

**Free**

# 4 mile walk from Chalfont St Giles

## Great Walks in the Chiltern District

This walk starts from the picturesque village centre, with its pond, village green and pump. It follows the South Bucks Way alongside the river down the Misbourne Valley and returns on higher ground. The lower parts can be muddy after rainfall. Some stiles may be replaced by gates.

Bus 305 stops at the Village Green and 353 on the A413, but not on Sundays.



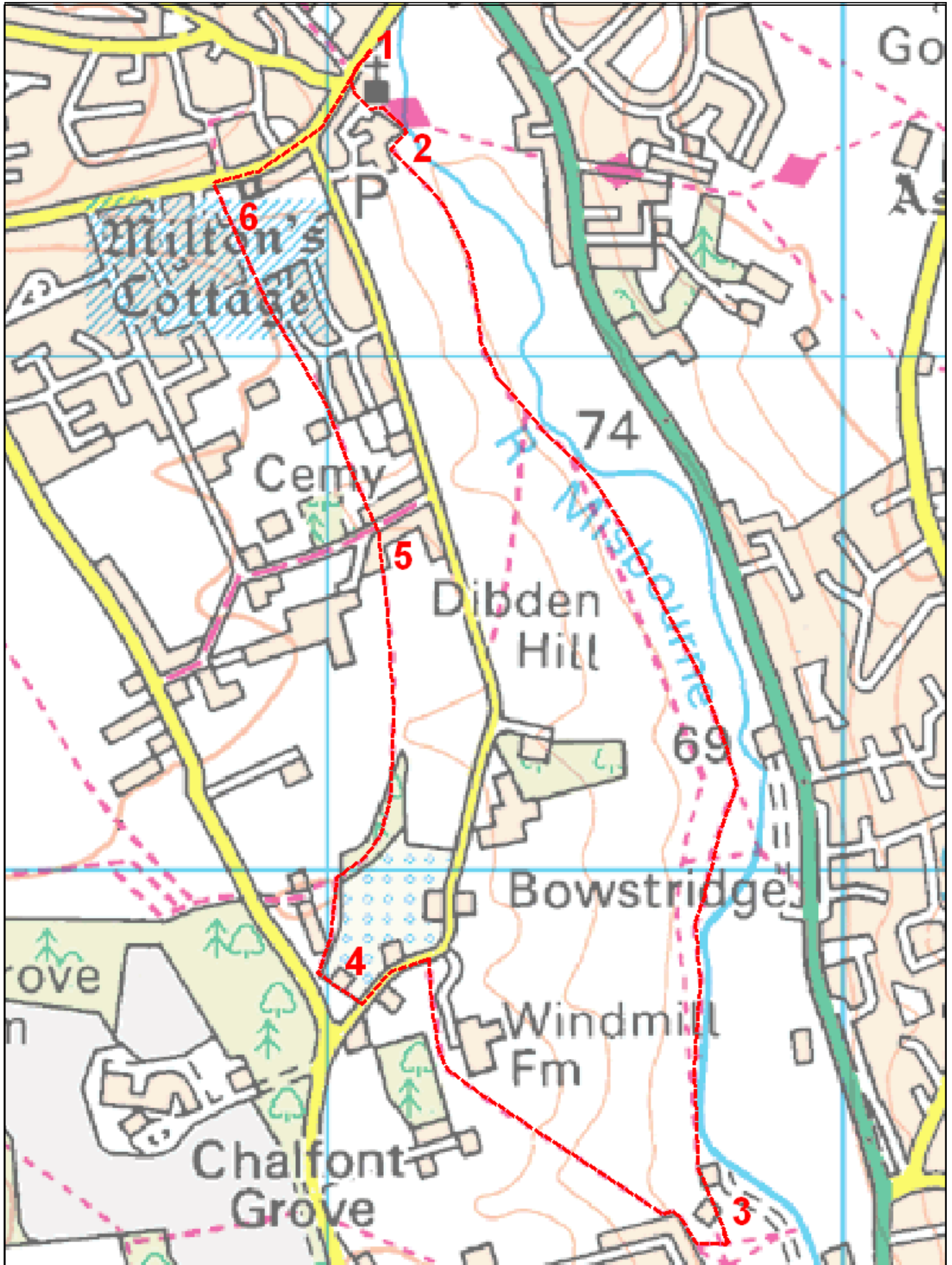
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From the village green (1), walk up the High Street a few yards and turn left, nearly opposite The Crown public house, to go through an archway, which is a timber-framed lychgate of 13<sup>th</sup> century St Giles' Church. Follow the path that goes by the side of the churchyard, signposted "South Bucks Way". Just before a bridge over the River Misbourne, turn sharp right and walk past a block of flats (2), go left under the trees and left again, following arrows to the South Bucks Way for almost 2 miles to the next village, Chalfont St Peter.

You pass between hedges for the first 400 yards and then through a succession of fields for the next mile, with fences or hedges on your left, crossing a whole series of stiles, but ignoring any stiles to your left. It is peaceful walking along the bottom of this valley, slightly away from the river, although you maybe able to hear traffic on the nearby road. When you reach a long metal gate in front of you, look for a metal kissing gate at the left side of the field. Pass through this and walk through the wood, continuing alongside a fence on your right. At the next wood, take the right fork in the paths, passing around tennis courts on your left. You then come out on the side of playing fields. Walk past the pavilion just for 100 yards, when you see a path between the gardens of houses to your right (3).

At this point, you could continue ahead for a further few hundred yards to visit the village of Chalfont St Peter, with St Peter's Church, old inns, teashops and a modern shopping centre.

Otherwise walk up the side path to the first road. Turn right along a short length of track between houses to reach a stile at the start of a large field. There are fine views here across the valley to Chalfont Common. Walk half left across this field to the rising ground on the left hand side and look for a stile almost hidden in the hedge. Cross this into the next field and walk diagonally uphill to the stile at the top corner. Cross two stiles here and go across the next field, making for the left end of a tall hedge. Pass through the kissing gate and along a long enclosed path past Windmill Farm and on to the end at Bowstridge Lane.

Turn left along the lane for 200 yards, walking on the right hand side. Opposite Grove Cottage, go through a kissing gate on the right to follow an enclosed path (4). As this reaches a road, turn right onto another enclosed path. Follow this for 250 yards, when you come to a high wire fence. Turn right and follow along this path for half a mile. You come to a stony track at Dibden Hill (5). The houses down to the right are the site of a Chartist colony, founded in 1846.

Cross the track, go through a gate ahead and continue along the right hand side of the field, then past a bowling green and along the track which borders the playing fields. Go past the entrance gates and continue along the hedge to the right hand corner of the fields. Continue onto the enclosed tarred path going in the same direction, past the school and down the hill to a road, The Deanway. Turn right and you soon pass the 17<sup>th</sup> century cottage where John Milton wrote "Paradise Lost" in 1665 whilst fleeing the plague (6). Continue down the road past timber framed cottages back to Chalfont St Giles village centre, where there are pubs, cafes and restaurants.

# Simply Walk

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Walking is a great way to improve your health, it can help to:

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If you would like to know more about the local group of the Ramblers Association, or would like to know of more walks in the Chiltern District, please call Madeline Moody on **01494 727504** or look on the website **[www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk)** and click on local groups

There are many more walks within the Chiltern District, which are detailed in a number of leaflets and publications.

There are a number of books covering walks, including themed walks from pubs and tearooms. Many of these are available from tourist information centres, bookshops or your local library.

For more information, please ring the Tourist Information Centre at High Wycombe on **01494 421892**

Or contact the Marketing and Tourism Officer at Chiltern District Council on **01494 732023**

All our walks leaflets and visitor information can be found on our website at

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