

TK=Telephone Kiosk

**July 15<sup>th</sup> 2012. Cheats' Walk!**

After a very wet few weeks, this walk was chosen to avoid muddy gateways and sodden fields. It uses quiet dead end lanes and strays considerably into Oving Parish.

- From the TK, head down the tarmaced path (21) leading past Whittle Hole, and continue out into the paddock.
- After passing to the right of the hedge, cross the stile/FB/stile onto Castle Mound. Bear right to cross the FB across the Spring of Fair Alice, and climb the steep, sometimes muddy path (57) to the KG onto Castle Lane.
- Turn left, and after a short distance, cross Weir lane and proceed through the KG into the large sloping field. The view of Aylesbury Vale seen left was painted by Whistler; we may enjoy it for free!
- Continue ahead,(26) aiming for the top right corner, where, ignoring the stile, right, cross the stile next to the gate into a conifer-shaded lane. After a few yards, cross the stile, right, and walk the narrow path (27) to the KG leading to Oving Road.
- Turn left, cross the road when safe, and, ignoring the first FP sign, right, take the second just before 'Wayside' to pass onto a broad track.
- Where this ends, take the path, left, (O 28) and pass through scrubby waste land, pig paddocks and allotments, until a stile appears, right.
- Cross this (steep drop), and walk along the right hand hedge until it emerges onto Whitchurch Lane. Turn left along the wide verge and proceed until, at the top of the hill, two lanes appear, right.
- Cross, and take the further of the two, Pulpit Lane. This road, though a dead end, leads to Hideaway Farm and riding school, so you may be passed by 4x4s bearing various horse-mad offspring to their lessons.
- Just before the said farm, take the FP right (O10) and follow until it ends at a gate (ignore the one on the left just before this). Through this, (O13) cross the field diagonally to the gate at the top right corner. Continue in the same direction across the next field to the gate which leads to the Meadway; turn right into this,
- At the T junction, turn right to continue up the Meadway, an ancient Roman track, until Whitchurch Lane is reached again.
- Cross the road, and take the road ahead, Bowling Alley, into Oving village. Almost at the end of the village, turn left into Stone View, and where the road ends, continue ahead along the FP (O28). You need to be tall to see Stone from here!
- Follow the track, turning second right to return to Oving road and back into Whitchurch parish. From here, retrace your route back to the TK, or by whatever route takes you home for your well-earned cup of tea.

Key: Numbers refer to Whitchurch Parish Paths  
(those with 'O' in front refer to Oving Parish paths)

FP=footpath

KG=kissing gate

FB=footbridge

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