

Points of interest

Arthur Heygate Mackmurdo (1851-1942)

A renowned architect, artist and social reformer, Mackmurdo developed his artistic talent with John Ruskin at Oxford and was associated with William Morris and the Arts and Crafts Movement. He helped to introduce the Art Nouveau style to England and was a founder of the Rural Community Council of Essex. He lived for a time at the house he designed at Little Ruffins at Wickham Bishops. An example of his work can be seen at Snows Corner, now a hair salon.



St Mary's Chapel

Rev Ernest Geldart (1848-1929) was an architect before becoming rector of Little Braxted, and combined careers by designing church furnishings, fittings and extensions for fellow clergy. In 1888, he broke his leg and was unable to travel to Little Braxted church for services, so he built St Mary's Chapel by his home at Braxted Place. He famously redecorated the interior of Little Braxted Church with spectacular neo-Gothic pictures and stencil-work during his tenure.



War Memorial

The war memorial, shared between Great and Little Braxted and Wickham Bishops, was privately funded by Mr and Mrs Wilson of Little Braxted in memory of their son Lt Charles Oscar Wilson, killed in action in 1917 aged 23. The dignified Grade II listed monument, comprising a hexagonal pillar topped with an orb and cross, standing on a three-step hexagonal plinth, carries 30 names in total, 22 from World War 1 and eight from World War 2.



Refreshments

Olio at The Chequers
The Green Man
The Bull

01621 893824
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olioatthechequers.co.uk
greenmanlittlebraxted.co.uk
thebullatgreattotham.co.uk

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A TALE OF THREE VILLAGES STROLL

Short Walk

This gently undulating walk takes in the pretty villages of Wickham Bishops, Little Braxted and Great Totham with plenty of stops for refreshment along the way!



Mainly hardstanding but some unmade lanes and field paths. No stiles or steps



65 to 80 minutes



2.96 miles



Field paths cross the undulating countryside

How to get here



On-street parking near Snows Corner, Wickham Bishops CM8 3JZ



Bus 90 (Maldon-Witham)



Explorer 183



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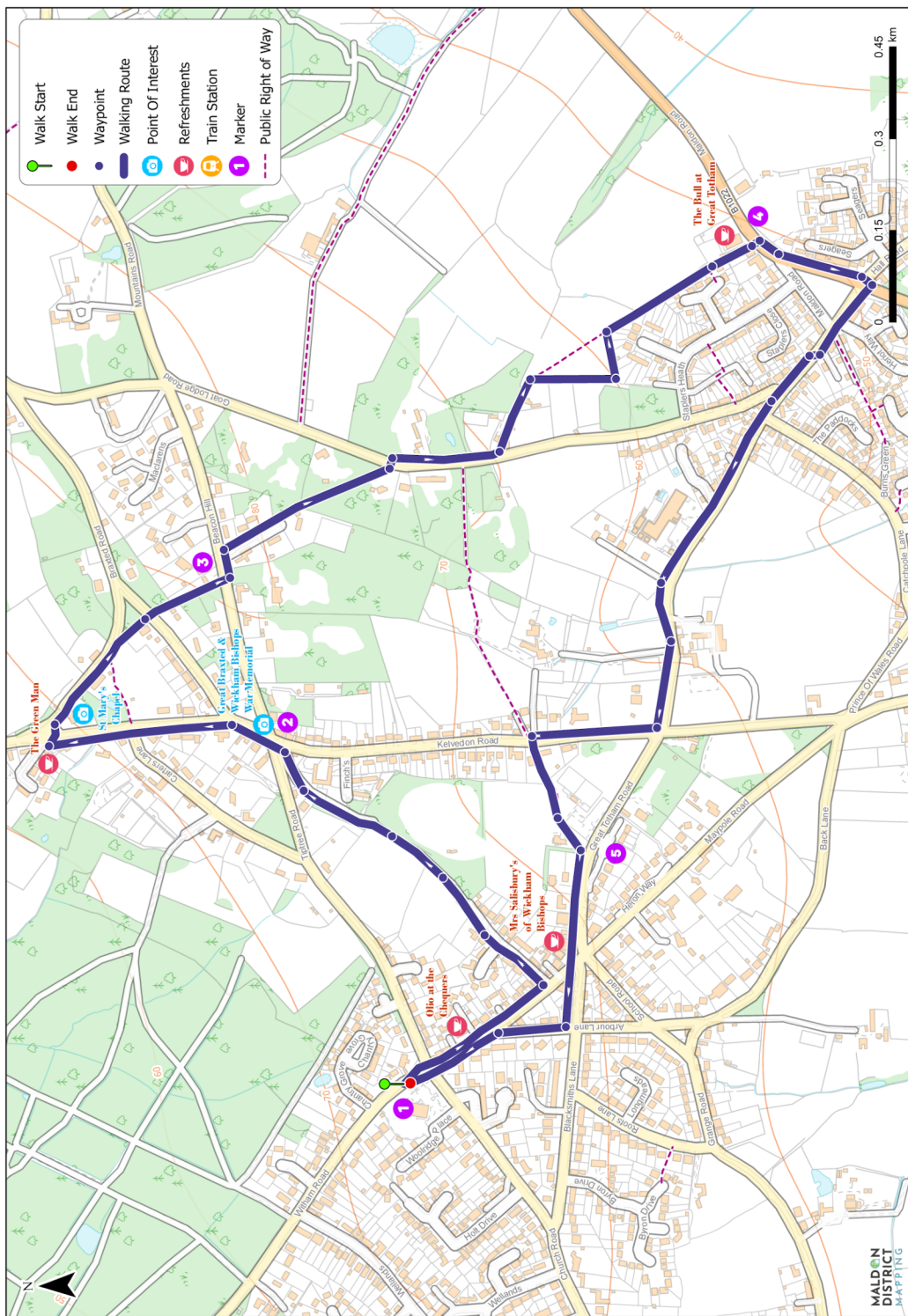


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Route



1. Starting from the Village Hall, exit onto Witham Road. Turn right and cross over Church Road/Tiptree Road and go along The Street, soon passing **Olio at the Chequers** on the left. Then, 175 yards after passing the restaurant, look out for Handley's Lane (leading to Poney Chase) on the left. Turn left onto this lane. In 200 yards, at the end of the tarmacked lane, go ahead on the unmade track through trees. In another 200 yards, keep ahead, ignoring a path forking off to the right. You will soon reach some **old cottages** and soon after the track exits onto Kelvedon Road.

2. Turn left onto Kelvedon Road, where you soon reach a crossroads. Cross Tiptree Road/Beacon Hill and go ahead on Braxted Road (signposted Kelvedon and Great Braxted), with the village **war memorial** on your right. In 80 yards, fork left onto Kelvedon Road (signposted Kelvedon and Witham). You are now in Little Braxted. After 300 yards you will reach the **village green**, with the **Green Man** pub on your left. Turn right with the brick wall of **Braxted Place** to your right and the village green to your left. Turn right into Heath Lane, passing the little chapel of **St Mary's** on the side of the house. Go ahead on Heath Lane for 150 yards until you see a footpath sign on your right, with two paths signposted. Take the left-hand path, which soon exits onto Braxted Road. Cross over and follow the signposted footpath opposite, which comes out onto Beacon Hill.

3. Turn left onto Beacon Hill (you are now in Great Totham) and after 50 yards, turn right onto the signposted footpath, which is the driveway for the houses Chateaulaine and Hawthorns. Go past the houses on your left and in 100 yards continue ahead on the enclosed footpath, which skirts the edge of **Beacon Wood**. After 230 yards, the footpath exits onto Goat Lodge Road. Turn right and walk along this road. Looking ahead as you walk down the road you will see how high this part of Great Totham is – on a clear day you can see the high-rise buildings of Southend-on-Sea on the skyline, nearly 20 miles away! After almost 200 yards, turn left down the signposted track past an old house called **Staplers** to reach a field. Turn right and then left along the field edge, turning right into the footpath hemmed in by hedges and fences. Around 250 yards after the narrow footpath begins you will reach Maldon Road (B1022), with **The Bull** pub to your left.

4. Cross this busy road with care and turn right along the path, with the **cricket green** on your left. Cross over Hall Road and in front of **Great Totham Stores**, use the zebra crossing to re-cross Maldon Road. Turn right and immediately left onto Walden House Road. Go ahead on this road for half a mile, passing **Great Totham Primary School** on your right. On reaching a crossroads, turn right onto Kelvedon Road. After 200 yards, look out for a signpost on the side of the road you are walking on, which is pointing east and west. Cross over the road and follow the enclosed footpath (a house called Mi-Way is on the right of this path). The path soon opens out, with **tennis courts** to the left and **football pitches** to the right. Go ahead until you reach Great Totham Road.

5. Turn right onto Great Totham Road, passing former pub The Mitre on your right. At this five-way junction of roads cross over Great Totham Road and keep ahead on Blacksmiths Lane. After 100 yards, turn right into Arbour Lane. You will soon reach The Street. Turn left here, retracing your steps past **Olio at the Chequers** to reach Wickham Bishops Village Hall, where you started the walk.