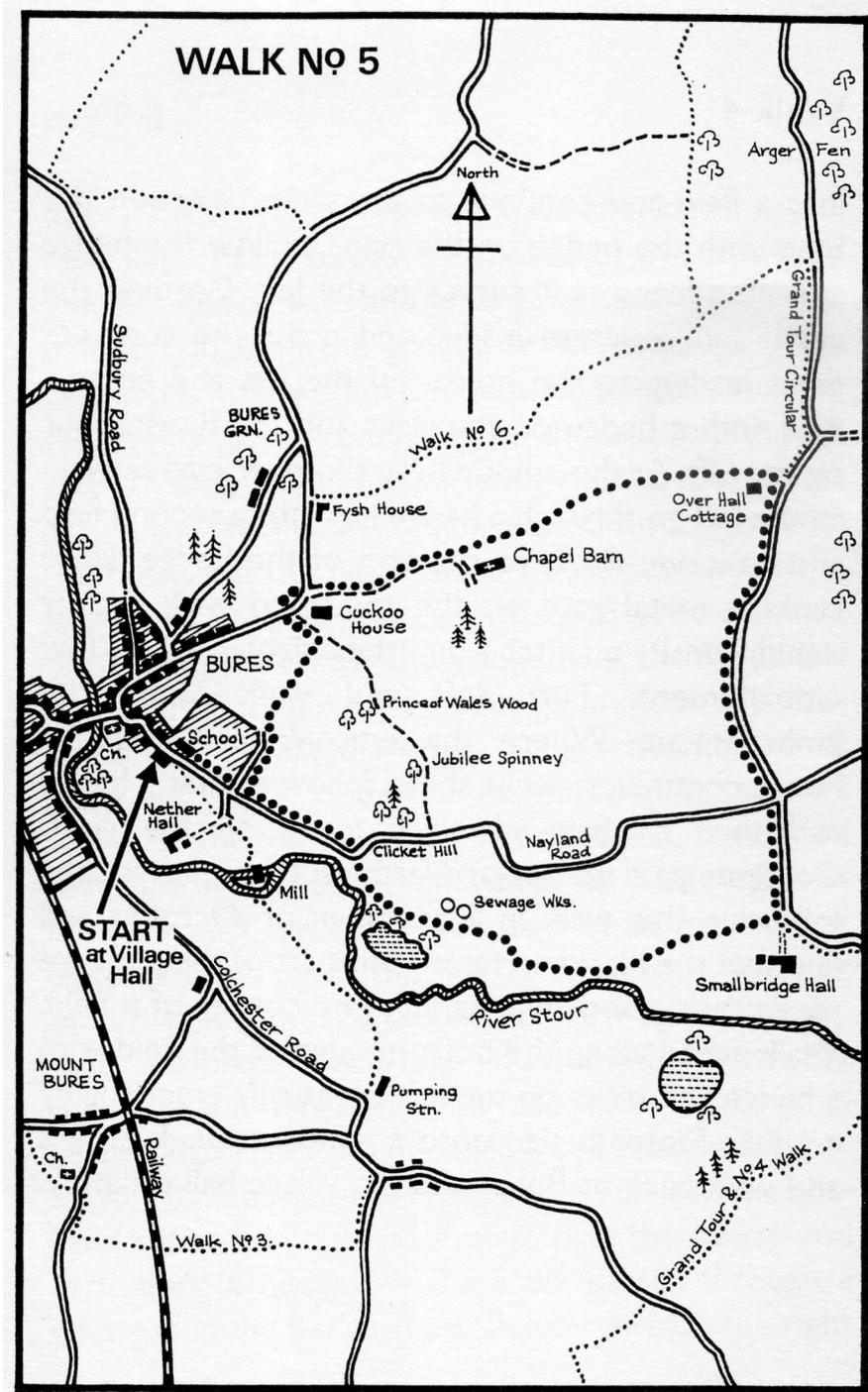


Walk 5

Distance: 6.5 km (4.1 miles)

This walk starts by following the Stour down stream before climbing out of the valley to a highpoint which affords good views further down the valley. The return leg passes the restored chapel that houses the tombs of members of the de Vere family.



1. Leave the village hall car-park and turn right onto the road passing in front of the school. Continue on this road passing the turning on the left into Claypits Avenue and on the right to Nether Hall. Where the road turns sharply left uphill go straight ahead to the left of a gate. Go ahead through a metal gate and walk along the right hand edge of the field to the field corner and go through the metal gate.
2. Walk ahead to the right of a chain link fence and the sewage-works on the left. At the end on the fence continue along an embankment and follow the embankment as it

turns sharply to the right to a gate. Turn left and walk along keeping a single bush on the left.

3. Pass through a gap into the next field still with a bush on the left and the River Stour on the right. Go through two metal gates to the concrete driveway leading to a black weather-board house on the right. Cross an earth bridge into a large field and go ahead keeping the hedge on the left.
4. When about 50m from the end of the field go through a metal gate in the hedge. Turn right with the hedge now on the right and then walk beside a house to a minor road. (Drive leading to Smallbridge Hall on the right). Go left and walk up a gentle rise to the crossroads. Continue over the crossroads and walk up the hill.
5. Just after Overhall Cottages* turn left at a public footpath sign onto a path between high hedges and emerge into a very large field by a post and a waymark sign. Go straight ahead keeping to the crest of the hill throughout the descent and arrive at a stile, public footpath sign and waymark sign. Cross the stile and walk across the pasture to a wooden footbridge and stile opposite.
6. Walk up the hill to the right of a fence and a plantation to join a paved farm track. (Chapel Barn with the de Vere tombs on the left). Continue ahead on the track eventually emerging between farm buildings onto a minor road. Turns left and after a short distance turn left again by a public footpath sign. Walk in front of the house to a crossroad of tracks and turn right by the waymark signs onto the stony track going steeply down hill. At the bottom emerge into a residential area; continue ahead to the road and turn right to return to the village hall car-park.