**Ramblers 3 Bluebell Hill circular to Kit’s Coty**

On the hottest day of the year *(whose silly idea was that?)* 4 intrepid walkers met at the glorious viewpoint on Bluebell Hill overlooking the plain below the North Downs. Crossing over we skirted the village into Frith Wood where we were happily shaded. A mild descent brought us alongside the roaring M20. Work by the Highways Agency had regenerated an area of woodland, Cossington Fields. Emerging southwards we passed a radio station and nearby transmitting masts. We were glad shortly to be back in sheltering woodland onto the North Downs Way. Strict signage kept us to the path, avoiding trespassing on the Nature Reserve. Now the real descent began with steep steps leading down through the wood to the White Horse Stone, a sarsen stone sparking debate as to its origins : natural (ice flow? unlikely!) or human. The track then comes to a bridge across the Channel Tunnel rail link. Crossing behind a filling station there was a subway leading under the road to continue along the North Downs Way. The bridleway descended to a busy road junction which we crossed. From there we established that long-held truth that “what goes down must go up”. The pleasant green lane ascends steeply up to Kit’s Coty House. This dolmen is the remains of a burial chamber dating from around 2000 BCE, originally covered with earth and 55m long. It is reputedly the grave of a local chieftain, Catigern (hence “Kit”), killed in battle in the 5th Century AD. The Old Chatham Road up beyond proved a life-saver for one of our number to rest. The rest of us used the footbridge (fabulous views again) to cross and continue the steep climb up the side of the cutting back to Warren Road & Mill Road to the cars. A short drive landed us at a welcoming, ancient hostelry called the “Robin Hood”.