

## Nov 2019 – Jan 2020 Activities & Events

### Dear Members,

Finding the car park location can sometimes be a problem, especially if it is not an obvious one that is clearly identified by a big blue 'P' on an OS leisure map. Often, the nearest post code covers a wide area and even six-digit OS grid references are only accurate to 100 metres. There has been a fair bit of publicity for "What 3 Words" recently. It is a web site and phone app which can be used to specify or find a location with a 3x3 metre accuracy (see <https://what3words.com/about-us> to find out more). W3W addresses have been included in the notes section for several walks on this programme as an experiment to see if walkers find it useful.

As usual we have a wide range of walks and strolls for you to enjoy and we would like to thank our leaders for the effort they made this year in putting them on. With Christmas Day falling mid-week there are fewer walks in December, but once again Judy and Bill have organised a hugely enjoyable day on December 12 where both walkers and strollers come together to sing carols at Newtimber Church afterwards.

The last walk on the programme will cover the first leg of the 64-mile Serpent Trail, whose snaking path runs from Haslemere to Petersfield by way of Blackdown, Liphook, Milland, Fernhurst, Petworth, Duncton, Midhurst, Stedham and Nyewood. It links up some of the most beautiful and rare heathland habitats that make up just 1% of the South Downs National Park. The other legs will appear in the Spring programme.

**Walks Coordinator:** Ian Lancaster  
**Strolls Coordinator:** Judy Robinson

### Notes for walkers & cyclists:

- Please ensure you have read the 'Walks Guidance Notes' on our website: <https://friendsofthesouthdowns.org.uk> (go to 'About Us' then 'Public documents') or contact our office.
- Please remember to take care of your own safety on walks and strolls, and make sure you wear appropriate footwear and clothing and that you are fit for the walk or stroll outlined.
- Make your own way to the meeting place, but please consider the use of car-sharing or public transport where possible. For advice about a particular walk or stroll contact the leader, or the office on the number at the bottom of this page. The three figures before the grid reference, e.g. 121 or OL10, refers to maps in the OS 1:25,000 Explorer series. The post code is a guide only; the six-digit grid reference will be more precise.
- New walkers: Please note that the start time on the programme is the time we start walking. Please arrive at the meeting place at least 15 minutes before this time, to allow for putting on boots, etc. The finish time is an estimate by the leader and may vary due to conditions on the day of the walk. DoW after the phone number means that the leader's mobile number is to be used for the day of the walk only.
- All routes are circular unless stated otherwise. At lunch breaks, some people have a snack in the pub or café while others eat their packed lunch away from the pub premises and then go in for a drink or coffee. We usually stop for about an hour. Pub lunches at the end of strolls are optional.
- Strolls (shaded) are a maximum of 9 miles. Walks (unshaded) are over 9 miles. **E** = Easy stroll, mostly flat with few or no stiles, well-suited for more gentle walking; **D** = Challenging walk with significant climbs (more than 2,500ft in total).
- Dogs: Where permitted, dogs must be under control and owners must do as requested by the leader; extendable leads are prohibited.
- Cyclists: Must be over 18 and experienced. Members are responsible for their own safety – helmets can help prevent a head injury from a fall. Please note that terrain may vary from bridleways to public roads.

Date & Time	Start Details OS Explorer Map / Grid Reference	Title and Outline of the Route Leader and Contact Details Notes, if applicable	Length (miles)
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### Sand and Chalk in Surrey

<b>Saturday</b> 2 November 09:30 - 15:30	Landslip CP, Abinger Rd Leith Hill RH5 6HG 146 / TQ146432	Leith Hill Tower, Friday Street, Wotton, Westcott (Pub - Prince of Wales), Greensand Way.	12 ¼
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### East Meon & SDW

<b>Tuesday</b> 5 November 10:30 - 11:00	Workhouse Lane Car Park, East Meon GU32 1PF 119 / SU677222	SDW & source of the River Meon with a lunch stop at the Beech Café, Sustainability Centre (or bring picnic). Some hills. Good views in fine weather. <i>Notes: No dogs thank you.</i>	7 ½
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### Whitemans Green to Bolney

<b>Tuesday</b> 5 November 09:45 - 15:45	Whitemans Green Playing Fields CP RH17 5HX 135 / TQ300256	Laines Farm, Harvest Hill, Bolney (Pub - Eight Bells), Bolney Wood, Broxmead Farm, HWLT. <i>Notes: Approx post code; car park is at W3W ///funky.crouch.probing</i>	12
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### Partridge Green - Ashington

<b>Thursday</b> 7 November 09:30 - 15:30	Partridge Green Village Hall RH13 8HX OL11 / TQ190192	Hatterell Bridge, Daylands Farm, Ashington (Pub - The Red Lion), Brownhill, Ashurst, Lock Farm.	12
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### Remembrance Sunday, with Sussex Sunday Walkers

<b>Sunday</b> 10 November 09:15 - 16:00	Gills Lap CP, B2026/Kidds Hill jn. TN7 4EU 135 / TQ467316	Airman's Grave (for short service), Fairwarp (Pub - Foresters Arms), King's Standing, North Pole. <i>Notes: Foresters Arms will be busy, so pre-ordering a lunch place with leader, at least one week before, is advised; walk may be shortened to ca.11miles by self-leading via Vanguard Way after King's Standing, directly back to car park. Sorry, no dogs thank you.</i>	12 ½
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### Ditchling and Hassocks

<b>Monday</b> 11 November 10:00 - 12:15	Ditchling Village Hall CP BN6 8TT 122 / TQ326152	To Clayton and up to Hassocks and back. We'll use the path beside the railway and through Adastral park. Return over fields through Keymer. Pub (White Horse, Ditchling) at end of stroll. May be some mud & stiles.	4
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### My 'Swansong' Lead

<b>Tuesday</b> 12 November 09:30 - 15:30	Whitemans Green Playing Fields CP RH17 5HX 135 / TQ300256	Ouse Valley Viaduct, Ardingly Reservoir, Balcombe (Pub - Half Moon), Staplefield.	13
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### Sutton and Bignor

<b>Thursday</b> 14 November 10:00 - 12:30	Lord's Piece CP RH20 1HQ (near) 121 / SU991170	To Sutton and back via Bignor. Some uphill but not too arduous. Drive to pub (The Cricketers, Duncton), after the stroll. No dogs please. <i>Notes: This car park is the southernmost of two on this stretch of road</i>	5
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### Halfway Bridge to Byworth

<b>Thursday</b> 14 November 09:30 - 16:00	RSP at Beggar's Corner off A272 at Halfway Bridge OL33 / SU932221	Lodsworth, River Common, Upperton, Limbo Farm, Stedmans Journey, Byworth (Pub - The Black Horse), Petworth, Upperton, River. <i>Notes: Parking at W3W ///incensed.cutlets.slips (post code not close)</i>	13
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### Knepp Castle and Wildlands Walk

<b>Saturday</b> 16 November 10:00 - 15:00	Knepp Wildlands Walkers CP, New Barn Farm Ln N. of Dial Post RH13 8NN OL34 / TQ151203	Honeypools Barn, Pen Bridge, Smoke House Farm, Coolham (Pub - The Selsey Arms), Shipley, Knepp Park, Knepp Millpond, Knepp Castle Mound. <i>Notes: The walk mainly follows the newly established Knepp Wildlands Castle Walk. Car park is at W3W ///essential.equity.tricks</i>	10
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### Yew Trees at Kingley Vale

<b>Tuesday</b> 19 November 10:00 - 12:30	Stoughton Down CP 1 mile NE Stoughton PO18 9JG 120 / SU815126	Walks through woodland and up onto the downs with views over Chichester and the channel. Pub (Hare and Hounds, Stoughton) at end of stroll. <i>Notes: Dogs welcome, I will be bringing my Border Collie along</i>	5
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### Ardingly Reservoir to Horsted Keynes

<b>Tuesday</b> 19 November 09:15 - 15:30	Ardingly Reservoir RH17 6SQ 135 / TQ335287	Lindfield, Henfield Wood, Horsted Keynes (Pub - The Green Man), Sussex Border Path, Highbrook.	14
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### To Hurst and Back

<b>Wednesday</b> 20 November 10:00 - 12:45	Jack & Jill Inn CP Clayton BN6 9PD 122 / TQ298143	Coldharbour Farm, New Way Lane, Hurstpierpoint, Hurst Wickham, South Bank, (Hassocks) Lag Wood. Pub (Jack & Jill) at end of stroll. <i>Notes: Mainly flat, with some stiles and some mud.</i>	5 ½
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### Chidham Peninsula Circular

<b>Thursday</b> 21 November 10:30 - 13:00	Cot Lane, Chidham, opposite the Old House at Home. PO18 8SU OL8 / SU787040	Circular stroll with several of the best harbour views. Level with some embankment and foreshore. No stiles. Pub (The Old House at Home) at end of stroll. <i>Notes: Possible lift from Havant Station</i>	6
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### Is it Raining?

<b>Thursday</b> 21 November 09:30 - 16:00	Crowlink CP BN20 0AX OL25 / TV549978	Pea Down, Jevington, Milton Street (Pub - Sussex Ox) Alfriston, Exceat, Foxhole.	15
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### A Rather Common Affair

<b>Saturday</b> 23 November 10:00 - 15:30	Washington RSP opposite pub RH20 4AL OL10 / TQ123129	Barnsfarm Hill, Coldharbour, Storrington (Pub - White Horse or cafés), Wantley, Heath Common, Washington Common.	11
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### Elgar's countryside

<b>Tuesday</b> 26 November 10:00 - 15:00	Hesworth Common car park RH20 1JF 121 / TQ007193	Stroll via Fittleworth & Stopham church. Bring picnic lunch. Refreshment stop near to the end of the stroll in pub at Fittleworth. <i>Notes: No dogs thank you.</i>	8
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### Lord's Piece - Bury

<b>Tuesday</b> 26 November 09:30 - 15:30	Lord's Piece CP RH20 1HQ OL10 / SU992169	Sutton, Bignor, Westburton Hill, SDW, Bury (Pub - Squire and Horse), West Burton, Bignor Park.	12
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### Sixteen Ways to White a Denture

<b>Thursday</b> 28 November 09:15 - 16:00	Whiteways CP BN18 9FD OL10 / TQ001108	The Denture, Upwaltham House Farm, Stickingspit Bottom, East Lavington, Duncton (Pub - The Cricketers), Barlavington Hanger, Bignor Hill, Westburton Hill.	16
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### Ditchling Beacon and Lower Standean

<b>Saturday</b> 30 November 10:00 - 15:30	Jack & Jill Mills CP Clayton BN6 9PG 122 / TQ303134	South Downs Way, Ditchling Beacon, Stanmer Park (lunch - Village Café), Lower Standean.	8 ½
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### Over the hills to Kingston, returning on the level

<b>Tuesday</b> 3 December 09:00 - 15:30	A26 lay-by opp. Itford Farm BN8 6JS OL25 / TQ433055	Southeast, Mill Hill, High Hill, Balsdean, Kingston (Pub - Juggs Arms), Iford, Rodmell, River Ouse, Itford Farm. <i>Notes: Parking location at W3W ///goods.adjusting.manual</i>	14 ½
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### Quest for the Unicorn, According to Hoyle

<b>Thursday</b> 5 December 09:00 - 15:45	Benbow Pond CP A272 E of Midhurst GU28 9BX OL33 / SU914222	Lodsworth, South Ambersham, Ambersham Common, Graffham, Heyshott (Pub - Unicorn Inn), West Lavington, Cowdray Park.	15
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### A Compton Caper

<b>Thursday</b> 5 December 10:00 - 13:30	Compton Recreation Ground PO18 9EX OL8 / SU775145	West Hanger, Robin Wood, Eckensfield, Nightingale Bottom, Hucksholt Farm. Pub (Coach and Horses) or tea room at end of stroll. <i>Notes: Car park is on the right at entrance to village from the south. Possible lift from Havant Station</i>	6 ½
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### Balcombe to West Hoathly

<b>Saturday</b> 7 December 10:00 - 15:45	Balcombe church RH17 6PX 135 / TQ307310	Little Strudgate Farm, Selsfield Common, West Hoathly (Pub - The Cat), Philpots, The Oaks. <i>Notes: Lay-by parking off London Rd, just N of Handcross Rd.</i>	12 ½
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### String Him Up

<b>Tuesday</b> 10 December 09:30 - 15:30	Chantry Post CP, Chantry Lane OL10 / TQ087119	Wepham Down, Gibbet Piece, Selden Fields, Patching (Pub - The Fox), Roman Well, Highden Beeches. <i>Notes: CP at W3W ///worked.pursuing.denoting (post code not useful)</i>	13 ½
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### Christmas Stroll through the Albourne Estate

<b>Thursday</b> 12 December 10:15 - 13:00	Albourne Village Hall CP in 'The Street' BN6 9DG 122 / TQ264168	Rolling farmland with several streams. Blackstone, Albourne church. Drive to pub (Shepherd and Dog, Fulking) to meet Walkers. Newtimber Church at 3pm for our usual Christmas Carol session. <i>Notes: Car park with kind permission. Lifts offered from Hove Station area.</i>	4
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### Christmas Walk with Carols

<b>Thursday</b> 12 December 10:00 - 15:00	RSP along Church Lane, Newtimber BN6 9BT OL11 / TQ270134	Brook House, Fulking (Pub - Shepherd & Dog), Poynings. Carols at Newtimber Church from 3 pm, with refreshments.	9
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### Beeding Hill to Bramber

<b>Saturday</b> 14 December 10:30 - 15:00	Beeding Hill CP BN43 5FB 122 / TQ208097	Circular walk includes steepish descent, Bramber (Pub - The Castle Inn), return with steep ascent, taken slowly. <i>Notes: Postcode is YHA Truleigh Hill, car park is to the west on bend.</i>	8
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### Petworth Park to Lurgashall

<b>Tuesday</b> 17 December 09:15 - 15:00	Petworth Park NT North CP GU28 9LS OL33 / SU966239	Tillington, Lodsworth, Lurgashall (Noah's Ark), Pheasant Copse. <i>Notes: P&amp;D car park for non-NT members.</i>	11 ½
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### An Aerobic Advent Event

<b>Thursday</b> 19 December 09:00 - 15:45	Whiteways CP BN18 9LL OL10 / TQ002109	Monarch's Way, High Titten, South Downs Way, Chantry Lane, Kithurst Hill, Coldharbour, Storrington (Pub - The Moon), West Sussex Literary Trail, Rackham Hill, South Downs Way, The Mill Ball.	15
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### Balcombe to Ardingly

<b>Saturday</b> 21 December 10:00 - 15:00	Balcombe lay-by off B2036 nr. church RH17 6PX (near) 135 / TQ308310	Balcombe Lake, Horsebridge Woods, Ardingly (Ardingly Inn or café ), Ardingly Reservoir, Balcombe Mill.	8
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### Christmas Eve Walk

<b>Tuesday</b> 24 December 10:00 - 15:00	SDW CP, Washington RH20 4AX OL10 / TQ121120	Chanctonbury Ring, SDW, No Man's Land, Monarch's Way, Findon (Pub - The Village House), Windlesham House.	10
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### Bramber and Steyning

<b>Friday</b> 27 December 10:30 - 13:00	Bramber Village CP BN44 3WE 122 / TQ187106	Monarchs Way, SDW, Steyning Round Hill, Chantry House, return. Pub (The Castle) at end of stroll. Good firm tracks for most of the stroll. Long steady climb from Bramber near start. <i>Notes: Lifts offered from Hove Station area, or no. 2 Brighton/Steyning bus</i>	5
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### Welcome to 2020

<b>Wednesday</b> 1 January 09:45 - 15:30	Washington SDW CP RH20 4AX OL10 / TQ121120	SDW, Eldon Place, Findon (Pub - Village House), Chanctonbury Ring.	10
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### 'Sea' in the New Year

<b>Thursday</b> 2 January 09:45 - 15:45	Saltdean Lido CP BN2 8SP OL11 / TQ381021	Rottingdean, Pickers Hill Farm, Rodmell (Pub - Abergavenny Arms), Southease, Bullock Down, Tenant Hill.	13 ½
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### Roving Over from The Dover

<b>Saturday</b> 4 January 10:00 - 15:30	The Dover CP BN18 9PX Map / TQ060064	Wepham Down, Amberley Mount, Houghton Bridge (Pub - Bridge Inn) Peppering Farm, The Knell. <i>Notes: Dover Lane is accessed from the eastbound carriageway of A27</i>	11 ½
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### Tillington, Upperton and River, with view of Pitshill House

<b>Tuesday</b> 7 January 10:00 - 12:30	Road side past Horse Guards pub, Tillington GU28 9AF OL33 / SU962220	Walk through woods and across farmland through hamlets of Upperton and River and past Pitshill House. Route is fairly flat but there can be a tricky descent/ascent after rain. Pub (Horse Guards) at end of stroll. <i>Notes: Dogs welcome, I will be bringing my Border Collie along</i>	5
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### A Short Walk for a Short Winter's Day

<b>Tuesday</b> 7 January 09:45 - 15:30	Shepherd's CP N. of Fairwarp TN22 3BJ 135 / TQ466272	High Hurstwood, Buxted, Buxted Park, Five Ash Down (Pub - Pig and Butcher), Fairwarp. <i>Notes: 7.5 miles in the morning and 3 after lunch</i>	10 ½
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### Glynde to Lewes

<b>Wednesday</b> 8 January 10:30 - 13:00	Glynde Station BN8 6RU 122 / TQ457085	Steady climb up Mount Caburn to start. Lunch in Bill's if required. <i>Notes: Start after arrival of trains from Lewes 10:21 and Eastbourne 10:27. If there is heavy rain forecast the stroll will not go ahead. Please ring leader if you need confirmation. Linear walk. Return to Glynde by train from Lewes.</i>	4
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### A winter walk through the Woods and Heaths

<b>Thursday</b> 9 January 09:30 - 15:30	Iping Common CP GU29 0PB OL33 / SU852220	Midhurst Common, Todham Rough, Heyshott (Pub - Unicorn Inn) Bepton Common, Fitzhall.	13 ½
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### Warnham to Slinfold

<b>Thursday</b> 11 January 10:00 - 15:00	Warnham Village Hall CP RH12 3RH OL34 / TQ156336	New Barn, Rowhook, Townhouse Farmhouse, Slinfold (Pub - Red Lyon), Strood Green, Warnham Manor.	9
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### Arlington Reservoir Stroll

<b>Tuesday</b> 14 January 10:00 - 13:00	Yew Tree Inn, Chalvington BN27 3TB 123 / TQ523098	Circular Walk to and around the reservoir and back. Flat, but likely to be muddy.	5
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### Sausage and Black Pudding Baguette?

<b>Tuesday</b> 14 January 09:30 - 16:00	Hurtwood CP No. 2 (Walking Bottom) Peaslake GU5 9QW 145 / TQ084445	Pitch Hill, Greensand Way, Leith Hill, Coldharbour (Pub - The Plough), Wotton Common, Abinger Common, Peaslake. <i>Notes: Post code not close; W3W address <a href="#">///slate.lifts.grab</a></i>	14
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### Storrington to Washington linear Stroll

<b>Thursday</b> 16 January 11:00 - 13:30	Old Mill Drive bus shelter, Storrington RH20 4PP 121 / TQ089144	Morning wander over the National Trust Commons, exploring twittens of Storrington then up over Sullington Common, through Sandgate Park, Sleepy Hollow and Washington Common. Gentle inclines, no stiles, sandy terrain. Return by bus with option to have a drink or lunch at the Frankland Arms. <i>Notes: There is a car park behind bus stop. Start accessible by buses 1 and 100. Return by bus 1 13:36, 14:12 or 14:36. Remember bus pass!</i>	3½ E
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### For Poorer, For Richer

<b>Thursday</b> 16 January 09:30 - 15:30	Firle Beacon CP on top of the Downs OL25 / TQ468058	Poverty Bottom, Alfriston (Pub - The Star Inn), Tilton Farm. <i>Notes: Post code not useful; W3W address <a href="#">///meatball.typist.falters</a></i>	14
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### Jack & Jill Windmills to Falmer

<b>Tuesday</b> 21 January 09:45 - 16:00	Jack & Jill CP BN6 9PG 122 / TQ303134	SDW, Waterpit Hill, Falmer (Pub - The Swan), High Park Wood, Lower Standean.	13 ½
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### Rodmell and River Ouse

<b>Wednesday</b> 22 January 10:30 - 12:30	Abergavenny Arms, Rodmell BN7 3EZ 122 / TQ418059	Rodmell, River Ouse (Egrets Way), Southease, return via the Downs (steep climb to Mill Hill). May be some mud. Pub (Abergavenny Arms) at end of stroll. <i>Notes: Lifts offered from Hove Station area</i>	5
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### Hat Hill to Levin Down

<b>Thursday</b> 23 January 11:00 - 13:30	Park near The Partridge Inn, Singleton PO18 OEY OL8 / SU877131	A scenic trail through the Drovers Estate (NT) at Singleton. A hidden gem using mostly permissive paths through woodland, fields and downland with great views. Pub or tea room at end. <i>Notes: Possible lift from Havant Station</i>	5
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### A Walk to Chalton

<b>Thursday</b> 23 January 09:15 - 15:45	Walderton PO18 9EA OL8 / SU787105	Upmarden, Compton, Chalton (Pub - Red Lion), Old Idsworth Church. <i>Notes: Car park is just E of B2146 where it crosses the River Emms; W3W address ///from.roost.camcorder</i>	15 ½
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### A tour of Wakehurst Gardens

<b>Monday</b> 27 January 10:00 - 13:00	Gardeners Arms CP, Selsfield Rd, Ardingly RH17 6TJ 135 / TQ342306	Firm paths. Pub (Gardeners Arms) at end of stroll. <i>Notes: Admission free to NT members, otherwise £13.95.</i>	3 E
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### Arundel to Slindon

<b>Tuesday</b> 28 January 10:00 - 15:30	Mill Road, Arundel BN18 9PA OL10 / TQ020071	Screens Wood, Slindon (Pub - The Spur), Rewell Wood. <i>Notes: RSP along Mill Road (TQ020075); meet opposite castle entrance.</i>	11
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### Petworth Park Ancient Trees Part 2

<b>Thursday</b> 30 January 10:30 - 12:00	Horse Guards Inn, Tillington, nr Petworth GU28 9AF OL33 / SU963220	Part 2 of the Ancient Tree Walk. Marvel at some of the oldest and largest trees in the country from 350-800 years old. See an unusual hollow Common Lime; this is difficult to age as the trunk has fragmented but perhaps is 500 to 600 years old with a girth of 7.46m. The Park is also dotted with magnificent oaks, beeches and chestnuts. Our walk passes Capability Brown's famous view across Upper Pond to the House. <i>Notes: Dogs welcome.</i>	3
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### Serpent Trail Linear Walk - Leg 1

<b>Thursday</b> 30 January 09:00 - 17:00	Lay-by off London Road, Rake GU33 7JH OL33 / SU807279	Haslemere, BlackDown, Marley Common, Linchmere Common, Stanley Common, Chapel Common, Rake. <i>Notes: The specified meeting point (W3W ///panoramic.trips.confined) is the walk destination. You may be asked to drive fellow walkers to the start point in Haslemere (recreation ground, Scotland Lane, GU27 3AR, SU905321, W3W ///curve.farmed.unionists) in exchange for a lift back there to get your car after the walk.</i> <i>Picnic only (unfortunately, no pub enroute).</i>	15
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