**March 2020 Social Walks**

**Sunday 1st March: Hertfordshire Way Part 3 - St Albans to Ashridge**

Leader: Richard Haynes, **Tel:** **01462 670914** / **Mob:** **07951133323** richardhaynes@ntlworld.com

**c22 Miles.** Meet **08:30** at **Bridgewater Monument,** Ashridge, Estate, Monument Drive, off B4506, **HP4 1LT**. (Grid ref: (**LR 165)** **SP 976 129)** (Free car park on left of drive at top end), in order to organise a car share to the Verulamium car park, St Michael's Street, St Albans **AL3 4SW** (Grid ref**: (LR 166) TL 136 073)** (No charge for parking), for this to work as a linear walk

This walk will be following the Hertfordshire Way from St Albans to Markyate & Markyate to near Tring Station to Ashridge Estate, totalling about 22miles. We will aim to start walking close to **09:00** with a lunch stop in Markyate. We will also fit in mid- morning & mid-afternoon breaks where convenient.

**To help with the logistics of organising cars, if possible, please contact Richard beforehand to let him know if you will be coming.**

**Wednesday 11th March: Chelmsford Centenary from Galleywood**

Leaders: **Terry Outridge** and **Ian (Mob: 07731 895942).**

**21 Miles.** Start time **09:00** Galleywood Common Car Park (Leave A12 at Junction 16. Head north towards Galleywood on Stock Road,B1007. The car park is the 1st car park on the left). **CM2 8JU (**Grid ref**: (LR 167) TL 704 021).**

**Sunday 15th March: Walden Ways**

Leaders: Jackie Burnett (**Tel: 01279 442167**) & Philippa Hull (**Tel:01638 731345**)

**22 Miles**. Start time **09:00** from Swan Meadow car park, Park Lane, Saffron Walden, **CB10 1DA** (Grid ref: **(LR 154) TL533 385**)

A circular walk around the undulating countryside of north east Essex. We'll set off through the grounds of Audley End on The Saffron Trail and The Harcamlow Way before following bridleways and country lanes to Sewards End and then on to our lunch stop at Ashdon after 12 miles. You can eat your own food in the garden of The Rose and Crown provided you buy a drink. Please note however that the pub doesn't serve sandwiches or snacks on Sundays. Alternatively, there are lots of benches in the village, and in case of inclement weather, a smallish bus shelter.

After lunch we'll head back to Saffron Walden via the windmill at Steventon End, two impressive manor houses (Ashdon Place and Bowsers End) before picking up The Harcamlow Way again for the last few miles.

**Sunday 22nd March: Further down the Colne (19 miles)**

Leader: Dennis Jacobs **Mob: 07549 184183**

**19 Miles.** Start time **09:00** fromShenley Park Overflow c.p. (**not cafe c.p**) Radlett Lane, Shenley **WD7 9DW** (Grid ref (Ex 182) **TL182 006)**. If you are heading to the start from the Radlett direction, ignore the first entrance into Shenley Park (signed **Cricket Centre**). The main entrance is a few hundred yards further on signed **Café in the Orchard.**

**Parking: Use the overflow car park which is on the LEFT as you drive in the main entrance. DO NOT use the main car park to the right.**

The café and toilets will be open from 8.00 am.

Route: last year we traced the River Colne from its source at the Waterend swallow holes to London Colney, which is where we pick it up again this time. On reaching Colney Street we deviate across to its tributary, the River Ver, for our tea stop (5 1⁄2 miles). After the two rivers converge, we follow the Colne until it disappears under the M1. We then turn towards the finish with a lunch break at Letchworth Heath (11 1⁄2 miles; pub and seats around village pond). Places of interest: include the Arsenal training ground, Munden House and Aldenham Reservoir. To add a little excitement, we cross the runway at Elstree Aerodrome. I have modified the route to avoid the worst of the mud, but some is inevitable in wet conditions. **Dog owners: please contact leader prior to walk.**