**Watford (the home of Wetherspoons) Circular, Sunday 29th January 2017**

9 walkers, 20 miles – leader Godfrey O’Callaghan

A hardy, compact group of nine – all male – headed off from Watford Junction anticipating rain for most of the day. The clouds hung low but it wasn’t until well after lunch that rain arrived and it was only for the last hour that the heavier stuff began to fall. Not really, then, a day for lingering and enjoying scenery. The morning pace was good, helped in no small measure by the mostly firm surfaces. The walk firstly headed through picturesque Cassiobury Park, and then along the Grand Union Canal – which, at that point, meanders around quite a bit – before heading into the countryside proper. Lunch was at the Green Dragon in Flaunden where we found a quiet, old fashioned side room to ourselves. The afternoon session served up a more traditional mix of farmland mud and slippery conditions – offering some kind of joy to those who wanted to test their new boots! At the finish a detachment headed briskly off for a session at Wetherspoons – well, what else does one do in the home town of said organisation?

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