three circular walks from

Wybunbury Tower is the sole remnant of the 15th century church of St Chad. A series of church buildings were attached to the tower, the most recent demolished in the 1970s. It has a pronounced lean, and was originally stabilised by James Trubshaw in 1832 using an innovative method later used on the Leaning Tower of Pisa. In deference to the wishes of villagers, when it was last straightened in 1989 using hydraulic jacks, in the face of the threat of demolition, the tower was left with an 18-inch deviation from the vertical, to maintain its fame as the Leaning Tower of South Cheshire. The subsidence was caused by soluble rock salt deposits 350 feet below the ground. The tower retains its six 18th century bells, which are rung on Thursday evenings and on special occasions.

Set in the Cheshire village of Wybunbury, The Swan offers a warm welcome to all with a relaxed and homely atmosphere in a traditional country inn that dates back to the 16th century.

Convenient for the tourist or business user, The Swan is within easy reach of all major road networks with excellent rail links to Manchester and London.

Rooms
Situated in a converted stable block at the rear of the building, there are seven tastefully refurbished en suite bedrooms all with ground floor access and adjacent car parking.

Pub
The characterful interior has an array of exposed beams, nooks and crannies dividing the rooms into cozy intimate areas, whilst a large open fire completes the idyllic interior during the winter months.

There are always at least four cask ales, six draught lager & craft beers on offer as well as an extensive gin and malt whisky selection.

During those long summer evenings you can relax with a drink in our beer garden adjacent to the 15th-century Wybunbury Leaning Tower, and enjoy great views over the Wybunbury Moss nature reserve.

Local attractions include Dagfields Crafts & Antiques Centre and Bridgemere Garden Centre. Both only a short trip from the pub and filled with interesting gifts and curios.

Menu
Our chefs pride themselves on the quality and variety of our menu wherever possible using locally sourced ingredients.

With a seasonal main menu and regularly changing specials board, you’re sure to find something that caters for all tastes and appetites.

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THE RIVER WEAVER rises near Peckforton Castle and flows southeast towards Shropshire, before swinging northwards, past Wybunbury to Winsford, below which it is navigable. It flows into the Manchester Ship Canal near Frodsham.

Hough Common and Lea Hall
4½ miles: Fairly easy
A farmland stroll to a historic house.

Dagfields and the Weaver
7¼ or 8¼ miles: Moderate
A field walk to a popular local craft centre, returning via the valley of the River Weaver.

Wybunbury Moss
1¾ miles: Easy
Stroll round a National Nature Reserve, featuring a rare bog habitat known as a schwingmoor.
Allow 1 hour. May be muddy at times, particularly within Wybunbury Moss National Nature Reserve. Seasonal times.

1 From the front door, turn left through the gate next to the lychgate, then again through a kissing gate by the St Chad’s Wybunbury information board and past an owl carved into a tree stump in the churchyard beyond. 2 Beyond a kissing gate, take the path straight down into the open part of the moss. 3 At a padlocked gate leading out to the open part of the moss, turn right over a footbridge, then right and left onto another boardwalk. 4 Follow the narrow path through woodland over more footbridges and boardwalks. 5 At a padlocked gate leading out to the open part of the moss, turn right over a footbridge, then right and left onto another boardwalk. 6 The path runs through a second stile into an area of hard-standing. 7 Beyond the football pitch, turn right into a field and gain broacken hedges on either side, leading attractively back to Wybunbury. 8 Follow a line of mature trees to a stile. 9 You can return the same way, but for a more attractive loop continue along the road beyond Bagdfields for 200 yards then turn right into Sandy Lane, just before a stile in the far left-hand corner. 10 Turn right over a stile and pass through a gateway to a stile in the far left-hand corner. 11 From the front door, turn right and walk down the main village street to a kissing gate, then left to the new St Chad’s Church, turn left to the football pitch car park. 12 Turn left and walk along the left-hand touches to a kissing gate in the far left-hand corner. 13 Cross the field to a similar gate into the road. 14 ignore this gate, turn right and walk along the edge of the wood. 15 At the end of the wood, go through a kissing gate and cut the corner of the field ahead, before following the hedge towards Dove Hole. 16 Level the path, bearing right to a second stile, beyond which a field gate comes into view. 17 Follow the left-hand side of the next two fields to a path that leads along a garden fence and out to the road. 18 Turn left past a layby on the right, then turn right into a no-through road. 19 Turn right at a fork past another table. 20 On meeting a path along the edge of the wood, turn right to a gate into a lane. 21 Turn left and walk alongside a small hedge and footbridge. 22 Entrance gates, turn right through a kissing gate and bear left across a dog agility arena to a further kissing gate into a paddock. 24 Turn right and walk round the right-hand edge of the field to a third kissing gate in the corner. 25 Cross the farm drive to another kissing gate in the far corner. 26 Turn right, then turn right past a telegraph pole, then turn left. 27 Turn left and walk through a kissing gate in the far corner, cross the field, turn right and follow the hedge along the top of two fields, with the river below and growing grass on either side. 28 Continue down to a footbridge over the main river at the site of a watermill, and turn right past Mill Bank Farm. 29 Beyond it, turn left, then cross the field ahead to a kissing gate on the left, crossing a stile into a watermeadow. 30 Continue to the bottom right-hand corner of the field, then turn right. 31 You can return the same way, but for a more attractive loop continue along the road beyond Bagdfields for 200 yards then turn right into Sandy Lane, just before a stile in the far left-hand corner. 32 Turn right over a stile and pass through a gateway to a stile in the far left-hand corner. 33 Cross the footbridge and follow the hedgeline back to the road. 34 Turn right and follow the lane almost back to the main road. 35 Cross and turn right along the narrow pavements for 200 yards, before turning left at the foot of Lea Lane past Parklands Day Nursery until you reach the A51. 36 Cross the main road and follow the drive west. 37 Go through the gap and pick your way through some hawthorns before following a dry, shal- low bank. 38 Turn right at a track and cross the bank, then bear left at a hedge corner. 28 Follow the hedge ahead as it descends into the Weav- er valley. 39 After 200 yards, cross a steep bank, cross a bridge over the river and climb the hill opposite to- wards Daisy House Farm. 40 Turn right before the buildings and follow the track ahead for 200 yards. 41 Beyond it, turn half-left, aim the right, turn right, then follow a telegraph pole into a second stile, beyond which a field gate conceals another furlong. 42 Beyond the last field, cross a footbridge to the main road. 43 Cross and turn right along the narrow pavement for 200 yards, before turning left at the foot of Lea Lane past Parklands Day Nursery until you reach the A51. 44 Cross the main road and follow the drive west. 45 Before the farm entrance, turn right over a stile and follow a field-edge path through a metal gate to a second stile, then cross the field to the top right-hand corner of the field, turn right and follow the hedge ahead as it descends into a watermeadow. 46 Continue to the bottom right-hand corner of the field, then turn right. 47 Cross the footbridge and follow the hedgeline back to the road. 48 Continue in the same direction to a double-stile footbridge and then further into Annions Lane. 50 Turn right and follow the same path to the next stile on the left, from which leads across a field, with Howbeck Water Farm away to your right. 52 Beyond a double stile, aim for the far right-hand corner of the field to pick your way through some overgrown bracken hedges on either side, leading attractively to a track on the edge of Wybunbury. 54 Cross the road and walk left across a footbridge over to a kissing gate and step 55. Cross a field to a stile, then follow a short narrow path until you meet a track. 56 Go straight on through a kissing gate (“No cycling”) along a path running below back gardens.

Now follow steps 14–16 of the Wybunbury Moss walk, as described above, to return to the Swan Inn.