

## Autumn Walk 10 October 2015

Autumn, a lovely time of year to be outdoors and nowhere better than the North Downs with Alan Smith, the PFA, parents and friends of Borden Grammar School. We were thrilled to have 27 walkers (and dogs) meeting at the Plough in Stalisfield Green for the start of a 5 mile walk which took us along footpaths, through forest, over stiles, up hills, down dales and back to the Pub.



Within a short while, the walk took us off the road and into wooded area. We passed Hawthorne, Hornbeam, Birch, Oak and more.



Following Alan's lead over the first of the many stiles, we made our way across fields with horses and others planted with crops. At times we would walk along roads, then back onto the byway.



Every hill was worth the climb. Here we had a lovely view over Charing. Through the mist we could see the steeple of the Charing Church towards the left. On a clear day, the Dungeness Power Station is visible in the distance.



We may have missed out on possible distance views, but there were treats to see right at our feet.

The Autumn Walk took us through the Districts of Swale, Ashford and Maidstone. Not bad for an afternoon stroll.

The weather, the countryside, the company – all was wonderful.



Thank you to Alan and the PFA for organizing such lovely outings and to all who come to enjoy them.