

Inaugural Walk -- 18th March 2012

Thankfully, March provided better weather for the Tilty walk than January. We started in the Abbey field, walked down past the Mill, carried on along the footpath that follows the old Sluice Way to the Sluice Gate Waterfall, then followed the path by the stream, went on



up the hill past Home Wood, and out on to the road at Searchlight Corner. From here, we carried on towards to Broxted, stopping to look at the possible site of the old Tilty Windmill, before returning to Tilty Church.



Around thirty-five people – and one dog – came along for this ‘historical Tilty’ trail, led by Rachel Clarke and Dave Kenny, with extra information about mills from Darren Stone, and pillboxes and searchlights from Alf Wright. Rachel, Dave, Darren and Alf were extremely informative about the area, its history, and the recent archaeological work; we were fortunate to have such excellent guides for the walk, and very grateful for their participation.

The speakers at the **March General Meeting** were Larry Crane and Steve Taylor, who are both members of the Independent Federation of Detectorists; they brought along a fascinating collection of items for the Group to look at and handle, including Roman coins and a Celtic buckle. They provided an interesting and instructive evening, talking about what they do, and about their finds; they also took pains to stress the differences between legitimate Metal Detectorists and ‘nighthawks’. Many thanks to Larry and Steve (and Sue and Dawn) for coming along to our meeting, and to Irene Jones for arranging it; if other members have suggestions for speakers or events which would be of interest to the Group, do please get in touch with the Committee – email to:

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TALHG Logo

The Group Logo designs were reviewed and voted on at the March meeting – and the splendid design that graces the top of this newsletter was selected.

Many thanks to all who contributed designs, and ideas, and to Tom Pedley for bringing them all to life so well.

Visit to Saffron Walden Library

Plans are in hand for a tour of Saffron Walden Library. The library has all sorts of research material and information, much of it from the Victorian collection, and we hope to be able to arrange this visit for the autumn; details to follow.



Forthcoming Meetings -- The Three Horseshoes, Duton Hill (starting 7.30 p.m.):

Tuesday June 12th *	Tilty Memories	Tuesday July 10th	Pillboxes and Scars of the Second World War
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Other dates for the year (all Tuesdays): 11th September, 13th November, 11th September

* **Note:** Postponed from May 8th

And don't forget – Duton Hill Fun Day - Sunday 6th May