**The Lower Wandle, Wednesday 9th March 2016**

3 walkers, 5 miles – leader Peter Buchwald

The bustle of Wimbledon High Street at dusk  
Crowds of people doing their evening shop  
Luminous puddles reflecting darkening sky  
A commuter train whizzing past above meadows.

The river goddess gurgled happily at our feet  
While cyclists, flashing headlamps, hurried by  
A Gothic dome of leafless branches over us  
The winter twilight gradually closing in.

Private apartments now line the open river  
Where factories and workshops once abounded  
The Wandle delta is now quite different  
With Putney lights reflected in the Thames.

Photograph by Peter Buchwald