

Next 10 for GEN* Walk – Sunday 29th October 2017 – Chilterns near Stokenchurch

*Grassroots Empowerment Initiative working with End Poverty, an Indian NGO in remote villages in Rajasthan

Location – Circular route – Ibstone, Fingest, Turville Hill and back to Ibstone



What? A circular walk, led by Bet Tickner, of just over 6 miles that takes in Fingest Turville Hill, Turville Heath (lunch) and back to Ibstone. Should be possible to do half of walk and then stop at lunchtime if we manage to organise cars properly

Where? Ibstone is reached by taking Junction 5 (Stokenchurch turning) off the M40 and heading south down Ibstone road through Ibstone village passing pub and then school on left and common on right to end of village where road forks and there is space for 4-5 cars to park just before Ibstone House. Lifts can probably be arranged from N London, S London, Reading and maybe Oxford. Contact Sue (details below) to see what is possible. Contact Bet on day if lost 07931621371

The Start - We will meet at 10.30 for a 10.45 start.

Route – Ibstone to Fingest via Twigsid Farm, round Turville Hill, up to Turville Court and on to cafe in Turville Heath (see below) then back to Ibstone via Hellcorner Farm

Duration - About 2 ½ hours before lunch and 2 hours after.

Lunch – will be at the historic Turville Heath Farm, a no car cafe which Bet describes as ‘an unusual venue’. See www.thebarnatturvilleheath.com. Reportedly not a huge menu, but good stuff. Used by cyclists, walkers and horse riders. Sells produce from Turville Heath Farm. Disabled parking available, plus limited off road parking.



The Barn at Turville Heath Cafe

Points of Interest – i) Ibstone – the Cobstone Windmill built in 1816 and is a 12 sided smock mill with original machinery still in place – see photo above. Parish Church of St Nicholas is slightly separate from rest of village. Manor House near where we start. Barbara Castle lived in Ibstone as did Hayley Mills in the windmill. ii) Fingest – originally called Thingest. Has an ancient manor house, haunted by 14th century bishop of Lincoln. Parish church of St Bartholomews dates from Norman times. Has an unusual double vaulted tower. iii) Turville – site of Vicar of Dibley TV series. Manor house is home of Lord (supermarkets) Sainsbury. 100 residents. 16th century cottages line main street. 10th century church with squat tower.

Suggested contribution to GEN see www.gen-initiative.org – Minimum of £10, more if you can manage it. GEN currently supports core costs of its Indian ngo partner End Poverty (EP) in Rajasthan which enables EP to run a range of projects which GEN also helps to fund – literacy and basic education for unschooled teenage girls, income generation from handicrafts for women villagers, support for small scale farmers with diversifying their traditional crops with small orchards, among others.

Contact? If possible please tell Sue by Monday 23rd October if you intend to come. 020 7794 9495 spburke@aol.com

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