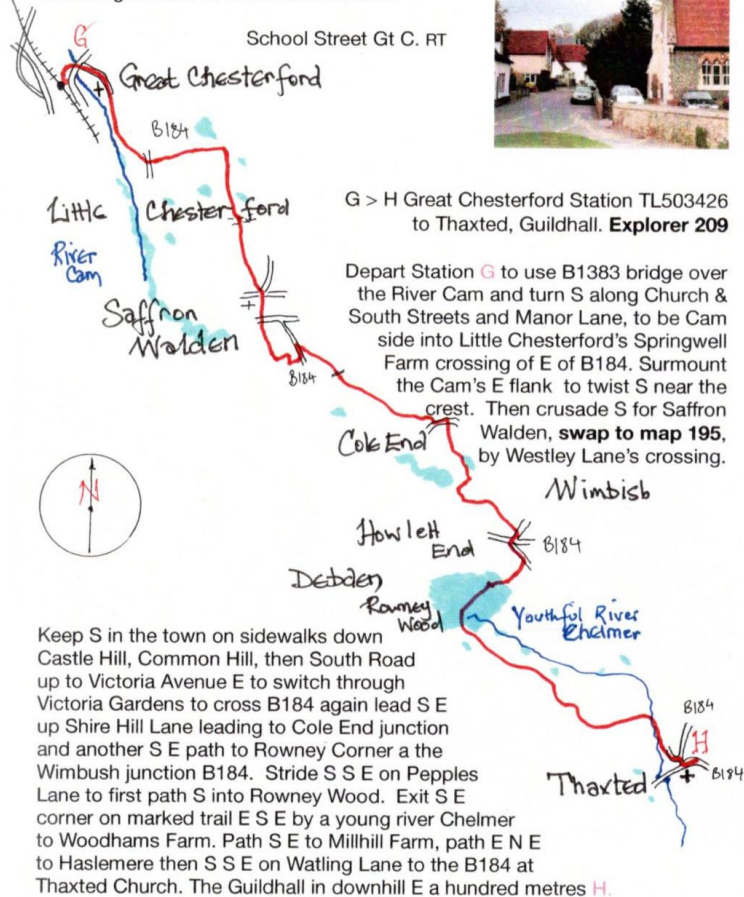


### Byrthnoth's Last Visit: Chester Guild

In August 991 Byrthnoth, travelling from Humber side, could have touched base at Ely, then followed Fen Valley Walks to Cambridge and the West Anglia route to Great Chesterfield.



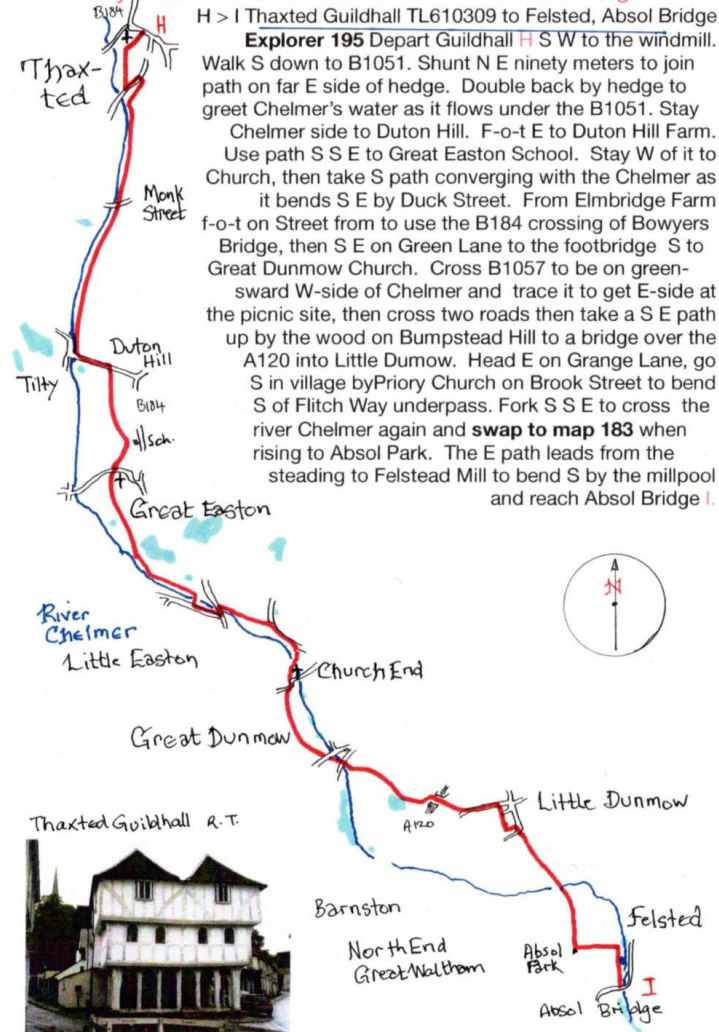
### Byrthnoth's Last Visit: Duton Sugar

H > I Thaxted Guildhall TL610309 to Felsted, Absol Bridge

**Explorer 195** Depart Guildhall H S W to the windmill.

Walk S down to B1051. Shunt N E ninety meters to join path on far E side of hedge. Double back by hedge to greet Chelmer's water as it flows under the B1051. Stay Chelmer side to Duton Hill. F-o-t E to Duton Hill Farm.

Use path S S E to Great Easton School. Stay W of it to Church, then take S path converging with the Chelmer as it bends S E by Duck Street. From Elmbridge Farm f-o-t on Street from to use the B184 crossing of Bowyers Bridge, then S E on Green Lane to the footbridge S to Great Dunmow Church. Cross B1057 to be on green-sward W-side of Chelmer and trace it to get E-side at the picnic site, then cross two roads then take a S E path up by the wood on Bumpstead Hill to a bridge over the A120 into Little Dunmow. Head E on Grange Lane, go S in village by Priory Church on Brook Street to bend S of Flitch Way underpass. Fork S S E to cross the river Chelmer again and **swap to map 183** when rising to Absol Park. The E path leads from the steading to Felstead Mill to bend S by the millpool and reach Absol Bridge I.

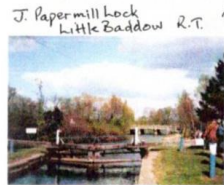
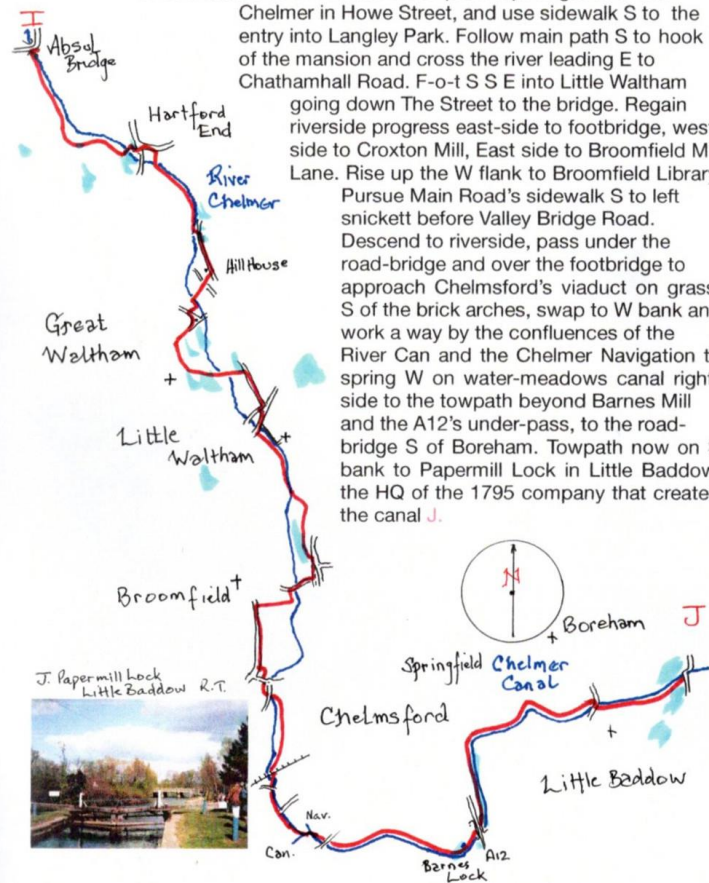


### Byrhtnoth's Last Visit: Camsix Lyon

I > J Felsted Absol Bridge TL670190 to Little Baddow **Explorer 183**

Depart Absol Bridge I Chelmerside with water left-side to Hartford End's brideway junction. Go left by dwelling to lane on N bank E to cross B1417. Enter lane E for Little Green. Twist S at lane bend to use Causeway bridge over the Chelmer. Resume S E tack with river left-side to the next footbridge, then swap sides S, river right-side to move left on to a road S to Hill House cross-path. Opt to get W of the

Chelmer in Howe Street, and use sidewalk S to the entry into Langley Park. Follow main path S to hook E of the mansion and cross the river leading E to Chathamhall Road. F-o-t S S E into Little Waltham going down The Street to the bridge. Regain riverside progress east-side to footbridge, west-side to Croxton Mill, East side to Broomfield Mill Lane. Rise up the W flank to Broomfield Library. Pursue Main Road's sidewalk S to left snicket before Valley Bridge Road. Descend to riverside, pass under the road-bridge and over the footbridge to approach Chelmsford's viaduct on grass. S of the brick arches, swap to W bank and work a way by the confluences of the River Can and the Chelmer Navigation to spring W on water-meadows canal right-side to the towpath beyond Barnes Mill and the A12's under-pass, to the road-bridge S of Boreham. Towpath now on S bank to Papermill Lock in Little Baddow, the HQ of the 1795 company that created the canal J.



### Byrhtnoth's Last Visit: Northey Speen

J > K Papermill Lock TL777090 to Maldon Battle Site TL 865053

**Explorer 183** Depart E on S-side towpath to Ulting Hoe Mill. Swap sides to travel all the way to Beeleigh. Cross Speeny lock bridge, to use sluice-causeway over River Blackwater to Langford. Canal has switched to the channel of the Blackwater. Have it left-side to Chapman's Bridge E-side of the golf course. Trace canal under A414 carriageways to use a cyclists' bridge to the Chelmer's seawall by a supermarket car-park. Exit E-side of pub to B1018 zebra crossing and cross also Fullbridge, the last bridge, for a west-side finale. Probe S along what is now a busy estuary-side to Maldon Hythe with Thames barges at rest to enter The Promenade gardens and locate the statue of Byrhtnoth at Canada Quay. Reverse a few strides to find the path S through the gardens and onto the seawall for the final time, walking as far as the Northey Island Causeway which was a strategic feature in the 991 Battle of Maldon K where the Vikings mightily defeated the Saxons and re-imposed Danegeld, a tax not paid since Great King Alfred defied all demands a century earlier.



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