

Please note the following updates now apply to the Seven Shires Way

DAY 1

Page 1

Taxis

add Four Shires Taxis tel: 07747 802555
Substitute Town and Country Taxis for Cotswold Country Taxis
tel: 01451 832226

Accommodation

delete Four Shires B&B

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Accommodation

delete Hutton Grange B&B

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Accommodation

Delete Four Shires B&B *no longer exists*

Page 5

2nd para

Turn sharp left *add* immediately ... after Salters Well
Wheelbarrow Castle, this house was originally a posting inn ie
where horses were changed on the former Oxford/Worcester Road.
A resident of Little Compton said that he could remember within
the past decade, that the track was sufficiently metalled for the
postman's van to use it.

2nd para, line 11

3rd para line 8

The footpath has been diverted here ... *Check if it has now been
reinstated to its original route*

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2nd para line 1

Delete towards the ash tree in the field below *The ash tree is no
longer there as it has been destroyed by lightning.*

3rd para

*Check if the footpath to Ascott has been reinstated, / route is now
directly down to village as on the OS map.*

DAY 2

Page 11

Accommodation

Brookland B&B closed, *substitute* Middle Tysoe - Sugarwell
Farm tel: 01295 680512

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3rd para

additional sentence: Incidentally, the house next door to Mr
Carter's is called 'Scrag End'!

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1st para line 6

NB *The Shakespeare Way (a long distance footpath also shares
the route of the SSW)*

3rd para line 5

.....the beginnings of the Vale of Evesham can be seen. This part
of the country is known as 'The Felden' (ie the part below Sun
Rising Hill).

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Box

Add Upton House open all year round Summer 11-5 and Winter
12-4. Includes restaurant and teas.
<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-uptonhouse>

DAY 3

Page 22

2nd para line 4

Add Vincula = bonds/chains in Latin

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2nd para line 4

Do not cross the.. *add* first... stone stile in the wall

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1st para line 5

Climb up a bank and bear *change to* left ...along the marked footpath

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Box

No teas. *Add* Pub in village.

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1st para line 3

...onto a footpath *check whether entry to the footpath was still blocked by farm machinery as it was on 24/6/06...* with the high thick hedge on the left.

2nd para line 1

..immediately left *add* and go over a narrow, overgrown stile. Cross the wide ...

DAY 4

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Accommodation

Delete Berry Furze B&B (closed).

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2nd para line 1

Go ... *change to* through ...the gate.

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1st para line 3

Then go along the right side of the hedge bordering the first part of the second field, before turning sharp right. *Check these instructions*

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1st para line 14

At the gates of the park, *check the direction:* bear left onto a path leading into ...a yew plantation.

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1st para line 6

Add Mr Chandler..., Brasenose Cottage, 47 High Street *add* (at the end of Archtree Road) tel 01295 711168

DAY 6

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1st para line 3

Go through the ... *change to* double metal ...gate and... *insert* only... 50 yards ahead

1st para line 4 Cross the main road by two stiles *check location of:second stile ? in the corner or in the corner of a hedgerow?*

1st para line 5 Mixbury village *check compass bearing as could be 088° Please check route as in 2007* a walker reported that at Barrow Farm, Mixbury, there has been a path diversion reduced to one foot wide which was overgrown with brambles. There was a tape at the end of the path and a notice warning about guard dogs.

1st para line 7 Go through two horse paddocks ...*check* left of a dressage arena

2nd para line 2 ...through a iron gate *check* on the left

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1st para line 1 and curve right *add* through a gate

2nd para line 23 modern causeway *?check is it still there*

2nd para line 30 Fulwell place name origin may also be Old English for foul or dirty stream

DAY 7

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1st para line 11-15 Across the field south eastwards *check grid reference 136° Add NB* there is now a stile in the hedge so no need to make the diversion. Continue to... aim for the SE corner of the field where the National Grid electricity lines ...

DAY 8

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Map Maps:Explorer 180 Oxford Witney *replace* and *with* & Woodstock

Accommodation Boarstall *delete* Village Farm House B&B

 Horton-cum-Studley *replace* Otmoor Lodge Hotel *with* The Lodge Hotel and Restaurant, *delete* The Black Olive Restaurant

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1st para line 14 short diversion to the Lodge Hotel and Restaurant *delete* other amenities

Access point *should read* opposite the Lodge Hotel and Restaurant. *Delete* Post Office and Village Stores as they are now closed.

DAY 9

Page 79

Accommodation Thame *delete* Tourist Office details as now closed.

 Several PHs and cafes along High Street and Upper High Street.

Add Public toilets.

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2nd para line 5

The Phoenix cycle trail from the centre of Thame to Towersey has been established since the book was written, it may be worth using this safer route instead of following the road to Towersey

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Box line 7

(now Rycotewood College) *delete as now closed*

DAY 10

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Taxis

Below Northend *insert*
Stokenchurch Thunderbird Couriers and Minibuses
tel: 01491 482306

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Caption on illustration

Should read Magdalen College coat of arms

DAY 11

Page 95

Accommodation

Delete the Stonor Arms now The Quince Tree, pub, restaurant, café and shop 01491 639039 www.thequincetree.com

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Accommodation

Delete Henley on Thames Little White Hart pub *now closed*.

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1st para line 7

Substitute ..Go through a wooden gate into

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1st para line 6

Through the hedge, *add* and over a stile (GR745856) left of the wooden paddock fence

1st para line 21

...kissing gate *delete* through a pig farm (*no longer exists*) and across the *replace* field *with* fields

DAY 12

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Accommodation

Berkeley Guesthouse *should be at* 32 Berkeley Avenue
At the end of the Reading entry, *add* Reading Tourist Information Centre tel: 0118 956 6226, www.readingtourism.org.uk

DAY 13

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Transport

Delete Bus – Ridgeway Explorer service *no longer running*.

Accommodation	<i>Replace Goring on Thames Riverside Tearooms with an Indian restaurant</i>
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Accommodation	<i>Delete Moultsford The Old Bakery Tearooms now closed</i>
DAY 14	
Page 123	
Transport	<i>Delete Bus – Ridgeway Explorer service no longer running.</i>
Page 104	
Accommodation	<i>Delete West Ilsley shop and PO closed</i>
2 nd para line3	<i>Delete no ‘slow’ sign (GR 592834) as at October 07</i>
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Box line 6	<i>Lowbury Hill ... Romans ate oysters, add indeed it was known locally as ‘Oyster Hill’.</i>
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1 st para line 5	<i>...turn right and walk towards the church delete past the post office and shop, as closed</i>
DAY 15	
Page 132	
Transport	<i>Delete Bus – Ridgeway Explorer service no longer running.</i>
Taxis	<i>Wantage – delete Keith’s Cabs</i> <i>Wantage add Stuart’s Taxis 01235 770608</i> <i>Add Abingdon Dazbus: tel 01235 553796</i>
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Accommodation	<i>Replace YHA Ridgeway Centre with its new name The Court Hill Centre tel: 01235 760253 www.courthill.org.uk</i>
1 st para line 14	<i>Take the left (W) fork, to walk uphill add to bear right (NE) through two small wooden gates</i>
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2 nd Box line 14	<i>D-Day 5th June replace 1945 with 1944</i>
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2 nd Box	<i>Zones of communication overhead delete whole box because Concorde no longer flies</i>
3 rd para line 3	<i>Add from left (SE, 130°)</i>
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2 nd para line 4	<i>...called Old Street add due to its Roman origins</i>
2 nd para line 7	<i>...on the left, remove gap before comma</i>
2 nd para line 11	<i>...to the gate add and waymark</i>

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1st para line 6
 1st para line 10

...at the next *add* road junction
 ...on a grassy track *add* passing a bridleway. *Suggest rewrite sentence:* Join a stony track at a t-junction and turn left (SW) along it. *Delete* a young beech wood

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1st para line 1
 1st para line 5

Delete complete sentence as there are now no sarsen stones
Rewrite, Hazel catkins were growing in the wood in December

DAY 16**Page 141**

Transport
 Taxis

Delete Ridgeway Explorer
 Wantage delete Keith's Cabs and *substitute* Stuart's Taxis tel 01235 770608

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Accommodation

Insert under Ashbury Britchcombe Farm camping facilities, cream teas (3.25 miles from Ashbury)
Add Newbury Tourist Information has a comprehensive list tel: 01635 30267 www.visitwestberkshire.org.uk

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Box

...the deer park boundary can be clearly seen, *add* marked as 'Park Pale' on the OS map

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Distance
 Transport
 Car parking

10.9 miles *not* 10.8
Delete Bishopstone Ridgeway Explorer sentence
 ... in the National Trust car park. NB the woods are closed on Fridays *needs checking*

Accommodation

Replace Highworth Chequers Retreat *with* Highlands of Highworth Guesthouse, tel 01793 765131

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2nd para line 2

Cross the stile ... *delete* in the wall which has been constructed from sarsen stones cleared from the fields. *Substitute* by the gate.

2nd para line 3

Delete Go straight ahead over another stile to , *substitute* Continue in the same direction as the woodland path (W, 250°) across the field to the ramparts ...

2nd para line 5

Iron Age hill-fort *add* built in BC 500.

2nd para line 8

... look at the fort, retrace your footsteps to the fence (SE, 130°) then turn right (S) on a path towards Ashdown House to a gate

insert and stile, *delete* hunt jump *continue as text* with a track going south.

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Illustration caption *change to* Ashdown House from the north

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1st para line 3 Where there is a stile *substitute* next to a metal gate
1st para line 4 Cross this stile, *add* follow the field to bear ...
1st para line 7 ...elongated field, *add* bear left to join ..
1st para line 8 ...Before *substitute* going through a kissing gate next to the gate
1st para line 11 ? *delete the following sentence*: Cross a stile at a gate and continue
100 yards to go through a metal kissing gate.
2nd para line 6 Go over a ... *insert* second ...bridge

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3rd para line 1 Query *origin of the name* The Winchies
3rd para line 3 *Check is there a short cut across east to avoid the need to go north to Forty Farm*

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1st para line 6 ...through the farm gate *add* by the farm building,
2nd para line 4 *insert* NB if the footpath to the right is obstructed by undergrowth, retrace your steps by fifty yards to turn right (N) over a pair of gates and walk parallel to the linear wood on the east side. Continue along the edge of two fields until reaching the point where a footpath crosses west (GR 247861) from Zulu Buildings
2nd para line 20 ...across a field *insert* and over a white painted gate

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1st para line 6 ...telephone box. *Add* There is a building ?*where* with 3 huge ammonites in its gable end.

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1st para line 6 *substitute* cross the stile *for* go through the kissing gate
1st para line 7 ...kissing gate *insert* turn left straight along ...the front of the house
1st para line 8 Bourton Grange and *add* continue left around the outside of the stable wall.
2nd para line 2 Manor Farm ...*check is it on the right or the left?*
2nd para line 8 along the footpath *substitute* 200 yards *for* 100 yards (?where is the central reservation in relation to the exit of the footpath onto the main road, query is it to the left of the path?)
2nd para line 11 *Delete*... a steel gate... (now no longer exists)

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1st para line 2 *substitute* bear left *for* turn left ... (there is a question as to whether the black arrows that indicate a circular walk are still visible).
1st para line 10 ...broad daylight. *Insert* Join a tarmac track ... to keep in the same direction

DAY 18

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Refreshments Coleshill *insert* Village shop and Tea Room tel: 01793 763619

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Accommodation Southrop *add* The Swan Inn tel: 01367 850205
1st para line 10 ...the church *insert* (for James Bond fans, it is worth a 200-yard diversion down the path to see the grave of his creator Ian Fleming)

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1st para line 1 ...maring parlour on the *insert* slope to the left side of ...

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Box Buscot Park, teas served. *Add*
<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-buscotpark>

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1st para line 11 ...Thames Path *add* towards Radcot.

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1st para line 12 ...in Summer (*change to* Wednesdays 11.00am-5.00pm and some Saturdays 11.00am-5.00pm)
1st para line 12 *add* <http://www.kelmscottmanor.org.uk/>

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1st para line 1 *substitute* An *for* The base of an ancient ...

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3rd para line 1 *Insert* where the tracks divide, keep left to continue to walk beside the river, then where a track crosses ...
3rd para line 2 (0.6 miles from road) query *re-check distance*.
3rd para line 5 ...end of the field *insert* to bear left past a five-barred gate ?
through the gate
3rd para line 7 ... edge of *insert* the garden of
...to the right, *insert* then past the tennis court on the right *omit*
then circle around the left perimeter of the tennis court
3rd para line 8 ... ancient *insert* ivy-covered ... stone stile

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1st para line 2 ...road junction *delete* (ignore the footpath sign ahead) ?*sign has been removed*

1st para line 4 *add sentence* The clear water in one of its tributaries with the white-flowered water crowsfoot growing in it reminded us of Millet's painting of Ophelia drowned in the river.

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2nd para line 4 ...stone well. *Add sentence* Continue along the village street.

3rd para line 3 ... after crossing the brook with its clear water *add* due to the underlying limestone. Walk along the path ...

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1st para line 5 *add new sentences* The north-south path of the county boundary is *x miles* east of our route, needs checking. Previously there was 'Shire Gate' (see place name on the OS map) on the Filkins Road near Eastleach Martin. At GR 315046, the county boundary has the same 'notched' pattern as on Day 4 (see page 33) due to the former interlocking furlongs.

2nd para line 8 At the end of this field *add* GR 212057

2nd para line 10 ...stile in its corner. *Add sentences* At the next field, go through a metal gate parallel to the river to the end of the next field. Cross a stile beside a metal gate.

3rd para line 4 ...enter the wood *add* via a small metal gate.

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1st para line 2 ...the left (NE) NB *check not* (NW)

2nd para line 1 ...small wood *delete* within a limestone wall

4th para line 1 ...where there is *replace* waymark *with* wide gap

DAY 20

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Accommodation Cotswold View Guesthouse B&B no longer does lunches and teas
Accommodation *Replace* New Inn *with* Westcote Inn tel: 0119 830888

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1st para line 19 *Replace* deserted farm house *with* deserted barn

1st para line 24 After 300 yards (*recheck distance*) ...

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1st para line 1 *Add sentence at beginning of para* Continue to where there are several steel gates. Do not go through those to the right but continue ahead to pass through another two steel gates (GR 229172)

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- 1st para line 13 ? *change* five to six hundred
2nd para line 9 ...triangular green, *replace* turn *with* curve
2nd para line 11 ...narrow footpath *add* on the right
2nd para line 12 ... towards **Idbury**. ? *Delete* Go through six fields ? needs checking
Box line 4 ...shield is a *add* Yorkish emblem 'sun of splendour'

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- 1st para line 1 *Replace* old oak tree *with* old ash tree, go through the kissing gate *instead of* cross the stile ... and keep to the right
Box line 3 ...stone basin *replace* which no longer exists *with* which can still be seen.

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- 2nd para line 5 Pass the *replace* Cotswold Tea Rooms *with* Cotswold View Guesthouse
2nd para line 9 *Replace* New Inn *with* Westcote Inn
Access point *Replace* New Inn *with* Westcote Inn
3rd para line 12 Then turn right *replace* over both a small stile *with* through a kissing gate
3rd para line 14 Leave the scrub area via a *replace* wooden hand gate *with* ? kissing gate

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- 1st para line 5 ...across two *insert* more... fields
1st para line 6 third field, bear left (NE) aiming for a wooden post, across the field to a footbridge. This field has been missed out in the text. At the footbridge, go through the hedge, then follow the left side of the field (ie on the right side of the field hedge) up the gentle slope...
Route needs checking, NB, We think that the third field mentioned in the current text is in fact the fourth field. (the one crossing the 24 north-south gridline). This part needs careful navigating.

DAY 21

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- Introduction line 5 *Replace* 232 .3 miles *with* 234 miles
Taxis *Below* Bledington *add* Finstock Saferide Taxis tel 01993 868400
Moreton in Marsh *add* Four Shires Taxis tel 07747 802555
Replace Town and Country Taxis *with* Cotswold Country Taxis tel 01451 832 226
Refreshments *Add* Marshmallow Tearooms tel 01608 651 536

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2nd para line 3 ...railway line. *Add* We saw a white barn owl ‘quartering’ the fields one June morning.
4th para line 14 ...over the footbridge *add* to follow a concrete road up to the cart track.

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1st para line 3 ...small wooden gate *add* bear right over a cattle grid then right down the road to Chastleton.
2nd para line 3 ...towards Chastleton *add* past the entrance to the National Trust car park. NB there is now a footpath for visitors, also open to the public, from the car park to the house that avoids walking on the road.

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Box Line 20 Chastleton House: *Add* tel 01608 674981.
Box line 21 *Add* Guided Tours 10.00am to 2.00pm

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1st para line 13 *Query* name of lake in the Ice Age *needs checking*
1st para line 16 *Replace* with a stile on the right *with* a gate and a gap on the right.
...one field short of Stuphill Covert
1st para line 17 *Replace* over the stile *with* go through the gap on the right then ... follow the left side
2nd para line 5 *Replace* around the pond to the left, *with* turn left to go over a steel gate
2nd para line 6 *Replace* Keep right of a *with* Pass a stone barn and cottage on the left
3rd para line 1 *Replace* implement sheds *with* buildings
3rd para line 3 When was the county boundary created here? *Needs checking*

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1st para line 3 *Need to check* is the boundary stone marked on the map.