

A BOOT UP ISLE OF WIGHT PUBS

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The Isle of Wight has around one pub for every square mile so satisfying your thirst is never going to be a problem. The pubs are located in all sorts of places with many of them having lovely views or nearby historic landmarks or sites of interest. Many of the pubs are in picturesque villages and the vast majority serve excellent locally-sourced fresh food.

Add to this the fact that the Island has over 500 miles of footpaths means the only problem is knowing which paths take you to which pubs. This book is designed to help by describing in detail, 10 circular walks that combine a number of pubs in areas with local interest that are off the beaten track. This will enable readers to enjoy full days out in lovely surroundings, seeing some of the Island's historic sites, sampling some locally brewed beers and all with the excuse of keeping fit. What more could anybody want? The walks vary from 3 to 10.75 miles and are designed to suit the needs of families, groups of friends or individuals looking for a gentle stroll or a longer walk. The ten walks are centred on Freshwater; Norton; Calbourne; Chale; Godshill; Arreton; Wootton; Newchurch; St Helen's and Bembridge.

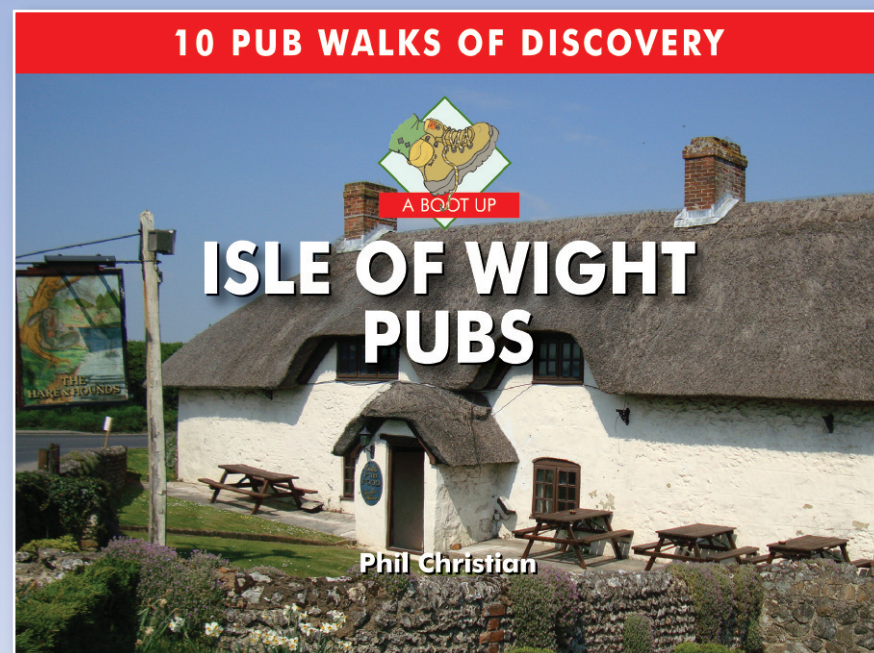
ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Phil Christian had a long career in the telecommunications industry. On leaving this in 2010 he decided he wanted to share his 15 years' worth of countryside walking – he estimates that he has walked about 4000 miles along Sussex, Kent, Surrey, Hampshire and Isle of Wight footpaths. During those walks he has come across many sites of interest, lovely country pubs and magnificent views which, being a keen amateur photographer, has resulted in thousands of photographs over the years.

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The Pointer Inn, Newchurch



Above: *Seagrove Bay*

Left: *St Helen's ruins*

Below: *Godshill's thatched cottages and church*




Left: *St Catherine's Lighthouse*



Example of a double-page spread.

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The Sun Inn

1 From the Sun Inn go down Lynch Lane opposite passing the Old Village Pump and church on the left. Just past the church turn right into Winkle Street.

Go along the famous Winkle Street and continue on Footpath CB13 with the Caul Bourne stream on the left, the Caul Bourne giving its name to Calbourne. Cross a stile and go diagonally right on Footpath CB13 — Calbourne Mill. Cross the stile in the far right corner next to a gate and go




WINKLE STREET
Winkle Street is a picturesque row of cottages famously seen on many photographs and postcards of the island. Winkle Street faces the village stream from which the village takes its name — the Caul Bourne. The stream used to power five mills, just to the north of the town.

ahood to cross another stile to the left of the farm buildings. Go ahead on the enclosed path, cross an access drive and go over another stile. Go ahead across the field to the right of a house and cross a stile in the far corner. Cross another stile and go down some steps to a road. (There you can detour about 250 yards left down the fairly quiet road to Calbourne Water Mill on the right taking care as there is no pavement. Return back to this stile to continue the walk.)

2 Turn right up the road taking care as there is no pavement. In about 130 yards at a junction, go over the stile to the left of a 3-way road sign in the opposite hedgerow. Go ahead with the hedgerow on your right and cross a stile in the corner.

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CALBOURNE WATERMILL
The seventeenth-century Calbourne Watermill is the only working watermill on the island. It is set in 10 acres of rural landscape and it contains one of the oldest working watermills in the country dating back to the Domesday Book.

