

OUT TO LUNCH – Curbridge

Venturing beyond the Bursledon bridges we find undisturbed tranquillity



Caution: do read Hamble HM's advice about air draft and tides before proceeding

With our height reduced to canal requirements we had no problem with Bursledon arch but even

beyond the rail bridge there are boatyards fighting for space, leaving little room in the main channel.



Then once past the Country Park landing it's easy to imagine the river unchanged in 200 years with oak trees growing along the banks. Here a beacon marks the wreck of the mediaeval *Grace Dieu* but our keel bumped over several other uncharted



obstructions, accordingly it might be prudent to anchor off this NT landing, row ashore and walk through the trees along what is known as the Pixie Path due to

the fairies and elves reputed to inhabit the woods and celebrated in a children's Shrine to the Fairies.



The intrepid navigator could push on, taking the narrow right-hand branch to the limit of navigation at the popular Horse & Jockey at Curbridge where a rickety landing stage permits access to the pub.

IWA Solent Section rally here every year on a big Spring tide and have never found less than 3ft depth.

Verdict: an exciting trek to a traditional pub

Tide on the day: HW Bursledon 1155 & 1305 4.8m
Dinghy landing

Horse & Jockey tel 01489 782654

