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Walk 4: Long Buckby

Written records of the boundaries of Yardley have been recorded since 972. When the areas around such villages were forcibly enclosed, the houses and workshops were abandoned as arable farming was discontinued and vast areas were turned over solely to pasture. Early Middle Ages ploughing traces have been found at Filsø and some other locations in Jutland and on Funen, but so far no definite ploughing traces are known from Zealand and Scania.

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The whole site was abandoned soon after the late 15th century and, presumably, converted to arable land. Consequently, the absence of fossil turned furrows cannot be used as evidence of the plough not having been known and used in the area in question. Science always raises more questions than it can contain.

The Ogley dirt farmer.: Ridge and furrow on my doorstep.

The perambulation must have taken some time even for people used to walking: the perimeter of Yardley parish measures some 20 miles and there would have been only tracks to follow around the limits. Roman roads From 43 AD when the Emperor Claudius made Britain part of the Roman Empire, the Roman army quickly conquered most of Britain.

Grafton Regis

Bukit Merah Secondary School Field. The best surviving ridge-and-furrow lies immediately N.

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S Scheduled Ancient Monuments See Listed Buildings. Our knowledge of the plough is still very inadequate and unevenly distributed in time and space, and the archaeological record relating to the cultivation systems of the Late Iron Age, AD 200-1050, is similarly very sporadic.

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This may have been the site of the medieval manor house of Alderton, but it is certain that William Gorges built 'a very large mansion-house' here in 1582 J. It has the highest circulation of any British academic journal in its field and publishes original research papers and review articles, which range across the entire subject of geography; they are restricted neither by area nor by topic.

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