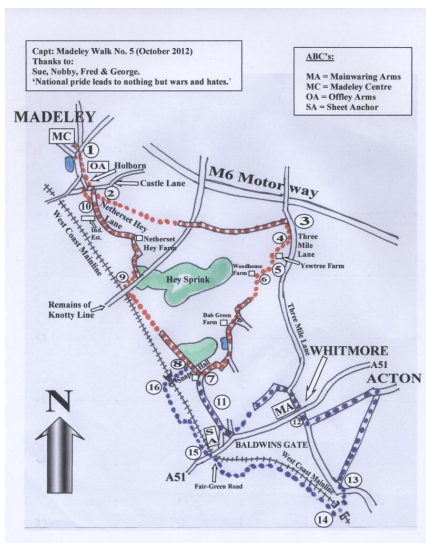
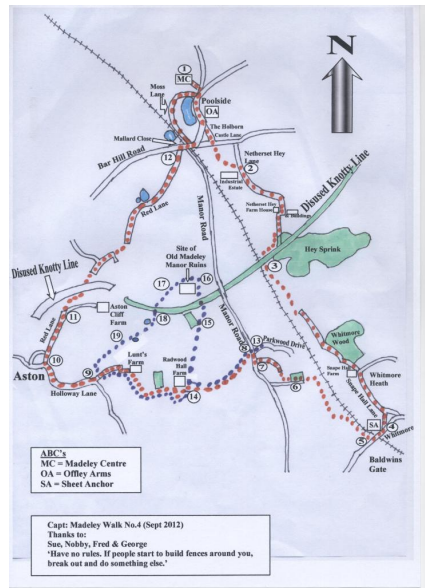
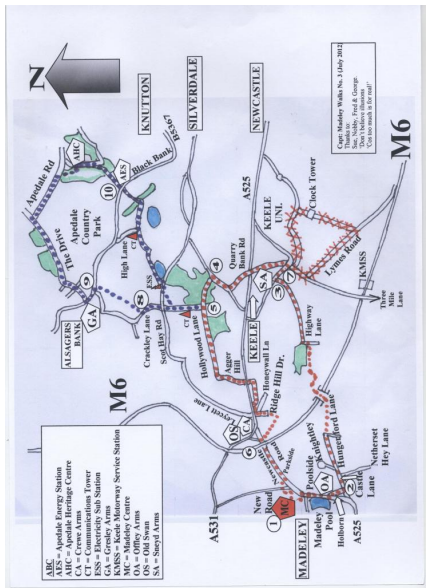
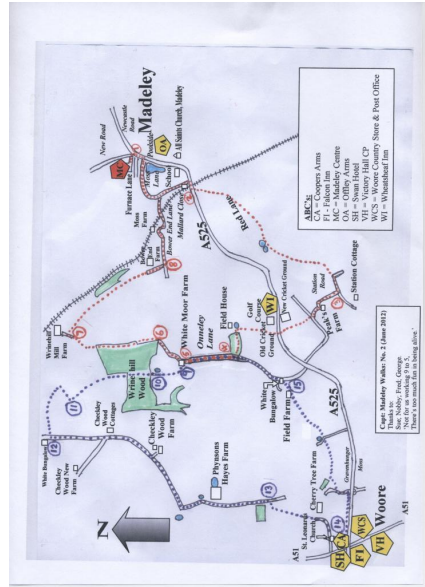
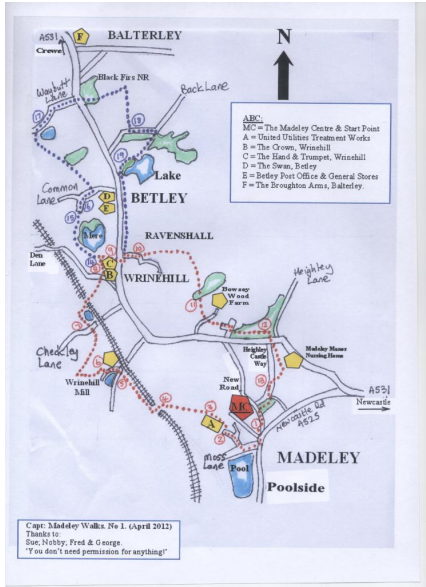


Walks around Madeley village





Walk 1

Walk One: In Betley Country; Two Mills, A Mere, Woods & A Castle.

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- Hand & Trumpet, Wrinehill: 01270-820048.
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- The Broughton Arms, Balterley: 01270-820227.

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Stile Counsel:

Red Walk: 38 Stiles

Purple: 14 Stiles

(A lot do have work arounds)

Hey Ho. Lets Go! Wrinehill Loop (Red Walk: 5.5 Miles)

1. Turn R out of MC, pass Furnace Lane, The One Stop & Shepleys Butchers; turn R into Moss Lane, after 100 yds, after the converted mill, [Early 19th Century building, used for grinding corn, then cheese making & in 1984 converted to luxury apartments] turn R into River Lea Mews; L into Lea Lane & to the end, where the gate in front reads: United Utilities, Treatment Works, Madeley.
2. Cross stile on R & follow the well-trod path round keeping The Works on your L. When the Works end, carry on in same direction, over a brick water tunnel pipe & stile & into an avenue of trees. Emerge from the avenue & continue in same direction to meet the hedge row in top R corner of field.
3. Here cross a double set of stiles, wind R & then sharp L up the bank. With your back to the stile head up the field, in a NW direction, to the R of the middle one of three wooden TPs (following the line of trees & bushes in a slight depression up the field).
4. Cross stile directly ahead in hedge & turn half L to merge half way down the field with the railway line at a bridge; cross it & turn R over the stile. Follow railway line on R over two fields, & two stiles, heading to a farm (Wrinehill Mill Farm), to emerge on to lane.
5. Turn L & then take R fork (passing horse ménage on your R), & a mill stone reading Wrinehill Mill Farm, Hattons & mill pond on L. Head past white farm building on R & down cobbles into farmyard; 100 yds to top L corner & thru small galvanised swing gate; turn R, thru another gate & walk at back of farm barns down track: hedge on L, paddock on R, for 100 yds, then L over FB. Keep stream to R & over another FB. Another 100 yds & then turn R over another FB & turn half L to cross a waymarked footbridge.
6. Turn half L & emerge into field, carry on in same direction, (a NW direction) heading for gap where hedgeline on R ends & trees are to the L, (there is a circular concrete inspection unit with a square metal hatch) turn R over the stile just above. Keep the hedge to your R & head straight upbank to the R corner of the hedge line on the skyline. Cross stile (ignore FP to the L), keep the hedge to your R for 200 yds then cross a stile & turn L & head upwards between two barbed wire fences; then down to a wooden gate, half right, over a stile & into Checkley Lane & over the stile opposite.
7. Head up the hill in the centre of this field; a pool is seen on the R; the FP is along the top far side of the pool, follow it round & up to & over a Railway Bridge. With the stile behind, head straight ahead; using a white cottage with two white chimneys as your marker (only the roof & chimneys can be seen from the stile on a clear day Mow Cop folly can be seen in the distance behind it); cross the stile here into Den Lane (The Crown Inn is 100 yds R).
8. Turn L & then cross a stile after 10 yards on the R next to a metal gate (hidden by the hedge & just after a driveway). Keep the hedge on your R for 200 yards & reach a stile with two waymarkers: AND THEN ITS MAKING YOUR MIND UP TIME!
9. For the longer walk, skip on down to 14. For the shorter walk, turn R, & head for the gap about 50 yards down from the field corner. Follow wooden railings on your L, over three stiles & L down to a road. Turn R & reach The Hand & Trumpet. At the top of

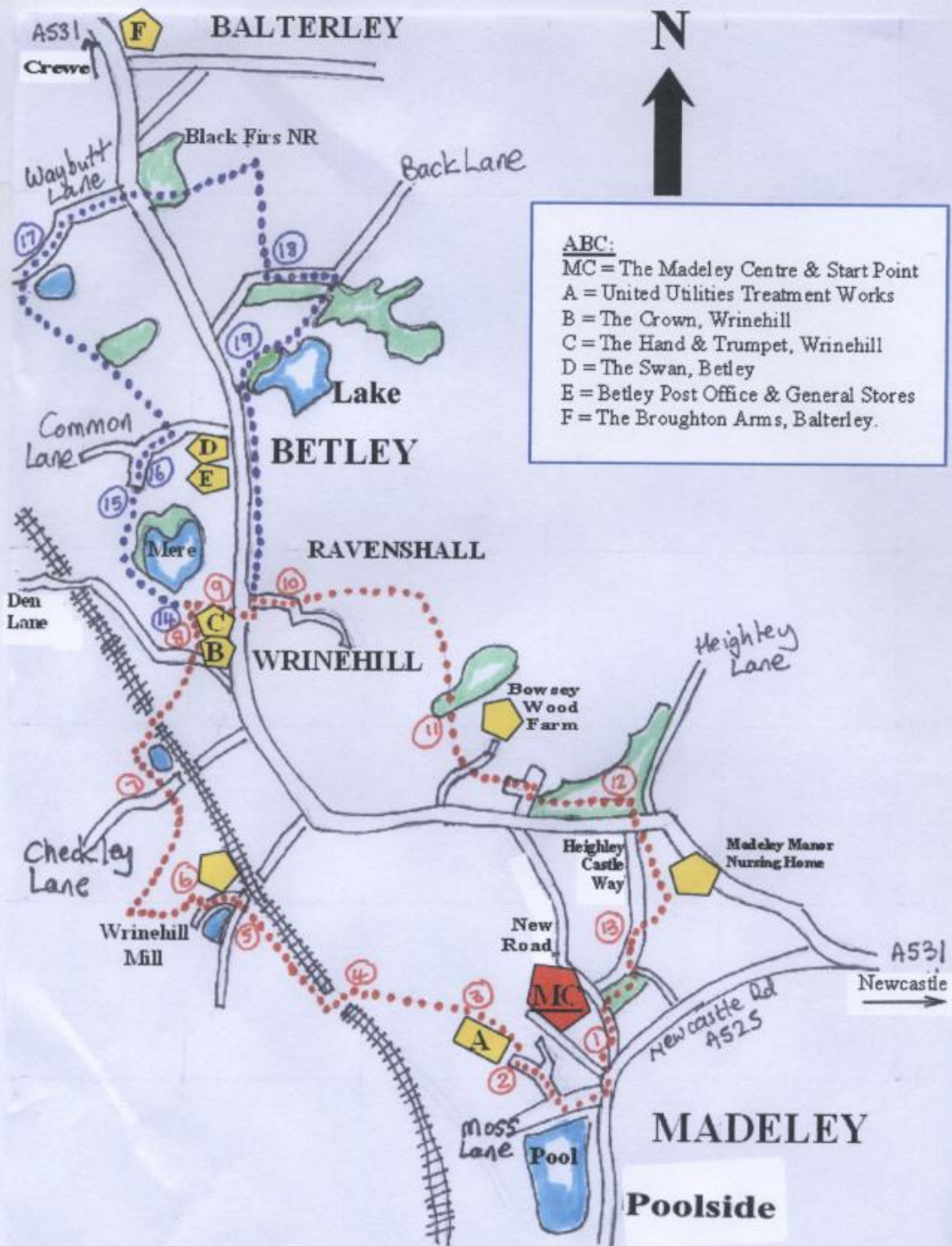
the road (signed Cracow Moss), turn L along the A531 for 200 yards & turn R up the pathway to Ravenshall Farm.

10. Pass between the farm buildings & after 100 yards take the stile on the L, into the field & keep hedge line on L. After 200 yds, follow the old wagon track between trees & bushes, emerge into a field. Carry in same direction uphill to far hedgerow & cross stile 25 yds in from R hedgerow. Continue in same direction to double stile mid-way in next tree & hedge line. Turn half R & head for double stiles in holly hedgerow about 250 yds up. With stiles behind you, carry on in same direction, over another double set of stiles, & a stile into a wood & go straight on following the narrow path downhill & ignoring the broader track to immediate L & R.
11. At the corner of the wood, go over the stile, turn R, ignore stile on immediate R, and walk 20 yds to cross stile ahead turn L into farm lane & pass ruins of Bowsey Wood Water Mill [A corn mill that had stopped production several years before the Second World War. The water wheel and all its ironwork were taken out for munitions for the war]. After 100 yds, cross stile on R, turn half L & follow depression made by old wagon track, passing Bowsey Wood Farm up above on the L. As you crest the rise, see a small converted chapel a field away – head for this, and cross the stile to the R into a lane. After 200 yds, turn R onto tarmac, & then in 15 yds, turn L onto a trackway (passing semi-detached cottages on L & green storage unit on R) & follow this for half a mile. [The steep slopes on the L lead up to all that remains of Heighley Castle. Built sometime between 1215 & 1233 by Henry de Audley under charter from King Henry III. It was intended as a Marches Fortress against the Welsh. It was demolished in 1644 under instructions from the Parliamentarians in The Civil War to stop it being used as a Royalist stronghold.]
12. 100 yds before a farm house ahead, take the gate on R into woodland. Follow the winding well-trod track thru the woodland over three footbridges, path then veers left & five yards before a minor road (Heighley Lane), turn sharp R uphill thru the wood to emerge thru a gate onto the A531. The road opposite is Heighley Castle Way – take FP on the L, behind a blue sign Unsuitable For Heavy Goods Vehicles. Follow this path gently uphill for half a mile as it runs parallel with Heighley Castle Way, ignoring any tracks L or R, reaching a stile (a green national grid gas substation is on the R), & turning half L towards a white building [This is Madeley Manor Nursing Home. The land was purchased in 1822 by Lord Crewe & built for his daughter, Lady Emma, and her husband Foster Cunliffe in Regency Style as the new Madeley Manor.], then pass two garage units & a wooden fence on L (ignoring the waymarker to the L) & turn R up Madeley Manor Nursing Homes driveway.
13. Cross Heighley Castle Way, turn L, and follow the road downhill. At the bottom, the road turns sharp R (just after College Close cul de sac on R), head across the road with care, to pass to the R of a post box & thru a gap in a laurel hedge, turn half R & follow the well-trod path above the Bryn Wood Estate on L. The path exits into New Road thru a squeezer stile; turn L & on to MC in 300 yards (passing Woodside, Holm Oak Drive & Greenmeadows Road). Job done!

Betley & Balterley Loop (Purple Route: 4 miles):

14. For the longer walk: head downhill, half right, over a stile & in the same direction passing

- to R of gorse bushes. Turn L & cross a stile by a green gate & follow the well-trod track as it goes between trees & bushes, passes a Mock Tudor Black & White building on the R to reach a stile; after 50 yds cross a footbridge & stile on the R. Turn L & walk parallel with the wire fence on your L (As you walk on by a galvanised trough on your L, look away to R & Betley Mere [a SSSI] can be seen thru the trees). Go thru' a gateway, over a footbridge & then stile, next to a gate, & the path goes half R towards the trees but then turns left to a gap in the far corner negotiated over, not under, a board walk.
15. Head straight ahead thru tufty grass & after 200 yards emerge on to a green grassy trackway & turn R to cross a stile & 2 footbridges. Turn L & head for wooden gate & wooden KG in a tree lined avenue. After 200 yds, turn R into Common Lane. (The Swan & Betley Post Office & General Stores are 600 yards further on.) After 300 yds, just past a TP take stile on L into a field.
 16. Head half L to pass between the 3rd & 4th TPs from the R – heading for a stile to the L of woodland. Cross the stile, over a footbridge & sharp L to walk on the woodland edge for 200 yards; at a well-trod crossroads go straight ahead & walk between a barbed wire fence on the R & hedge on L. Follow it around to the R & drop down to a wagon track on L & over a gate barrier; After 50 yds turn L over an X stile & another stile, into a field, & continue in the same direction to a stile & footbridge on the far side. Carry on in same direction to the top of the hill in this large field, at the top you will see a fishing lake & farmstead to your R – the FP is thru the pair of galvanised gates to L of farmstead & cross into Waybutt Lane. (If the field has crops, skirt round the edge of the field; keeping the hedge to your R until you get to the pair of galvanised gates.)
 17. Turn R & follow lane for half a mile, passing Anchorage Farm, Border Fisheries Fishing Lake, Lakeview, West Heath Farm, and The Elms Barn Conversions & Farm. At the Stop Sign, take care & cross the busy A531 into Black Firs Nature Reserve, [www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/page/black-firs-cranberry-bog] an SSSI, owned by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. (The Broughton Arms is L along A531 in 300 yds.) Follow the well-trod track along the R hand side of the woodland & cross a stile into a field. Follow a line of three trees to a TP in the far hedge & cross the stile there. Walk straight on, past a concrete slab shed on L, cross another stile; straight across this narrow field, thru a gap in the hedge & turn sharp R to follow the hedgerow on R. Carry on in same direction for half a mile to reach Back Lane.
 18. Turn L, walk up road for 400 yds, & when woodland on R ends, follow FP sign into wood on R (about 50 yds past a barred entrance). Straight across to take stile into field opposite. With stile to back, walk ahead, parallel with the woodland below on L. Head for a white building on horizon, between wire fenced, bush edged pond on R & wire fenced tree enclosure on R. As soon pass the wire enclosed pond, turn sharp L & head for a white chalet type house, overlooking a lake. Keep it & its wall on L & follow down along an old wagon track to the A531.
 19. Turn L & walk one mile through Betley towards The Hand & Trumpet, passing The Swan & Betley Post Office & General Stores. (The Village Hall has a car park which can be used by walkers) 200 yds before The Hand & Trumpet, turn L up the waymarked farm track to Ravenshall Farm & pick up instructions again at point 10.



Capt: Madeley Walks. No 1. (April 2012)
 Thanks to:
 Sue; Nobby; Fred & George.
 'Y ou don't need permission for anything!'

Walk 2

Walk Two: Woore: How Many Lanes Must A Man Walk Down? (Quite a few on this walk!)

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- Co-op, Morningside, Madeley: 01782-750363.
- Unreal Paintball: 01782-636093
- The Wheatsheaf, Onneley: 01782-750363.
- The Coopers Arms, Woore: 01630-647261.
- The Swan Hotel, Woore: 01630-647220.
- The Falcon Inn, Woore: 01630-647230.
- Woore Country Store & Post Office: 01630-647673.

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Stile Counsel:

Red Walk: 7 Stiles

Purple: 15 Stiles

The Onneley Loop (Red Route: 6 miles):

1. OK. Game On: Turn R out of MC, passing Furnace Lane, The One Stop & Shepleys Butchers & turning R into Moss Lane & follow this lane for half a mile (passing The Pool on the L, River Lea Mews, Charles Cotton Drive, Morningside, The Bridle Path, Bower End Lane, Cornish style houses on the L & railway line on R, past school playing fields. Brush Cottage, Bridge House, Rose Cottage, Buff House & Chapel Cottage). At T junction turn R & cross over railway bridge & into Bar Hill Road.
2. Opposite Mallard Close & Bar Hill Wildlife Area signs, cross road into a BP. This path is called Red Lane – follow it for 1½ miles; for one mile thru tree lined hedgerows, then thru a BP gate, into a field, after 300 yards into another tree lined track (spot the white fort on the L: Unreal Paintball), 300 yards again & into a field, and another gate in 100 yards, in 200 yards another gate into a lane. Head in same direction down lane.
3. 100 yards before Railway Cottage take lane on R for half a mile, passing The Lodge, Station Cottage, Willow Tree Cottage, follow road round to R at Peaks Farm. 100 yards on, turn R in front of Homeleigh & Haven Cottage & take stile on L. Follow well-trod path as goes half R & then L to meet stile in top L corner of field (Passing New Onneley Cricket Club on R). Cross A531 with great care & into Tarmac Lane opposite. (The white building 200 yards on R is The Wheatsheaf Inn at Onneley.) Follow this lane for 600 yards, passing old Onneley Cricket Club site & then Onneley Golf Course on R. As approach Field House, ignore stile on R, & turn L just before the cattle gridded entrance & go thru wooden gate into woodland. Keep fence on L & follow well-trod path for 400 yards to another wooden gate & into Onneley Lane.
4. Turn R, & follow lane for half a mile, passing Yew Tree Farm, Cherry Tree and White Moor Cottage & Farm.
5. AT WHITE MOOR FARM, FOR THE LONGER WALK, SKIP ON DOWN TO POINT 8. For the Red Route carry on down Onneley Lane, thru a gate, where lane becomes a farm track. Where track ends, ignore gates & fields to L & R & go thru metal bar gate straight ahead.
6. Turn L & follow line of woodland (Wrinehill Wood) down to wooden gate & stile in bottom L corner. Cross into the wood, keep hedge on R & follow track down 400 yards to BP gate into a field. Turn half R & head for farm buildings (Wrinehill Mill Farm) in distance. As crest the rise, head for galvanised gate in bottom L corner on a trackway which leads to these farm building.
7. Go thru gate & follow track round, just before bridge over River Lea, go thru squeezer gate on R & over a stile. Head for metal gate & stile directly ahead 100 yards. Cross stile, turn half R & head uphill (ignoring track which follows River Lea on L) – just visible, peeping over the hill are the tops of aerials of a communications tower – use this as the waymarker as the comms tower is sited at Bower End Farm on our route – crossing 3 fields & 3 stiles to get there. The entrance into the farm is thru galvanised gates, 50 yds to R of comms tower. Turn R after 10 yds, L after 20 yds, thru another galvanised gate,

& head straight for 200 yds passing the farm house on L & at end of drive, just over a cattle grid, turn L into Bower End Lane.

8. Follow this lane for half a mile, passing Moss Farm, Wesley Cottage, over railway bridge & round to R. At T junction, turn L into Moss Lane & retrace steps to MC (i.e. down, down past The Pool, turn L, passing Shepleys Butchers, One Stop, Furnace Lane & then (How Sweet It Is) L into MC.

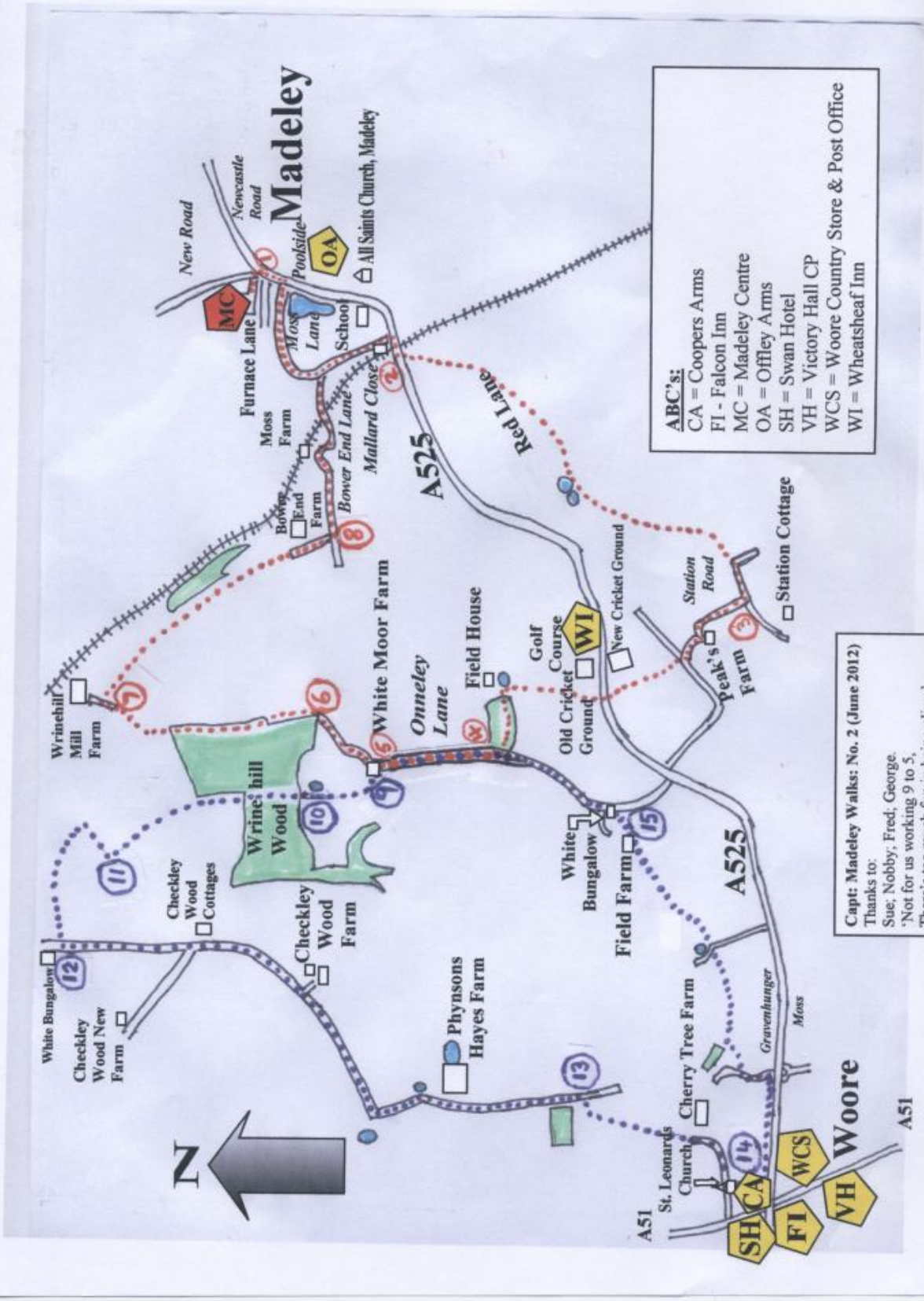
The Woore Loop: All or Nothing (Purple Route: 6 miles):

9. At sign: J & M Noden, Whitemoor Farm, turn L thru farm yard, keep farm house on R, & go thru galvanised gate, turn R, thru another gate, then L thru a third gate & into a field. Keep the hedge on R & head downhill. After 200 yds go R thru a double set of BP path gates & over a FB (20 yds before the bottom of the field). Turn half L & head for woods in the distance – using a bush & tree surrounded pool, 400 yds away, in a northerly direction, in the middle of the field, as the waymarker & pass to the L of it.
10. Take stile to left of two wooden gates into woodland. Follow track R & then straightens up for 300 yards thru wood. Take the R path over a stile & into a field. Head straight ahead, keeping parallel with woodland on R & over series of five stiles & fields (stiles 3 & 4 go past a bush lined pool on L).
11. At 5th stile turn R, keep fence line on R, go thru a galvanised gate. 200 yds before this field ends, look L & cross over FB, turn half L & cross another FB in 30 yds in hedge line. Turn half L & emerge into field, carry on in same direction, (a NW direction) heading for gap where hedgeline on R ends & tree line starts to the L. Go thru gap (ignore stile on R), & head uphill in same direction aiming for a stile 200 yards in from top R corner of field. Cross & head for next stile, 50 yds to L of white bungalow opposite.
12. Ignore stile opposite & turn L & follow tarmac road for 1200 yds: ignoring road to R to Checkley Wood New Farm, passing Checkley Wood Cottages marked DLB 1907. At Checkley Wood Farm the road turns L into the farm, ignore this & carry straight on to a dirt & stone farm lane flanked by trees & hedges. After 800 yds, follow the track sharp L for 400 yds to the impressive buildings of Phynsons Hayes Farm. Turn R before the entrance & keep to the tarmac road as it goes around keeping farm & buildings to the L. Follow the tarmac road, leaving the farm directly behind, for 600 yds. 100 yds after a small wood on the R, a footpath crossroads the tarmac road.
13. Take the R path to a BP gate in the hedgeline 300 yds away. Follow the same direction thru a gap, which then curves slightly, goes uphill & to the R of Cherry Tree Farm. [Behind you, on a clear day, can be seen: Jodrell Bank Observatory & Centre for Astrophysics, part of The University of Manchester; established in 1945 by Sir Bernard Lovell & has been mentioned in Doctor Who & The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy; www.jb.man.ac.uk]. Follow the hedge avenue down, thru a wooden gate & after 10 yds turn R onto a roadway. Passing Orchard House, Bridgemere House; 50 yds after Field House, turn L thru a gap in trees, follow a wooden panelled alleyway to emerge into a housing estate. Head to the top of the cul-de-sac, turn R (Blaizefield Close), then L & cross the road to go thru a childrens play area. Keep the hedge on the R, (ignore track off to R unless want to go to Swan Hotel) go thru a gateway, & respectfully thru a grave

yard, passing the white church of St Leonards on the R [built in 1832 with a white plaster design www.achurchnearyou.com/woore-st-leonard], thru a gap & into a wooden panelled alleyway down to the busy A525 at Woore.

[Woore is Good For: The Coopers Arms to the R; Woore Country Store & Post Office opposite; at the T junction, The Swan Hotel is to the R, The Falcon Inn is to the L; 200 yds past The Falcon is Woore Victory Hall, whose CP can be used as a base for walks around Woore.]

14. Retrace back to the alleyway, & follow the A525 towards Madeley, for 600 yds: passing Churchfields, Kenrick Close & St Leonards Way. Take care as the footpath gets narrower & narrower (It may be safer to cross over & face oncoming traffic) before giving out at Woore Grange & after 100 yds turn L into Gravenhunger Moss. Pass West View, Moss View, after 100 yds as the tarmac road goes left, go thru the white gates of Cherry Tree Cottage & head 200 yds straight ahead to a field gate, go thru & head same direction for 200 yards thru 2 more gates; then turn R, keep hedge on R, cross a stile & same direction past hedge & wood on R to another stile. Cross roadway & face field opposite; with back to roadway, head for stile in far field corner (head for TP to L of building with white roof & red brickwork partly hidden behind high hedges). Cross this stile & stile in hedge 100 yds opposite & turn sharp L & cross stile next to a 6 barred red gate, then half R uphill to cross stile in field corner next to Field Farm.
15. Keep fence to L & 20 yds past white bungalow, cross stile into lane – take care as steep descent on to lane. Turn R, & in 20 yds turn L into Onneley Lane. Walk 1200 yds along this lane to White Moor Farm again (passing Ivy Cottage, Arcadia, Brookside, Yew Tree Farm, Cherry Tree Cottage) & then pick up the red route from points 4 & 5.



Walk 3

Walk 3: Keele: Living in The Past: Knights Templar, Russian Royalty, Rock Festivals, Roman Legions & Mines.

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Stile Counsel:

Red Walk: 2 Stiles

Purple: 4 Stiles

Keele Walk – Red Dots (6.5 Miles):

1. Right, now: From The MC turn R & take the crossing by The One Stop & Shepleys Butchers, over to Homers Caf, Raj Takeaway & Madeley Spice. Turn R, keeping The Pool over to the R & passing Madeley Fish Bar, The Offley Arms, The Stables Restaurant & Old Hall Country House Hotel (1647 Wallk Knave What Lookest At: www.oldhallatmadeley.com). Where A525 curves to R, carry straight on up The Holborn.
2. At the top, after 300 yds, turn L into Castle Lane, & keep on this lane for one mile, passing Pastoral Close, Netherset Hey Lane & Knightley (here the lane becomes Hungerford Lane). Ignore R turn to Hungerford Farm & carry on in same direction over cattle grid & then over M6 bridge. Keep hedge on R & head up 300 yds to top R of field & go thru BP gate on R. After 200 yds turn L thru another BP gate. Head straight up the hill, as crest hill, see another BP gate ahead. Go thru & turn half R & head for top R corner of field. Go thru BP gate, keep trees to L & go thru another BP gate into Highway Lane.
3. Turn L & after 100 yds follow it round to R & in³/₄ mile into Keele; passing Pool House, Braemar, Jasmine Cottage, The Forge, Pump Bank, Saw Mill House & coming to a T junction, with The Village Hall on R & Hawthorns Halls of Residence opposite. Turn R passing a road sign for The Village [Dont be pushed, filed, stamped, indexed, briefed, debriefed, or numbered!] & follow this road to The Sneyd Arms & turn L into Quarry Bank Road (for optional longer Keele University Loop, go to number 7). [The Sneyd family came into possession of the Keele estate in 1544; before the area had been owned by the Knights Templar, a medieval Military Order. The last Sneyd was Sporting Ralph Sneyd who dissipated the estate on horse racing, building a racecourse at Keele, a railway station for race-goers ... & three wives! Double death duties caused the sale of the estate to Stoke on Trent Council who then transferred in to the new Keele University in 1949]. Follow for ³/₄ mile, passing The Old School, Church Bank, St Johns Primary School, Select & Save at The Hawthorns, Knights Croft, bridge over Keele by-pass A525, & follow down to Pepper Street T-junction. Turn R for 400 yds.

4. Past J S Cotton & Sons, Motor Engineers, turn L into trackway, Hollywood Lane. [Reputedly part of a Roman road, Rykniel Street, from Chester to Derby via the Roman Fort at Chesterton. Also in a field off here, in 1970, The Hollywood Rock Festival was organised in Farmer Teds field by Keele University Students & featured: Grateful Dead, Black Sabbath, Ginger Baker's Air Force, Traffic, Free, Jose Feliciano, Mungo Jerry & compered by, among others, John Peel.]
5. 0.25 miles down Hollywood Lane & 100 yds after brick ramparts on either side of lane is making your mind up time: For The longer walk: turn R into another trackway (i.e. going Northwards), pass a CT on L, passing Holly Farm & up to crossroads (Rose Cottage & Toll House are opposite); head up Crackley Lane towards Scot Hay & skip on down to number 8. For The shorter walk: carry on in the same direction (i.e. going Westwards) for 1/2 mile down Hollywood Lane turn R at a white house, passing Cherry Cottage & Finney Green Farm. 100 yds after Rose Cottage lane becomes a road, Agger Hill, & follow down bank to A525. Cross A525 with care, take trackway slightly to L & follow it round past The Cottage, Hawthorne Acre, Madeley Heath Farm, The Foxes & to the A525 again & turn L. After 300 yds turn L into Ridge Hill Drive (The Crewe Arms is over the road on R). At Marley Eternit Works entrance, look to R for footpath sign & follow for 200 yds, keeping works to L, down to stile & R into field. Follow well-trod path for 400 yds, keeping hedge to L, cross stile, next to gate, & carry on to meet A525 & cross road with care
6. (For The Old Swan: 100 yds to R & then L thru stone walled walkway & across A531). For MC, turn L, under motorway bridge & carry on Newcastle Road, which eventually becomes Parkside, passing Beck Road, Millers Pharmacy, Little Madeley Post Office, Lindops Lane, Madeley Court (Madeley Working Mens Club is to the R), Bevan Place. Between house numbers 6 & 7 on the R (opposite entrance to Madeley High School), take the walkway up to New Road & see MC opposite. Phew!

Apedale Walk – Purple Dots (6 Miles)

7. 400 yds up Crackley Lane, just before first house on R, Holly House, turn R thru a KG – this is the first in a series of 9 single & double KGs that follow the same direction; keep the hedge on R until the 8th when path changes sides & the hedge is now on L.
8. Thru 9th KG between houses, go straight across & turn L down High Street Alsagers Bank, 300 yds to The Gresley Arms [www.gresleyarms.co.uk]. Turn R into The Drive for 3/4 mile, passing Richard Heathcote County Primary School, Hill Crescent, Roberts Close, Podmore Avenue, Three Corners House, Gamekeepers Cottage & Top Lodge; 200 yds past Home Farm turn R into Apedale Road & follow this down for mile, passing Burley House on way down. 100 yds after woodland appears on R, take stile into woods. Follow well-trod path, ignore any paths off to L & R, but where meet a fork, take L track (ignoring sign to R to Watermills Chimney & green arrow & stile on L). Go down & thru a squeezer stile, after 50 yds turn L onto a track down, then after 100 yds turn R onto another trackway with a Newcastle Way sign post. Carry on for 400 yds until you reach Apedale Heritage Centre. Carry on the roadway for 400 yds, turn R at sign for Apedale Energy Station, & follow signs up to the Energy Station & CP. [www.apedale.co.uk]
9. Walk thru Apedale Energy Station CP & cross Black Bank & into the trackway opposite

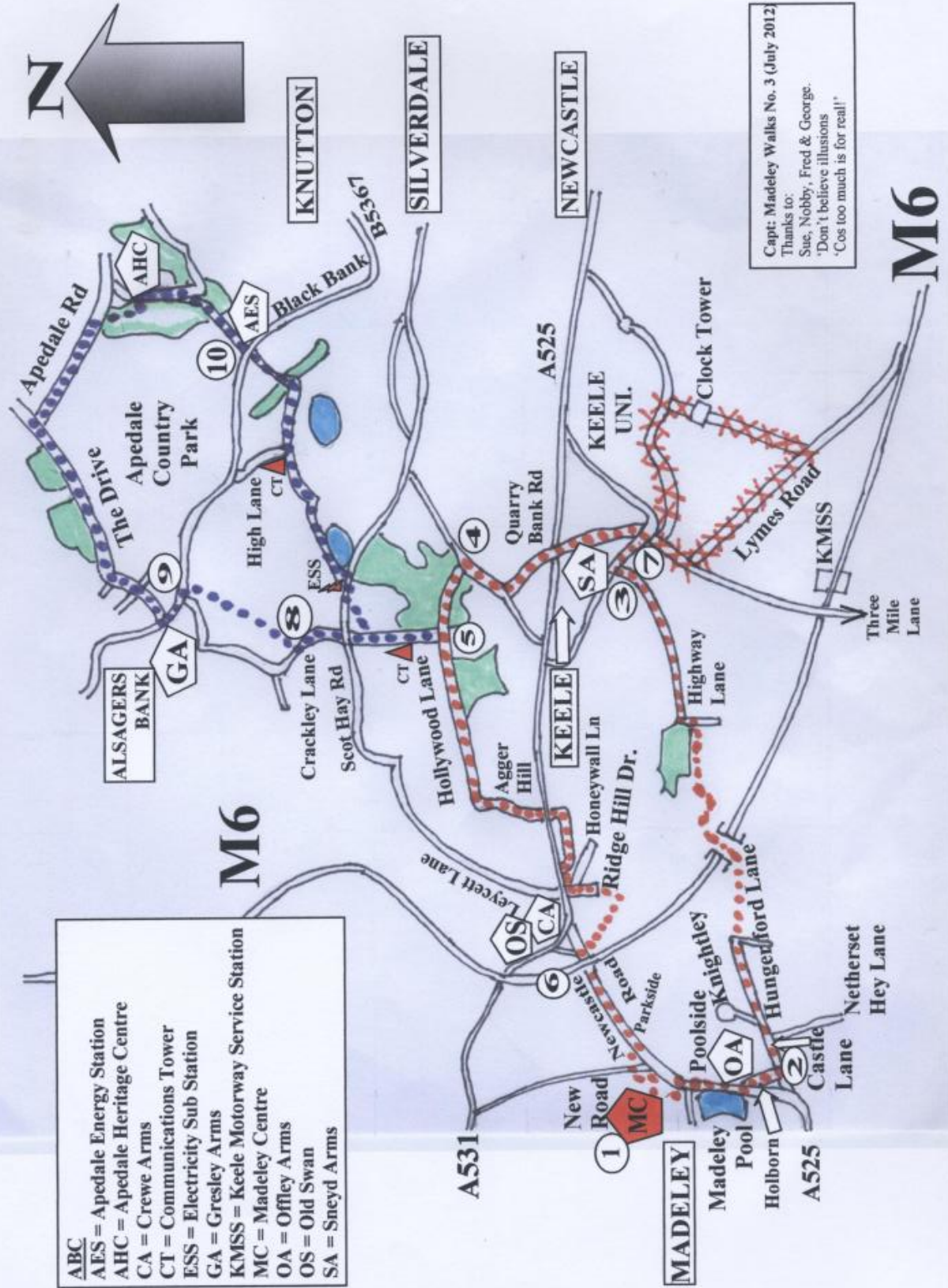
that curves round to the L for 300 yds, towards a tree-line. Continue for 200 yds, thru a KG into Silverdale Community Country Park, turn R & head uphill towards a CT. At the top, go thru a KG next to a step over for horses & gate into High Lane. Turn L thru another KG & walk round & down, following Newcastle Way signs & ignoring paths to L & R. At the bottom, carry on in the same direction, passing small industrial units & then lake on L, behind green wire fencing. Keep following Newcastle Way waymarkers round to R & then turn L in front of electrical sub-station & walk down to Scot Hay Road. Turn R & walk with care up the road; 100 yds past the sub-station, cross stile on L into field. Half R across field, over another stile by a small pool, then another stile into Hollywood Lane, turn L & retrace back to point 5.

Keele University Loop – Red Crosses – Optional – (2 Miles)

10. Turn R into Three Mile Lane, pass The Keele Centre & in 400 yds turn L into Lymes Road, a trackway. In $\frac{3}{4}$ mile turn L, just past a lodge type building, and up a trackway for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to Keele Hall Clock House [Between 1900 & 1910, Grand Duke Michael Mikhailovich of Russia, a cousin of Tsar Alexander III of Russia, rented Keele Hall. In 1901, Edward VII stayed at the hall for a weekend. Between 1962 & 1986 Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was Chancellor of Keele University. The Clock House was Ralph Sneyds breeding stables for his race horses & the racecourse faced away from the Clock House towards the M6]. Go up steps, thru 2 archways, bear L thru a walled walkway, under another arch & to a road junction [The Students Union (01782-733700) & shops are to the R: ST5 Takeaway (01782-734444), Santander & Lloyds Banks & Cashpoints, Select & Save Supermarket (01782-710560), Waterstones Books (0843 2908 415), Martins Newsagents (01782-626652)]. Turn L & follow this road back to Keele in $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, keeping to the pavement & using a pedestrian crossing to diagonally cross a grassy area & another pedestrian crossing to The Sneyd Arms & Quarry Bank Road & pick up route again from point 3.



- ABC = Apedale Energy Station
- AES = Apedale Heritage Centre
- AHC = Apedale Heritage Centre
- CA = Crewe Arms
- CT = Communications Tower
- ESS = Electricity Sub Station
- GA = Gresley Arms
- KMSS = Keele Motorway Service Station
- MC = Madeley Centre
- OA = Offley Arms
- OS = Old Swan
- SA = Sneyd Arms



Capt: Madeley Walks No. 3 (July 2012)
 Thanks to:
 Sue, Nobby, Fred & George.
 'Don't believe illusions
 'Cos too much is for real!'

Walk 4

Walk 4: The Road to Ruin: Baldwins Gate & Old Madeley Manor

The options are:

1. A main red walk of 9¹/₄ miles.
2. Part of the purple walk can be added to take in the ruins of Old Madeley Manor: 10¹/₂ miles.
3. A separate stand-alone circular purple walk to take in the ruins of Old Madeley Manor – 4 miles.

All distances are approximate. Start at The Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley CW3 9DN (Grid Ref: 773451). Tel: 01782-751808. www.madeleycentre.co.uk. The Madeley Centre has car parking, catering & toilet facilities. Please enjoy a walk in the country, but if you can, support our local businesses, Listed under The Adverts – but check opening times beforehand! Explorer Maps: 257 Crewe & Nantwich & 258 Stoke on Trent & Newcastle under Lyme

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- The Sheet Anchor, Baldwins Gate: 01782-680804.
- Station Stores & Post Office, Baldwins Gate: 01782-680426 / 0857 22 33 44
- Absolutely Fabulous Hat Studio, Aston: 01630-647672 / 07860 333950
- Unreal Paintball, Manor Road, Madeley: 01782-6360936476

Legend:

- BP = Bridle Path
- CP = Car Park
- FB = Foot Bridge
- FP = Footpath
- KG = Kissing Gate
- L = Left
- MC = Madeley Centre
- R = Right
- TP = Telegraph Pole

Stile Counsel:

Red Route: 26 stiles.

Purple Route (as part of Red Walk): 21 stiles

Purple Route (as stand-alone walk): 32 Stiles

RED WALK: The Road to Baldwins Gate (9¹/₄ Miles):

1. From The MC turn R & take the crossing by The One Stop & Shepleys Butchers, over to Homers Café, Raj Takeaway & Madeley Spice. Turn R, keeping The Pool over to the R & passing Madeley Fish Bar, The Offley Arms, The Stables Restaurant & Old Hall Country House Hotel www.oldhallatmadeley.com [Grade II listed building: Late C16 with later C19 and C20 additions and alterations. Timber framed on dressed sandstone plinth. The inscription “16 WALLK KNAVE. WHAT LOOK EST AT 47 I B” may be some kind of warning. The house is said to have had recusant connections in the late C16/C17.]. Where A525 curves to R, carry straight on up The Holborn. After 300 yds, at the top, go straight ahead down a hedge & walled pathway, for 200 yds, over a stile, another stile immediately to L & then half R across well-trod path to a stile & into Netherset Hey Lane.
2. Turn R & walk down this lane for ³/₄ mile, passing Netherset Industrial Estate, over 4 cattle grids, & then R into a track way, after a red brick farm house with yew hedging, for 50 yds. Then round to L for 400 yds, over a small bridge, & 100 yds before reach woodland, cross stile on R into a field. Keep field boundary for two sides on L & go down to the main West Coast Rail Line. Turn L under the railway bridge.
3. Cross stile to L & follow field for 400 yds, keeping wire & hedge line to R. Cross next stile & head in same direction for 400 yds – ignore galvanised steel gate to R & carry on into a section of field which narrows & cross stile next to double set of gates & turn R into trackway. Follow trackway for ³/₄ mile, then thru Snapehall Farm yard, keeping to L, thru gates & turn R into Snape Hall Road; passing Granary Cottage, Wood Crest, Greenacre, Birch Tree Lane, Lyndhurst, Hawkesmoor, Ravens Wood, Birch Wood, Heather Hills, The Levels, Three Coins & Heath House – 100 yds after here, the road splits; follow Snape Hall Road round to the R, passing Petrus Farm View, Snape Hall Close, Maer Vista, Gaylords, then reaching the busy A53 (20 yds to L is Whitmore Village Hall, whose CP can be used as a base for walks in this area.).
4. Turn R, & walk alongside A53, passing The Sheet Anchor & Station Stores / Stevensons Newsagents, General Stores & Post Office & cross over the railway bridge
5. Turn R past the blue plaqued Whitmore Station Booking Office [Station opened in 1837 on The Grand Junction Line. On the 29th June 1937 the Coronation Scot engine created a World record of 115 mph while travelling through Whitmore station. Station closed in 1952.]. Down this lane, keep the railway to R & cottages to L, where cottages end, go past garage units into a walkway with railway fencing to R & residential housing to L. Cross 2 stiles to reach hedge boundary, turn L up-field for 250 yds & cross stile on R. Walk in same direction over 2 stiles & then to stile to R of crumbling brick wall, half L across field, over stile, turn L & head uphill to stile in top L corner of field & 20 yds over farm track & another stile.

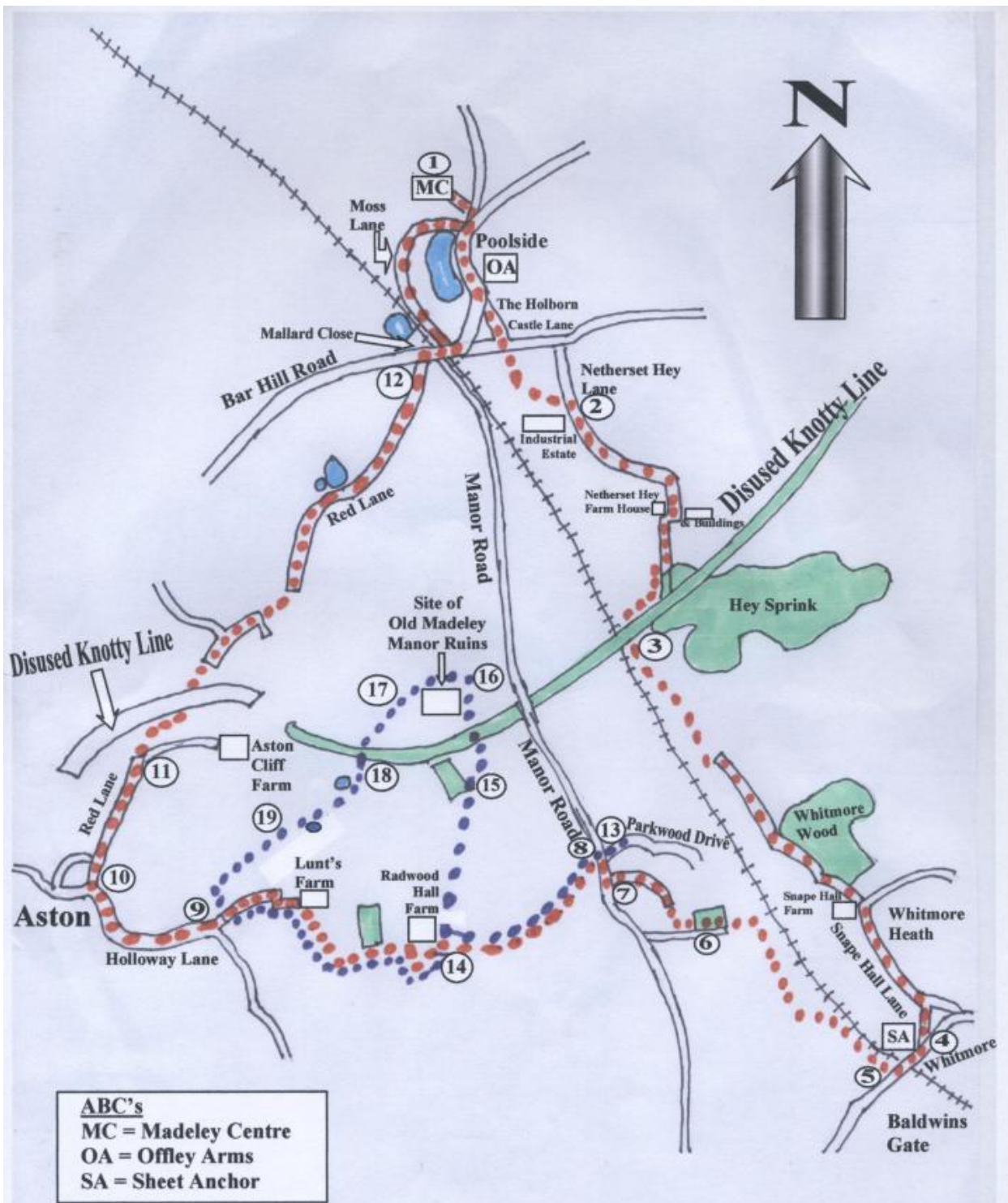
6. Pass Parkwood Drive Waste Water Pumping Station; continue upbank round to R on gravel track; 20 yards before gate, sharp L on well-trod path to reach stile on R & into woodland. Follow well-trod path up thru woods & then over to R & thru gate in fence panels. Sharp L & follow fence line on L & then R onto concrete pathway & follow this, cross a driveway, R & then L up the concrete pathway again, but where it goes R, look for waymarkers on wooden fence panelling, follow these panels to the R; up & then down & to a ladder stile thru trees. Cross over & follow fence line on R, & when fence panels on both sides, go thru, respectfully, on to private driveway & thru gates of Hybury House. Follow driveway up & L & on to Manor Road (Manor Road is the quickest way back to Madeley but the road is used as a rat run & is dangerous to drive on, let alone walk on!).
7. Turn R, walk up Manor Road with care for 200 yds, passing Fairview Cottage, The Pines, The Brackens, Parkwood, The Woodlands, Brackenwood, Silver Lea, Birchwood, Westbridge.
8. At crest of hill, where Parkwood Drive is on R; go L down a hedged wagon way (L of a Whitmore & District Parish Walks Noticeboard) for 200 yds & cross a stile. Keep same direction as stile to hedge corner: just to L of wooden TP. Head up field towards Radwood Hall Farm. Cross stile next to water trough (FOR THE LONGER WALK SKIP ON DOWN TO 14) & keep hedge on R to next stile, down a few steps, turn R for 50 yds & over double set of stiles on L. Follow field round, keeping barbed wire fencing to the R to another double set of stiles over a farm trackway. Keep field boundary to R again & cross stile – now walk parallel with hedge on R, but move 50 yards in-field & on far side of field go thru waymarked gateposts & trackway to Lunts Farm. Turn L in front of farm buildings & follow track down, curving right then left, then straight on, over a cattle grid
9. R at the junction to Aston down Holloway Lane, passing Hillside Cottage & Wyndhams Cottage.
10. Turn R at junction & 20 yds past The Oaks turn R into Red Lane (Red Lane was a wagon route between Madeley & Aston & got its name from the red clay along the way), next to Aston Farm, signed to ‘Absolutely Fabulous Hat Studio’, & follow this for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, passing Aston Cottage, Lea Cottage, The Lea.
11. Where the lane goes R to a gated farm drive, go thru the KG on L & follow down & slightly R to go under a brickwork bridge [once part of the track of The North Staffordshire Railway, nicknamed the ‘The Knotty Line’ after its logo. The line to Market Drayton opened in 1870. The NSR was formed in 1845 but in 1923 became part of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company], keep the hedge to the L & round & down to a pair of BP gates over a stream FB. Slightly L to next BP gate & thru hedge-lined pathway up to a house on R. Keep on in same direction for 400 yds down a farm lane, where it goes sharp R, go thru BP gate to left of gate into field. This is the first of five BP gates on Red Lane that go thru two fields, a hedge-lined lane, another field & then another hedge-lined lane for 1 mile (Unreal Paintballs Fort can sometimes be seen in the trees on the R).
12. Cross Bar Hill Road with care, turn R, passing Mallard Close & Manor Road. 50 yds after crossing over the railway bridge, turn L into Moss Lane & walk to its end, passing

school playing fields, Bower End Lane, The Bridle Path, Moss Lane Surgery, Morningside, Charles Cotton Drive, River Lea Mews. At the bottom turn L, passing Shepleys Butchers, One Stop, Furnace Lane & then turn L into The MC.

PURPLE WALK: A Walk in The Park: Ruins of Old Madeley Manor (2 MILES): [There are no car parks that can be used for this as a stand-alone walk; the best option is to park in Parkwood Drive (Grid Ref: 781414), off Manor Road. As this is a public road, please take care not to block any entrances. If you start & end here, the walk is 4 miles.]

13. From Parkwood Drive, cross Manor Road & go down a hedged wagon way (L of a Whitmore & District Parish Walks Noticeboard) for 200 yds & cross a stile. Turn half R & go to the hedge corner which juts out into the field from the R, keep hedge on R & head up field towards Radwood Hall Farm. Cross stile next to water trough
14. Turn R after 5 yds, over a stile, down a track to a stile, into a rough paddock, over another stile into a field, hedge on R, over stile, across double concrete slabbed trackway, over stile into field & same direction over stile to R of oak tree in middle of field, then another stile to R of oak tree & trough; look at wooded copse ahead & aim 20 yds in from R to cross FB & up to another stile.
15. Head diagonally across to field corner & over two stiles over bridge of disused railway. Head down field 200 yds, keeping hedge on R & join a red clay farm track. Walk on this track & see all that remains of Old Madeley Manor to L. [Remains of a Manor house: medieval probably C15 or early C16. Coursed red sandstone. Only a fragment of walling survives to a maximum height of just over 3m. This contains part of the springing of an external round-headed doorway with portcullis groove and chamfered arch; to the south a window at ground level (perhaps formerly lighting a cellar) and remains of a large fireplace with knife sharpening grooves to one side. Several blocks of dressed masonry lie nearby. Impressive fishponds or moats lie to the north and west, and in the adjoining fields are further extensive earthworks, which (to the north-east) may have been associated with the garden of the house. The house itself, of which there is an engraving in Plots History of Staffordshire was partly timber framed. Scheduled Ancient Monument. Site of Lord Staffords Hunting Lodge at The Great Deer Park at Madeley; after The Battle of Hastings, Robert de Tosny, or Tonei, was granted land in Staffordshire, including Madeley, by William the Conqueror. Tosny was based at Stafford where his name became Robert de Stafford and then, Lord Stafford. Baldwins Gate would have been a gate to the deer park & the parker would have been Baldwin! Lord Stafford after a series of marriages added the Duke of Buckingham to his titles, but fell foul of Henry VIII & was executed, his estates forfeited & eventually his holdings in Madeley bought by Thomas Offley in 1547: he was knighted & Lord Mayor of London in 1556, he was succeeded by his son Henry, then by Sir John Offley, who left endowments in his will for almshouses & a school for Madeley, his son also John Offley followed, a friend of Izaak Walton, who dedicated the first edition of his book, 'The Compleat Angler' to him; He married Mary, daughter of Thomas Broughton of Broughton Hall (now the residence of John Cauldwell). He was succeeded by his son also John Offley married Anne Crewe of Crewe Hall. The two estates merged and the Manor House at Madeley was eventually abandoned & fell into decay and ruins.]

16. Turn L in 50 yds past remains of moat & walk parallel with moat for 200 yds, turn half L (crossing remains of fish ponds) & head up the hedge row to a FB & stile, just before a wooden TP.
17. Turn half L & see four oak trees in the middle of the field, forming a line that hits the tree line on the L. Use the third tree in from the R as the marker & head for it, pass it on R & see stile in tree line ahead; cross stile & tree line is now evident as the disused Knotty Line, cross FB, turn half R & diagonally ascend to stile. Keep hedge on R for 100 yds until reach double stile & FB next to an oak tree.
18. Cross into next field, see large pond & use L side as marker to aim for stile & FB in hedge row. Head up field & cross stile to L of oak tree. Use R side of pond in this field as marker to head for stile in top R corner, hidden behind a holly bush.
19. Keep hedge on R to next field, over stile, & in 400 yds (just before hedge line goes L), look for stile in hedge on R, cross & turn L, follow hedge down to gate & cross stile on L, round to L & over stile & into tarmac road: FOR THE LONG RED ROUTE, TURN R & PICK UP ROUTE FROM POINT [9]; FOR THE PURPLE FOUR MILE STAND ALONE WALK: turn L, & follow farm lane up to Lunt's Farm; turn R as reach farm house along track, to a gateway. Cross stile in top L corner of field; keep fence on L & cross stile in top L of field; half right, cross farm track, & over another stile; keep barbed wire fence on left & aim for double set of stiles in far hedgerow (about 20 yards in); turn R, then L after 50 yds, up steps to a stile & keep fence to L to cross stile by trough. Half L & follow hedge down; where it goes sharp L, go half L to stile by gate in field corner & down track to Parkwood Drive.



Capt: Madeley Walk No.4 (Sept 2012)
 Thanks to:
 Sue, Nobby, Fred & George
 'Have no rules. If people start to build fences around you,
 break out and do something else.'

Walk 5

Walk 5: Hall Right Now: Snape Hall

There are two walks: a red walk (7 Miles) & a purple walk 6 miles); do them separately for two half day walks or combine them to make a full day walk. All distances are approximate. Start at The Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley CW3 9DN (Grid Ref: 773451). Tel: 01782-751808. www.madeleycentre.co.uk. The Madeley Centre has car parking, catering & toilet facilities. Please enjoy a walk in the country, but if you can, support our local businesses, Listed under The Adverts – but check opening times beforehand! Explorer Maps: 257 Crewe & Nantwich & 258 Stoke on Trent & Newcastle under Lyme

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- Mainwaring Arms, Whitmore: 01782-68085101
- Wrought Iron Madness: 01782-680594 6
- Staffordshire Organic Cheeses: New House Farm, Acton: 01782-680366

Legend:

BP	=	Bridle Path
FB	=	Foot Bridge
L	=	Left
MC	=	Madeley Centre
R	=	Right
TP	=	Telegraph Pole

Stile Counsel:

Red Route: 20 stiles.

Purple Route: 19 Stiles.

Snape Hall & Netherset Hey: Red Walk: 7 Miles [Areas at point 4 & 5 can be very muddy after rain]:

1. From The MC turn R & take the crossing by The One Stop & Shepleys Butchers, over to Homers Caf, Raj Takeaway & Madeley Spice. Turn R, keeping The Pool over to the R & passing Madeley Fish Bar, The Offley Arms, The Stables Restaurant & Old Hall Country House Hotel [www.oldhallatmadeley.com]. Where A525 curves to R, carry straight on up The Holborn. After 300 yds, at the top, turn L into Castle Lane, pass Pastoral Close & turn R into Netherset Hey Lane.
2. Pass Birches Farm Mews, after 200 yds go L over a stile. Head in same direction across field to double set of stiles, either side of concrete slabbed trackway. Head uphill to next stile, in line with an oak tree, which is in next field. Same direction, in middle of field, as crest rise, next stile is by farm gate & framed fore & aft by two more oak trees. Path now goes to L of farm buildings [Lower Stoney Low Farm] directly ahead, thru' 2 fence stiles either side of a paddock. Straight ahead on to gravel way for 100 yds & meet T-junction. Fork L on to tarmac farm lane & walk down this for one mile, passing Stoney Low Farm.
3. At end of track where a white cottage, 'The Gables', is opposite, turn R & walk down busy minor road (Three Mile Lane) with care for 400 yds. Just past Lane Cottage, & opposite Racecourse Farm, go over stile on R.
4. Keep fence on R for 50 yds; when it ends, look half L: 3 oak trees are in middle of field; use gap between first two as marker to go between & aim for corner to the R of Yewtree Farm buildings; go L round corner. Cross stile ahead & same direction to stile into trackway & turn R.
5. Follow trackway down & where it goes sharp L, carry on in same direction into a field going downhill (ignoring double set of gates on R into another field). Next double set of stiles are hidden in hedgerow below, about 150 yds in from R side of field (look to L of tall sloping tree). Turn L & follow field round on two sides, passing electricity pylon, & up towards Woodhouse Farm buildings. 50 yds before farm wall, cross stile on L then R & thru first farm gate & into farm yard.
6. After 200 yds, turn L & follow lane away from farm for 500 yds, passing Meadowside, Fairfields, Greenacres, to a T-junction. Turn sharp R, & follow this lane for 800 yds, passing Dab Green Farm, Lake House (possibly the most picturesque setting in North Staffs) & 50 yds past Limpits, turn R into Snape Hall Road. Follow this down for 800 yds, passing Fox Dene & Snape Hall Cottage, 150 yds past Woodbury, where road curves L, turn R into Snape Hall Farm. [For the longer route skip on down to 11.]
7. Go thru gateway, keep farm buildings to L, & straight ahead thru another gateway into a hedged lane.
8. Follow this lane for 800 yds & where it ends in a field; take the stile on the L into another field. Keep fence on L & where it ends carry on in same direction to stile in facing fenceline. Cross stile & keep field boundary to L for 500 yds until reach stile to go under old railway bridge [disused railway line is remains of the old North Staffordshire Railway, or Knotty Line] & into a field.

9. Turn R in this field & follow round on two sides. [The woodland here is Hey Sprink & was a deer park for Lord Stafford; possibly a deer breeding park for The Great Park where the ruins of Madeley Old Manor are. Baldwin's Gate would have been named after a parker & an entrance to the park.] When field boundary turns L, cross stile after 200 yds & turn L into lane for 500 yds. Reach T-junction after red brick farm house on L, & turn L & follow this tarmac'd road for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, over two double sets of Cattle Grids. [During the 1960s & early '70's, this farm was owned by Quentin Crewe, a relative of the Crewe family. He was a friend of Princess Margaret & Lord Snowdon & they stayed here when she attended Keele University in her duties as Chancellor]
10. 200 yds past Netherset Hey Industrial Estate, by a TP on L cross a stile into a field & follow well-trod path diagonally across to top corner, over stile, turn R, over next stile into hedge lined pathway [Madeley Old Vicarage, a 40 roomed house, is to the L: built in 1882 by Lord Hungerford for Rev Thomas William Daltry (1833-1904), curate 1861 to 1880 & then vicar to his death in 1904. He was a keen historian and secretary of the North Staffordshire Field Club for many years; their library is named after him. His father, Rev Thomas William Daltry (1804-1879) had been Vicar of Madeley from 1833 until his death in 1879: father & son Daltry were vicars of Madeley for 71 years!] & follow this down to Castle Lane / Vicarage Lane / Holborn junction & carry on in same direction back to MC.

Whitmore: Purple Walk: 6 Miles

11. Follow Snape Hall Road round to L, passing Granary Cottage, Wood Crest, Greenacre, Birch Tree Lane, Lyndhurst, Hawkesmoor, Ravens Wood, Heather Hills, Rowan House, The Levels, Three Coins, Heath House. At a grass triangle, go L on to Common Lane, passing Mullion, The Coppice. 50 yards past Heath Road go L thru a squeezer stile & keep field hedge to R for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile & then thru gate on to tarmacd road for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, passing Hawthorne Hill, The Old School, The Old Parsonage, Box Cottage. At the T junction go R over a bridge, passing Wrought Iron Madness [To the L is St Mary & All Saints Church. The west window depicts the coat of arms of the families who held Whitmore since the Norman Conquest; de Whitmore, de Verdon, de Boughey, Mainwaring and Cavenagh. The Church may have stood from Saxon times, but the earliest structure is Norman.] & The Mainwaring Arms, up to the A51. The route goes straight across, but use the crossing on the R, as the A51 is a very dangerous road.
12. Carry on down lane for 100 yards, passing cottages dated 1796, then L up road to Acton. Take care up this lane & walk for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, passing M & D Deaville, New Acton Farm, Staffordshire Organic Cheeses, just before Acton House & its brick wall, turn R & walk down a BP for 1 mile.
13. When reach road, turn L. After 50 yds cross stile on R into field; head diagonally across field – use wooden TP as marker & look for stile to L in hedge. Turn R thru a BP gate, up to & over railway bridge, up lane for 300 yards, when reach tarmac road, turn sharp R thru a gate & into a field.
14. Head downwards & L to reach West Coast Main Line. Turn L & keep railway line to R for $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles, crossing 7 stiles & 1 FB & then enter fenced alleyway. Emerge onto Fair-Green Road & straight across onto grass track: field on L, fence panels on R; track curves round

to R; eventually reaches school on L & cross road with care & thru a landscaped area with benches.

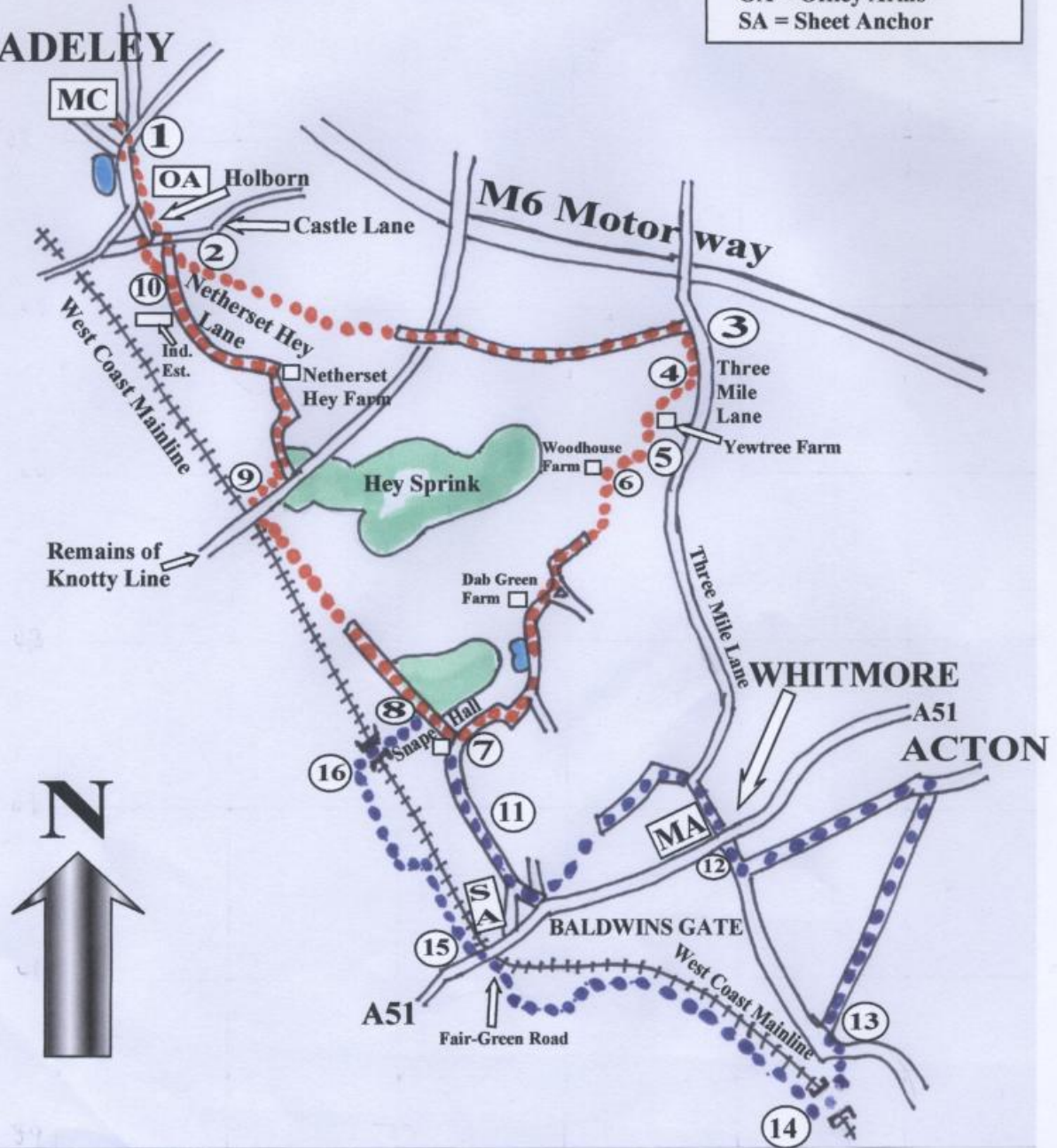
15. The Sheet Anchor & General Stores are to the R. Cross A51 with care, to L of blue plaqued Whitmore Station Booking Office [Station opened in 1837 on The Grand Junction Line. On the 29th June 1937 the Coronation Scot engine created a World Record of 115 mph while travelling through Whitmore station. Station closed in 1952.]. Down lane, keep railway to R & cottages to L, where cottages end, go past garage units into a walkway with railway fencing to R & residential housing to L. Cross 2 stiles & reach next hedge boundary, turn L up-field for 300 yds & cross stile on R by a water trough. Walk in same direction over 2 stiles then right over the railway bridge.
16. Straight across field to double set of stiles & FB. Then half R to a galvanised gate & stile on opposite side of field & turn L & pick up from point 8.

Capt: Madeley Walk No. 5 (October 2012)
 Thanks to:
 Sue, Nobby, Fred & George.
 'National pride leads to nothing but wars and hates.'

ABC's:

MA = Mainwaring Arms
 MC = Madeley Centre
 OA = Offley Arms
 SA = Sheet Anchor

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Walk 6

Walk Six: Broken Heart (Oh Lord I Never Felt So Low): Leycett & Bates Wood.

There are two walks: a red walk (3½ miles) & a purple walk (4 miles); do them separately for two half day walks or combine them to make a full day walk. All distances are approximate. Start at The Madeley Centre, New Road, Madeley CW3 9DN (Grid Ref: 773451). Tel: 01782-751808. www.madeleycentre.co.uk. The Madeley Centre has car parking, catering & toilet facilities. Please enjoy a walk in the country, but if you can, support our local businesses, Listed under The Adverts – but check opening times beforehand! Explorer Map 257: Crewe & Nantwich.

THE ADVERTS:

- Just Jane, catering, at The Madeley Centre: 01782-751808.
- One Stop, Grocery & Convenience Store Greyhound Corner: 01782-750373.
- Shepley Butchers, Greyhound Corner: 01782-751775.
- Tang Dynasty Chinese Takeaway, Greyhound Court: 01782-752288.
- Village Shop & Newsagent, Greyhound Court: 01782-750525.
- In 2 Wine, Off Licence, Greyhound Court: 01782-751708.
- Raj Indian Takeaway, Greyhound Corner: 01782-752000.
- Homers Cafe, Greyhound Corner: 01782-751800.
- Poolside Tandoori, Restaurant & Take Away. Greyhound Corner: 01782-750088.
- Poolside Fish Bar: 01782-752546
- The Offley Arms, Poolside. 01782-750242.
- Halmerend Fish Bar: 01782-723751.
- Gresley Arms, Alsagers Bank: 01782-722469.
- The Old Swan, Madeley Heath: 01782-751199.
- Crewe Arms, Madeley Heath: 01782-750392.

Legend:

CP	=	Car Park
FB	=	Foot Bridge
FP	=	Footpath
KG	=	Kissing Gate
L	=	Left
MC	=	Madeley Centre
R	=	Right
TP	=	Telegraph Pole

Stile Counsel:

Red Walk: 7 stiles.

Purple Walk: 4 stiles

Red Walk:

1. Turn L out of MC & walk under arches at side of MC & down to the Police point. Walk across, slightly L, to go down alley between houses & into Greenmeadows Road, turn R, then L into New Road. Pass Holm Oak Drive on R; 100 yds past Woodside, turn R thru' squeezer stile by lamp post & follow well-trod path thru' woodland.
2. Emerge thru' laurel hedge on to a road, turn L, cross Heighley Castle Way with care & turn R uphill, passing College Close. 50 yds past Park Close, turn R into the drive way for Madeley Manor Care Home.
3. After 50 yds take tarmac track to L, another 50 yds take path to L passing sign for Private Road; further 50 yds go R thru gateways & go down path with cottages & the Care Home on R. Just past fire escape on R, veer L thru bushes & down to a gate & into a field.
4. Same direction, between remains of 2 small ponds, towards trees – path snakes L, then round to R & over stile into woods. Follow well-trod path down to Madeley Manor Pool. [The Boat House on the R is a listed building. The white building in the distance is Madeley Rectory.] Keep Pool on R & 50 yds after 2nd footbridge, L down to A531.
5. Cross with care, turn R & 25 yds after Motorway Bridge, turn L into Walton's Wood. Follow gravel path, parallel with motorway, for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. Ignore stile on L & follow well-trod path for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile as goes round to R (ie. motorway is now directly behind you) & eventually ascends quite steeply!
6. At the top turn R & follow well-trod path for 200 yds & then waymarked L upbank (Care: waymarker is hard to see as hidden in trees), L again at top & on to an arched entrance in hedgerow. Immediate R to Leycett Lane & NOW ITS MAKE YOUR MIND UP TIME! For longer walk, go to Point 11.
7. Turn R & walk with care 200 yds to Leycett Cricket Club; look for stile in hedge on R, skirt round cricket pitch, then L into woodland (waymarked The Newcastle Way: follow these back to Madeley). Over a stile, into a ditch, L, over a stile into a field.
8. Look L & cross stile to R of Dutch Barn, cross field slightly R to next stile, same direction to hedge, then to L of facing hedge & over stile into alley with houses on R & Heath Wood on L. Same direction over road, footpath to another road, same direction & down to A531 passing The Old Swan.
9. Turn L & where Old Swan CP ends; look for FP opposite & cross road with care, follow alley down to A525 & turn R into Newcastle Road & under Motorway Bridge.
10. 200 yds after bridge, reach white bungalow 'East Lodge' & turn R up a pot holed, sleeping policeman'd tarmac'd road for 400 yds; 100 yds after a path protected by 2 concrete bollards, turn L on to a raised pathway with maintained lawned areas. Walk thru' residential housing to a T-junction; straight across, childs play area on L & head across playing fields to R of electricity pylon opposite. Go up bank, keep houses & hedge to L & go thru gap in facing hedge & on to New Road. Turn L & walk back to MC.

Purple Walk:

11. Take care on lane – turn L & just past entrance to Leycett Waste Tip, turn R, keeping the tip railings to the R & cross a stile. Cross small paddock & stile by TP's.
12. Turn half R & head up field keeping remains of a tree / hedge line to L, over stile & turn L into a farm lane for 400 yds to reach Leycett Lane, passing West View Cottages.
13. Cross Lane with care & turn L for 100 yds & then R onto tarmac road, follow this road for 1 mile – thru' a barrier, a double set of gates & another single gate. [This is the site of Leycett Colliery. In 1871, 1879 & 1880, explosions here at Fair Lady Pit killed 44, 41 & 62 men & boys respectively]
14. When reach a footpath crossroads, with a map of Bateswood Nature Reserve on L & picnic bench on R, take the path to R. Aim for gap between 2 lots of woods, with a field rising up behind then, with a TP on the top – use the TP as a waymarker.
15. When reach hedge, turn L into woodland, follow well-trod path as keeps field to R, up series of 7 steps, round to R, up 3 steps & carry on in same direction. Start to descend & keep to R [fields can soon be seen on R thru trees]; ignore a stile to R & steps up to R; pass Podmore Pool on L & reach T-junction.
16. Turn R, thru wooden KG, then L down alleyway with Podmore Cottage on R & woodland on L. At end turn L into Bateswood CP (this can be used as a base for exploring Bateswood Nature Reserve). (Turn R for HALMEREND FISH BAR & GRESLEY ARMS).
17. Go thru CP & turn R after 100 yds onto gravel FP & follow this for 1/3 mile to Bateswood Pool. Keep Pool to L & follow round [The memorials to the victims of the Minnie Pit Disaster are thru' a gate on the R & then take the L pathway. 156 men & boys lost their lives from a firedamp explosion & inhaling poisonous carbon monoxide in April 1918].
18. 100 yds past a Life Belt Position, ignore FB in front & turn R upbank & follow path which comes out at the map of Bateswood Nature Reserve in point 14.
19. Turn R & follow path for 400 yds & go thru' KG on R. Follow well-trod path round & up to L & into tree lined clearing. Continue down well-trod path, passing Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's Bateswood Nature Reserve sign on L & walking parallel with TP's on L. Follow path, & TP's, as clearing ends & enters woodland. Follow thru' woods, over boardwalks, down 17 steps into a clearing – same direction, straight across.
20. Down & over a stile, keep a field to L as go round & up to a TP called 'Walton's Wood ABI'. The track goes down into a small clearing in the woods, turn L over a small ditch & then R thru' trees, uphill to reach fields at the top.
21. Turn R (ie. keep field to L & trees to R), follow down & then L & after 20 yds R into woodland: follow well-trod path for 300 yds to reach point 6 again & follow back to MC.



Capt: Madeley Walk No. 6 (April 2013)
 Thanks to: Sue, Nobby, Fred & George.
 'Walk through the valley
 The written word is a lie
 May the road rise with you'

Legend:
 CA - Crewe Arms
 LCC = Leycett Cricket Club
 LWT = Leycett Waste Tip
 MC = Madeley Centre
 MM = Madeley Manor
 OA = Offley Arms
 OS = Old Swan