accident happened towards the end of the walk and with difficulty, but with help from her husband and the walk leader, the rambler was able to get back to her car. A visit to A & E confirmed the fracture. The lady concerned has now made a full recovery and intends to carry on rambling. However, this accident, and the current situation we are in with Covid 19 restricting our social activities, has suspended our rambling programme for the present. The CTHH trustees are reviewing their rambling disciplines to make future walks safer, mindful of the fact that some of our ramblers are elderly ramblers - some 80 years plus. If anyone reading this report wishes to take part in a consultation that will lead to safer walks they are asked to contact Chris Jones on 01442 235847 or jonescba@hotmail.com

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