**A Winter Crossing of Map 173, Saturday 27th November 2010**

10 walkers, 19 miles – leader Jerome Ripp

"Winter crossing" was an appropriate title for a walk on a bitterly cold day where the temperature never seemed to go above zero. 10 polar explorers set out from Hatch End station to pick up the London Loop going east, on which we stayed for most of the day. There were some delightful wooded areas, open spaces, a reservoir dug by French prisoners of war at the time of Napoleon, parks and river walks. These were adequate compensation for the less salubrious parts such as a tramp along the A1 (very thoughtless of the Romans to build this road across the Loop) and the downtown urban jungle of Boreham Wood. However we all found a good lunch place there and our 19 mile crossing finished at Cockfosters just as it got dark