

September 16th 2012 To Cublington (almost)

This is another there-and-back-again walk; as for the August walk, circular routes can be found using the OS 192 Explorer map. It is a good route for this time of year, if dry, as most of the arable fields have been cut but not yet ploughed. Distance: about 4 miles, time about 2 hours.

- From the TK, turn left and walk up the road to Market Hill; cross the A413 here and walk up Church Headland and on into the farmyard.
- Into the field, continue ahead (41) along the right hand fence/hedge until a gap is reached.
- Turn right though this and walk downhill, about 10 o'clock, to meet the hedge ahead. Turn left along the field edge to the right hand corner. (49).
- Cross the FB, into Creslow parish, and continue in the same direction, now uphill, (Creslow 2) until a farm track, hedge and stile are reached. The buildings of Creslow Manor, parts of which date back to the 14th century, can be seen to the left.
- Across this, and a short section of waste ground, cross a more substantial farm track to a stile into the field ahead. In 2012, this was planted with maize, up to 7-8 feet tall, but the path was well re-instated, making the passage easy but slightly surreal.
- Cross the stile ahead, and continue in the same direction across the pasture, keeping well below the ridgeline, to a double stile in the fence ahead. This field was inhabited, in 2012, by a fine bull and his harem of cows with their calves. Care should be taken not to alarm them by getting between them and their calves.
- Continue in the same direction to arrive at a new footbridge.
- This is about 2 miles, taking about an hour, so if this is sufficient, about turn and retrace your footsteps back to Whitchurch.
- If you still have time and energy to spare, cross the bridge, turn left along the fence, and where it turns left, continue in the same direction up the field—a large one—but your reward will be splendid views across the Vale to the Chilterns. At the far hedge, a stile leads to the mounds which mark the site of the medieval village of Cublington, and from there you can proceed into the modern village where the Unicorn provides refreshment for the weary traveller.

Key: Numbers refer to Whitchurch Parish Paths

FP=footpath

FB=footbridge

TK=Telephone Kiosk