**Edenbridge to Tonbridge, Saturday 31st March 2018**

6 walkers, 18 miles – leader Keith Lane

4 mudlarks triumphed over the confusion and travel disruption to start at Edenbridge Town Station. 2 potential mudlarks didn’t manage to overcome the difficulties. The 4 mudlarks waded through mud and standing water to climb Up Crockenham Hill and followed the mud to Mariners Hill, Chartwell and undulated their way to French Street and on to Toys Hill  At Ide Hill (the lunch stop in the middle of the planned walk) there were 2 more mudlarks awaiting them. Now there were 6 mudlarks but not for long as one decided to cut short the walk and follow the Greensand Way to Sevenoaks. Now there were 5 mudlarks descending through the mud to the Medway Valley. 4 of the mudlarks reached Tonbridge Station just in time to miss the 17:19 to Victoria. Two mudlarks decided to head for the Wetherspoons to meet up with the sole mudlark who had gone there directly. Now there were 3 mudlarks. 1 mudlark stayed in the Wetherspoons and the 2 remaining mudlarks caught the 18:19 train to Victoria to get home and start the cleaning up operation. Surprisingly, the 4 then 6 then 5 then 3 then 2 mudlarks endured the mud, water-logging, confusion, travel disturbance and, some heavy rain with remarkable good humour and forbearance and even seemed to be enjoying themselves.

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