Beating of the Bounds
Sunday 12th May 2024

Bring a Packed lunch that can be collected in if a support car is available at the first stage and taken to Treworgey Manor, where we will have a lunch break. Walkers can join for all or part of the walk. Be aware that Morrisons and B & M car parks have a time limit and that Cornwall Council car parks now charge on Sudays.

Stage 1   START 10.30 am
Traditional Bumping of the Mayor at the milestone adjacent to Morrisons Roundabout

Stage 2   10.45 am - 11.00 am
Maudlin to Bodgara Mill

On to Hendra Bridge

Stage 3   11.15 am - 12.30 pm
Hendra Bridge to Craddock Ford

On to Tremabe Bridge
From Craddock Ford to Treworgey Manor is all wheel chair, buggy friendly and takes approximately 45 minutes.

Stage 4   12.30 pm -12.45 pm
Tremabe Bridge

On to Treworgey Manor

1.15 pm - 2.30 pm
Lunch at Treworgey Manor

Stage 5   2.30 pm - 3.00 pm
Treworgey to Looe Mills

On to Lodge Hill

Stage 6   3.15 pm - 3.45 pm
Looe Mills to bottom of Lodge Hill

On to finish

Stage 7   Lodge Hill to finish approximately 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm

Times are very approximate depending on the ability of the walkers.

Participants walk at their own risk. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. **NO Dogs as the walk is unsuitable for them**. If you take photographs of other people's property on the walk please respect their privacy and keep them for your personal use – don't put them on social media or into the public domain.

Please wear sun cream, suitable clothing and stout shoes as some of the paths can be muddy, especially where crossing the stream. If you take regular medication ensure you've got it with you.

The Ceremony of Beating the Bounds

The ceremony was originally carried out to establish that all was in order and that the Boundary Stones had not been moved.

In the Royal Charter of 1587 by Queen Elizabeth I, the bounds of the Borough, which continued to the present century, were fixed.

This enclosed an area of 2704 acres and is nearly square, the distance around is approximately 10 miles (a very hard 10 miles).

There are a number of granite stones, marked B (Borough) and P (Parish). At present there is not an exact record of them all, so please make a note of the position of any you see on the route.

Points of Interest en Route

Maudlin
Site of St Mary Magdalin Chapel and Lazar House (for Lepers) at "Maudlin". There are recorded burials in the Parish Register from 1553 to 1645. It was later a Toll Gate House on the Turnpike Road. Here is the first boundary stone (moved to make way for the By-Pass), when traditionally the first "Bumping" takes Place.

Bodgara Mill
Noted in all the Charters as the "Town Mill" used for grinding everybody's corn. Several old millstones are preserved.

Stony Bridge (Stoney)
An old bridge first mentioned in 1609.

Craddock (Craddoc) Ford
Has now been replaced by the bridge over the Pensilva Road – where the boundary leaves the Seaton River.

The Clymo brothers, brought up from Charlestown to work at the Cornwall Great United Mines which redeveloped into the Phoenix Mine in the 1850s by the engineer William West, found copper in land owned by the Norris family of Rosecraddock. The Norris family owned much of the Caradon Hill and moors.

Soon after Old Treworgey Farm is the entrance to **Treworgey Manor** part of the Connock Estate. J Connock was Mayor in 1573 and 1581 and a great benefactor to Liskeard

Lestitha Well
(Where the boundary joins the East Looe River) is reached over fields and the route returns to the Cross-Roads, formerly marked by a stone post labelled 'canal'.
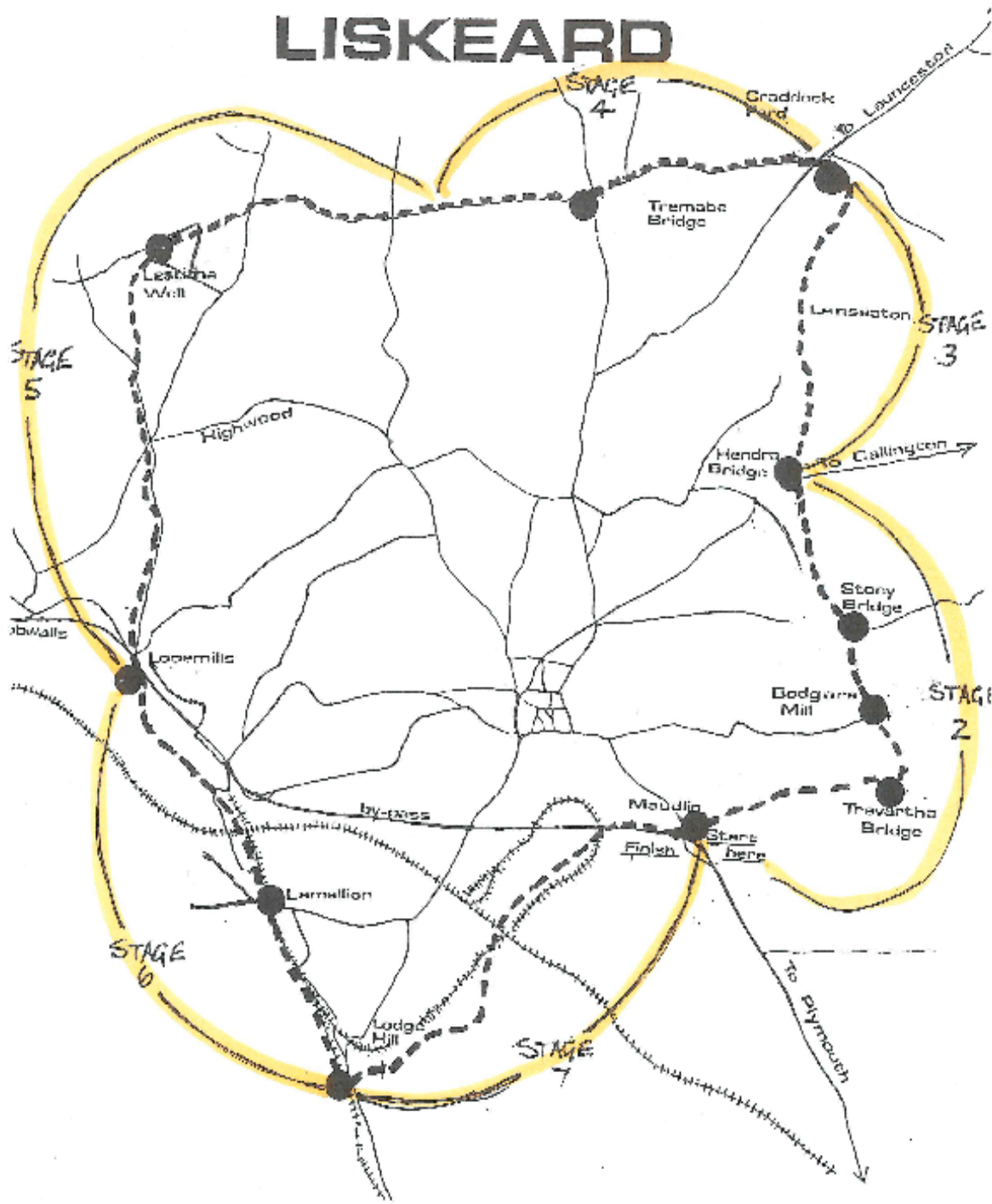
Looe (Lowe) Mills
Another Town Mill until about 1700. The Looe River was known as "Lowe Water". There was another Toll Gate House.

Lodge Hill
The route leaves the Looe River and rises to cross the Looe Railway twice, passing under Liskeard viaduct and so over the By-Pass back to Maudlin.

(Notes compiled by Liskeard Old Cornwall Society and Liskeard Town Archivist)

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