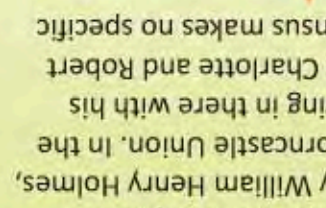


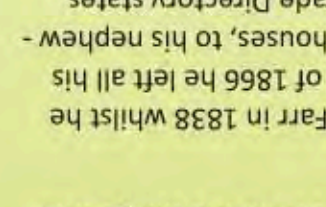
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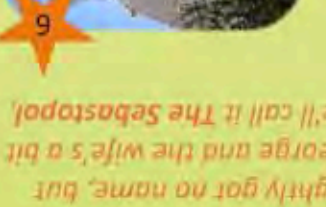
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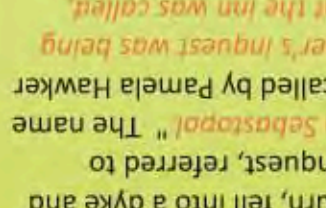
**7** Minting House was built by Francis Farr in 1838 whilst he was living in Manor Farm. In his will of 1866 he left all his property in Minting, including both houses, to his nephew - William Cropper. In 1892, White's Trade Directory states that Minting House was occupied by William Henry Holmes, farmer and Sanitary Inspector for Horncastle Union. In the 1891 census William Holmes was living in there with his wife, Mary; his son, George; his widowed mother-in-law, Charlotte and Robert



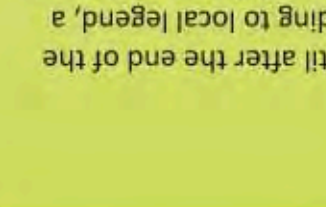
**6** The Grade 2 listed church of **St. Andrew** dates from c.1200 with 15th century additions but it mostly comprises an 1863 restoration to a plan by Ewan Christian - a date supported by information on the rain hoppers, when the nave and aisle walls, arcade, chancel and porch were rebuilt. Inside, a roll of honour for 'Thankful Minting' commemorates the safe return of all ten soldiers from the village who fought in WWI.



**5** Minting's pub had no name until after the end of the Crimean War (1853-56). According to local legend, a soldier, celebrating his safe return, fell into a dyke and drowned. The coroner, at the inquest, referred to "...this brave infantryman from Sebastopol". The name stuck. Another version was recalled by Pamela Hawker in the village book: "The story was told that once a coroner's inquest was being held there, and the coroner enquired of the publican what the inn was called, there being no sign. "Well," said the publican, "it isn't rightly got no name, but we usually call it the George and Dragon. My name's George and the wife's a bit of a dragon. "That won't do at all," said the coroner, "we'll call it The Sebastopol, where our gallant boys are fighting."



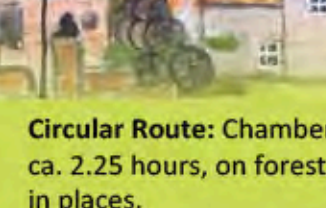
**4** Abbot of Fleury telling him "he ought not to send to such a distance from their home any but men long tried and found faithful. The monks of Minting had lately been found to be living luxuriously with harlots, they had enriched themselves, known no obedience to the rule, and had been given much to eating and drinking, not being ashamed to eat meat, even on Wednesdays."



**3** **Minting Priory** was one of two Benedictine priories established by Ranulph de Meschins, Earl of Chester, before his death in 1129. It began as a land grant to the manor and church of Minting, and of Gauty, and other lands. About 1238, Bishop Grosseteste wrote to the Abbey of St. Benoit sur Loire at Fleury and included the cottage known as **The Priory** is perhaps the oldest building in the village and dates from the 17th century. The site it occupies was once within the medieval Priory and later contained a "Moated Mansion House" owned by the Monson family. More on the house and the details of the research into its history can be found in the village book "Glimpses and Gleanings"; This is now a private house.



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**A** From the car park information board outside the Chambers Farm Wood Centre go past the Forestry Commission emergency access barrier, following the Red Trail along woodland tracks until you reach a fork. Take the right fork and follow this until you come to another fork at **B** (actually a triangle of paths with a pond in the centre). Here go right, leaving the Red Trail and follow the track through the woodland. Along the route look out for yellow primroses, cowslips and blue forget-me-nots in Spring.

**C** Where it meets a hedge before veering left, you catch glimpses of fields to the south west. Until you leave the woodland, the track here can become muddy even when it seems dry elsewhere.

Eventually, you will see the rear of a Forestry Commission sign and a yellow and green metal gate. 50 yards before this, on your right you might miss a woodland pond, where dragonflies and damsel flies abound in season.

Here, the route begins to leave the woods behind, and you find yourself walking along a track, lightly shaded by hedges on both sides. The path meets a track from the right at **D**.



**1.** In front, on the right, you will find Minting's Village Hall. Continue straight across the road, keeping the village hall on your right, heading along Grundy's Lane. The first property on the right is The Priory **2**.

**3.** Continue along the lane and you will see a large field on your left, called Priory Field. (Alternative Route - Should you wish to use the public footpath which crosses the Priory Field, continue towards Minting centre and, at The Green, cross the small bridge, turning immediately left and follow the track as it leads between some houses and their back gardens, reaching a kissing gate, giving access to the field.)

As you come towards the centre of the village, on your right, there is a small triangle of grass with trees - **i**. Here you can pause, have a rest on the seat and enjoy the view across into Priory Field. There is an interpretation board on the plinth telling you about Minting's history.

**4.** To the northeast of The Green lies Minting's Old School House, down a private lane. Adjacent to The Green you will find The Sebastopol Inn **5**.



**D** At this junction, if you look across the field to the southwest you can see Minting Park Farm on the horizon, on a slight rise. Minting Park was originally part of Thorley, also known as Thurlow or Turlai, which was a Domesday manor in the possession of Ivo Taillebois. This is likely have been the site of a Hunting Lodge, as Minting Park was surveyed by Henry VIII in 1546/7, and Minting Lodge was described:

*"...recently repaired and standeth upon a hill by estimation in the middle of the park."*

It was *disaparked* shortly after the death of Henry VIII, broken up and sold, reunited again in 1771 when the Vyner family purchased the manor of Minting Park. It was eventually sold off piecemeal. Today there is a Butcher's Shop on site and rare breed Lop Pigs, as well as beef cattle and sheep are reared and their meat sold in the shop.

Continue straight ahead at this junction heading directly east to Minting. (The track to the right leads to Gautby.) Keep heading due east on what is sometimes a rough and rutted path until you reach a crossroads at Minting (1).

**6** Further along, on the opposite side of the road to the pub, you will find St. Andrew's Church. The route now continues along the road, ignoring Silver St. off to the right, and follow Pinfold Lane (a Pinfold was where livestock were collected and kept) until it meets Chapel Lane. Turn left into Chapel Lane and a few hundred yards on the right you will see the entrance to Minting House **7**.

Continue down Chapel Lane and you will find the entrance to Manor Farm **8** on the left, just opposite Cow Lane. Continue straight on down Chapel Lane until you find yourself once again at the Village Hall (1).

Turn right and retrace your steps along the track heading straight on into Chambers Farm Wood. Once in the wood, keep left on the main track and you will find yourself back at the car park.



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