**Bentley Circular, Saturday 18th May 2013**

9 walkers, 19 miles – leader Jerome Ripp

I was a late replacement as the original leader was unable to be present but with the help of his notes and some knowledge of the area we were able to have a lovely walk in glorious spring sunshine with magnificent tree colours and spectacular views. After the long cold winter suddenly everything has burst into bloom with cherry blossom, bluebells and lilacs all vying for our attention. The walk was enhanced by having a group who were so appreciative and enjoyed the walk without a word of complaint. The area we walked in was quite small but with a number of loops we were able to explore almost every path. Benley, Froyle, Long Sutton, Well and Lord Wandsworth colleges were the only places of habitation in an area of mixed woodlands and fields with a few contours to stretch our legs but no real hills. The pub at Well provided good food and service and for the picnic group, the covered top of the ancient well provided just enough space for a cosy six bottoms.