

## The Nailbourne in Winter.

The Nailbourne is currently flowing in the Elham Valley from its source along the whole length of its course.

For a "Drive and Wade", field trip on  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00 am

Meet at my house:

Boldens Wood  
Fiddling Lane  
Stowting  
Nr Ashford  
TN25 6AP  
Grid ref. 112 404

After looking at some maps, we will drive to Etchinghill and then follow the Nailbourne through Lyminge, Elham, Barham, Bishopsbourne, Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne, looking at features of the stream and its valley and taking in points of interest in some of the villages.

You will need a place in a car and a pair of wellingtons or waterproof walking boots. You won't really have to wade but there will be mud and soggy grass. Walking stretches are only a few hundred yards. There are no styles and the only hazard to walking would be slippery grass and mud if it is wet. An O.S map would also be handy. I anticipate that the trip will take about 4 hours, so we will have a picnic stop at some point. A knowledgeable resident of Bekesbourne called Jill Thomas has kindly invited us to her Nailbourne-side house in the afternoon to give us first hand information of Nailbourne life.

Since the trip will finish 15 or so miles from the start, I imagine it will be convenient for most people to continue home from Bridge. However, parking is limited at several of the stopping places so some car sharing would be helpful. Cars can be left safely at my house.

If you are interested, please telephone me on: 01303 812011 or email;  
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Thank you.  
Alison Taylor