**The Surrey Semaphore AKA Berrylands to Horsley, Saturday 6th August 2016**

23 walkers, 19 miles – leader Dave Williams

22 walkers & 1 leader set off from Berrylands for an odyssey through the Surrey countryside not knowing what to expect & that was just the leader!

However in spite of the leader's inadequacies which became more & more apparent as the day wore on we made good progress and reached Claygate ahead of schedule to enjoy a leisurely lunch & some of us even sampled the local brew with differing verdicts.

Suitably refreshed we set off to cross Esher Common and soon reached Cobham where some of us enjoyed an ice-cream & other local delicacies!

Next we reached the undoubted highlight of the day, the Semaphore Tower at Chatley Heath but sad to say that the magnificence of the structure was completely lost on the majority of the Group, a bunch of cultural heathens with 1 or 2 notable exceptions!

We traipsed on through woodland which afforded us plenty of cover, which was very welcome in the increasingly hot & humid conditions.

We soon reached the sanctuary of Horsley having covered 19 miles with no complaints which was a rarity in itself for me!

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