**Woodlands of South-East London, Tuesday 14th June 2016**

6 walkers, 7 miles – leader Peter Aylmer

We started from Abbey Wood station, which has both an abbey (Lesnes Abbey) and a wood (Lesnes Abbey Wood, full of glorious beech trees) though for Londoners will be more famous soon as an eastern terminus of Crossrail. For much of the way we followed the Green Chain Walk, through Bostall Woods – a lovely glade – Plumstead Common, and up past the oaks of Shooters Hill, the hill that is not the road, with its views back to Essex. We spent a few minutes on Shooters Hill the road before passing the folly of Severndroog Castle – seven counties in view from the top, if you can pass it when it's open – and an interlude through Jackwood before the wonderful Oxleas Wood. One of London's great ancient woodlands, it was due to be obliterated by a road scheme in the 1990s, until sense finally prevailed. A brief leg through Shepherdleas Woods took us to Falconwood station (wood yes, falcons no) or rather the eponymous pub just over the road.

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