THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF THE COLNE VALLEY





Points of interest/history

(A) To reach the 3 pubs in Denham village, after going through the kissing gate, go ahead and turn right onto Village Road. The name Denham means village in the valley. The village centre has changed remarkably little since the last century. The Falcon Inn dates back to the 16th century and has a historical photo display of the village from the past inside. Many of the houses are timber frame structures rebuilt in the 16th century. Highlights are Bowyer House (1721) on the other side of the churchyard (formerly the village schoolhouse), Hills House (where the famous actor Sir John Mills lived), Fayrstede, Wrango Hall, Old Cottage and The Old Bakery. Further along past the Village Green the road runs along the little River Misbourne. Misbourne Cottage, anciently the Waterhouse, lies by the sturdy little hump backed bridge.

(B) The Grand Union Canal was completed in 1805, linking London and the Midlands, and was vitally important to Britain's Industrial Revolution.

(C) Pop in to our Visitor Centre and riverside café by the Denham Country Park car park for some refreshments and more information and walks on further areas to explore in the Colne Valley Regional Park.





Explore historic Denham village and the woodlands, water-ways and meadows of Denham Country Park.



Access: No stiles and flat ground. Some paths can get muddy in winter.



Refreshments:

Café at the Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre (A) and 3 pubs in the village:

The Green Man (B), The Swan (C) and The Falcon (D).



Public Transport:

Trains from London Marylebone and High Wycombe stop at Denham.



By Road: Denham Country Park and the Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre are sign posted from Junction 1 of the M40. Car park charges apply (all money raised goes directly to the management of Bucks Country Parks).



Postcode: UB9 5PG

OS Grid Ref: TQ 048 864

Latitude: +51.5671, **Longitude:** -0.4897

What3Words: begins.follow.buzz

Explore the

Colne Valley Park

Countryside on your doorstep



For points of interest/history, turn over when you see this



- 1) From the main entrance of Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre, head towards the wooden signpost marked 'Denham Village' crossing over a small roadway and, as you go through the gap, stop and look at the mosaic pattern on the ground next to the Roman Well. Bear left across the grass, go through the gate and then follow the footpath keeping the fence on your right. Continue on this path, crossing over the golf course and, after going through the kissing gate, immediately turn right to cross over the small bridge and then follow this footpath to St Mary's Church. (A)
- 2) Turn left through the large iron gates and immediately turn right onto the public bridleway. Keep the wall to your left and, after about 100 yards, turn left through a gate into the churchyard. Continue straight ahead passing the grave on your left of Sir John Mills CBE and at the end of the churchyard path and public footpath, turn right onto a tarmac path (The Pyghtle) and follow the South Bucks Way/public bridleway signpost.
- 3) At the footpath intersection leave the tarmac path, ignore the gate on your right into the golf course and head straight across. Follow this bridle path, keeping the railway line to your left. When you reach the river cross the bridge, follow the path and then cross the second bridge to reach Denham Country Park.
- **4)** Continue along this path through the park, (B) over several small footbridges, and then across a large wooden bridge over the River Colne. At the path fork take the left path and follow the Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre signpost. Turn right when you reach the path T-Junction and just before you reach the car park turn right and go through the kissing gate. Carefully cross the road, go through the kissing gate and, keeping the hedge-line on your right, follow the track back to the Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre

