

**Saturday, 10th January 2015, Bystock Fish Ponds with Steve Hagger**

The first OVA walk of the year.  
Started with sun, ended with beer.  
From Knowle Hall we all set off.  
Banishing colds, flu and a cough.

Pooh Lane, then onto the cycle path.  
It was uphill, we didn't laugh.  
Walked Dalditch Common and into the wood.  
Our boots got quite muddy but the view was good.

The plantation path lead us over a stream.  
Then up a bank, now that was extreme!  
At Squabmoor we rested, some feet were sore.  
The reservoir's history was explained by Haylor.

The path over East Budleigh Common we did take.  
Then on to Bystock Ponds, where some folks had cake!  
A chill in the air, but most people felt fine .  
So we set off again, thirty one in a line.

Over puddles like small lakes we went without hitch  
Then down the path to the farm at Dalditch  
And so back to Knowle with lunch for some.  
From overworked bar staff; there was only **one!**

So ends an adventure of which many will talk  
That's til they do their next OVA walk

**Steve Hagger** (Walk Leader and sometime poet)  
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