**A Western Style of Anniversary 50 – Circular from Winchester, Saturday 11th June 2022**

12 walkers, 25.8 miles – leader Jerome Ripp

50 miles or 50 km in a day? No way! So how to make a 50? Use half-miles as the unit of distance! As a prelude to the LDWA 50-year anniversary celebrations next week, the plan was a walk of 50 half miles. A broken-down train just ahead of us meant a 10.15 rather than the planned 9.05 start and added to the challenge of the day. Perfect walking weather, great views and a strong group of walkers ensured that the plan was finally achieved. Out on the Clarendon Way passing the famous horse monument on Farley Down to Kings Somborne to view the Lutyens war memorial and a plethora of thatched cottages. Return on the Monarchs Way via Hursley where 3 could not resist the temptation of a bus back to Winchester. This quiet village was once the country residence of the ruler of Britain when Oliver Cromwell's son briefly assumed the reins of power and has been for many years the home of IBM's creative laboratories. Fine ridge return to Winchester.

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