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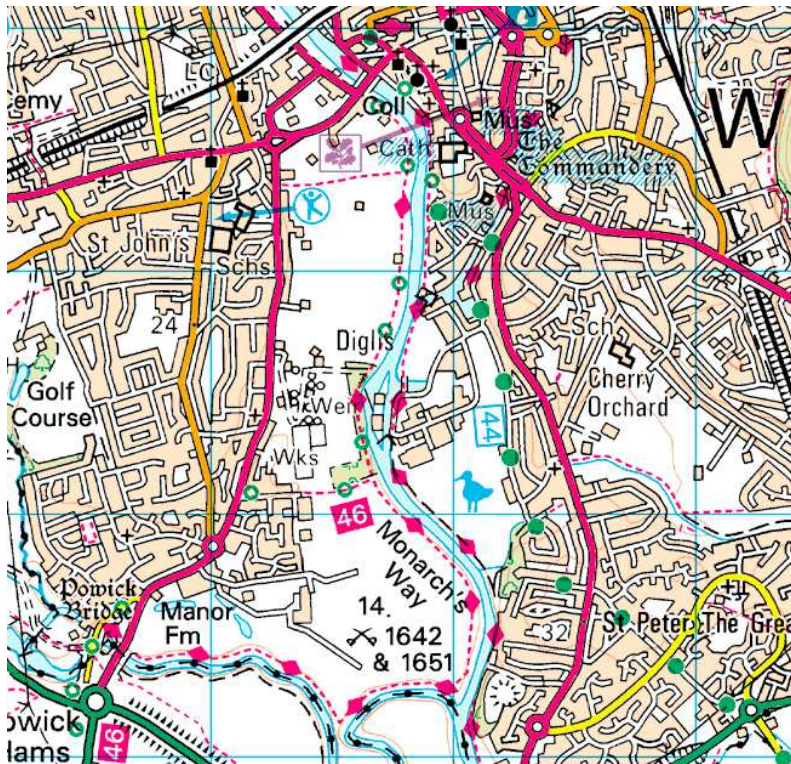
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My note on the absence of the Chalgrove action from OS small scales (*Sheetlines* 83) was incorrect. I was looking a little too close to the Chiltern Hills and in fact the crossed swords are sited at 6497 (at least on New Popular and Seventh Series).



Also missed at 8452 on *Landranger* 150 was the symbol and double dates of 1642 and 1651 (*left*). The former was a relatively minor encounter which effectively kick-started the first Civil War, the latter a major battle which ended the third of 1650-51. Occurring a month before the battle of Edgehill, the action at Powick Bridge (8352, *sw corner left*), happened when troops of the Earl of Essex's army, the bulk of which was near Evesham, surprised a Royalist force under Prince Rupert. He quickly recovered and subsequently routed the

Parliamentarians, doing much for the reputation of the Prince which was declining by the end of the war.

But just before this decline commenced (with the battle of Marston Moor) there was a significant Royalist success at Newark in March 1644. Here Prince Rupert with slightly over six thousand men defeated Sir John Meldrum with seven thousand. A significant part in the defeat was played by the wrangling of the Parliamentary commanders which had 'nearly broken the heart of the poor old gentleman' as Meldrum was described. No symbol marks this battle-site, but on Seventh Series 112 in archaeological type appears *Earthwork* and *Civil War Redoubt* respectively.

Neither the 1016 nor 1642 battles appearing on large-scale TQ1776NE (mentioned in *Sheetlines* 83) appear on *Explorer* 161. Nor do symbols appear for Ripple Field or Nantwich battles on *Explorers* 190 and 257.

Finally, regarding double dates for battle-sites as at Brentford and Powick Bridge, there is scope for similar at 4341 on small scales between Leeds and York. Here a battle in 1408 is recorded but not the action on Bramham and Seacroft moors in 1642, marking an early Royalist success.