**Winter on the Downs, Saturday 7th February 2015**

14 walkers, 20 miles – leader Jerome Ripp

A group of 14 enjoyed an invigorating winter walk with multi-coloured mud in cold but bracing conditions from Wivelsfield south with the magnetic attraction of the south Downs pulling us on. A brief tour on top, then via Plumpton Agricultural College to the Jolly Sportsman at East Chiltington for lunch. The reception for muddy walkers was frosty rather than jolly but service was quick, food good and soon we were back up towards the Downs at Blackcap. A tour around and then some excitement climbing over barbed wire before sanity returned and into Lewes to finish 20 miles and in time for the 16.52.