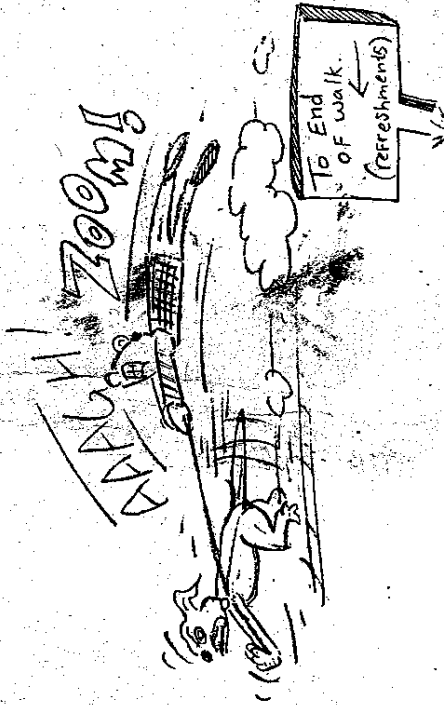


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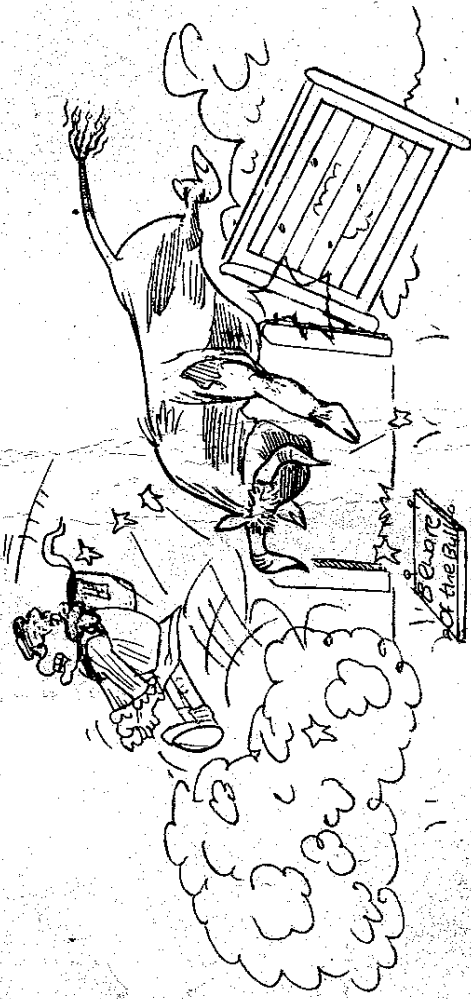
- Enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work.
- Guard against all risk of fire.
- Fasten all gates.
- Keep your dogs under close control.
- Keep to public paths across farmland.
- Use gates and stiles to cross fences, hedges and walls.
- Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.
- Take your litter home.
- Help to keep all water clean.
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees.
- Take special care on country roads.
- Make no unnecessary noise.



NINE WALKS AROUND HATFIELD PEVEREL

CORRIE

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to the memory of my husband MARTIN VOYSEY, who died in July 1986.

Founder member Peverel Path Society 1971
Parish Councillor 1973 - 1986
District Councillor 1982 - 1986

I would like to thank my friends in the village who have walked the routes and checked my directions. Also members of the "Ways through Essex" project and the Word Processing Centre at Essex County Council for their help and advice in printing and publishing this book and finally, many thanks to my grandson, Sean Price, for drawing the cartoons which illustrate it.

Catherine Voysey

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Footpath	----	Kissing Gate	• KG
Bridlepath	- - - - -	Stile	• S
Permissive alternative route	Field Gate	• FG
Footbridge	- FB		

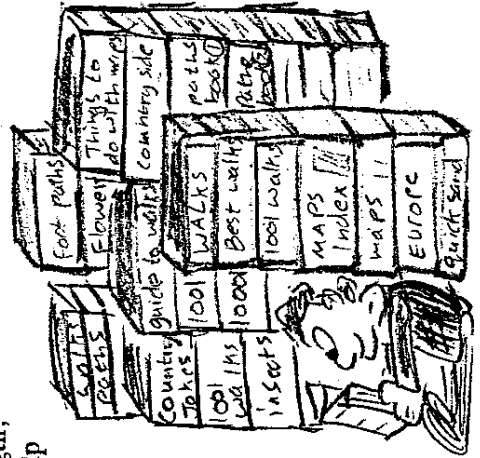
Introduction

The footpaths are routes of ancient use and are part of our countryside heritage. They are Rights of Way and members of the public have as much right to use them as they have to walk on a metalled road. From being routes of necessity they have now become mainly routes for leisure. But in this hectic world of the speeding motor car, it could be argued that they have become once again routes of necessity: to gain a bit of peace and quiet!

When the Peverel Path Society was formed in 1971, it was in response to many frustrated walkers who knew the footpaths should be there, but they were so over-grown it was all but impossible to find them. During the following years regular walks and working parties were held to try to follow the routes drawn on the definitive map. Many paths were cleared and signposted and gradually people were able to enjoy more and more walks in and around the village. Although all the paths are now cleared of major obstacles, there are still some problems. Under the Rights of Way Act 1990 the minimum width of a field edge path is 1.5 metres. Sadly some farmers are disregarding this law and ploughing paths too close. Clear, well-established paths are a joy to walk, and people are not inclined to deviate from them. The aim of this book is to benefit both walkers and landowners.

When using this book, please refer to both the sketch maps and the written directions. Between the two there should be enough information for you to easily find your way. I hope all the paths will soon be clearly way-marked along their length, but in the meantime, with the help of this little book you will be able to walk with confidence and pleasure in the very attractive countryside that surrounds our village.

Catherine Voysey
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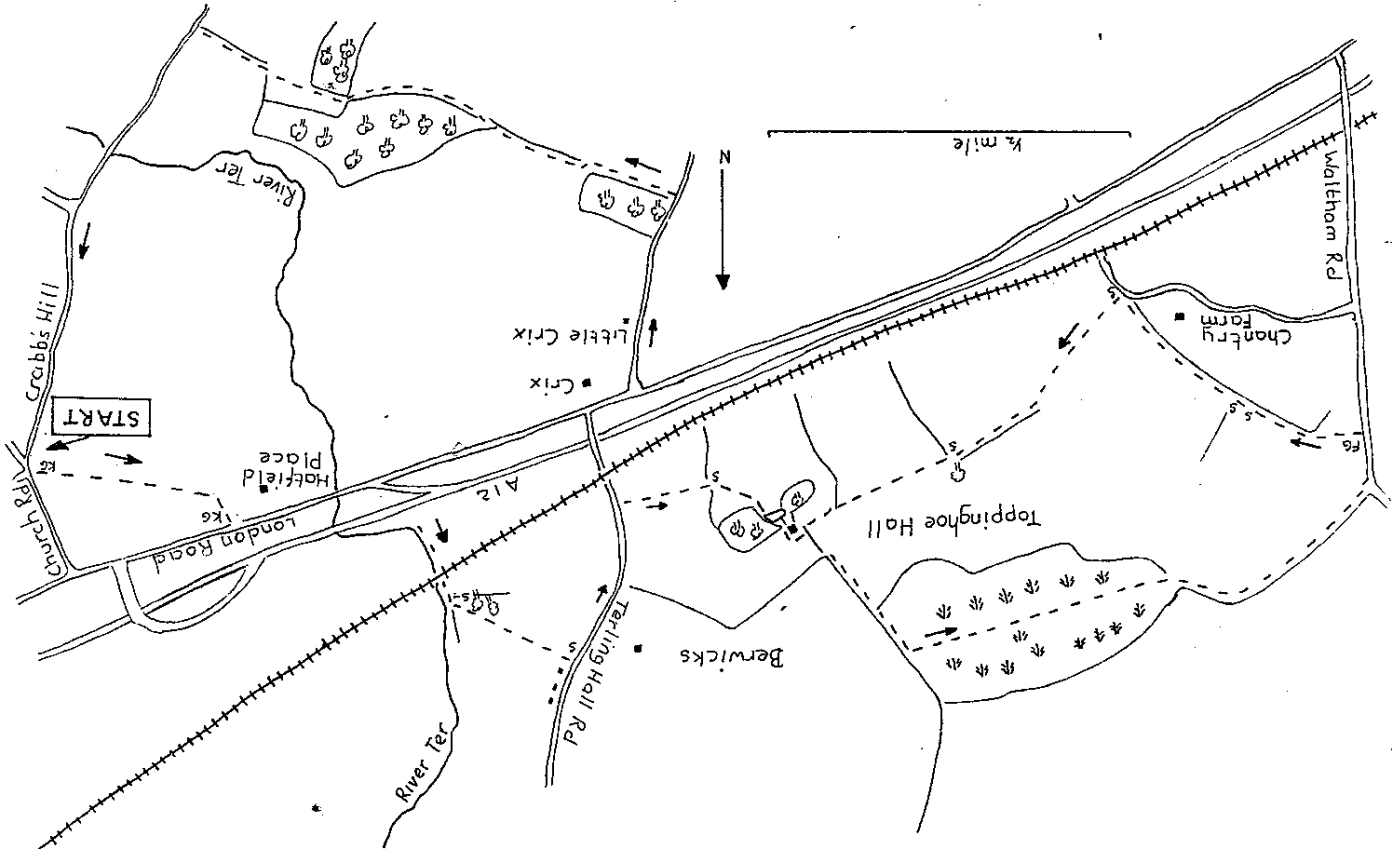
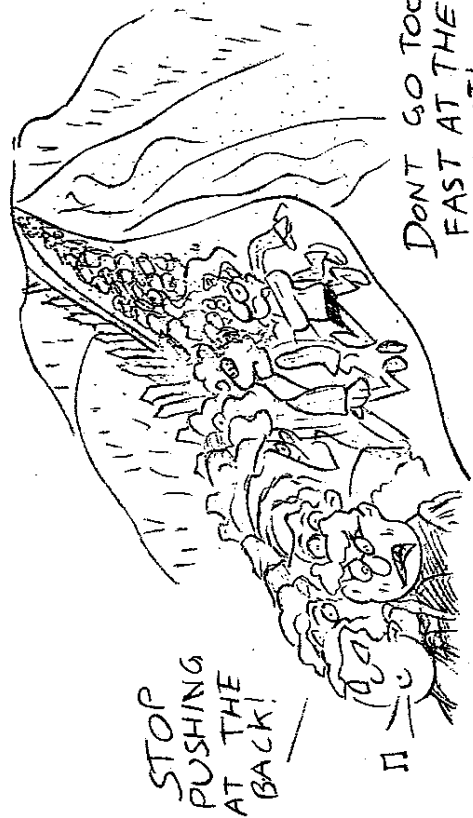


Around Toppinghoe Hall

5½ and 4½ miles

The walk starts from Church Road at the top of Crabbs Hill.

Take the path across Stone Path Meadow (so called because the path is paved but now overgrown), to Hatfield Place. Go down the hill, to the River Ter. Access to the path under the railway is obstructed by the A12. So, for the time being, walk beside the river, under the road to rejoin the path on the other side. After the railway viaduct branch left to the corner of a meadow (barbed wire covered with rubber tube). Cross this field to a stile about 20 yards from the bungalow in Terling Hall Road. Turn left. From field gate just before railway bridge, turn right, across field to stile. Fork right, through trees, beside pond, and around Toppinghoe Hall. Turn right, away from the Hall, and after about 100 yards, turn left on a woodland track to the Waltham Road. Turn left and left again at field gate, to cross the field to corner of a hedge and continue, with hedge on your right to a pair of stiles, and on to a stile and field gate at Chantry Lane. Turn left (do not cross stile). At corner of the field, marked by a small oak tree, continue across next field to Toppinghoe Hall. Retrace your steps to the road. Turn right, under railway, to London Road. For shorter walk turn left here, otherwise turn right, then left, past Little Crix. Just past the wood turn left and follow path to Crabbs Hill. Turn left to walk back to the start.



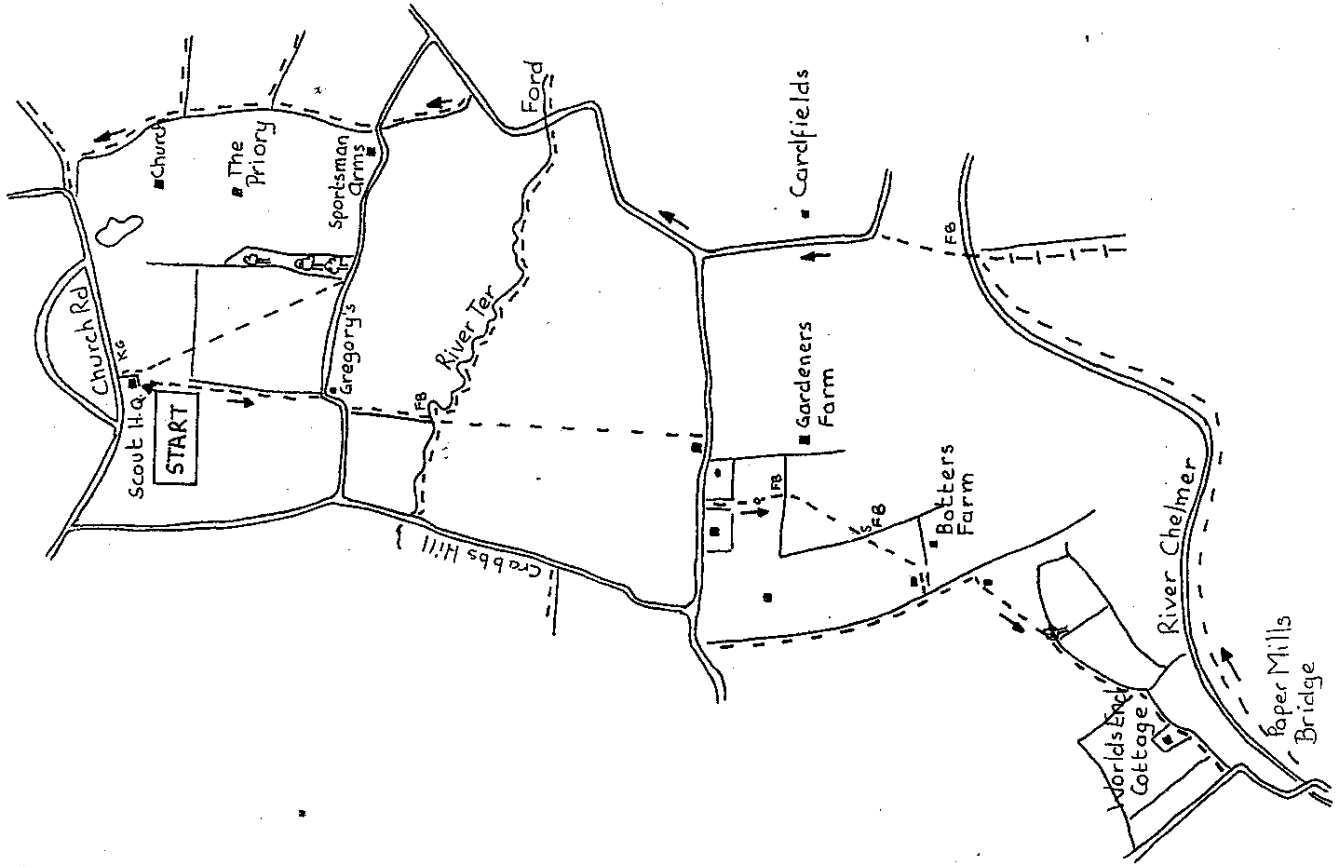
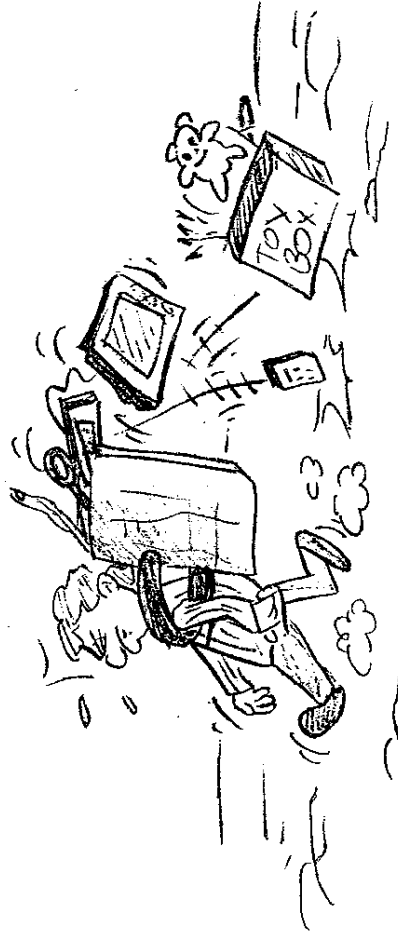
Two Rivers Walk about 5 miles

The walk starts at the Scout & Guide H.Q. in Church Road.

From the kissing gate walk due south passing the thatched cottage 'Gregory's' in Sportsmans Lane, crossing the River Ter by a footbridge and straight up the next field to Nounsley Ridge. Turn right, then left between the gardens of 'Stonecroft' and 'Fairfields'. Aim for the telegraph pole in the middle of the field and continue, to cross the ditch by a plank bridge. Diagonally cross the next field aiming for the corner of a low shed in the far field near Botters Farm and cross another ditch by a plank bridge and stile. The path goes between the two low sheds and drops down into a cart track. Turn left, then right at concrete barn. The path goes diagonally across the field from the barn to a large willow part-way along the far boundary, then along the field edge with hedge and ditch on your left, to Worlds End Cottage.

Cross the Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation at Paper Mills Bridge and turn left along the towing path. At the footbridge, re-cross the river and walk up the lane past Cardfields. Fork right. After fording the River Ter, take the path on the left between 'The Croft' and 'Merravay' to the Sportsmans Arms.

Cross the lane and continue up the side of the next field with 'The Priory', and then the Church, on your left, to Church Road, thence a few yards back to the start.

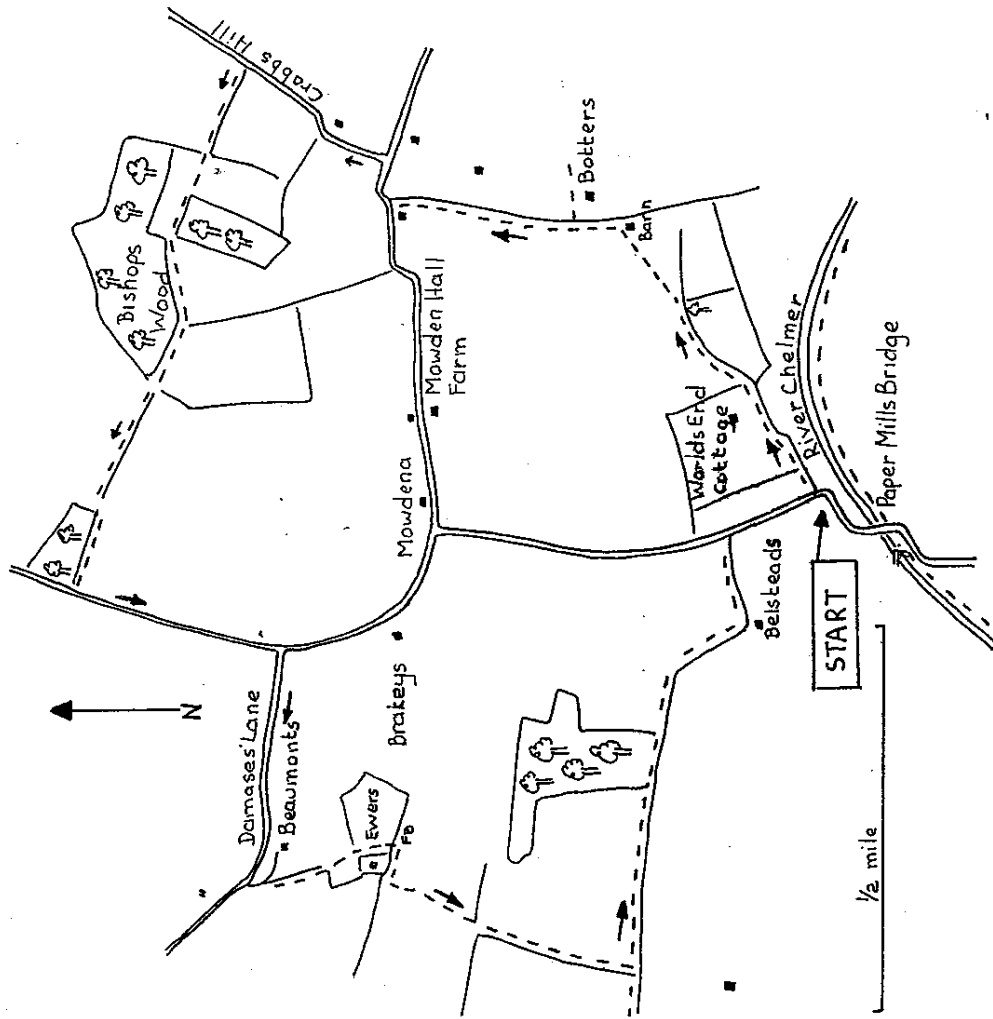


Worlds End and Damases' Lane 4 miles

The walk starts at Paper Mills Bridge on the River Chelmer.

A signposted track goes eastwards past Worlds End Cottage. Continue with hedge on your right, into the next field. Where the field boundary of the meadow on your right meets the hedge at right angles, the route of the path leaves the field edge to cross the field to a concrete barn. At the barn turn left along a track to the road. Turn right, then left down Crabbs Hill. After the bends take the next path on your left, following the field edge with ditch on your left. Keep in this direction to the end of the wood on your right. Continue with hedge on your left (it may be easier to walk on the other side).

At the road turn left, and right at next junction (Damases Lane). Where lane bends sharply right, turn left along the drive towards "Beaumonts" but fork right, to walk beside paddocks to "Ewers". On reaching the house the route goes through the small garden gate, along the path and through the vegetable patch close to the house to a sleeper bridge over a ditch. Turn right. In about 100 yards, turn left across the field to a gap in the crossing field boundary. Continue south with a ditch on your right to meet a gravelly track. *Turn left and follow the track back to the start.* For a longer walk, turn right; at road, left, then left along the river. A pleasant extension adding about 2 miles.

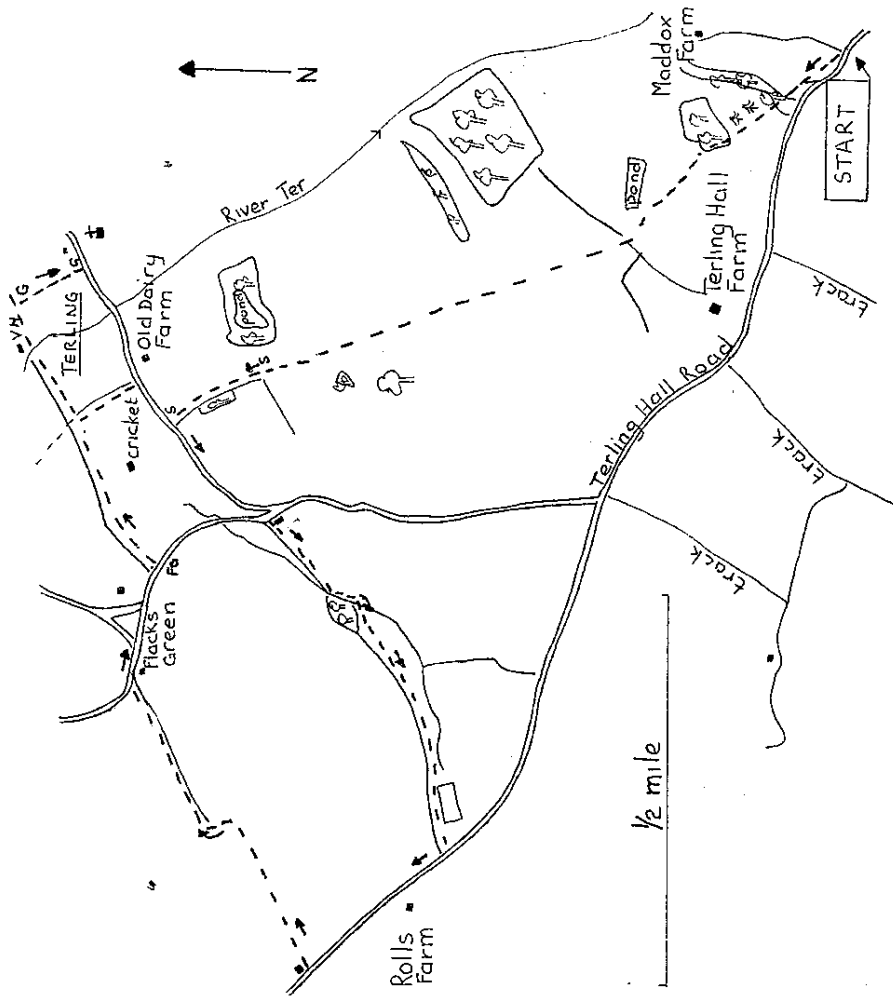


Towards Terling 4 miles

The walk starts at the drive to Maddox Hall in Terling Hall Road.

Walk the first few yards along the road then turn right onto track between the trees. This used to be known as Bluebell Lane. It follows the right hand edge of the next field to a stile which you cross and soon bear leftish to meet a farm track. Continue NW (general direction). Bear right and continue NW between wire fences, with Brocksparke Wood away on your right.

At end of the double wire fences, beside an ash tree, strike off right across the pasture towards the concrete corner fence posts diagonally opposite (keep small spinney on your left). Cross stile and continue to road. Turn left. At the next junction, take the path close beside the cottage on the right. Go through the gate into a field and walk along the edge to where the track dips down to your right. Follow the track along a narrow grassy field to field gate at the road. Turn right, past Rolls Farm. At next cottage take path on the right. At the road Gambles Green is on the left and Flacks Green on the right. Turn right, after next junction take path on the left at field gate. After the Village Hall take path on the right across meadow to the church. Turn right. Just past Dairy Farm take path on the left to retrace your steps.



Map of HATFIELD PEVEREL

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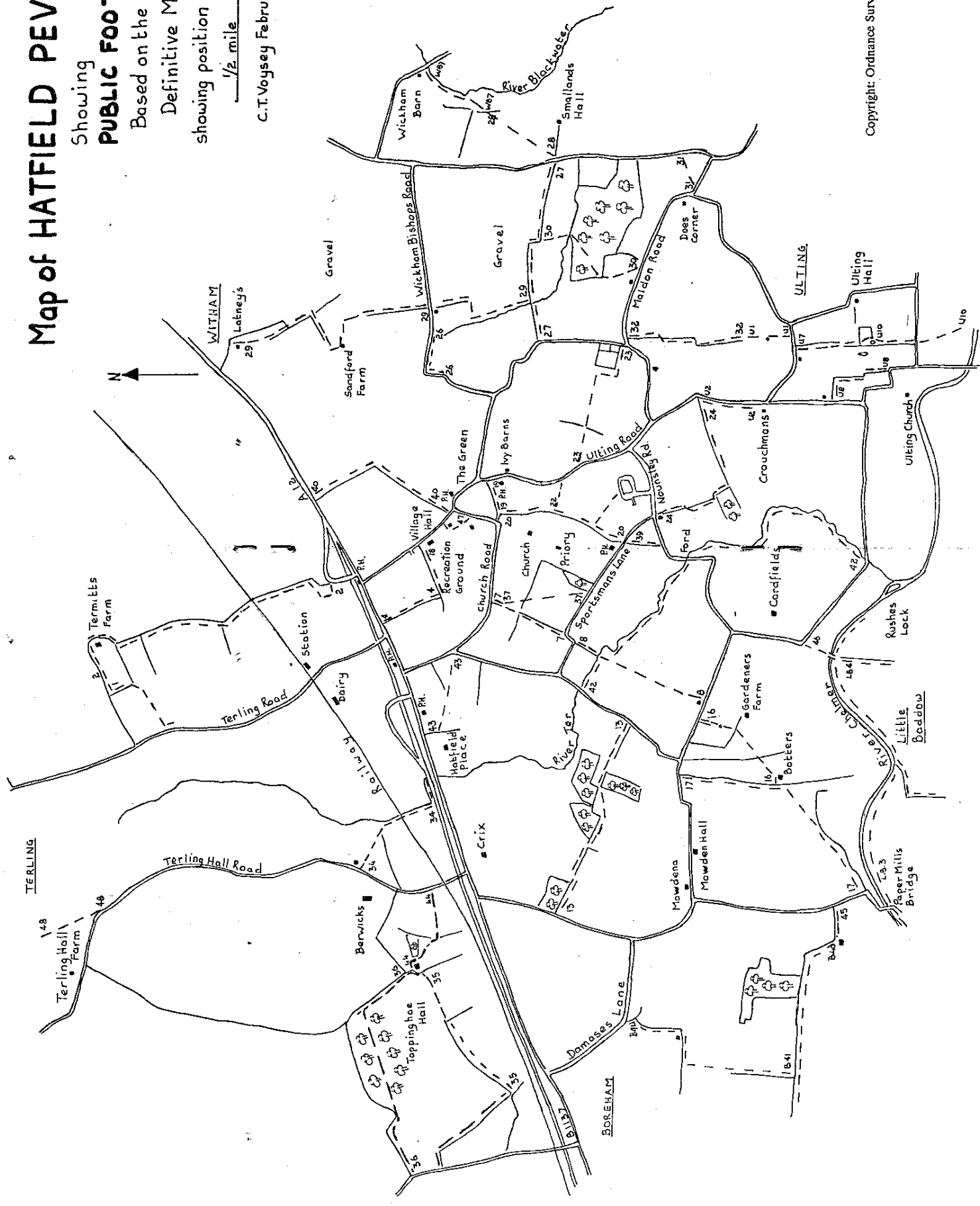
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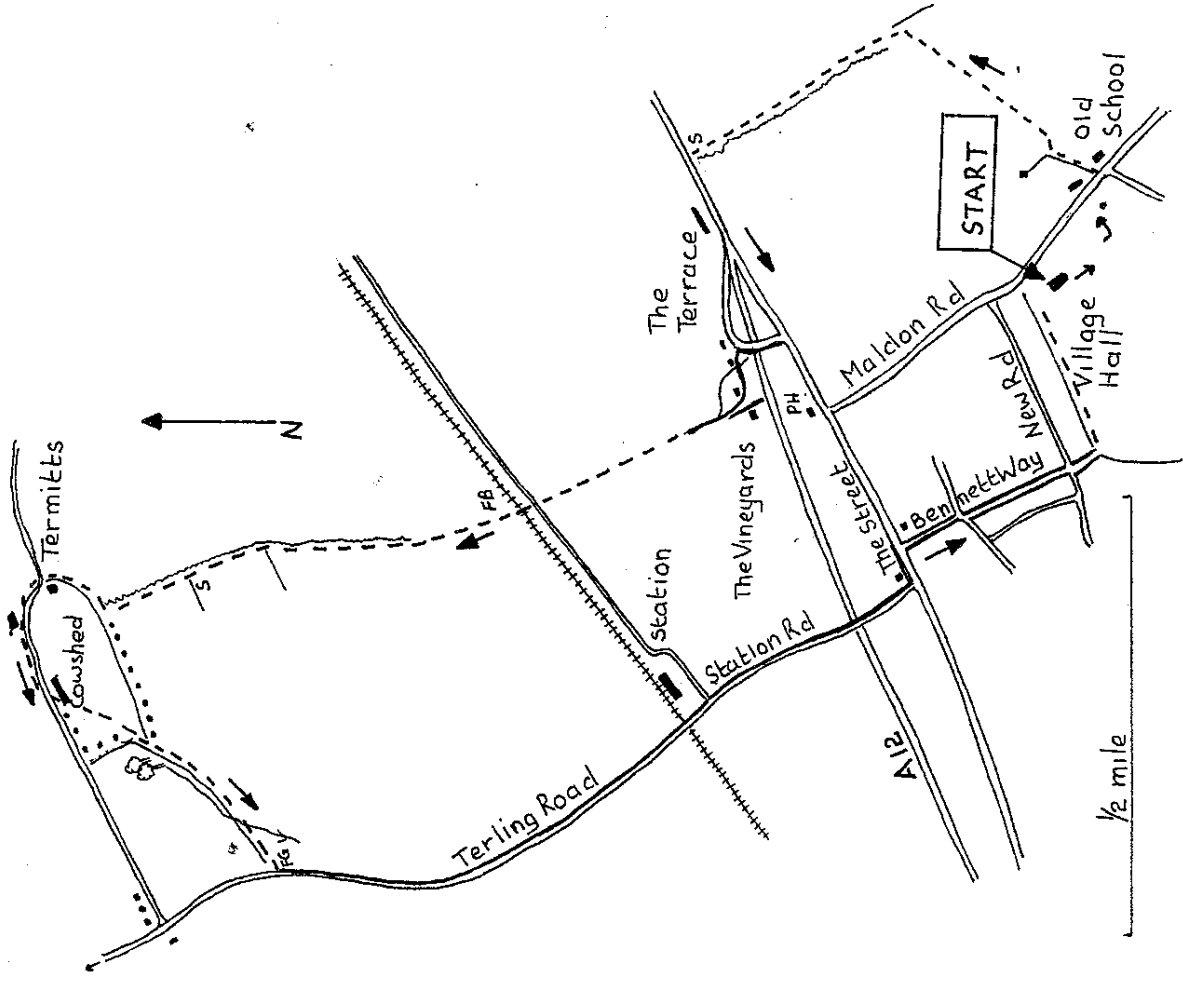


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The Vineyards and Termitts Farm 3½ miles

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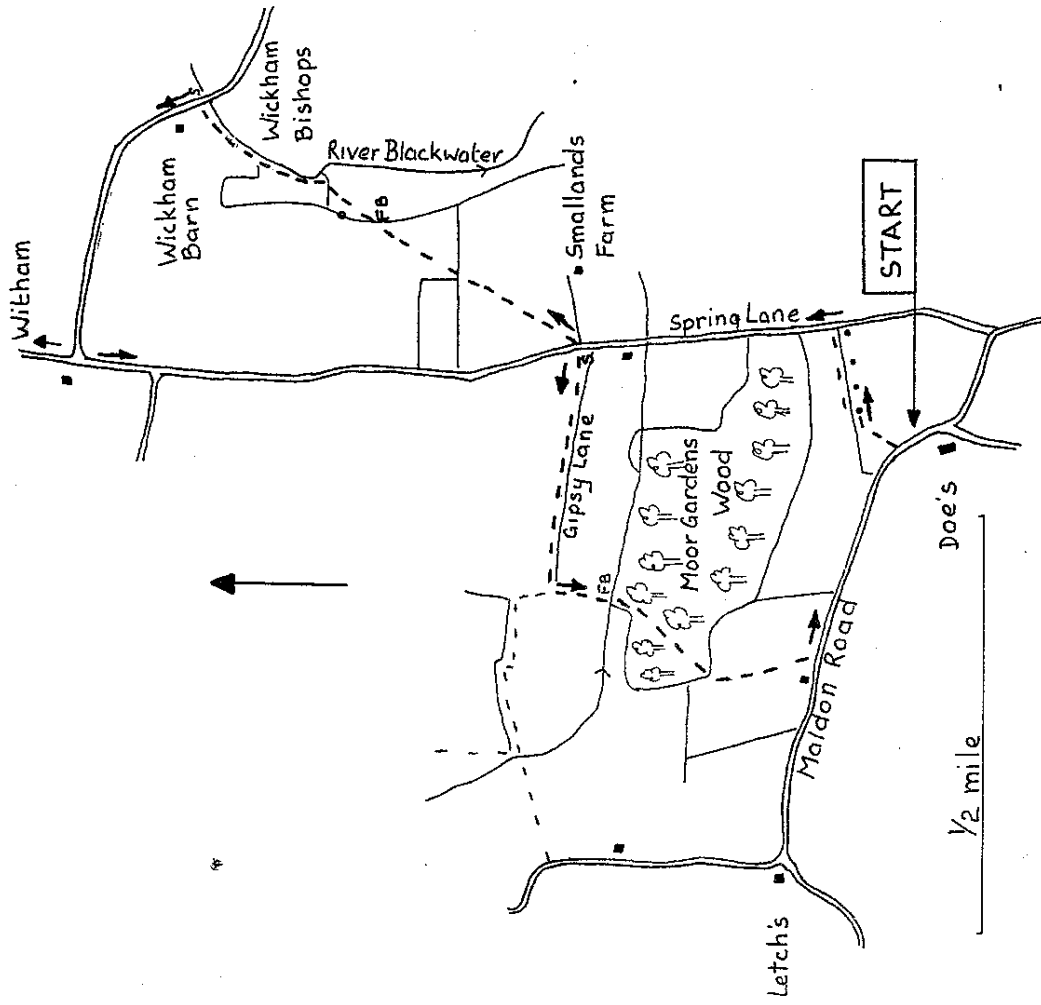
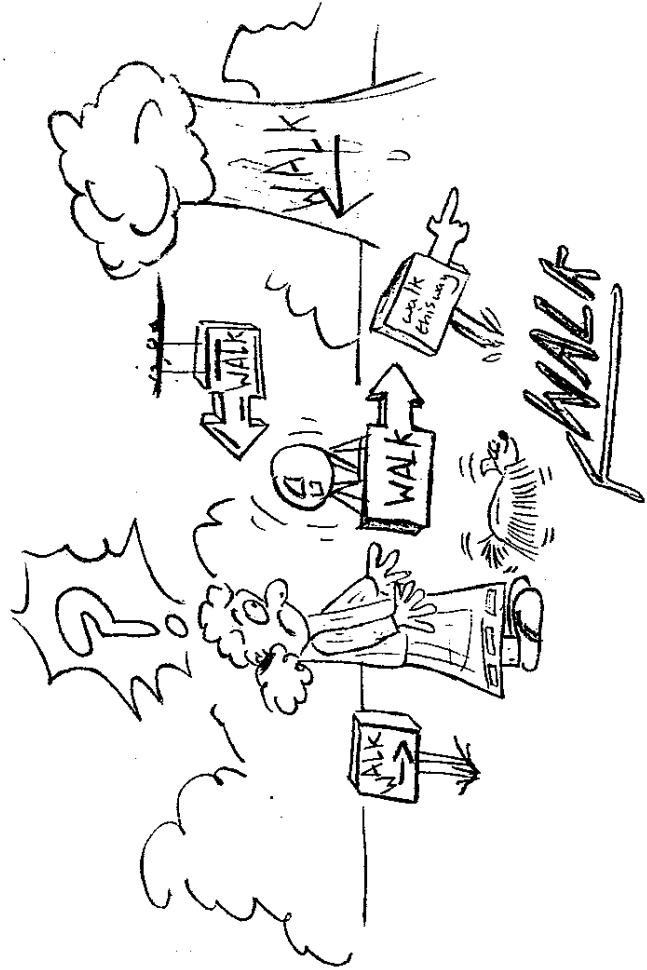
Walk across the recreation ground to the Pavillion and take path beside the Salvation Army Hall. Turn right and cross the road to take the track besides the Old Alms Houses. In front of Small Acres continue along the path in front of the garden, across a field to a crossing hedge and ditch. Turn left, walking with hedge on the left to the A12 opposite The Terrace. Turn left and cross the road by the bridge. Take the track on the left leading to The Vineyards. At the gate to the last house turn right between fences. Follow path round to the right and then across the field to metal footbridge across the railway. Continue across next field, then with hedge on your right and over a stile. At the end of this field *the right of way goes to the right following the field boundary and with Termitts Farm on your left, to a concrete track. Walk through yard and when passed all buildings on your left, turn left beside hedge (probably extremely muddy) at the end of which turn right. It may be possible to reach this point by turning left at.* Cross stream and continue direction with stream on your right. Recross stream into small meadow and gain Terling Road at field gate. Turn left. Return to the Village Hall via Bennett Way and The Recreation Ground.



Over to Wickham Bishops 3 miles

The walk starts at Doe's Corner on the B1019 at the parish boundary with Utting.

Walk away from the works skirting the playing field and keeping the hedge on your left, to Spring Lane. Turn left. Good views here across Blackwater Valley to Wickham Bishops. At the start of the drive to Smalllands Farm take the path diagonally across the next field aiming for a gap in the hedge on the far side at the end of the adjoining property. Continue in same direction (if obstructed follow field edge) to electricity pole. Cross ditch by plank bridge and go through gap in hedge to river. Follow bank all the way to the road, near Wickham Barn. Turn left. At next junction turn left along Hatfield Road which becomes Spring Lane. On reaching Smalllands Farm again, turn right over stile and walk with hedge on your left (Gipsy Lane). At a crossing ditch turn left to Moor Gardens Wood, crossing stream by plank bridge. Follow the way-marked route through the wood and on emerging into a field walk straight across to Maldon Road. Turn left back to the start.



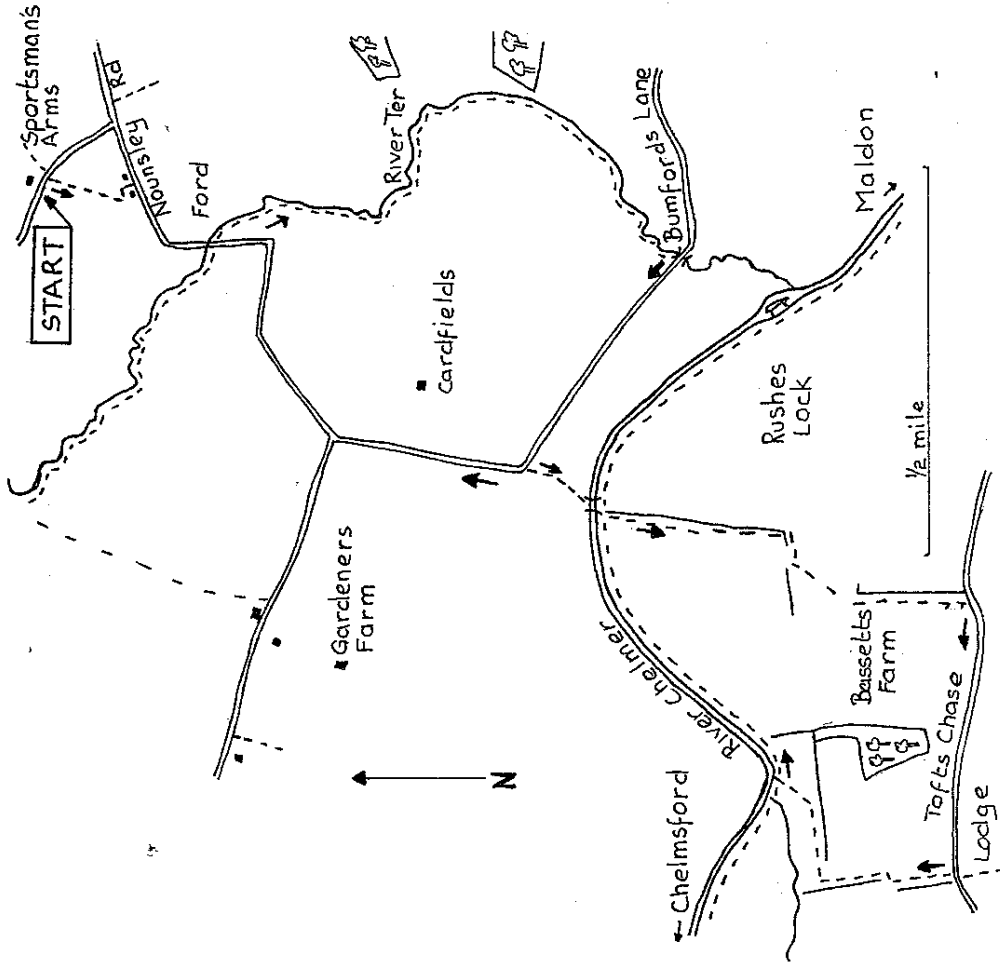
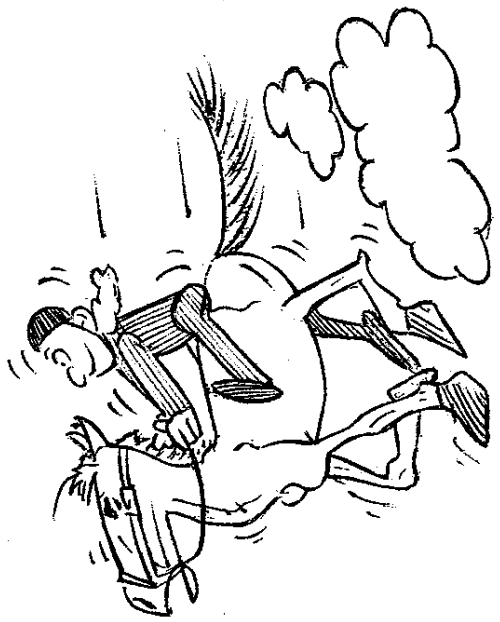
Along the River Ter to Little Baddow 3½ miles

The walk starts at the Sportsmans Arms in Sportsmans Lane, Nounsley.

Cross the road and take the grassy path between the bungalows. Turn right down Nounsley Hill to the ford. Cross the River Ter and turn left along the bank with the river on the left. Look out for Kingfishers and some good specimens of spindlebushes along here. The river twists and turns. At Bumfords Bridge turn right. Where the lane bends sharply right below Cardfields take the path to an arching concrete bridge over the Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation. The far side of the river here is in Little Baddow and the towing path is a public right of way from Chelmsford to Heybridge.

However our route continues straight on along a bridlepath across the water meadows. Aim for and go through a gap in the crossing hedge and follow the concrete track past Bassett's Farm to the road. Turn right along Tofts Chase as far as the Lodge at the end of the drive to Tofts. Turn right opposite the Lodge and keeping the ditch (then hedge) on your left walk back to the river. Turn right along the towing path back to the concrete bridge near Cardfields.

Cross back to Hatfield Peverel and walk up the lane to Nounsley Ridge. Fork right and walk down to the ford and retrace your steps to the start.



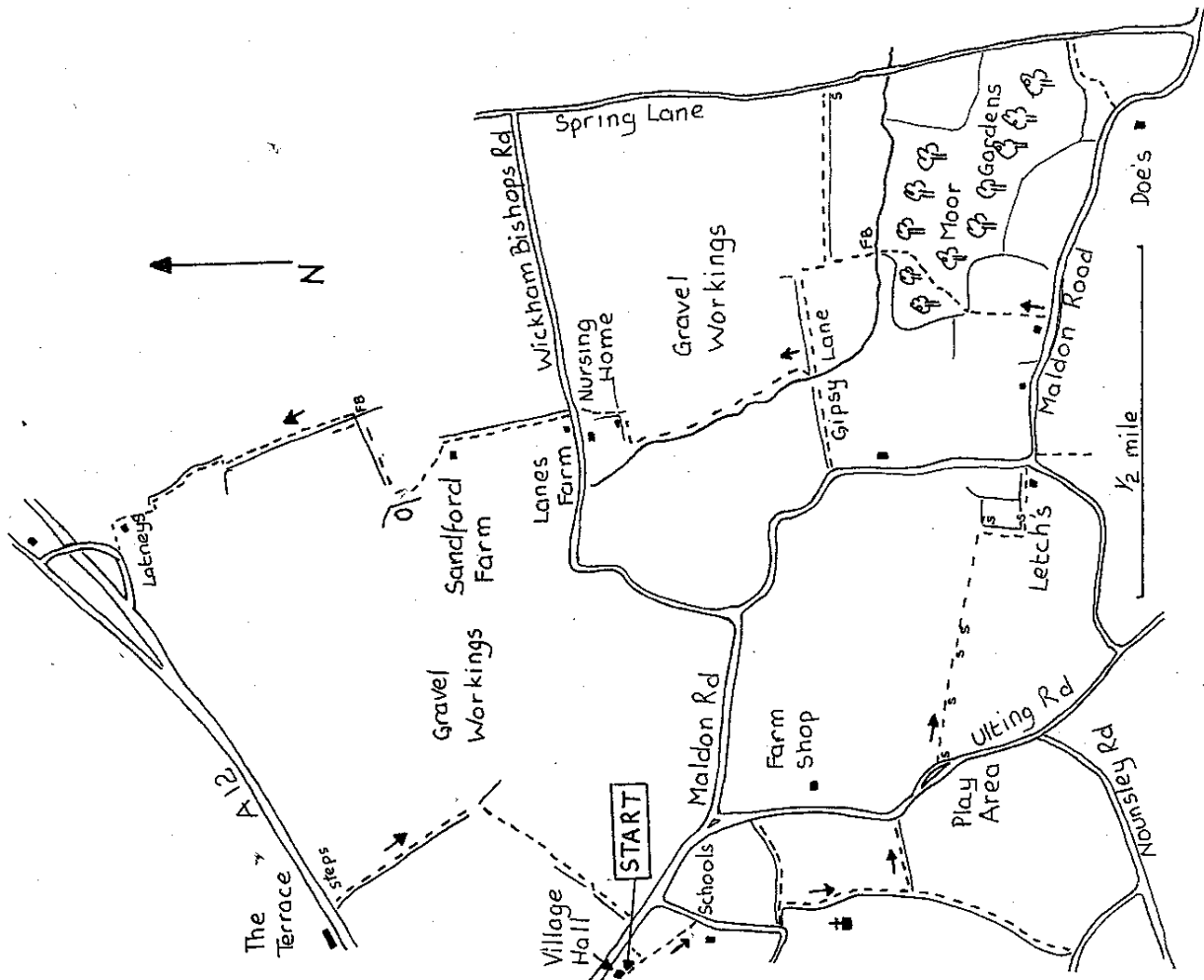
Around the Gravel Workings

4½ miles

The walk starts at the Village Hall.

Cross the recreation ground to the schools, turn right along Church Road. At the bend take the path on your left, turning right at the allotments and just past the burial ground turn left to Ulting Road at the Nounsley Play Area. Cross the road and take the path beside Windmill Lodge in the corner of the lay-by. The path runs between wire fences across the next two fields. After passing the pond, turn right along field boundary and then left to Maldon Road at Letch's Corner. Carry straight on along the road towards Maldon. Just past Victor Bungalow take the path which goes straight across the field to the corner of Moor Gardens Wood. Bear right and follow the waymarks through the wood to a sleeper bridge over a stream which you cross. Continue straight up the track with ditch on your left which you cross at next boundary to walk along field edge with hedge on your right. This was Gypsy Lane and used to be tree-lined on both sides. At the bottom of the next field, before a steam, turn right. Make your way along the old gravel workings keeping the hedge and steam on your left.

Look for wrecked corrugated iron shed on your left with black roof of Wickham Bishops Nursing Home beyond. Turn left off the works track and walk beside hedge to road. Cross over and continue beside Lanes Farm to the bungalow at Sandfords Farm beside gravel washing plant. Follow the track, keeping the bungalow and farm buildings on your left. At a small pond, turn right under power lines and walk along edge of field with hedge of tall poplars on your left. At corner look for sleeper bridge to cross ditch, and turn left. Walk with hedge on your left. At crossing hedge go through gap in the corner into next field, continue towards Latney's. Follow track up to the main road and walk back along the cycle track beside the A12. Opposite the Terrace walk down the steps to a stile and walk along field edge with hedge on your right. At end of hedge turn right and walk across field to Maldon Road. Turn right to Village Hall.



To Ulting and Back about 4 miles

The walk starts at the lay-by near the Nounsley Play-Area, Ulting Road.

Take the path beside Windmill Lodge, walking between wire fences across two fields. Past the pond turn right along field boundary then left to the Maldon Road at Letch's Corner. Turn right. Take the path along the end of Moor Gardens (house) garden and continue with hedge on your right BUT about half-way along go through gap and continue with hedge on your left to top of field. Go through hedge and continue in same direction with hedge on your right. At end of hedge continue straight on across field to road. Turn right, then left at field gate. Walk with hedge on your left, *through gap then hedge on your right. Keeping same direction find your way through rough paddock to cross fallen tree to next field and continue with hedge on your right to road (Langford Lane). *(It may be easier, for the time being, to walk keeping the hedge on your left and beside the gravel lakes, to the corner of the rough area, where you join the path by a plank bridge. NOTE: This is not an official route.) Cross over, through trees, over stream and bear left following overhead wires (keep gravel lake on your right) to a gap in fencing beside the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation. Walk up-stream to Hoe Mills Bridge and lock. Turn right, past old gravel lakes. Just beyond Ulting Wick where the road bends sharply left, continue straight on along track. Where a hedge marks the end of the field on your left go through it and continue north but with hedge on your right and, paddock on your left. Keeping small spinney on your right continue north along edge of field to new hedge where you turn left and walk to road. Take care when stepping out on to the road as visibility is poor and traffic may be fast. Turn right up-hill. By the barns at Crouchmans cross the stile and walk inside hedge to next stile where you turn left, skirting old gravel working. Follow path round with the wood on your left, then through gap so hedge on the right, over stile, hedge on the left, to Nounsley Road. Turn right and walk back to the start.

