**Exploring the Lesser-Known Reaches of the East End, a.k.a. Mile End and Stepney Squares, Wednesday 19th October 2016**

14 walkers, 6.3 miles – leader Gordon Parker

We met at Mile End Station (and learned later that it would be more accurately named Two Mile End Station) and headed straight for Tower Hamlets Cemetery (originally named **The City of London and Tower Hamlets Cemetery** but called **Bow Cemetery** by locals). This is a wild and beautiful place at which to set the scene for a journey back through time to a more rural location than the present with its 18,000/sq km population.

The walk took in a multiplicity of housing, squares and open spaces, cobbled alleys and twisting lanes: 1000 years of history including the Peasants’ Revolt, Sir Walter Raleigh, William Booth, Captain Cook, an aboriginal cricketer who played against W. G. Grace, Dr. Barnardo and brave firewatchers who protected huge gasholders from incendiary bombs.

We ended off the busy Mile End Road in a quiet corner of Victorian cottages with the oldest Jewish cemetery in Britain beyond the end wall. Some of us repaired to the Half Moon Wetherspoons, others went home via Stepney Green and Mile End stations.