Woodbridge Deanery Pilgrimage 2022

Great Bealings to Eyke

From St Mary's church Great Bealings, take the main path through the churchyard and cross the road past the war memorial on your left to take Hasketon Road. Follow this road for about a mile until it meets the main Woodbridge to Grundisburgh road. Cross this and take Mill Lane for about 250 metres and then turn right onto Riverside. Continue along Riverside as it bends round, and after just over ½mile turn left onto Church Road. St Andrew's church, Hasketon is on your right in about 200 metres.

From Hasketon church entrance, walk round the round tower and leave the churchyard by the other entrance. Cross the road to the war memorial and turn left, leaving Tymes Place on your right. After 150 metres, follow the main road as it turns sharp right and becomes Boulge Road. Ignore first one and then another road on your left and then 1⁄4 mile later when the road swings right, take the track on the left beside Red Lodge. When the track emerges onto a field follow the signpost half right across the field (photo 1).



After the track crosses a ditch continue straight ahead past a notice about keeping dogs on leads, up towards a road. About 100 metres before the road go through a gate on your left and along the edge of a field alongside a wire fence. At the end of the field turn right, through a gate and along a path between a wire fence (on right) and an iron fence (on left). At the road turn left and follow the road as 10 metres later it swings right, following a sign "To the Church" (photo 2). St Michael & All Angels church, Boulge is about 200 metres ahead, part concealed by trees.



From Boulge church retrace your footsteps past the "To the Church" sign and follow the wide metalled track for 300 metres. Continue to follow the now concreted track as it turns left to avoid a "No Access" sign, until it reaches the road.

Cross the road and take the footpath immediately opposite, just by the Boulge Church sign (photo 3).



Having crossed the field, go through the hole in the hedge, over a small plank bridge and towards Bredfield church which is straight ahead. Keep on the footpath heading for the church, crossing another plank bridge and following footpath signs. Go through the kissing gate into St Andrew's churchyard. From St Andrew's Church turn left along the road. After about 60 metres, turn right down a grassy footpath, then continue between the tennis courts and the football pitch towards a post with a footpath disk. That the post skirt right round the field, then left to a similar post.. Here go right down to a footbridge.

Cross the footbridge and continue up a grassy slope, with a large field on your left. When a footpath goes off to the right, continue ahead through a field towards another post. When a footpath crosses, continue ahead to the right hand side of a wood.

Go over the broken stile and turn right along a footpath beside the wood. Soon the footpath broadens out to allow room to chat, but be careful of the barbed wire on the left. Follow the track to the left when it meets the A12 and after 300 metres turn right through a gap in the hedge and carefully cross the A12. The central barrier has a break to let you through.

That the footpath opposite, down some wooden steps, **taking care as some appear rotten**, and follow the path with a hedge on your right.

Just before the line of trees ahead, turn ½ right and go down a path between trees.



Turn right at the road and shortly afterwards right again at the main road. Almost immediately turn left down a minor road beside the timber-framed house with the diagonal brick infill, and walk down School Lane. Turn left at The Avenue and then right at the junction with the Ufford village sign. Turn left down Church Lane to St Mary's church, Ufford.

Dry weather option

From St Mary's Church, turn left out of the door and follow round the church to the kissing gate in the opposite corner of the churchyard. Cross the track and go down the footpath to the right of Ash Greys.

Cross the footbridge and turn right down the grass footpath. Go through a muddy gateway then turn left through a field roughly parallel to the hedge on your left.



Go through the iron gate and over a plank bridge and follow the footpath sign diagonally across the field. Go through another iron gate and then diagonally left to a gate beside a white house. Turn right along the road.

Bad weather option (when ground is wet)

Go out of the churchyard and back up Church Lane. Turn right along Barrack Lane and ignore The Avenue and Spring Lane on the left. Take East Lane on the right and continue along it, passing a small lake and then the white house (mentioned above) on your right.

Watch for "The Mill House" on your right and then 80 metres beyond take a footpath on the right across a field and over a bridge.



After the bridge turn left along a grassy footpath on the riverbank. Go carefully under a low railway bridge (tall Pilgrims will need to duck!) and continue straight ahead towards a tiny stile at the foot of a clump of trees. The river re-joins from the left and continue alongside it. Cross either of the bridges (why two?) then go right close to the hedge across the field to a footbridge. Cross the footbridge and then head across the field towards a further distant footbridge at the foot of a large tree on the skyline.

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Cross this footbridge and continue on the left side of a field, through an iron gate and up to a road. Turn right along the road, then keep left at a junction and up to the main road. Turn fight to All Saint's Church, Eyke and the end of the Pilgrimage.



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