**Norbiton Circular, Sunday 21st December 2008**

8 walkers, 23 miles – leader Chris Dent

Oh what a perfect day! 8 walkers arrived at Norbiton Station to be warmly greeted by Peter and Hilary armed with a trayful of scrumptious mince pies. After devouring the treats, the party headed for Richmond Park. Peter left us at Ham Gate, and the route then headed for Hampton Court via Teddington Lock, Kingston Bridge and HCGC park. Then towards Esher Common and Claygate where following a mini navigational faux pas, the outskirts of Epsom were reached at 2, and the majority of the party dived into the Cricketers pub. 3 of us hightailed it into Epsom for a caffeine fix at the Cafe Nero. 3 walkers decided to take the train home after lunch, and the remainder headed westwards and picked up the Thames Down Link for the return trek. With darkness falling, 2 walkers bade their farewell at Tolworth and the rest of us speed-walked the final stage to New Malden station.