U3AC

ALL-YEAR WALKING – TUESDAY (weekly) (FIT 29)

Sorted by walk number

VOLUME II

WALKS 26 - 50

I have put the best address I can for those who use SatNav, please let me have any corrections so that I can keep this as up to date as possible – Steve (previously Mike)

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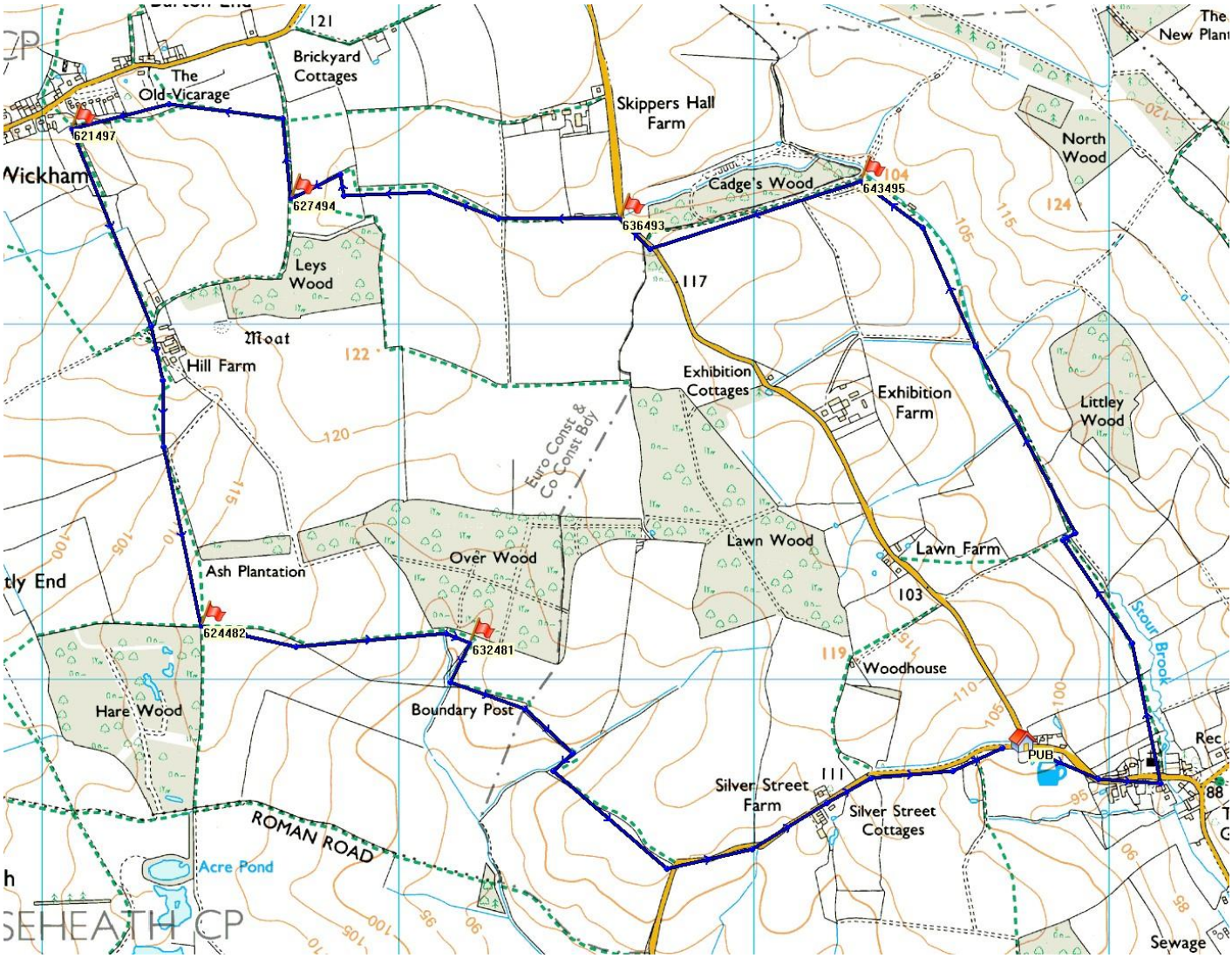
Version Q2-25

Overview map U3AC Walk 26 Withersfield (Revision 1.08)



Walk 26 (Rev: Q4-23) (6.5 miles) Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 210

WITHERSFIELD

Start: The White Horse Inn, Hollow Hill, CB9 7SH Tel: 01440 706081 Grid Ref: TL646477

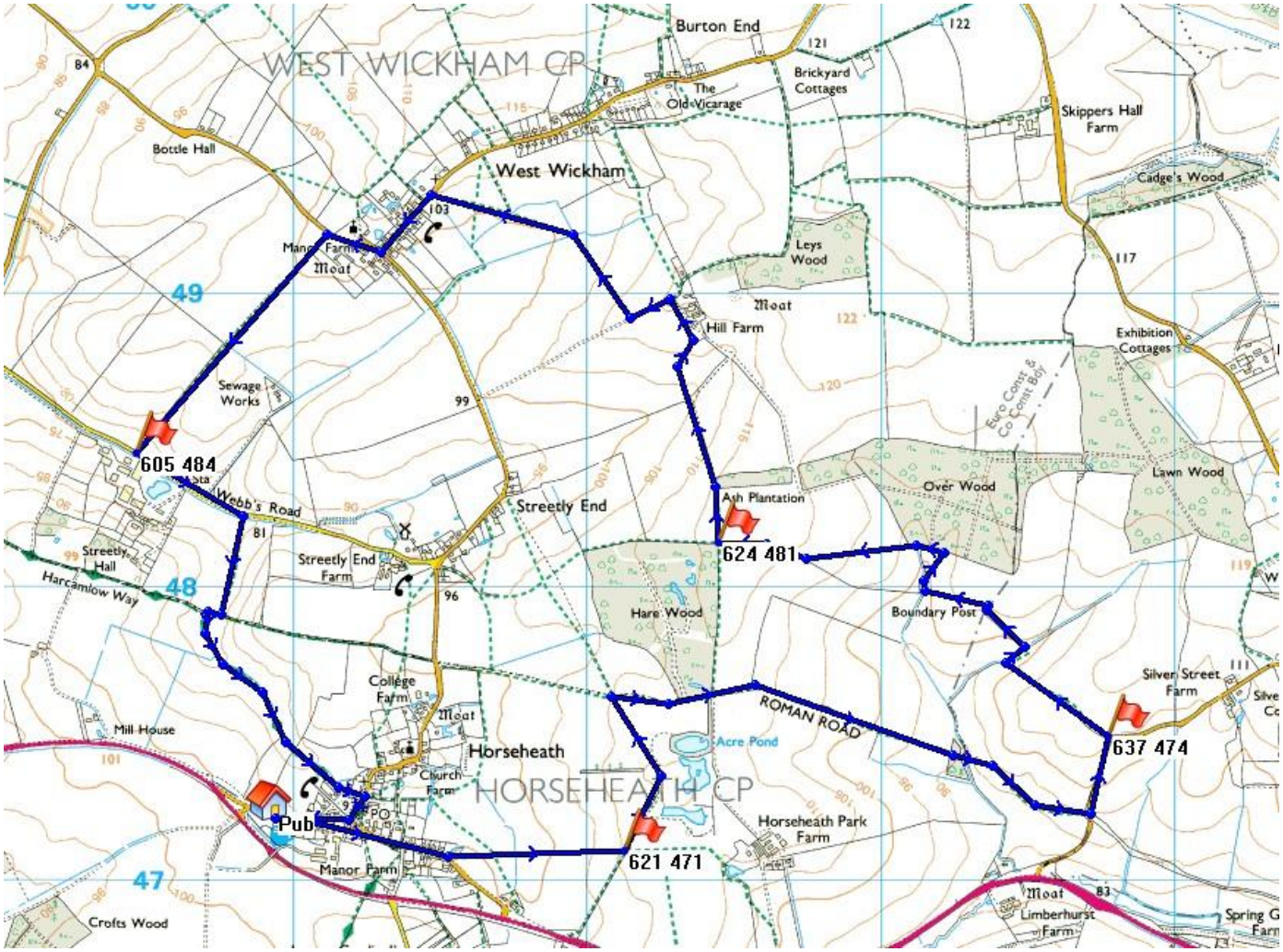
Directions: From Cambridge. Leave on the A1307 past Addenbrooke's towards Haverhill. At the bottom of the hill just before Haverhill turn left for Withersfield. The pub is on the right at the start of the village.

Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 210

Walk: Continue down into the village to the church and turn left along the right side of the church. The path continues north for just over 1 mile, after about 500 yards take a metal footbridge to your right over the stream, the path joins a farm track coming in from the right, when the track turns left over a culvert turn right up the left side of the hedge. In a short distance there are 3 war time ammunition sheds on your right. At the wood just ahead go left onto a concrete road, TL643495, and follow this to a road. Turn right and in 100 yards left TL636493 with first a hedge on you right and then a ditch. At a field junction turn right and then left following the headland to a cross path at a hedge row, TL627494. Here turn right along a path enclosed by hedges. In 250 yards there is a cross path with boarded bridges over ditches on each side of the path, turn left through the hedge then ½ right across the corner of a field. At the headland turn left joining a wide grass track after passing through a hedge, at a 6-bar gate, TL621497, go left, NOTE THE WARNING ABOUT THE HORSES, down to a wooden bridge into a field. The path goes straight ahead uphill to the farm, However, it might be easier to use the headland round to the left if the ground is wet. At the farm go between two large out buildings and then turn ½ right and head for the end of a hedgerow diagonally across the corner of the field. The path then rises to the wood ahead, keep to the left of the hedge and go through the edge of the strip of woodland. On exiting the wood go straight ahead to the left-hand corner of the wood over the field, TL624482, to a cross path and turn left. THIS PIECE NEEDS CARE. Keep to the left of the hedge and in about 150 yards the path goes ¼ left to the corner of the wood on the other side of the field (on my recce I couldn't find a waymark and the path was ploughed out). The path then goes along the edge of a short length of woodland to a corner in the field. The headland goes right, go on into the wood and cross a wooden bridge. Continue ahead, the path swings gently left, in about 60 yards turn right through the trees coming out into a field, TL632481. Take the headland round to the right and keep with the headland, in about 300 yards cross a wooden bridge and turn right round the headland to a road. Here turn left to Withersfield, about a 12min walk. The leader should keep some 50 yards ahead as there is one difficult bend before the village.

Notes: This walk has been adjusted by John S. This version of the MLoW needs to be revised in the light of the adjustment. (Waiting John S)

Overview Map U3AC Walk 27 Horseheath 1 (Revision 16-10)



Walk 27 (Rev: Q4-23), (6.9 miles),

HORSEHEATH 1

Start: The Old Red Lion, 4 Linton Road, Horseheath CB21 4QF, Tel: 01223 892909 Grid Ref: TL609472

Directions: From Cambridge. Leave on the A1307 past Addenbrooke's towards Haverhill. Horseheath is the next village after Linton. Bear left into Horseheath and the pub is on the right after 150 yards.

Walk: Turn right in front of the pub. Walk down the road, passing a road on the left. Continue to the end of the houses on the left-hand side and turn left onto a footpath.
The path crosses 2 fields rising to a hedgerow (TL621471); turn left here, with the hedge on your left.

Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 210

On reaching a fenced area on the right go straight across the field to a farm track (the Roman road) and turn right.

Follow this track but look for the footpath going off to the left of the track just after a slight Z bend. The footpath goes through the centre of a small copse of fir trees ahead. If you reach a sign saying PRIVATE you have gone too far.

Continue to a road and turn left. In about 200 yards, as the road bends sharp right, (TL637474) turn left. Follow the path along the headline with the hedge on your left. Keep with the headland which swings right, and right again. Take a footpath which turns left into the wood, over a shallow ditch and to a bridge over a stream. Walk through the wood, bearing left at a forked junction. You soon leave the wood, then walk slightly uphill. At TL624481, turn right on a foot path which leads to Hill Farm.

As you approach the farm keep to the left until you reach a farm track, where you turn left There is a triangulation point to the right of the track, continue a further 150 yards beyond this and turn right across the field to a bridge over a stream.

Continue on this path, reaching the road at West Wickham. Turn left and follow the road to a T junction; here, turn right, passing the church on your right. In a further 100 yards take a footpath to the left.

At the next road (TL605484) turn left. In about 500 yards turn right on a footpath. At a cross path go right then left, taking the path down the right-hand side of a stream to Horseheath. At the kissing gate, turn left and cross two fields to some new houses. Take the path between them, then turn right past more houses. The path joins a road, where you turn right and cross the road to the pub.

Overview Map U3AC Walk 28 Castle Camps 1

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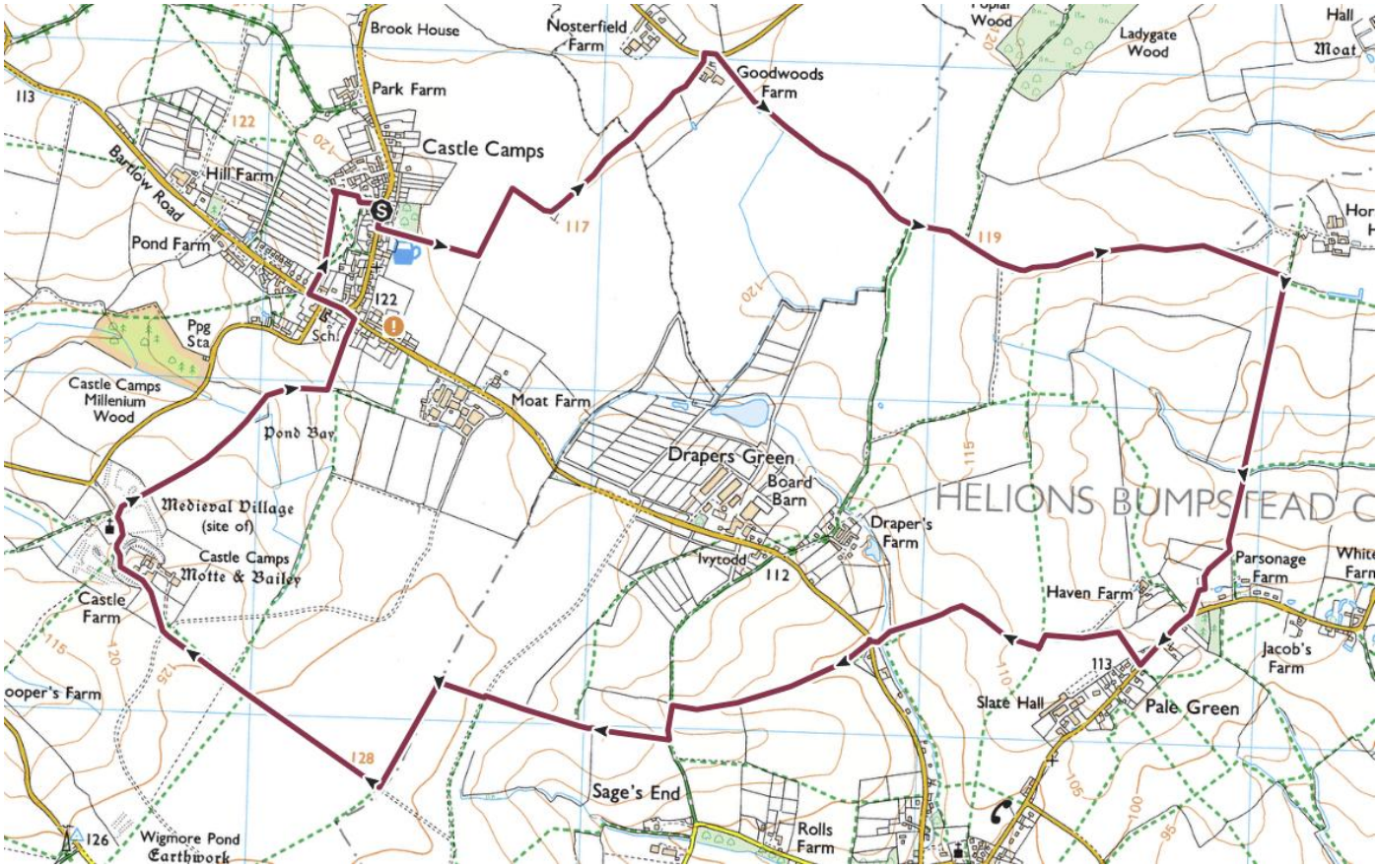


Walk 28, (Rev: Q4-19) (6.6 miles)

CASTLE CAMPS 1

Start: The Oak, High Street, CB21 4SN Tel: 01799 584207 Grid Ref: TL633434

According to Google Maps the pub doesn't open at lunchtimes weds/thurs 1800, fri 1600 and sat 1500. The nearest useful pub is The Old Red Lion at Horseheath. By car 9 mins and 4 miles.

Directions: From Cambridge. Leave on the A1307 past Addenbrooke's towards Haverhill. By Horseheath turn right through Cardinal's Green and Mill Green to Nosterfield End, here turn right to Castle Camps.

Walk: From the pub go right and in about 100 yards turn left into a dead-end road taking the path at the end of it. In about 300 yards at a hedgerow go left following this path as it turns right and then left along a headland past Goodwood's Farm to a road. Turn right and in about 50 yards turn right along a track keeping with this track for about 1 mile to TL658435. Take care at this point, straight ahead is the pink gable end of a farm, the track ahead begins to bend left, you have to go right here across a field to a tree at the end of a hedgerow. Go 20 yards beyond the tree turning sharp right (at the time of recce there was no sign or evidence of a footpath) and cross the field keeping parallel to and 20 yards away from the hedgerow to your right, at the

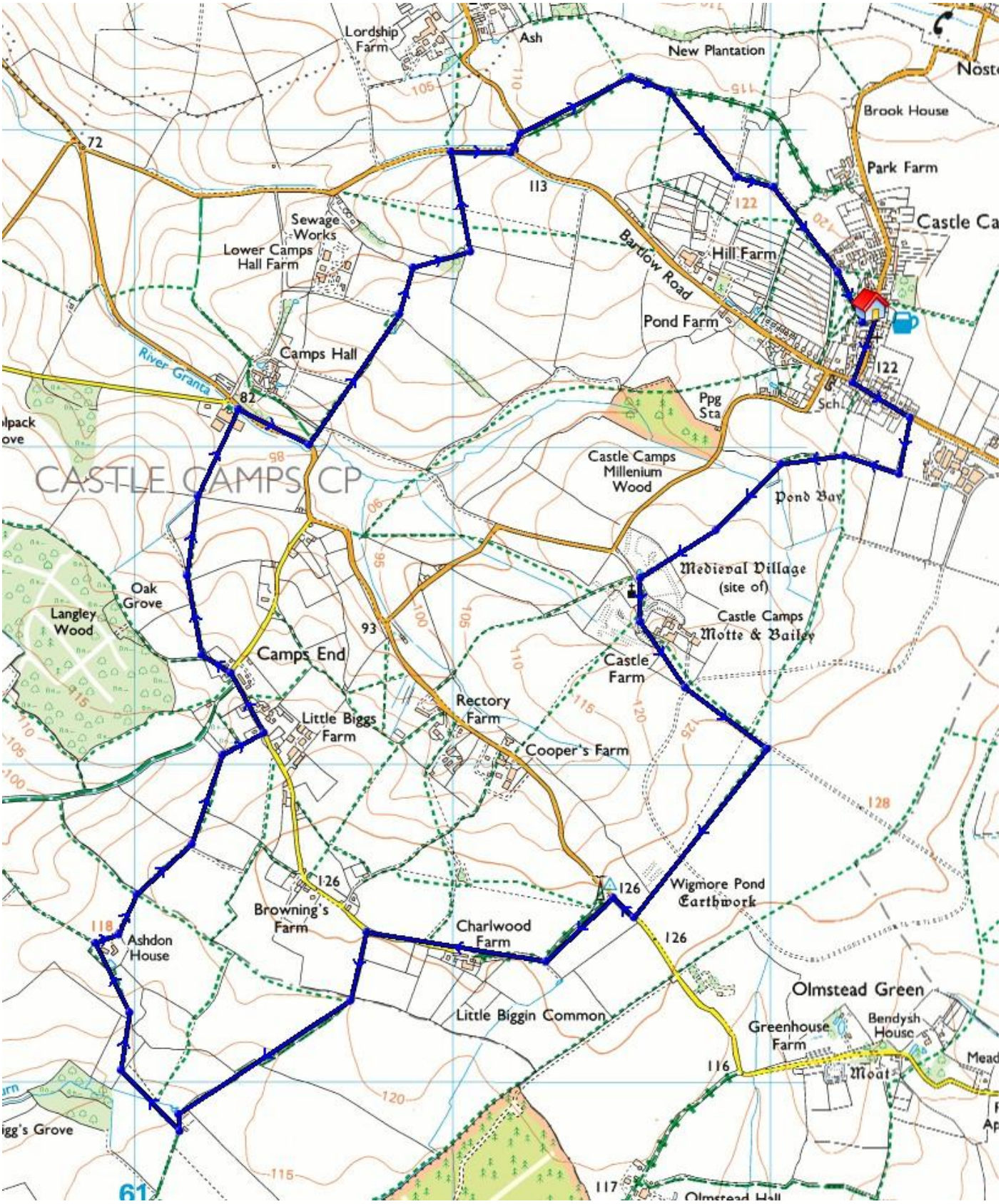
Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 210

hedgerow and stream ahead look for a bridge over the stream and cross it. Continue straight ahead for 200 yards turning half- right at a finger post crossing to a single gateway at the corner of a hedgerow. Go through into a garden with a tennis court crossing to a 5barred gate at the far corner of the garden onto a road. Turn right and in 300 yards immediately passed some cottages turn right. TL657423 Cross the field to the hedgerow turning left in 200 yards turn left again and in 30 yards turn right following this path to a road. Cross the road taking the footpath for 1/2 mile to a cross track turning left, there is a short uphill and at the top in about 75 yards turn right across the middle of a field to the corner of a hedgerow. Continue straight ahead with the hedgerow on the left, at a farm track go straight across and at the next track in 100 yards go left. (TL636421) In 300 yards at a farm track go right, the track starts to descend gently towards a church straight ahead, look to the left to the radio aerial and when it is at 90 degrees to you look to your right across the field for the end of a hedgerow and cross to it. (Alternatively, as per the route map continue straight to Castle Farm with Motte and Bailey which are well worth seeing, taking the road past the church, over the stream and take the signed footpath on your right. Pass the now artificial pond up a slope to join the original route back to Castle Camps) Continue with the hedgerow on the left pass through a kissing gate and at the next cross track go left and, in a few yards, right. At the road turn left and immediately right back to the pub, or follow my route coming back to the pub as indicated).

Notes: The pub has changed hands and is now known as The Oak. Currently (8th March 2026) it does not open on a Tuesday unless they have a guaranteed Group of 10 or more.

Overview Map U3AC

Walk 29 Castle Camps 2



WALK 29 (Rev: Q4-19) (6.4 miles)
CASTLE CAMPS 2 Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 210
Start: The Oak, High Street, CB21 4SN Tel: 01799 584207 Grid Ref: TL633435
According to Google Maps the pub doesn't open at lunchtimes weds/thurs 1800, fri 1600 and sat 1500.
The nearest useful pub is The Old Red Lion at Horseheath. By car 9 mins and 4 miles.

Directions: From Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A1307 to Haverhill then take the by-pass A1017. Turn right at the first roundabout on the by-pass. The pub is on the right half way through the village.

Walk: From the pub car park go right along the High Street to the war memorial T junction and turn left. At the end of the village take the path on the right across the field to a farm track and go right. This leads straight onto a path which after 300 yards goes over a stile and then continues, swinging left, to meet the road leading to All Saints Church, Castle Camps. Turn left, through the churchyard exiting opposite the main porch onto the track taking one to the right-hand side of Castle Farm. This becomes a path entering a field which one crosses diagonally to reach a track junction. Here go straight ahead bearing south east. When the radio mast, seen on the right-hand side, is bearing at right angles to this track turn towards it across the fields (path shown on the maps not marked or clear on the ground) aiming for the left hand side of the copse in front of the mast where there is a path taking one to the minor road. Turn right past the radio mast (TL625415) and immediately after take the path on the left. Proceed straight ahead, ignore path off right, and further on swing right to Charlwood Farm, where there is a minor road straight ahead, continue on this for approximately 300 yards from the farm to a signed bridleway on left. Turn onto this and follow it to a farmyard/tip and small pond at (TL611409). Go right immediately after the pond and over the ditch some 30 yards beyond it at footbridge. Take the left hand fork up hill and across fields to Winsey Farm. (At the time of the recce this was recently demolished by a developer preparatory for a new property). Turn right in front of the site onto the track heading north east, straight over a cross path to a sharp right-hand bend in the track where the path goes straight on through the hedge. Take this path which bends right as it approaches the road at Castle End. Go left on the road about 250 yards to sharp right-angle bend. Here, take the track directly ahead to pass Byhurst Cottage. On entering the field at the end of the track immediately turn right and follow this path dropping downhill, through farmyard buildings to the Camps Hall road junction. (TL613431). Turn right along the road (signed to Camps End) and take the first path on the left through a wooden field gate, uphill and pass a small pond at the hill top. Continue on the way marked path ahead veering right across a meadow to a small copse and at the end of this the path turns 90 degrees left. Forward straight ahead over cross path to reach the Castle Camps to Bartlow road. Here turn right to the next road junction and there go left (road signed to Shudy Camps and Haverhill). After 30 yards, go right onto the marked by-way, (TL622440). Proceed uphill, ignore path off left but some 100 yards from this, two paths go off on the right. Take the left hand one of these two (heading south east) and keep going straight ahead to reach T junction at hedge. Go right and follow the hedge line, leading one past the back gardens of the houses in Castle Camps village until reaching the garden gate for 'The Cock '

Notes: The pub has changed hands and is now known as The Oak. Currently (10 July 2019) it does not open on a Tuesday unless they have a guaranteed Group of 10 or more.

NB for Leader: The Overview Map and the Walk Instructions have not been corroborated. This will need to be checked when recce-ing

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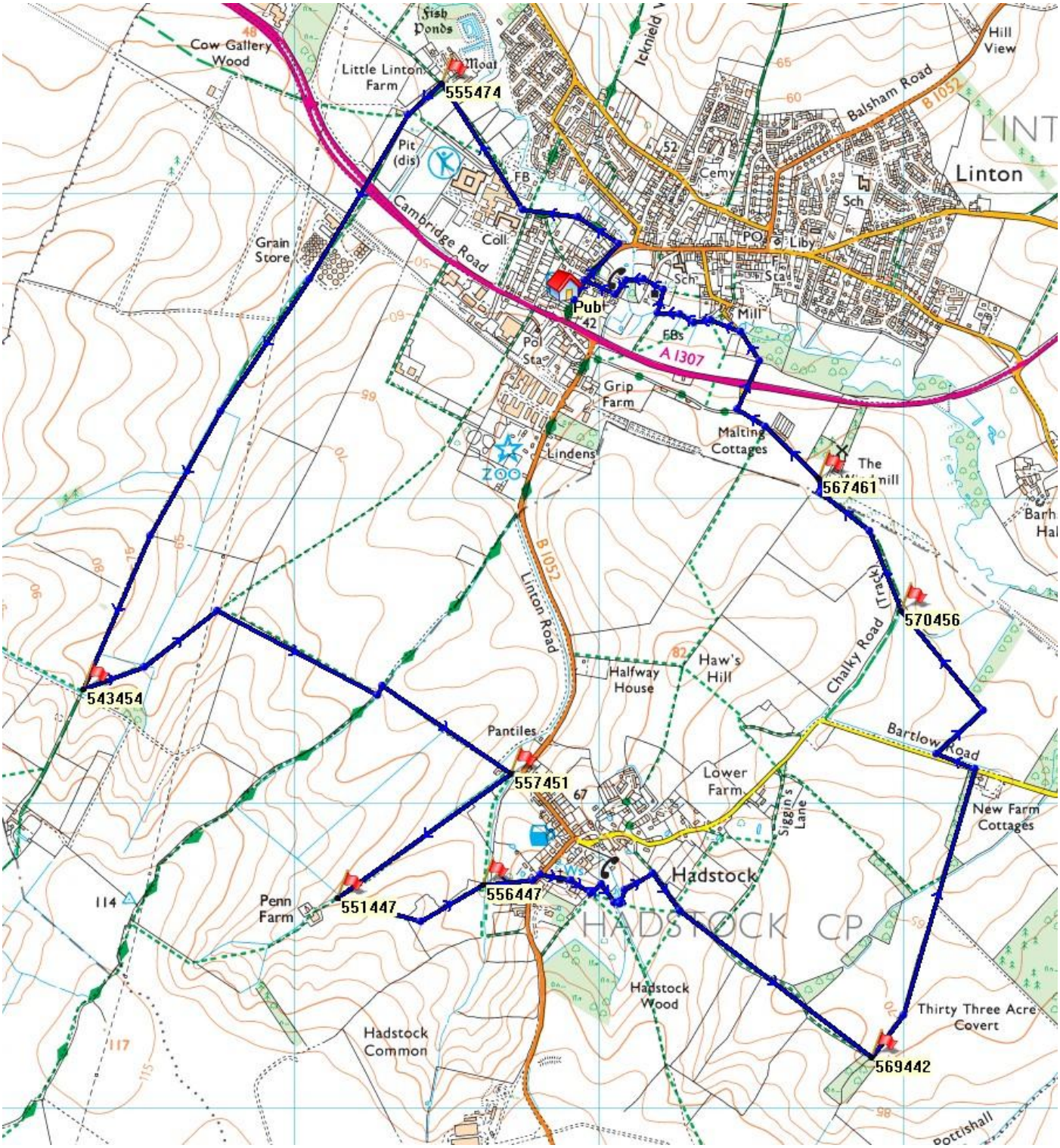
Walk 30 Linton 2 (Rev 16-12)



Walk 30 (Rev: Q3-18) (7.1 miles)
LINTON 2 Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 209
Start: The Crown, 11 High Street, Linton, CB21 4HS, Tel: 01223 891759, Grid Ref: TL559467

Directions: From Cambridge. Leave on the A1307 past Addenbrooke's towards Haverhill. Turn left into Linton village, the pub is on the left in ~100m.

Walk: Turn left out of the pub car park, and walk along the High Street to the 'Dog and Duck' pub. Turn left to the recreation ground. The road ends and you go through into the village college playing fields, keep to the path until you come to an adventure play area, here take the gravel path to the left. Continue between horse paddocks and at a road (TL555474) turn left towards the A1307. Cross this and walk through the granary onto the bridle path. The path rises and then falls into a dip, (TL543454) here turn left cutting back on yourself. At a "Y" junction, go right and through a hedge. At a cross path, side step left and over a bridge and continue going downhill to stables (TL557451). At the stables turn right up a wide track towards Pen Farm. Just before the farm (TL551447) turn left climbing up a hill through a field (somewhat muddy in winter*) Go through the hedge, round the field down to a metal kissing gate (TL556447) and into a field. Cross straight over, through another kissing gate into someone's garden. Follow the grassy path to the road. Go straight across through the churchyard, passing the end of a wall on the left to a stile. Turn left round the headland crossing a bridge on the left over a stream and keeping left round the field. Cross a wooden bridge and turn right up a sunken path. Continue along this path following it left at (TL569442) Continue to the road, turn left very soon taking a path to the right. Walk across the middle of a field to the opposite hedge where there is a gap with a wooden bridge. Cross this and go down a narrow path through a copse to Chalky Road track (TL570456). Turn right, go over a disused railway bridge and join a lane by an old windmill (TL567461). Continue past a row of cottages taking the first turning right. Cross over the main road and, before the ford, turn left along the river. Take the 2nd? bridge and meander back through the churchyard, across the bridge over the river into the High Street.

Notes: Parking in the Crown is very limited. Members are advised to leave extra time to find a parking place in Linton which may be a significant distance from 'The Crown'.
Note to Leader: * If a reconnoitre shows that the track after Pen Farm is "too muddy", then at TL557541, just beyond the stables, turn Right with a stream on your Left. Immediately after a wooden bridge over a stream (TL556447) turn Left and go through a metal kissing gate into a field. Cross straight over & then continue to follow the original route through another kissing gate, then through someone's garden to the road.

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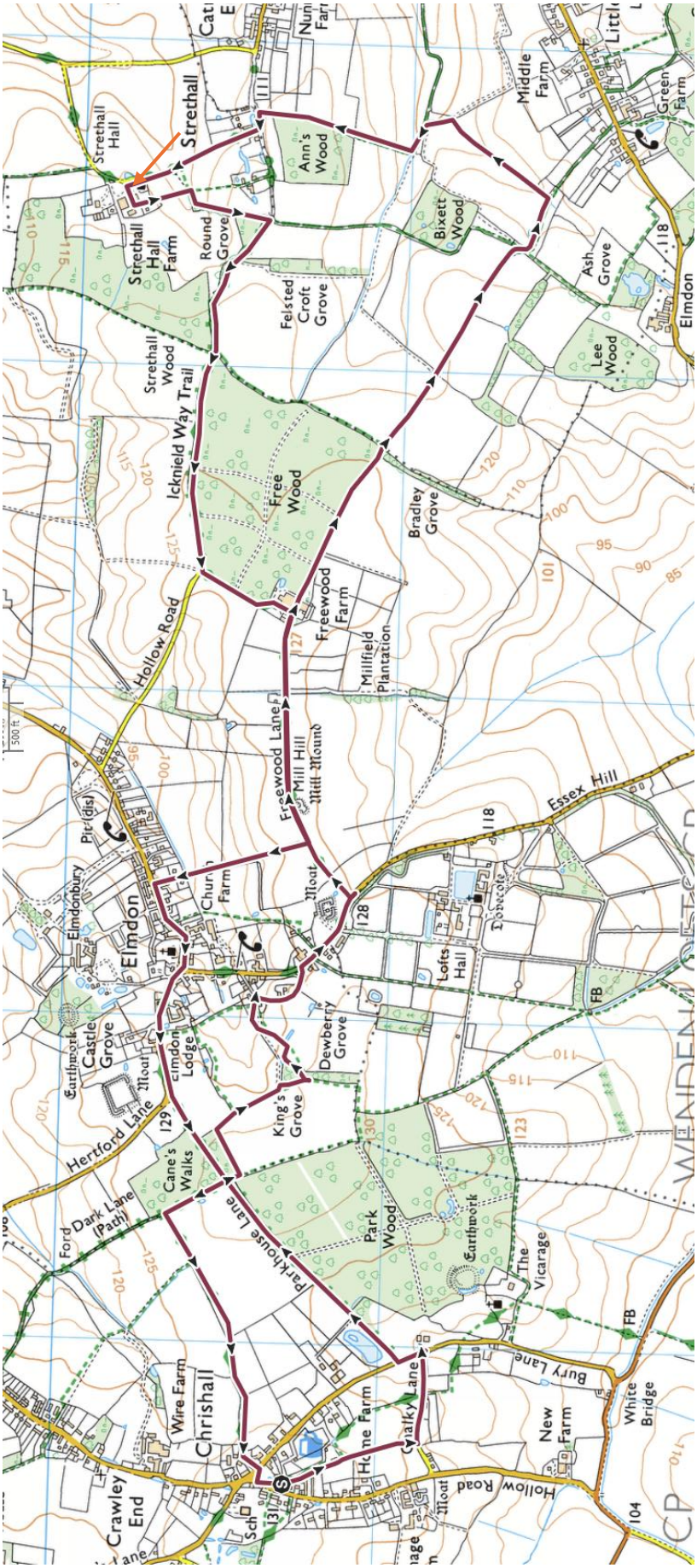


Walk 31 Chrishall (Rev: 17-09)

(Orange arrow points to Strethall Church coffee stop)

WALK 31 (Rev: Q1-19) (7.5 miles)
CHRISHALL Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 194 & 195.

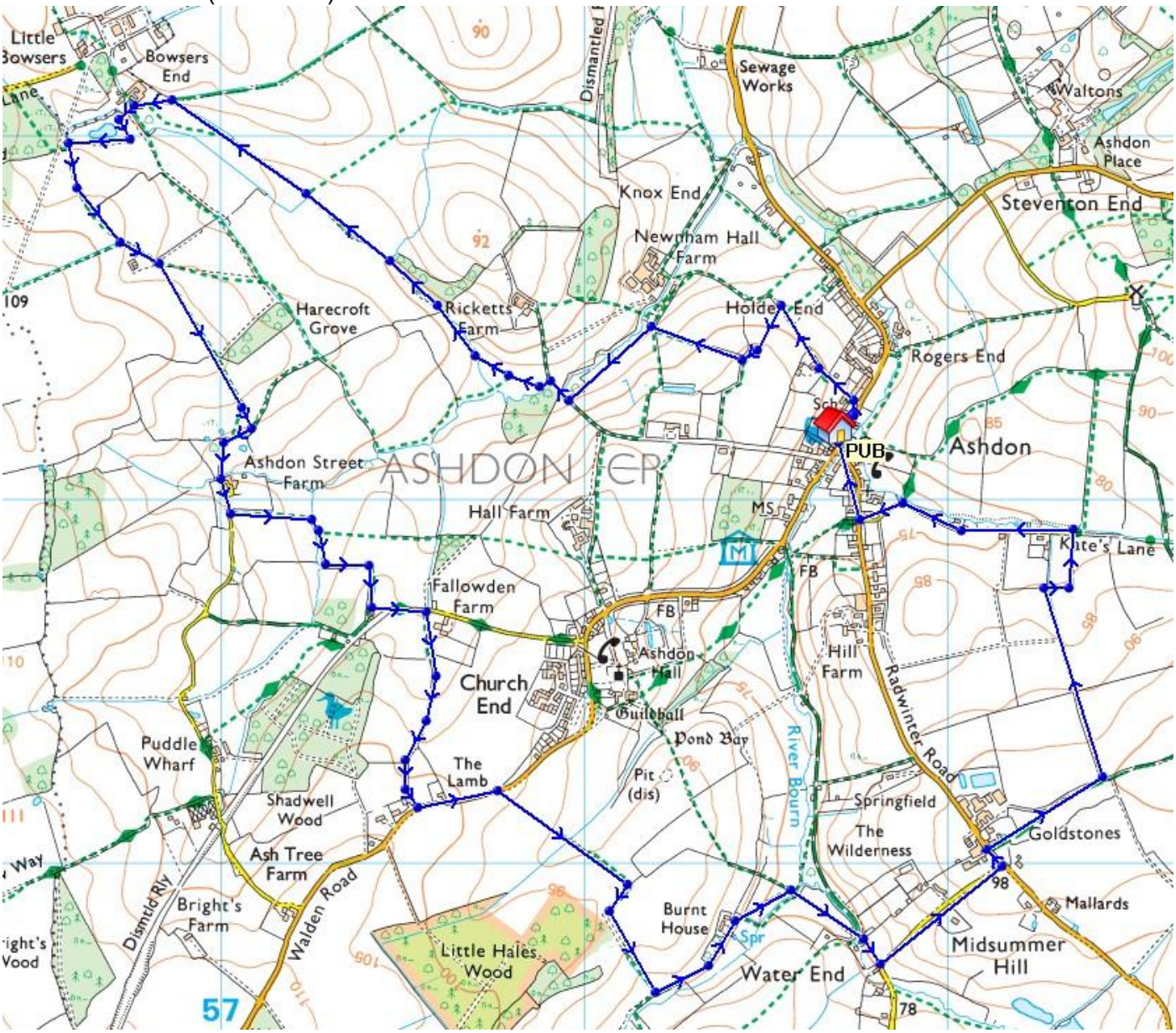
Start: The Red Cow, 11 High Street, Chrishall, SG8 8RN Tel: 01763 838792 Grid Ref: TL446393

Directions: From Cambridge. Either:
1) Take the A10 south. At the traffic light at the north end of Harston turn left on the B1368 to Fowlmere. As you leave Fowlmere turn left to A505, here turn right and immediately left and continue to a T junction (c.1.25 miles) & turn right. After a longish incline, the road turns sharp right, stay on this road which then turns to the left into Chrishall village. The pub is in the High Street on the left.
OR:
2) Travel south on the M11. Come off at junction 10 (Duxford) take the A505 off the roundabout towards Royston. Pass Duxford air museum, and after 2 miles take the B road on the left passing Chrishall Grange. After a longish incline, the road turns sharp right, stay on this road which then turns to the left into Chrishall village. The pub is in the High Street on the left.

Walk:– Turn Left out of the pub car park, at the end of the lane bear Right and turn Left at the road. At the T junction turn Left and then Right along a track. At the end of the wood (TL455395) turn Right and then Left and in approx.. 100 yds take the path to the Right across the field then turn Left towards the village. Turn Left along the lane, Right at the road and in approx. ¼ mile turn Left onto a metalled road (TL464391). Continue through the farm buildings along a path with the wood on your Left and at the end of the wood continue to (TL485386). Turn Left along the edge of a field, at the track turn Left and in 100 yds turn Left and then Right onto a path to the Right of a wood. At the lane turn Left and immediately Right and follow the path to the church. Turn into the churchyard (this is a good coffee stop), walk across it and exit by a gate on the far side. Follow the path to the Left and walk downhill, take the path to the Right towards some trees and walk through them to a main path. Turn Right and follow the path to a metalled road (TL474396), turn Left and then Right at the farmyard. Follow the road for approx. ½ mile to (465393), turn Right towards Elmdon and then Left at the main road. In the middle of the village take the road to the Right and walk uphill to a track on the Left (TL458397). In approx. 300yds turn Right, take the path to the Left (TL454397) across the field towards Chrishall and at the new houses turn Left to the main road. The pub is in front of you on the other side of the road.

Overview Map U3AC

Walk 32 Ashdon 2 (Rev 16-11)



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Walk 32. (Rev: Q3-19) (6.2

ASHDON 2 - DORMANT Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 209

Start: Rose & Crown, Crown Hill, Ashdon, CB10 2HA Tel: 01799 584337 Grid Ref: 587422.

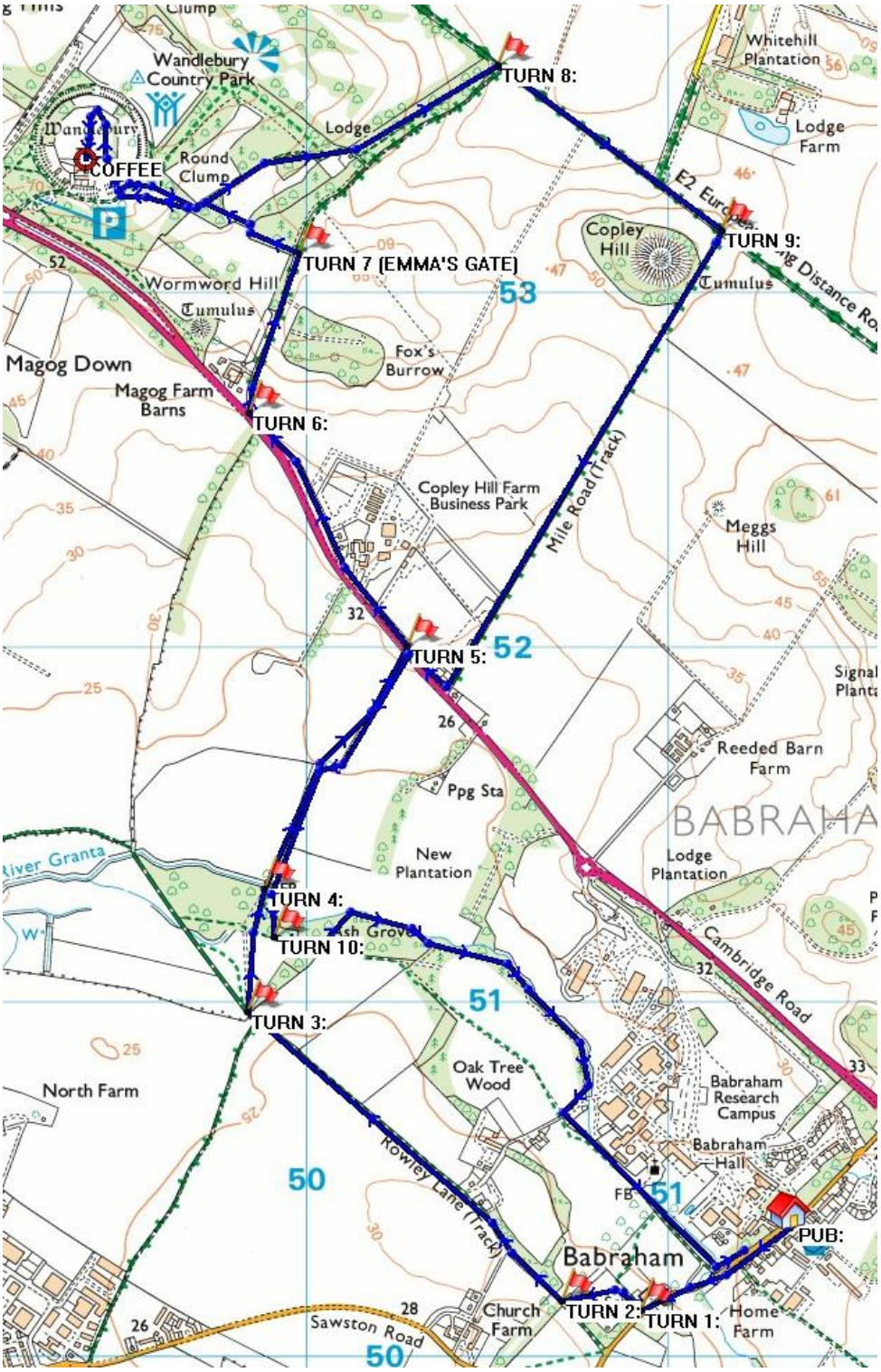
Directions: From Cambridge. Leave on the A1307 past Addenbrooke's towards Haverhill. Pass Linton and as the road bends left and starts to rise turn right. At the next crossroads turn right to Ashdon, the pub is on the right opposite a T junction.

Walk: Turn left out of the pub car park and in 100 yards turn left along a narrow lane. The lane ends and the footpath continues from the right hand corner. In 200 yards turn left over a stile, the path goes between fences and at the end ease to the right to a field and turn right down the left hand side of the hedgerow to the bottom of the field and turn left to a road.(GR579424) Here turn right cross the bridge and turn left, go ½ right across the field cross a stream turning right along the left hand side of a hedgerow to Bowser. At a metalled road turn left pass in front of the house and follow this track round until it meets another track here turn left going down the right hand side of a hedgerow which is behind some trees. The path joins a metalled track passing a building on the right. When the track turns sharp left carry straight on ahead to the right hand side of a copse, continue straight ahead down the left hand side of a hedgerow to the corner of the field turning right over a sleeper bridge. In 100 yards go right across the field then left down to a farm. Just beyond the farm on a metalled road turn left (GR 571419) down a hedgerow. At the end of the field cross a stream and turn right along the headland following this turning left and right to a road. At the road go left and in 200 yards turn right, at the next road go left and in 400 yards right down a broad track. The tack rises to the crest of a hill and turns right and then swings left past the corner of a wood down to a stream here turn left. Continue passing through a farm yard and swing right into Water End. As you pass cottages on the right take the road going sharp left (GR 588407). Continue to a T junction and side step left taking a path to the right of a farm cottage. On entering a field keep to the left of a wooded area joining a farm track. In a short distance look for a gap through the hedge on the left, take this path down to a road. At the road go left and a T junction go right back to the pub.

Notes:

NB for Leader: The Maplet is correct. The text instructions are incorrect and need to be revised (Moira) The Rose & Crown is a COVID casualty as of ~ June 2020: therefore Dormant until further notice

Walk 33 Babraham 1 (Rev: Q2-25)



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Walk 33 (Rev: Q2-25) (7.5
BABRAHAM 1 Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 209
Start: The George, 43 High Street, Babraham, CB22 3AG Tel: 01223 837755 Grid Ref: TL514504

Directions: From Cambridge. Leave on the A1307 past Addenbrooke's towards Haverhill. Go over the Gogs, straight on at the new "Babraham Institute" roundabout and then first Right into the village: After ~300m the pub will be on the left.

Walk

Turn	Grid Ref (TL)	Time H:MM	Comments
0	Pub 514504	0:00	Turn left out of pub. Immediately past the school on your RHS, arrive at Turn 1.
1	509501	0:06	Turn right into a field, signposted "Public Footpath" and "Babraham Cricket Club". Walk round the cricket field to the gate diagonally opposite where you entered, to a wide grassy/gravel track (Rowley Lane) (Turn 2).
2	507502	0:03	Turn right and continue straight along Rowley Lane, past a path on the left coming from Sawston and immediately after a small stand of trees on both sides of the track, arrive at a galvanised kissing gate (GKG) on your RHS (Turn 3)
3	498510	0:15	Turn Right through the gate into a field. Take a diagonal path bearing left across the field, going straight on through the wood to the river Granta. (Turn 4).
4	499513	0:04	Dogleg 20m R then L and cross the footbridge. Continue to follow the path to the sub-station (big green "shed") on the A1307. (Turn 5)
5	503520	0:10	Cross the road and turn Left along the fp/cycle track. Then use the **Copley Hill** access road to get away from the traffic (it returns to the A1307 after a short distance), to a broad track signposted "Public Byway, to Wandlebury Country Park, Roman Road and Fulbourn" on your RHS (Turn 6)
6	498527	0:10	Turn Right up the track. After about 7 mins reach a black-painted set of railings on your LHS containing a metal kissing gate, with a small brass plate indicating "Emma's Gate". (Turn 7)
7	500531	0:07	Turn Left through the gate, and take the footpath straight ahead of you signposted to "Office/Inner ring". Coffee and loos in front of the house (TL494534). After coffee, retrace your steps but just after the bridge over the ring, take the orange sandy path on your Left for a short way, re-join the original path and a short way after that take the path on the left signposted "Roman Road". Walk up the beech avenue to the Roman Road. (Turn 8) Note the Information board "Fleam Dyke"
8	505536	0:29	Turn Right along the Roman Road. Soon after an information board ("Roman Road") and a left turn to Fulbourn, reach metal posts & barrier on your RHS at the top of a short incline. (Turn 9)

9	512532	0:11	Turn Right through the metal posts and barrier down a wide grassy track (Mile Road) back to the A1307. At the road, turn right for a short distance and cross the A1307 at the sub-station (original “Turn 5”). Retrace your steps through the field to the river at “Turn 4”. Cross the bridge and turn sharp left at the cross-path (Turn 10)
10	499512	0:32	After 30 metres turn sharp left through an open gateway and follow the footpath along the river to the estate road. Follow the fp Right, parallel to the estate road, to a crossing (marked by “Private” notices on the estate road itself). Turn Left through the kissing gate across the estate road and continue to follow the fp along the river behind the Babraham estate buildings, past the church and back to the road. At the road, turn left back to the pub.
0	Pub 514504	0:24	A good winter walk as there is little mud. Lovely in February to see the aconites and snowdrops in the field in front of the house.

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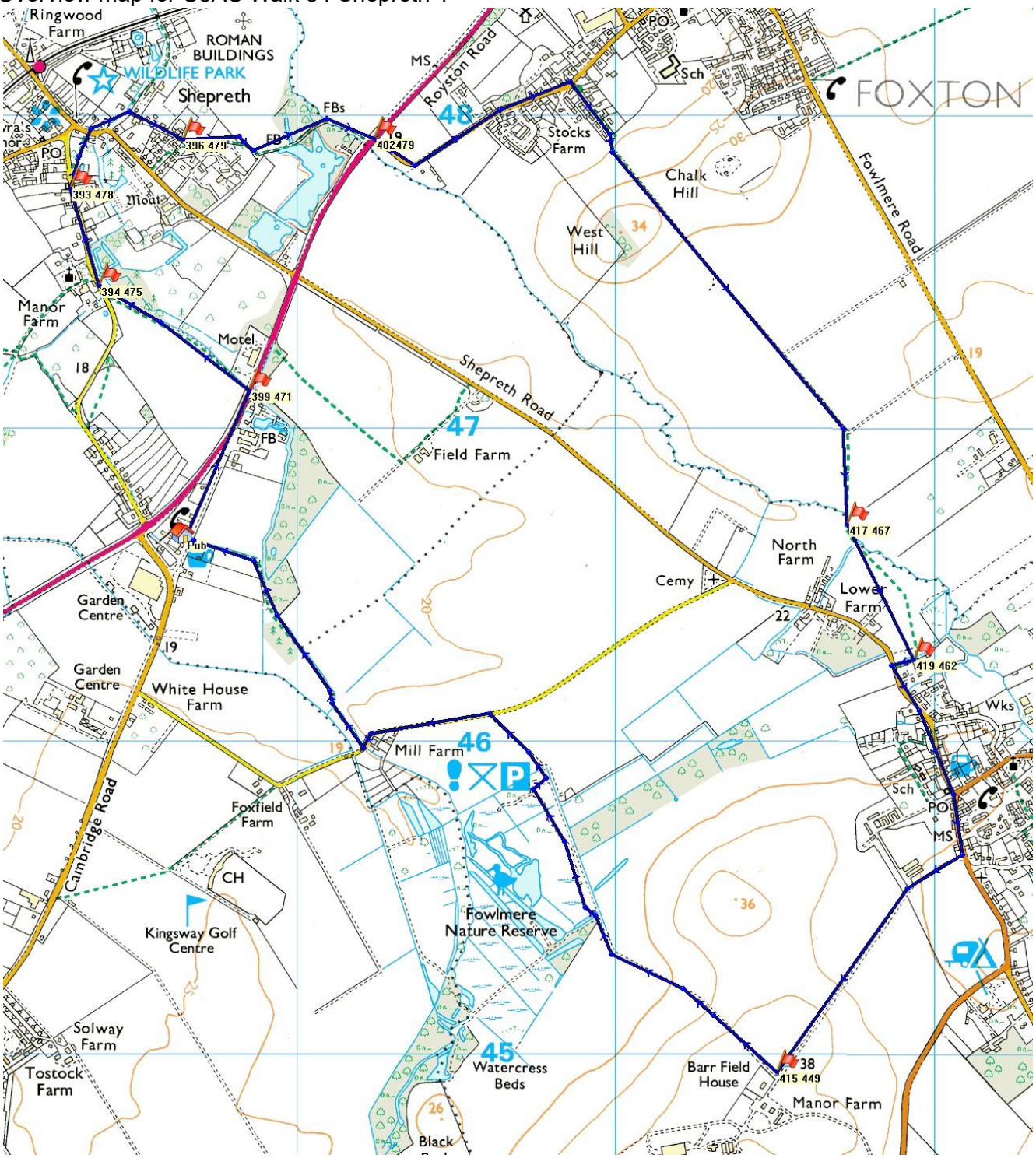
Overview map for U3AC Walk 34 Shepreth 1



Walk 34. (Rev: Q1-24) (6.5 miles)
SHEPRETH 1 Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 209

Start: The Green Man, Dunsbridge Turnpike, Shepreth, SG8 6RA Tel: 01763 261921, Grid Ref: TL398466

Directions: From Cambridge. Leave on the A10 south towards Royston. Take the fourth left after the Foxton level crossing toward Melbourn (this is the first left after the long single storey motel on the right). Then take the first left (just after the garden centre on the right). The pub is ca 200m on the left.

Walk: With your back to the pub turn Left. Pass through a fence to the A10 and cross it, continue ahead and take the path to the left, opposite Shepreth Mill (TL399471) along the left bank of a stream. As you approach a stile go right to a gateway onto the road (TL394475) and turn right along the road. Opposite the Plough pub turn right through the hedge at the kissing gate (TL393478) and head towards a white boarded house. Take the path to the left and at the road turn right over the river bridge and go left, Angle Lane, signed for Barrington and Foxton. Pass Kenzie's coaches on the right and turn right on a gravel track Signed Footpath to Foxton, through vertical logs, keep to the right of a conifer hedge through a gate. Straight on then turn left through a kissing gate, (TL396479). Follow on past 4 houses on your left, turn left onto a fenced path signed Foxton. Cross a bridge over a stream and turn right to the A10, (TL402479). Follow the road opposite into Foxton. Past the Green, with covered seating, turn right down Caxton lane signed Footpath Fowlmere onto a farm track, (through Foxton Wood), for about a mile. At a hedge, that goes off to your right, turn half right across the field to a wooden bridge (TL417467). After the path turns sharp right turn left over a bridge. The path goes ¼ right across the field; it may not be evident, into trees, (TL419462) (good coffee stop). Turn right to a road. Turn left along the road keeping to the left-hand side until it is safe to cross and take to the right-hand side pavement. Walk up through the village and take the 'B' road for Barley. Turn right up Manor Farm to Fowlmere Aerodrome. At the top of the slope, past the trig point, turn right (TL415449), signed American War Memorial, to a gate into the RSPB Reserve. Through the gate turn left and take the bridge on your right follow and path to the boarded walk through the mere. (There can be orchids here in October) At a junction turn right and left just before the car park. Go down the track to a road and turn left. The road dips round to the left by a white wall, cross a stream and take the path on the right through a gate on the left bank of the stream*. Keep stream on right hand side until you see the way-marks to the Green Man pub, (TL398466).

Notes. * The stream is created from the springs that feed the mere.

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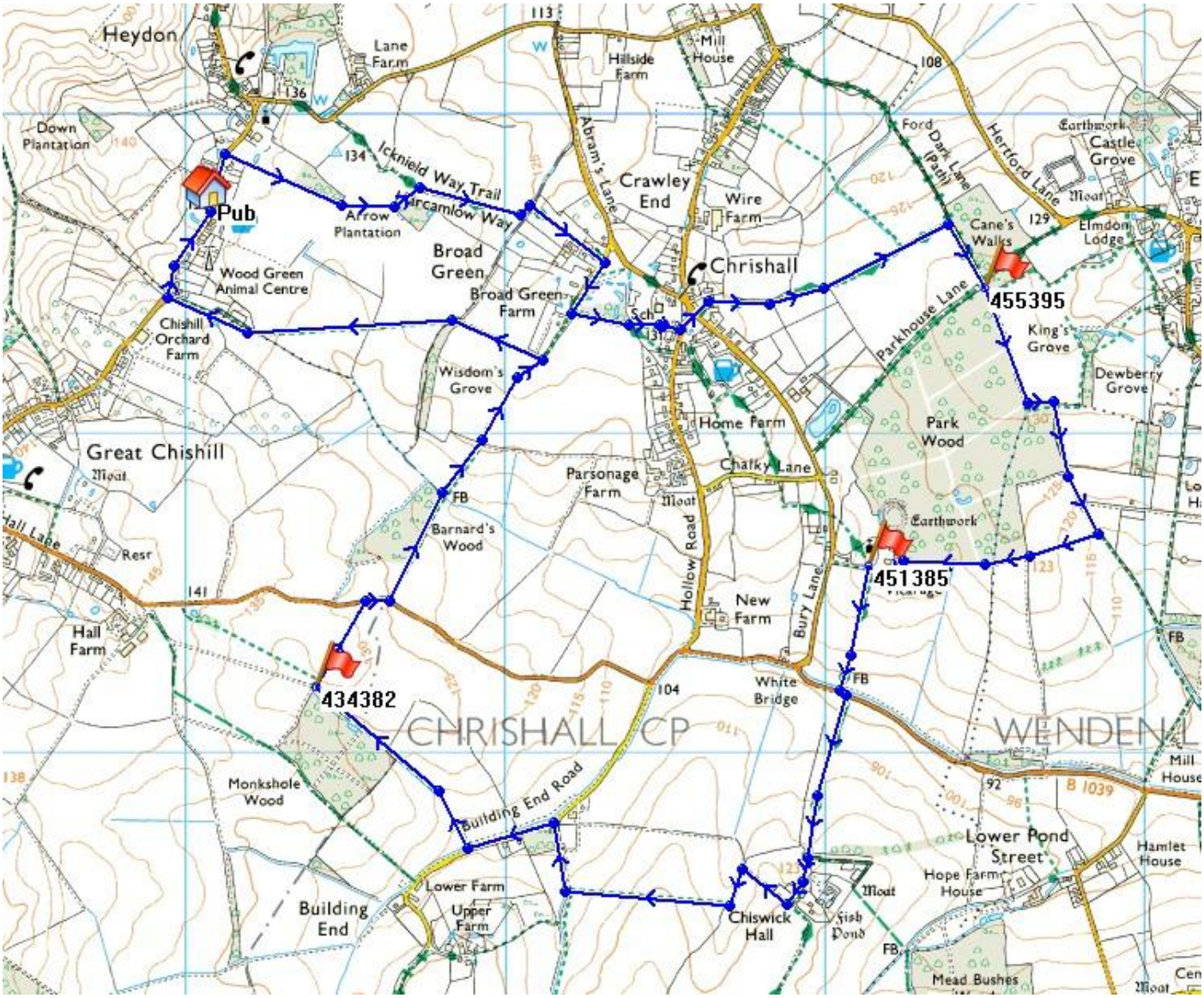
Overview map for U3AC Walk 35 Heydon 1 (Rev 17-09)



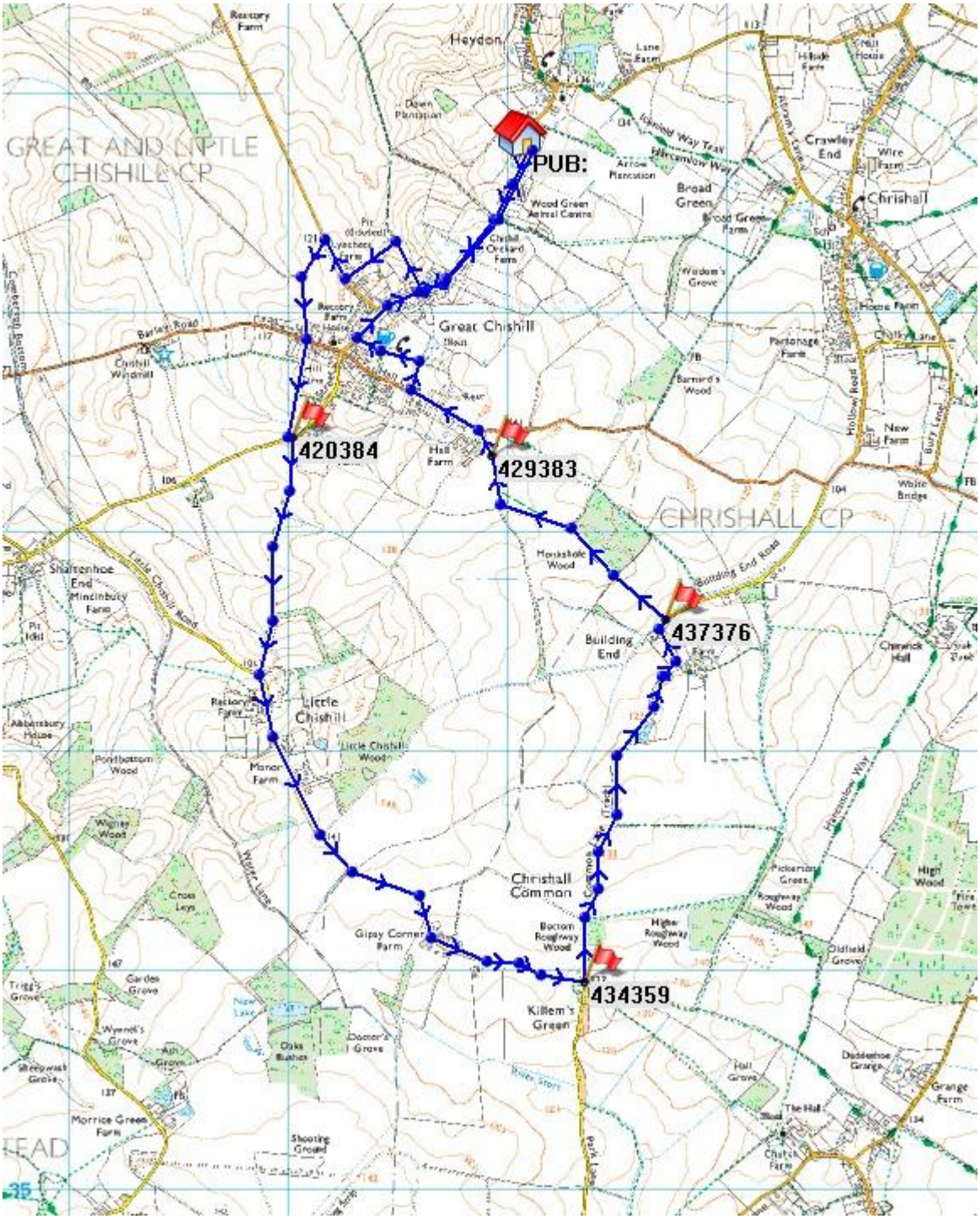
Walk 35, (Rev: Q4-23) (6.7 miles)
HEYDON 1 Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 194
Start: King William IV, 43 Chishill Road, Heydon, SG8 8PN, Tel: 01763 321270 Grid Ref: TL431397

Directions: From Cambridge, leave on the A10 towards Royston. At the traffic light at the north end of Harston turn left onto the B1368 to Fowlmere. Just before leaving Fowlmere turn left onto a minor road to the A505. Go straight across the A505. At the next T junction turn right for Chrishall and Heydon. At a Y junction you go right for Heydon, the pub is on the left in about 1 mile.

Walk: With your back to the pub turn right and take the first path on the right. After 200 yards the path bends to the left to a copse, joins another path and goes to the left of the copse. At a minor road turn right and in 150 yards left into Chrishall. Turn left and then diagonally across a small grass triangle into a small development of new houses. In 50 yards turn right between two houses and follow the path to a lane, turn right and at a T junction, (TL455395) go straight ahead. Follow the path along the side of a wood and around the around the edge of the field. Turn right over a sleeper bridge and follow the path for ¾ mile to Chrishall Church (TL451385). Turn right downhill to a road, side step left and take the metalled track towards a farm. Just short of the farm turn right through a hedge then left to the corner of a paddock fence, turn right and follow the fence. At a hedge turn left, in about 100 yards turn right over a bridge. Go straight ahead over the field, at the crest look for a galvanized post in the hedgerow; this is a bridge that you cross. Weave through the scrub to a grass path and turn right to a lane. Here turn left and in 200 yards right on a track to the right of a wood. At the end of the wood, (TL434382*) turn right on a grass track to a road and again turn right** In 50 yards turn left along the right side of a hedge and keep straight ahead until the path becomes a lane, here turn left go through a tree belt and enter the edge of an orchard to a road. At the road turn right to the pub.

Notes:
* This farm track is not a public path. Contact will need to be made with the Farmer prior to the walk, in order to get permission – (The landowners Hall Farm, Great Chishill are Peter and Jean Wiseman and their number is 01763 838263). The public path goes on straight ahead at this point to the road where you would turn right to the turning
**Take care here the lane is narrow and there is a sharp right bend at the point that you take the next path left. There was quite a lot of traffic the day of my recce.

Walk 36 Heydon 2 (Rev: Q1-18)



Walk 36 (Rev: Q4-21) (7.0 miles)
HEYDON 2 Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 194
Start: King William IV, 43 Chishill Road, Heydon, SG8 8PN, Tel: 01763 838773, Grid Ref: TL431397

Directions: From Cambridge, leave on the A10 towards Royston. At the traffic light at the north end of Harston turn left onto the B1368 to Fowlmere. Just before leaving Fowlmere turn left onto a minor road to the A505. Go straight across the A505. At the next T junction turn right for Chrishall and Heydon. At a Y junction, you go right for Heydon, the pub is on the left in about 1 mile.

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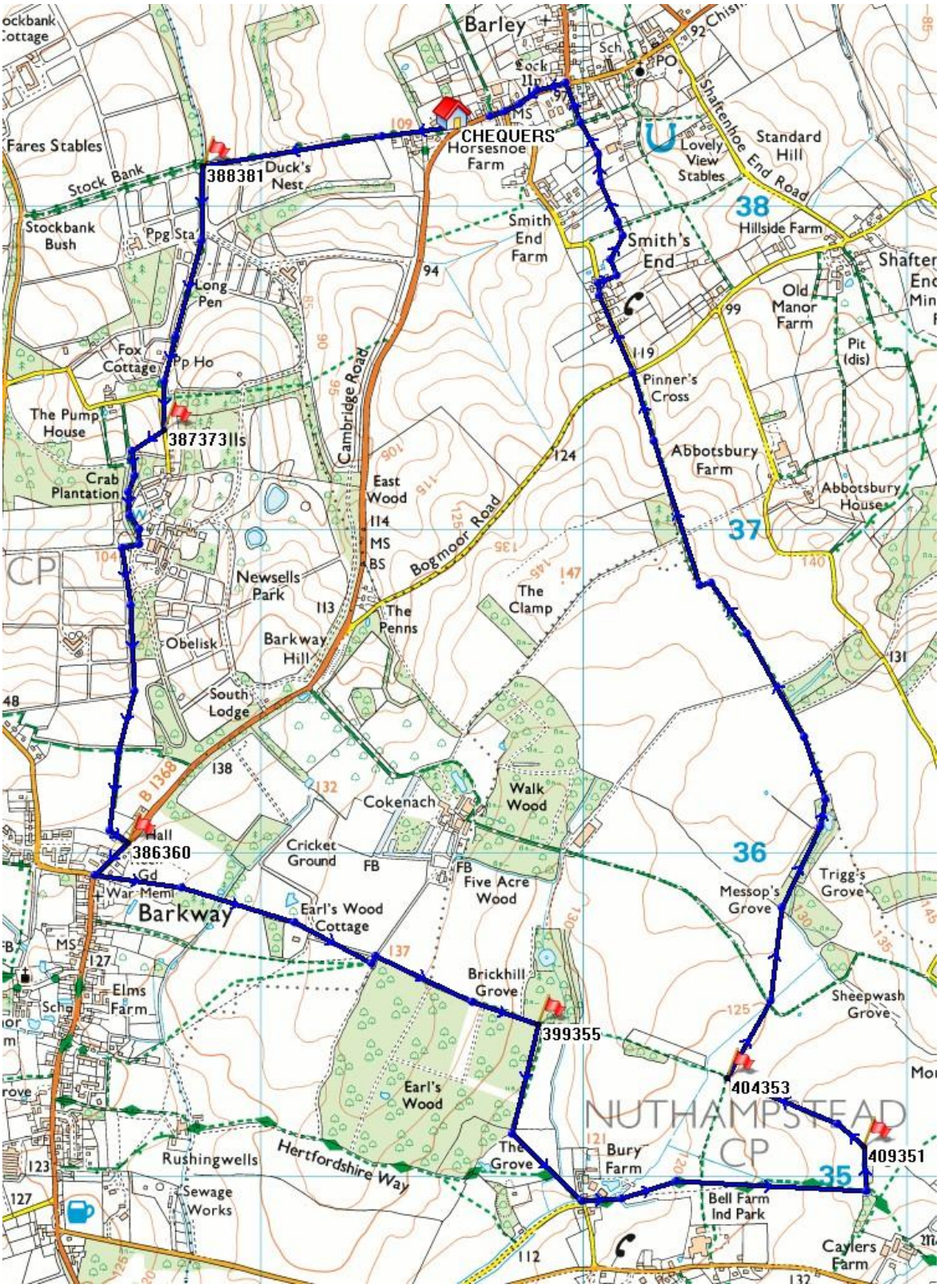
Walk: With one's back to the pub turn left and in approx. 400m turn right. At the bottom of the slope turn left, walk through the chalk pit and at the road turn right. In 100m turn left and at the road turn left and immediately right and follow the path to a minor road. Turn left and then right to a bridleway (TL420384), keeping with this to a minor road, here turn left. Keep to the road for 1 ¼ miles, it has a good grass verge which can be used for walking along. When the road turns sharp right by a pair of cottages, (TL434359), take the track to the left and follow it for 1 ¼ miles. The track becomes a metalled road, keep with the road as it bends round to the left and then turns sharp right, in 50m take a path to the left (TL437376) heading for the left side of a wood. Keep with the path beyond the wood and at a farm track, (TL429383), turn right to a road. Here turn left into Great Chishill and in approx. ¼ mile turn right towards the village hall. Walk across the playing fields to a gap in the fence and across the meadow towards the top right-hand corner. Walk through a gap in the hedge, across the green area to the road. Turn right and walk through Great Chishill and into Heydon, the pub is on the right.

Note:

Walk 37 Barley (Rev Q4-21)



Walk 37 (Rev: Q2-24) (6.9 miles)

BARLEY :

Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 194

Start: The Chequers, London Road, Barley, SG8 8JQ Grid Ref: TL396382 Tel: 01763 849144

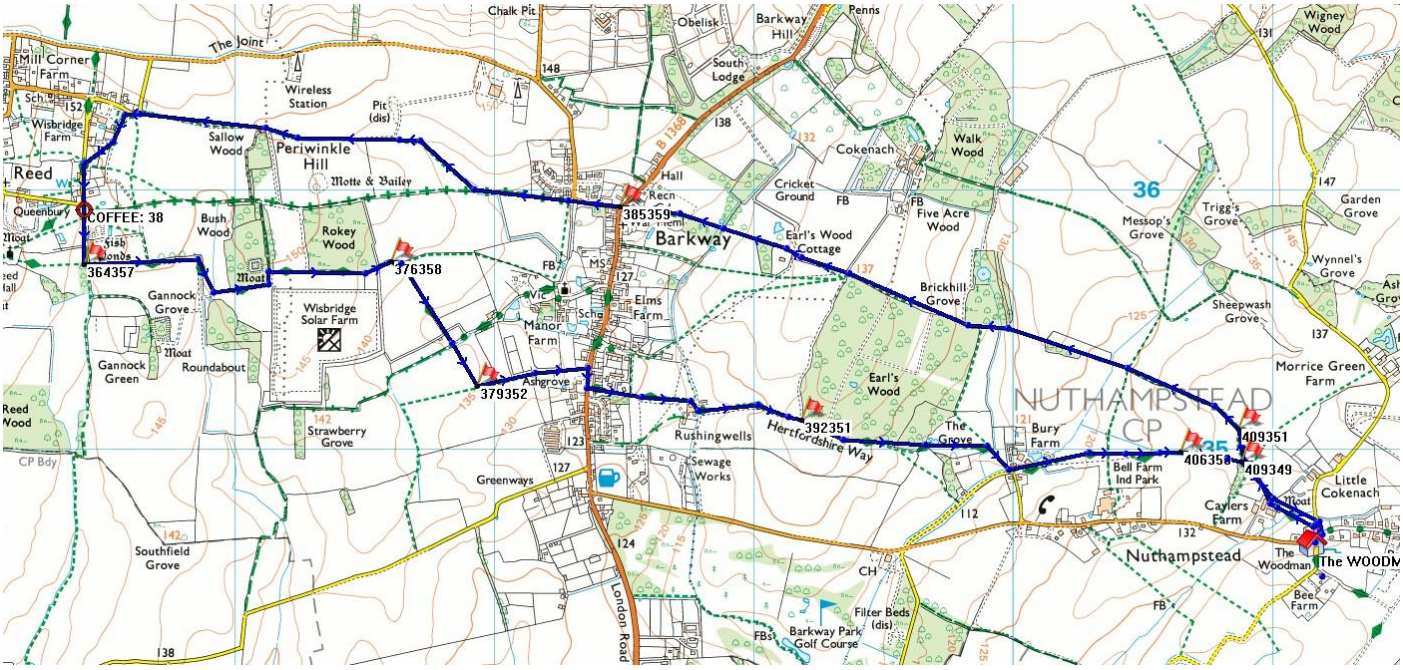
Overview Map U3AC

Directions: From Cambridge. Leave on the A10 towards Royston. At the traffic lights at the north end of Harston turn left onto the B1368 through Fowlmere to Barley. The pub is on the right-hand side, at the end of the village.

Walk:
Currently: This walk starts at the Woodman in Nuthampstead
Original description: Take the track at the back of the pub, going in a roughly westerly direction. After about half a mile, at TL388381 take the track on the left. This leads into a stud called Newsells Park. In an avenue of trees, watch out for and take a signed footpath on the right (TL387373). Go over a large stile and diagonally left in a paddock. Come out through the gate in the top left-hand corner of the paddock and take the path straight ahead into the woods. At the end of the wooded path, you emerge on a drive. Go right for a few paces, and pick up the continuation of the footpath alongside a hedge. The path now runs straight into Barkway. At the road (TL386360). turn right and look out for the War memorial on the other side of the road. Now cross the road and take the path behind the memorial This runs across a playing field, down the left-hand side of a wood. At the end of the wood turn Right (TL399355) toward a gate. Walk half Left across a field to a kissing gate and cross the next field to a road. Take the path to the left between the farm and the house, follow the stream to a field and walk straight ahead to a hedge. Take the path to the Right and follow the left side of the hedge uphill to a small copse. Turn Left to the end of a line of trees (TL409351), turn Left and walk downhill to a path on the Right (TL404353) Turn Right and follow the path. When you come to a farm track, go left for a short distance, to pick up a track leading to a wood. Follow the path next to the wood, until you come to a track on the right, which enters the wood. The path now runs straight on to the hamlet of Smith's End. In Smith's End look for a path off to the right between houses. Take this track, which turns left through a gate into a cricket field. Go diagonally across to a kissing gate, then follow the path, which will take you into the village. At a T junction in the path, go left, then first right, and you will emerge by the Fox and Hounds. Turn left and follow the road back to the Chequers.

Notes:

Walk 38 Nuthampstead (Rev: Q1-23)



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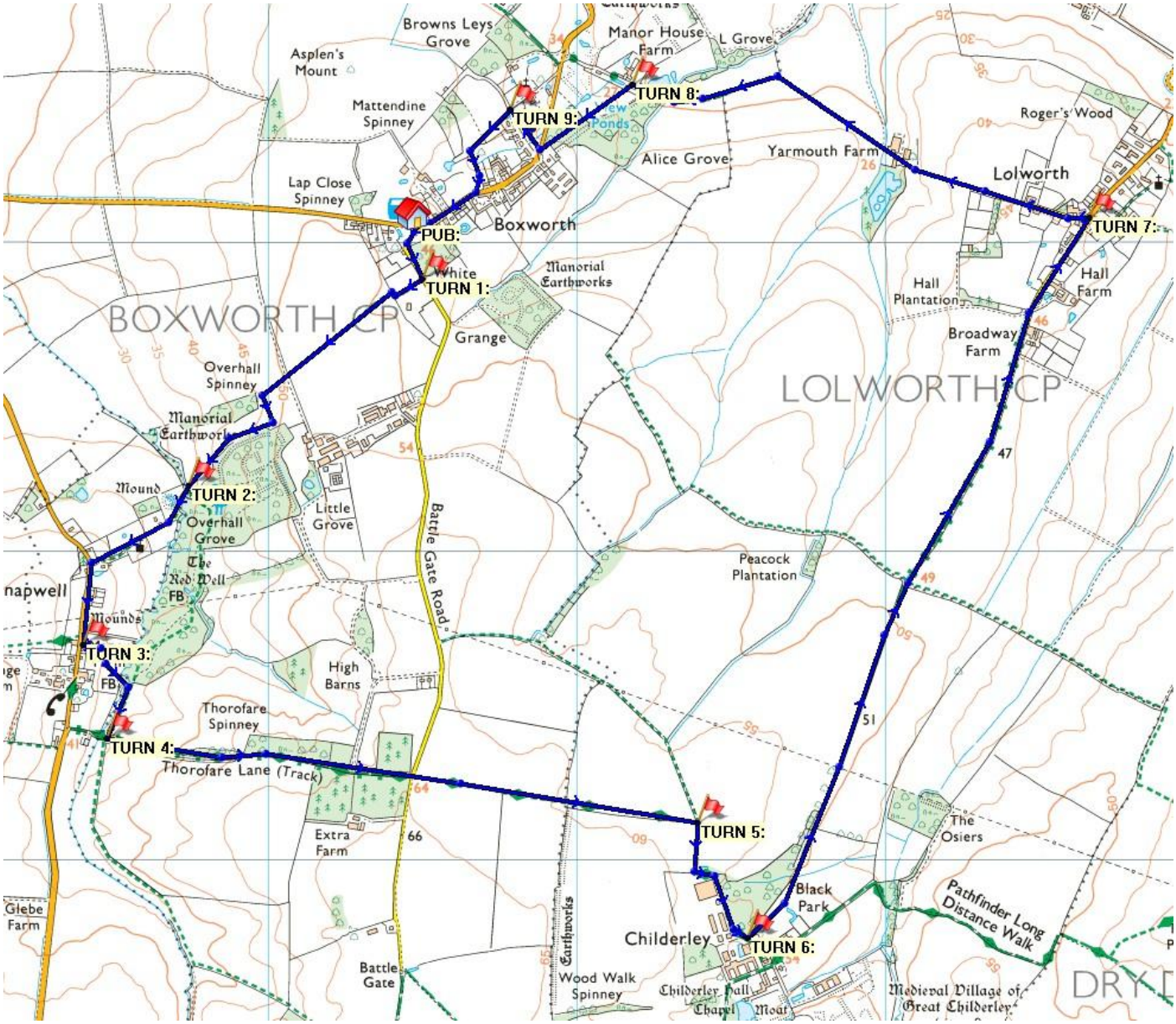
WALK. 38 (Rev: Q1-23) (7.0 miles)
NUTHAMPSTEAD Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 194
Start: The Woodman, Nuthampstead, Royston, SG8 8NB Tel: 01763 848328, Grid Ref: TL412346

Directions: From Cambridge. Leave Cambridge on the A10 south toward Royston. At the traffic lights at the north end of Harston turn left on the B1368 through Fowlmere and Barley to Barkway. Go through the village and turn left towards Nuthampstead. After approximately 1.75 miles when the road bends left, turn right. The pub is 100 yards on the left.

Walk. (Depending where the BULLS are!) **EITHER:**
Turn Right out of the pub car park and take the first turning on the Left (Bell Lane). Pass Caylers Farm (sign Caylers: Charolais) and at the top of the next rise, before reaching a house with a cross on its gable, turn Right along an unmarked but visible grassy track, with a thin tree-line on your RHS, to a FB (TL 408348). Cross FB, through kg into a field ("Bull in Field" sign) and turn Left following the line of the trees now on your LHS to another kg (app 30m). Go through the kg and continue to follow the treeline on your LHS. As the treeline bends Left, dogleg Left thru the trees following a waymark post, then Right. Continue on the fp with the treeline on your RHS to an oak tree (TL409351) and pick up route from next section…..
OR
Turn Right out of the pub car park. and take the 2nd turning Left just past the red brick building (Bull Farm). After app. 25m turn Left through a kg (signposted "public footpath Earls Wood 1". Cross the field diagonally to a brown metal 5-bar gate (padlocked on recce). Go over the gate and through another kg into a small field (with a "Beware of bull" sign). Bear left along the side of the field toward a couple of black barns & kg. (at the time of the recce there was a bull in the field!) Go through the kg and follow fp across field toward a narrow stand of trees & a white marker. Go through line of trees, following a waymarked fp sign. Once out of the trees, turn Right and follow track to a hedge line & large oak tree. (TL409351) Once through the tree line, turn Left and walk downhill to a copse; follow the path to the left of the copse and walk through it (kg @ TL403354). Cross a FB, immediately turn Left over another FB and then immediately Right. Follow the track (Copse on your Right) towards a house, follow the fp to the right of the house, across a "garden", over a fp, then to the LH corner of a playing field, to a road at the Barkway War Memorial. (TL385359). Cross the road into Royston Road and as the road turns Right, go straight ahead on a fp (signs "Reed 1¼"). in 500m a stream comes in from the right here turn right along the left-hand side of the stream. After turning left, the path turns right back over the stream, continue Westward along the farm track toward a road. DO NOT go through the hedgerow to the road but follow the track round to the left along a hedge line. After ~100m follow the track Right, through the hedge line and turn half left across a small meadow towards a cottage and a road. Turn left at the road and continue straight ahead past a small Green (COFFEE) for 400m, turn left up steps (TL364357) and cross a field towards trees then follow the track to the right of the trees. Continue along the track. Immediately after it turns sharp right, take the fp on the left and go diagonally Right across a field to a gravel track. Turn Left towards a wood (Bush Wood). Follow the path to the right of two woods and at (TL376358) turn Right and follow fp over a FB into a field. Continue straight ahead to a cross-path (TL379352). Turn Left taking the path to a road. Turn right at the road towards a new house. After approx. 80m take fp Left (signposted "public footpath 11") to a gravel track cross-path. Bear Right along the track. Pass through a small residential area, and then dogleg (30m) Right then Left towards the right-hand side of a wood (Earls Wood, TL392351). Follow the path to the right of the wood, walk half left across the field to a kg. Cross the next field to a road. Dogleg Right 20m and take the path to the left between the farm and a house. Follow a stream to a field and walk straight ahead towards a hedge/ditch. At the hedge/ditch, turn Right and follow a grassy track, Cross the hedge/ditch at a waymark (TL406350) and walk to the top of the field. Turn right at a waymark (TL409349) at the top of the field, picking up the outward journey "back to the pub"

Notes:
"kg" = kissing gate
fp = footpath. FB
footbridge

Walk 39 Boxworth



Walk 39 (Rev: Q4-21), (6.25 miles)
BOXWORTH Map. OS Landranger 154 / Explorer 225
Start. The Golden Ball, 35 High Street, CB23 4LY Tel:01954 267397 Grid Ref: TL345641

Directions: From Cambridge. Two routes. First, leave Cambridge on the A14 and exit left at the Cambridge Services (Exit 25A, signed “Boxworth, Services”) continuing ahead to Boxworth. The pub is on the right at the far end of the village. Second, leave Cambridge on the A1303, Madingley Road, and join the A428 at Hardwick. In about 3 ½ miles turn right for Knapwell, go through the village and at a crossroad 1mile beyond the village turn right to Boxworth. The pub is on the left as you enter the village.

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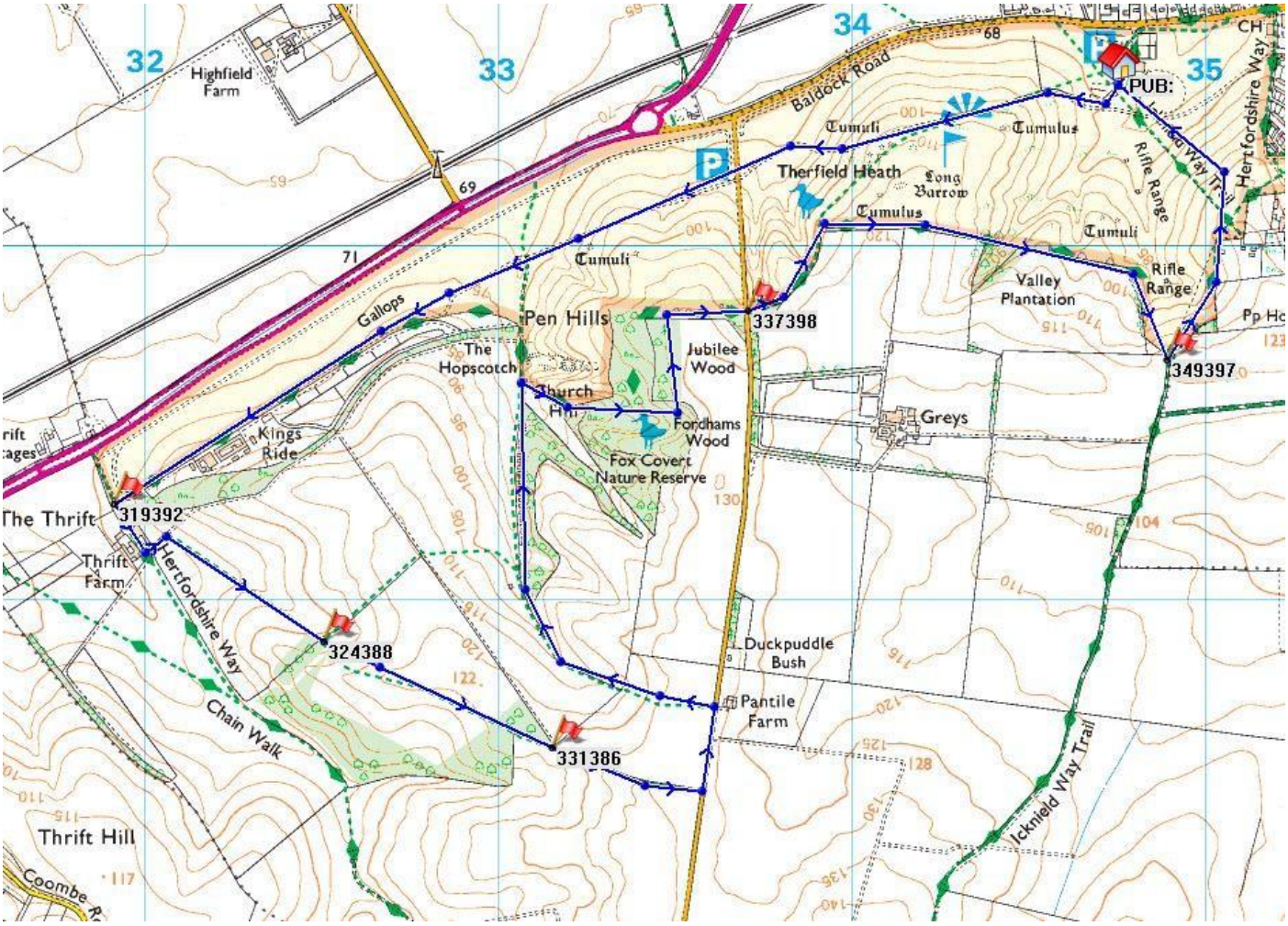
Turn	Grid Ref (TL)	Time	Comments
0	PUB 345641	0.00	Take Battle Gate Rd opposite pub. At the de-restriction sign
1	345639	0:02	**R** thru' galv. kissing gate (gkg). Soon thru' 2nd gkg and bear/step **R** and along RH edge of hedge. Cross concrete track, ahead to RH corner of wood. **L** along its edge. **R** at its next corner and diagonally across field on easily visible path to foot bridge
2	337632	0:17	Cross bridge (see Note 1), ahead on hardish path to road [High St Knapwell, CB23 4NR]: At the road, bear **L**; in ca 250m, just past no. 11,
3	334627	0:10	**L** thru' wood gate on signed narrow fp between gardens. Thru' wood kg, follow fp diagonally across field to foot bridge (FB). Cross it, bear **R** along edge of field to track:
4	335624	0:06	**L** on wide byway, uphill between trees. Cross Battle Gate Rd [CB23 4NJ], ahead on fp, (concrete at first, then grass), across 2 fields to T junc'n:
5	354621	0:28	**R** on wide fp. It steps L; pass first farm buildings on R to grass area on L. Bear L across this to gate next to farm gate: (This farm is Childerley Hall CB23 8BA)
6	356617	0:06	Bear **L** thru' it to fp across field. Head roughly for its far LH corner where ahead on wide grass bridleway between hedges to Lolworth (now tarmac) [CB23 8HG]. At cross roads in middle of village:
7	367641	0:36	**L** on Redlands Rd, a signed hard bridleway. Thru' farm buildings (Yarmouth Fm) and ahead on wide, grass, waymarked bridleway. Approach Manor Farm; ca 30m after start of tarmac and in front of 1st brick pillar:
8	352645	0:24	**L** on signed fp, thru' galv gate, across field to 2nd. galv. gate; ahead on fp thru edge of copse to main rd. Cross rd, step a bit **L**, ahead along School Lane. At end:
9	348644	0:08	**L** thru' wood kg on signed fp thru' field. Follow it as it curves L to a wood gate under transformer. **R** along sidewalk back to:
0	PUB 345641	0:07	

Note 1: The wood is Overhall Grove, an SSSI, noted for its oxlips. A ranger told me that they usually flower in April and that they're better in Hardwick Wood (Walk 49). The website for this is: www.wildlifebcnp.org. The path thru' the wood is boggy, often even in summer and awful in winter (tho' some drains were being put in in Feb 2015 so it may get better). It can easily be avoided by detouring thru' Knapwell; rejoining the route at the exit from the wood, as per these walk instructions. However the wood hosts beautiful bluebells!!

Overview Map for U3AC Walk 40 Therfield Heath 1 (Revision 17-06)



Walk 40 (Rev: Q4-21) (6.3 miles)
THERFIELD HEATH 1 Map: OS Landranger 153/154 Explorer 194/209 Grid Ref: TL348405
Start: Heath Sports Centre, Baldock Road, Royston, SG8 5BG Tel: 01763 243613

Directions: From Cambridge. Take the A10 to Royston. At the A505 roundabout, just before Royston, take the third exit onto the A505 dual carriageway towards Baldock. At the next roundabout take the second exit (straight across still heading towards Baldock on the A505). At the next roundabout take the first exit (sharp left) towards Royston passing McDonald's on your left. After about 0.75 of a mile, look for a sports centre sign on your right. Turn here into the Royston sports complex car park.

Walk: Facing due west turn ½ left up to a knoll with a seat on it. Continue ahead on a path to two tumuli and here go ½ right and join a chalk track as you descend a hill. Keep with this track crossing a road to the last green on the golf course. Carry straight on along a tree belt to Thrift Farm (TL319392) and turn left through the farm (dogs MUST be on a lead as there is usually livestock). At the end of the farm buildings turn left and in 100m go right and aim for the left side of a copse (TL324388). Here, ignore the path to the left and carry straight on heading for the middle of a fence surrounding a plantation and go through the plantation. Just beyond the plantation you come to the corner of a field and the end of a hedgerow (TL331386). Strictly the path goes up the right side of the hedge, but it is more convenient to go up the left side. At the road turn left up the headland and at the next path turn left. The path swings right downhill coming to woodland on the right, just beyond the end of the woodland go left through a lever post stile and up a short sharp hill onto a chalk down. (This is quite famous for its crop of pasque flowers in mid-April, but they don't always flower).

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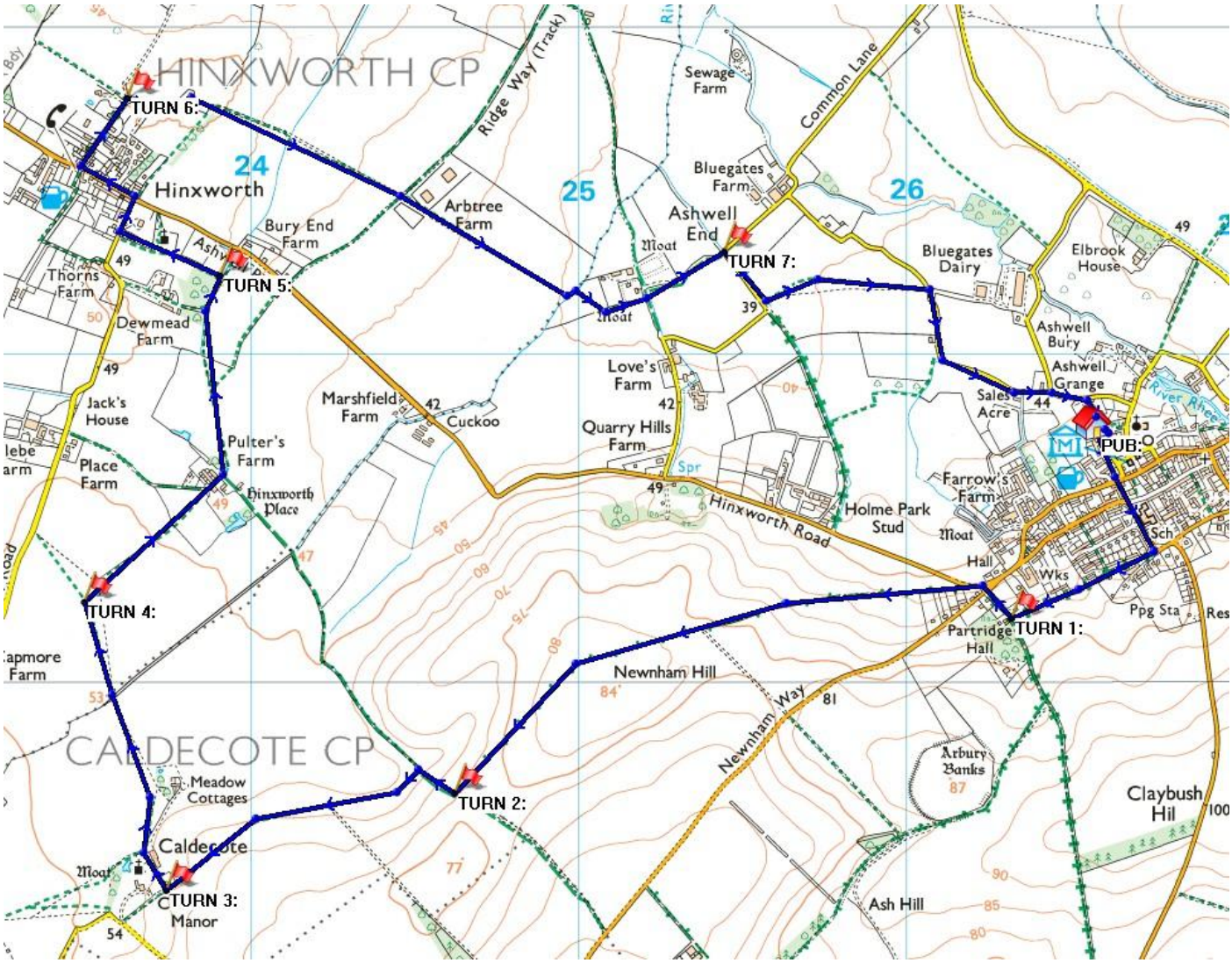
Pass through a gate and turn left through the beech wood, the path swings right to continue through a tree belt to a road (TL337398). Cross the road and keep ahead passing the golf course on your right and into more trees. Keep with this path as it descends and climbs and swings right to come out onto open heath (TL 349397). Cross to a hedge swinging left. At the crest of the hill turn left down to the sports centre.

Notes: Be aware that, if you use the post code in your Sat Nav, it may leave you at the Golf Club, about 200 yards from the Sports Centre entrance.

Walk 41 Ashwell (Rev: Q4-21)



Walk 41 (Rev: Q4-21) (6.4 miles)
ASHWELL Map: OS Landranger 153/Explorer 193
Start: The Bushel and Strike, 15 Mill Street, Ashwell, Baldock, Tel: 01462 742394, Grid. Ref: TL266398

Directions: From Cambridge. Take the A10 for Royston and turn right onto the A505 towards Baldock. Cross the two roundabouts on the Royston bypass and just after a petrol station turn right for Ashwell. In ¾ mile turn left and after entering the village turn left at the War Memorial to the centre. In the centre you need to turn right, just past a Green King pub on the left. Then keep straight on: the pub car park is on your right opposite the church.

Walk

Turn	Grid Ref (TL)	Time H:MM	Comments

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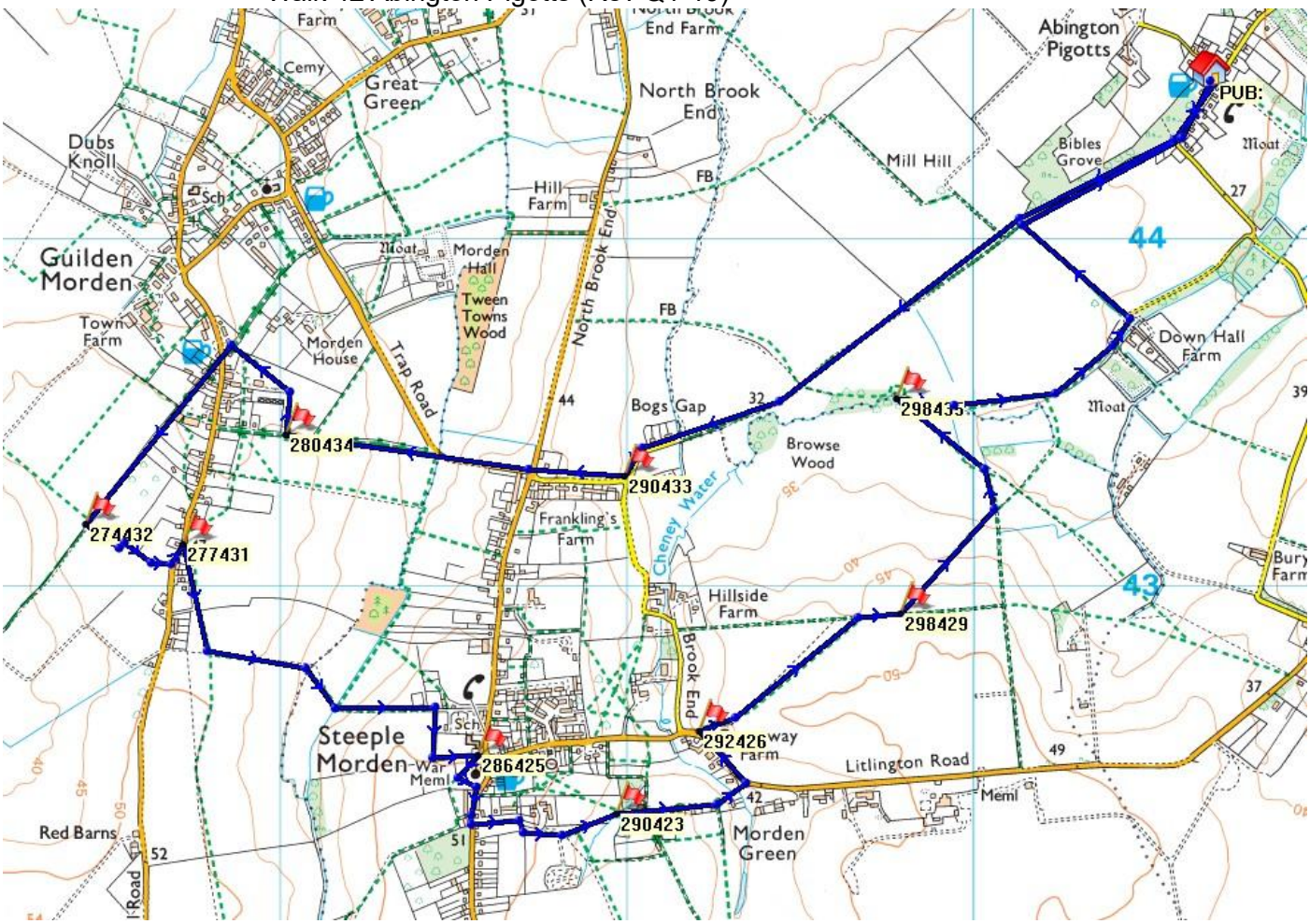
0	PUB: 266398	0.00	Turn left out of the car park and walk up Gardiners Lane to the High Street Step turn right then left into Bear Lane. Continue up steps and at a T junction turn right on to Icknield Way Take the concrete steps to a T junction and turn **R** - take a footpath off to the **L** and continue on the lane to a T junction 263392
1	263392	0:10	At T junction turn **R** to Newnham Road cross **Newnham Road** and a grass verge into **Hinxworth Road** and turn **L** and take FP/ track on the **L**. Follow this FP/track up **Newnham Hill** and then downhill to a T junction
2	246386	0:25	At the T junction turn **R** take path that leads to a path on the **L** in about 150yds through a narrow gap in the hedge. **N.B.** Keep to the **L** of the hedge - to **Coldecote Cottages**.
3	237383	0:15	Pass the cottages turn sharp **R** onto a concrete track. Continue to a track on **L** before **Meadow Cottage**. Take the track to the field end - look for the wooden pole about 50 yds to the **L** where the path continues through into the second field. Cross the field to where path forks
4	235393	0:10	Turn sharp **R** – with hedge row to your **L** - to **Hinxworth Place** at the road turn **R -** pass **Hinxworth Place House** on the **R** and then continue (after coffee break) for about 500 yds to find a path that leads diagonally across a field to the **L.** Go through the hedge at end of this field and then follow the FP along a field edge to a wide lane with a ditch to the **L.** As the lane bends to the **R** ignore the first path on **L** – continue to a path on **L** to **FB.**
5	239402	0:12	Cross the **FB** to the rear of **Hinxworth Church** walk through the church yard to the road and turn L to walk through **Hinxworth village** passing clock tower on the **R** - to **Chapple St** on **R** walk to the end.
6	236407	0:08	At the end of **Chapple St** take cinder track on the **R** which then bends **L** between to cottages to a path that lead to a large open field passing farm buildings **(Arbtree Farm)** cross another large field. At the field end follow path around horse paddocks to a road at **Ashwell End.**
7	254402	0:25	At **Ashwell End** turn R on the bend in the road. Then take FP **L** across a field to meet another road and turn **R.** Follow this road past carpark of **Bushel and Strike** to the **Hight St** turn **L** back to the pub.
0	PUB: 270397	0:25	The Pub

Notes: The Pub is under new management and the previous landlady (Philippa) has gone. The 1st few walk instructions need to be corroborated with the maplet.

Walk 42 Abington Pigotts (Rev Q1-19)



Walk 42 (Rev: Q4-21) (6.8 miles)

ABINGTON PIGOTTS Map: OS Landranger 153/Explorer 208

Start: The Pig and Abbot, High Street, Abington Pigotts, SG8 0SD, Tel: 01763 853515, Grid Ref: TL307445

Directions: From Cambridge. Leave on the A603 through Barton, past Wimpole Hall to the roundabout junction with A1198 and turn Left. Take the first Right through Shingay. Go through Wendy and take the next Left to Bassingbourn and Abington Pigotts. After 1 mile turn Right to Abington Pigotts. The pub is at the end of the village on your Right.

Walk

Turn	Grid Ref (TL)	Time	Comments
0	PUB 307445	0:00	With your back to the pub, turn **R** along the road. At the bend go straight ahead along a track past a cottage to a footpath that turns into a track.
1	290433	0:20	At a minor road walk to the **R** at the bend to cross roads. Cross the road to take Trap Road to where the road bends sharply to the **R**
2	285434	0:05	At the bend take the bridle path on the **L** between <u>silver metal fences (ignore first path running sharp **L** at this point)</u> continue straight along a wide grassy path lined by hedges on both sides and
3	280434	0:05	Take the **second path** on **R.** (The overhead wires and wooden telegraph poles are a rough guide to the right direction at this point).
4	280435	0:10	Follow the path along a high hedge to its corner - walk diagonally across the field (100 yds.) to a gap in a hedge. Turn **L** behind a house to a road in 30 yds. Cross the road to a metaled lane which becomes a track in open countryside
5	274432	0:15	Continue to where a footpath is signed right but turn **<u>sharp left</u>** in five yards **<u>there is no signpost in this direction</u>**.
6	277431	0:05	Follow this path around the side of the hedge to a road. Turn **L** and in 30 yds. cross the road and turn **R** onto a footpath along rear gardens.

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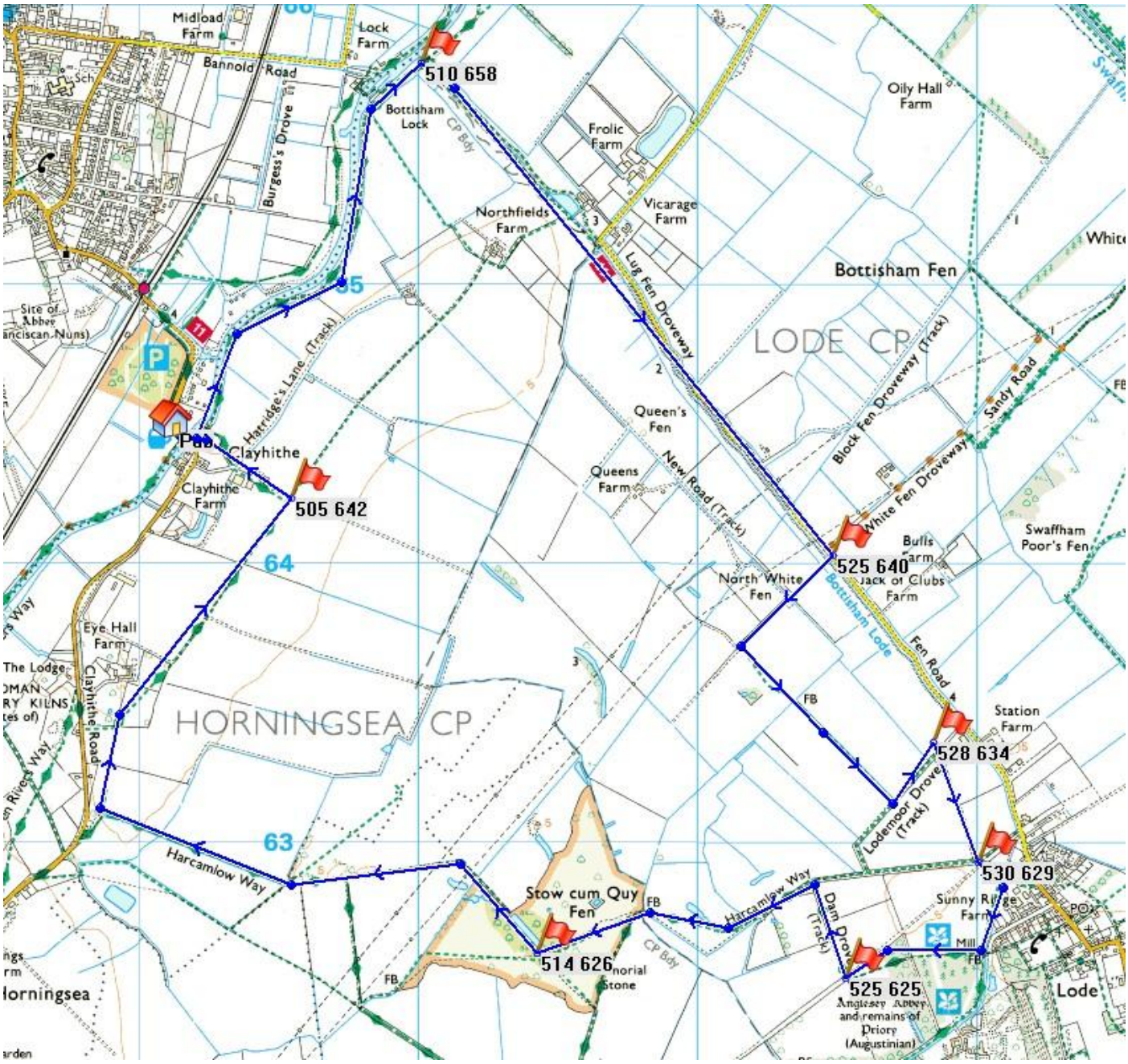
7	278428	0:05	**The path turns to the left just beyond the last back garden.** Follow this path downhill to the field end the cross into the next field until you reach a corner of woodland not shown on the OS map. Go across a sleeper bridge and immediately left through a gap in the trees. (Good place for a coffee break)
8	282427	0:10	Turn sharp **R** in the wooded area and walk up hill to a tennis court – head for the small to the right of the tennis court pavilion. Pass through the gap in the hedge on the **R** of the pavilion. Then turn **L** to join a path running to the right behind houses and then a school playground at the corner of the field turn left into the **Steeple Morden church yard** at the end of a short alley.
9	286425	0:05	Walk to the right of the church to the road and then turn right to **Church Farm Lane** on your **L** about 200 yards past the pub.
10	287426	0:05	Before the **last house** in Church Farm Lane **turn R** right and then left **over a stile**. Continue across the meadow keeping slightly to the left at a Y junction to a fence and a wide gap in the hedge
11	290423	0:10	Turn sharp **R** and follow the path through the trees to a 6' wooden fence at the rear of houses turn **R** and follow the fence to a tennis court and keep **L** to a made-up road. Take the minor road opposite and slightly to the **R** pass the phone box to a T junction with a wider B Road (in one third of a mile).
12	292426	0:05	At the B road turn **L** passing a farm**, cross the road** and take the signed diagonal path uphill across a field.
13	298429	0:20	At cross track **turn right** and continue a short distance **to a small way marker** marking start of path across second field to the **L**. Take this path downhill to the field end (don't cross in to the third field)
14	301433	0:05	Turn **L** at the field end and walk along the head land to a bridge on the right. DO NOT CROSS the bridge but turn **L** (90 degrees) walk about 50 yds. into the field. To find an overgrown drainage ditch and turn **R** and walk along the **L** bank of the ditch. Head to hedge at the field end - look for a white topped way marker about 100 yds. to the **L** along the hedge line that marks the location of a gap in the hedge and a bridge.
15	298435	0:10	Cross the bridge by taking the steps down to the bridge and pass into the next field and Turn sharp **R**
0	PUB	0:15	Follow the hedge and stream bending slightly to left towards a mill house. On arrival at the mill house pass through a gap in the hedge to Down Hall Farm. Turn right to the 16th century gate house. Then take the track on the left to where it bears left. Take the path on the right back to the pub.

Note: Not all turns in the text are shown on the maplet

Walk 43 Clayhithe



Walk 43 (Rev: Q4-20) (7.5 miles)

CLAYHITHE Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 226, Grid Ref.TL501645
Start: The Bridge, Clayhithe Road, Waterbeach CB25 9HZ Tel: 01223 860622

Directions from Cambridge: Leave Cambridge on A1303 and turn left onto B1047 for Fen Ditton and Horningsea. Continue toward Waterbeach until the road turns sharp left over the river. The Bridge is on the right-hand side over the river.

Walk: Cross back over the River Cam and turn left along the river. At Bottisham Lode (the first Lode) (TL510 658), turn right after the sluice gate along the left side of the Lode. The path joins a road, continue for a further mile (TL525640) and cross over the lode. Follow the gravel track toward Franks Farm and Queens Farm: The track has a hedge to Left & Right. The hedge turns into a line of trees on the LHS. After two tracks going Right, and at the end of the line of trees, take a small footpath Left at a patch of gravel ground (TL522637) and bear slightly Left across a field to a footbridge, and onward to a farm track at a T junction. Turn left on this track, then take the first footpath on the right (TL528634). Follow the footpath until you come to another

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T junction with a broad track. Turn left. Then, at a cross-path, in front of a hedge, (TL530629) sidestep right 5 metres, go through the hedge and turn Left onto a broad track. After 50 metres, turn right, and immediately take the footpath through a gate on your Right TL530629). Immediately through the gate, turn Left and follow the path along the edge of the field, coming out at the back of Anglesey Abbey Mill. Turn right opposite the Mill along the edge of the same field, and into a small woodland. At a T junction turn right, leave the woods (coffee here) then left on the track. Take first right (TL525625) onto Dam Drove Track. At a broad bridle way cross-path, turn Left onto the Harcamlow Way and follow this path (bearing Right at a fp “Y” junction) past a small pool on your Right. Go through a kissing gate, into Quy Fen. Follow the path across a field, (signpost says “Horningsea & Fen Ditton 3½ miles”) to another kissing gate (TL514626). After the gate, immediately bear right, passing a long pool on your Right. At the end of the pool side-step Right and go through a kissing gate. Follow the path which continues for about a mile toward a road. Just before the road, take the footpath on the right. Go through some horse paddocks and fields then turn left through a farm (TL505642) back to the pub.

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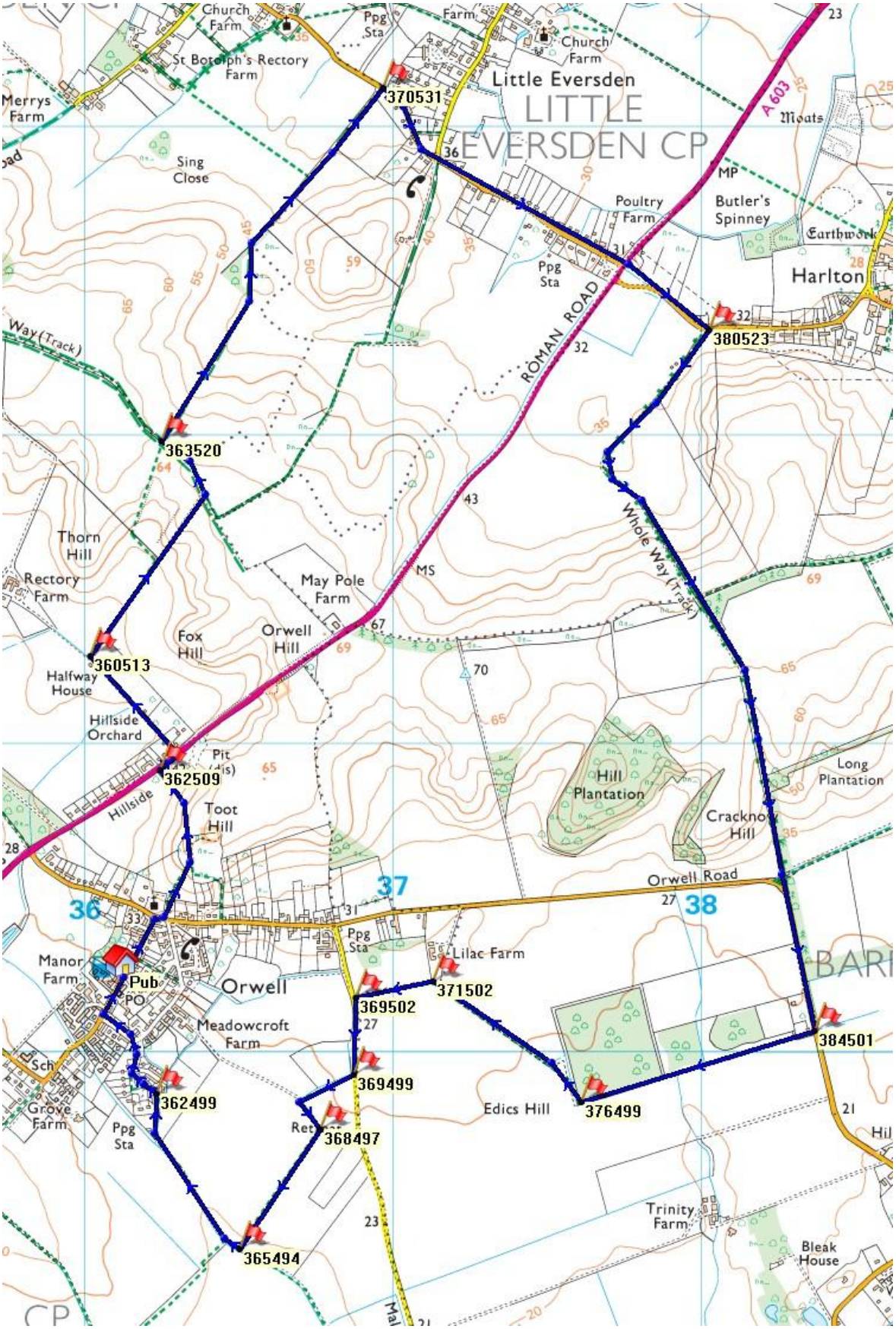
Overview map Walk 44 Orwell 1 (Rev: Q1-24)



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Walk 44 (Rev: Q4-21) (7.0 miles)

ORWELL 1 Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 209

Start: The Chequers, 22 Town Green Road, Orwell, SG8 5QL Tel: 01223 207840 Grid Ref: TL361503

Directions: From Cambridge. Leave on the A603 through Barton. In a further 4.5 miles turn left at the bottom of the hill into Orwell. Take the first right and the pub is on the right in 100 yards.

Walk: Walk back up the hill to the church, side step right and take the steps going up past the church. Keep straight ahead to the clunch pit and turn left to the road. (TL362509) Here turn right and in a short distance left along a wide unmade road. In 250 yards (TL360513) turn right past a garage, keep the hedge to your right to the top of the rise. At the crest go left and take the first path on the right, crossing a small bridge (TL363520). Follow this to Little Eversden. (TL370531). At the road turn right, cross the A603 towards Harlton and in about 200 yards (TL380523) turn right opposite two thatched cottages. Keep with this track over the hill to a road and continue in the same direction, towards Barrington. At a house on the right take the path (TL384501) just past it to the right. Then go straight on a farm track through a meadow, keeping the wood to the right, until you come to a bridge over a stream (TL376499), here go right and then at (GR 371502) turn left and follow path to the Malton Road (TL369502), turn left and walk past Meridian line marker and walk to footpath sign (TL369499) and turn right, walk 200 yards. At fork (TL368497) avoid wide farm track to right and turn left at waymark and follow path, swings right and after 700 yards at T (TL365494) turn right and keep on footpath, ignore bridge to left. Walk 500 yards to bridge and stile, join concrete footpath behind houses and walk to end of path, (TL362499) turn right and walk up Meadow Croft Way, at bench turn left and walk to Town Green Road, turn right and pub is about 50 yards up on left hand side.

Notes:

Overview Map Walk 45 Barton (Revision Q3-19)

WALK 45 (Rev: Q4-21) (6.8 miles)
BARTON Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 209
Start: The White Horse, 118 High Street, Barton, CB23 7BG, Tel: 01223 262327, Grid Ref: TL411554

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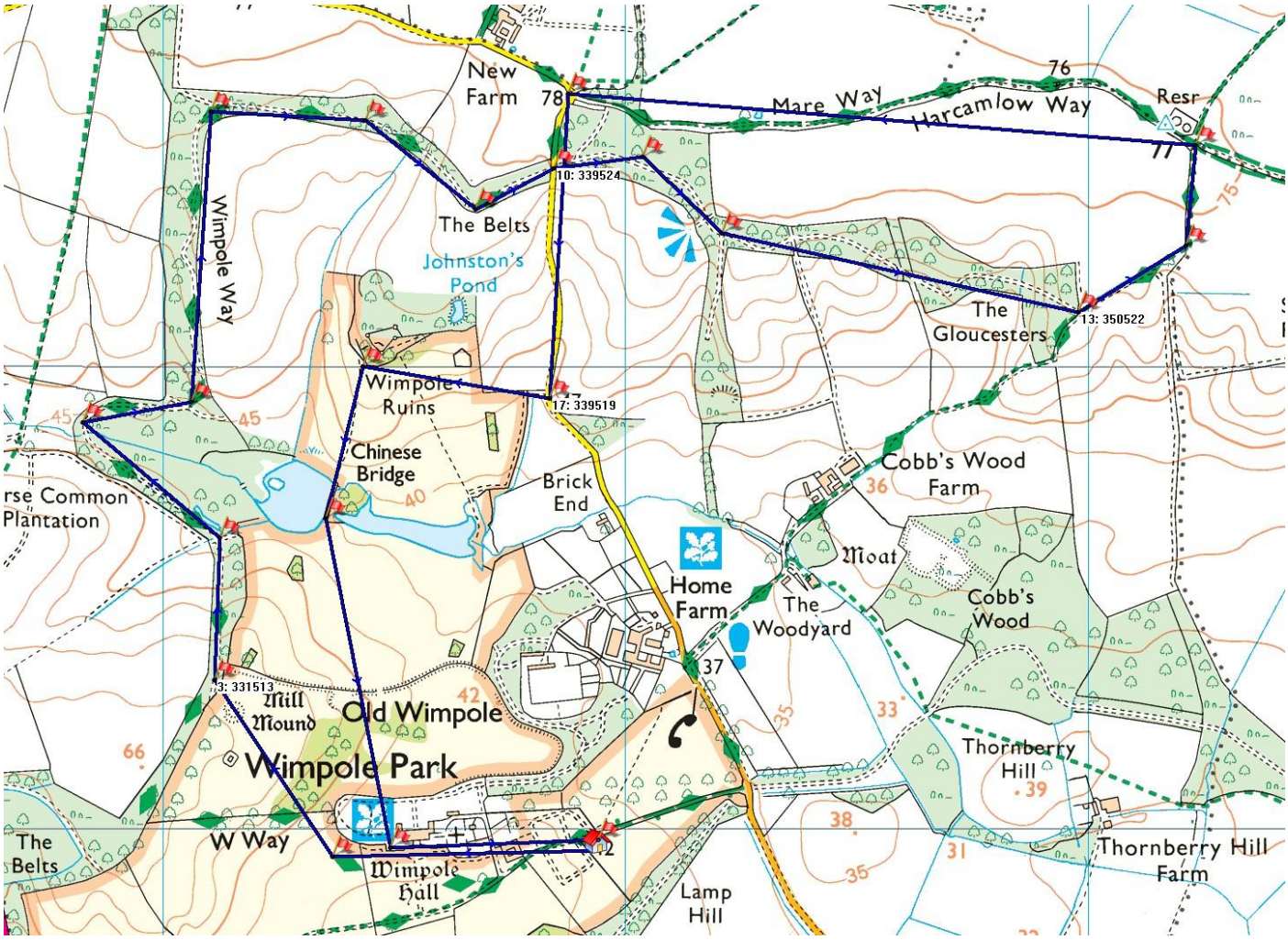
Directions. Leave Cambridge on the A603 (Barton Road) Cross the M11 and, after entering Barton Village, just after the “30 mph” sign, follow the road Right. The pub will be on the Right opposite a Gulf Garage/VW Car Sales Dealership.

Walk

Turn	Grid Ref (TL)	Time	Comments
0	PUB 411554	0:00	With your back to the pub, turn **L** and walk up the side road (High Street) to Turn 1
1	407557	0:06	Immediately after passing the Barton Baptist Church Turn **R** into Church Lane. Follow Church Lane past the church to the road. turn **L**. After ~ 30metres Turn **R**, following a footpath (fp) sign through “The Hoops” PH car park to a road. At the road turn **R**. After approx. 50 metres reach Turn 2
2	408558	0:03	Turn **L** along a fp with a wooden fence on its **RHS**, signposted “Coton 2”. Follow the path ahead between fields to the edge of a wood. (Signs “Military Firing Range – Keep Out”). Turn **L**. follow the fp to a cross-path. Turn **R** through a gate past a sentry box. Follow path across firing range through a gate to a second sentry box, under a line of telegraph poles to a hedge. (Turn 3)
3	411570	0:21	Turn **L** immediately after the hedge and walk uphill to a copse. Turn **R** & after a waymark, follow fp **L** up steps & continue to follow fp **L**. Pass a carved seat (View Point), go thru’ wooden gate. Follow fp bearing **R** downhill to cross-path (Turn 4).
4	410577	0:14	At cross-path turn **R** along grassy track to road. Cross road into Coton Countryside Reserve. After 50m turn L into field with notice board & cycle posts. Bear **R** and then follow track in a semi-circle back toward the road. Just before the road, turn **R** along a wide grassy track. Follow track to top of field. (turn 5)
5	409583	0:15	Turn **R** and follow fp along field headland. Pass through 2 gates. After 10m with a galvanised kissing gate (gkg) on your L, turn **R**. (turn 6)
6	414583	0:02	Follow fp thru’ nettle patches (following fp waymarkers) across 3 fields to gkg. After the gkg, turn **L** onto a concrete track, then after 20 metres **R** onto broad earth track over M11. Continue to follow track to a road (Barton Road.) Turn **L.** After 100 metres cross road and look for sign to permissive fp (Turn 7)
7	428575	0:24	At fp sign, turn **R.** After 100 metres, **(coffee)** follow fp **L** then **R** along field headland, with hedge on your **LHS**. As the fp bears R, turn **L** over a wooden fb. Immediately after the fb, turn **R** along grass track. At the line of a hedge in front of you, bear **R** along a gravel track. Follow the track **L** along a line of oak trees to a road (Coton Road). Turn **L** and walk into Grantchester. Opposite Lacies Farm, turn **R** into Bridle Way (Turn 8)
8	429558	0:26	Follow Bridle Way over the M11. Immediately over the M11 dogleg 20 metres **R** then **L**. Follow the track past a bench, and under telegraph lines to a road (Barton Road). Cross the Barton Road (use refuge on Left) into New Road. Pass Burwash Manor. Immediately after Barton Primary School Turn **L** following a pfp sign (on your RHS) through “The Hoops” car park to a road (Turn 9).
9	407558	0:30	Turn **L** and then bear **R** down Church Lane to High Street. At the High Street turn **L** back to Pub.
0	PUB	0:09	

Notes: **This walk crosses a rifle range. If it is operational they do not let people use that leg of the footpath. The person responsible for the range - Mr J Dyer, should be contacted by the walk leader prior to the walk to check if the path will be open. The phone number is: 01223 262403**

Overview Map for U3AC Walk 46 Wimpole Hall (Revision Q4-21)



WALK 46 (Rev: Q4-21), (5.7 miles),
WIMPOLE HALL Map: Landranger 153/154/Explorer 208/209
Start: Wimpole Hall car park, Arrington, Royston SG8 OBW Grid Ref: TL338509
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Directions: From Cambridge. Leave on the A603 through Barton. About 4 miles after Barton turn right at the brown National Trust sign to Wimpole Hall. (The car park is free for members only)

Walk: Leave the car park and walk across the front of the hall, at the far side of the hall turn right through a gate into a meadow with trees. Climb to the top of the rise, keep straight on to a stile (TL331513) in a fence, cross the stile and turn right keeping with this track through the tree belt until reaching a road, (TL339524). Cross the road and continue within the tree belt. On coming out of the trees (TL350522) turn left up the hill and turn left round the headland until you reach a cross track by two water tanks, here turn left. The track comes out at bend in the road, turn left and walk down the road for about 600 yards and then turn right (TL339519). The track swings to the right passing in front of Wimpole folly, just beyond the folly turn left and aim for the left-hand side of the lake. Having crossed over the bridge swing half left up the meadow to cross the bridge over the stream. Over the bridge go ½ right to the right-hand side of the hall and return to the car park.

Notes: Lunch is available at the café at the hall without pre-booking but service can be slow.

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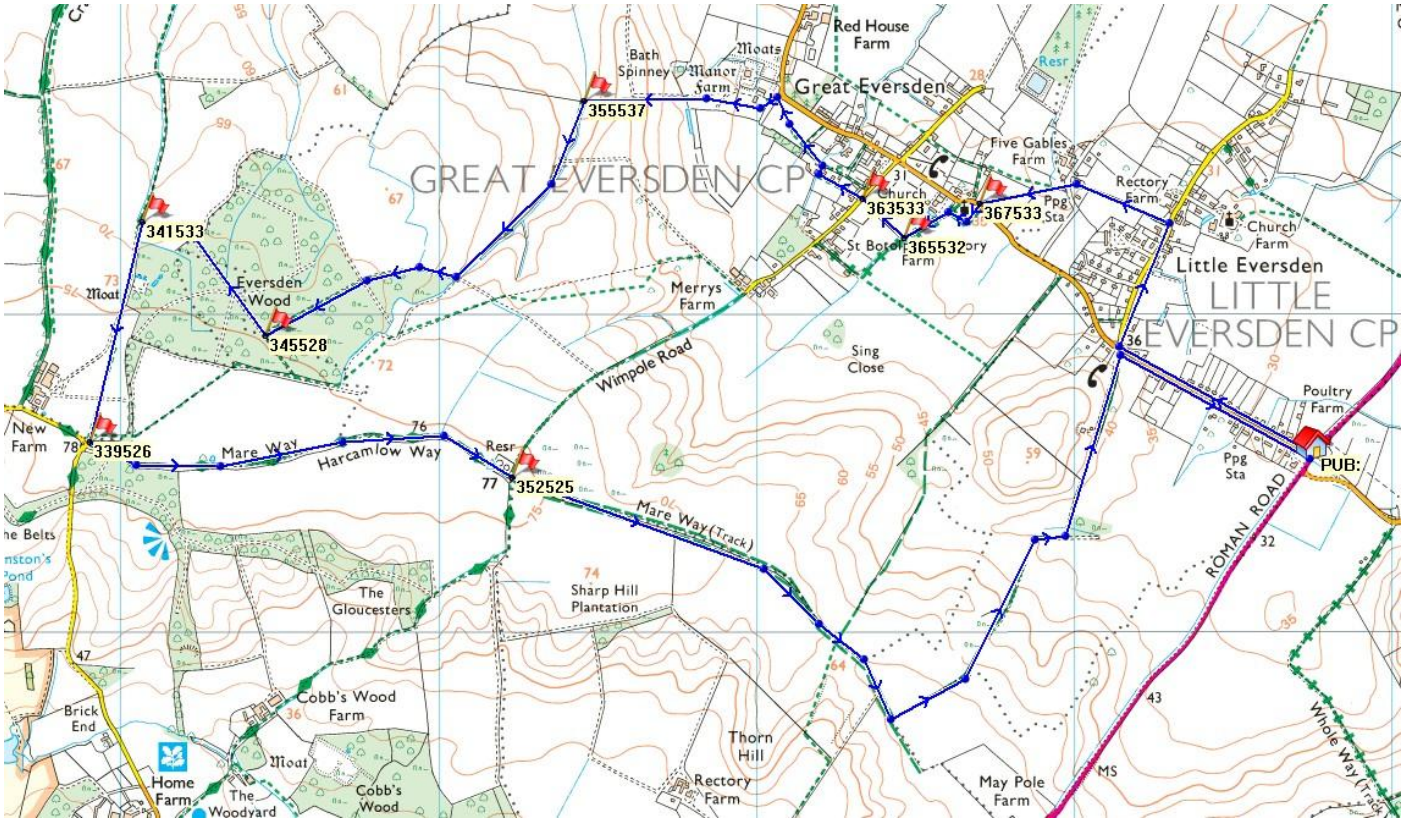
Walk 47 Great Eversden 1 (Revision Q1-21)

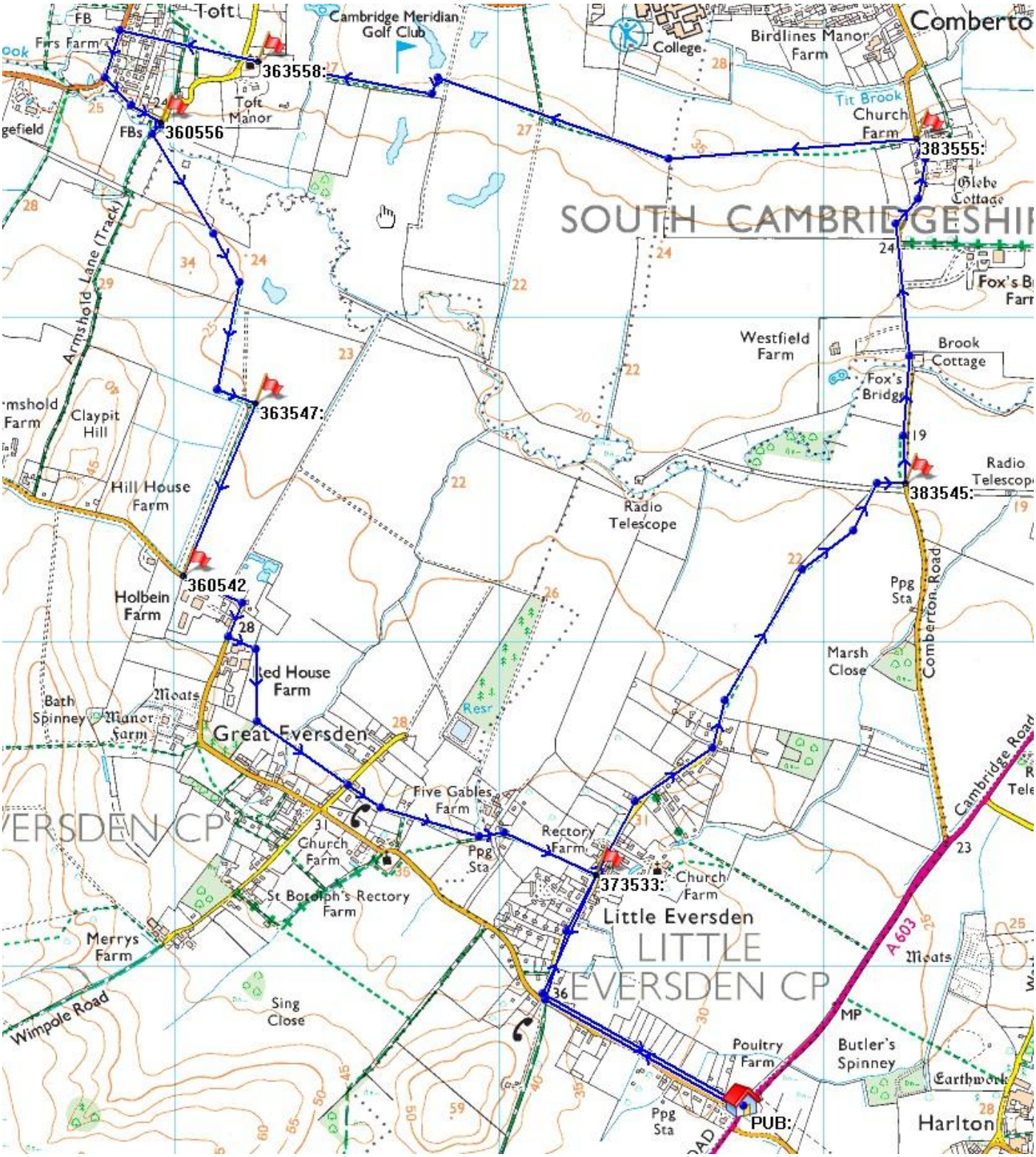


Walk 47 (Rev: Q3-24) (7.2 miles)
GREAT EVERSDEN 1 Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 209 Grid Ref: TL 378526
Start: The Wheatsheaf/La Pergola, Cambridge Road, Harlton CB23 1HA Tel: 01223 260005

Directions: From Cambridge, leave on the A603 through Barton. In a further 2 miles, at a junction, the Wheatsheaf/ La Pergola restaurant is on the left-hand side.

Walk: Walk up the road through Little Eversden towards Great Eversden. Turn right into High Street. Walk pass a side road called Finch's Field on left and then turn left through a kissing gate. Follow footpath through a series of kissing gates and turn half left at road, half-timbered house in front of you. Follow path through more kissing gates until you come to a field, follow footpath half left to road and church. (TL367533) cross road and take a footpath that goes round the back of the church and, at a track (TL365532) turn right. In 200 yards *(do not take first right at kissing gate)*, turn right along the top of horse paddocks to a road (TL363 533). Cross straight over the road following the path round the two sides of a field, keep hedge to your left. In the corner of the field, go through a gate, which is hidden in a hedgerow. Turn left and then left again through another gate and follow the path round to the left of the farm. The path goes over a hill to a stream. Here, turn left (TL355537). Follow the path to Eversden Wood, then turn right and, keeping the wood on your left, follow it round, then straight ahead at a track junction onto a track into the wood. After about 500 yards at another track junction (TL345528) turn right (useful coffee stop). On leaving the wood, at a **T** junction (TL341533) turn left and follow the track (waymarked) veering right across a field. Keep on the track, ignore the first track on the right leading to a farm, until reaching a T junction with a wood ahead. Turn right, down to a bend in a road (TL339526) Almost immediately, turn left off the road onto a wide track through the wood. Emerging out of the wood meet the Mare Way/Harcamlow Way. Veering right, follow this path keeping a belt of trees on your right, a field to the left, until reaching a track cross-path and two large concrete water tanks on your left (TL352525) Here go straight on, following Mare Way. Continue past the first track on the left and walk on to the end of the field. Take the next footpath left and then follow the track down to Little Eversden. Turn Right at the road, back to the pub.

Walk 48 Great Eversden 2 (Rev 17-06)



Walk 48 (Rev: Q3-24) (5.9 miles)

GREAT EVERSDEN 2 Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 209 Grid Ref: TL 378526.

Start: The Wheatsheaf/La Pergola, Cambridge Road, Harlton CB23 1HA Tel: 01223 260005

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Directions: From Cambridge. Leave on the A603 through Barton: in a further 2 miles, The Wheatsheaf/ La Pergola restaurant is on the left-hand side.

Walk: walk up the road through Little Eversden. Turn R into High St. which in due course turns into a footpath, and walk with hedge on your L. Cross the old railway line, turning R round the headland of a field; a short piece of fence denotes the end of the footpath and where it joins the road (TL383545) and turn L along the road, towards Comberton Church. The traffic along this road can be very fast, and there are several bends. (Be prepared to adapt usual practice of walking on R-hand side – sometimes safer to be on the L so that one can step off the road onto verge.)

Passing church on R. take a footpath on L (TL383555) toward Toft and continue across a field to a golf course, and follow directions that lead across a small wooden bridge, and through an avenue of hedges and then trees. Toft Church (TL363558) is a nice place for coffee stop.

Continue across little road, through gate, and take the Left of 2 lightly trodden paths across a grassy meadow, going through a kissing gate: turn R and shortly after, follow path between high fences, emerging on to a road (B1046). Turn L and at T-junction, turn L and then in 50 yards turn R (TL360556) over bridge: continue a few metres through double gates, and then take L hand of 2 footpaths* (if cows in this field, take R hand path and follow directions below), going half-left across a field to a kissing gate**** through to golf course. Turn L and follow golf course signs directing route to the R which then continues across a field. Turn L, then immediately R (TL363 547) into wide avenue of trees to a road (TL36542). Turn L following the road round to R and after about 150 yds. take footpath on L through a hedge, then following this path down the back of Little Eversden to re-join the road used at the start of the walk. Turn Left back to the pub.

* if cows in this field, then return to double gates and take R hand path, and keeping to L-hand side of meadow, continue to gate, walk few yards through woodland, then bear L and continue through gap in fence and continue along periphery of Golf course, and when passing kissing gate on L continue on route described from ****

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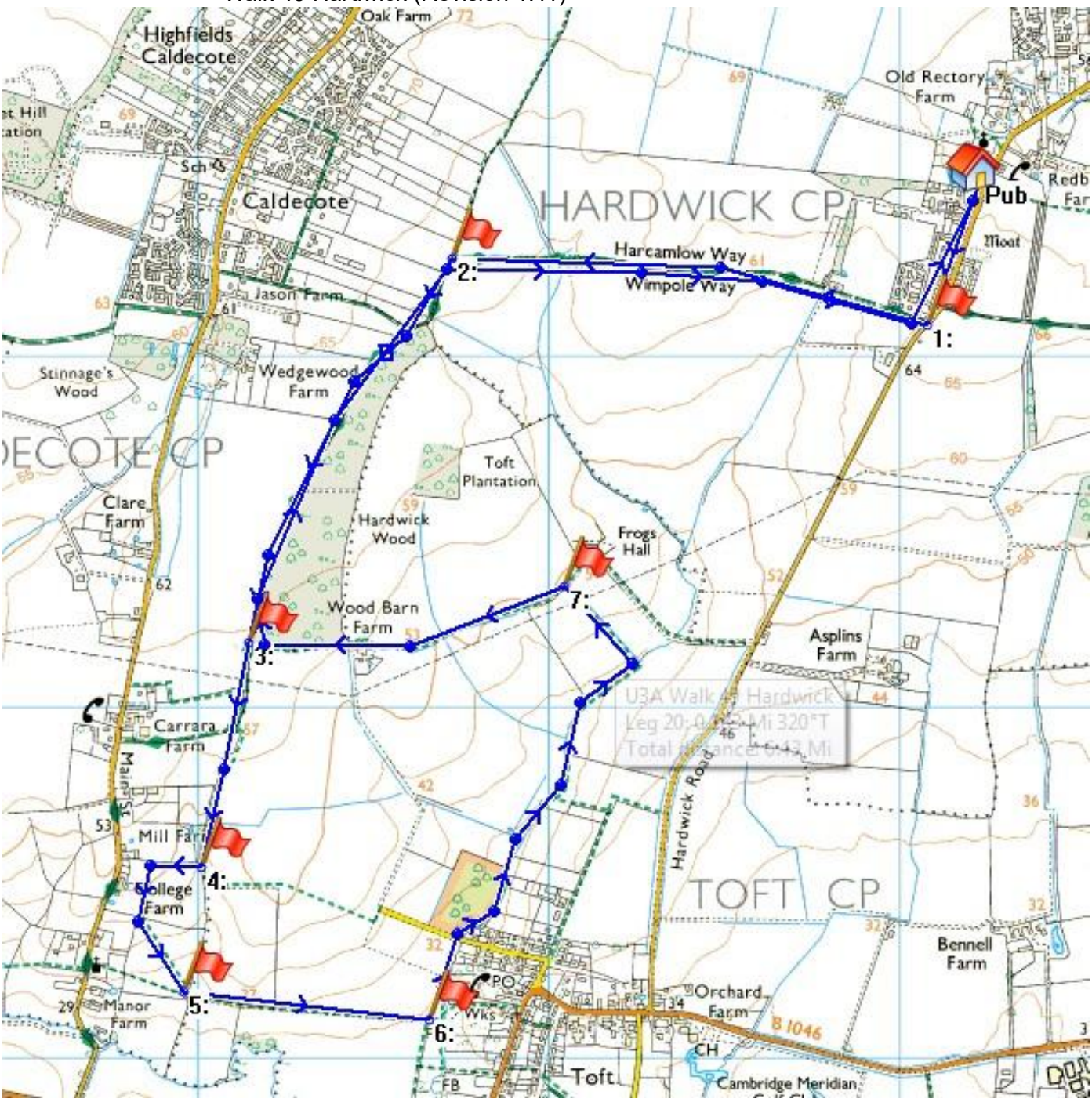
Walk 49 Hardwick (Revision 1.11)



WALK 49 (Rev: Q1-21) (6.5 miles)

HARDWICK Map: OS Landranger 154/Explorer 209
Start: Blue Lion, 74 Main Street, Hardwick, CB23 7QU; Tel: 01223 789593; Grid Ref: TL372585.

Directions: From Cambridge. Take the A1303 (Madingley Road) to the roundabout just before the turn to the A428. Here, take the first exit, sign-posted “Hardwick/Comberton”. Follow this road (St. Neots Road) for 1 mile and then turn Left into Cambridge Road. (signposted “Hardwick/Toft” & “Village Centre”) Follow this road (becomes Main Street) for approx. 0.7 miles. The pub will be on your Right.

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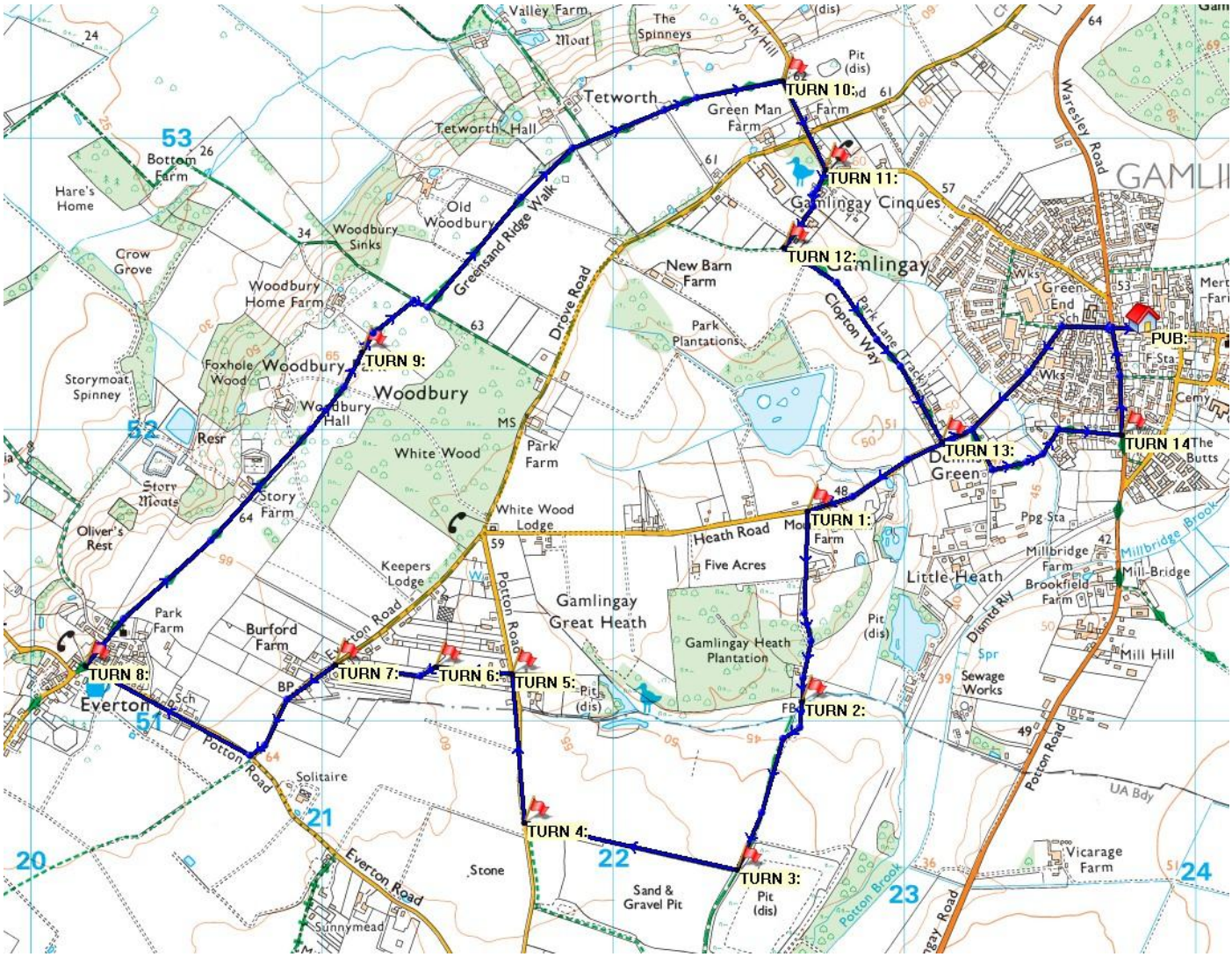
Turn	Grid Ref (TL)	Time H:MM	Comments
0	Pub 372585	0:00	From the car park turn right along the pavement.
1	371580	0:06	At the last house turn right, (sign-posted “Wimpole Way”). Keep to the left of a wooden fence past a new housing estate and continue along a grassy footpath.
2	357583	0:19	At a cross path turn left and pass to the right of Hardwick Wood. Follow this main footpath to Turn 3. (If desired, there are various lesser footpaths that can take you through Hardwick Wood instead of taking the main footpath. It is worth walking through the wood, as it is more interesting, and **the main footpath can be muddy and difficult to walk**. Enter Hardwick Wood by the first gate on the left, and follow the path through the wood. At the exit gate by Wood Barn Farm, turn right along the track at the side of the wood. When you get to the junction with the main footpath you are now at Turn 3. Turn left. **Even the footpath through the wood can also get muddy**, especially in the area of a stream. If required, there are three footpaths to the right that lead back to the main footpath and each has a gate to get out of the wood. At the junction with the main footpath turn left and follow it until you get to the end of the wood at Turn 3)
3	352572	0:17	At the end of the wood go straight on.
4	350565	0:09	Keep on main foot path, the footpath makes a right turn towards Caldecote, you do not want to follow this. At this point take the small path to left, through the hedge, and walk alongside the hedge.
5	350562	0:08	After about 300yd there is a foot bridge to the right through the hedge, follow the side of the field with the hedge on the right. At the end of the field turn left and follow hedge down to gate. Go through gate and go diagonally across field to the gate bottom field.
6	357561	0:10	Go through gate and keep to the path with hedge on the left.
	355561		Go through gate and bear left (usually horses in the field). The gate is through a wooded area. Follow path with hedge to right, cross minor road and enter Toft wood. Keep to the path on the right, after about 200yd exit the wood.
	358565		Straight ahead keeping on the path (after about 50yd by some trees is good place to have a break). Follow the path (ignoring a path to the right) then alongside a stream on your left until a foot bridge.
	361571		Cross bridge, follow the path to T junction (Turn 7)
7	361573	0:21	Turn left, follow the footpath back to Hardwick Wood past Wood Barn Farm. At the junction with path at the end of the wood (Turn 3), turn right and follow the outward path back to the pub.
0	Pub 372585	0:46	

Notes: This walk can be almost impassable in bad winters. It is best to do this walk in Spring or Summer

Walk 50 Gamlingay (Rev Q1-20)



Walk 50. (Rev: Q1-20) (7.3 miles)

GAMLINGAY (Now from The Rising Sun, Potton)
Map: OS Landranger 153/Explorer 208 Grid Ref: TL238524

Start: The Cock Inn, 25 Church Street, Gamlingay, Sandy SG19 3JH, Tel: 01767 650255

Directions: From Cambridge. Leave on the A603 through Barton. Continue over the roundabout junction with A1198 onto the B1042 towards Wrestlingworth and Potton. In about 1.5miles turn right signed Croydon and Gamlingay. At a T junction in Gamlingay turn right and at the next T junction turn left, the pub is on the right.

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Turn	Grid Ref (TL)	Time (Min)	Directions and Comments
0	238524	0	Turn **R** out of pub and cross straight over crossroad (B104) in 50yds. Follow road downhill past school on right and continue around to the left out of the village passing 'Clopton Way' sign pointing into a road to the left. Pass a large house/hall with ornate pond on the left to a red brick farm building on the brow of a hill.
1	227517	15	At the brow of a hill by a pale red farm building take the signed footpath track on the left. Pass over style by the five-bar gate continue straight ahead passing Gamlingay Heath Plantation. At the end of the wooded area arrive at a small field. Keep right and pass through an opening into the next field. Then keep left along the hedge line after 75 yds to a kissing gate and footbridge.
2	226510	12	Cross the footbridge follow path up left hedgerow and where the field widens cross to the left hedgerow where the path continues up a slight gradient to a path that runs to the right.
3	225505	10	Take the path to the right - a wide path with a bank to the left to and a small wire fence on the right. Follow this path to a road.
4	217506	10	At the B Road turn right and walk back into outskirts of Gamlingay passing the village and speed restriction signs. Look for a foot path sign on the RH grass verge pointing to the drive of a semi-detached house/cattery.
5	217511	8	Walk to the right side of the (on the drive) of the semi-detached house walk through to the rear of the Cattery and pass a line of cat pens to paddocks at the rear. The stile between the first and second paddock is in bad repair – use the metal gate. The style at the end of second paddock is in the **LH** corner obscured by brambles
6	214511	5	Cross the style at **LH** corner of the paddock and turn sharp **L**. Cross two more stiles and then turn right and walk on grass path to a small farm. Walk through farm buildings to a road.
7	211511	5	At the road turn **L** to a T junction, then turn right into the village of Everton pass the village sports ground on the left to The Thornton PH
8	201511	15	At Thornton PH turn **R** and pass church on the left into a country park walk on the estate track/road (the Greensand Ridge Walk) for about three quarters of a mile until the track/road turns sharp **L:** keep straight on to a kissing gate in 100 yds.
9	211522	15	Go through the kissing gate across a small field to a gap in the hedge row to meet a wide hedge lined path. Turn **R** and in 50 yards turn left on to a wide grass path. Follow this path through fields and a series of gates for three quarters of mile to a road.
10	226531	15	At the road turn **R** to a cross roads and cross straight over and where the road bears left take the path towards a row of houses.
11	227529	8	The houses are set back from the road – take care to find the path that runs between the houses. Follow this path this path to a cross path (T junction).
12	227527	8	At the cross path turn **L**. Follow this path becoming a track to a road.
13	231519	10	At the road turn **L** and in 200yds turn right on to a minor road signed 'Clopton Way' and "Dennis Green". Follow the road that bears left into a housing estate. Take the **LH** road to a T junction.
14	236520	10	At the T Junction turn left, pass the Old Bakery on the left to a cross roads and turn right back to the Cock Inn.
0	238524	5	Cock Inn.