**Haywards Heath to Three Bridges, Saturday 21st April 2018**

10 walkers, 20 miles – leader Peter Buchwald

A gallimaufry of ancient woodland  
Interspersed with grass meadows  
Rivers ruining red with oxide of iron  
Viridiaian grass on the brown earth.

Bluebells and primroses in flower  
Gave colour to the forest floor  
Old hammer ponds shimmered  
Between the trunks of ancient trees.

Forges once used the wood and water  
Fashioning guns and ploughshares  
From the locally produced iron ore  
These forests now stand silently  
In memory of an ancient industry  
Once common among these forest groves.

Photographs by Peter Buchwald; more by Gavin Fuller on the group Facebook page