**Far From the Maddening Crowd, Saturday 25th July 2020**

6 walkers, 15 miles – leader Ron Williamson

How good it was. thanks to the relaxation in lock down rules, to be able to walk again in a small group. A visit to the wide-open horizons of the Thanes Estuary was just what the doctor ordered. The grass covered sea wall provided an elevated walkway through the seemingly endless deserted salt marshes far from the madding crowd. A relaxed early morning coffee as a sharp shower passed overhead a lunch stop in the sunshine and a drink at a most welcoming pub and all seemed well with the world. A return to reality was hastened by the forecast of heavy rain, so the decision to reduce our intended mileage proved appropriate as the final mile saw us getting wetter and wetter.

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