



# Lions Festive Walk

sunday 30th December

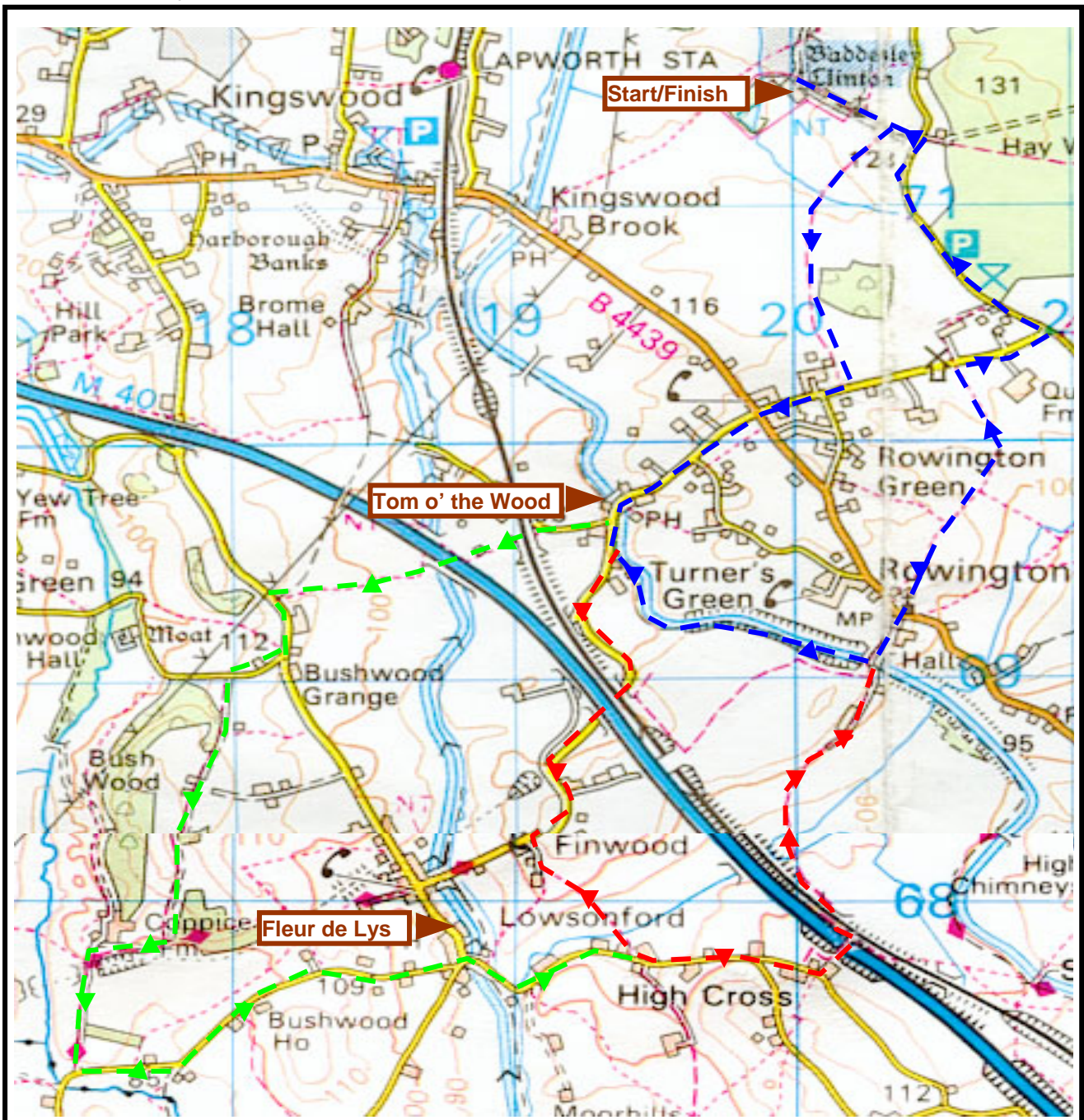
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Welcome to our Lions 15<sup>th</sup> Festive Walk.

Today there is a choice of 4 (blue), 7 (blue and red) or 11 (blue, green and red) mile routes which are signposted. Detailed directions are given overleaf and you can decide how far you want to walk as you go.

You are strongly advised to wear Wellington or walking boots otherwise stay on the tarmac roads shown. The footpaths of the walk are not suitable for pushchairs.

Please take care on the lanes and enjoy the walk. You are very welcome to join us for Mulled Wine or soft drinks and Mince Pies when you return.



## **Blue Route (4 miles)**

Upon leaving the registration area at Baddesley Clinton House head for the Parish Church (back towards the car park).

Passing the church, walk through the churchyard to a gate on the far side of which turn directly right and then immediately left to walk down a narrow footpath at the side of a field. Continue on this public footpath as signed until you come to a farm just past which emerge on a tarmac road. Turn right, passing Rowington Cricket Club on the left until the crossroads with the B4439. Carefully cross this road and follow the direction sign for the Tom O' The Wood pub.

Having reached the pub, feel free to enjoy its hospitality before crossing the canal bridge then turning left to join the towpath walking away from bridge 63 (ie do NOT walk under bridge 63). *Red route option starts (extra 3 miles, see below)*

Avoiding the muddy bits walk down the canal path to bridge 62 where forking to the right will bring you up to a tarmac road. Turn left here. *Red route rejoins*

Walk up Culvers Hill. Emerging opposite the parish church, cross the road and enter the churchyard. Keeping the church on your right walk to the outside toilet block. Pass to the left of the block to find behind it a stile marked (on the RHS) with a Heart of England Way badge. Go over this stile and keep following the HEW badges across several stiles and fields until you come to a tarmac road. Here, turn right and walk about a quarter mile until you come to a T junction marked 'Hay Wood ¼'. Turn left and pass Hay Wood on the RHS then after about a further ½ mile look for a gateway to a track on the LHS leading back to the rear entrance of Baddesley churchyard. You've made it!

## **Red route (extra 3 miles, 7 miles in all)**

Continue down the road from the Tom O' The Wood without joining the canal towpath. *Green route option starts (a further 4 miles, see below)*

Cross the motorway bridge and walk to the edge of Lowsonford. Just past Finwoodhill Farm (RHS) turn left up a no through road and walk to a gate at the end on the left. Crossing the stile proceed into the field towards a small wooden stable. Walking behind the stable turn right just before the gateway and follow the hedge towards a newly erected wooden fence. Cross this fence and continue following the hedge down the hill towards a stile under a large tree in the corner of the field. Cross this stile and the gravel tracks beyond to find a stile on the right. Follow the footpath direction arrows to emerge on a tarmac road at Sandle House Farm where turn left. *Green route rejoins*

Head up the hill until opposite a barn conversion (RHS) and turn left onto a footpath. Proceed into the field and walk round the edge to cross the motorway. At the end of the bridge turn left and then following a blue direction arrow painted on a tree head right across a field to come to a gate and wooded footpath beyond. Turn right again at the end and follow the edge of the field and another wooded footpath to rejoin the blue route at the canal bridge.

## **Green Route (extra 4 miles over Red route, 11 miles in all)**

Turn right into Dicks Lane until the first field gateway (LHS). Cross the stile into a field and head towards the tunnel in the railway embankment. Cross under the railway and continue forward until just before the motorway where turn right and follow the side of the motorway into the corner of the next field. Pass behind the water treatment works and cross a footbridge before turning left onto the canal towpath. Turn left and walk under the motorway to the far end of the next lock. Turn right and cross the lock and overflow outlet to emerge into a field. Turn left and walk around the edge of the field to a stile roughly opposite where you first entered the field. Cross the stile and walk towards farm buildings. At the field corner turn right over a stile and then immediately left onto a track. Keeping the barn to your left take the right hand fork in the path towards a gate which emerges onto a tarmac road. Turn left.

After about ¼ mile turn right into Bushwood Lane. After about 200 yards and before the high voltage cables turn left onto a cinder track signposted Warren Cottage. Continue on this track veering to the left of farm buildings to cross a field and skirt a copse until coming to a gate at the bottom of a small hill. Pass through the gate and follow arrows around a right hand curve to come to a second gate where turn left onto a broken tarmac lane. Cross a disused railway line and continue on to emerge onto a tarmac lane. Turn left and walk into the village of Lowsonford. At Lowsonford canal bridge turn right and walk up the road to Sandle House Farm to rejoin the red route.