

**u3a RAMBLER 2 – Walk from Sidcup High Street, through Footscray Meadows and ending at Becks Evans Farm Shop on the North Cray Road – Tuesday 28 March 2023 – leader Helen Salmon**

We met in Sidcup High Street on a rainy day and walked down Rectory Lane until we came to Bexley Lane. We continued along until we came to the entrance to Footscray Meadows down the side of Cleeve Park School. We walked down the path into Northcray Woods and noticed the many flowering daffodils and leaves of the bluebells which will soon be in flower and look glorious. As we came out of the woods the rain became heavier but the view of the Five Arches Bridge and green of the willows on the water's edge looked lovely. We took a few moments to look at the wildlife and noticed two swans further up the lake. On leaving the bridge we turned left and made our way along the tree lined path past Stable Meadows and the allotments on our right. By now the rain was quite heavy and we were keen to have a warm drink. As we entered Water Lane we saw the sign for Beck Evans Farm Shop (previously Kelsey's Farm shop). Ten wet and cold walkers entered the busy Penelope's restaurant where the staff were very helpful and managed to fit us in and put us all together. We warmed up with hot drinks and cakes before making our way home.