

**Please note the following updates now apply to the Seven Shires Way  
as at March 2019**

**DAY 1**

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Taxis

*Substitute* Moreton Taxis 01608 650 343 mob 07710 117471;  
North Cotswold Taxis 07832 915871; Cotswold Travel 01608  
650343, mob 07710 117 471 ; **Andy's Taxis, Mob: 07399 722 777**

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*

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2<sup>nd</sup> para

2<sup>nd</sup> para, line 11

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.

3<sup>rd</sup> para line 8

The footpath has been diverted here

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2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

**DAY 2**

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Accommodation

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

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3<sup>rd</sup> para

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

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1<sup>st</sup> para line 6

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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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>

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2<sup>nd</sup> para line 4

*Add* Vincula = bonds/chains in Latin

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2<sup>nd</sup> para line 4

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

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1<sup>st</sup> 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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1<sup>st</sup> 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> 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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2<sup>nd</sup> para line 1

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

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1<sup>st</sup> 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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1<sup>st</sup> 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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1<sup>st</sup> para line 6

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

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Accommodation Delete College Farmhouse, Kings Sutton (closed 2013)

**DAY 6**

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1<sup>st</sup> para line 10 Revision due to changed road construction

The revised route is: Pass Roundhill Farm on your left, continue for 0.1 miles to turn right at the road junction, to go ahead to cross the A43 bridge, turn left onto a service road and continue for 0.3 miles to a footpath into woodland on your right, which is 50 yards past a milestone marked 'Brackley 4, Oxford 17'. Leave the wood via a stile into a grass field. Find a stile ahead which is between the third and fourth large trees from the left corner of the field. Cross Tusmore cricket field (E 120°). On reaching the high garden wall bear left onto a track to turn left, at the 'T' junction, then turn right for 0.1 miles to a waymarked bridleway post, opposite Tusmore House.

**BOX Tusmore House**

As Pevsner in his guide says, 'This is a remarkably convincing pastiche, New Georgian in the grand manner, built for the Syrian financier Wafic Saïd.' The previous fine house, lived in by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lord Bicester, was demolished. This house is built of creamy limestone with a monumental portico. The Georgian stables on the right of the houses survive, also the Motor House dated 1903 and behind it is a remarkable timber-framed granary with dovecote dated to the late 16<sup>th</sup> century. It stands on staddle stones.

**END BOX**

From the waymark go ENE (72°) on a mown grass bridleway towards the corner of the park plantation to meet a red-coloured track and follow it to reach the obelisk on your right (0.6 miles).

**BOX – OBELISK**

The obelisk at the end of the avenue is annotated on four sides. On the south and west sides it is in Arabic script, on the north side, 'By the Grace of God', on the east is 'In celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II 2 June 2012'. Between Tusmore House and the obelisk where the bridleway meets the red track is a magnificent tree which has a 30 foot girth at ground level. Last year's crop of seeds lie below on the ground. These seed pods are round balls covered in bristles and are about 1 ¼ inches in diameter. It looks rather like a sweet chestnut, but we could not identify it for sure.

**END BOX**

100 yards on, at a high wire net fence, turn left onto a path through woodland. Leave the wood over a footbridge and continue ahead

to reach the Cottisford Road. Cross it to continue to Juniper Hill as on page 51, line 7 of the SSW publication.

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1<sup>st</sup> para line 3

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

1<sup>st</sup> 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?*

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

1<sup>st</sup> para line 7

Go through two horse paddocks ...*check* left of a dressage arena

2<sup>nd</sup> para line 2

...through a iron gate *check* on the left

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1<sup>st</sup> para line 1

and curve right *add* through a gate

2<sup>nd</sup> para line 23

modern causeway ?*check is it still there*

2<sup>nd</sup> para line 30

Fulwell place name origin may also be Old English for foul or dirty stream

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Accommodation Ludgershall delete Poletrees Farm and replace with The Old School B&B, Church Lane Tel:01844 238034

<http://www.theoldschool-bandb.co.uk/>

**DAY 7**

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1<sup>st</sup> 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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1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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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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2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

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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

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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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1<sup>st</sup> para line 7              *Substitute* ..Go through a wooden gate into

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1<sup>st</sup> 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****Page 105**

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](http://www.readingtourism.org.uk)

**DAY 13****Page 114**

Transport

Accommodation

*Delete* Bus – Ridgeway Explorer service *no longer running*.  
*Replace* Goring on Thames Riverside Tearooms *with an Indian restaurant*

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Accommodation

*Delete* Moulsoford The Old Bakery Tearooms *now closed*

**DAY 14****Page 123**

Transport

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

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Accommodation

2<sup>nd</sup> para line 3

*Delete* West Ilsley shop and PO *closed*  
*Delete* no ‘slow’ sign (GR 592834) as at October 07

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Box line 6

Lowbury Hill ... Romans ate oysters, *add* indeed it was known locally as ‘Oyster Hill’.

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...turn right and walk towards the church *delete* past the post office and shop, *as closed*

**DAY 15****Page 132**

Transport

Taxis

*Delete* Bus – Ridgeway Explorer service *no longer running*.  
Wantage – *delete* Keith’s Cabs  
Wantage *add* Stuart’s Taxis 01235 770608  
*Add* Abingdon Dazbus: tel 01235 553796

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Accommodation

1<sup>st</sup> para line 14

*Replace* YHA Ridgeway Centre *with its new name* The Court Hill Centre tel: 01235 760253 [www.courthill.org.uk](http://www.courthill.org.uk)  
Take the left (W) fork, to walk uphill *add* to bear right (NE) through two small wooden gates

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2<sup>nd</sup> Box line 14 D-Day 5<sup>th</sup> June *replace* 1945 *with* 1944

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2<sup>nd</sup> Box

Zones of communication overhead *delete whole box*  
*because Concorde no longer flies*  
*Add* from left (SE, 130°)

3<sup>rd</sup> para line 3

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2<sup>nd</sup> para line 4

...called Old Street *add* due to its Roman origins

2<sup>nd</sup> para line 7

...on the left, *remove gap before comma*

2<sup>nd</sup> para line 11

...to the gate *add* and waymark

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1<sup>st</sup> para line 6

...at the next *add* road junction

1<sup>st</sup> para line 10

...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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1<sup>st</sup> para line 1

*Delete* complete sentence as there are now no sarsen stones

1<sup>st</sup> para line 5

*Rewrite,* Hazel catkins were growing in the wood in December

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Transport

*Delete* Ridgeway Explorer

Taxis

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](http://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

**DAY 17**

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Distance

10.9 miles *not* 10.8

Transport

*Delete* Bishopstone Ridgeway Explorer sentence

Car parking

... 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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2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 ...

2<sup>nd</sup> para line 5

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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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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1<sup>st</sup> para line 3

Where there is a stile *substitute* next to a metal gate

1<sup>st</sup> para line 4

Cross this stile, *add* follow the field to bear ...

1<sup>st</sup> para line 7

...elongated field, *add* bear left to join ..

1<sup>st</sup> para line 8

...Before *substitute* going through a kissing gate next to the gate

1<sup>st</sup> para line 11

? *delete the following sentence:* Cross a stile at a gate and continue 100 yards to go through a metal kissing gate.

2<sup>nd</sup> para line 6

Go over a ... *insert* second ...bridge

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3<sup>rd</sup> para line 1

Query *origin of the name* The Winchies

3<sup>rd</sup> 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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1<sup>st</sup> para line 6

...through the farm gate *add* by the farm building,

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> para line 20

...across a field *insert* and over a white painted gate

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1<sup>st</sup> para line 6

...telephone box. *Add* There is a building ?*where* with 3 huge ammonites in its gable end.

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1<sup>st</sup> para line 6

*substitiute* cross the stile *for* go through the kissing gate



1<sup>st</sup> para line 7 ...kissing gate *insert* turn left straight along ...the front of the house  
1<sup>st</sup> para line 8 Bourton Grange and *add* continue left around the outside of the stable wall.  
2<sup>nd</sup> para line 2 Manor Farm ...*check is it on the right or the left?*  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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?)  
2<sup>nd</sup> para line 11 *Delete*... a steel gate... (now no longer exists)

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1<sup>st</sup> 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).  
1<sup>st</sup> 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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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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1<sup>st</sup> 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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1<sup>st</sup> para line 11 ...Thames Path *add* towards Radcot.

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

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1<sup>st</sup> para line 1 *substitute* An *for* The base of an ancient ...

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3<sup>rd</sup> para line 1 *Insert* where the tracks divide, keep left to continue to walk beside the river, then where a track crosses ...

3<sup>rd</sup> para line 2 (0.6 miles from road) query *re-check distance*.

3<sup>rd</sup> para line 5 ...end of the field *insert* to bear left past a five-barred gate  
*?through* the gate

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

3<sup>rd</sup> para line 8 ... ancient *insert* ivy-covered ... stone stile

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

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## DAY 19

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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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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1<sup>st</sup> 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> para line 8 At the end of this field *add* GR 212057

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> para line 1 ...small wood *delete* within a limestone wall

4<sup>th</sup> 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	<i>Replace New Inn with Westcote Inn tel: 0119 830888</i>
<b>Page 182</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> para line 19	<i>Replace deserted farm house with deserted barn</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> para line 24	<i>After 300 yards (recheck distance) ...</i>
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1 <sup>st</sup> para line 1	<i>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)</i>
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1 <sup>st</sup> para line 13	<i>? change five to six hundred</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> para line 9	<i>...triangular green, replace turn with curve</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> para line 11	<i>...narrow footpath add on the right</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> para line 12	<i>... towards <b>Idbury</b>. ? Delete Go through six fields ? needs checking</i>
Box line 4	<i>...shield is a add Yorkish emblem ‘sun of splendour’</i>
<b>Page 187</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> para line 1	<i>Replace old oak tree with old ash tree, go through the kissing gate instead of cross the stile ... and keep to the right</i>
Box line 3	<i>...stone basin replace which no longer exists with which can still be seen.</i>
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2 <sup>nd</sup> para line 5	<i>Pass the replace Cotswold Tea Rooms with Cotswold View Guesthouse</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> para line 9	<i>Replace New Inn with Westcote Inn</i>
Access point	<i>Replace New Inn with Westcote Inn</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> para line 12	<i>Then turn right replace over both a small stile with through a kissing gate</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> para line 14	<i>Leave the scrub area via a replace wooden hand gate with ? kissing gate</i>
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1 <sup>st</sup> para line 5	<i>...across two insert more... fields</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> para line 6	<i>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...</i>
	<i>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.</i>

**DAY 21****Page 190**

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

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1<sup>st</sup> para line 3 ...small wooden gate *add* bear right over a cattle grid then right  
down the road to Chastleton.  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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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1<sup>st</sup> para line 13 *Query* name of lake in the Ice Age *needs checking*  
1<sup>st</sup> 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  
1<sup>st</sup> para line 17 *Replace* over the stile *with* go through the gap on the right then  
...follow the left side  
2<sup>nd</sup> para line 5 *Replace* around the pond to the left, *with* turn left to go over a steel  
gate  
2<sup>nd</sup> para line 6 *Replace* Keep right of a *with* Pass a stone barn and cottage on the  
left  
3<sup>rd</sup> para line 1 *Replace* implement sheds *with* buildings  
3<sup>rd</sup> para line 3 When was the county boundary created here? *Needs checking*

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