**Epping and the North, Saturday 16th April 2016**

19 walkers, 20 miles – leader Dick Bowman

19 intrepid souls dared to turned up at Epping Station on Saturday morning for a traipse around Epping Forest led by Dick, little realising what lay in store for them!

Fair to say no-one went home disappointed, everyone without doubt got their money's worth, some more than others!

With the recent inclement weather conditions underfoot were somewhat testing to say the least which was sadly confirmed after the mid-morning pause when disaster struck, this unfortunate writer suffering a serious footwear malfunction which sadly forced him to abandon the walk soon after!

However I'm pleased to report that the remainder of the walk proceeded smoothly with the rest of the Group soldiering on.

There was certainly enough mud to go round for everyone and with the sun making a belated appearance it was a very satisfied party that returned to Epping well pleased with their day's efforts which was in no small part down to Dick's sterling effort in putting together such an absorbing walk.

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