**Around the Wells and Rocks, Saturday 14th February 2015**

16 walkers, 18.5 miles – leader Jane Bates

15 walkers decided to join Jane on her Valentine’s day hike along the Kent/Sussex border.

The morning was misty but we made good progress across minor roads and footpaths to Eridge Park where we took a permissive almost invisible path through Saxonbury Wwoods to Saxonbury Tower where we had a brief break. By then we all knew that good views came with a penalty, the unrelenting up and down of the High Weald.

Then on to eventually pass Bowles rocks, one of the famous rock-climbing areas to our slightly earlier than advertised lunch stop at Boarshead. I had to warn everyone to switch off mobile phones as pub is a mobile phone free pub. The panel by the entrance door with the 'killed' mobile phones made sure they all took my advice. The slightly leisurely wait for food gave plenty of time to chat and get to know each other and allowed the lunchtime shower to pass.

Then on to Harrisons rocks and then to Groombridge where we looked at the model railway perfect Spa railway station before navigating to the north of Tunbridge Wells before dropping down through Rusthall and Tunbridge Wells Commons before a final touristy finish through the famous Pantiles where we almost 'took the waters' before finishing at Tunbridge Wells station just after 5 after 18.5 miles only slightly muddy miles.

One happy walker summed up the day with a text message afterwards “The walk yesterday was SO lovely Jane! Thank you SO much! Great scenery, lovely people, pub and atmosphere and brilliantly led! Hope to meet you again soon in your gorgeous part of the world!”. Sounds like a great day out!