**Sevenoaks Weald… and More, Saturday 27th August 2016**

21 walkers, 21.5 miles – leader Dave Strachan

We started off from Sevenoaks Station at approx 09.50 as one or two of the trains were running late, we left with 21 happy walkers and one excited dog!... as it was a warm day we were glad of the tree cover on stretches of the walk, the first half of the walk was the longer part of the walk at 12 miles, which most of the walkers were glad of.

Lunch was at the King Henry the Eighth pub outside the historic Hever castle, the pub was a real treat with a nice big garden to fit us all in and great home cooked food served nice and quickly, the staff were also very helpful and filled up our empty water bottles with smiles on their faces, if ever you are in the area I would recommend it for a visit!

The second half of the walk mainly followed the Eden Valley way along the river from Hever passing through Penshurst and through the grounds of its fabulous Penshurst place (a stately home with magnificent gardens) and onwards to Tonbridge but before we arrived in Tonbridge I had one more surprise for the weary walkers on this very warm day, we stopped off at the Ice cream hut at Haysden country park about a mile and a half from the finish, unfortunately the ice cream machine was closed down for the day but that lead us to the delights of the “home made” yoghurt and blackberry ice lolly!... which along with the strawberry and cream ones I can highly recommend!... I think almost everyone enjoyed the ice cream stop and was glad of the cooling effect of the ice lollies!.

We then left the country park for the final half hour to Tonbridge and arrived at the station just after 18.00 where everyone made their way home.

21 Walkers started, lost two at Hever but gained one! so 21 started and 20 finished!