**East Croydon to Oxted, Sunday 15th August 2010**

21 walkers, 20 miles – leader Dave Williams

After last year's debacle it was a major surprise to find that 21 poor souls plus 2 dogs had turned up at E. Croydon. They were greeted with the news that because of a refurbishment the lunch stop had been changed and it would now be a very late lunch. Unfortunately this news did not go down too well to say the least! The walk proceeded at a modest past Riddlesdown & through Kenley & Old Coulsdon before climbing up onto Farthing Down. We stopped to admire the famous 'heaven & hell' mural in Chaldon Church before continuing onto the NDW & at last reaching the Harrow at Chaldon where an excellent lunch was enjoyed by all. There then followed the shortest ever stretch between lunch & tea, a mere 3 kms. But it was the undoubted highlight of the day. The tea stop at Godstone was laid on courtesy of the Royal British Legion in honour of the 65th. anniversary of VJ Day. We were treated to a scrumptious spread & we lingered longer than intended but no-one complained. From there it was a short walk to St. Peter's Church at Tandridge where we admired the old oak tree and paused at the grave of the Captain of the Amethyst (Yangtze Incident of 1949). We finally reached Oxted without further incident and the leader had hopefully gone some way to restoring his battered reputation!