

#### Walk No 1

East from the Church via Newbury Pond and Copyhold Lane and back to the Church.

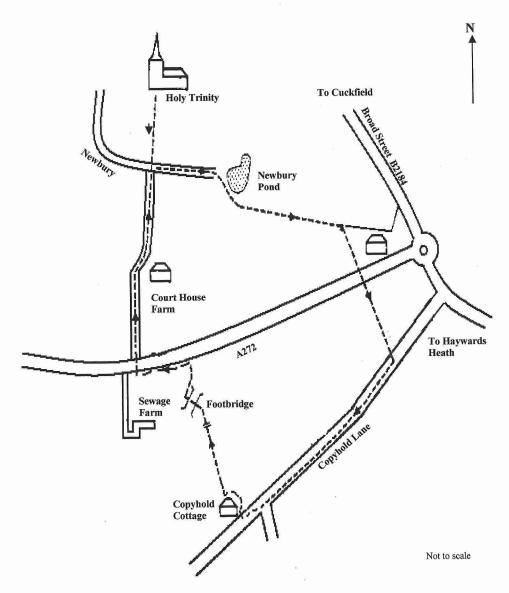
Leave the Churchyard by the South Gate into Newbury Lane. Turn left, pass the pond on the left and cross a stile. Follow the hedge on the left, crossing 2 stiles. Keep straight on until reaching a single-storey house on the right. Turn right here and the path leads to the main road (A272). Cross with care to the stile opposite, following the path beyond. Continue on this path to Copyhold Lane and turn right.

At the end of Copyhold Lane, just beyond Lodge Farm, turn right at a footpath sign by Copyhold Cottage. Follow the path downhill and across a stile to a pond. Turn left and follow the path uphill taking the right fork as the path rises. Cross the field to a high stile, following the path straight ahead with a fence on the left. The path then dips down into a hollow and up across the field ahead to a stile in a belt of trees. Crossing the stile descend to a stream crossed by a concrete bridge and up the other side.

Follow the path which skirts the sewage farm on the left with the A272 on the right. At the end of the sewage farm turn right across the A272, crossing with care. Go over the stile opposite and follow the path ahead, through the Organic Farmyard, until the path reaches the gate to the Churchyard.

Distance: 2½ miles.

Time: about 1 hour.





## Walk No 2

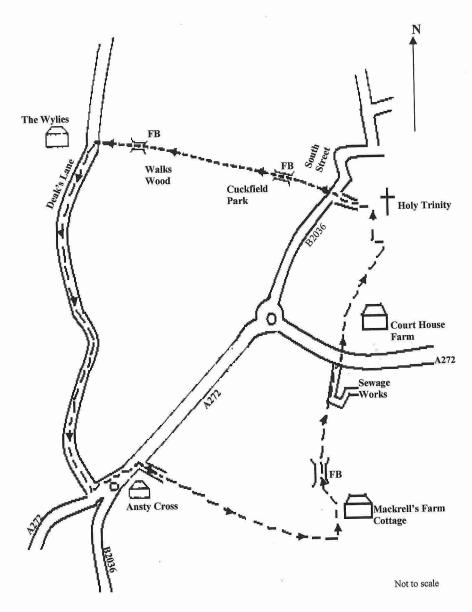
West from the Church to Deaks Lane, Ansty, Mackrell's Farm Cottage and back to the Church.

Leave the churchyard by the west gate, walk to the end of Church Platt and cross South Street. Follow the signpost opposite on a well marked footpath, with Cuckfield Park on your left. The path shortly falls steeply to cross a stile and then a stream by a footbridge. (Just after the footbridge on the right there is an entrance to New England Wood Nature Reserve, see Walk No. 8.) Continue up the steps and along the path with a wood on the left. At the end of this wood, cross a broken stile (with dog hatch). After about a hundred metres cross a tractor track and continue ahead over a stile, following the footpath sign. The path skirts Walks Wood on the left, with a fenced off conservation area and new plantation on the right. (On this walk in June wild orchids were to be seen on both sides of the path.) The path descends to a footbridge over a stream, then over a stile and up through a field (with many butterflies in June) to Deaks Lane, opposite The Wylies.

Turn left in Deaks Lane and follow it to the A272 road at Ansty. Turn left for a few metres to the roundabout, cross to the Ansty Cross Inn, and take the public footpath to the left of the pub. Leaving Old Place and Barn House to the left, turn right into a field following a footpath sign. Continue on past another fingerpost and, at the end of the second field, turn left across a stile and then right along the track. Pass Mackrell's Farm Cottage on your right and descend to a footbridge over a stream. Follow the path uphill through a missing gate with a stile on the left. Continue ahead through a kissing gate and past the sewage farm on the right, then over 2 more stiles to the main road (A272). Cross with care, then over a stile and follow the path ahead, through the Organic Farmyard to the church ahead.

**Distance:**  $3\frac{1}{2} - 4$  miles.

Time: about 13/4 hours.





## Walk No 3

**Holy Trinity** 

Church

South from the Church to Copyhold Lane, then west to Harvest Hill House and Bishopstone Lane, north to Ansty and back to the Church.

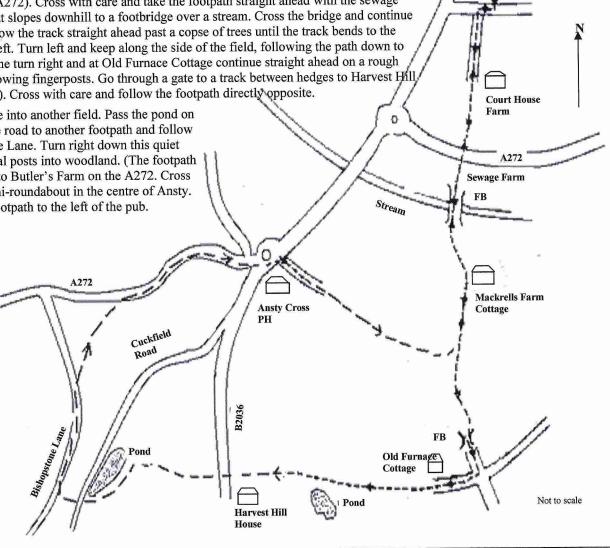
Leave the Churchyard by the South Gate into Newbury Lane. Turn right and after a few metres take the farm road due south to Court House Farm. Continue straight ahead to the main road (A272). Cross with care and take the footpath straight ahead with the sewage farm on the left, then through a gate into a grass field that slopes downhill to a footbridge over a stream. Cross the bridge and continue uphill, passing Mackrell's Farm Cottage on the left. Follow the track straight ahead past a copse of trees until the track bends to the right and at this point cross the stile in the fence on the left. Turn left and keep along the side of the field, following the path down to cross a wooden bridge over a stream. On reaching the lane turn right and at Old Furnace Cottage continue straight ahead on a rough track. Follow this uphill and past a pond on the left, following fingerposts. Go through a gate to a track between hedges to Harvest Hill House and out to the Burgess Hill to Ansty road (B2036). Cross with care and follow the footpath directly opposite.

The footpath follows the edge of a field, then over a stile into another field. Pass the pond on the right to reach Cuckfield Road. Go straight across the road to another footpath and follow this across the field and over a stile to reach Bishopstone Lane. Turn right down this quiet lane. In approx. 250 metres turn right through open metal posts into woodland. (The footpath sign is on the left, buried in the hedge.) This path leads to Butler's Farm on the A272. Cross the road, turn right and walk on the pavement to the mini-roundabout in the centre of Ansty. Cross over to the Ansty Cross Inn and take the public footpath to the left of the pub.

After approx. 350 metres, leaving Old Place and Barn House to the left, turn right into a field following a footpath sign. Continue on past another fingerpost and at the end of the second field turn left across a stile and then right along the track. Pass Mackrell's Farm Cottage on your right and descend to a footbridge over a stream. Follow the path back to the main road (A272), cross with care and continue to the church ahead.

Distance: about 4 miles

Time: 2 hours





Ockenden Lane to Whiteman's Green, Mizbrooks Farm, Cleavers Lane, Weald Chase and back to Ockenden Lane.

(Note: This walk is not suitable for families with children due to a short stretch along the busy B2115 road, with a very narrow verge, towards the end of the walk)

From the clock in the High Street turn south down the High Street and then right into Ockenden Lane. Before the entrance to Ockenden Manor turn right at a 'public footpath' sign and follow this path to a small iron gate into a field. Bear slightly right and follow the path downhill, with the wire fence on your left, to a stile and footbridge over a stream. The path now runs uphill over exposed tree roots. At a junction bear right over a stile and along the left hand side of the field, over a stile at the end and along the footpath to the Cuckfield/Horsham road (B2115) at Whiteman's Green.

Cross the road to a wide track opposite between houses. Follow this track to an iron gate in the hedge on the left and follow this path with the hedge on the right. The path runs slightly downhill to some trees and another iron gate. Follow the path through the trees and out into a field. Take the path straight ahead with the Golf Course on the left. At the end of the field continue on the path straight ahead (again with the Golf Course on the left) to the far right hand corner. Go through a gap in the hedge and ahead to a track (Sparks Lane). Turn left with the hedge on the left and follow the lane. At a point where paths cross, go through a 5-bar gate and walk ahead, with the fence on your left, until it turns left through another 5-bar gate through trees. Bear right through an iron gate and follow the path to the left, through another 5-bar gate and past Mizbrooks Farm on the right. Follow the track leaving farm buildings on the right. On reaching the tarmac lane (Cleavers Lane) turn left and follow the lane to the main road.

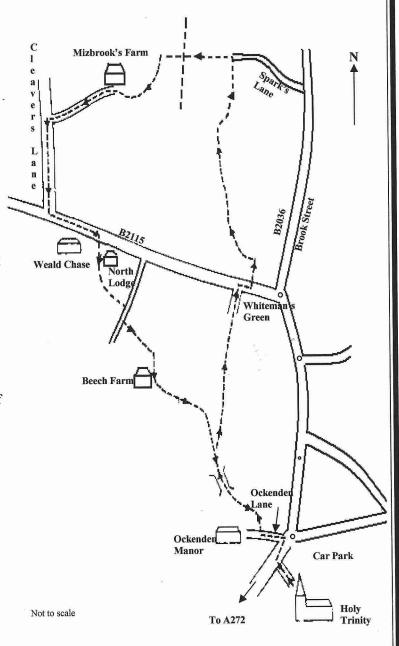
At the main road (B2115) turn left and <u>walk with great care</u> for a few hundred metres to North Lodge of Weald Chase, turning right at the footpath sign. Keep close to the hedge on the left and at a fingerpost at the end of the field follow the path straight ahead past cottages on the right. At a tarmac drive turn right into Beech Farm entrance and in approximately 50 metres turn left over a stile into a field. Continue to the bottom of the field, cross a stile and keep straight ahead. Keep the hedge on the left for one field, to another stile. Walk diagonally across this field to join the path from Ockenden Lane where the walk started, returning to the village.

Distance: 41/2 miles.

Time: about 2 hours.

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#### Walk No 4





Walk No 5

A circular walk from Copyhold Lane.

Copyhold Lane is the first right turning after the Cuckfield by-pass roundabout towards Haywards Heath on the A272. Car parking is available in Chownes Mead Lane which is accessed from Isaac's Lane (A273).

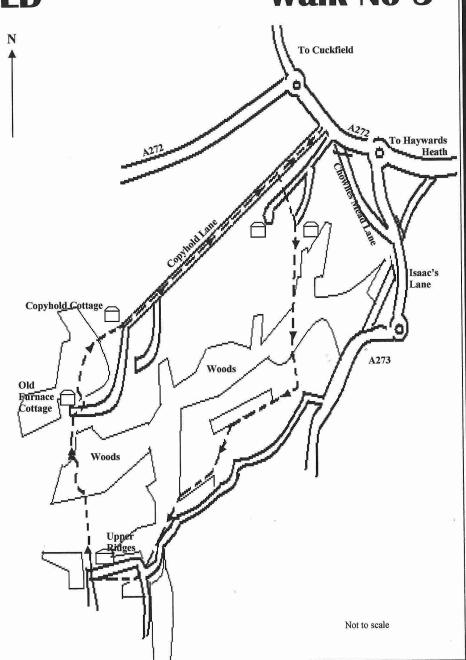
From the A272, walk a short distance down Copyhold Lane to footpath signs on either side of the road. Follow the sign on the left pointing straight through the narrow field and across an asphalt drive where another footpath sign points into a field.

Walk straight ahead, towards a farmhouse, keeping it on your left. Cross two stiles into another field. Continue straight on towards a wooded area at the bottom of the field ahead. Go through the gate and the path then runs through trees, crosses over a stream and then rises. At the fork, take the left hand path, slightly uphill, which is narrower than the main path. Cross a stile and continue walking straight ahead to a large wooden gate, with a number of footpath signs immediately adjacent to it. Turn right and walk along the perimeter of the field, keeping the wire fence to the left. Continue through a metal gate and towards a narrow fenced off copse, following the footpath sign to the left. The path goes through a kissing gate and then diagonally across the field to another kissing gate in the bottom corner of the field. Go through this and walk in a diagonal direction to a finger-post on the other side of the field, then follow the edge of the field with a wooded area on the left to a stile in the corner of the field. This leads into a wood and a well-signposted path continues through the wood and over a stream until it finally turns right over a stile into a field. Walk ahead, passing Upper Ridges Cottage on the right, to the crossing of paths. Turn right on to a concrete track which leads into a field. Go straight ahead and turn left at the top of the field through a metal gate into another wood. At the end of this path go through the kissing gate and walk downhill to the right towards cottages and a lane.

Turn right along the lane and, after crossing a stream, take the left fork into a narrow track which leads uphill back into Copyhold Lane. Walk straight ahead along the lane to return to the starting point.

Distance: about 3 miles

Time: about 1½ hours.





#### Walk No 6

From the Ship Inn at Whiteman's Green, via Borde Hill, Sparks Lane and Cuckfield Golf Course, and back to the Ship. (There is a free car park less than ¼ mile west of the Ship along the B2115 on the left.)

From The Ship, cross the road (B2036) to take the public footpath opposite, follow this to Ardingly Road and turn left. The Old Cuckfield Hospital site (now Chapelfields) is on your left. Cross the road and turn right at the mini-roundabout into Hanlye Lane. After about 200 metres cross the road through a gap in the hedge and follow the Borde Hill estate road opposite. Follow this long drive through the gateway (passing a lodge on your left) and into the parkland.

After about 400m. just BEFORE the road forks, turn left through a gate at a public footpath sign. There is no defined path in the field but avoid the downward slope, keeping the lone pine to your right and walk towards a farm gate with a stile and footpath sign. Cross the stile and continue straight ahead towards a small wood. Keep this wood to the left and walk downhill to a stile and footpath sign. Cross this stile and continue towards another small wood. A footpath sign directs you just inside the right hand border of the wood. As the path leaves the wood, turn left down the hill to cross a wooden bridge over a stream. Cross the stile and follow the track uphill through the trees, leaving the wood across a stile ahead into a field. Walk straight ahead keeping the hedge on your right. At the end of the field on the right the path continues across a stile into another field.

Follow the track keeping the hedge to the left. Brook Street is visible ahead. A stile and gate lead to a farm track. After 50 metres follow this uphill to the right, past Tanyard Farmhouse on the left and out to Brook Street (B2036).

Cross Brook Street and turn right, then left after the telephone box into Sparks Lane (a public bridleway). Follow this asphalt lane until it turns sharp right. At this point a footpath sign points in four directions. Take the path angled to the left immediately after the entrance to Lower Sparks Farm, across a small wooden bridge. The path then runs between a fence on the left and a hedge on the right. Cross a stile into the field on the left and keep two ponds on your left. Cross a stile into another field and stay close to the hedge on the right. About 20 metres before the corner of the field cross a stile to the right. Turn left and then straight ahead up the hill with the golf course on the right. Follow the path through old gate posts into a wood. At the end a metal kissing gate directs you into a rough field. Keep to the left and follow the path with hedging and trees on the left, towards another metal kissing gate. Pass through this and turn right into a lane that leads to the main road. Turn left onto the main road and The Ship is ahead on the other side of the road.

Distance: about 4½ miles

Time: about 21/4 hours

Lower Sparks Farm Farm House **Brook Street Old Cuckfield Hospital** Whiteman's Green Hanlye Lane The Ship Inn Not to scale



## **Walk Nos 7 & 8**

#### Walk No 7

From the Church via Courtmead Road and Horsgate Lane to Ardingly Road, returning via Glebe Road allotments to the High Street and the Church.

Leave the churchyard by the East Gate pathway with allotments on the right and follow Courtmead Road to Broad Street. Turn right and continue for about 200 metres to the entrance to Warden Park School. Cross the road and walk down Horsgate Lane. Continue down this lane which becomes an un-made-up road and leads to Horsgate Farm. Opposite Horsgate Farm climb over the stile on the left.\*

The path now runs diagonally across the field to join a path beside the hedge at the end of the field. Turn sharp right to a small iron gate. Through the gate the path leads to the top right-hand corner of the field with a belt of trees on the right.

On reaching a well-worn footpath at right-angles, turn left and follow the path which soon goes through two small iron gates and then a field to reach Ardingly Road opposite the Chapelfields estate.

Turn left along the road to a sharp right bend. Follow the footpath downhill on the left, ignoring the right fork in the path and continue uphill past allotments to the houses in Glebe Road.

Continue along the top of Glebe Road to a footpath sign on the right - Glebe Twitten - and follow this footpath to London Lane. Cross the road to railings at the start of another footpath - Mytten Twitten - which leads to the High Street opposite the Queen's Hall. Turn left down the High Street to the Church.

\* The walk can be shortened at this point by turning left over the stile and following a footpath over two fields to the allotments at Glebe Road.

Distance: about 2 miles

Time: 1 hour

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#### Walk No. 8

Circular walk from the High Street via New England Wood.

From the bottom of the High Street opposite Mansell McTaggart (estate agent), follow Ockenden Lane to the footpath signpost on the right. With the Recreation Ground on the right, go through an iron gate into a grass field and bear right downhill to cross a bridge over a stream. Here you have two choices:-

- A. Cross the second bridge and enter New England Wood with its many varieties of flora and fauna, including plentiful bluebells in Spring.. Turn left and follow the stream along a well defined path which leads to a gate in a metal fence. Turn left and cross another bridge with a pond on the right. Follow the path uphill and cross a stile into a field. Continue straight ahead through a kissing gate and with the fence on your right, head towards the church spire. A latched gate brings you out onto South Street. Turn left and follow the footpath back to the High Street.
- B. Follow the path uphill over exposed tree roots with a fence on the left. At the next fingerpost, take the right fork, cross a stile and walk ahead through the field to a hedgerow. Just before the path crosses the hedgerow, turn right to take the path which re-crosses the field. Head in a straight line towards the corner of a beech hedge and continue downhill towards a copse and a stream. Cross the stream and follow the footpath uphill towards modern houses in Leyton Lea and a new estate. Follow the footpath between the two and join the High Street opposite Ledgers Meadow. Turn right along the High Street to return to the start of the walk.

Distance for both routes: about 1½miles

Time: 3/4 hour



Walk No 9

Round Tour North from Cuckfield Clock (with alternative section to avoid B2114).

(Note: This walk is not suitable for families with children due to short stretches along the busy B2115 and B2114 roads.)

From the Cuckfield Clock turn south down the High Street and turn right into Ockenden Lane. Prior to the entrance to Ockenden Manor a public footpath starts in a wide asphalt drive on the right. Follow this round a high-walled garden to an iron gate which leads into a field. With the fence on the left follow the path down the hill to a footbridge over the brook and then uphill with the wood and fence on your left.

At the end of the wood, before the stile, bear left into the field and continue uphill going diagonally across the field, over the stile and along a rough track with a hedge on the right. Go over the next stile and the path runs uphill to the right to a hard track at Beech Farm. Turn right and a few metres beyond the house turn left along a narrow path between gardens and the playing field. When you reach the field continue with the hedge on your right until you reach a group of houses at Weald Chase and the B2115. Cross over and turn left along the road; there is a narrow verge by this busy road. Take the first right into Cleavers Lane.

\*\* Follow the lane all the way to Bigges Farm gate. Take the bridleway on the left that runs between hedges to a road (B2114). Turn right and after about 1/3 mile past Hammerhill Farm take the bridleway on the right. Follow the track to a gate and into an open field, go straight ahead through gate into woods until you reach an asphalt track by a house. Turn left and follow asphalt right up to main house. With the pond on your left and Bigges Farmhouse on the right, follow the path onto a narrow footpath with a wood fence on the right and then a brick wall. Go over the stile into a field keeping woodland on your left and through the gate into the next field. At the end of the wood there is a track, cross this and into the next field and walk diagonally down to your right through gate and cross brook by footbridge. Follow the track with the wood on your left to end of field. Turn left into woods. \*\*\*

Follow path through woods which can often be very muddy. The track comes out into Sparks Lane which you follow down until you reach Brook Street. Cross the road, turn right past corrugated former chapel, now a picture framers, and take the track to the left. Follow the track along the side of Tanyard Farmhouse. Follow the path between the farm buildings over a stile and into a field. Turn right and walk up the field with the hedge on your right to a stile on your right which crosses the hedge. In this field turn left and walk with the hedge on your left until you reach a stile leading into a wood. Follow the path through the wood curving round to the left to a gate and bridge. Walk up the field with the hedge on your right. As the hedge curves right go straight ahead to the stile. Continue up this field with woods on right to a gate with a stile next to it, then walk diagonally through next field to a small gate in far corned. Turn right on asphalt road and follow this road all the way to Hanlye Lane.

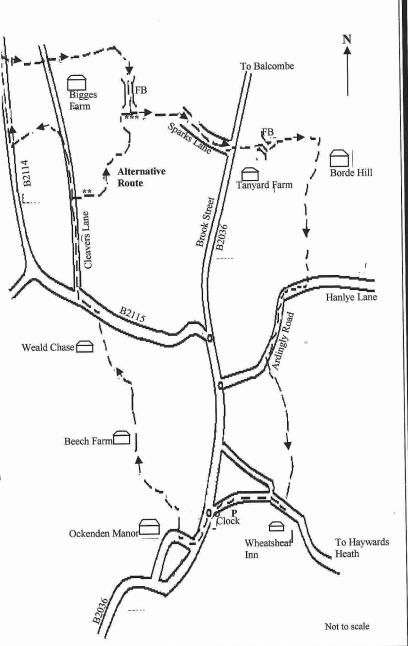
Cross the road, turn right and follow road, bearing left at the mini-roundabout. At far end of Longacre Crescent turn left past houses and follow a track through a gate. Heading downhill bear to the right. Cross a stile on the right, straight ahead to the next field. After a few metres bear left and diagonally cross the field to a stile. Cross the stile between beech hedges and join a farm track. Follow the track to Horsgate Lane and Broad Street. Turn right along Broad Street back to the clock in the High Street.

Alternative section \*\* Alternative route starts here \*\*\* Alternative route ends here

Halfway down Cleavers Lane take farm road to right. Follow road to farmhouse. Take path to right of house through into next field. Go downhill to the right and through gate. Turn right, follow track through the woods to gate. Go through gate and turn right. Follow edge of field to end of field. Go straight ahead into woods.

Distance: about 7 miles (Complete walk)

Time: about 4 hours





## Walk No 10

West from the Church, via Deak's Lane, Ansty, Legh Manor and Moonhill Farm, then north and back to the Church. (The views of the South Downs and neighbouring countryside are rewarding.)

Leave the churchyard by the west gate, walk to the end of Church Platt and cross South Street (B2036) to a well signposted footpath opposite.

Walk along the path with Cuckfield Park on your left, down over a stile and across a footbridge over a brook. Continue up the steps passing New England Wood on the right and along the path, skirting a wood on the left. At the end of the wood cross a stile and continue ahead over another stile. The path runs through a thicket, then descends to a footbridge, over a stile and continues uphill through a field, with the hedge on your left, to a gate opposite The Wylies in Deak's Lane.

Turn left along Deak's Lane and follow it for about a mile to the entrance to a marked WSCC bridleway (beside houses) on the right, which passes straight through a timber yard (very muddy after rain) (follow footpath signs some of which are rather obscured) and comes out onto the A272 opposite Butler's Farm.

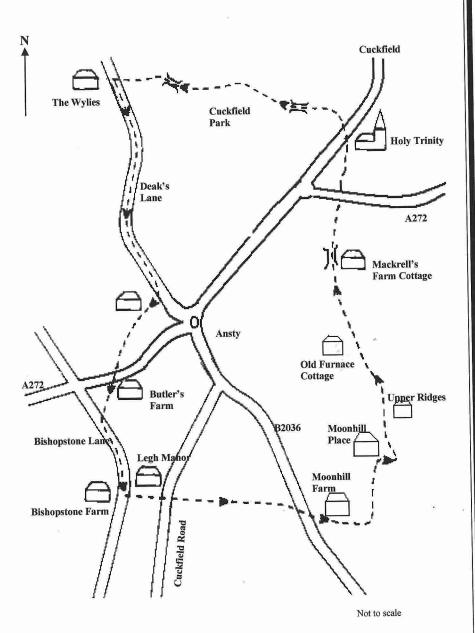
Cross the road to a bridleway (very muddy after rain) which leads to Bishopstone Lane (or follow the A272 away from Ansty and turn left into Bishopstone Lane where there is no verge). Walk south along the lane to Bishopstone Farm on the right, and turn left onto a signposted grass track between two concrete bollards, which leads to Legh Manor and Cuckfield Road. Crossing this road, a well-marked footpath runs straight ahead to the B2036 road at Moonhill.

At the entrance to Moonhill Place follow the farm track on the right for about 400 metres. Pass through a gate and immediately turn left, over a stile, into a field and proceed uphill towards a small wood. Keeping this wood on the left, skirt it and proceed towards Upper Ridges cottage ahead. At the end of the wood, go through a metal farm gate on the left and turn right down a concrete farm road. When this ends at a gate proceed ahead towards a wood. Turn sharp left through a metal farm gate to a path, which runs through a wood to a gate into a field.

The path runs downhill through a kissing gate, turn right with Old Furnace Cottage on the left, walk down a path and turn sharp left just before reaching a bridge over a brook. Cross a small bridge and bear left uphill across a field, then right across a stile and along a track to Mackrell's Farm Cottage. Pass the cottage on your right and the path now runs downhill to a footbridge and uphill towards the church, which can be seen ahead. The path passes the sewage works on the right. Cross the main road (A272) with care and follow the farm track opposite past Court House Farm and on towards Holy Trinity Church.

Distance: about 6-7 miles

Time: 3 hours





## Walk No 11

A walk to the Ouse Valley Viaduct returning via Borde Hill. The walk starts and finishes at the Ship Public House at Whitemans Green. (There is a car park about a quarter of a mile west of The Ship along the B2115 on the left.)

From The Ship turn left along the B2115. A short way along, between The Ship and the car park, is a well signposted lane to the right. About 100 metres down the lane take the footpath on the left up a few steps and through an iron gate into a field. The path runs slightly downhill to some trees and another iron gate. Follow the path through this small wooded area to reach the edge of Cuckfield Golf Course. Take the left hand track that goes diagonally across the course. At the bottom left-hand corner of the course there is a footpath crossroads, continue in a northerly direction through a gate and down the hill. The path goes through 3 gates, then up through a field to another gate on the left, bear right here to Sidnye Farm. On reaching the farm keep to the left, going around it in a clockwise direction and leaving due east.

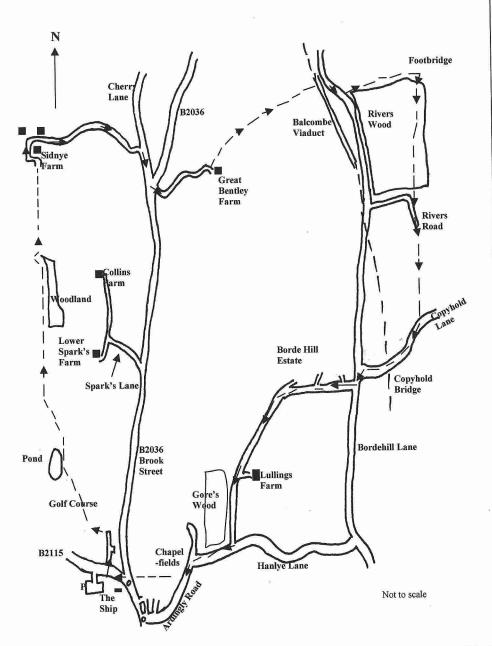
After passing some cottages on the left the track comes to a T junction. Turn right down Cherry Lane. At the B2036 turn left, and cross the road to the footpath to Great Bentley Farm. Just before the farm go through a gate on the left down some steps and into a field. Follow the path over a bridge (River Ouse) and on to the Viaduct. (This is a good place to stop, under the arches, to admire the viaduct itself and take refreshment.)

Continue along the short footpath to Bordehill Lane. Turn right and pass the cottages on the left. Go over the bridge and take the footpath on the left through fields alongside the river. After about half a mile there is a footbridge on the left (this leads to Ardingly reservoir). For this walk turn sharp right and go over a stile into Rivers Wood. Go straight forward through the wood (this can be very muddy) and after half a mile go over another stile, down a farm track and over a disused railway bridge. Keep going south down the track until reaching Copyhold Lane.

Turn right along Copyhold Lane (a narrow and rather busy country lane) and continue over the railway bridge until the junction with Bordehill Lane. Turn left along the road for a short way. At the top of the hill take the footpath to the right. (This is also the private entrance to the Borde Hill Estate.) Go through a gate onto the bridleway and after less than half a mile take the left fork towards Lullings Farm. Continue over a cattle grid, past a lodge and on uphill to the main road. Cross over the road and turn right to the mini-roundabout. Turn left here and just after passing Chapelfields there is a footpath on the right. Follow this "twitten" which comes out to the road opposite The Ship at Whiteman's Green.

Distance: about 7 miles

Time: about 4 hours





#### **WALK NO 12**

From Ansty Car Park via Old Mill Cottage, across Deaks Lane to Broxmead Lane and back via Deaks Lane to Ansty. (To find Ansty car park, travel south from Cuckfield on the A272 to Ansty, turn right at the mini-roundabout in the centre of Ansty and right into Deaks Lane. The car park is a few metres along on the right.)

Turn right out of the car park and walk down the lane. A concrete footpath sign is on the right just before reaching Sunflower Cottage. Follow this footpath which skirts a small field before entering woodland. Pass ponds on the left and, at the fork, turn left to enter a field a few paces ahead. Turn right and follow the rough hedge on the right until reaching the A272. Turn left to walk along the narrow pavement towards Cuckfield, taking care along this busy road.

A short way down this pavement and just before reaching the lowest point in the road (known as High Bridge!) there is a farm track on the left. Take this track which leads to Old Mill Cottage in a hollow on the right. Keeping to high ground to the left of the cottage, the track leads to a bridge and waterfall. Continue on to Pond Tail Cottage and then to Deaks Lane.

Turn left in the lane for a few metres. Just before the road crosses a bridge turn right at the signpost and follow the path through the trees. Keep the stream on your left until reaching a wooden bridge. Cross the bridge and continue to follow the stream which is now on your right. The path meets Broxmead Lane and at this point follow the wide path to the left. Continue uphill and pass a steep hollow (usually filled with water).

At a T-junction turn left and walk through the trees to a stile. The path beyond the stile leads into a large field. Keep on the footpath to the left skirting the field until reaching Deaks Lane again.

Turn right along the lane. Pass Ansty Farm on the left and continue on beyond Sunflower Cottage to the Ansty car park on the left.

Distance: about 3 miles

Time: about 11/2 hours

