

CIRCULAR WALKS IN CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH

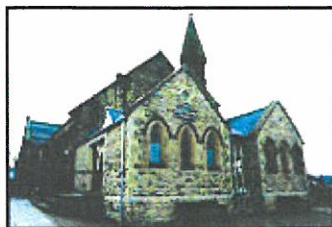
WALK 6

MARTINSIDE

A walk through part of the town, then on country paths and lanes to return through a housing estate back to the start. Some 2.5 miles.

The walk starts from the Post Office on the Market Place. Leave the Market Place by the cobbled Terrace Road at the side of the National Westminster Bank. Where Terrace Road joins Church Brow turn right to Market Street and then turn left. Walk along to the Visitor Centre in the Old Hearse House. Now cross the road to the Town Hall and the Memorial Club which was opened in 1895. It is presently disused and in the need of some TLC. Continue down Market Street until you reach the Methodist Church in Town End.

Turn right and pass "between the Church and the former Sunday School buildings [now converted into houses], and follow the footpath past the graveyard until you reach Warmbrook Junior School with the new Infants School now alongside it. Go ahead until you can turn left into Moss View Road, and then take the right hand turn into Thornell Close. At the end of the Close take the footpath on your left which takes you to the left of Warmbrook Barn [now a house]. *This barn had a roof area of an eighth of an acre. It served the Warmbrook estate dating back to 1279, at which time it was owned by John Thornell.*



Methodist church

Follow the path uphill keeping the wall on your right until you reach a stile in the wall opposite LOWER EAVES. Cross this stile and turn left. *Lower Eaves formed part of the extensive Eaves estate of which mention is made in 1381 as being in the possession of William Orme.* Having turned left continue uphill, you are now almost on the line of a Roman road which is thought to have been built to link Buxton with the Roman fort of Melandra at Glossop. Turn right to go round Lower Eaves and continue ahead across the field going through one wall to reach a second wall forming the boundary of the railway line. Turn left at this wall and follow it uphill to reach a stile alongside a gate. Climb the stile and go ahead onto Ashbourne Lane. Turn right on the lane and follow it round a right hand bend to reach Windy Walls Farm on your right and continue to Paradise Farm also on the right. Immediately after Paradise Farm turn right on a lane and follow this round to the left to reach the hamlet of Martinside. *The FOX HOUSE which stands opposite, was built in 1839 by Adam Fox, whose name appears on the tablet above the door of the Hearse House visitors centre on Market Street.*

The name of Martinside was known as far back as 1259 when William Foljambe was fined for destroying deer here. Martinside was acquired by the Kirke family in the 16th century. The house on the site of the present Fox House consisted of a large black and white building with two wings and a centre. Mostly built of timber, this former house had twenty six rooms.

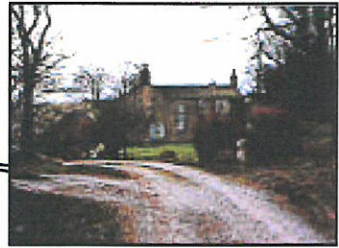
Turn right now and walk down the road towards Chapel. When you reach a signposted track on your right, turn right. Follow this track down to where it bends right passing some cottages on your left and go forward to HIGHER EAVES FARM, a restored house down to your left. Walk down the entrance drive, and keeping to the left of the house, go through a gate onto a field path. Walk straight ahead on this path passing through a gate in the wall to a wall stile onto a railway bridge. Cross the bridge and go ahead. You will pass the rear of Eaves Hall.

The ancient Eaves Estate was purchased in 1654 by Henry Kirke, of Martinside. A descendant, Henry Kirke, MA., JP., was a barrister on the Midland Circuit who also fulfilled many important legal appointments under the Crown in West Africa and the West Indies. He was author of several books, including the *History of Chapel-en-le-Frith*.

Continue by the footpath down Eaves Drive to Park Road. Go straight through to Market Street and turn left back to the Market Place.



Hang glider



Fox House

