

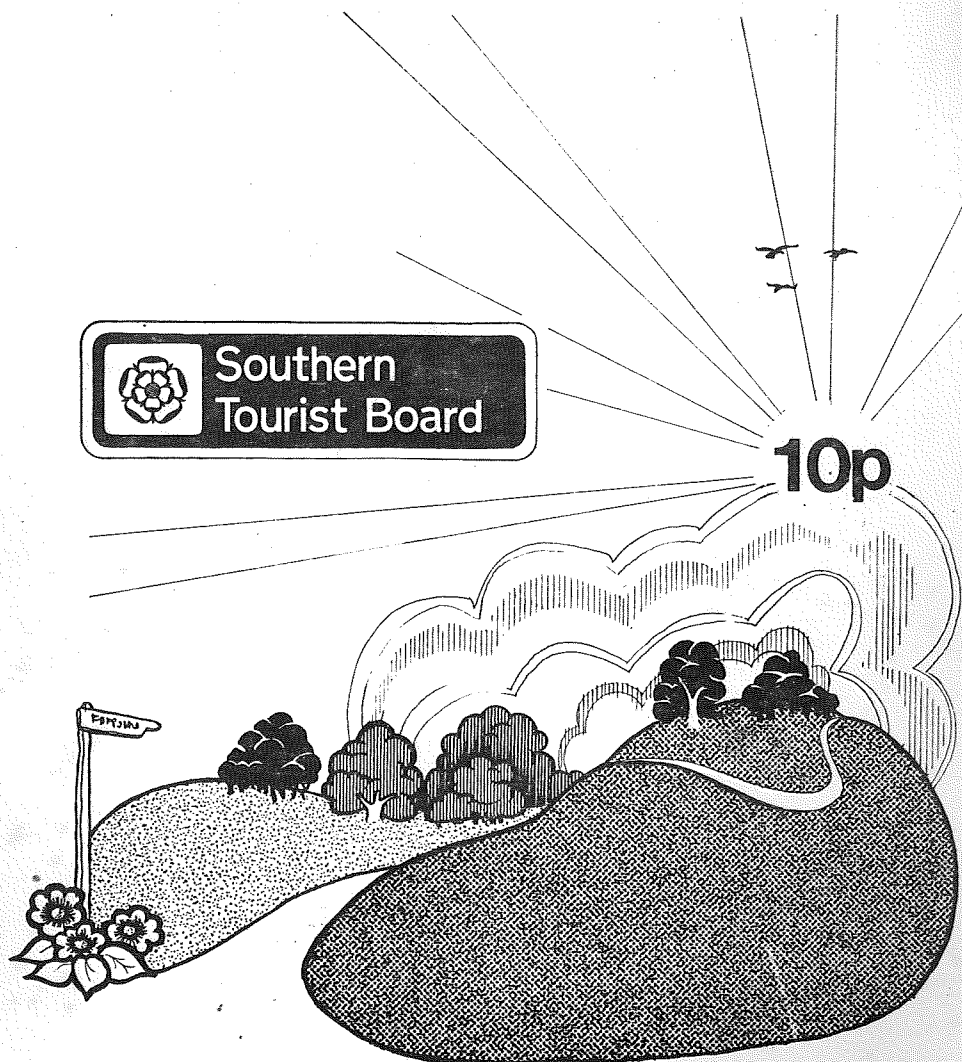
BAUGHURST

PARISH WALKS



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FOREWORD

I have much pleasure in writing the foreword to this booklet of walks around Baughurst. It makes the country paths and lanes easy to follow, and hence a pleasure to walk. I would like to congratulate Baughurst Parish Council on producing this excellent booklet.

John Anscomb,
Local Footpath Secretary,
The Ramblers' Association.

February 1977.

BAUGHURST PARISH WALKS

No. 1

From the WAR MEMORIAL take the Brimpton Road as far as Bridleway No. 5. Turn left (signpost) to U.25 (Inhurst Lane).

Turn right - in 50 yds. left into Footpath No. 9 (signpost at Hillberry); bear right of shed, parallel to fence on right, over stile, with pond on right, go through wicket gate and straight ahead, parallel to stream on right; through pine copse to corner of meadow.

Turn right, over stile (not footbridge) on Footpath No. 7, bear right and left diagonally up slope across meadow and over two stiles. Bear slightly left and along narrow track with fence on right to stile at U.25 Haughurst Hill.

Turn right past Chapel and in 50 yds. bear left into woodland track - Footpath No. 47 (signpost). With cottage on right follow track to metalled road at junction with U.25; turn right to next junction.

EITHER turn left past Highworth Cottages to C.101 (Brimpton Road) and continue to War Memorial;

OR continue on U.25 (Inhurst Lane) and return to War Memorial via Bridleway No. 5.

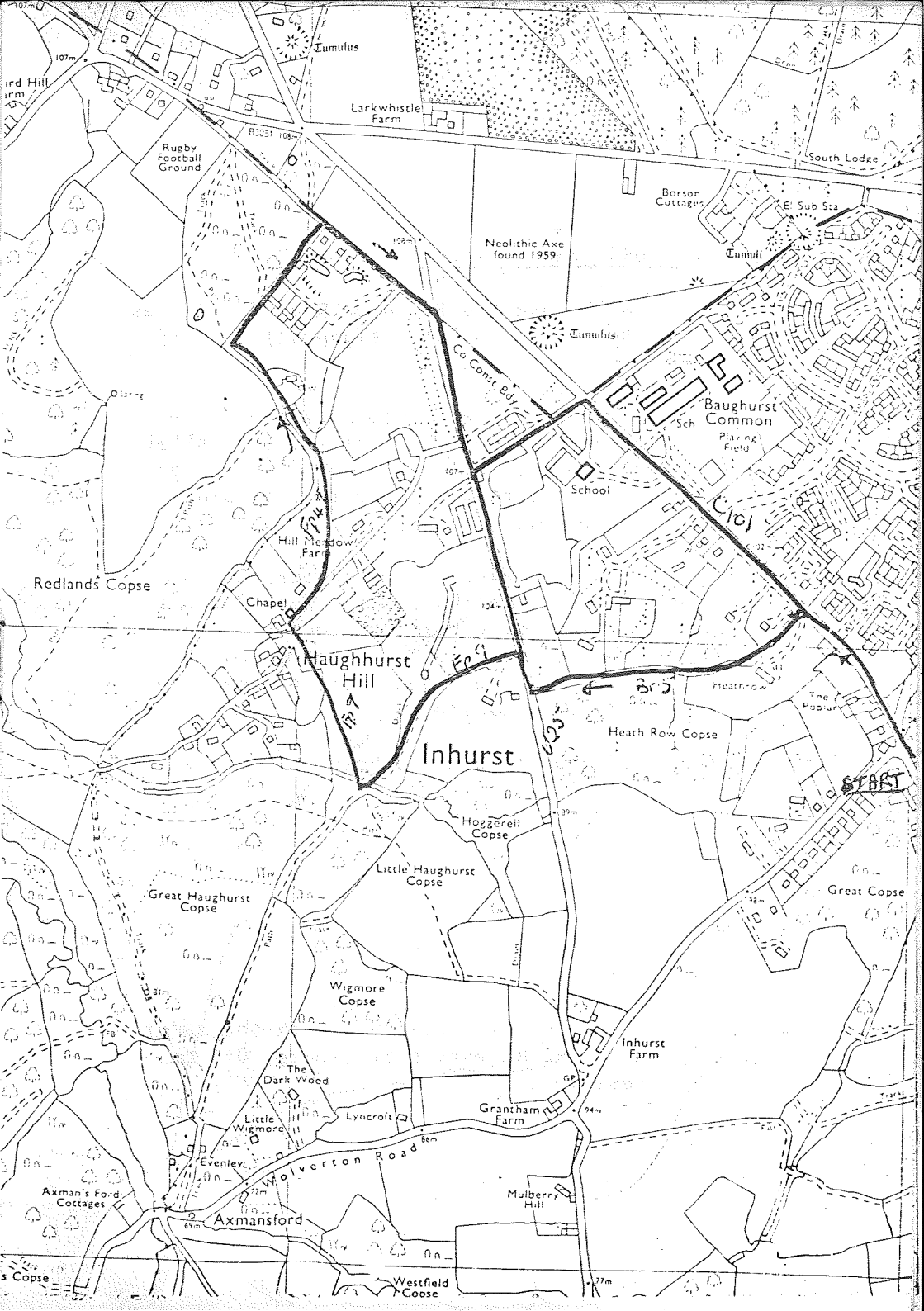
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BAUGHURST PARISH WALKS

No. 2

From the WAR MEMORIAL take the Brimpton Road (C.101) as far as Bridleway No. 5. Turn left (signpost) to U.25 (Inhurst Lane).

Turn right; in 50 yds. turn left into Footpath No. 9 (signpost) at Hillberry. Bear right of shed, parallel to fence on right, over stile, with pond on right, go through wicket gate and straight ahead through pine copse to corner of meadow.

Bear left over stream by means of footbridge and into woodland track. Where footpaths cross - Nos. 7 and 8 - go straight ahead, eventually reaching corner of meadow. Keep straight, with hedge on right and meadow on left, over stile to Bridleway No. 6. Bear left between the two cottages to C.89 at Axmansford.

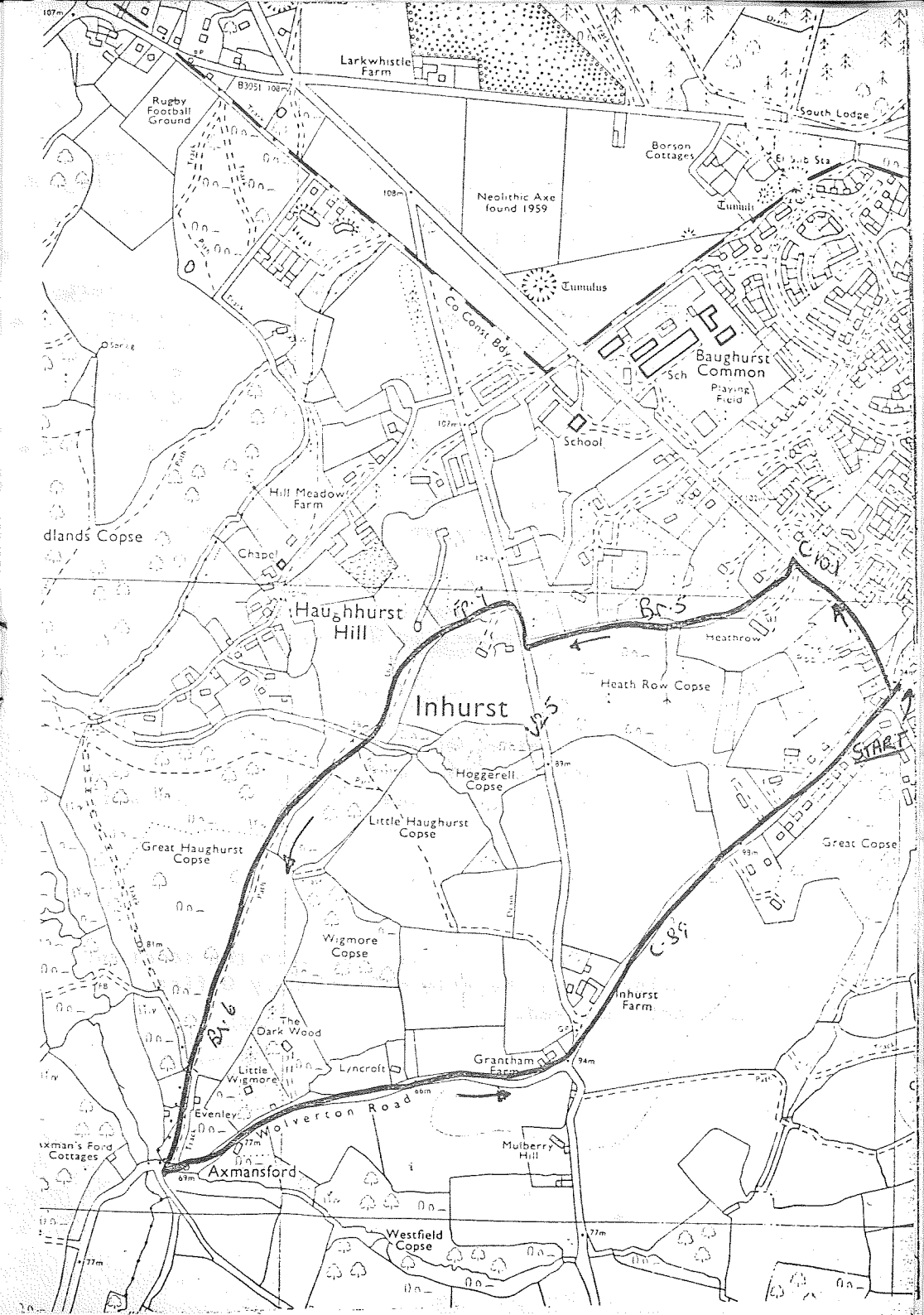
Turn left, passing Inhurst Farm and New Inn, to the War Memorial.

Time 50 mins.

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From the WAR MEMORIAL proceed along Wolverton Road (C.89) leaving the New Inn on the right, for approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to Inhurst Farm. Good views here south over Kingsclere Downs and east to Baughurst Church.

Turn left down Violet Lane and almost immediately turn left again at signpost (Footpath No. 11), through gate, along verge of arable field, turning right at end of field, still along verge, then left over stile into little copse. Cross small stream and emerge into arable field. Proceed along right side of hedge, then through gate, still keeping along hedge on left, until reaching stile beside gate.

Then along 9 ft. wide earth track between Curtis Farm and Curtis Cottage. Superb views over Kingsclere Downs.

Continue along gravel road until reaching Baughurst Road (C.101). Turn left, passing Police Station and Post Office on the left; thence back to War Memorial.

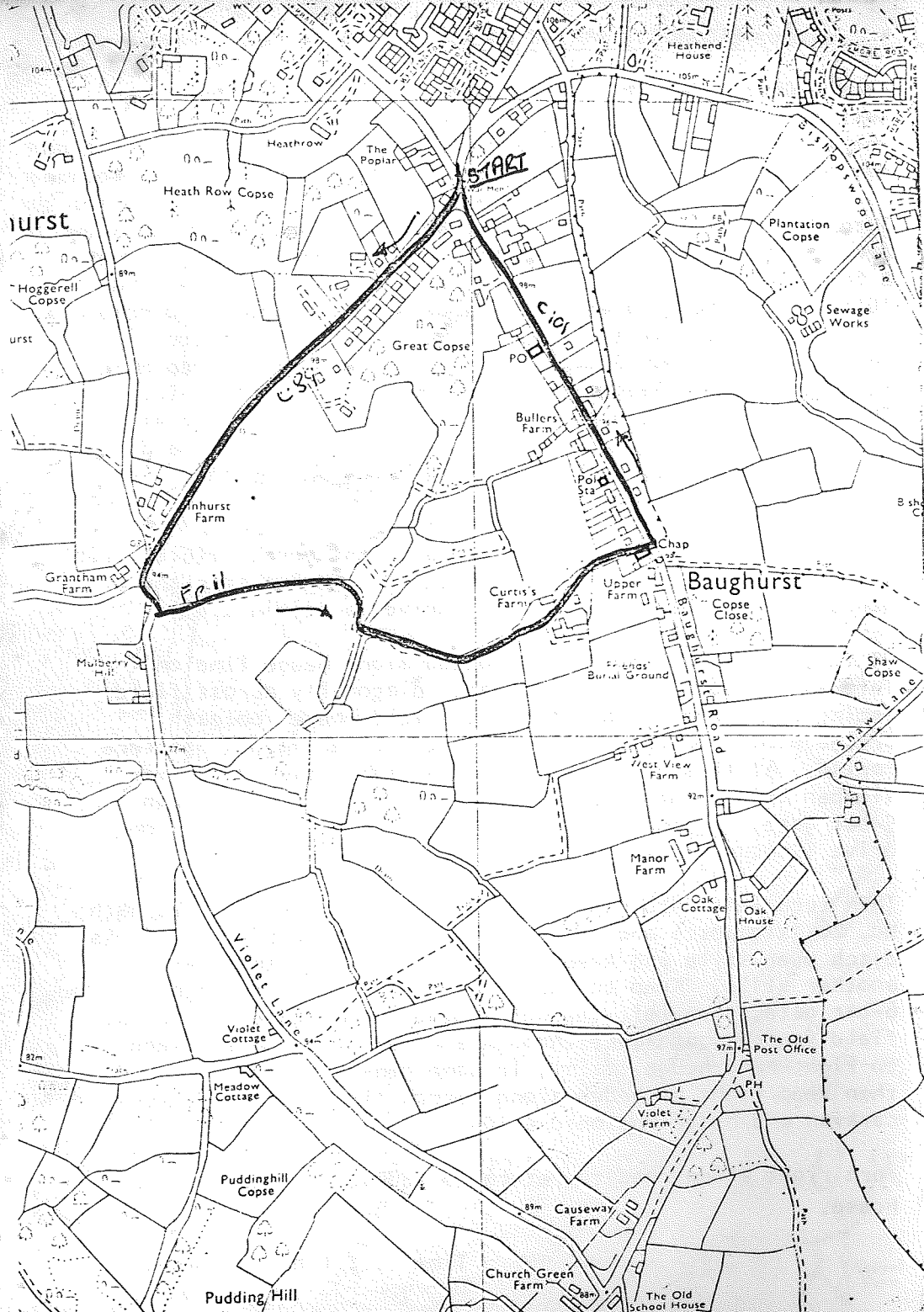
Time 50 mins.

A pleasant, easy walk, especially attractive in early afternoon or late evening after rush-hour when traffic on C.89 is minimal. Except in wet weather, wellingtons are not necessary.

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From GEORGE & DRAGON Public House, WOLVERTON, proceed due west as far as Council houses (Townsend) past the forge where Messrs. Bert and Richard Wiggins, working farriers, may be seen.

Turn right off C.101 immediately after passing the forge, along Footpath No. 33 (signpost) into Wolverton Road, along a farm access road. Branch left at fork and, shortly after, left again; then branch right-handed and go through to road C.89. Then turn left. Leave C.89, turning right into Sandford Wood, down Footpath No. 31 (signpost) between HARE & HOUNDS INN and Baughurst Parish Council playing field. Through wicket gate beside 5-bar gate, and turn right at once. Bear left at next Forestry Commission noticeboard. At fork keep right, following fence line, and proceed over stile.

EITHER follow Footpath No. 30 - bear right across field, over stile and proceed down side of paddock, keeping to right of house (Island Heron) and so down drive to rejoin C.89;

OR follow Footpath No. 29 - proceed along hedge line on left and through metal 4-bar gate; diagonally across field facing due north to far corner of field where footpath proceeds over bridge 40 yds. east of corner into Kingsclere Parish. At this point turn sharply right, bear left over sleeper bridge and keep to right-hand hedge line through 5-bar gate, follow signs, and through metal gate and along drive (Century House) to C.89.

THEN turn left onto C.89. Turn right off C.89 down Footpath No. 28 (signpost) and follow left fork off farm road. Cross ditch over stile and keep to right-hand hedge and over another stile. Keep to headland across field, through 6-bar gate, then left through another metal gate and across field facing south-east through another metal gate. Keep to right-hand hedge, mainly in same general direction, and then keep right of hedge along narrow field and go between caravan and hedge and onto C.101.

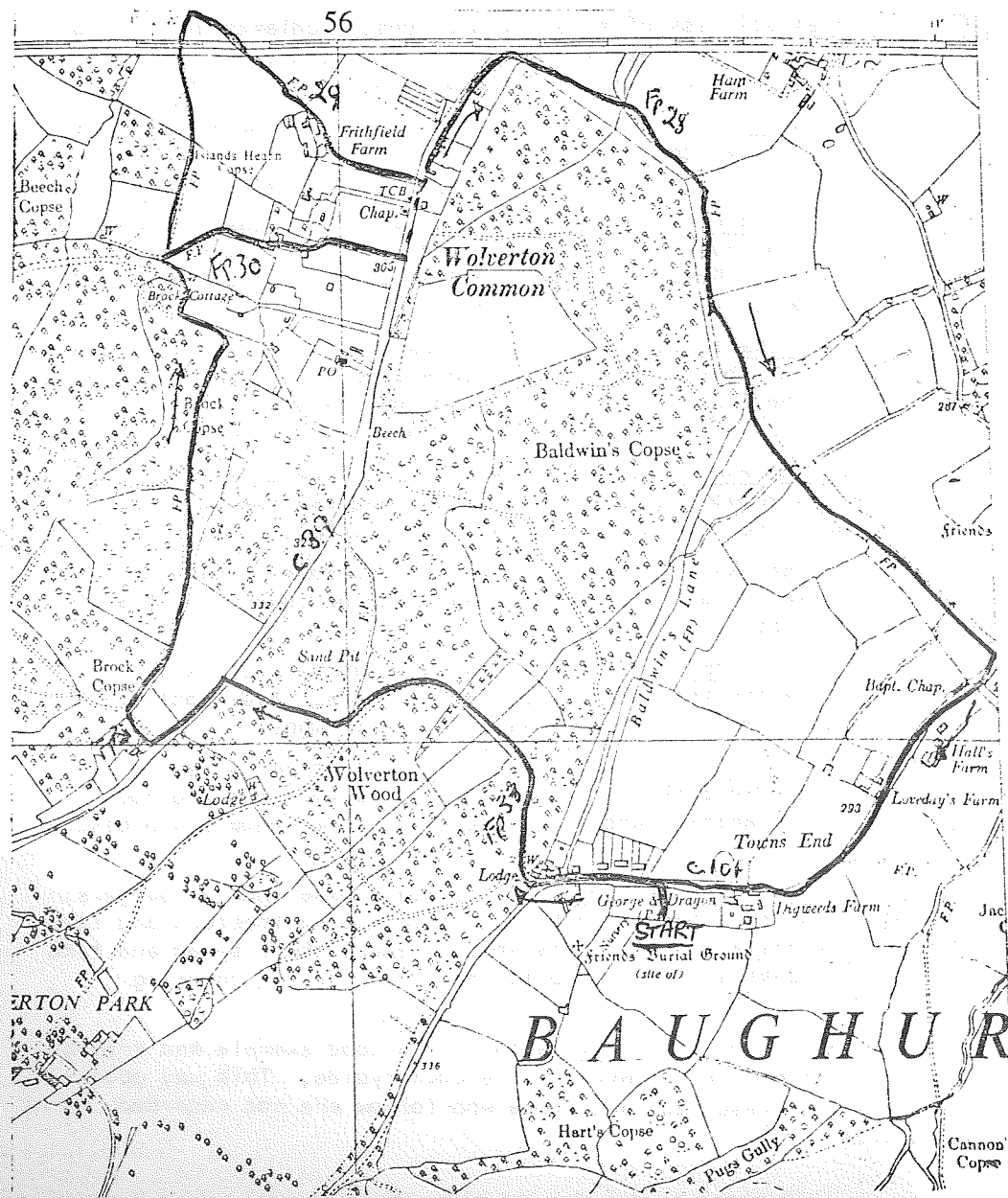
Turn right along road to return to GEORGE & DRAGON Public House.

Time 1 hr. 30 mins.

A very pleasant and varied walk. Cattle make field gateways muddy and wellingtons are necessary in winter.

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WHEN IN THE COUNTRY - FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

The Country Code was written to help reduce or prevent the unintentional damage that occurs every year, particularly at public holidays. Too many visitors to the countryside are unfamiliar with its ways. They forget that a single careless act - a gate left open, a fence or hedge weakened, a dropped cigarette end - can mean a lot of extra work and expense for farmers, foresters and other country folk.

The Code is a series of ten reminders based on common sense - and common failings. SO WHEN IN THE COUNTRY REMEMBER -

Guard against all risk of fire Plantations, woodlands and heaths are high inflammable: every year acres burn because of casually dropped matches, cigarette ends or pipe ash.

Fasten all gates even if you found them open. Animals cannot be told to stay where they are put. A gate left open invites them to wander, a danger to themselves, to crops and to traffic.

Keep dogs under proper control Farmers have good reason to regard visiting dogs as pests; in the country a civilised town dog can become a savage. Keep your dog on a lead wherever there is livestock about, also on country roads.

Keep to the paths across farm land Crops can be ruined by people's feet. Remember that grass is a valuable crop too, sometimes the only one on the farm. Flattened corn or hay is very difficult to harvest.

Avoid damaging fences, hedges and walls They are expensive items in the farm's economy; repairs are costly and use scarce labour. Keep to recognised routes, using gates and stiles.

Leave no litter All litter is unsightly, and some is dangerous as well. Take litter home for disposal; in the country it costs a lot to collect it.

Safeguard water supplies Your chosen walk may well cross a catchment area for the water supply of millions. Avoid polluting it in any way. Never interfere with cattle troughs.

Protect wild life, wild plants and trees Wild life is best observed, not collected. To pick or uproot flowers, carve trees and rocks, or disturb wild animals and birds, destroys other people's pleasure as well.

Go carefully on country roads Country roads have special dangers; blind corners, high banks and hedges, slow-moving tractors and farm machinery or animals. Motorists should reduce their speed and take extra care; walkers should keep to the right, facing oncoming traffic.

Respect the life of the countryside Set a good example and try to fit in with the life and work of the countryside. This way good relations are preserved, and those who follow are not regarded as enemies.