**Ivinghoe, Ashridge and Tring Circular, Saturday 10th January 2015**

26 walkers, 19.3 miles – leader Adam Dawson

26 of us ventured out into the wilds of North Hertfordshire for an exhilarating 19.3-mile trek round the Chilterns. We started at Tring station at 09:17 then headed to Ivinghoe Beacon along the Ridgeway. En route we were soaked in a heavy rain shower but it brightened up by the time we reached the summit revealing clear views for miles in all directions. Then headed to Studham for lunch via the Icknield Way and pausing to spot Widlebeest as we skirted Whipsnade Zoo. We saw animals lurking in the distance which am pretty sure were Wildebeest but others confidently assured me were actually donkeys...

After a quick lunch in the Red Lion we returned via the Ashridge Estate to the Bridgewater Monument (the 3rd Earl of Bridgewater was the "Father of Inland Navigation" according to the plaque). Pause for a quick cup of tea at the NT café then down through the beechwoods to the Grand Union Canal near Cow Roast (yes, really) then along the towpath in gathering gloom, returning to Tring by 17:10, just in time to avoid needing head-torches.

A glass of red wine and a hot bath well deserved for all participants!