

**London Loop 7b: Hounslow Cemetery to Hayes
On Saturday 25th July 2009**

This visit has been organised by David Pick

The definitive guide, "The London Loop" was written by David Sharp, list price £12.99. This guide contains maps, directions, detailed descriptions of the local scenery and facilities on the route. This section takes us from Hounslow Cemetery to Hayes and is approximately 7 miles. This section is easy walking, with unfortunately a couple of major roads to cross (at traffic lights) and is fairly noisy from the air traffic at Heathrow. Details of the route and a picturesque map can be found at

<http://www.walklondon.org.uk/section.asp?section=9&10>



We leave the A314 and head off through Hounslow Heath, which is an open wild space albeit surrounded by some high-rise flats to reach another! Golf course and for this area the ubiquitous River Crane. We then cross the A314, an ancient Roman Road to enter Donkey Wood, which used to be the home of more gunpowder works. This leads to the A30 and across the road is the perimeter of Heathrow. Crossing the A30 is tedious and involves heading towards Hatton Cross station to the traffic lights by Faggs Lane. Down Faggs Lane is the Green Man Pub and will be our lunch stop.

After crossing the A30 and rejoining the Crane we are then walking under the Heathrow Flight Path. Since landing jets are fairly low Reinalt may need to duck or wear a flashing light. After crossing the A4 Bath Road we reach the tranquillity of Cranford Park and travel several hundred years back in time to visit the splendid 1310 St Dunstan's Church a high point on this section. The interior is quite spectacular and many original oak beams are exposed. Behind the canopy are several frescos relating to the Knights Templar. To the left of the altar is the tomb of Sir Roger Aston and family. Tony Hancock's memorial stone is in the churchyard. The church should be open until 16.00 on this Saturday. The loop then takes us under the M4 to reach the little Bull Bridge on the Grand Union Canal. We stroll along the canal for about a mile to reach Hayes and Harlington station with frequent trains to Broadway and London Paddington.



The starting point is the Duke of York (TW4 5NP) on the A314 Hanworth Road Feltham by Hounslow Cemetery. Aim to be there by 11.00. From Twickenham station (Arragon Road stop G) take the 100 bus to the Godfrey Road stop (about 15 mins) or the 111 from Kingston on Thames (Wood Street stop R) (about 35 mins).

The lunch stop is the Green Man Pub, Faggs Lane by Hatton Cross Station. This Pub serves real ale and food.. We expect to be there around 13.00

Latecomers can contact me (David Pick) on my mobile number 07733555113 to find out where we are.