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## CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCH, TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER

Lunch was enlivened by An excellent Christmas festive contributions lunch at Fulwell GC from the floor, most was much enjoyed by notably from Keith our members. Thanks Willcocks and Simon to the resident catering Douglas Lane. team!





## WALK AND LUNCH, TIDE END COTTAGE PUB, TEDDINGTON, 2<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2024

Almost on the one-year anniversary of our previous walk from this departure site, and in similar weather conditions, (but sadly without one of our stalwarts, Eric Eustance), our damp and slightly diminished party met as planned at the Tide End Cottage pub, with some anxious glances at the skies above.

Fortunately, the dire weather forecasts weren't realised, and we crossed the footbridge over the swollen and distinctly-unfriendly looking Thames to the modern suburbs and residential streets of Ham. Then on to the more ancient parts around Ham Common; familiar territory to some of the party, and we were lucky to have a real long-time resident, Phil McHardy, as guide and factoid-supplier.

Phil pointed out his old 'National' school, still there and recognisable, and gave background information on several of the exclusive properties around the Common, and subsequently, when we crossed the main road and onto Ham Gate Avenue, to the Ham Gate, into Richmond Park, then back via Church Road, and St. Andrews Church, (and some more factoids).

Recrossing the main road, we joined our original walk, we even passed Phil's previous home, back to the towpath, (passing the Kingston/Richmond boundary marker), over the bridge, and joining the rest of the party at the pub, for a welcome warm-up and meal.



## **FUTURE EVENTS**

TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY: Walk/Pub Lunch, The Jolly Coopers, Hampton, TW12 2SJ

TUESDAY 20th FEBRUARY: Club Luncheon, Speaker: Robin Field- Smith- "The Capital Ring"

TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY: Lunch at The View