

## **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January “Exeter Green Circle the other way round -Part Two” with Penny and Paul Kurowski**

I was particularly looking forward to this walk as I had really enjoyed walking “Part One” on 6<sup>th</sup> December last.

A group of seven assembled from all points of the compass via three bus stops and meeting at the start point. Sadly, Penny had been a little under the weather and unable to be there for the second part.

Starting in the centre of Exeter was perhaps less attractive to some, such as yours truly, who enjoyed some shopping on the way home after part one.

The weather was mostly dry, and views were good – particularly looking across the Exe valley during a stop for coffee etc. Beware the iPhone compass – I had to reboot mine to correct a 45-degree error – it had said west was north which was very confusing for non tech savvy beings like me.

We set off past the General Redvers Buller statue across Bury Meadows Park passing some historic Oaks by the entrance.

After heading into the edges of University territory we turned easterly into more leafy areas and briefly stopped on green land by stepping off our main track for our break. This was where the views were very good.



We then turned Southerly into Mincing Lake Walk where we stopped at St Katherine’s Priory for a light lunch. This proved to be like the Curate’s Egg as we had not expected our modest orders – mostly bacon baps – to take so long. Although we were there for nearly

two hours, I was pleased to see the inside after passing the Priory when it was under renovation on a similar walk a few years ago.



The model railway club displays upstairs were interesting and they are building a 1000-yard ride on miniature steam railway in the grounds which is planned to be open by this summer.

My bacon bap was delicious, but Peter eventually had to leave to catch a train before his arrived, so I had a piece of his too!

After the unexpected delay we then headed fairly briskly through Ludwell Valley Park to catch our bus home in Topsham Road. This was pleasant walking much of it alongside a brook.

Although we were out for longer than planned the weather held well despite a mixed forecast.

A great day out in good company. Thank you again Paul.

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