**Underneath the Arches with the Crazy Gang (Balcombe to Haywards Heath), Saturday 17th June 2017**

20 walkers, 21 miles – leader Keith Lane

I was disappointed when I saw the Gang of 20 at Balcombe station.  We didn't look crazy at all (well, no more than long distance walkers normally look). Maybe, I thought, we would look wide-eyed and crazy when we finally got to Haywards Heath after rolling through rolling countryside in near 30C temperatures. However, we disappointed once again by looking not a lot different than when we left Balcombe (maybe a trifle more sweaty).

The route took us past Balcombe Lake and a rest stop at West Hoathly half-way to the lunch stop at Horsted Keynes. After the tea stop at Ardingly Reservoir we passed under the Viaduct. My attempts to persuade members of the group to be Anthony Gormley-like statutes on the plinths failed miserably but I think all appreciated the Victorian masterpiece.

After another 6 miles 17 of us reached Haywards Heath Station just after 18:00 through fields with very little shade.

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