

Woburn Walk Number 7

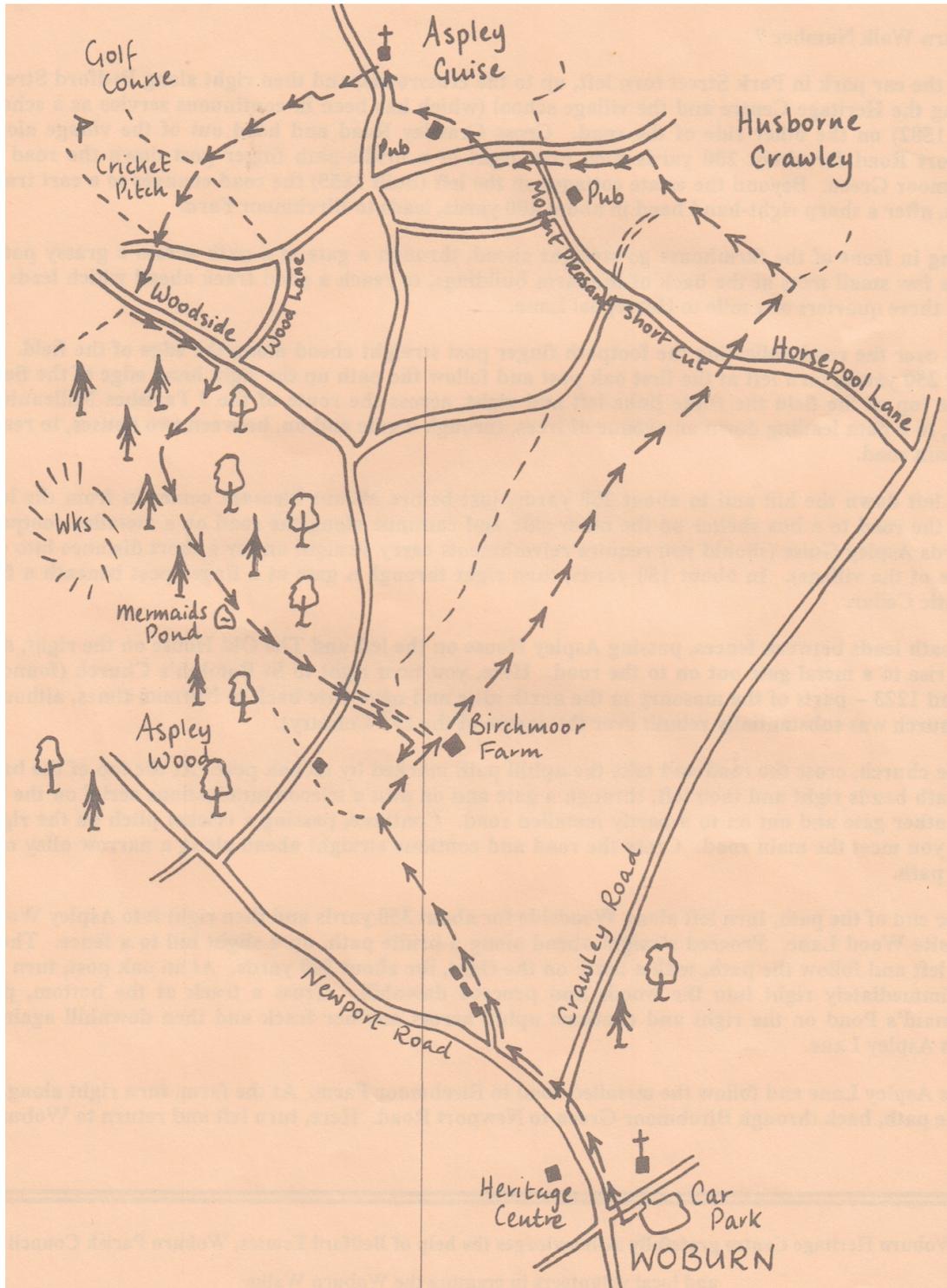
Woburn ~ Aspley Guise ~ Woburn

One of a series of circular walks each starting at the FREE car park in Park St. Woburn

The walk is way marked by white arrows with the Woburn Walk logo in green.

Length of Walk: 4 miles (5.9kms) approx

Time: 2 + hrs



PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

Dogs must be kept under control at all times and gates securely closed

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From the car park in Park Street turn left, up to the crossroads, and then right along Bedford Street, passing the Heritage Centre and the village school (which has been in continuous service as a school since 1582) on the other side of the road. Cross Crawley Road and head out of the village along Newport Road for about 200 yards then turn right at a bridle-path finger post down the road to Birchmoor Green. Beyond the estate cottages on the left (built 1855) the road changes to a cart track which, after a sharp right-hand bend in about 400 yards, leads to Birchmoor Farm

Passing in front of the farmhouse go straight ahead, through a gate to a path across a grassy patch with a few small trees at the back of the farm buildings, to reach a good track ahead which leads in about three quarters of a mile to Horsepool Lane.

Cross over the road, following the footpath finger post straight ahead along the edge of the field. In about 250 yards, turn left at the first oak post and follow the path up the right hand edge of the field. At the top of the field the route jinks left and right, across the route of the 7 Parishes Millennium Walk, to a path leading down an avenue of trees, through a gate and on, between two houses, to reach the main road.

Turn left down the hill and in about 250 yards, just before Mount Pleasant comes in from the left, cross the road to a bus shelter on the other side and continue along the road on a metalled footpath towards Aspley Guise (should you require refreshments carry straight on for a short distance into the centre of the village). In about 150 yards, turn right through a gate at a finger post beneath a fine Atlantic Cedar.

The path leads between fences, passing Aspley House on the left and The Old House on the right, and up a rise to a metal gate out on to the road. Here, you turn right to St Botolph's Church (founded around 1223- parts of the masonry in the north aisle and nave date back to Norman times, although the church was substantially rebuilt over the course of the 19th Century).

At the church, cross the road and take the uphill path marked by an oak post. At the top of the bank the path bends right and then left, through a gate and on past a telecommunications aerial on the left to another gate and out on to a partly metalled road. Continue, passing a cricket pitch on the right, until you meet the main road. Cross the road and continue straight ahead along a narrow alley on a good path.

At the end of the path, turn left along Woodside for about 350 yards and then right into Aspley Woods opposite Wood Lane. Proceed straight ahead along a bridle path, up a slight hill to a fence. There, turn left and follow the path, with a fence on the right, for about 300 yards. At an oak post, turn left and immediately right into the woods and proceed downhill. Cross a track at the bottom, pass Mermaid's Pond on the right and continue uphill across another track and then downhill again to reach Aspley Lane.

Cross Aspley Lane and follow the metalled road to Birchmoor Farm. At the farm, turn right along the bridle path, back through Birchmoor Green to Newport Road. Here, turn left and return to Woburn.

Woburn Heritage Centre gratefully acknowledges the help of Bedford Estates, Woburn Parish Council and local volunteers in creating the Woburn Walks