**Clapham Junction to Crystal Palace, Midweek Pop-Up Tuesday 10th March 2020**

19 walkers, 14 miles – leader Ron Williamson.

A most enjoyable walk following for the greater part the route of the second half of this year’s Capital Challenge. It is somewhat of a surprise, therefore, to report that, despite efforts to ease the burden by avoiding all signs of mud, nearly 70% of today’s walkers failed to complete the course.

The climb to the heights of Upper Sydenham took its toll as two locals opted for an early bath rather than face the possible embarrassment of losing their way in the maze so close to their homes.

The remaining fickle south Londoners in our midst sloped off a mile from the finish claiming that they needed to return to the centre of their universe (Clapham Junction) in order to find their way home. Fortunately our guides for the day, Joelle and George were of sterner fibre and ensured that those of us from north of the river safely traversed the treacherous dinosaur habitat of Crystal Palace, so that there were six survivors to enjoy the Moon and Stars at Penge.

Photographs by Godfrey O'Callaghan.