~~300,000~~ 500,000 Steps Diary - Rick Bradford, March 2021

26/2/21 (I started early): Upper Tyley (16,175 steps, 7.4 miles)

26/2/21 Mrs B trying womanfully to keep up (oddly, she did not accompany me on any further walks)

27/2/21 Kilcott (9,871 steps, 4.2 miles)

28/2/21 Abbey gate, Kingswood, WuE (10,809 steps, 4.8 miles)

1/3/21 Blackquarries Hill (12,632 steps, 5.5 miles)

2/3/21 “Smallpox” from Cam Peak (12,901 steps, 5.7 miles, 860 ft)

3/3/21 Tyndale Monument (13,226 steps, 5.7 miles)

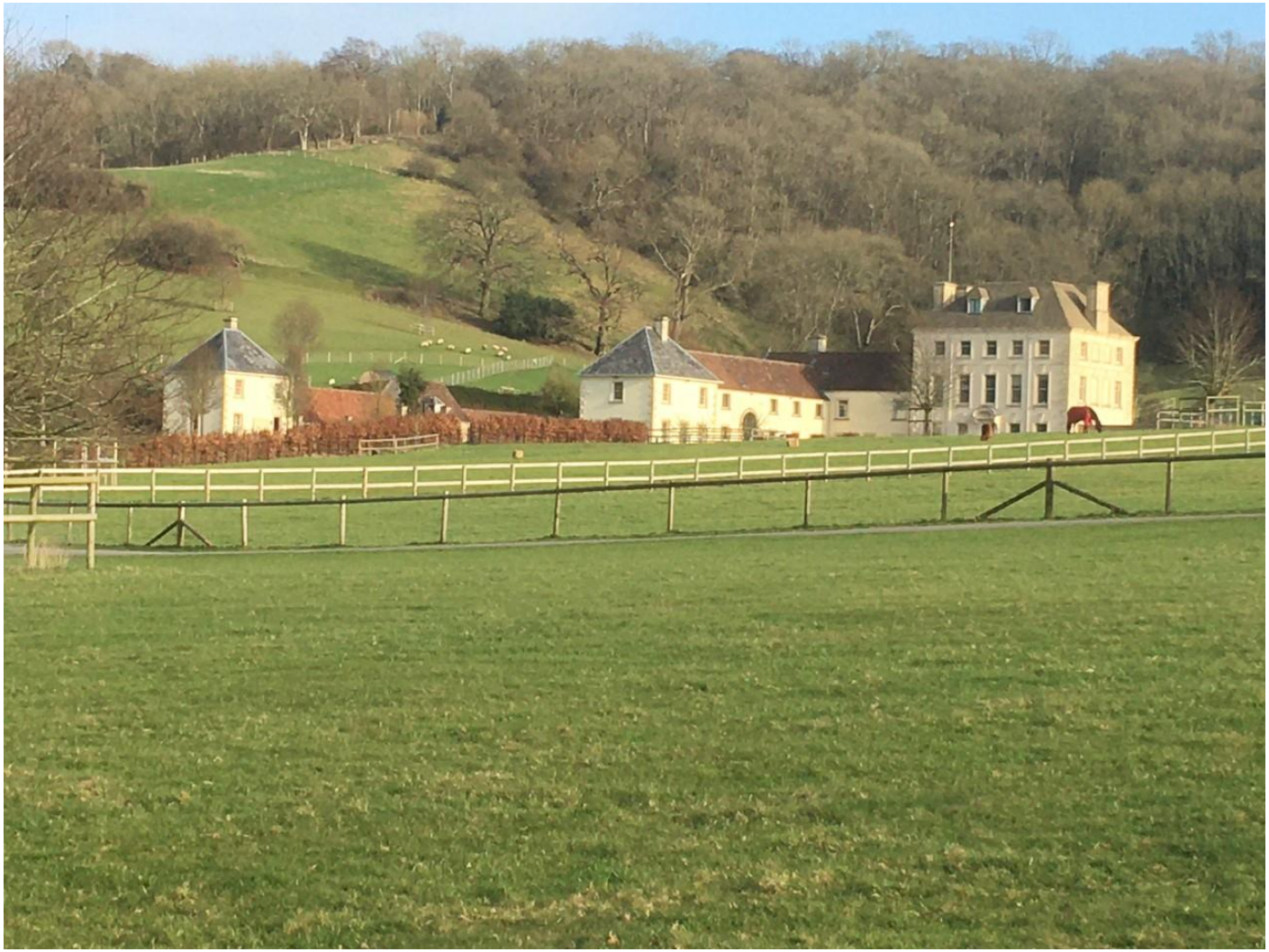
4/3/21 Wickwar turbine No.2 (20,645 steps, 9.5 miles)

5/3/21 Rowland Hills Almshouses WuE (6,654 steps, 2.9 miles)

6/3/21 Tyley Bottom and Holywell (15,871 steps, 7.2 miles, 660 feet)

7/3/21 Fernley stocks (16,569 steps, 7.3 miles, 550 feet)

8/3/21 Alderley Farm (poshest farmhouse I've ever seen, in the best kept grounds – serious Norwegian money), 20,385 steps, 9.1 miles



9/3/21 Sculpture in Ozleworth Park (25,976 steps, 11.4 miles)

9/3/21 Newington Bagpath from the Norman Motte

9/3/21 abandoned church near the Norman Motte above Newington Bagpath (25,976 steps, 11.4 miles, 590 feet)

9/3/21 Newark House (bad fire two years ago)

9/3/21 Ozleworth House (more serious money)

9/3/21 Lasborough Park (but I suspect this is not the Manor, but a mere lesser place - unnamed)

10/3/21 Jubilee Plantation, Wotton Hill (16,842 step, 7.7 miles, 480 feet). The original celebrated Waterloo, but replanted for Queen Victoria’s jubilee.

11/3/21 Stinchcombe Hill from North Nibley (15,722 steps, 7 miles, 550 feet)

11/3/21 North Nibley from Stinchcombe Hill, with Tyndale Monument visible

11/3/21 Restores one’s faith in humanity. (On my annual 30-miler, this comes after 26 miles and is very welcome)

12/3/21 Uley Bury (14,638 steps, 6.5 miles, 580 feet)

13/3/21 The famous Rose & Crown at Nympsfield (19,131 steps, 8.7 miles, 640 feet)

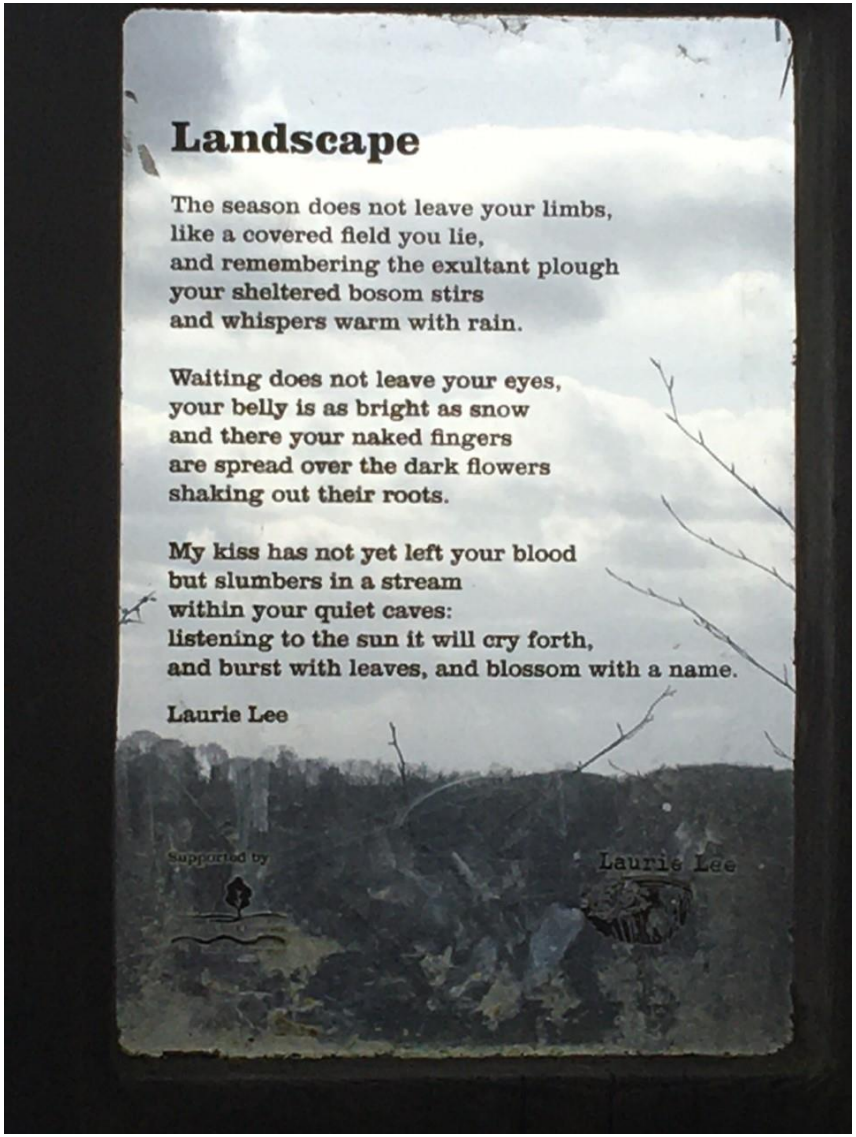
13/3/21 Woodchester Estate lake No.1, through the trees (one of the many lakes my wife swims in – strictly forbidden!)

14/3/21 In the middle of nowhere, I thought it was a Hawthorn, but it isn't (16,319 steps, 7.3 miles, 630 feet)

14/3/21 Wotton-under-Edge from Combe Hill

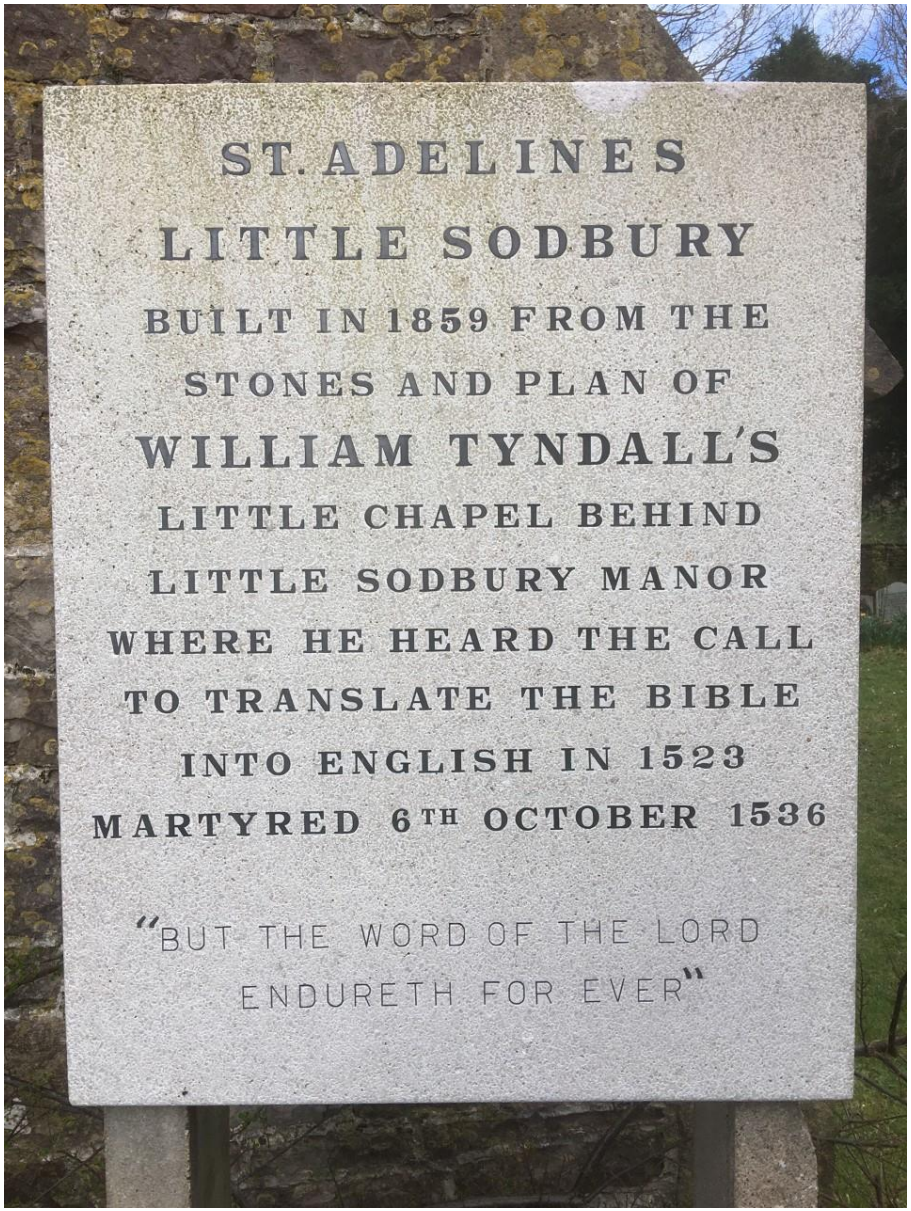
15/3/21 Laurie Lee trail, Slad valley (14,410 steps, 6.6 miles, 620 feet)

15/3/21 One of the 10 Laurie Lee poems along the trail



16/3/21 A very posh dovecote (17,217 steps, 7.6 miles)

16/3/21 St Adelines church at Little Sodbury, followed by the notice board outside its currently locked door.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LITTLE SODBURY
BUILT IN 1859 FROM THE
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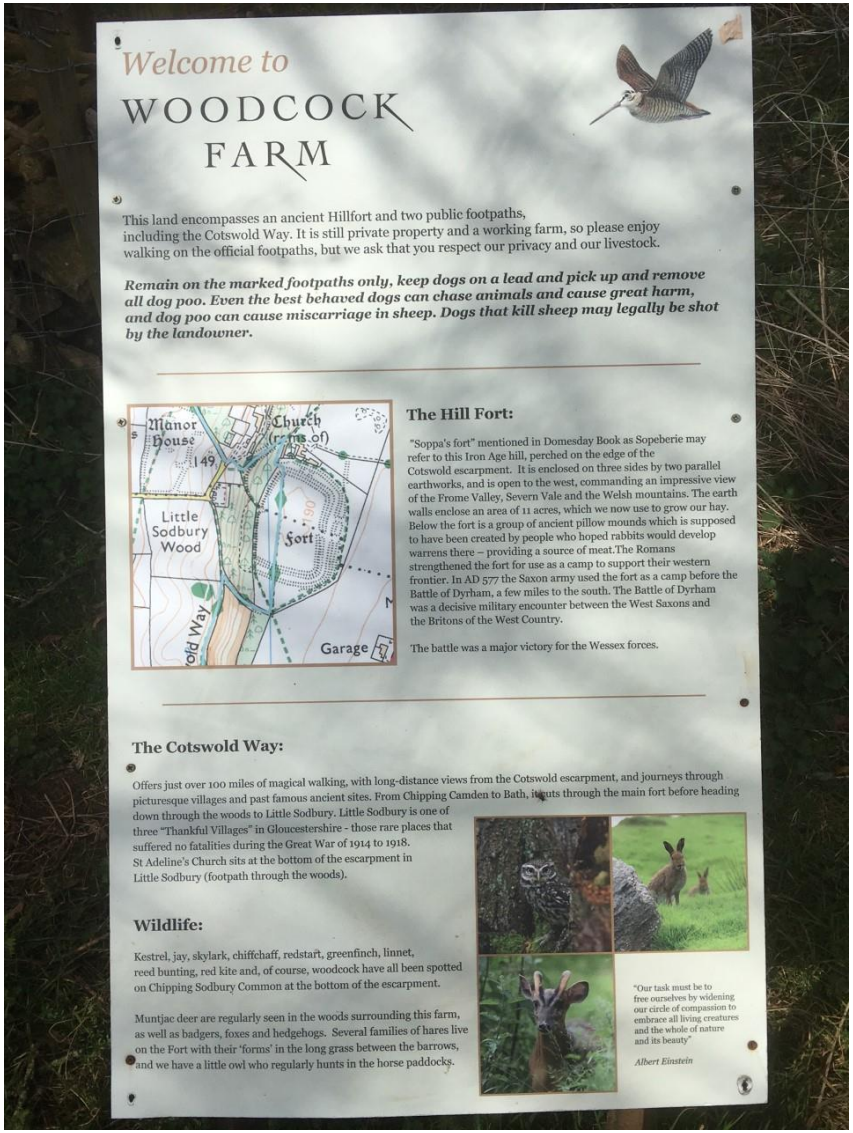
WHERE HE HEARD THE CALL
TO TRANSLATE THE BIBLE
INTO ENGLISH IN 1523
MARTYRED 6TH OCTOBER 1536
"BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD
ENDURETH FOR EVER"

16/3/21 Woodcock Hillfort – locally significant for us Saxons as it featured in the Battle of Dyrham which let the Saxons into the West Country



17/3/21 Wotton-under-Edge from Wotton Hill (14,502 steps, 6.3 miles, 520 feet)

18/3/21 St John the Baptist, Old Sodbury (15,953 steps, 7.2 miles)

18/3/21 Dodington Park

18/3/21 No expense spared to save this old tree in Dodington Park

18/3/21 A sculpture in the middle of nowhere

19/3/21 Worrisome fairy-tale style dead tree, near Alderley (20,188 steps, 9 miles)

20/3/21 Laycombe Woods, carpeted with wild garlic soon to be in full stink (15,820 steps, 7 miles)

20/3/21 Holywell from Combe Hill

21_3_21 First lawn mowing of the year on the first day of Spring (15,909 steps, 7.2miles, 430 feet)

22/3/21 Cold Ashton Manor (14,488 steps, 7 miles)

22/3/21 The garden gate at Cold Ashton Manor

23/3/21 One of the old mill ponds at Holywell, Tyley valley, some say there were once 17 such mills along the valley (16,710 steps, 7.6 miles)

23/3/21 another view of same

23/3/21 Tyley Head with Wotton's answer to the Burgess Shale on the right and the Ozleworth tower in the distance

23/3/21 Wotton’s Burgess Shale

24/3/21 An unexpected outbreak of spring profusion, Waterly Bottom (17,283 steps, 7.6 miles, 580 feet)

25/3/21 St Mary Magdalene, Tormarton (20,357 steps, 9.3 miles)

25/3/21 Dyrham Park

25/3/21 Fine example of strip lynchets near Dyrham Park (still disputed whether they date from the Iron Age, Roman or Medieval periods)

25/3/21 Alpacas in Combe (15,153 steps, 6.6 miles, 600 feet)

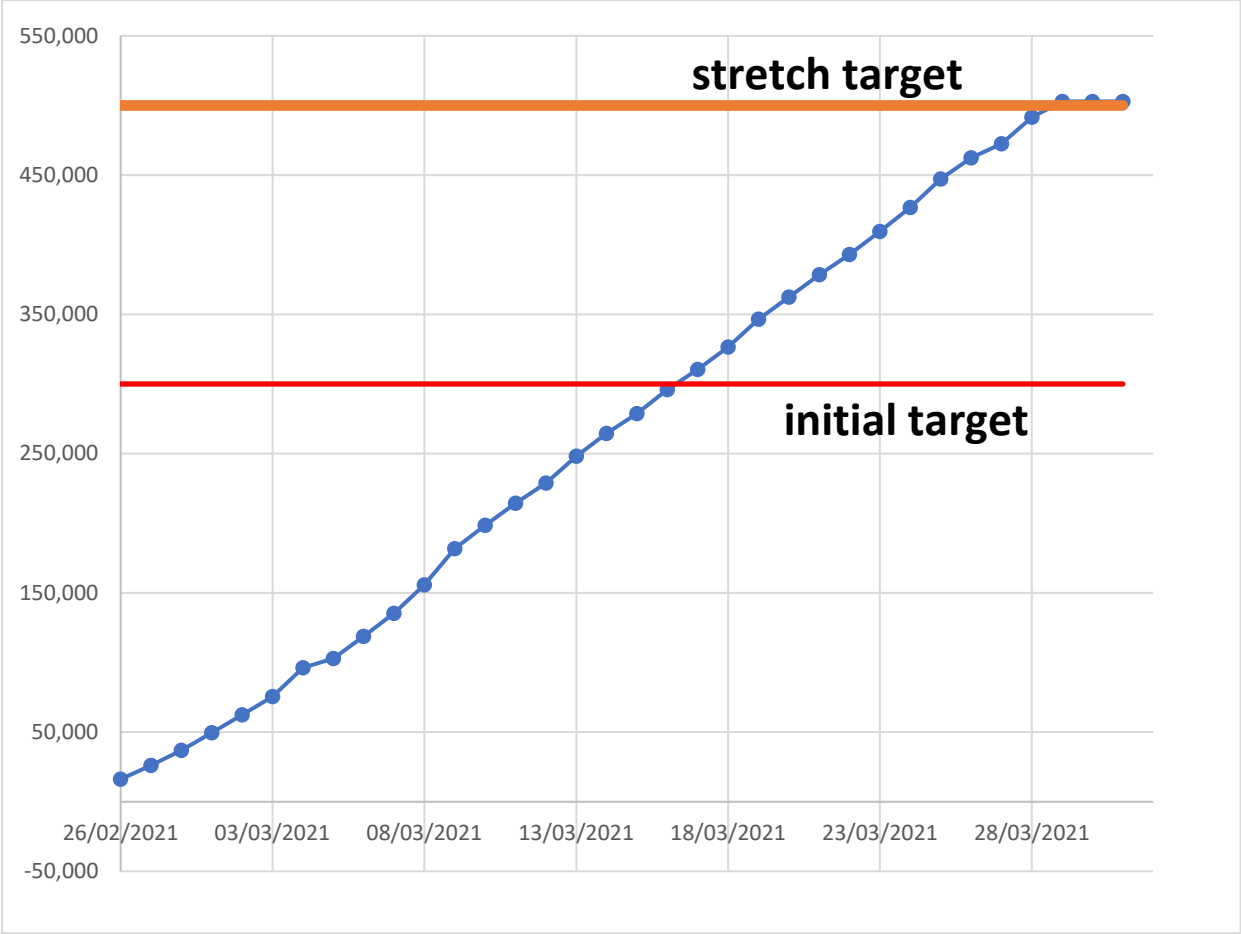
28/3/21 Best pub in the known universe, The Fleece at Hillesley – still shut (19,027, 8.7 miles)

28/3/21 Llamas near Hillesley (err, mind stepping out of my way, chaps?)

28/3/21 One of the many grand Cotswold stone houses one finds hidden away round here (Alderley) – that's a boat house on the right

28/3/21

29/3/21 Nearest I come to a selfie – The Target Achieved! Total 502,911 steps (225 miles)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