So how do I get this stuff about Latitude and Longitude please teacher??

Ah, a good question Brian and one that has been much on my mind in recent weeks.....

Well, firstly the reason we want to know about Latitude and Longitude is because most in-car SatNav systems work on this basis and can find a point with alarming accuracy given the Latitude and Longitude co-ordinates. So being able to quote them will enable anybody to find the start points of our walks – one way or another.

Yes, but how do I find out what they are so that I can add them to my walk details???

Well, there are several ways.....

It may well be that your beloved programme secretaries have already taken a punt on what it should be and if that is the case then it will appear in the walks database. If so you need to check it and confirm that it's correct. If not, then.....

Firstly if you use a gps you can use the data on this to tell you the latitude and longitude of the start of your walk.

Secondly you can use this handy little application in the browser on your computer:-

http://itouchmap.com/latlong.html

If you zoom in on the map to find the point where your walk starts then you can click on the point and look at the data box immediately below and to the left of the map and it will tell you the co-ordinates you need. It's the decimalised version we want, for example:- 38.579234 and -0.202560. Note that sometimes the longitude will have a "minus" sign in front of it. It's deliberate, not a mistake, cause it's East of the Greenwich meridian!!

Finally if all else fails or you do not understand what to do next, there is help at hand in the shape of Luigi Smith (luigi3401@me.com) who has volunteered to help get this data together. So call him up and see what can be done and then remember to let Katy Phipps have the details or correct any incorrect info already on the walks database.

(Here's something to try to confirm that you've got them right. Copy the first one (latitude) into the address bar on your browser. Add a comma and then a space. Now add the second part of the number (longitude) into the browser and hit return. Don't forget the minus sign for the longitude if there is one. What should appear is a google map with the position of your co-ordinates shown. Clever in't it.

For those zealots who want to know more, we recommend:-
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system))

Happy hunting.....