**Homage to GBS and a Rock Venue (Knebworth Circular), Saturday 5th February 2022**

7 walkers, 21 miles – leader Jerome Ripp

Another sunny breezy winter walk with paths in good condition, almost mud-free. Knebworth House, park and church were our first cultural stop. The area had been used for pop concerts and the woodlands north contain more footpaths than the maps indicate, our route was just far enough away from the Stevenage conurbation and A1(M) roar. Hertfordshire and Chiltern Ways took us to the fine church at St Pauls Walden for lunch stop. South through Whitwell to Ayot St. Lawrence in typical quiet gentle countryside with some contours and good views. A tour round the village with its famous ruined church and the house where playwright George Bernard Shaw lived for 44 years, writing his plays in a little hut at the bottom of the garden. The final stretch took us to the outskirts of Welwyn and more good tracks and woodland to return to Knebworth with the last minutes of daylight.

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