

### **August 19<sup>th</sup> 2012. There and Back Again.**

This is a pleasant walk through rural Bucks landscape of pasture and crops, mostly level and easy going. Some gateways will be muddy in wet weather, and occasionally footpaths through crops are not re-instated. There is no short circular route using this FP, but longer routes can be found on OS Explorer map 192.

- From the TK cross the road, turn left towards Winslow, and enter White Horse Lane. At the Church gates, turn right (47), and , through the KG cross Church Field to the KG in the right hand corner.
- A few steps bring you to the KG into the cricket field; cross this (46) keeping a few yards out from the left hand hedge into the rough ground at the end of the pitch, and to the KG in the far hedge.
- Through this continue in the same direction (44), downhill, and gradually converging with the right hand hedge, until, about half way along, a FB over the ditch appears right. The bank is short but steep, and can be slippery.
- Cross the stile into the corner of pasture; walk up the field, (50) diverging gradually from the right hand hedge, aiming for a clump of trees in the opposite hedge. As you reach the top of the rise, alone hawthorn marks a spring; pass uphill of this to the gate ahead.
- Continue along the top of the next field, passing another spring to the left, marking the boundary of Whitchurch's Portland Limestone beds, laid down under Jurassic seas, and through the gate ahead.
- In this field, head downhill and very slightly left aiming for the gap guarded by barbed wire, with a length of pipe to aid passage to the gate.
- The official FP here leads over the stile, left, into the copse, but is very overgrown, and evidently, most walkers have taken the easier option of passing into the field and walking left along the headland to reach a clearing.
- A few steps up the track, right, cross left into the next field and continue in the same direction, aiming for a gap in the hedge ahead. The FP continues in the same direction, gradually converging with the right hand hedge, and ending in a short stretch through scrub to a stile leading to the Cublington road.
- This is the turning point; about face and retrace your steps back to Whitchurch.
- As stated above, the FP continues over the road, eventually leading to Norduck Farm, where a choice of routes can be taken either back to Whitchurch, or less directly via Aston Abbots and Cublington.

Key: Numbers refer to Whitchurch Parish Paths

FP=footpath

KG=kissing gate

FB=footbridge

TK=Telephone Kiosk