**Men’s Olympic Cycle Road Races, Saturday 28th July 2012**

14 walkers, 15 miles – leader Godfrey O’Callaghan

Olympic Viewing

Firstly an apology to those who would have preferred a traditional day walk – perhaps you found one with another group on the day. However, for some members of London Group the opportunity of combining a shorter walk with an Olympic event was there for the taking.

14 turned up although our walks secretary, in pain, went home. After watching the race start on a huge outdoor screen in Leatherhead we set off for Box Hill. The plan was to move around the course to see the race at different points but the vast crowds made that close to impossible. Instead we found a good spot in the sun and sat the race out there and Sue Cannell hung her Manx flag in support of Mark Cavendish – not that he stopped to say "hello". But he did ride at the front of the chasing group with the other four GB team members every time he came past!

After the race had left the area we managed to extricate ourselves from the masses and found our way to a pub, the King William above Mickleham, where they had a screen in the garden. It seemed half of England had got there before us though – but the beer was good! A day of excellent weather and a wonderfully relaxed ambiance.