**Waterloo to Golders Green, Friday 17th March 2017**

12 walkers, 15 miles – leader Ron Williamson

A rare opportunity of a Friday daytime walk encouraged 12 members to meet at Waterloo station to walk the first 12 miles of the Capital Challenge.

With time to spare we were able to appreciate the many points of interest on route and the relaxed pace allowed inscriptions to be read and photo to be taken. Nevertheless after allowing for a lunch stop in Regents Park and tea in Golders Hill Park we averaged approx. 2.8 mph.

We had all but completed the days walk 30 minutes early so a democratic vote was taken as to whether to end by proceeding to the planned finish at Golders Green station or use the time to visit Kilburn on St. Patrick’s Day. Seven opted for the easy and safe option and five the longer and potentially hazardous journey to the heart of Ireland.

In the politically fashionable manner, the minority carried on in their own way regardless, leaving Paul to ensure that the majority reached their destination. Meanwhile the rebels enjoyed an off piste additional 2 miles which enabled the author to explore 5 new alleys and A.N. Other to increase his “Spoons” collection.

Thanks to all who came, I had a really enjoyable day and hope you did too, and special thanks to those involved in creating such an interesting walk with clear route instructions.

Photographs by Keith Lane (first five) and Paul Lawrence; more by Bola Baruwa on the group Facebook page