**1066 Classic, Saturday 9th January 2016**

13 walkers, 18 miles – leader Jane Bates

Despite an unpreposessing weather forecast, 13 undeterred hikers headed to Battle (a place not an activity) to join Jane's famous 1066 Classic walk. After taking in the Abbey at Battle (built on the site of the Battle of Hastings), we headed over the Wealden fields to Tent Hill. A brief history lesson revealed how William (who presumably wasn't the Conqueror at that stage) had camped his army here on the night before that fateful battle which sealed the fate of British history for the next 1000 years. After feasting on pork scratchings at the strangely food-less pub in Boreham Street, we descended to the Pevensey Levels which although flat, were extremely hard going. Recent heavy rain had reduced the path to a quagmire and even worse in places, so the final six or so miles were the hardest part of the whole outing. A short road walk as night was falling took us through the brooding Pevensey Castle to the station in time to catch the 17:50 back to London via St Leonards.

A great day out and, apart from a shower at the end, the promised rain never arrived.