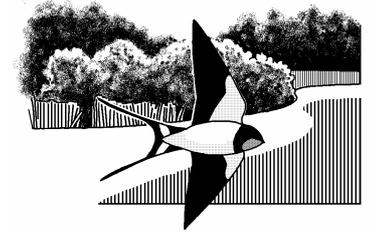


Little Ouse Headwaters' Project
HUNT FOR LOCAL TREASURES
Sunday 26th August 2007
Walking route



1. What was the original purpose of Thelnetham Village Hall and when was it built?
 - a. **St. Helen's School, built 1872**
2. Thelnetham Church. Who was the rector of Thelnetham in 1941? Please give full name.
 - a. **Rev. William Henry Finlayson 1863 - 1953, rector of Thelnetham 1936 - 1946**
3. Thelnetham Church. What is the decorative style of stonework on the end of the church and visible beyond Rev. Finlayson's gravestone?
 - a. **Flint knapping**
4. Thelnetham Church meadow, hedge by plank-bridge. English Elm was once widespread in hedges; why are so many dead in this hedge?
 - a. **Dutch Elm Disease**
5. The tree at the end of the hedge, overhanging the gateway, is a field maple. How do its seeds disperse?
 - a. **Winged seeds are carried by the wind.**
6. From the rusty gate on the left to the footpath sign on the right, take note of the variety of hedgerow trees; name four of them.
 - a. **Dogwood, oak, field maple, hawthorn, blackthorn, elder, ash, hazel, sycamore, crab apple**
7. Many fruits are important sources of food for wildlife, in autumn and winter. Name three different fruits, including nuts, which you can see in the hedgerow here.
 - a. **Hazel (cob) nuts, haws, rosehips, sloes, crab apples, blackberries, tree seeds**
8. Green lane on to Hinderclay Fen. Rosehips are a noted source of which vitamin?
 - a. **Vitamin C**
9. Hinderclay Fen. Where does the Angles' Way long distance footpath start and finish?
 - a. **Brecks to Broads**
10. Hinderclay Fen. Point 10. Identify the lilac-blue flower growing among the grasses.
 - a. **harebell**
11. Hinderclay Fen. Which plants are associated with breeding birds in the wet fen meadow?
 - a. **Reeds & sedges**
12. Bridge across river. Which river are you crossing, when was the bridge opened, and which counties does it connect?
 - a. **River Little Ouse, bridge opened 27 April 2006, connecting Suffolk & Norfolk**
13. Blo'Norton Fen. What was saw sedge used for?
 - a. **Thatching ridge tops**
14. Blo'Norton Fen. At the point where the path turns away from the river, on your left is a crack willow tree. What is the term for the management that has been applied to this tree and what does it mean?
 - a. **Pollarding, cut at head height**

15. Blo’Norton Fen. What do you think might nest in nestbox 17, beside the boardwalk?
 - a. **Tit box 17 – great, blue or marsh tit**
16. Blo’Norton Fen. Point 16. What do you think might use these boxes?
 - a. **Bats**
17. Betty’s Fen. Walk along the path on to Betty’s Fen. Just after the path bends left and the view of the fen unfolds, there is a dead tree stump on the left that has holes in it. What species has made the holes? Name the most numerous species of tree around this stump?
 - a. **Great spotted Woodpecker & Alder**
18. Betty’s Fen. Point 18. You may wish to sit on the seat overlooking Betty’s Fen whilst finding the next clue! What is this plant?
 - a. **Hemp Agrimony**
19. Betty’s Fen. Point 19. How do you think this plant, burdock, disperses its seeds?
 - a. **Animal dispersal, the seeds cling to fur, clothing etc.**
20. Betty’s Fen where the path joins the river bank. What is the berry-laden tree to your left?
21. River-side path. Point 21. Can you guess how meadowsweet got its name?
 - a. **It is very palatable to livestock and has a sweet scent**

Short route, questions 1-5, 12-21, maximum score 15 points

Longer route, maximum score 21 points.

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