

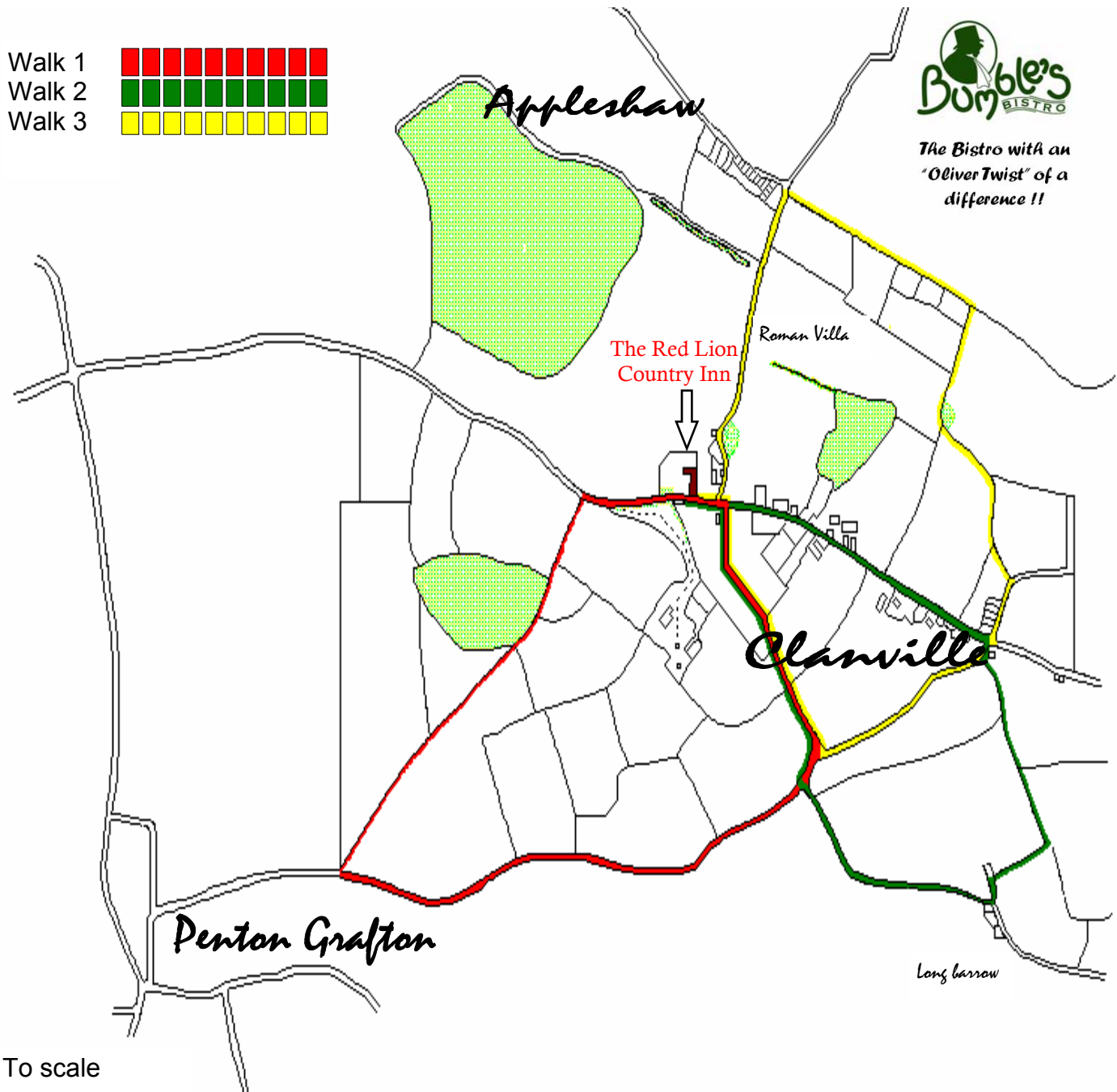
Walk 1

Penton Grafton and the lanes.

This 1 hour walk incorporates hard surface walking, woodland and a short section of footpath across a well trodden field.

1. When leaving The Red Lion Country Inn turn right towards Weyhill.
2. At the end of the line of beech trees, approximately 500 yards, turn left through the entrance adjacent to the white gate. Proceed toward the wood, enjoying the view of Blissmore Hall on your left. It is reported that during the 12th century a group of Monks who occupied the hall, developed a flying machine. One unfortunate monk died within the grounds from multiple injuries consistent with “falling from a great height”.
3. Continue along the path at the edge of the wood, over the stile and through the field along the clearly defined path. The edge of Penton Grafton can be clearly seen on the right with the northern half of Penton Mewsey being seen nestling in the valley ahead.
4. Upon reaching the road turn left. Continue along the road for approximately half a mile until reaching the signposted junction. Keep left and follow the road all the way until reaching the main Clanville road adjacent to the village hall.
5. Turn left and head towards The Red Lion Country Inn for a well earned drink!

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To scale

Walk 2 Nutbane and Clanville.

This 45 minute walk includes leafy green lanes, footpaths and picturesque grass tracks.

1. Upon leaving The Red Lion Country Inn turn left towards the main centre of the village.
2. Adjacent to the village hall turn right, approximately 100 yards.
3. Follow this lane until reaching the staggered junction, keep right at the first, and left at the second marked "Nutbane".
4. After approximately a quarter of a mile you will enter the hamlet of Nutbane. Although now consisting of only one pair of cottages and a few farm buildings Nutbane has a long history. The site of an Iron age long barrow can be seen in the fields on the right.
5. When reaching the first cottage turn left then, after 20 yards, right along the marked footpath.
6. At the top of the field turn left along the grass track. Follow this path along until reaching the main Clanville road behind the house which used to be the old village church.
7. Continuing down the Clanville main road you pass Clanville Farm on the right, then the garage on the left. About 100 yards past the garage you will pass Holy Thorn Cottage. It is said that 60 years after the crucifixion of Christ, Joseph of Aramathea arrived at Glastonbury and planted a cutting from the "crown of thorns". Part of this bush was then transferred to this cottage garden giving rise to the name "Holy Thorn Cottage". This shrub, which still survives today, has inch long thorns and is reported to flower on Christmas day.
8. Located a little further on the right is The Red Lion Country Inn.

Walk 3 Appleshaw hill, Sopers, Virgo and Duck street.

This 1 hour 15 minute walk includes hard surfaces and grass tracks, sensible waterproof footwear is recommended on all but the driest of days.

1. When leaving The Red Lion Country Inn turn left towards the main part of the village.
2. After approximately 90 yards turn left up the hill towards Appleshaw. After about one quarter of a mile you will reach the top of the hill where the Roman villa was sited on the right. This villa, of great historical interest is still only approximately two feet beneath the surface.
3. Proceed until you reach the bottom of the hill where you turn right opposite the livestock haulage company.
4. Continue along this track until you reach a side path on the right, approximately 500 yards.
5. Take this path up over the hill. From the top of this hill you can see on the left the site of an air crash that occurred during the second world war. A Blenheim bomber, damaged and attempting to reach Andover airfield crashed in the far field, called "Flinty," killing all five of the crew.
6. Continue along this track until you emerge adjacent to a row of houses on the right.
7. Follow this lane down, past the houses until you cross the road and continue straight along the lane.
8. After about a quarter of a mile, at the signposted road junction, turn right and follow along this lane until the main Clanville road is reached adjacent to the village hall.
9. Turn left and proceed back to The Red Lion Country Inn, located on the right, for a well earned rest!



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