



Yelden Walk - August 2014

The Bedfordshire Yelden walk of 5.5 miles took place on a lovely sunny, though fairly hot and humid day. We started at The Chequers pub whose landlord welcomed us warmly.

The walk was very varied. We began along the Three Shires long distance bridleway and headed up a track which from the top provided us with good views across the valley behind. After a couple of headland tracks we headed across a field down towards a farm and soon came across some Shetland ponies in a field and sheep in another.

In due course we came to the chocolate box thatched cottages of Melchbourne. Melchbourne House opposite, is famous for Glenn Miller having given a concert for American servicemen who were stationed in the area, but has since been turned into luxury apartments with magnificent countryside views.

We left Melchbourne and eventually walked through a farmyard and on to a track, where we stopped to admire the panoramic views to the north and west across rolling farmlands.

Finally we walked down until we could see the tower of Yelden church in the distance; and on entering the village once more, we walked past the prominent mounds of the motte and bailey earthworks.

The landlord provided us with a lovely meal and thirst quenching drinks on our return.