

LET'S WALK NO. 2 (CIRCULAR)

This is a leisurely walk of approximately one and three quarters hours.

Start from the entrance to Shipton Cricket Field on the A361 and walk towards Burford to the metal footpath sign to Milton-under-Wychwood through Dog Kennel Lane. This is footpath No. 12 beside an accommodation farm road. Follow the lane for its entire length until you reach an iron kissing gate. Here is a seat where you may pause and rest awhile, admiring the view across to Rissington and around. Cow Common plantation lies to your left. Pass through the gate into the field where the footpath is clearly defined, to the next hedgerow, where the farmer has erected two stiles with planks to cross the stream, as cattle make the gateway very muddy in bad weather. This is the Shipton/Milton parish boundary and it would be helpful to walkers if the barbed wire were removed from the stile on the Milton side. Continue to the next hedgerow, then turning left to walk beside the stream to the fence in the far corner. This fence has no footrest to help you over, so climb between the tree and the sturdy gate post which will help you. Carry on beside the stream, where there are wild flowers and grasses in profusion, the forgetmenots and dog roses being beautiful in early July. The field of potatoes on your right looks particularly good. The going here is uneven and a walking stick is helpful to those of us 'not so young'. Untie the gate into the next field being careful to re-tie it after passing through. Turn right to cross the bridge over the stream, and here is another opportunity to rest if needed. Walk through Manor Farm yard into Upper Milton. Left again to walk through the hamlet towards Burford until you reach the Washpool (the first cross roads), where sheep used to be dipped. A left turn into New Road, a very narrow country road which many vehicles now use as a through road since the council erected signs at each end. It used to be a road where you could enjoy a very peaceful walk and gather a variety of wild flowers. As you proceed, tarry awhile to spot Churchill church tower and again admire the lovely surrounding scenery. Soon you reach an avenue of young trees, which mark the Shipton/Milton parish boundary. The trees are Acer Platanoides (Norway Maple) planted by Shipton volunteers and already quite a joy. One or two

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need staking/tying to keep upright. At the next field boundary you will see a footpath sign to your left. Keep on the west side of the hedge (the sign is a little mis-leading), on to F.P. No. 10 where the going again is a little rough but easily passable. At the bottom you pass through the field gate, noting once again Cow Common Plantation on your left. Here the path forks; F.P. No. 11 N.W. to Dog Kennel and F.P. No. 10 continuing N.E. to Dog Kennel, and so back to Shipton Cricket Field entrance.

If you need a guide, meet me opposite this entrance on Sunday, 5th August at 6.30 p.m. Anyone wishing to join from Milton might prefer to meet us at the Shipton/Milton boundary by the stiles at approximately 7.00 p.m.

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MILTON/SHIPTON BAPTISH CHURCH (INDEPENDENT EVANGELICAL)

Regular Services of Worship and Preachings

Every Sunday	11 a.m.	Milton
1st and 3rd	6 p.m.	Milton
2nd, 4th and 5th	6 p.m.	Shipton

Prayer and Bible Study

Every Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	Milton
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Family Service

16th September	6 p.m.	Milton
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Harvest Thanksgiving

30th September, Services at usual times. Offerings for TEAR Fund.

Harvest Supper

Monday 1st October at Milton. For tickets apply to Mrs. Townsend, "Whitlands", Green Lane, Milton.
Tel: 830311. Proceeds for TEAR Fund.

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