**St Albans Circular, Sunday 12th February 2017**

18 walkers, 20 miles – leader Steve Plested

The weather forecast was not too promising but 17 hardy souls and a labradoodle joined me at St Albans.

We set off along the Ver Valley way in the rather gloomy weather but at least it did not properly rain, had some misty views of the cathedral and a lucky few glimpsed a kingfisher before heading through Bricket Woods and on to the lunch stop. The landlord though not serving food was happy for those that wanted to eat their sandwiches inside and another walker joined us.  The afternoon saw us heading off on the parts of the Hertfordshire Way and on to the Grand Union canal with still no improvement in the weather although it did seem a little warmer. After a few hills and some open countryside we were soon passing what was once Butterfly Paradise before finishing with some Roman remains in Verulam Park.

The distance was almost exactly 20 miles and we arrived back at St Albans with everyone claiming that they had enjoyed the walk including those for whom this was their first outing with the LDWA and would be coming back for more.