**Tilehurst to Twyford, Saturday 13th February 2016**

16 walkers, 18 miles – leader Peter Buchwald

Lissom tree spirits entwined their lithe bodies  
While they performed their naked winter dances  
In forests with tall trees bereft of leaves  
And naiads in the valleys wet their muddy beds.

Lunch at the Reformation in Gallowstree Common  
Where we discussed the reign of Henry the Eighth  
Eating soup and sandwiches under leadened skies  
While steam evaporated from our dampened clothes.

Bare fields had turned to a quaggy slippy morass  
And our feet sank ankle deep into the liquid mud  
Different kinds of drizzle pattered on our heads  
As we walked towards the tattoo parlours of Twyford.

Photographs by Peter Buchwald and Paul Lawrence