**Witley Circular, Saturday 3rd October 2009**

17 walkers, 24 miles – leader Nicole Carbonara

16 walkers joined me at Witley station on a perfect day for walking: dry, cool and breezy. I appointed a backmarker because I wanted to avoid losing people, as it happened last time and Ian kindly volunteered. Thanks to him, we didn't lose anyone despite the fact that we didn't crawl too much, as we completed the 24-mile walk with 1200m ascent in 7 hours at an average pace of 3.5mph. LDWA and other groups from the South East of England were well represented: there were members from LDWA Kent, Surrey, Thames Valley, Wessex plus Surrey Walking Club and Ramblers. The morning was hilly and varied with forests and ponds and lovely views from Gibbet Hill. We arrived early for lunch at the pub. I had ordered all the meals by phone and called them again later to let them know that we were early so everything was ready and we were all ready to start walking again after just over half an hour. In the afternoon we climbed to the Temple of the Winds from where we enjoyed other lovely views and took photographs. The second part of the afternoon was less hilly and in a more open landscape with more ponds and more great views. We stopped for a leisurely tea in a comfortable pub but we had tea and cakes on their tables outside. We reached the station at 5:15pm.