

Thruslington to Ratcliffe on the Wreake 2 miles

1. Leave Thruslington on the Ratcliffe Road.
2. After three quarters of a mile take a footpath to the left towards Rearsby Mill.
3. At Rearsby Mill, just before the river bridge, follow the footpath to the right towards Ratcliffe on the Wreake.
4. Turn left along the road, rejoining the footpath to the left.
5. Just past Ratcliffe Church towards Ratcliffe Mill. Bear right across a field towards the end of a row of houses 6. then turn right past Priory Farm to the road. 7.

Between the houses and Priory Farm the Old Boathouse may be seen across fields to the left. This is not a right of way.

Turn left along the road and then cross 8. before the bridge into the wood towards Cossington Lane.

POINTS OF INTEREST ALONG THE WAY

Thruslington has a number of interesting buildings. The Star Inn dates from 1744. 'Bridgeland' at the junction of Church Lane and Hobby Road is the oldest, dating from the 15th Century.



Holy Trinity Church is 700 years old. 'Little Thatch' on the Green was formerly 'Glebe Cottage' and was built to house the servants of the Rectory.

Thruslington's best known son was the artist John Femeley, who is buried in Holy Trinity Churchyard. (His gravestone can be seen from Back Lane)

3. A detour across the river bridge to Rearsby Mill and Rearsby Mill cottages is well worth while. The original date of Rearsby Mill is not known, but it was rebuilt in 1820 and was working until 1930. The rights to its unique wholemeal loaves were transferred to Geary's Bakery, which still sells Rearsby bread.

7. Ratcliffe Mill lock is on private land but can be seen from a public footpath through the buildings. Just up river, the boat house was originally built by the Melton Mowbray Navigation Company for the collection of tolls.

St. Botolph's Church dates from the 14th Century.

