**Alton to Farnham, Sunday 15th May 2011**

21 walkers, 17.5 miles – leader Lonica Vanclay

It was a beautiful sunny day when 21 of us set off from Alton – the blue skies, warm sun, fresh bright green leaves and flowers throughout the day made for a bucolic English countryside day. And we had all sorts – a long cracked clay path through the young green wheatfields, forest, heathland – some of which had had a fire through a while ago and looked post-apocalyptic; Frensham Pond with its sand and boats; streams and open fields. Lunch was at the lovely Dockenfields Inn – most of us had sandwiches. The barman said lunch would be 45 minutes (or was it 4 to 5 minutes the time in which Deep got his salad!) So Don settled for dessert only which also took 4-5 minutes and poor old Paul passed altogether as he didn't want to hold us up! Having admired the views we upped the pace a little in the afternoon - but still made time to watch cricket on the village green while we had ice creams. And still in time for the 4.30 train… but then it was only 17.5 miles with an average walking speed of 3.5mph. So we've seen it all in snow and now in sun – perhaps I could get away with repeating it in the autumn in a few years’ time.