**Northwood Hills to Rickmansworth Part 2, Tuesday 13th March 2018**

4 walkers, 11 miles – leader Godfrey O’Callaghan

Mud! Slippery mud, squelching mud, pull-your-boots-off-mud. The heavy rain of yesterday left the ground saturated. The intrepid though do not give it too much thought - or, rather, give voice to the thought apart for the odd expletive. So we squelched and slithered our way across Ruislip Woods and along the Hillingdon Trail – with probably the best signage of any trial in the country – to eventually reach the Colne Valley and the Grand Union Canal. On the way we stopped to look over the graves in the Anzac cemetery at Harefield Church. The Colne Valley, shared with the Grand Union Canal is a watery landscape shared with old gravel pits now filled with water and water fowl. Four of London Group made the walk which began at Northwood Hills Station and finished at Rickmansworth. The day was cloudy with a little sun at times but still so that the watery world provided plenty of mirror-like reflections. A good outing nicely finished off at the Wetherspoon’s in Rickmansworth.