**Fords and Hills of Herts, Sunday 27th March 2011**

21 walkers, 20 miles – leader Nick Marshall

Despite losing an hour's sleep to the putting forward of the clocks, 21 people turned up on time and enjoyed a 20-mile circular walk from Ware in weather which became increasingly warm and sunny as the day went on. Nobody actually qualified for a free pint by walking through all three fords before lunch at the pretty village of Standon (if you want to know why, try looking up "Standon ford" on Youtube), but the three brave souls who did two fords got a pint anyway. The attached pictures illustrate a range of fording techniques, from Paul's Careful-not-to-create-waves, via Rod's I've-got-waterproof-socks-so-there, to Steve's "Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead!" And at the end there was still plenty of daylight left in which to get home.