

February 2011 Newsletter

WATTON RAMBLERS

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Date cake and toffee sauce

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Linda Thurlow 01920 830389 lindathurlow1@hotmail.com

Description of recent walks

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A link to pictures taken on the walk by Julie:

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We continued, crossing the Whempstead Rd, through the woods, round up and along to Bennington, down to Frogmore Hall, White Hall Farm and back to the George and Dragon. Some of the walkers went home and some of us stayed for lunch.

The walk was approx 7.1/2 miles.

Thank you to all those that took part,

See you soon,

Julie

And here is a link to Julie's pictures taken on the walk

[Julie's Benington Walk 16/1/11](#)

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