**The Great Pillbox Walk, Saturday 24th September 2011**

9 walkers, 19.5 miles – leader Jerome Ripp

A group of 9 set out from Fleet station and within a minute we are on a footpath heading south east round the impressive Fleet pond. Soon we are into army land with dire warnings about suspicious objects and lots of paths which are not marked on the map. Down to the Basingstoke canal for the first of 3 sections of this quiet waterway. South east to the edge of Aldershot over more MOD land and a break at the Wellington monument on Round Hill. Into a vast area of sandy heathland and little ridges which led to a fine view at Caesar's Camp and soon to Ewshot for lunch. From here we had the pillboxes about 10 including one in someone's garden and mostly in a very dilapidated condition. We were heading west and had another canal section and then the edges of 2 small villages of Dogmersfield and Crookham. The weather was very fine all day, sunshine and a light breeze. A final stretch of canal and then return to the sandy heathland and the other side of Fleet pond. A very quiet but enjoyable 19.5 miles