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Introduction.

Sometimes I like a long, strenuous hike up an imposing hill but occasionally it's nice to just potter round a lovely little Cotswold village looking at the nice houses. This book concerns itself with the latter.

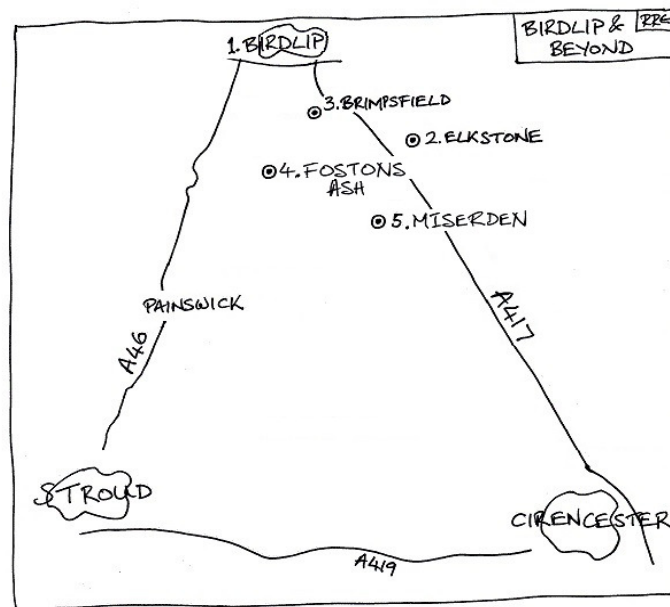
Each walk has been hand-crafted by me, my wife Nicky and our dog Daisy. Our combined objectives were:

- **A nice village:** it's always interesting to see how the other half lives and we've tried to select some places where you can look at some nice houses and discuss whether you would like to live there (by the way, one of the walks will take you past our house!)
- **Circular walks:** we've tried to come up with circular (ish) walks, but there might be some interesting side paths which we've suggested which require returning by the same route.
- **A good pub:** and why not? In my mind, each of these walks operates as follows: you wake up late on a Sunday morning, have an unhurried, indolent breakfast, drive over to the suggested parking spot, potter round for 30-45 minutes and then have lunch at the nearest pub. Beautiful. Where possible we've even suggested that you park at the pub.
- **Some exercise for Daisy:** uppermost in Daisy's mind was her desire that each walk should contain a stretch where she could be off the lead. This wasn't always possible with walks around villages but nevertheless she pronounced herself happy with every walk included in this book – and all the pubs are happy to have dogs (at time of printing!).
- **Please note our 'Difficult for Dogs' (DD) symbol** – where stiles are not easily managed. Daisy says she's not getting older, the stiles are just getting higher!

This first book, entitled *Birdlip & Beyond*, contains a number of walks in the Birdlip – Stroud – Cirencester triangle. Daisy absolutely insists that we regularly re-trace the walks in case anything has changed, but if you spot any errors then please let me know – we will both be mortified and will correct the error immediately and re-publish on www.rrgordon.com

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1. Birdlip

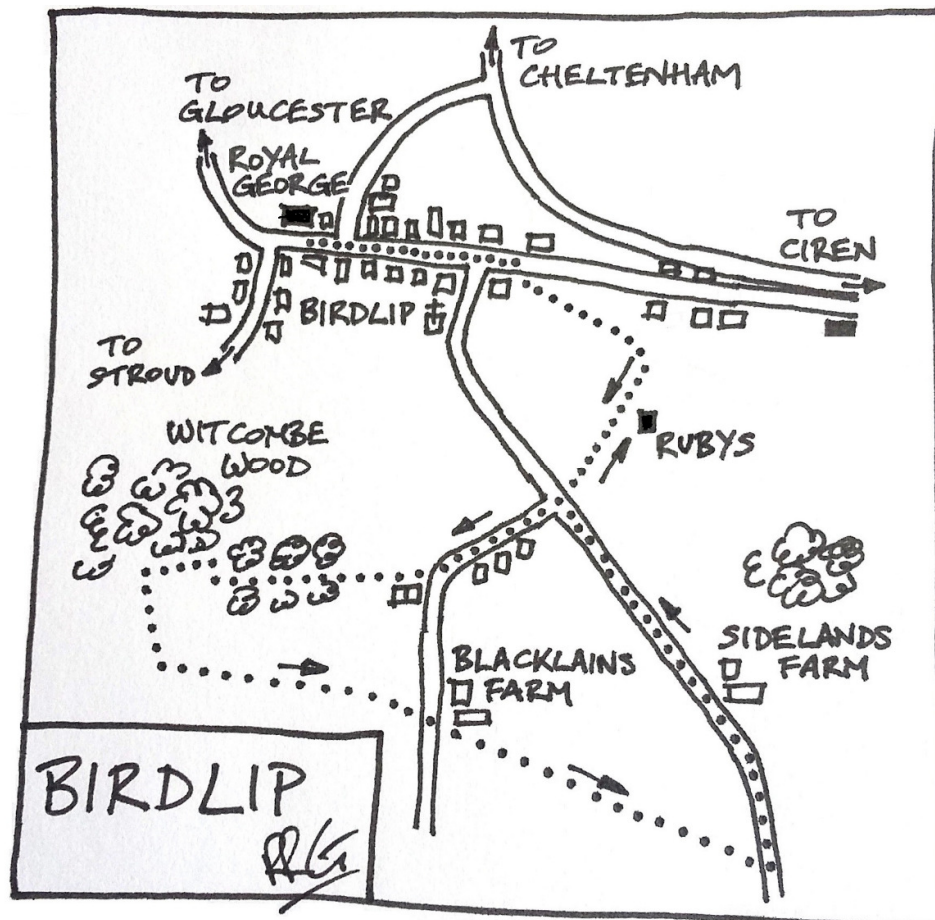
Rod's Rating	 <p>A lovely walk around the quiet lanes, meadows and footpaths to the south of Birdlip – just glorious!</p>
Daisy's Rating/Difficult for Dogs (DD)?	 <p>Plenty of stretches for Daisy to be off the lead and she enjoys foraging through the trees on this walk. Only one stile – easily managed.</p>
Pub, Refreshments & Parking	<p>The Royal George Hotel, Birdlip GL4 8JH https://www.greeneking.co.uk/pubs/gloucestershire/royal-george-hotel</p> <p>Ruby's Bar, Hawcote, Barn, Birdlip GL4 8JL Currently open 2.00-10.30 Fridays and 2.00-8.00 first & third Saturdays in month</p>
How long did it take?	1 ½ hours 4.5km (3 miles) 70m up/down

WHERE TO PARK:

At The Royal George Hotel in Birdlip which you will find as you enter the village.

THE WALK - In summary:

Through the village, turn right along a footpath; then do a loop around some fields and back along a quiet country road to finish on the same footpath on which you started.



THE WALK - In detail:

- > **Turn left** out of **The Royal George**, cross the road and walk towards the postbox
- > Pass bus shelter on left as you continue through village and where the road bends to the right (sign Brimpsfield 1 ½, Caudle Green 3) continue straight ahead
- > Just past Birdlip Primary School playground on left and immediately after Birdlip House on right **turn right** onto a Public Footpath
- > Go through two metal gates
- > Cross field diagonally right. Cross next field along right edge and go through metal gate into next field
- > Go through metal kissing gate, across a small field and over a wooden stile
- > **Turn right** onto a farm track. *Over to your left are the barns where **Ruby's Bar** can be found (check opening times)- remember it for on your way back!*
- > Take Public Footpath **on the right** where the farm track bends to the left just after going under a telephone wire
- > Go through metal 7-bar gate and follow path between two wire fences and two fields
- > Go through metal gate
- > Cross road and continue straight ahead signposted Caudle Green and Climperwell. After a little way pass houses called Church View and Cranmore
- > Where road bends to left, go straight on past the houses following a Public Bridleway into trees
- > Follow the path for around 400-600 yards
- > Go through a metal 7-bar gate **on the left**, signposted Permissive Footpath just before a wooden post on right, and then **head slightly right** across the field, heading for a small tree on the other side
- > Go through a small metal gate and **turn left**
- > Follow a farm track on the left side of a field, heading slightly uphill
- > Go through a metal gate to exit field, cross a road, and through another metal gate (Blacklains Farm to your left)
- > Follow footpath along right edge of a large field. You will see the **Ruby's Bar** over to your left
- > Go through metal gate at end of field, **turn left** onto road
- > Follow the road back towards Birdlip, going past Sidelands Farm, then downhill
- > In the dip, where it widens for a second time, **turn right** up a farm track between two fields, marked by Public Footpath sign
- > **Turn left** through a metal kissing gate at end of track just before an old tree
- > Head straight up the field, bearing slightly left towards the hedge on the left
- > When you crest the rise, aim for telegraph pole at the far end (**Ruby's Bar** is on your left)
- > Exit the field via metal kissing gate and **turn right** onto the farm track you were on at the start of the walk. Alternatively, turn left to **Ruby's Bar** (if open)
- > **Turn immediately left** to cross the wooden stile and re-trace your steps back to **The George**
- > Go along left hand side of field
- > Go through metal kissing gate into next field and keep to left hand side
- > Go through another metal gate into next field and then exit field via wooden stile
- > Cross next field (diagonally right) and then go through two metal gates out onto road
- > **Turn left** onto road and walk back through the village to **The George** on your right

The End. Any problems with these directions? Email me at rod@rrgordon.com (also if you liked the walk!)

SOMETHING INTERESTING:

In medieval times **Birdlip** was spelt 'Brydelep' which may have come from two Old English words 'bridd': a bird, and 'hleþ': a leap. Birdlip is well-known in archaeological circles for the Birdlip Mirror, which is now housed in Gloucester Museum. In 1879 workmen discovered three skeletons in a quarry between Crickley and Birdlip overlooking the Vale of Gloucester. With the bones, were some amazing Iron Age artefacts. The most important object is a handheld mirror of bronze. The front of this was originally highly polished for reflections, but the rear is decorated with flowing patterns worked into the metal. It is one of the finest items of Celtic art to survive in Britain and perhaps the finest example housed outside a national museum.

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2. Elkstone

Rod's Rating	 An interesting footpath and a nice quiet road through the village.
Daisy's Rating/Difficult for Dogs (DD)?	 Daisy loves every walk, of course, and this one had some great smells (of pheasants!) but she had to stay on the lead the whole time. There were a couple of stiles which might be tricky for older dogs. However instead of following the footpath on the first stage of the walk, you could simply go up the road, which isn't too busy. A stone few stiles which were difficult
Pub, Refreshments & Parking	The Highwayman, Beech Pike, Elkstone, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL53 9PH http://www.the-highwayman-inn.co.uk The Green Dragon, Cockleford Nr Cowley GL53 9NW https://www.green-dragon-inn.co.uk/ Their great shop sells refreshments and local treats The Knead Bakery https://kneadbakery.co.uk/ and Jesse Smith Farm Shop, Elkstone Studios GL53 9PQ
How long did it take?	40 minutes (plus 5-10 minutes looking at the church and the churchyard) 2km (1 ¼ miles) 45m up/down

WHERE TO PARK:

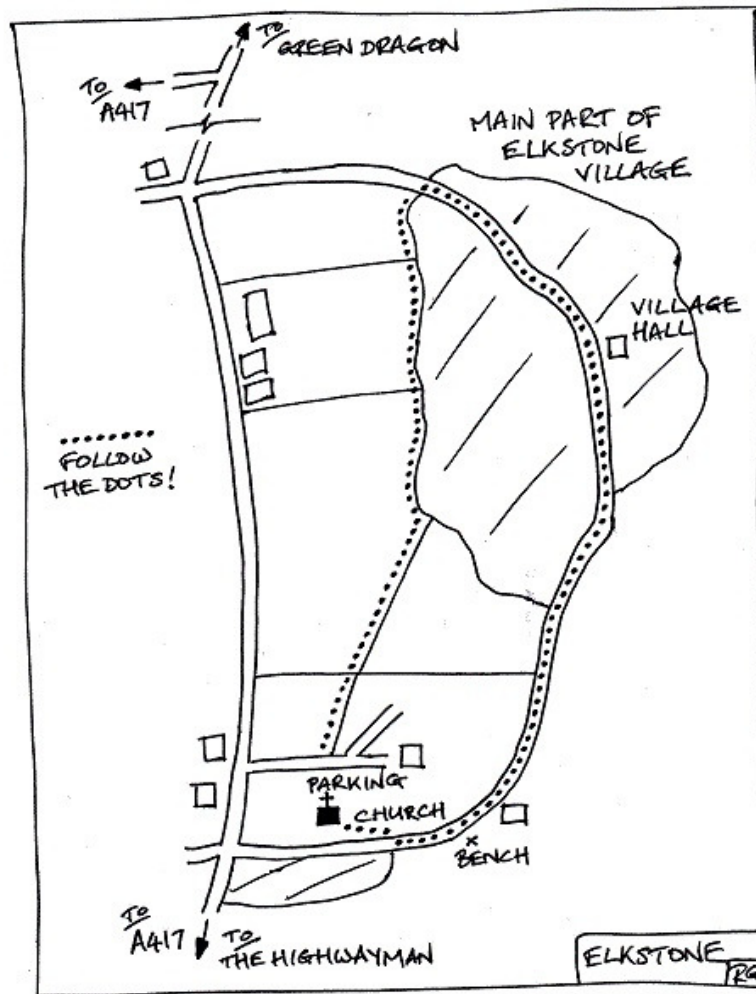
Church of St John the Evangelist (Elkstone Church) car park, Elkstone, Gloucestershire, GL53 9PD
(room for four cars; alternative parking is on the road outside Elkstone village hall; this is halfway round the walk – look for "village hall" below and follow instructions from there)

THE WALK - In summary:

Follow the public footpath over a few stiles until you reach the road running through Elkstone village. Turn right, follow the road through the village for a good way, circling back towards the church. Go through a small gate, through the churchyard and back to the small car park.

THE WALK - In detail:

- > Assuming you parked facing the church, the walk starts behind you, ie with the big house on your right
- > Walk a few steps along the gravel track
- > Go over the wooden stile over the iron fence on the left (you can also open the farm gate next to the stile)
- > Walk along the right edge of the field with the iron fence on your right
- > Go over stone stile **(DD)**, with steps and fence-like construction, into next field
- > Walk along the right edge of the field with the dry stone wall on your right
- > At the end of field climb over high wooden stile straight ahead (with dog gate on the right) to stay on footpath *(do not go down the wide restricted by-way on your right)*



- > Walk along public footpath between a link fence on left (with conifers) and a dry stone wall on your right
- > Go straight across a gravel drive which leads to a house on the left (Elysian House)
- > Walk along between the two dry stone walls and over a stile made from a single large stone (DD)
- > Continue along the footpath with dry stone wall on the right and metal link fence on the left:



- > Climb over a large stone stile (DD) and turn left to walk alongside a hedge around a garden
- > Turn right around the same garden
- > Go through an iron gate and turn right onto the road

- > Follow the road all the way through the village as it slowly circles back round to the church
- > At the village hall, don't be tempted to turn left, keep to the road with the hall on your left hand side
- > 50 yards after village hall **turn left** up a stone track (NOT the one in front of two cottages but a few paces further on, opposite some newer houses and just after Restricted Byway on right) Poo bin to your left!
NB. This track is an "Other Route of Public Access" ie not a Public Footpath but a public farm track.
- > **Turn right** just before the top of the rise, onto a track to follow a Restricted Byway towards some woods
- > **Turn right** before the woods following the farm track back towards the village (do not go straight on)
- > Follow the track all the way down and up to the road ignoring a track joining from the left
- > Just before the road, you come to a **BENCH** in a grassy area
- > Go straight across the road and up short grassy path on the opposite side to enter the churchyard via small back gate:



- > The church is open during the day and you are welcome to look around
- > Return to the car park through the main gate

The End. Any problems with these directions? Email me at rod@rrgordon.com (also if you liked the walk!)

OK, HOW DO I GET TO THE PUB?

Simply turn left out of the Church car park.

After two minutes the road ducks under the A417 and The Highwayman is on your left. Or head towards the Green Dragon in Cowley.

SOMETHING INTERESTING:

Elkstone church is the Church of St John the Evangelist. At nearly 1000 feet above sea level, it is the highest church in the Cotswolds. Described as 'a prayer in stone', it is famed for its Norman architecture, stone carvings and golden light.

In the stained glass windows, John is shown holding a cup. According to the 'Acts of John' (not in the Bible) John was challenged by the High Priest of the goddess Diana at Ephesus to drink from a poisoned cup as a test of his faith. The potency of the poison was tried out on two condemned criminals, who promptly died. John prayed over the cup, drank & survived unharmed, then restored the two dead men to life.

Down the centuries, artists have solved the problem of how to represent the poisonous liquid by showing a serpent or a dragon, nearly always green, emerging from the cup. This is perhaps what inspired the name of the local pub, The Green Dragon in Cowley.

The original church, begun in 1160, consisted of a nave and chancel, with a central tower above the chancel. This tower either collapsed or was taken down in the 13th century. When re-roofing the chancel, the builders also raised the height of the chancel walls, forming a chamber, reached by a north staircase and used as a columbarium or dovecote, a very rare feature in a church.

The great west tower was built in the early 15th century and the porch is from the 14th century. The stained glass window in south wall of the chancel was fitted in 1959, the work of W T Carter Shapland.

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3. Brimpsfield

A wiggly walk around a quiet village near Birdlip.

Rod's Rating	 Through the heart of the village, a nice lane between some lovely houses, topped off with a walk up to one of the oldest churches in England past the earthworks of a fort mentioned in the Domesday Book.
Daisy's Rating/Difficult for Dogs (DD)?	 Thumbs up from Daisy – a good couple of sections off the lead.
Pub, Refreshments & Parking	The Golden Heart, Nettleton Bottom GL4 8LA http://www.thegoldenheart.co.uk The Royal George, Birdlip GL4 8JH www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk/pubs/gloucestershire/royal-george-hotel The Fostons Ash, The Camp, Stroud GL6 7ES www.fostonsash.co.uk Ruby's Bar, Hawcote, Barn, Birdlip GL4 8JL Currently open 2.00-10.30 Fridays and 2.00-8.00 first & third Saturdays in month All really good and I choose a different one each time.
How long did it take?	30 minutes 2km (1.5 miles)

WHERE TO PARK:

The local parish council very kindly advertises free parking at Brimpsfield Village Hall, GL4 8LD

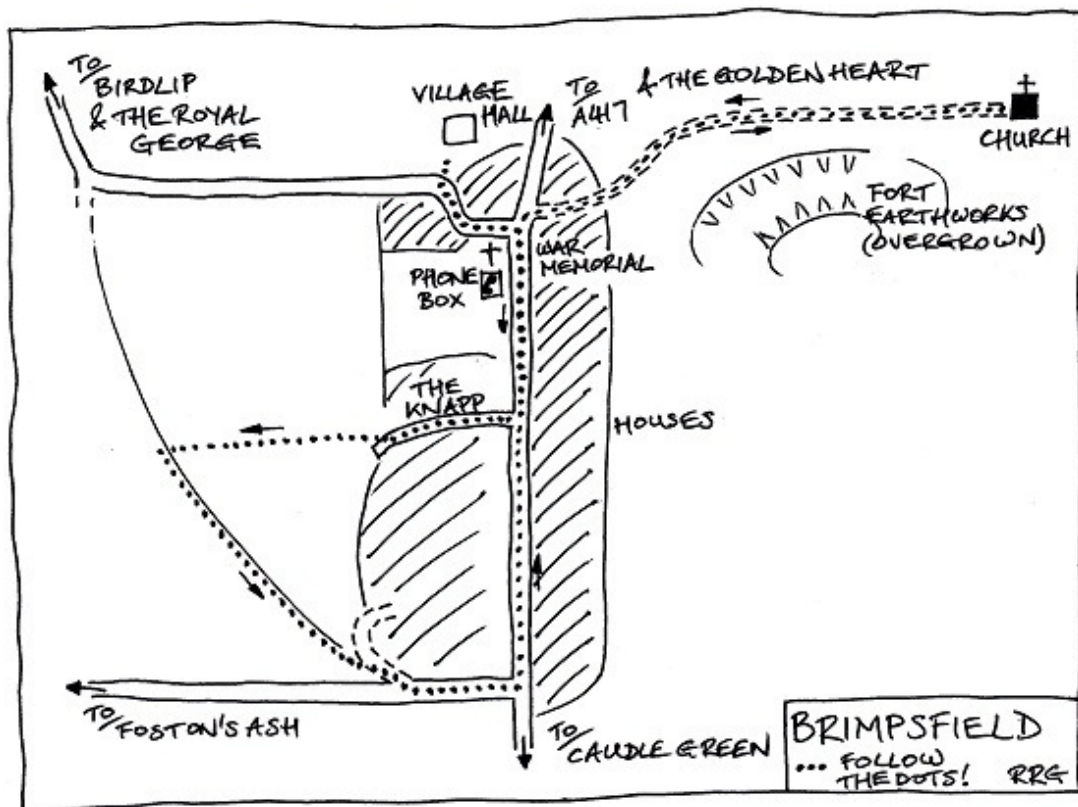
QUICK DIRECTIONS TO THE PARKING SPOT:

(From Air Balloon roundabout)

- > Turn right off A417 towards Birdlip
- > In village turn left along main street
- > Just before school follow road round to right following signs for Brimpsfield
- > Village Hall is on left as you enter the village

THE WALK - In summary:

Left out of village hall car park, up main village street, off to the right on a nice loop around the back of the houses on the western side of the village, back down the main village street and up to the church.



THE WALK - In detail:

- > **Turn left** out of the village hall car park onto the road
- > Follow the road left and then right, keep the phone box on your right
- > **Turn right** up The Knapp, after small field opposite Brimpsfield House
- > At the top of The Knapp, **fork right** along a small footpath between two dry stone walls
- > Go through a wooden gate into a field, go directly across the field and exit via wooden gate
- > **Turn left** to walk along grassy footpath as it curves left between hedge on your left and wooden fence on your right

(There are sometimes horses in this field from the nearby Longdole Polo Club which stables horses for the Sultan of Brunei amongst others)

- > At the end of the lane, continue straight ahead across a short stretch of gravel drive and **turn left** onto the road
- > At the T junction **turn left**, to go down the main village street
- > When you get back to war memorial, **turn right** and go through a wooden gate, signposted to the church
- > Follow the concrete footpath straight across a small private field
(normally marked as a golf hole by the enthusiastic owner who can hit the green from the tee every time)
- > Look to the right and you will see the overgrown earthworks and remains of Brimpsfield fort
- > At the end of field go through a small wooden gate next to a cattle grid into the church grounds
You are welcome to enter the church and look around (one of the oldest churches in the country and its history is shown on a board inside)
- > Return to the road along the same concrete footpath. **Turn left** onto road and then **immediately right** to return to the village hall

The End Any problems with these directions? Email me at rod@rrgordon.com (also if you liked the walk!)

SOMETHING INTERESTING:

Brimpsfield is mentioned in the Domesday Book as belonging to Osbern Giffard, one of William the Conqueror's "proven companions" who fought with him at Hastings. However the Giffards were a maverick family who chose the wrong side at the battle of Boroughbridge in 1322, after which their castle at Brimpsfield was demolished on the orders of Edward II, although its impressive earthworks remain visible close to the church (on private land).



It was a Giffard who began building Brimpsfield Church and gave it to the Abbot of a Benedictine Convent at Fontenay in Normandy, who established a small priory here. As an alien priory, it was frequently seized by the King in time of war with France and eventually was bestowed on Eton College, which remains one of the Church's patrons to this day.

Brimpsfield Church is located on the edge of a promontory and reached by means of a long footpath across a field. Like many others in lofty locations it is dedicated to St Michael and All Angels.



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4. Fostons Ash nr Birdlip

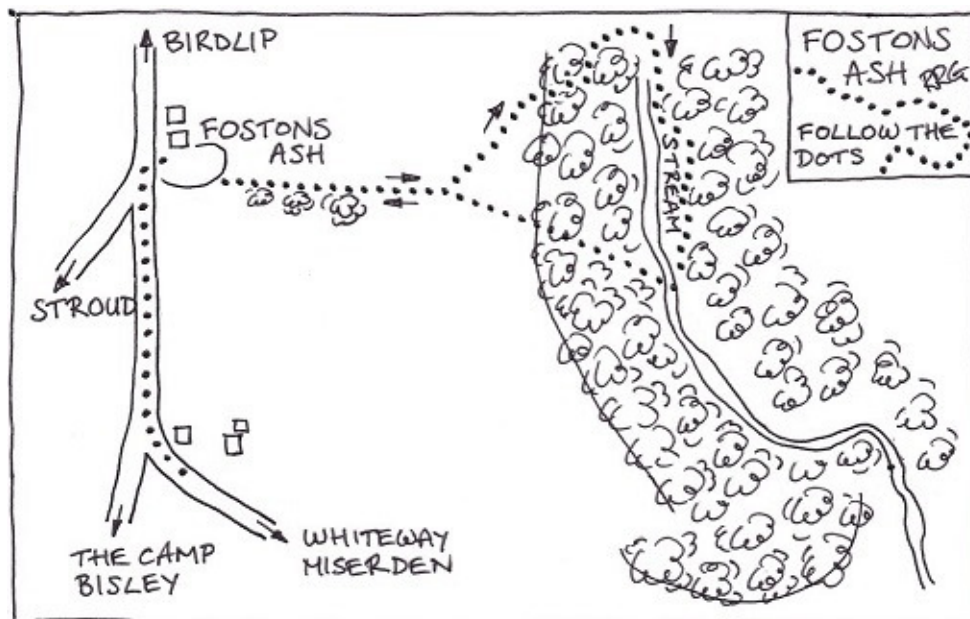
Rod's Rating	 <p>I wanted to include a circuit from the Fostons Ash as this is part of a route I've done on my mountain bike a few times – down into the valley behind the pub and back up again. The undulating wolds curve in perfect mathematical arcs and the stream that runs down through the woods at the bottom of the valley, the beginnings of the river Frome, is a picture of Cotswold loveliness.</p>
Daisy's Rating/Difficult for Dogs (DD)?	 <p>Daisy was off the lead for the whole of the walk, hunting through the woods and running along the stream bed.</p>
Pub, Refreshments & Parking	The Fostons Ash, Slad Road, The Camp, Nr Birdlip GL6 7ES http://www.food-club.com/fostons-ash.htm
How long did it take?	40-45 minutes 3km (2 miles) 80m up/down

QUICK DIRECTIONS TO THE PARKING SPOT (ie to the pub):

Leave Birdlip in the direction of Stroud along the B4070. The Fostons Ash is on left after a couple of miles.

THE WALK - In summary:

This walk goes into the valley *behind* the pub, along one of the branches of the River Frome. Walk out of the back of the car park, down into the valley, walk along the valley and then climb back up to the pub.



THE WALK - In detail:

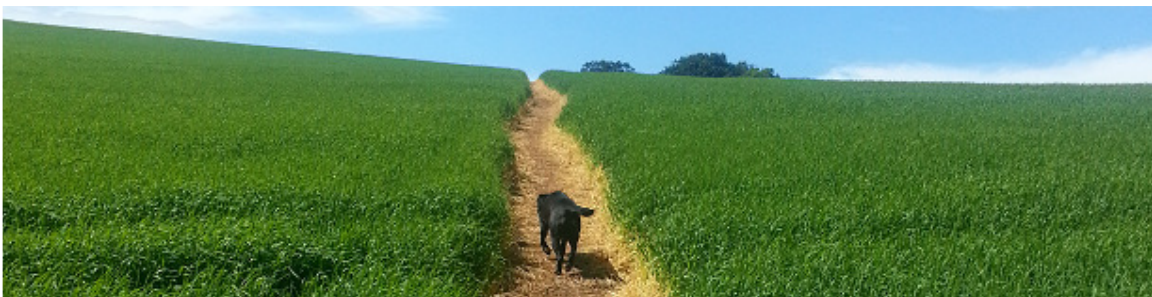
- > Leave the pub carpark via the public footpath which is at the far end of the car park, ie behind the pub.
- > Follow the grass track through the first field with the hedge on your right
- > At the next field, which opens out in front of you on both sides and slopes away into the valley, you should **fork left and downhill** across the field; technically the public footpath goes diagonally left across the

field to the far left corner; normally the farmer cuts a path through any crops, but if not you could walk around the edge of the field

- > Go through a gateway which leads into the woods and **turn left**; follow the wide dirt & stone pathway which leads along the top of the woods; valley to your right and hedge & field to your left
- > After a while the pathway bends slightly to the right and starts to head downhill
- > Near the bottom go across a small stream coming from a spring in the bank on your left (this is the source of one of the branches of the River Frome)
- > At the bottom of the valley, **turn right** onto another wide stone track (often muddy in places)
- > This is the start of the Frome Valley (with the Cranham to Brimpsfield road behind you); the woods are called Climperwell Woods. Walk along the track past a lake on your right to follow the River Frome (just a stream) as it heads downstream; continue for 400-600 yards
- > **Fork right** down a short track (10 yards) leading to a wooden footbridge over the stream; **be careful** as it's easy to miss the turning; look out for this bridge over the stream:
- > Cross the bridge



- > The footpath then goes up and to the right
- > Climb back up out of the valley – up, up, up!
- > When you emerge from the woods, the path leads across a field, veering slightly to the right
I like this area, where the land rises up on either side like the wings of a bird.



- > Head to the other side of the field, aiming slightly right, heading for three or four large trees (the pub is just the other side!)
- > On the other side of the field there is a gateway in the hedge leading through to another field

> Walk along the track keeping the hedge on your left

> After a few yards you should see the pub emerge on the other side of the trees. Time for some refreshment!

The End. Any problems with these directions? Email me at rod@rrgordon.com (also if you liked the walk!)

SOMETHING INTERESTING:






When I was researching the origin of the name of the Fostons Ash I kept coming across references to the fact that it was named after a former turnpike keeper ... and, whilst I'd heard of these things, I wondered *exactly* what a turnpike was ... so here is the explanation in a nutshell:

A network of well-maintained roads was one of the major achievements of 18th century England until they were wound up under General Acts of Parliament between 1873 and 1878.

A turnpike is literally a defensive frame of pikes that can be turned to allow passage of horses, but in this context it refers to a gate set across the road to stop carts until a toll was paid. Turnpikes linked the major centres of population and were normally independently financed (often by trusts) and operated for the benefit of long distance commercial traffic. See <http://www.turnpikes.org.uk> for more information.


A road of some importance, known in its northern part as the Calf Way, is mentioned in documents as far back as the 13th century and it carried traffic from Tetbury through Bisley towards Birdlip. The road was turnpiked between Chalford and Foston's Ash in 1800.

So there you have it. Mr Foston was obviously the gatekeeper of this stretch of toll road – and presumably there was an ash tree here, which is understandable as they are commonplace in this area. Did Mr Foston then start selling beer on the side, I wonder ...?

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5. Miserden

* This walk connects to Caudle Green walk in booklet 4 to make a longer walk – see * in instructions below

<p>Rod's Rating</p>	 <p>A classic Cotswold village – if you haven't been here before then you really should visit .We've been doing parts of this walk for years and we love the beautiful landscape of Miserden Park (The Park is spelled Misarden but the village is Miserden).</p>
<p>Daisy's Rating/Difficult for Dogs (DD)?</p>	 <p>Daisy always gives high marks for long walks, but didn't go for the maximum as she had to be on the lead most of the time (sheep in most of the fields in Miserden Park). However a couple of dips in the stream on the way round made for a nice refreshing break.</p>
<p>Pub, Refreshments & Parking</p>	<p>The Carpenters Arms, Miserden, Birdlip GL6 7JA http://www.thecarps-miserden.co.uk/</p> <p>Miserden Stores & Post Office https://miserdenstores.co.uk/</p> <p>The Glasshouse Café, Miserden, Nr Stroud GL6 7JA https://www.miserden.org/cafe</p>
<p>How long did it take?</p>	<p>1 ¼ hours 3.25km (2 miles) 120m up/down</p>

WHERE TO PARK: At The Carpenters Arms or on the roadside opposite Miserden School carpark. Carpark is available for walkers ONLY at the weekends and in school holidays.

THE (MAIN) WALK - In summary: Turn left out of the pub, follow road through village and down into the valley and along a stream, then climb back up to the other end of the village.



THE WALK - In detail:

- > **Turn left** out of the Carpenters Arms pub and follow the lane around to the left at the covered circular bench around a huge tree
- > After 100 yards you pass the village church on your right
- > After visiting the church, go back to the road and continue in the original direction
- > Continue past Miserden Stores & Post Office, village hall and school
- > **Turn right** at Public Footpath sign at edge of the village, opposite school car park; climb over stone stile
- > Follow the path along the right side of the field following the line of the woods
- > At the end of the woods, go through a wooden gate on your right
- > **Turn left** and follow the fence on your left, the valley drops away to your right
- > Climb over a stile by a wide gate (**DD** but gate is usually unlocked)
- > The track then goes through the middle of the field, some woods are on your right now
- > **TAKE CARE AT THIS POINT:** Halfway down the slope after the rise, where the track swings to the left to run alongside hedge on left, the footpath heads to right and down (forking right away from farm track) leading to a stone stile in a Cotswold stone wall under some low hanging branches (difficult to see from top of rise)
- > Go over stone stile (**DD**), **turn right and then immediately left up a steep bank**. Do not follow the track that leads right along the line of the wall
- > The path goes uphill steeply through the trees. After 50-100 yards you emerge from the woods. **Turn right** onto the farm track
- > Go through a gateway and continue straight on, the track becomes a concrete surface for a while
- > A little way further on, the track becomes a tarmac road (this is one of the roads through Misarden Park and is only used by park vehicles);
- > The road goes downhill and then, just after a large wooden gate, goes around to the left behind some farm buildings (dog kennels) to a house
- > Shortly after/behind the kennels, **fork right off the road**, following the Public Footpath sign down a track across the grass to the valley and the woods
- > Go through a gate (actually a drag fence) & then **turn right** to follow stream down valley along farm track
- > The path diverges from the stream slightly and goes up a little; just after cresting the rise, **fork right (continuing straight on)**
- > After 25 yards there is a waist-high wooden Public Footpath post with three footpath signs at a junction of footpaths (opposite a sign for Calley Wood). You should **turn right** here and follow a narrow footpath through the woods
- * ***At this post you can connect to the Caudle Green walk in booklet 4 if you want a longer walk***
- > Follow the path downhill, cross the bridge over the stream (built from two railway sleepers)
- > Clamber up the steep bank straight ahead (there is a yellow arrow painted on a tree)
- > At the top of the bank there is another yellow arrow painted on a big fat tree – **go to the right of the tree, continue straight ahead and then veer right**
- > Go through a wooden gate then go left past wooden stile on left and **head diagonally left** across an undulating field, aiming for a telegraph pole (with yellow sign) on the far side; the path is not clear, but just continue across the grassy field
- > Ahead and to the left is a plantation of younger pine trees – follow the boundary fence up to the corner of the field where it meets a more mature wood

- > **Turn left** onto one of the tarmac park roads, the road starts to go downhill. You can see Miserden village up ahead
- > Go straight on over the stream, through a gate in a Cotswold stone wall and start climbing back up to Miserden village. You are still on the tarmac road which bends to the left and then to the right; up, up, up (think of the pub at the top of the hill)
- > Go through the kissing gate at top of the hill. Here you could take a detour left to the Glasshouse Café
- > Or continue straight ahead until you see the pub ahead of you on your right

The End Any problems with these directions? Email me at rod@rrgordon.com (also if you liked the walk!)

SOMETHING INTERESTING:

Misarden Park extends to almost 3,000 acres and includes the majority of the village of Miserden. The Estate has been owned by the Wills family (of tobacco fame) since 1913 <http://www.misardenpark.co.uk>

Miserden Church is a mixture of Saxon and Norman architecture. A priest was recorded at Miserden in 1086 and architectural evidence shows that the church there is of pre-Conquest origin. The nave is believed to be of the 11th century and retains the outlines of the original round-headed north and south doorways. The chancel is 12th-century. Anglo-Saxon remains clearly visible are the rounded arch and carved imposts of the doorway. The War Memorial opposite the Lychgate is by Sir Edwin Lutyens (1869-1944) who is often referred to as the greatest British architect, originally making his name designing country houses (including Castle Drogo in Cornwall and the re-design of Lindisfarne Castle – and also The Cenotaph in Whitehall) before becoming chief architect of New Delhi when it was to be the seat of the British government in India. He designed some aspects of Misarden Park. See <http://www.lutyenstrust.org.uk>

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