## **Route Directions**

This is a short walk, allowing time to enjoy the sights and smell of the many spring flowers.

- 1. Start at the bottom of Chequers Hill at the junction with The Street. Turn RIGHT and walk a few yards to the junction with HOPES HILL, opposite DOUGHTYs butchers.
- 2. Walk up HOPES HILL to the brow of the hill and take the footpath to the RIGHT. After approx' 200yds (180m) turn 1/2 LEFT, aiming for a gap in the hedge & a sign post. (There is a fascinating sign here `Hedgerow for Dormice`) Take a slight LEFT here toward the wood.
- 3. Go into the wood (coppiced Chestnut) and after approx` 140yds (130m) ignore the turning to the LEFT to continue on through the wood, eventually emerging into a field. Turn LEFT and follow the edge of the wood until meeting a lane. Turn RIGHT onto the lane and continue until it bears to the RIGHT. There is a footpath on the LEFT cutting through the hedge into a field. Take this path and walk through the field until meeting a lane. Turn RIGHT onto the lane.
- 4. Continue along the lane until reaching a byway signed to the LEFT. Take this, following it downhill to meet a lane. This is the Old Lenham Road. Do not turn onto the lane but take the track immediately to the RIGHT and after a few steps, turn LEFT onto a narrow path through the trees. Follow this path until it meets Old Lenham Road and turn RIGHT.

- 5. Walk down the lane for approximately 175yds (160m) to a footpath on the LEFT, take this going uphill, ignoring the gate on the RIGHT and continue for about another 50yds(45m) to a turning on the RIGHT, over the bank and into the woods.
- 6. Continue through the wood until it begins to go downhill toward The Street where there is a kissing gate on the RIGHT. Take this and follow the top of the field edge and down to meet Old Lenham Road again. Turn LEFT onto the lane.
- 7. After a few steps take the footpath on the RIGHT, passing the allotments and going uphill across the field. At the top go through the tree line and turn LEFT heading back toward Hopes Hill. Turn LEFT onto the lane and continue downhill to meet The Street. Turn RIGHT and back to the Chequers.

## Bluebells, Primroses, Orchids & more

## <u>A short 3mile (5k) walk through</u> <u>local woods</u>





