

LONGHORN

Cattle Society

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Dear Member

Thank you for coming to all or part of the Society AGM weekend! We have a good weekend of visits in store and over 90 members have booked in for the visit to John Colegrave's which is fantastic. Given there are such a lot of us can I ask that those of you staying at the Banbury House Hotel on Friday night could arrange to car-share if possible as parking at Wykham Park Farm isn't quite geared up for so many cars! The farm shop will be open and I am conscious that we don't want to get in the way of the shop's normal trading and inconvenience any of John's regular and loyal customers.

Our after-dinner speaker on Saturday night is Lord Plumb of Coleshill and we will be having a raffle in aid of his Foundation so any raffle prizes would be gratefully received on the evening.

I am anticipating around 70 members will be visiting the Gorse herd on Sunday – the cattle are at Lower Lea Farm, Wellesbourne NOT at Bishop's Gorse, Lighthorne so please make sure you go to the right farm!

This year's AGM weekend is a very international affair with members from Germany, Holland and Australia joining us.

For those of you who wish to see other sites in the area here are a few suggestions. All times and distances are from Banbury Cross

Oxford City Centre	30 miles, 40 minutes
Blenheim Palace	20 miles, 30 minutes
Bicester Shopping Village	30 miles, 30 minutes
Stow on the Wold & Cotswolds	20 miles, 30 minutes
Bletchley Park	35 miles, 50 minutes
Upton House/Edgehill	7 miles, 12 minutes

An itinerary and maps are enclosed. The postcodes are accurate for satnavs and there will be signs.

I look forward to seeing you all in a couple of weeks.

Yours sincerely



Debbie Dann

Approximate distances and times to the AGM locations

M40 J11 to Banbury House Hotel, OX16 9AH **6 miles, 10 minutes**

The Banbury House Hotel is on the B4100 Oxford Road. Leaving Banbury going uphill towards Oxford, the Hotel is on the left hand side. It has a large sign with the 'Best Western' logo in the garden and is a white fronted building. For parking turn left after the Hotel into Old Parr Road then immediately left again. Parking and entry to the Hotel will be on your left.

Banbury House Hotel to Wykham Park Farm, OX16 9UP **6 miles, 10 minutes**

Turn right out of the Hotel heading downhill towards Banbury. At the traffic lights turn left onto the A361. Travel along this road for a couple of miles and then turn left at the sign to Wykham Park School and Wykham Park Farm. Travel along this road, under the bridge and the farm will be on your left. Follow the parking signs which may be on your right.

Wykham Park Farm to Broughton Castle, OX15 5EB **2 miles, 5 minutes**

Go back to the A361 and go straight over. Go along this road into Broughton – the road narrows so be mindful of oncoming traffic as there will be a lot of us in convoy! Cross over the B4035 and follow the signs to Broughton Castle. Turn into the Castle entrance on the left. Follow the signs to the car park. Toilets are available in the car park but not in the main Castle.

Broughton Castle to Banbury House Hotel, OX16 9AH **4 miles, 10 minutes**

Leave the Castle and go back to the B4035. Follow the road back into Banbury and turn right at the Banbury Cross which will put you onto the B4100.

Banbury House Hotel to Lower Lea Farm, CV35 9LH **20 miles, 30 minutes**

Turn right out of the Hotel and follow the signs for the M40, go left onto the M40 northbound towards Warwick & Birmingham. Leave the M40 at Junction 15 and turn first left onto the A429 towards Cirencester. Continue along this road (you will by-pass the village of Barford and see signs for Charlecote) and at the first roundabout turn left into Wellesbourne. Go straight through the village on the B4086 and turn left at the black and white house towards Moreton Paddox and Lighthorne. The farm drive will then be half a mile or so on the left hand side.

Lower Lea Farm to Charlecote Pheasant Hotel CV35 9EW **3 miles, 6 minutes**

Out of the farm drive, turn right back down to the main road and then right into Wellesbourne. Follow the small one-way system round the village heading back towards the roundabout on the A429. Go straight over the roundabout towards Charlecote. Follow this road to the end and the car park to the Charlecote Pheasant will be on your right just before the T junction onto the main road.

To get back to the M40 from here turn left onto the main road opposite Charlecote House. Follow this road to the end and then turn left onto the A429. This will bring you back up to M40 Junction 15.

Have a safe journey!

LONGHORN CATTLE SOCIETY

AGM Weekend 9-11 October 2015

Oxfordshire/Warwickshire

This year we are staying at the Banbury House Hotel, Banbury, Oxon and our visits are to John Colegrave's Wykham Park Herd of Longhorns just outside Banbury and to John & Joshua Brigg's Gorse Herd of Longhorns at Wellesbourne near Stratford on Avon. The AGM will be at Broughton Castle, seat of Lord and Lady Saye & Sele.

The Hotel is just on the outskirts of the market town of Banbury, a short walk from the famous 'Banbury Cross'

Itinerary

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

Arrive at Hotel. Guests to make their own arrangements for dinner tonight.

Contact details for the Hotel are: The Banbury House Hotel, 23-31 Oxford Road, Banbury, OX16 9AH.

Tel: 01295 259361. Website: www.banburyhouse.co.uk

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

10.00am Visit to John Colegrave, Wykham Park Farm, Wykham, Banbury, Oxon, OX16 9UP and then Broughton Castle OX15 5EB

www.wykhampark.co.uk

www.broughtoncastle.com

Wykham Park Farm covers around 740 acres of which 400 is arable and 300 acres are grass. The family opened a farm shop in 2000 and the majority of the beef sold through the shop is Longhorn, home grown and locally slaughtered. We will visit the finishing stock and the farm shop and then we will go to see the breeding herd which grazes the parkland around Broughton Castle. This beautiful moated castle is home to the Fiennes family and the family have kindly invited us to use their medieval hall as the location for our lunch and AGM. After the AGM business has concluded we will have a personal tour of the Castle, which has a fascinating history, with knowledgeable guides and members of the Fiennes family.

12.30pm Lunch at Broughton Castle

2.00pm AGM, including the presentation of the Bull of the Year Award, Cow of the Year Award, Paul Lockett Novices Award, The Junior Handlers Award, The President's Award.

Tour of Broughton Castle

7.00pm for 7.30pm Evening dinner at the Banbury House Hotel. Dress code is 'smart casual'. Our after dinner speaker will be Lord Plumb of Coleshill, Longhorn Cattle Society member and past President of the NFYFC and NFU. Henry has always been involved in agriculture and has been a passionate supporter of the industry throughout his working life. He was made a life peer in 1987. He has recently founded the Henry Plumb Foundation which supports and mentors young new entrants into farming and related occupations. www.thehenryplumbfoundation.org.uk

A raffle will be held in aid of the Henry Plumb Foundation, please bring a raffle prize if you are able.

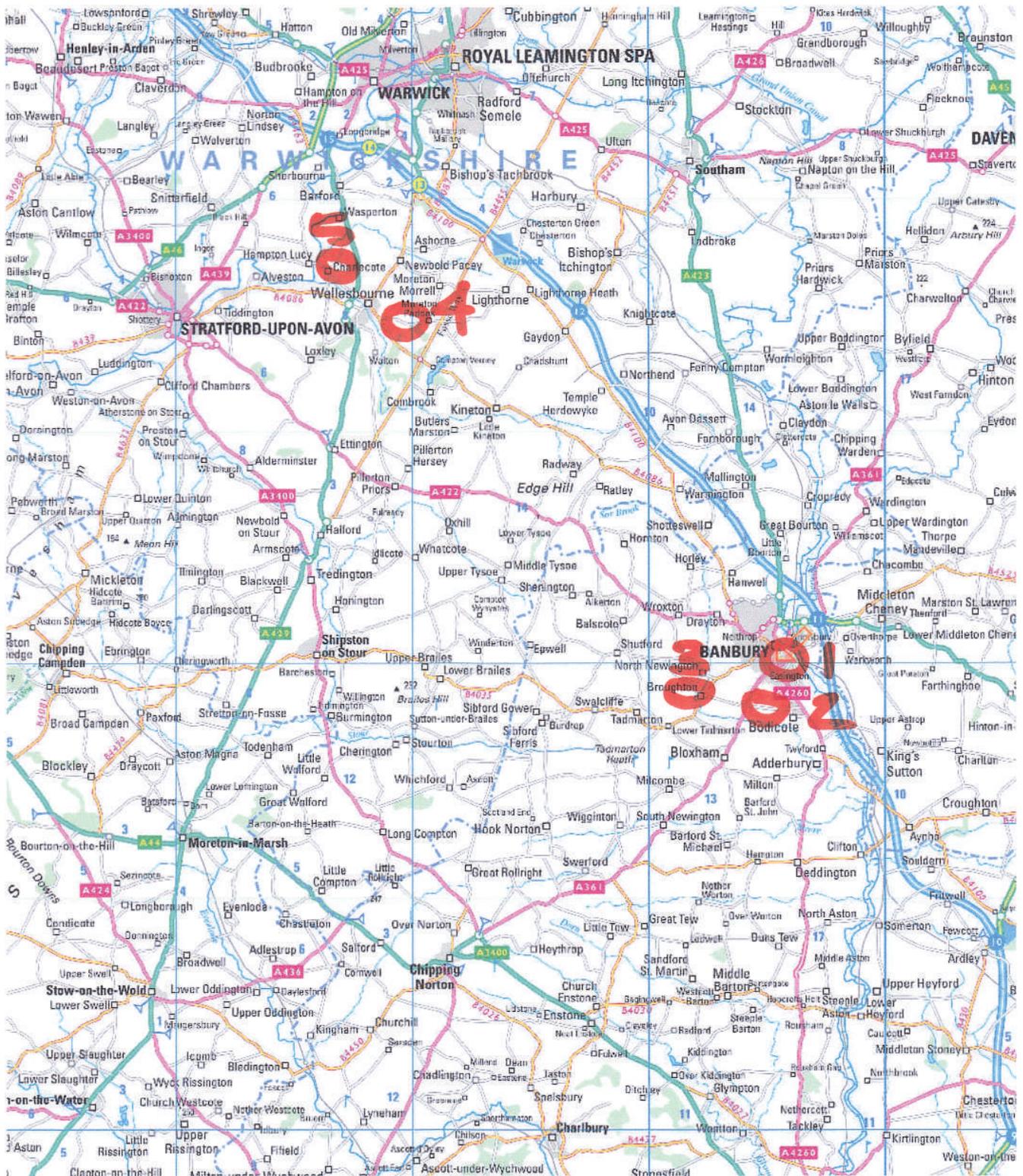
SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER

10.30am Visit to Gorse Longhorns, Lower Lea Farm, Staple Hill, Wellesbourne, Warwickshire, CV35 9LH

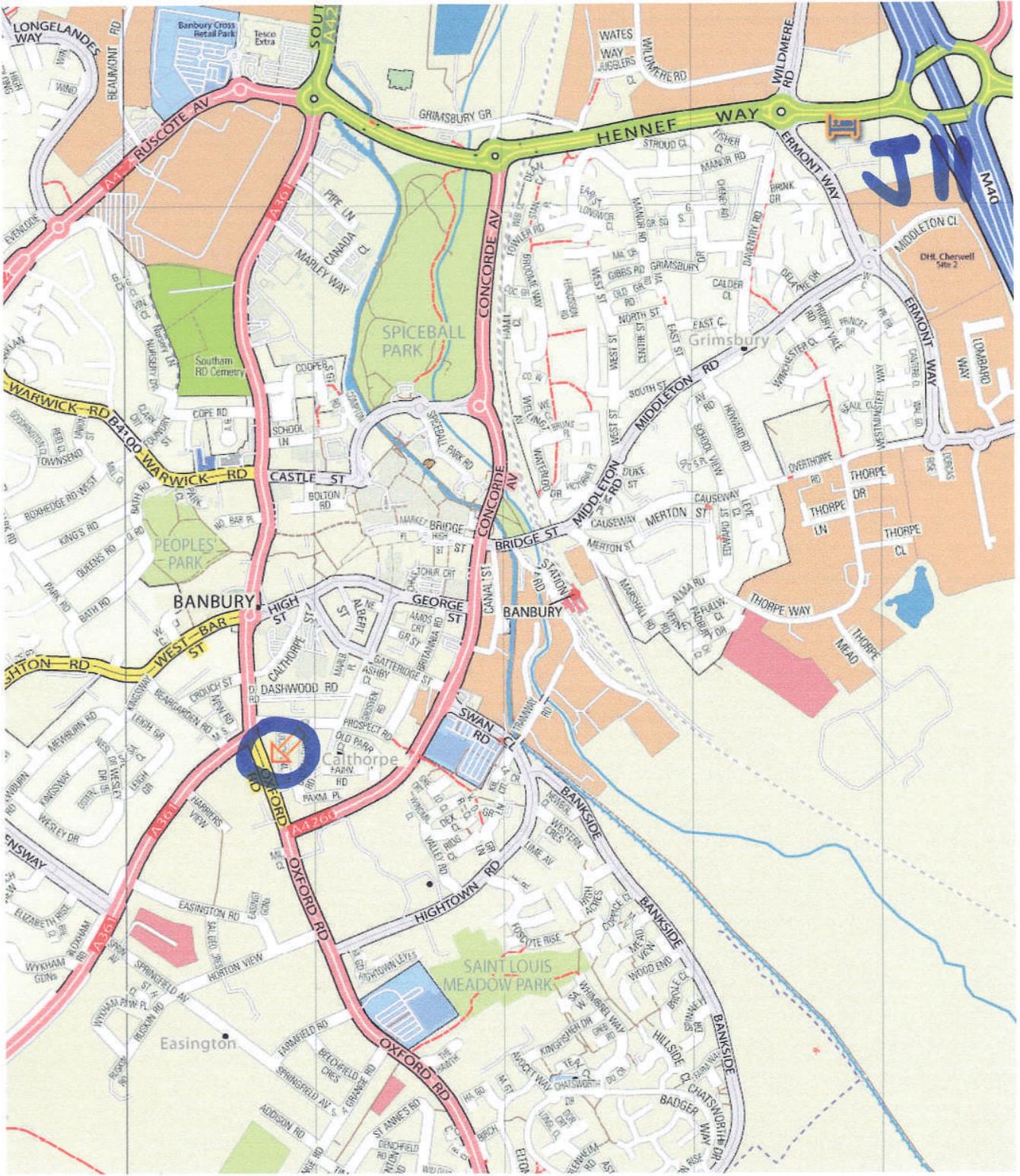
www.bishopsgorse.com

The Gorse Herd was founded 50 years ago and is the oldest privately owned Longhorn herd in the Herdbook. John Brigg is currently the Society's President. The herd has had very many successes in the show ring and cattle carrying the Gorse prefix or their progeny are in many Longhorn herds up and down the country. Steers are sold to either via Worcester market where they always have a keen following or to Richard Vaughan at Huntsham Meats whom we visited for the AGM in 2014.

1.00pm Carvery lunch at the Charlecote Pheasant, Charlecote, CV35 9EW, then depart. This must be pre-booked and paid for in advance.



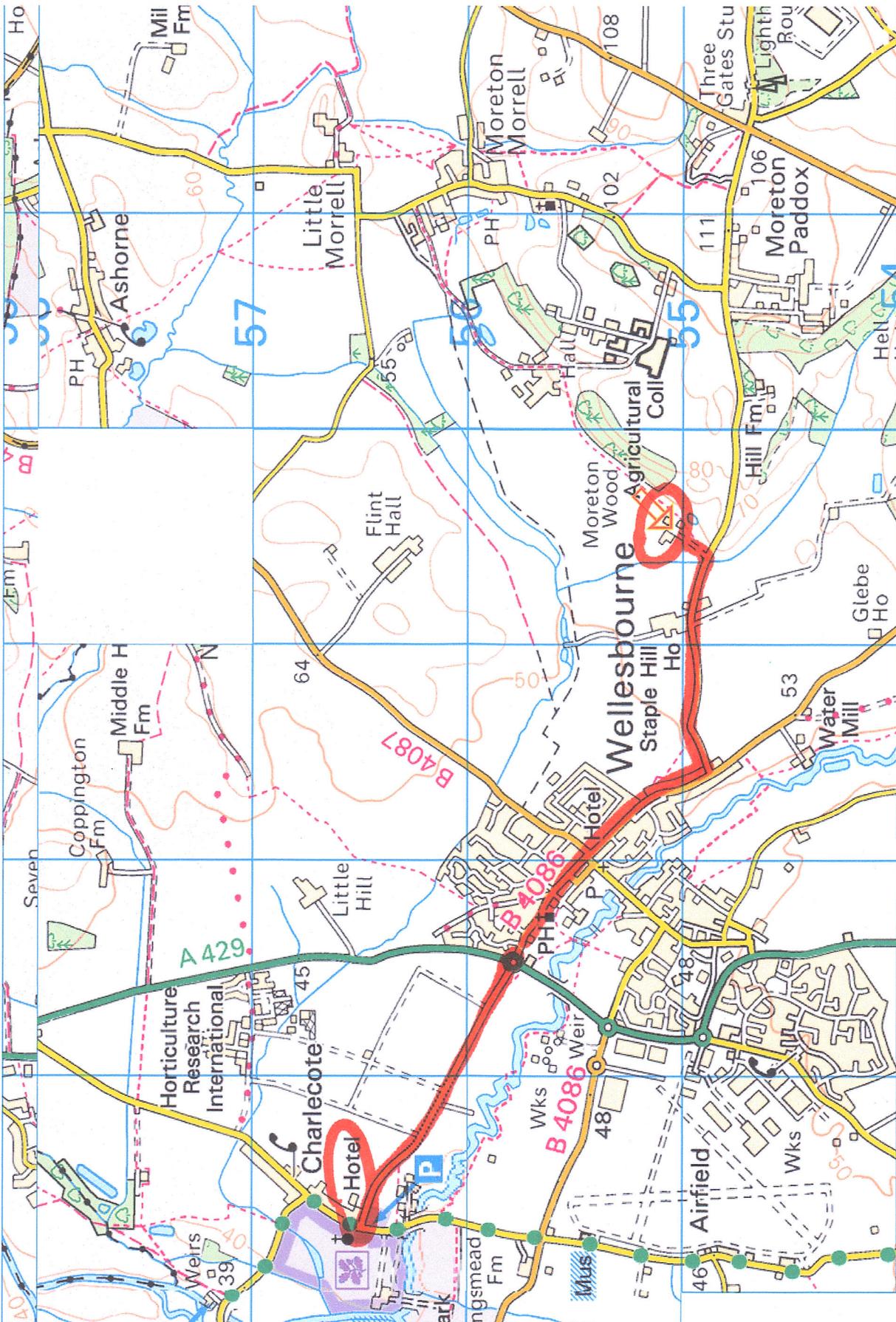
- 1: BANBURY + HOTEL OX16 9AH
- 2: WYKHAM PARK FARM, OX16 9UP
- 3: BLOUGHTON CASTLE OX15 5EB
- 4: LOWER LEA FARM CV35 9UT
- 5: CHARLE COTE PHEASANT HOTEL CV35 9EW



LOCATION OF BANBURY HOUSE HOTEL



LOCATION OF WYKHAM PARK FARM & BROUGHTON CASTLE



LOCATION OF LOWER LEA FARM & CHARLE COTE PLEASANT HOTEL