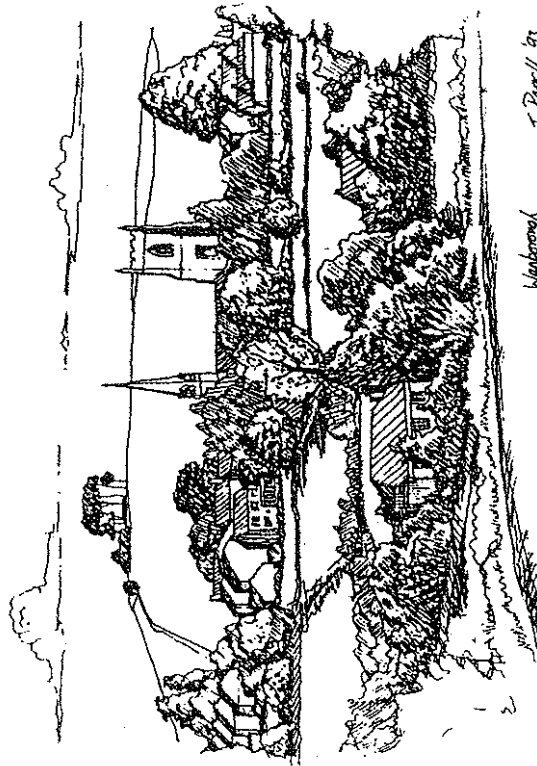


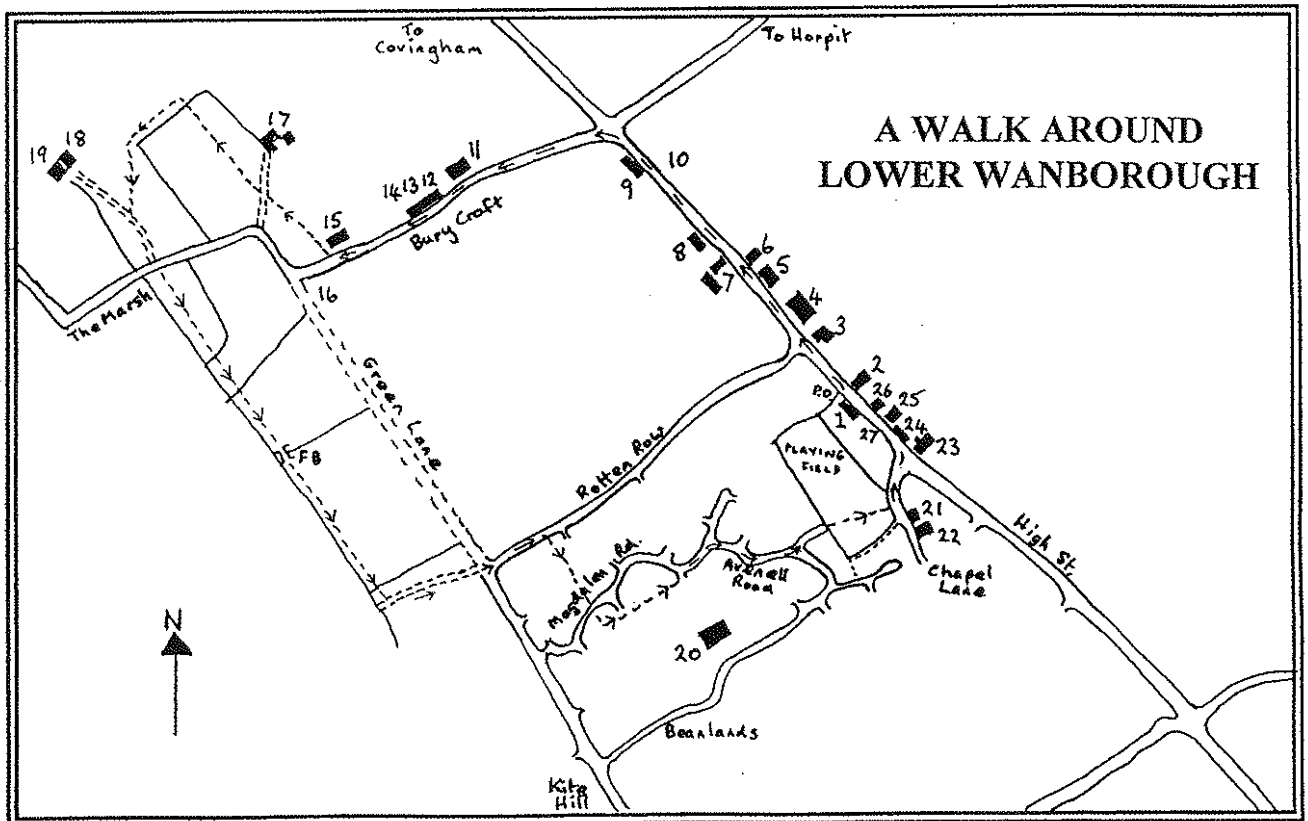
**A WALK AROUND  
LOWER WANBOROUGH**

**BARBARA PARNELL**

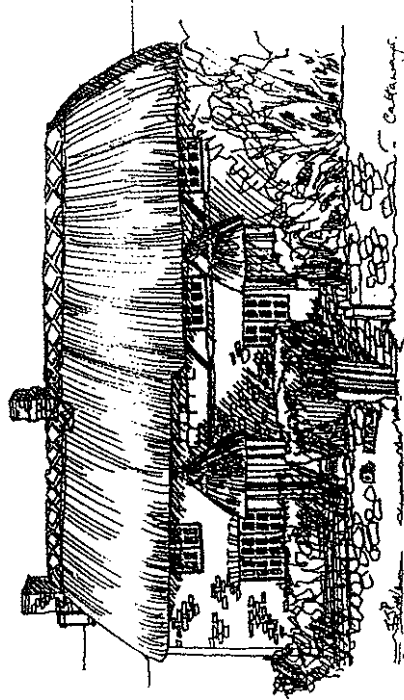


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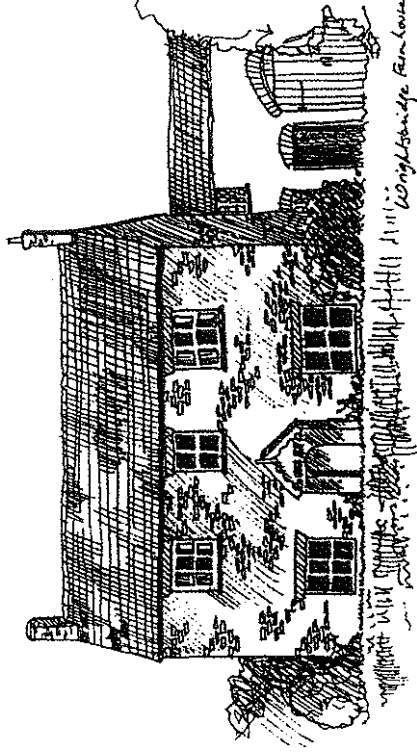
As we walk along Burycroft we come to a row of old cottages; Burycroft Villa<sup>12</sup>, of brick and once thatched, a bay windowed cottage with what was until a few years ago a small shop<sup>13</sup> attached. At the back was a club room where between the wars young men of the village used to play billiards. Cattaways<sup>14</sup> the thatched cottage is listed, a mixture of chalk and brick with two thatched porches, and believed to be 18th century.



Ducksbridge<sup>15</sup> has replaced an old squatters cottage fronting the narrow part of the road which often flooded. Just beside Ducksbridge is a public footpath which we will take. It leads past the garden and aviaries of Ducksbridge to the driveway to Wrightsbridge.

If at this point you wish to shorten the walk, turn left down the drive, take the road straight ahead and follow Green Lane<sup>16</sup>, an old drovers road now a bridle path, to Rotten Row and Lower Wanborough. You can follow Rotten Row back to the Village Hall - see map.

Those wishing to continue cross the stile on the opposite side of the drive and walk alongside the field fence past the frontage of Wrightsbridge<sup>17</sup>.



This handsome farm house and the coach house just behind are listed. They are dated W.S. 1831. The farm house has very fine windows and a central lattice porch. The coach house is built of blue and red brick. Continue through the field - over the 'sarsen bridge', going between a pond on your right and willows on your left. This area will be very wet and muddy for much of the year - hence "The Marsh". Reach the stile in the hedge ahead, cross it and turn left.

Walk with the hedge on your left and as it turns away from you cross the field to the track that crosses the field. To the north west are two listed cottages. Moat and Lake Cottages are two of the oldest houses in the village. Listed as late 17th century they could easily be earlier and have many fine features.