**The Sea is on Your Right, Maybe Left, Wednesday 11th January 2017**

13 walkers, 11 miles – leader Ron Williamson

Glorious spring like weather greeted us as the hardy winter walkers promenaded along the 8 miles of Southend's seashore some taking the opportunity to walk on the beach or even eat sandwiches sitting on the sand. The resilience of the party was tested to the core, however, during  the optional additional 2.6 miles walk on the pier, the return leg of which was into the teeth of a North-Westerly gale, so some of those holiday calories were burnt off and those who needed a challenging walk were not completely disappointed.

The majority of the party returned home from Shoeburyness, but four were seen to be running off to the nearest Wetherspoons, well as far as the bus stop.

For the second time in succession the pier was not conquered as this time we were thwarted by health and safety regulations which due to high winds excluded us from the final 60 metres, however, another attempt to reach the summit of our Everest is scheduled for next October.

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