**50 More Pauses for Thought, Thursday 10th February 2022**

23 walkers, 14 miles – leader Ron Williamson

Another chance to wander through the streets and green spaces of the capital, this time with the objective to head north to the home of Arsenal F.C. and return by an alternative route.

Our outward route took us past familiar sights, but soon we were traversing the less well-known territories of Clerkenwell, Islington and Canonbury before crossing Highbury Fields to reach the site of the former home of “The Gunners”. A few memories were recalled and shared before progressing the short distance to its replacement arena “The Emirates Stadium”. A quick tour of the stadium’s perimeter to satisfy any soccer fanatics, and then time for a break in the cavernous former cinema turned Wetherspoons “The Coronet”.

Our return route took us through parts of Holloway and Camden and then to our destination via St Pancras, Holborn and Blackfriars. A surprise was the Clock Tower originally built as the centrepiece of the Metropolitan Cattle market, refurbished in 2018 and now open occasionally for tours.

A good day out mission accomplished but four of our planned pauses for thought were omitted as time ran out and six of us needed further refreshment.

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