



AHC Southern Counties

DRIVE IT DAY 28th April 2019

Supporting



St Peter & St James Hospice
Hospice care in the heart of Sussex

Welcome to The AHC Southern Counties Drive It Day Sunday 28th April 2019

Introduction:-

This is an Austin Healey Club Southern Counties event for AHC members and their friends. All members and their friends are welcome, including members outside our region. We especially welcome members who have not joined us for an event before. It's open to Frogeyes, AH Midgets, Healey 100's and 3000's. If you're a member and your car is off the road, "re-building", we hope you're joining us in your tintop!

Acknowledgements

In particular, we would like to thank **The Bluebell Railway** for their hospitality and the use of the start area and their facilities. The Bluebell is our premier steam railway in the South, and offers some marvellous events. In particular, their summer time evening dinner trips are not to be missed! Tel 01825 720800.

The **Beachy Head Vintage Inn**, Kieron and Chris and their team, have gone out of their way to open up a little earlier to accommodate our coffee stop, thanks guys, much appreciated. Whilst Kieron is out running the London Marathon, Chris and his team have come in ½ hour early to serve us from 10.30 am, so if there's a staff pot on the bar, let's be generous!

And Simon, at **The Lamb**, thanks Simon for your enthusiasm, it's great that you love cars so much AND run a great pub! It does help.

An important point.

The event is NOT a race. In the event of an accident, you are responsible for insurance, and you will have signed a form to indemnify the club against your insurer passing on a claim to The Club.

We will be driving in country lanes, and speed limits must be adhered to. As a classic car driver you will be aware that other drivers have distractions, are insulated, and possibly unconscious of how fast they are going. They are not expecting to encounter a low, small, 50+ year old car coming towards them at short notice. So, as ever, be aware.

The Start:

From 7.30 am we are meeting at Sheffield Park, Bluebell Railway.

All arriving cars will park in car park "A" at the top of the drive on the left near the station.

On arrival we'll ask you to "sign on"

This will be an MSA (Motor Sports Association) form to indemnify our club in the event of an insurance claim.

We will take the opportunity to check who's taking part.

And you will be given this Roadbook with the route from the team.

From 8.00 am The cafe is open for hot breakfasts (including some vegetarian options) and coffee. Enjoy!

The Cafe, known as the "Bessemer Arms" is through the ticket office, turn left and approx. 50 metres along platform 1. The WC is in the Cafe.

It's worth noting that this is a "no charge" event, so you'll be paying your way at all stops.

From 9.00 am we will be starting cars, at 1 minute intervals, to as far as possible, avoid bunching. We hope the last car will be away by 9.30 am

Don't forget to zero your trip at the exit!!

Coffee Break and Walk

Our half way stop, The Beachy Head Vintage Inn, will be open from 10.30 am

Many thanks and appreciation to Chris and his team who have come in ½ hour earlier than normal to accommodate us.

Take care to make a sharp left into to the lower car park, where you will find loads of room to park, and your friends.

Inside, Chris and his happy helpers will be serving coffee, muffins etc.

Across the road, less than 5 minutes away, is the Bomber Command WW2 Memorial which is not to be missed.

From the same promontory, there is a spectacular view of Beachy Head lighthouse.

Take care in the excitement crossing the road, it's busier than you'd think. (We found out)

The second Stage: home to Lunch at The Lamb, Piltdown

Reset your trip for the second stage to The Lamb at Piltdown. Allow about 1 hour.

On arrival look out for the first or second parking bay reserved for our Healeys.

It's likely that the early starters will be arriving from about 12.30 a.m., assuming they spend an hour or so at Beachy Head.

Our host at The Lamb, Simon, has arranged for the Sunday Lunch Menu to be orderable up till 2.00pm

The main Way Points are:

First stage: Bluebell Railway, Sheffield Park,
 Fletching
 Newick
 Barcombe
 Lewes
 Glynde
 Laughton
 Ripe
 Berwick Station
 Lullington
 Birling Gap
 Beachy Head - coffee stop and walk

Second stage: East Dean
 Jevington
 Michelham priory
 Upper Dicker
 A22
 Isfield
 The Lamb, Piltdown for lunch

Petrol

The fastest part on our Healey is the fuel gauge.

Filling stations are scarce on our route. They are marked in the Roadbook. Google can help but here's also a list of the three on our route:

Tesco	At Way Point 23 in Lewes
BP	On the return stage on A22 after Way Point 13
Texaco	Before The Lamb at end of return stage on A272 after Way Point 24

While you are here...



St Peter & St James Hospice provides care for those towards, and at the end of life.

We and countless others have cause to be grateful to St Peter & St James Hospice over the last 18 months or so. As well as the in-hospice care they provide much needed home support. They work with and alongside Macmillan nurses.

80% of their vital funding is dependent on the generosity of the community. So to those who would like to make a donation, we would like to suggest this amazing charity.

We will have Gift Aid envelopes at The Lamb and you will be able to make a cash or cheque Gift Aid Donation.

Or you can donate online at
<https://stpjhospice.org/support-us/donate/>

We would like to think that as a group, we can make a pretty worthwhile total. Please mark your contribution "AH Club" and we will let members know via 10/10ths how much has been raised.

Thankyou!

How your money will help

£10	Will provide a patient a relaxing bath
£19	Will pay for one hour of compassionate care from a hospice nurse
£23	Will provide one hour of expert advice and support to a patient in their own home
£60	Will cover four complementary therapy treatments
£318	Will keep the hospice sparkling clean for a week
£600	Will train 10 hospice volunteers
£3220	Will buy a specialist patient bed
£7200	Will pay for one whole day of care

*Thank you for being there for our patients
and their families*

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Origins of Drive It Day



Drive It Day is inspired by the FBHVC, and the FBHVC sets the date each year.

The FBHVC is The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs.

The officers are volunteers. They do a brilliant job representing our clubs. In their spare time they are experts in creating tongue twisting unmemorable acronyms such as FBHVC.

They represent 540 Clubs such as ours, representing an amazing 250,000 persons including our trade organisations.

Nearly everyone has heard of the London to Brighton run, first run in 1896, which celebrates the abolition of the red flag rule and 4 mph speed limit.

But how many have heard of the far more demanding 1,000 mile run?

It was held in 1900, only 4 years later, running from 23rd April to 12th May.

Starting at Hyde Park Corner, London, the entrants drove to Bath, Bristol, Gloucester, Worcester, Birmingham, Derby, Matlock, Buxton, Manchester, Preston, Kendal, Keswick, Carlisle, Peebles, Edinburgh, Dunmail Rise, Berwick, Newcastle, Durham, York, Leeds, Harrogate, Bradford, Sheffield, Wellbeck Park, Lincoln, Nottingham, Leicester, Northampton, St Albans, and back to Marble Arch, London.

Sorry about the long list, it's more of a tribute than a list.

Incredibly, the participants found time to tackle 4 Hill climb events, including Shap Fell, 7.5 miles, and, very important, by all accounts still found time to party, big time.

There were 83 entries. 65 started, and 35 finished. Incredible.



It's this brave event and achievement that Drive It Day commemorates. The aim is to encourage as many Classic, Vintage and Veteran cars out on the road, UK wide, as possible on the same day. It demonstrates just how many we are, and the huge variety of our cars, and, hopefully, generates public awareness, interest, and support in veteran, vintage, and classic cars.

Our cars support an annual £5.5 billion industry (FBHVC 2016) which provides direct employment to 34,900 persons and earns valuable foreign exchange.

In particular the Federation is keen to develop Young Person's Apprenticeships. Our Classics can offer unique and accessible opportunities for young people seeking a skilled career.

With changes in fuel formulation, electric cars here, driverless cars on the horizon, and ultra low emission zones now happening, the Federation does a great job in ensuring that while we are part of progress to clean up our environment, (good) we can still drive historic cars for everyone's interest and pleasure.

The Roadbook

It's called a Tulip Roadbook because it was first used in the Dutch Tulip Rally which first ran in 1949. It still runs each year and was won by a Healey Frogeye in 2015, 2012, and 2009 driven by Rinus Rinke, with Bart den Hartog Navigating.

This version of Tulip Roadbook is from Don Barrow, who navigated with Timo Makinen in a Works Healey 3000 in the '60s

If you haven't used a Tulip Roadbook before:

On our Tulip Drawings, you always enter from the base of the drawing.

The arrow depicts the exit to be taken

Tulip Roadbooks often have a black ball showing the entry point, but this is not shown on ours.

FP	=	Finger Post
MS	=	Metal Sign
RAB	=	Roundabout

Red	=	Important
Black	=	Instruction
Green	=	Information

Generally we do not show junctions where you go straight on.

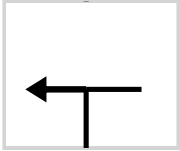
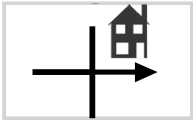
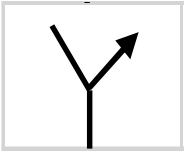
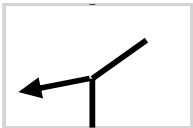
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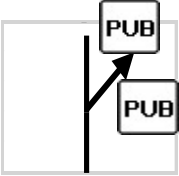
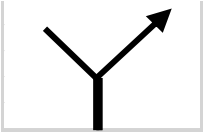
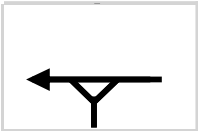
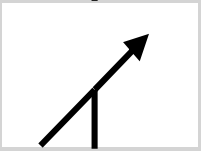
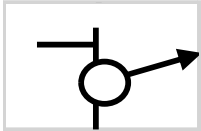
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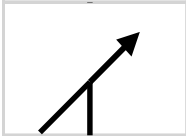
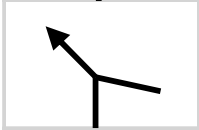
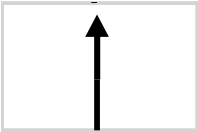
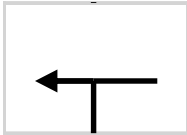
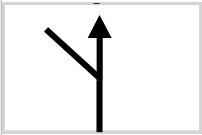
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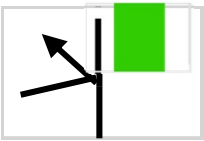
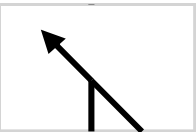
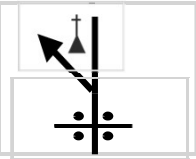
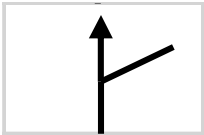
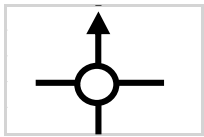
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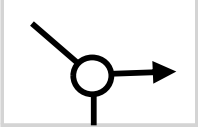
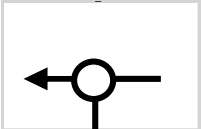
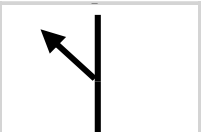
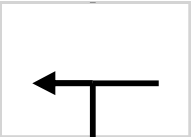
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First Stage, aprox. 1 hr 40 mins. Beware potholes and drops off edge of road

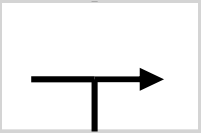
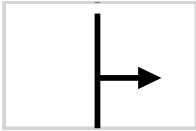
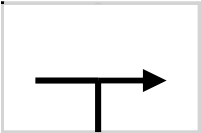
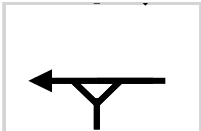
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1				None	ZERO YOUR TRIP METER AT JUNCTION! Depart Bluebell Railway Stop at junction Turn left on to A275
					Pass Sheffield Park & Gardens on right
2	0.8	0.8		MS Fletching Nutley	After uphill section, turn right immediately before "Trading Boundaries" on right
3	1.0	1.8		None	Bear Right
4	0.2	2.0		FP Fletching Uckfield	Bear Right
5	0.5	2.5		FP Newick 3 Chailey	After Fletching High Street, Opp Church Stop. Turn Right Limited visibility
6	1.4	3.9		MS 7.5 t Limit FP Chailey 4 Newick	Stop. Turn sharp left

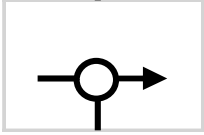
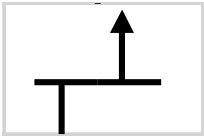
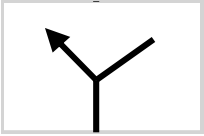
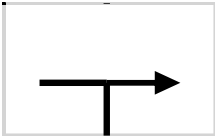
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7	0.6	4.5		Give Way Sign	Stop at busy A272. Turn left. Wall opposite. Then be ready take 2nd right at Newick Green
8	0.1	4.6		FP 11th Century Church, Barcombe	Beware oncoming traffic. After pedestrain lights Turn right at Newick Green in front of village pump.
					Go past The Bull on right Royal Oak on left (better) Crown, further on right (untested) Caution, parked cars, oncoming traffic
9	0.7	5.3		Barcombe Ringmer Lewes	Follow road uphill to right
10	0.2	5.5		FP Spithurst Barcombe	Stop. Turn left
11	0.9	6.4		FP Spithurst 1.5 Barcombe Lewes	Bear right staying on main road. Caution, there can be traffic from left
					Pass St Bartz Chapel on right Pass The Anchor Inn turnoff on left
12	2.3	8.7		FP Lewes 4	Turn right at RAB in Barcombe Cross. Then pass PO, Royal Oak, on left.

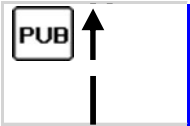
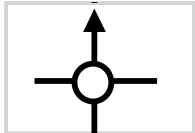
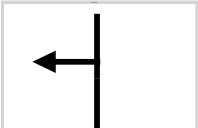
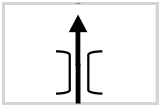
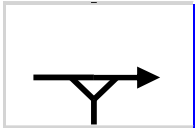
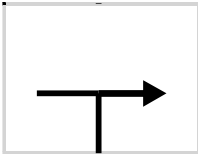
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				None	Pass over disused railway bridge, soon take next left
13	0.2	8.9		FP Jubilee Centre Hamsey 2 Parish Church 1	Bear left off main Road
14	0.7	9.6		FP Hamsey Offham Lewes	Stop. Turn right
15	0.9	10.5		FP Offham .75	Bear left
					If you're quick, see a glimpse of Hamsey Manor on the left
16	0.5	11.0			Unmanned, active, Railway Crossing at Offham
17	0.3	11.3		None	Stop. Turn left on to busy A275. Blacksmiths Arms opposite to right
18	0.6	11.9		MS Lewes Town Centre	Ignore Lewes Town Centre sign, stay on main road

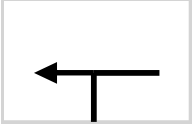
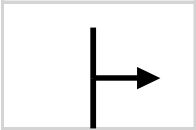
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19	0.6	12.5		MS Town Centre County Hall	Bear left in to Spital Road before HM Prison on right
					You will now see Lewes's historical High Street
20	0.1	12.6		 20 mph roundels	STOP Traffic from right, merge in to Lewes High St
					See St Anne's Ancient Parish Church on right. Then Lewes's old Grammar School on left. Narrow Road, controlled by lights Then old Bookshop on right, probably oldest timber framed building in Lewes. On left, up a side street by Castle Museum, a glimpse of Lewes Castle. Then County Law Courts
21	0.5	13.1			In central Lewes, cross over lights then follow road left past war memorial down Market Street.
22	0.2	13.3		A26, A27 Out of town	Merge into left hand lane. Then follow road round to right. Then straight on. Follow signs to out of town
23	0.1	13.4			Straight on, second exit.  For Petrol, there is a Tesco on first exit

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24	0.0	13.4		MS Newhaven	2nd exit in to Culfail Tunnel
					30mph Speed Limit in Tunnel
25	0.8	14.2		MS Eastbourne A27	First Exit at A27 RAB
26	0.7	14.9		Second Triangular exit sign after A27 RAB	It is a sliproad, the first public road exit, and on a downhill slope. Once turned in, you will see "Ranscombe Lane" and "Hamlet of Ranscombe". Narrow Lane, beware oncoming traffic
27	1.2	16.1		None, and roadmarkings are worn	This is Glynde Village. Stop. Turn left just after PO & Shop on right
					See unusual Glynde Church on the right. Glynde Place on right. Classic Singers inside
28	0.8	16.9		FP Laughton 2.5	Turning easily missed: Pass barns on right, then turn right.

Way Point	Miles to Way Point	Miles Total	Tulip	Road Signs	Description
					Later, see overbashed hedges. Someone doesn't like wildlife (or hedges?) Contrasts with care taken in other parts of route
29	1.9	18.8		FP Horsebridge 7 Hailsham 9	Stop. Busy B2124 Turn right
30	2.0	20.8		FP Laughton Church, Ripe	After Laughton Boundary Sign and after Pedestrian Refuge Stop. Turn Right Oncoming traffic. Turn into Church Lane
					Pass All Saints Church on right
31	1.0	21.8		FP Ripe, Berwick Station	Stop. Turn right. In front of, it could be said, fairly ugly asbestos & wood barns. Road marking is worn.
32	0.5	22.3		FP Ripe	Sharp left turn. After turn, see sign Mark Cross Lane
33	0.7	23.0		FP Chalvington .75 Berwick 3.25	Turn left at grassed triangular junction

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34	0.1	23.1		FP Chalvington	Turn right in front of Ripe Village stores, PO, & cafe. (which is community run) See that characterful roof and gables! Best go round the mini RAB. The village pub is being turned into (needed) housing Pass Church on right
35	0.7	23.8		FP Selmeston 2 Berwick 2.5 Alfriston 4.25 then: FP Same	Staggered junction: Stop. Turn right in to Chalvington Road Then turn left in to Church Farm Lane/Poundfield Road
36	0.8	24.6		FP Berwick	Follow road round
37	0.8	25.4		Sign to right is missing (at 11.04.19) After turn, see "Station Road"	Stop. Busy, fast Road Turn right.
					Pass Arlington Fishing Reservoir on left

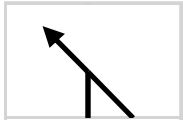
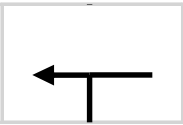
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38	0.7	26.1			Over unmanned, active, level crossing at Berwick Station. Garage closed Sundays Berwick Inn on left.
39	0.9	27.0		MS Alfriston	Cross busy A27 at RAB 2nd exit. After RAB see English Wine Centre on left Drusilla's Park on left
40	0.9	27.9	 then 	FP Lullington	Before Alfriston, turn left in to Lullington Road then Drive over narrow hump back bridge
41	0.1	28.0		FP Lullington Littlington	Bear right at grassed triangular junction
42	0.5	28.5		FP Litlington	Stop. Turn right.
					This is Lullington, with Lullington Manor. then Lullington Court to left. See White Horse on Downs to right. Then Friston Forest on left. Worth a return trip!

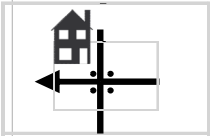
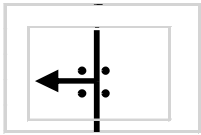
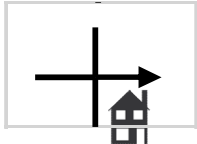
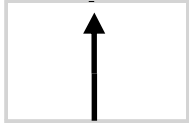
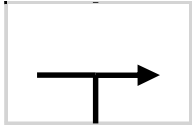
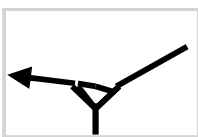
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43	2.3	30.8		MS Eastbourne 6 A259	Stop. Turn left on to busy A259 Eastdene Road at Cuckmere Valley.
					After safely making the left hand turn, look back to the right and see those famous oxbow bends in the river and a first glimpse of the sea. Makes a fab walk on another day. Stay on A259 through Friston, then be ready to turn right down hill at East Dean
44	2.7	33.5		MS Burling Gap Beachy Head	Turn right in hatched area at bottom of hill. Beware oncoming traffic. Road is marked "Gilberts Drive"
45	1.2	34.7			Bear left past Burling Gap car park and café.
					See the old lighthouse "Belle Tout" which has been moved back from the cliff edge. This area is NT, so minimal signage. Glimpses of Beachy Head to right
46	2.4	37.1		Pub Sign "Beachy Head Vintage Inns"	This comes up fast, be ready to take a sharp left and continue sharp left down to the lower car park where there is more parking space

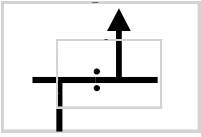
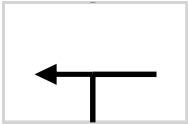
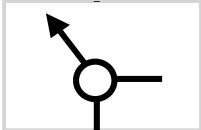
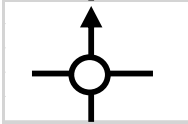
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Well done, you have arrived! Inside you will find tea, coffee, etc. Beachy Head Lighthouse and the Bomber Command memorial are less than 5 mins over the road and worth the effort.					

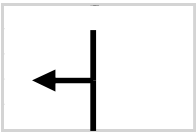
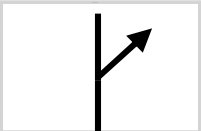
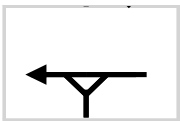
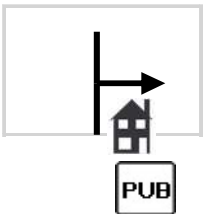
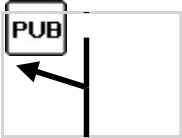
Beachy Head to "The Lamb" Piltdown

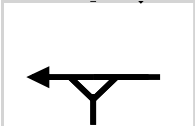
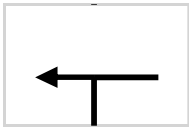
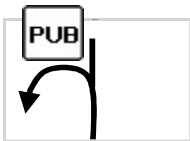
Second Stage, aprox 1 hour.

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1	0.0			None	ZERO YOUR TRIP METER! This will cancel accumulated errors. Stop. Turn left out of Beachy Head Vintage Inn car park
2	1.1	1.1		MS Seaford A259	Stop. Turn left on to B2103 Eastbourne/A259 Road. See Eastbourne below you to right
3	0.8	1.9		MS Seaford 6 East Dean 1.25 A259	Stop. Turn left on to A259. Go through East Dean. There is about 1 mile of overlap on previous route before we turn right
4	1.6	3.5		MS Jevington 2 Jevington Road. Motor Museum	At top of hill after East Dean. Stop. Turn Right. Beware, oncoming traffic but reasonable visibility
					Through Jevington. See Hungry Monk Restaurant, sadly now closed, home of the Banoffie Pie
					Through Filching. The Motor Museum on right contains Sir Malcolm Campbell's K3 record beating boat along with Bugattis, Bentleys, etc and a newish Kart Track Through Wannock
					Through some suburbia. Sorry.

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5	4.5	8.0		MS London A22	Stop at lights. Big pub opposite to left. Turn left to join A22 out of Eastbourne
6	0.1	8.1		MS Brighton A27	Approach using left lane. Slow, turn left to join A27 heading west.
7	1.8	9.9		Sign: CROSSWAYS then MS Arlington Upper Dicker	Look for a whitish coloured hotel on right, turn immediately after hotel. Take care, oncoming A27 traffic but visibility is reasonable.
8	0.3	10.2			Drive over level crossing
9	0.6	10.8		FP Arlington Hailsham 4	Bear left in front of lone house
10	0.6	11.4		FP Upper Dicker 2 Hailsham 4 Stadium 2	Stop. Turn right in to Caneheath Abbotts Wood will be on right
					Pass the Old Oak Pub on left
11	1.0	12.4		FP Upper Dicker	Turn left in to Michelam Priory Road

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					Pass Michelham Priory on right. (we visited Michelham as an interesting stop for lunch and tour, but could not get it to work out. Another time possibly.)
12	0.9	13.3		FP The Dicker Horsebridge 2 Hellingly 3.25 Then marked Camberlot Rd	Stop at staggered crossing. Turn right. Pedestrian crossing. Then immediate left into Camberlot Road
13	1.2	14.5		MS Uckfield 9 East Grinstead London 54 A22	Stop. Busy A22, turn left. Stay on A22 to waypoint 16
					The Gun Hill turnoff later on right would take you to the home of Orchard Restorations.  1.1 miles on, BP Petrol Station across traffic on right. Want a Shepherd's Hut? They are on the left.
14	4.3	18.8		MS London East Grinstead A22	"The Shaw" RAB, take first exit
15	0.5	19.3		MS Uckfield 3 Bentley Wildfowl	2nd exit at Halland RAB
					Note speed camera following exit from RAB

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16	1.1	20.4		Brown MS Bentley Wildfowl	After Layby/farm turning, Turn left towards Bentley Wildfowl Reserve
17	1.1	21.5		FP Isfield 2 Lewes 6.5	Bear right, staying on main road past "very slow cats" sign (at 10.03.19)
18	0.9	22.4		Lewes 6 Newhaven 13 Brighton 15 A26	Stop. Fast traffic on A26 Turn left. Limited visibility.
19	0.7	23.1		Triangular Junction sign. MS Kiln Lane	Look for the Halfway House pub on right after the brow of the hill, then a white house, then turn immediate right. Caution: oncoming traffic, but visibility is good
20	0.3	23.4		None at junction	Stop. Turn Right See Boundary sign Isfield to right
21	0.3	23.7		FP Piltdown Newick Haywards H "Station Road"	Turn left over Lavender Line Level Crossing.
					Pass the Laughing Fish Pub on the right. Pass Isfield Church on the left

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22	2.4	26.1		FP Piltdown H Heath Fletching "Buckham Hill"	Turn left. Easy to miss, no previous signs. Send your postcards from here
23	0.3	26.4		FP Piltdown 1.25	Stop. Turn left
					Pass The Peacock Inn on the left, this used to be a Southern Region watering hole Pass Piltdown Pond on right. Stay on main road
24	1.0	27.4		A272 Goldbridge Road	Stop at busy A272. Turn left.
					 There is a Texaco filling station on the left
25	0.1	27.5		Pub Sign "The Lamb Inn"	The Lamb is very soon after the junction and filling station. Turn left, and left again, into the first or second parking bay which is intended to be reserved for our cars
Welcome to The Lamb, and well done! You deserve a drink and a hot meal! Our Host's name is Simon. (We pay for our own food and drink)					

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We are hoping for a perfect English Spring day, - a blue sky, an occasional fluffy white cloud, spring sunshine, a little warmth in the sun, a light breeze to keep the blossom bobbing... Even if the weather falls a little short, we hope your generosity still prevails. AHC (Southern Counties) are supporting The St Peter and St James Hospice, North Chailey, which has a link with, and works alongside the Macmillan Foundation. We have a personal reason to be grateful to them. We thought we would take this opportunity to support them. We will have Gift Aid envelopes in The Lamb. If you would like to make an internet payment, the link is www.stpjhospice.org Thankyou					