**“R2R” Rickmansworth to Richmond, Saturday 21st January 2017**

13 walkers, 24 miles – leader Jerome Ripp

Glorious winter day crispy cold, full sunshine. We were away just before 9 from Rickmansworth for a linear traverse of West London suburbs using a green corridor as a type of alternative London Loop.

South over a huge hilly golf course and soon into Ruislip woods to the Lido. The Hillingdon Trail lead to a very early café lunch stop at Ickenham, this being the only inhabitation actually on the route.

The northern section of the Dog Rose Ramble gave good views over to Harrow on the Hill and Wembley stadium; a long section on the Grand Union Canal, almost frozen over and then into Osterley Park to see a magnificent sunset. The last vestiges of daylight brought us to the Thames path to reach Richmond at 5.30. The distance was some 20% greater than advertised but this leader is very generous.

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