**The People’s Palaces, Saturday 15th September 2018**

22 walkers, 24 miles – leader Ron Williamson

One of the first LDWA walks that I participated in visited Alexandra Palace and I remember looking at the vast expanse of London visible and thinking that I would like to walk across the city from the barely visible distant Crystal Palace tower to the Ally Pally. Sometime later after frequently scrolling through our walks programme and searching fruitlessly through Stroller the only way to achieve this goal seemed to be to volunteer to lead myself.

So many thanks to the 21 members and friends who met at Penge West station on a bright late summer’s morning and whose enthusiastic support enabled me to turn a pipe dream into a reality.

Despite attempts to scare people away, as we encountered a pack of dinosaurs, and then to leave them to their own fate in the maze before being exposed to the hidden dangers of Dulwich Woods, all reached the calm civilised enclave of Dulwich Park.

Onward through Brixton and Clapham Common and our final South London stop in Battersea Park, but some members were already falling by the wayside.

Across central London via. Chelsea, Kensington, Hyde Park and Marylebone into Regents Park for a quick refreshment break. Now the pace was hotting up with Primrose Hill to negotiate to be followed by Parliament Hill and Highgate Woods before the final mile past Muswell Hill to our destination.

Made it with five minutes to spare!

But only 13 had survived to the bitter (Wetherspoons) end.

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