11. Route to the Treasure

The route to the treasure is shown using the photos marked as Treasure on our $\underline{03}$. Images page with the pages in book publication order as shown on our $\underline{09}$. Page Order page.

Here are the photos that the team took en route to the treasure on Sun 13th January - arriving at the treasure at 15:54:

After failing to find 'the Tardis' on an extensive search of Nettlebed and the surrounding woods, Maeve, Andy, Carolyn and Mark lunched at the White Hart before our journey home (to Frome in Maeve and Andy's case!). One last drive around the area for Carolyn and I, and with our eyes peeled we headed by instinct(!) towards NT Greys Court. After driving past the entrance we decided to turn back for home. I glanced up as we passed by once more and did a double-take as my aged eyes focused upon the familiar shaped roof of p13...eureka!



After a brisk walk around the grounds of Greys Court (Ian Fleming's mother lived there from 1935 to 1937) we realised that the cannon-shaped tree trunk of p9 was unsurprisingly outside the grounds of the NT estate. We exited, and to our delight spied this up a slight incline a short walk from the NT car park:



On past farm outbuildings (p4) and the kissing gate of p3 to the distinctive telegraph pole of p5:



Entering the woods at the keyhole tree (p6):



We soon picked up the yellow arrow of the (CW) Chiltern Way from p12, slightly hidden by festive greenery:



On past the arthritic tree joint of p8

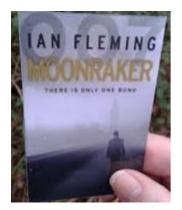


And in to the depths of the wood with a feeling of impending success. But.....with daylight fading quickly and a large area to search for the stump target of p11 after 30 minutes of failure we were approaching panic until we established exactly where the photo on p7 had been taken from! A scan from that point allowed us to see our ultimate goal beckoning from a distance!



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One final question to solve...which of the remaining cards represented the oldest published James Bond novel. Of course we now know the list by heart and Moonraker is ours....



An astonishing piece of good fortune led to a very enjoyable day out in the end.