**Leith Hill Wander, Saturday 25th November 2017**

17 walkers, 18 miles – leader Nigel Heys

Sixteen walkers braved the frost to reach Dorking Station to explore the back alleys of Dorking on their way to The Nower. The first photo shows us at The Temple there where a seventeenth affected by train cancellations awaited us. From there we headed up to Simons Copse for a drink break with the target Leith Hill visible on the skyline. Suitably refreshed we went down to the valley before starting the long steady climb to Leith Hill.

Since it was clear and sunny we admired the view (second photo) before descending along the Greensand Way to Holmbury St. Mary where people either picnicked or used the newly reopened King's Head for lunch (muddy boots welcome).

The afternoon route was through Abinger Common across to Wotton with its isolated church before climbing up to the North Downs Way. We used the Way to Ranmore Common with views of Dorking in the valley below.

The final stretch back to Dorking Station was through Denbies Vineyard, the largest in England, but all the grapes had been harvested.

Photographs by Nigel Heys & Keith Lane; more by Gavin Fuller on the group Facebook page