**Petersfield to Rowlands Castle, Sunday 25th October 2009**

11 walkers and a dog, 18 miles – leader Peter Buchwald

It was a fine autumn day as I switched on my GPS

And set off through sunny streets of Petersfield

Chatting and laughing with my ten companions

Past a large supermarket and down a lane.

We crossed grassy fields in bright cool sunlight

Passed through a village of quaint bungalows

Into the open country through pretty Buriton

Up and down hills along the South Downs Way.

We trod carefully down slippery chalk paths

Rapidly neared our pub which we found closed!

We walked another hour and half through woods

Until we came to Stoughton where we ate and drank.

We talked about King Charles the Second and his

Flight to France along the Monarch's Way

We walked the avenue away from Stansted House

And finished in a pub with near an hour to spare.