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Cannington village is situated approximately three miles west of Bridgwater on the busy A39 Bridgwater to Minehead road, seven miles from junction 23 and six miles from junction 24 on the M5. The village is also the "gateway" to the Quantock Hills.

"Cannington" is reported to mean "Quantock settlement" This spelling of Cannington appeared around the year 1641. Earlier spellings of *Cantetone* and *Candetone* were found in records copied from the Domesday Book. In taxation and valuation records of around 1327 a spelling of *Canyngtone* was found.

Cannington has a number of nature walks all of which provide interesting viewing areas of the countryside and/or historic backgrounds.



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A CANNINGTON WALK



Around Cannington

Walk No. 7 Data and Maps supplied by Peter Nurse.
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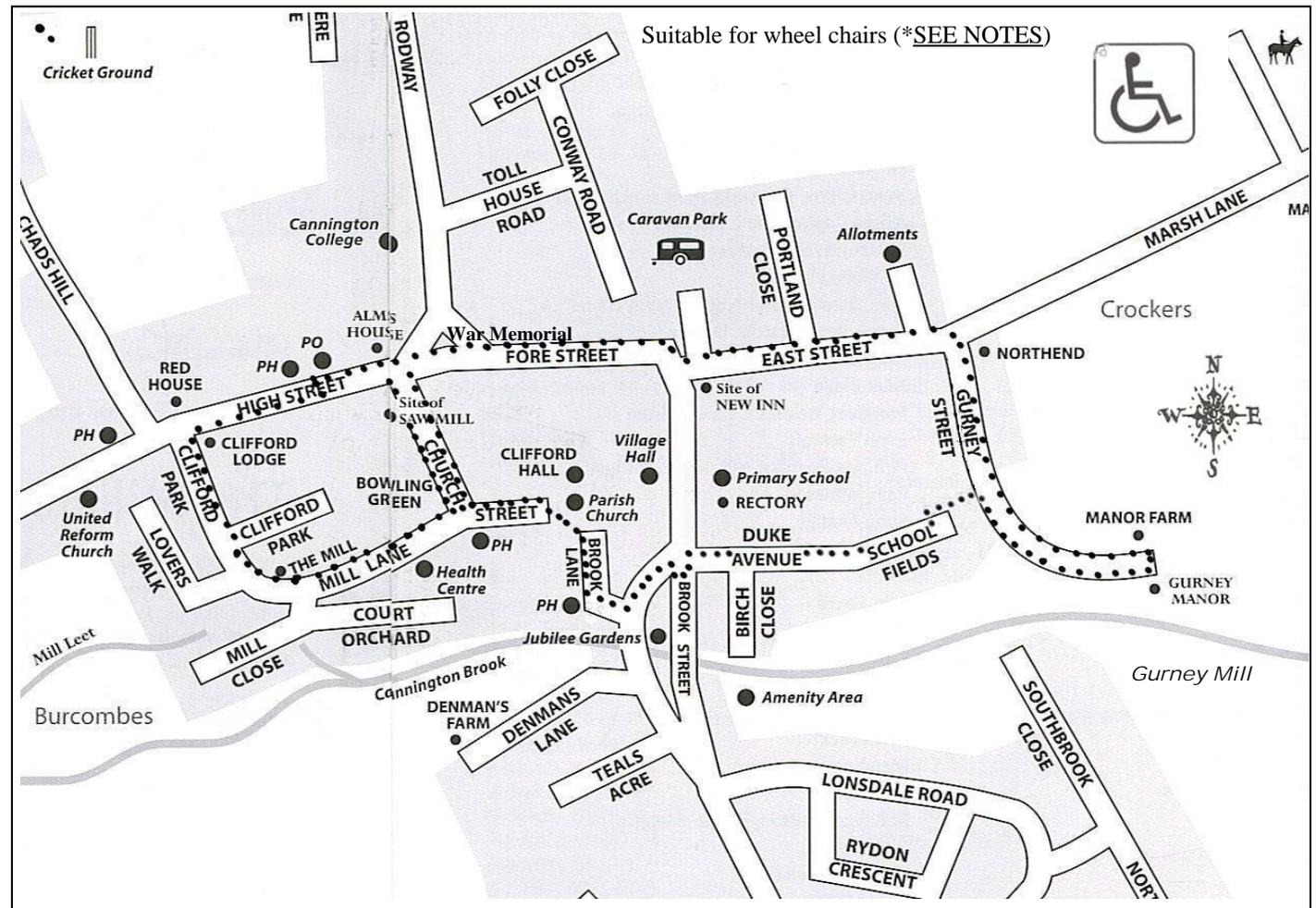
Starting from the War Memorial cross the high street into Church Street (Bowling Green). Approx 50 yards on the left is the entrance to Cannington Court (now part of the Cannington College). Enter this turning to view the House.

Retracing your steps return to Church Street and head for The Globe Inn. Turn left to view the Parish Church, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary first referred to in a record dated 1336. Proceed through the gate into the Church Yard. There is a garden of remembrance at the far end of the Church and a garden of rest through the archway opposite. Follow the path which runs diagonally across the church yard through the gate which exits into Brook Lane. On your right is the old Vicarage built about 1879.

Further down the Lane on the right is Public House formerly known as The Old Blue Anchor built about 1767. Rebuilt after a fire in 1947 and is now known as the Friendly Spirit. This name came from the friendly ghost of Maude de Meriot one of three Nuns who in the 14th century transgressed their vows and was severely beaten and died. Her body supposedly buried in the vicinity of the now Friendly Spirit. Her ghost is reputed to still haunt the upper rooms of the Inn today.

In front of you is the Cannington Brook with the Pack Horse Bridge.

The original bridge, and the later bridge, which is now the route through the village, can be seen from this point. Turn to your left and head for the pedestrian crossing. After crossing turn left and then turn right into Duke Avenue, on to School Fields. Turn left in between bungalows numbers 8 and 9. Proceed through the iron gate and turn right. Follow the path and exit into Gurney Street. Turn right. Follow this road onto a track (*access around the cattle grid is available but may be unsuitable for wheelchairs at this point) until you arrive at Gurney Manor on your right. This manor formerly named after its earliest owners has now passed to the Landmark Trust who carried out a restoration program. Further on from Gurney Manor is Gurney Mill. There are records of a mill existing on this site from around the 1200's Retrace your steps back to the War Memorial via East street. On the left as you pass along East Street you can see an example of the original thatch roofing of the houses. Continue on the right hand side and on to your starting point.



This walk can be extended by continuing on past the Henry Rogers Almshouses originally built in 1500, and then the Post Office and crossing the pedestrian crossing. At this point turn right and proceed to the left hand turning into Clifford park. This is the site of the original Clifford House. Follow the road past the Health Centre and turn left at the Globe Inn to return to the War Memorial.

War Memorial



Henry Rogers Almshouse



All persons using these walks do so at their own risk and are advised that some areas may be muddy. Please remember to close any gates encountered on the walk. Dog owners are reminded that this walk crosses farmer's land and may have animals either on this land or in adjacent fields. Please ensure that dogs are kept on a lead at all times. Also be aware that it is a fineable offence not to clear up should the dog