**Anniversary Epilogue: West from Richmond, Saturday 26th June 2022**

4 walkers, 25 miles – leader Jerome Ripp

Exactly 2 years ago I lead my first post Covid lockdown walk with a group of just 2. Today’s group of 4 for walk 90 in the post Covid set was thus a 100% increase in walker numbers. This walk complemented the prologue of 2 weeks ago to give us the 50 miles for the LDWA 50. Using sections of the Thames Oath, Capital Ring, London Loop and Grand Union Canal completed the first urban part of the walk to West Drayton. The rural Chiltern Section had parts of the Beeches Way, Colne Valley Way and Shakespeare Way through the delightful Temple Gardens in Langley Park and the tree lined avenues in  Black Park, the villages of Fulmer and Hedgerley to Bulstrode Park and finished at Gerrards Cross. As promised there was plenty of adventure when a blocked path in Osterley Park necessitated a creative solution through corn fields with seed heads which stuck to our socks and boots and a military assault to reach the bridge over the M4. Later we had paths inundated with nettles and brambles and a non-existent path in Bulstrode Park to add to the fun.

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