

# THE SAILOR & THE SOUTH FIELD

## ROUTE

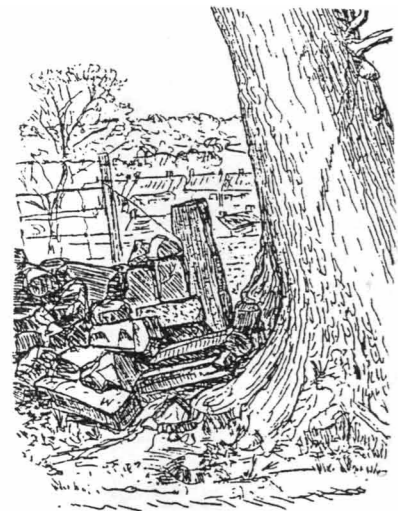
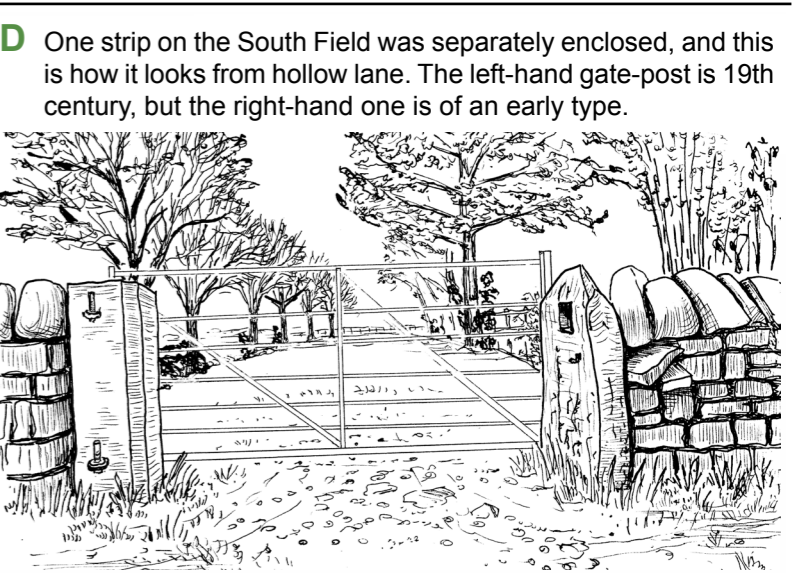
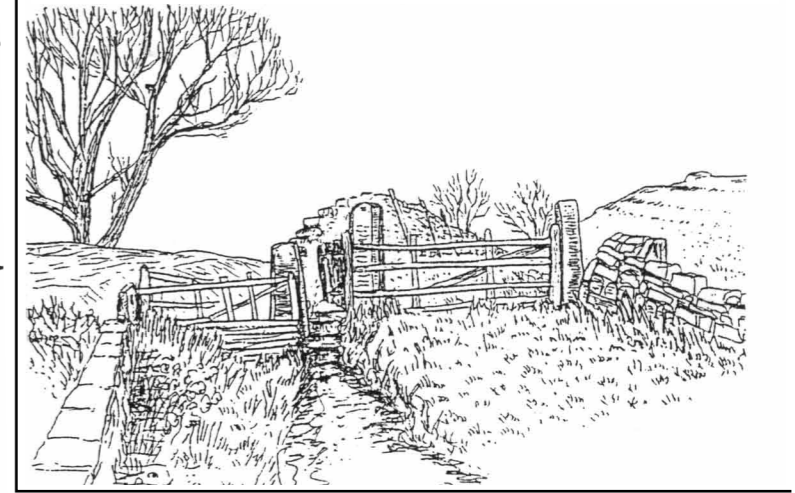
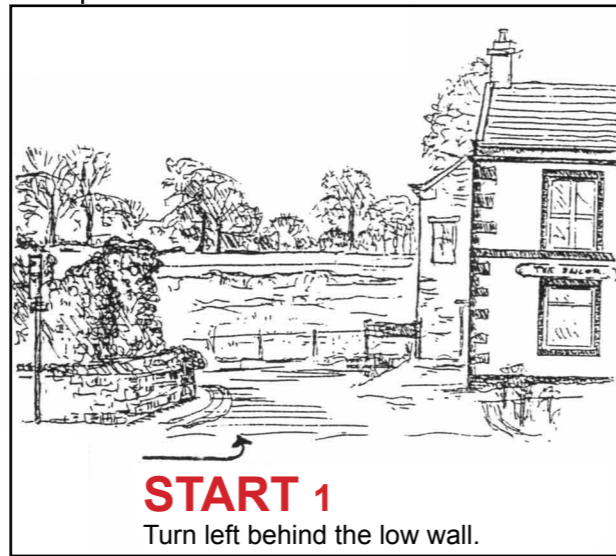
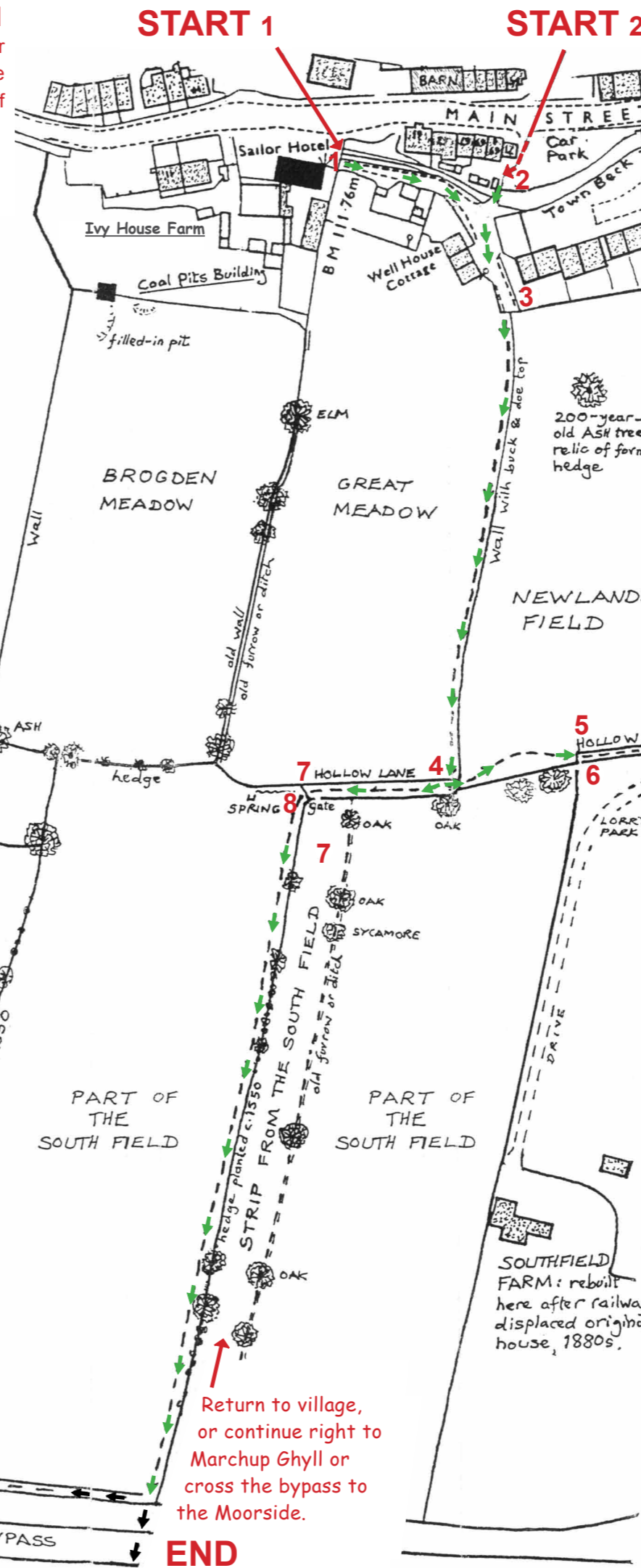
Go through the stile into the north-east corner of Great Meadow (3). Follow the path to the south-east corner of the field and squeeze through the stile (4). Turn left along the hollow lane to the eastern end (5), turn round and retrace your steps, continuing to the stile at the western end of the hollow lane (8) and follow the path up to the bypass. Return to the village via Southfield Lane (noting the blue plaque) or continue.

## POINTS OF INTEREST

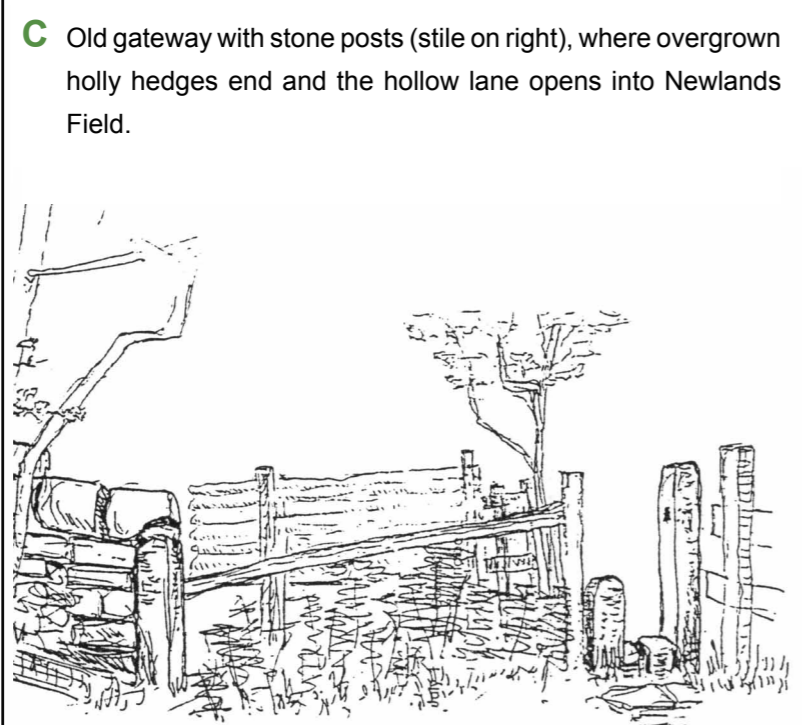
(the numbers refer to the map and can be taken in any order)

- 1 The Sailor was built in the 1830s.
- 2 The footbridge replaces an earlier ford, a little way upstream.
- 3 Stile and gate into the field (sketch A).
- 4 Stile and oak tree (sketch B).
- 5 The lane is said to be hollow because its surface was formed by excavation, soil being piled in a low bank on one side. This was done in the Middle Ages to make a boundary between common arable land (the village's South Field), and private land to the north.
- 6 Old gateway with stone posts (sketch C).
- 7 The western part of the hollow lane has tumbled medieval walls, and some lengths of more substantial dry-stone wall that date from c.1550. Looking south, the South Field lies beyond the gate (sketch D). Individual villagers cultivated their own narrow strips. These were unfenced, but one strip that survives today was separately enclosed by hedges in the 16th century.
- 8 Stile (sketch E).

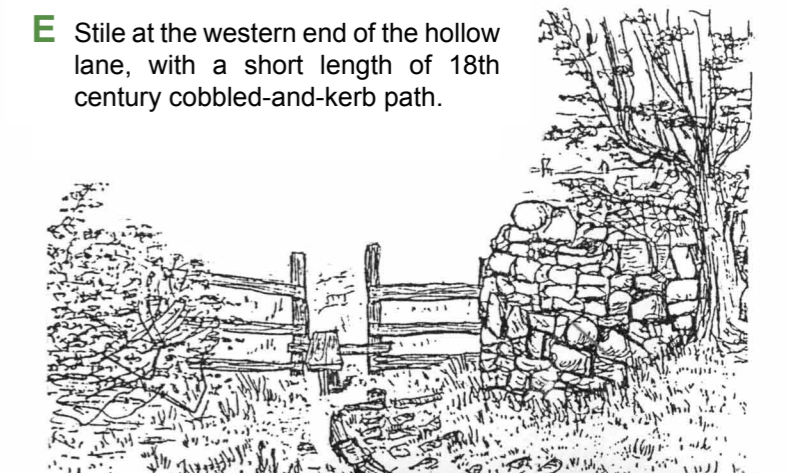
Start your walk either **1** from near The Sailor; or else **2** from the footbridge leading from a corner of the little car park.



**B** The 200-year-old oak has pushed over a stile and steps in a much older wall.



**C** Old gateway with stone posts (stile on right), where overgrown holly hedges end and the hollow lane opens into Newlands Field.



**E** Stile at the western end of the hollow lane, with a short length of 18th century cobbled-and-kerb path.

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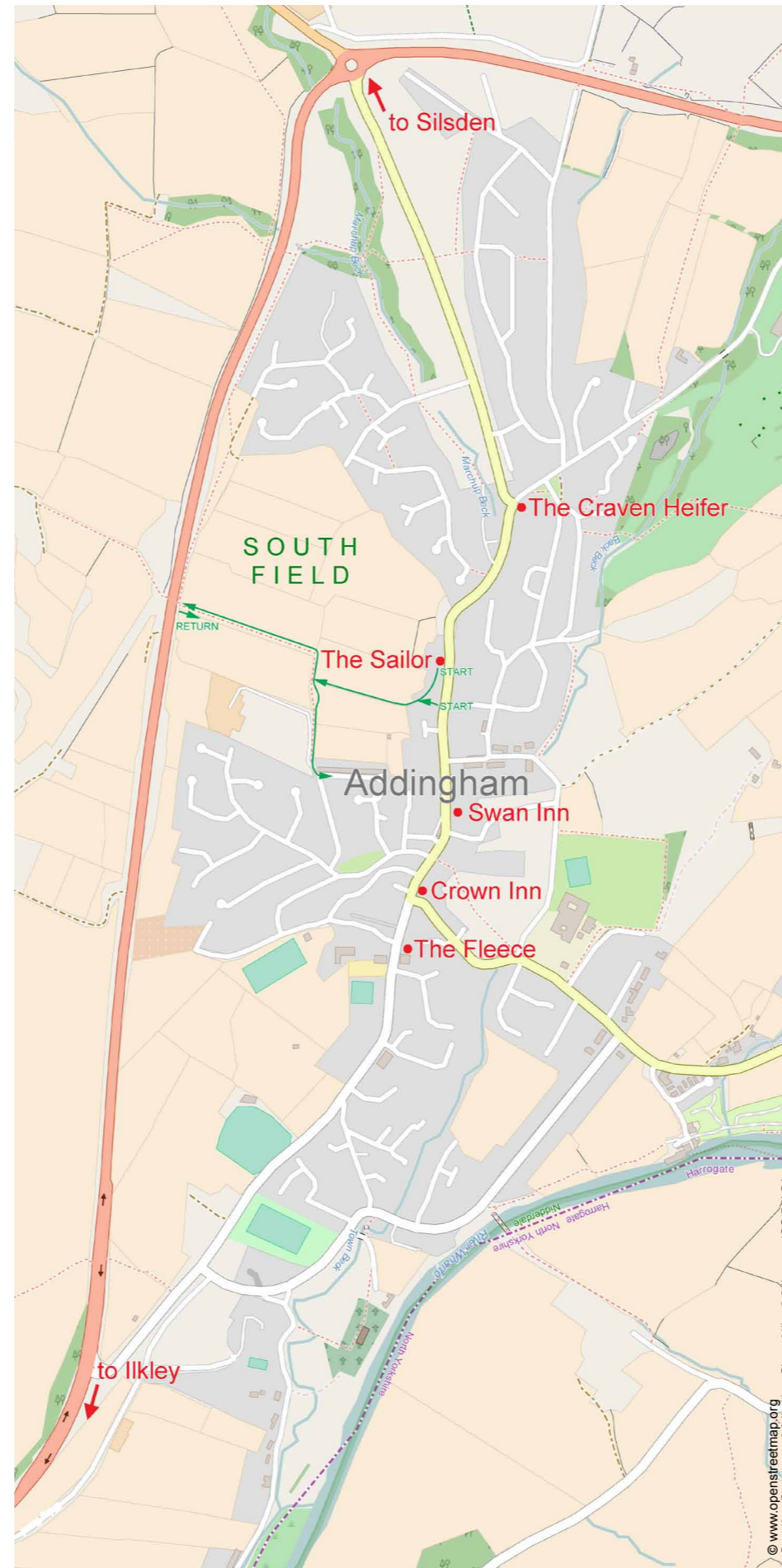
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In 1995 Arnold Pacey designed this short village walk to draw attention to the historical importance of the fields behind the Sailor Hotel in Addingham.

Of special note is the South Field. It is now enclosed, but in Medieval times it was a large open-field divided into strips. Clear evidence of one strip (7) still remains. Access to the South Field from the village was gained by the footpath (3) and the "hollow lane" (5) (see sketch map overleaf).

The walk also includes many other points of historical interest including old stiles and gateways as well as notable trees, hedges and field boundaries.

With the exception of the loss of trees to Dutch Elm disease in the 1980s, all the features on this 1995 walk can still be seen today (2017). Together they help to define Addingham's special landscape character providing a green corridor and countryside views from the village centre to the high moor.



Arnold Pacey explains, 2003.