

Dec 2016 towpath walk and drinks

**Bedwyn Footpaths Group Monthly Walk – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – from The Cross Keys, the chains**

10 walkers met at the start for a short 1 mile long walk and we were joined by another 10 for drinks afterwards.

**The route:** From The Cross Keys through the church yard and to the towpath, heading east. We continued through the wharf – noting as we pass the new replacement bridleway sign (Thanks Wilts ROW!) At Burnt mill lock we crossed the canal to the dog-hole field. This is the first time we will have walked this path (No 48) as a group and there have been a few changes here this year, a new kissing gate and a railway sleeper bridge across the flooded area. This path has recently been re-opened after a month's closure for railway side hedge trimming, essential to maintain sight-lines at the pedestrian crossing. Footpath No 1 then leads behind the bungalows to Teshers where we stopped for warming refreshment while admiring a display of new equipment purchased with the our Pewsey Area Board award.

**Health & Safety.** All group members walk at their own risk. There are no stiles, or inclines and the surface is reasonable. However there are 2 pedestrian railway crossings requiring great care.

**Dog owners:** Please keep dogs under close control and on leads near wildlife – particularly through the dog-hole field which is home to many water birds.

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