

## Walks from the village – The Spreading Oak Tree

There are many footpaths leading from the village but one of our favourites takes in the famous Spreading Oak Tree, a picture of which can be found in the bar. The tree has supposedly the widest spread for an oak in England and dates from the 14<sup>th</sup> century. It is also known as the bouncing tree by some of the locals whose many generations have played on the bouncing boughs.

- To see the tree you need to go out the pub and follow the High Street right, curving around to the right of the cross.
- Once you can see the church on your left take the sign posted footpath on your right downhill to the first stile, an enclosed track known as Jubilee Lane. There are great views from this point.
- Over the stile and keeping to the right side of the field continue downhill to a second stile. Over again and follow the left side of the next field between a hedge and wire fence to a third stile.
- Over and continue on the right side of this field. Approximately 2/3 of the way down this field on the far left hand side is the tree. In some ways you cannot enjoy its immense size until you walk right up to it and stand within its boughs.
- You can continue the walk by heading to the bottom right hand corner of the field and through a gateway to a footbridge over a brook. Across the footbridge and turn immediately right following the brook and staying on the right hand side of the field follow the path round to a final stile.
- Over the stile and turn right along Summer Lane. This lane will bring you back into the village. As you come to the road junction bear right and then turn right on the High Street to return to the pub.

The round walk will take approx 45mins and can be muddy in places.