

## Notes on Walk 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020 the North Downs Way

The walk started from Bluebell Hill Picnic Site, Common Road, Chatham. We picked up the North Downs Way before dropping down to cross over the Pilgrims Way at Wouldham and going into the village of Wouldham. We visited the graveyard of All Saints Church to see Walter Burke's tombstone with the inscription reading:

*"Walter Burke Esq of this parish died on the 12th of September 1815 in the year of his age he was Purser on his majesty's ship Victory in the glorious battle of Trafalgar and in his arms the immortal Nelson died".*

The route then took us along the bank of the River Medway for about 1 mile before rising up to a nature reserve alongside the North Downs Way (Medway Valley Walk), where we stopped for a picnic lunch.

We continued along the North Downs Way with views across the Medway Valley to the west and passed through Nashenden before following alongside HS1 and ascending through Monk Wood to the Robin Hood Pub for refreshments before continuing to our starting point.

A total of 17 people took part.

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