**Five Hills, Four Parks, Two Spoons, Wednesday 25th April 2018**

12 walkers, 7 miles – leader Pete Colley

Undeterred by the premature loss of a hill and the gain of a mile, 12 of us set off to explore the heights, sights and delights of South London. My first walk as leader went more or less according to plan, with only a small number of hesitations, repetitions and deviations.

The route: Forest **Hill**(‘*The Capitol’****Spoons****)*, Havelock Walk, Horniman Museum & Gardens, Dulwich and Sydenham Woods, Sydenham **Hill**, Dulwich College, Belair **Park**, Dulwich Picture Gallery, Dulwich **Park**, Herne Hill Velodrome, Knight’s **Hill**, Brockwell**Park**, Herne**Hill**, Ruskin**Park** and Denmark**Hill** (*‘Fox on the Hill’****Spoons***)

Seen off by a double rainbow, past a building housing an overstuffed walrus, we navigated our way through the woods. Next, a tollbooth where sheep were charged at 2½d (per sheep or in total? Who counted them through? How did they stay awake?). Skirting Dulwich, the highlight (for most) was the track meeting at Herne Hill Velodrome, where Sir Bradley (and many others) discovered his legs.

On through Brockwell and Ruskin Parks, with views over the city, we arrived at Denmark Hill intact and, on the whole, cheerful. Might do this again sometime…

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