



Sometimes described as the UK's first war memorial, **Sir Bevill Grenville's Monument**, erected in 1720, commemorates the death of the Royalist commander at the Battle of Lansdowne in 1643.

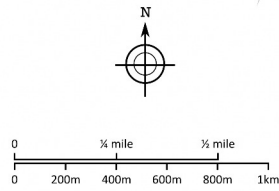
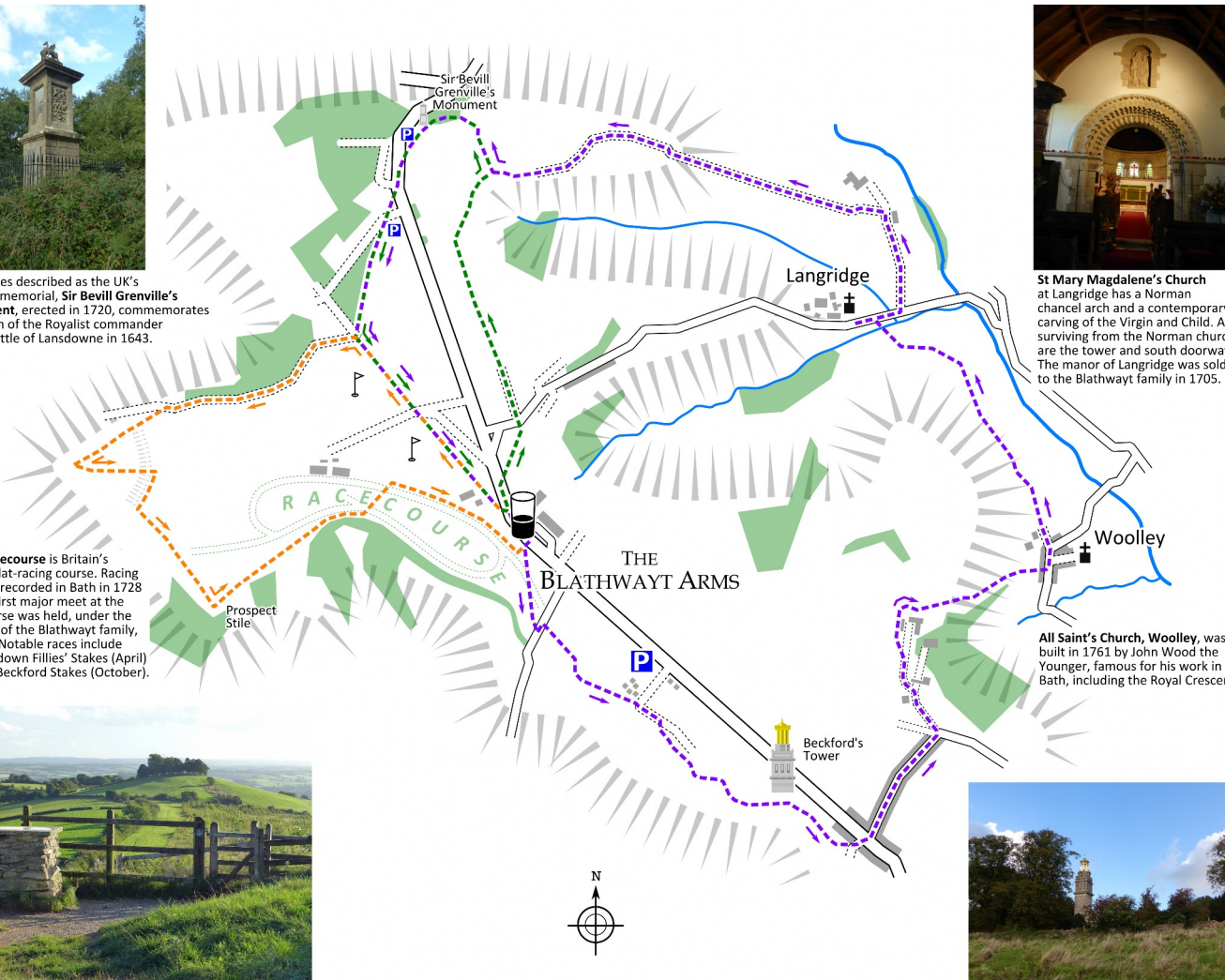


St Mary Magdalene's Church at Langridge has a Norman chancel arch and a contemporary carving of the Virgin and Child. Also surviving from the Norman church are the tower and south doorway. The manor of Langridge was sold to the Blathwayt family in 1705.

Bath Racecourse is Britain's highest flat-racing course. Racing was first recorded in Bath in 1728 but the first major meet at the Racecourse was held, under the auspices of the Blathwayt family, in 1811. Notable races include the Lansdown Fillies' Stakes (April) and the Beckford Stakes (October).



The views over Bath from **Prospect Stile**, with Kelston Round Hill in the foreground, are superb. Prospect Stile is on the Cotswold Way long-distance footpath, which runs for 100 miles from Chipping Campden to Bath.



Beckford's Tower is a neoclassical folly built in 1827 and used by its owner, William Thomas Beckford, a wealthy novelist and art collector, as a retreat and library. The ground floor is available as holiday accommodation through the Landmark Trust.

three circular walks from

THE BLATHWAYT ARMS

Lansdown, near Bath



Sir Bevill Grenville's Monument
2½ miles: Easy
Stroll across a historic battlefield to a famous monument, with wide views en route

Prospect Stile and the Racecourse
3¼ miles: Easy
Cross the golf course and racecourse to an Iron Age hill-fort and Cotswold Way viewpoint

Woolley, Langridge and the Monument
5½ miles: Moderate
Explore two attractive villages, returning via a historic Civil War monument with wide views

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Open daily from 11am (12 Sundays), we now serve food from 12.00 all day every day. We also offer morning coffee and afternoon tea.

This is a popular spot for walkers and, naturally, well-behaved dogs are welcome.

For a longer circuit of about 8½ miles, follow steps **1** to **26** of the [Woolley, Langridge and the Monument](#) walk, then steps **10** to **15** of the [Sir Bevill Grenville's Monument](#) walk, then go straight on along the Cotswold Way across the golf course and follow steps **7** to **18** of the [Prospect Stile and the Racecourse](#) route.

Sir Bevill Grenville's Monument

2½ miles: Easy

Allow 1–1½ hours. Level; field paths may be muddy after rain.

1 From the front door of the Blathwayt Arms, cross the road carefully and turn left past Chapel Farm on your right and then the entrance to the golf club on your left. **2** Turn right through a kissing gate and bear half-left across the field ahead to another kissing gate in the far left-hand corner. **3** Beyond this gate, turn left to a wooden kissing gate into a lane. **4** Cross over and go through a similar gate opposite. **5** Join a track and follow it along the fence and through a gate to pass a corrugated iron barn. **6** Keep on along the fence to a gateway by a metal trough. **7** Beyond the gateway, bear half-right to a field gate in the far corner. **8** Follow the path ahead along the wall around the head of a valley. **9** By a Battle of Lansdowne interpretation board, turn left over the steps and stone slab stile in the wall. **10** Follow the wall on your right and drop into woodland at the far side, bearing left along the woodland edge. **11** Cross a wall and leave the woodland to emerge by Sir Bevill Grenville's Monument. **12** Follow the path ahead out to the road by a lay-by. **13** Cross over into a metalled drive and turn immediately left into a field. **14** Cross the field diagonally to a small car park at the end of a wood. **15** At the back of the car park join a bridleway that leads along a wall, with woodland on your right. **16** At a junction of paths at the end of the wood, turn left, signposted "Public Bridleway". **17** Follow the wall on your left, with the golf course and racecourse away to your right. **18** Beyond the racecourse access road, the path continues in the same direction, following a line of trees, to reach the clubhouse. **19** Cross the car park in front of the clubhouse and then cross an area of rough grassland beyond, to a metal hooped gate in the corner. **20** Turn right along the road to return to the Blathwayt Arms.

Prospect Stile and the Racecourse

3¼ miles: Easy

Allow 2 hours. Paths across the racecourse may be unavailable during race meetings, and the exact line of the footpath across the course is not clearly defined.

1 From the front door of the Blathwayt Arms, turn left along the road. **2** When the fence on your left ends, take a footpath on the left through a hooped metal gate. **3** Bear right across an area of rough grassland and cross the car park in front of the golf clubhouse. **4** Beyond the clubhouse, follow the line of trees ahead of you. **5** Cross the racecourse access road and continue in the same direc-

tion, now with a wall on your right and the golf course and racecourse to your left. **6** At a signposted junction of paths at the end of a wood, turn left across the fairway, along a track followed by the Cotswold Way. **7** Follow the track past a building on the left and then around the edge of the golf course past a sign for Pipeley Wood. **8** Beyond a gate follow the track as it starts to descend, then shortly afterwards, at a Cotswold Way post, leave it on a path to the left that climbs slightly to another gate. **9** Follow the path ahead, below the trees. **10** At the next waymark post, turn sharp left, uphill. **11** Go through a kissing gate to the right of a field gate and follow the path ahead, across the field. **12** Cross the bank and ditch of the hill-fort then turn right with the earthwork on your right. **13** Follow the field edge round to the left to a gate into the racecourse. **14** Keep along the right-hand edge to the topograph at Prospect Stile. **15** Having admired the view, turn left and head straight towards the grandstand, swinging right as you approach the course itself until you rejoin the trees. **16** Duck under the rails and cross the course, aiming well to the right of the communications mast, then head along a line of metal railings and cross the course again. **17** Bear right along a wall at the far edge of the course with trees behind it. **18** Follow the wall past the rear of the Blathwayt Arms' garden, then when the wall ends turn left to a kissing gate back into the pub car park.

Woolley, Langridge and the Monument

5½ miles: Moderate

Allow 3–4 hours. One steep descent, which may be muddy and slippery after rain, and a long but mostly gradual climb back up.

1 From the front door of the Blathwayt Arms, turn right and then right again through the kissing gate in the corner of the car park onto the racecourse. **2** Duck under the rails and cross the course, then bear half-left to the far corner, where a gap in the wall leads into a road. **3** Turn left, then shortly afterwards take a footpath on the right through a wooden kissing gate. **4** Walk along the bottom of the playing fields with football pitches to your left, bearing right and left as the hedge bends. **5** Beyond the buildings on your left, join a track that continues towards Beckford's Tower, looking out for a wooden kissing gate on the right. **6** Take the signposted footpath, bearing left to a metal kissing gate, and follow the path across the hillside beyond, initially close to the wall then dropping below some trees. **7** Pass two further kissing gates and below Beckford's Tower to reach two more kissing gates in close succession. **8** After the second, bear left along a track to emerge in a driveway leading to the road. **9** Take a few steps to the right then cross and follow Granville Road opposite. **10** After a third of a mile, when the road bends sharp right, turn left onto a metalled driveway, following power lines. **11** Pass a house on the left then turn left before the gateway of Charlcombe Grove Farm and follow the drive round to the right. **12** At the next gateway, take a path on the left that skirts the property. **13** After a gate into a field, turn right to a stile by an old well, and beyond it descend a flight of steps. **14** Continue, with the house and garden on your right, to a

waymark post and then head steeply downhill on a path that winds between bushes and trees to a wooden kissing gate. **15** After some wooden steps and a further kissing gate, the path enters a field and descends to another metal kissing gate and out to a road. **16** Turn left and, unless you want to explore the village, keep straight on at the top of Church Street. **17** When the road bends right, take the track straight ahead, which leads to a kissing gate into open fields. **18** Follow the path along the top of the first two fields and then across two more, with views over the Swainswick valley. **19** Bear left across the corner of a field and follow the path as it descends towards Langridge. **20** Cross a footbridge over a stream and bear right to emerge in a narrow lane. **21** To visit the church at Langridge turn left, otherwise turn right. **22** Beyond a house on the right, and before another on the left, turn left up a no-through road. **23** Follow the lane until you pass a stone barn on the right. **24** Just beyond the barn, turn left, before the entrance to Manor Farm. **25** Follow this hedged path for ¾ mile as it climbs steadily out of the valley, ignoring a footpath on the right towards the top. **26** Beyond a gate, walk up the right-hand side of a valley and climb to a stone stile by a Battle of Lansdowne interpretation board.

Cross the stile and follows steps **10** to **20** of the [Sir Bevill Grenville's Monument](#) walk to return to the Blathwayt Arms via the monument.

WELCOME TO THE BLATHWAYT ARMS

A classic countryside free house, with a comfy interior, large garden overlooking Bath Racecourse and ample parking.

Nick White and his wife Jo have made a welcome return to Bath and now run The Blathwayt Arms. In recent years Nick has won several Bath cheffing awards and, before moving from their last pub, he and Jo won the Gloucestershire CAMRA Rural Pub of the Year.

The menu offers a good range of pub classics plus some more exciting dishes, cooked fresh and wherever possible, using locally sourced ingredients.

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