**Battle to Hastings, Sunday 4th July 2010**

10 walkers and a dog, 20 miles – leader Peter Buchwald

We set out briskly from Battle station

Walking westward in the Conqueror's steps

Through forests green and rolling meadows

Talking of history in the bright sunlight.

Our wonderful small dog had a great time

Jumping over stiles and running happily along

Just pleased to be with us on his lead

At lunch we tethered him so he could rest.

We drank good beer and had good food

But alas! an old witch spoiled our fun

We left the pub in trepidation

Continued our walk with reconsolidation.

Past a village church, through orchards,

An old windmill and a military canal

To hills where fires were once lit

Guiding the ships into old Hastings town.