

Leisure in Warfield

Walks and Cycle Rides

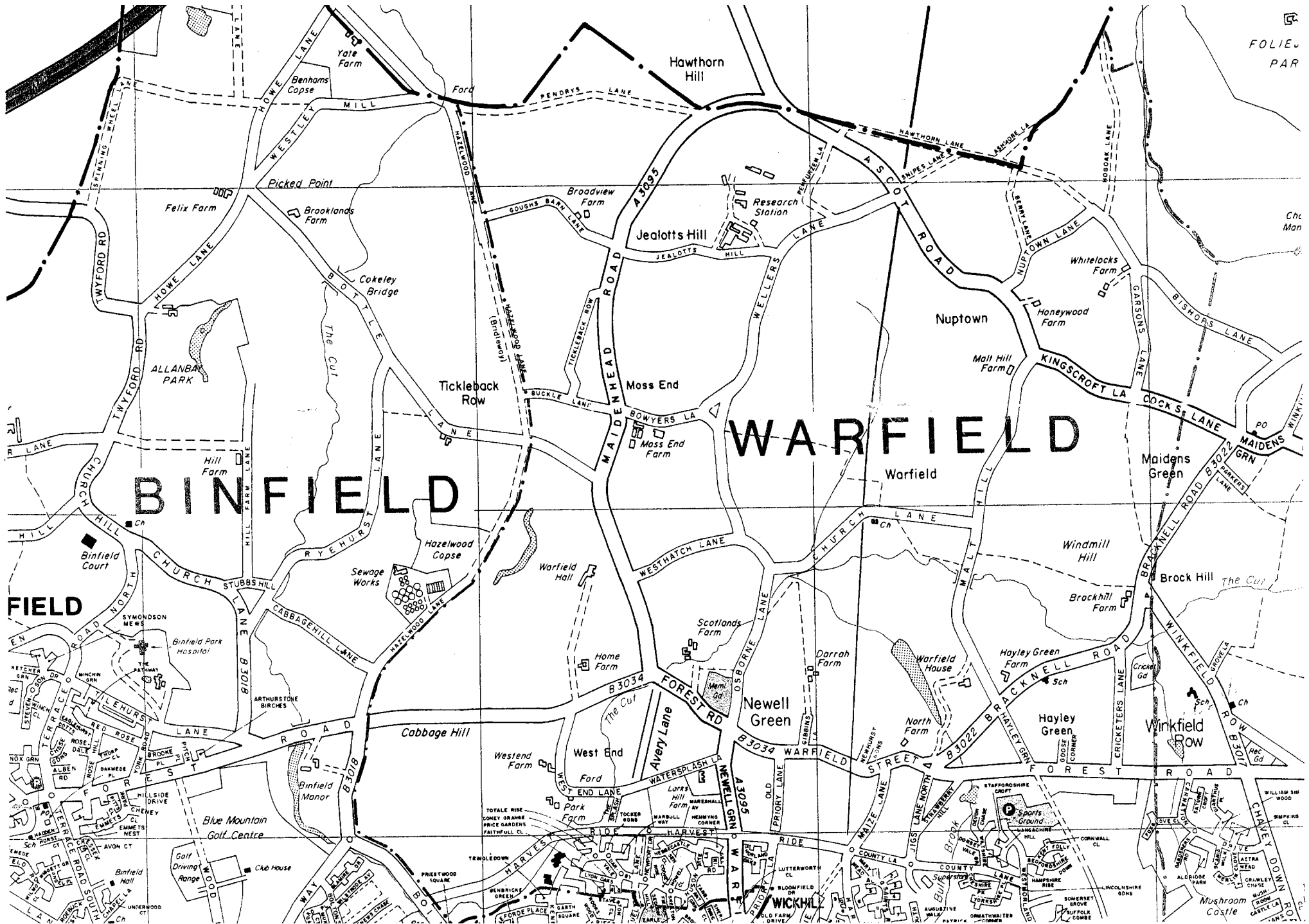
For the second edition of 'Walks & Cycle Rides' here are two shorter walks, ideal for a Sunday afternoon now that the days are drawing out and the daffodils, snowdrops and other wild flowers are starting to appear. Although both these walks refer to cars and car parking, it is hoped that many walkers will adapt them so that no initial car journey is necessary.

Walk 2

A gentle walk of about 1 1/2 miles with a hard surface all the way, although Avery Lane can get muddy when wet. Start at Larks Hill car park off Harvest Ride. Leave the car park on the downhill side and after a few yards exit out into Harvest Ride at the junction with the yet unbuilt extension to the distributor road. Do not cross Harvest Ride but stay to the right and enter Quelm Lane. At the junction with Watersplash Lane turn left and cross the Cut by the footbridge. Linger here because there is always the chance of a fleeting glimpse of a Kingfisher. You are now in West End Lane. Follow this quiet lane past the pheasant & partridge farm, past The Old Farmhouse, one of the older 16th. Century houses in Warfield, until you reach the junction with Forest Road. On your right is Keith's Farm Shop. An excellent source of home grown fresh vegetables & other produce. Turn right and follow the pavement past the impressive lodge to Warfield Hall, once the home of both Field Marshall Sir Robert Brownlow and Tommy Sopwith, to name but two famous Warfield residents. Cross the Cut and enter the car park of the Three Legged Cross. Pause for refreshment by all means, this a small village pub virtually unchanged from 'yesteryear'. They serve a good weekday lunch. Go to the back of the car park, past Huntercombe, the old village bakery and into Avery Lane. It is signed as a Byway. In the lane you will see the work of HAWCs (Hedge & Woodland Conservationists) a local voluntary group who specialise in coppicing and hedge laying. At the junction with Watersplash Lane you can either go straight back to the car park or on entering Larks Hill bear left and circle this open common listening to the larks and admiring the community orchard and its selection of apple & plum trees.

Walk 3

No more than 1 1/2 miles this walk has a mix of rural footpaths, lanes, pavement and bridleway. It has several stepover stiles. Park in the Memorial Ground car park in Osborne lane. Immediately opposite is St Michael's Grange formerly Osborne Lane Farm where Charles de Gaulle spent his first days after fleeing France in 1940. Follow Osborne Lane to the bridge over the Cut. This is an excellent bridge for Pooh Sticks, but be careful in the excitement to beware of traffic. At the bridge take the signed footpath on your right and follow the Cut to the junction with another path. Turn right and crossing the Cut again enter a large grass field. Follow the path across the field and enter Gibbins Lane through a ramblers stile. At the end of Gibbins Lane you enter Warfield Street, turn left and follow the pavement. Take the first turning to your right. This is Maize Lane and very soon on the right you will find a signed Bridleway. This is Warfield's newest public path and as yet has no name other than Bridleway 26. It has recently been planted with a new native species hedge thanks to the hard work of Parish volunteers and Bracknell Forest Borough Council funding. Follow the Bridleway to its junction with Old Priory Lane and turn right. This brings you back into Warfield Street. Cross the road and turn left. You will pass in front of Newell Green House, a fine Queen Anne mansion now being converted into apartments. At the cross roads you can either slate your thirst in the Plough & Harrow or go through the lych-gate into the Memorial Ground and back to the car.



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