



Tour de Braintree:

Ainford Glem

Zero > 04 Sturmer >

Glemsford old Station

Target **Zero**. Sturmer

old Station

TL698441 **Explorer 210**

01 target Wixoe church

02. Stoke by Clare Church

03. Clare Castle Park

Switch to **map 196**

near Cavenish

04. Foxearth,

Glemsford old station



The Ramblers' Association Group co-linear with Braintree District Council is labelled North-west Essex. Both organisations share a very large area.

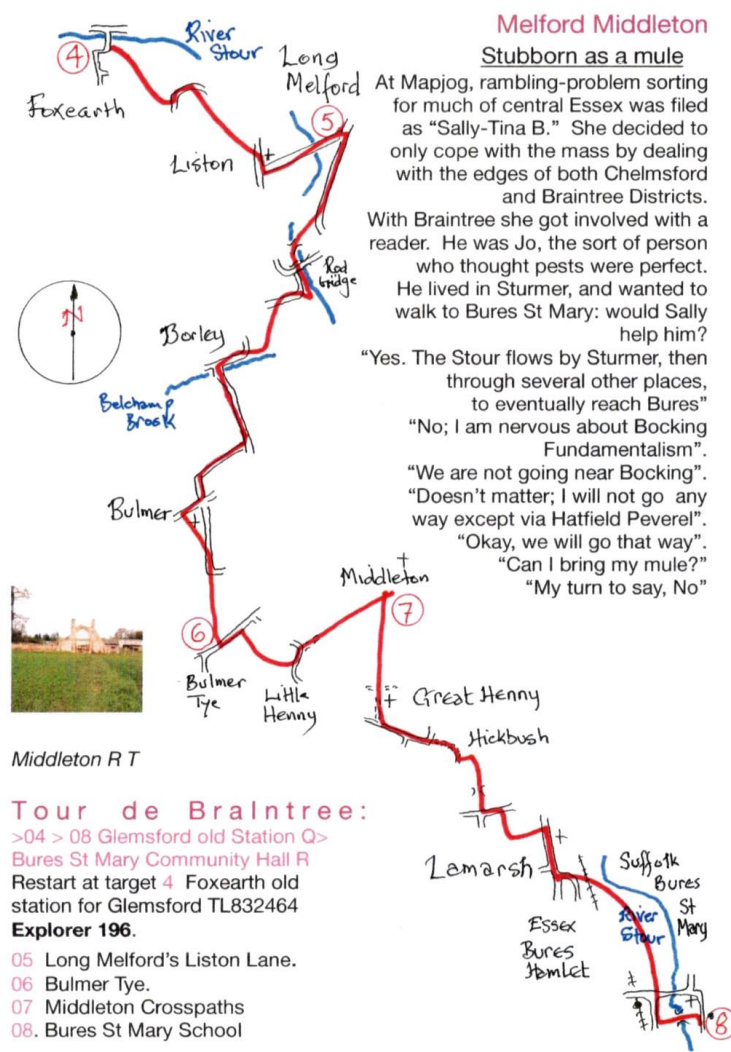
No one ramble is likely to attract members representing the entire complex. It is not an adhesive group-development situation.

Health Walkers enjoy their Well-being activity and Long-distance specialists hone in to Essex & Herts L-D Walkers.

No doubt the District has a similar proportion of recreational countryside walkers as elsewhere.

Pity they have to operate separated by travelling time.

Maybe a co-ordinated spread of Walking Clubs will eventually appear to serve the communities



Melford Middleton

Stubborn as a mule

At Mapjog, rambling-problem sorting for much of central Essex was filed as "Sally-Tina B." She decided to only cope with the mass by dealing with the edges of both Chelmsford and Braintree Districts.

With Braintree she got involved with a reader. He was Jo, the sort of person who thought pests were perfect. He lived in Sturmer, and wanted to walk to Bures St Mary: would Sally help him?

"Yes. The Stour flows by Sturmer, then through several other places, to eventually reach Bures"

"No; I am nervous about Bocking Fundamentalism".

"We are not going near Bocking".

"Doesn't matter; I will not go any way except via Hatfield Peverel".

"Okay, we will go that way".

"Can I bring my mule?"

"My turn to say, No"

Middleton R T

Tour de Braintree:

>04 > 08 Glemsford old Station Q>

Bures St Mary Community Hall R

Restart at target 4 Foxearth old station for Glemsford TL832464

Explorer 196.

05 Long Melford's Liston Lane.

06 Bulmer Tye.

07 Middleton Crosspaths

08. Bures St Mary School

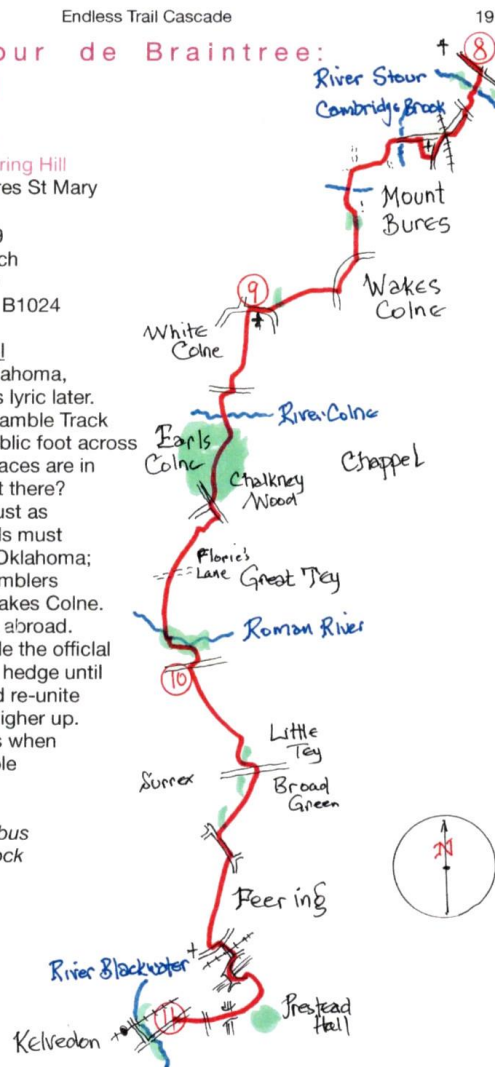
Tour de Braintree: Berewyk Prested

8 > 11 Bures St Mary
Community Hall > Feering Hill
Restart at Target 8 Bures St Mary
TL911337. **Map 196**
Swap to **195** before 09
09 White Colne Church
10 Gull Farm, Gt Tey
11 Feering Hill's base B1024

Friends in Sport for All

This leg is far from Oklahoma, but recall the musical's lyric later. A well-established Scramble Track has a Wakes Colne public foot across it. What do you do, if races are in progress when you get there? Be sensible. Realise, just as farmers and cow-hands must tolerate each other in Oklahoma; so Ramblers and Scramblers should be friends in Wakes Colne. There will be stewards abroad. Have a word. Persuade the official to let you travel by the hedge until beyond the course and re-unite with the right-of-way higher up. Win friends as a bonus when completing an enjoyable Countryside walk.

Roy T captures Water-bus
Victoria at Papermill Lock

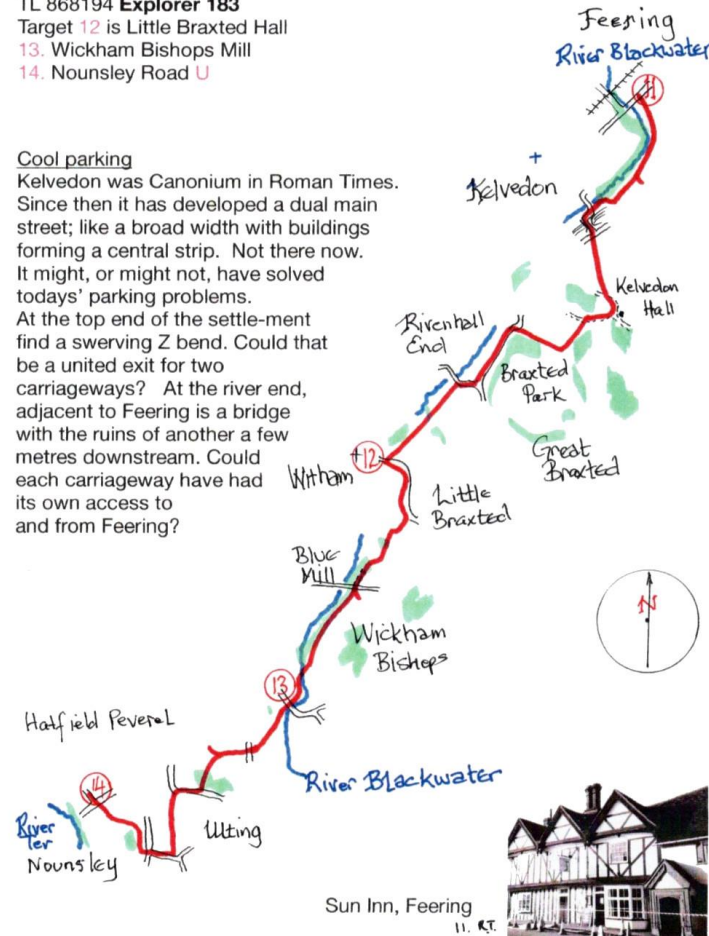


Tour de Braintree: Canonium Nounsley

11 > 14 Feering Hill Sun > Nounsley
Re-start at target 11 Feering
TL 868194 **Explorer 183**
Target 12 is Little Braxted Hall
13. Wickham Bishops Mill
14. Nounsley Road U

Cool parking

Kelvedon was Canonium in Roman Times. Since then it has developed a dual main street; like a broad width with buildings forming a central strip. Not there now. It might, or might not, have solved today's parking problems. At the top end of the settlement find a swerving Z bend. Could that be a united exit for two carriageways? At the river end, adjacent to Feering is a bridge with the ruins of another a few metres downstream. Could each carriageway have had its own access to and from Feering?



Sun Inn, Feering

11. RT



Tour de Braintree: Cardfield Slamsey

14 > 18 Hatfield Peverel, Nounsley Road
> Great Leighs Youngs End Slamseys

18 • Great Notley
Youngs End
Black Notley
Great Leighs
17 Ranks Green
Fairstead

Re-start at Target 14
Nounsley

TL799104. **Explorer 183**

Target 15 Little Baddow

16 is Terling

17 is Ranks Green

18 is Great Slamsey bend

Back-tracking

Kelvedon and Great Braxted are two places in Essex that have a river flowing generally westwards.

Elsewhere the youthful Cam does for a while, then matures as a north-flowing drain. The Stort, Lea, Roding, Rom and others flow S to the Thames. The remainder are east-bound feeding the North Sea, except that part of the Pant-cum-Blackwater after Kelvedon.

Why does that river bend S at Coggeshall and S W at Kelvedon?

The answer might be found in in glacier-melt long ago when Doggerland went under in a movement not called Brexit.



Woodpeckers' Tile Distraction
Great Henny St Mary. R.T

Tour de Braintree: Duckend Oxen

21 Little Sampford

Cooks Lane
River Pont
Great Bardfield

Oxen End

Bushetts

Long Green

Bardfield Saling

Great Saling

18 > 21 Youngs End
Slamseys bend

> Little Sampford Church

Re-start at target 18 by

Gt Slamsey road bend

TL733198. **Explorer 183**

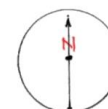
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19 Great Saling

20 Great Bardfield

21 Lt Sampford Ch

Langford Bridge Cooks
Lane, Little Bardfield
R.T.



Changes

The latest A120 layout has changed Rayne's Street.

Sadly The Forge has gone.

It was a remnant of village self-sufficiency.

Gladly The Street has lost the chain-saw effect of two-way traffic tearing the village asunder.

Also welcomed are attractions like Booking Office Cafe along The Fitch Open Linear Space, and Great Notley Country Park, just south of it.

Rayne

Duck End

Fitch Way

Great Notley

Notley Park

Gt Slamsey

Youngs End

Tour de Braintree: Sampford Steeple

21 > 24 Little Sampford Church >

Sturmer old station

Re-start at Target 21

Little Sampford Church

TL653337 **Explorer 195**

22 Great Sampford Church

23 Latchleys Farm

swap to map 210

24 Sturmer A1017/B1061

junction same as **Zero**

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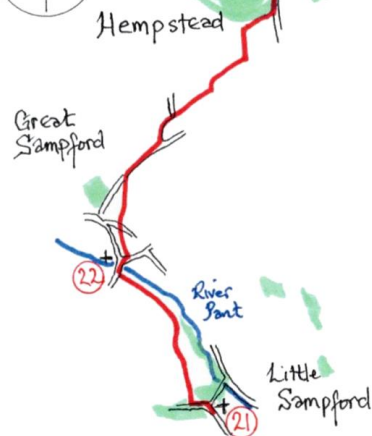
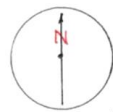


R.T.

Bumpstead Library
with traffic surround

Less burden

Sally-Tina had no Jo-like impedance on her first assignment where she traced yellow butterfly emblems, unique to Chelmsford Council, around the fringes of the District.



But there was a man of similar of similar age she learned about. He was employed under the Manpower Scheme current then. He carried a knife safely with his lunch and quietly got whittling arty crafty designs in the age-old tradition from fragments of wood. An astute foreman saw a value in the doodling, resulting with the whittler's butterfly image now seen, reproduced in footpath yellow, on footpath signposts. Another Chelmsford Council, less frilly innovation for path furniture was White-topped posts. These are positioned high by exits to fields having convex contours which render the exit invisible from that field's entry point. Very considerate.