**The Tring-a-ling Mystery, Saturday 15th September 2012**

11 walkers, 21 miles – leader Jerome Ripp

A group of 11 set out from Tring station on a lovely late summer day with clear blue sky all day. An early steep climb into the hills above Aldbury with a perfect photo shop image of the village from a gap in the trees and then into the Ashridge estate for a huge loop which lead across the clearing where the college could be seen at one end and the Bridgewater monument at the other. There were various attempts to guess what was the mystery; was it contained in the 3 lovely churches that we visited at Little Gaddesden, Studham and Whipsnade or was it the route itself which sometimes did some interesting zig-zags? The Red Lion at Studham provided a very good lunch for some while others made full use of the vast common opposite. The Chiltern Way, Icknield Way and Ridgeway paths were all used and of course we climbed Ivinghoe Beacon for a fine view of the locality and the Whipsnade Lion. A very fine 21 miles.