Woodford and Denford

Rushden & Diamonds to Denford, 4.5 miles, 3 locks

Woodford Riverside Marina, which you pass on the left going downstream, is now just a permanent mooring site for some boats, the owners now not operating as a boatyard, and although there is water available it is virtually impossible to venture up the little inlet as it is so very shallow.

There are some new moorings which have been made by the Friends of the River Nene between Woodford Riverside Marina and Woodford Church on the bend on the left going downstream. As of Spring 2015 they are rather shallow and some nifty mooring and gang plank will be required but it is a short walk to Woodford itself with shops and pubs.

Quiet moorings too at Denford a little further along between the weir stream and the farm bridge and lock on the right hand side going downstream. Sometimes there are cows in the field. The bank is high though and you might try and stop just short of there on the meadow in the lock cut just short of the weir. Plank will be needed in both places.

No facilities or shops here but there is a pub just at the end of the short path to Denford although this wasn’t doing food when we passed in April 2015. This is a good walking area with many circular walks, as well as a very pleasant 1 mile walk across the fields to Ringstead where you will find a Store and Post Office as well as one of those ‘country’ shops for boots and jackets etc.

The village of Woodford can be visited from here on foot a mile and half away, in fact there is a very nice 4.5 mile circular walk taking in Woodford and Ringstead.

A bus service from Denford serves Thrapston (6 mins) and Kettering (45 mins) every two hours at 52 mins past the hour from 9.52am. If you wish to travel to Ringstead on this bus then be careful because the Ringstead bus stop is outside the village centre, you need to ask one of the passenger where to get off.

From the moorings just walk up the path through the gate to Denford village and the bus stop is at the end of the path on this side of the road for Thrapston and Kettering and outside the pub for Ringstead.