TEN WALKS IN AND AROUND FLETCHING

(Using Registered Public Footpaths)

1. Fletching Church to Mallingdown & Oak Ferrars and Fletching.
2. Fletching Church to Ruttingham Farm & Black Ven and Retching.
3. Fletching to Moyses Farm, Sheffield Mill Pond and Fletching.
4. Fletching to Barkham Manor ponds and return.
5. Woolpack Farm, Mark Street, and Sheffield Forest to exit at Wilmshurst.
6. The Peacock (Shortbridge) via Fairhazel to Uckfield and return via Cop Wood and Buckham Hill.
7. From Sheffield Arms into Sheffield Forest.
8. Fletching to Newick village and Sharpsbridge and return via Grislings Common and Valley Farm.
9. Sheffield Arms to River Ouse at The Sloop and return via Wapsbourne Wood.
10. Retching Church to Piltdown Common Golf Course and return via Barkham Manor vineyards.

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The parish of Fletching is blessed with nearly 30 kilometres (19 miles) of registered public footpaths. But these are just the survivors of the larger criss-cross network of trails that existed not so many years ago, when country people had to use their legs and had an interest in going places by the shortest way, across fields, along hedgerows, along farm tracks and rough lanes, through many wagon gates and over stiles, through pasture, wheat fields and roots, hop gardens, woodland and common. In our very different landscape the surviving paths are more for pleasure and exercise than work, but they also provide much interest and an insight into that past scene.

With the simple guidance provided by these sketch maps and walkers' notes we hope that you can, even without the aid of Ordnance Survey maps, wander over the whole of the parish. Most of the walks can easily be accomplished in a morning or an afternoon, so you may wish to continue into neighbouring Danehill, Isfield, Maresfield, Newick and Uckfield. The notes are brief, with a loose-leaf format that makes it easy to introduce other material in succeeding editions. We have, in fact, introduced more local interest notes than were in our first issue (June 1986). If you have other information to add, say, on sights or events at particular places, please pass it on to Lorna Thwaites, Parish Council Clerk, mailto:clerk@fletching-pc.org. I hope you will consider joining that group, which advises and helps the parish council, because there is quite a lot of work to be done.

Nothing is better for the preservation of a path than to have it well trodden. So enjoy your walks wet or fine! And please let us know if you meet trouble.

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(Fletching Footpaths Advisory Group)

- REMEMBER: Keep to the path whenever possible;
- When in doubt about the map, follow the markers;
- Leave gates as you find them -OPEN or SHUT;
- Some walks need wellies; sometimes it is useful to carry an old hat or cloth to drape on barbed wire.
Fletching Church to Mallingdown and Oak Ferrars and Fletching

Go through the burial ground and turn left at the far end to reach the small gate to the fields. A fingerpost shows two pathway directions. Follow the right hand one (Path 14) east over the field past the grain-towers. Climb stile and gate to join farm track, but leave this at fingerpost (Path 15) over fence on left after short distance. Head over open field in line with distant farm sheds. A stile will be seen once over the brow; continue in same direction to another stile visible in hedge. Cross footbridge over small stream and over wired stile beside small locked gate. Pass by old orchard (now a wood) on left and over wired stile in hedge, with arrow marker on right-hand post. The path goes along this hedge in the field and merges with a rather wet track leading down to a gate and to an earth covered sleeper-bridge. Continue uphill over wobbly stile (or adjoining gate) to track way near farm there is a fine view of the Church looking back from here. Go on through Mallingdown Farm, with the house close on your right. The name is said to derive from 13th Century "Maulyngestone", one of the boundary stones of the outlying manor of South Malling (Lewes). Turn right sharply off the farm road on the common to join the footpath (Path 37) heading south through rough bracken. Cross Comber's entrance drive and over stile in boarded fence into Oak Ferrars enclosed common land, across driveway. Enter at "access" gate, and pass to left of pond, with further stile in the entrance to Little Ferrars to exit at main A272 road.

Turn right and follow northern verge of A272 to drive entrance to Down Cottage, where a stone marker indicates the start of Path 14, leading over cleared common with horse jumps to stile at gateway to field. Straight down hill through the horse paddock, over stile in middle of fence, over stream and up towards Fletching. Join farm track, which may be muddy due to the dairy herd using the large farm sheds ("White Barn") on your left, and pass the Path 15 fingerpost on right to retrace your path to the burial ground gate.
Map:
http://explore.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/os_routes/show/15660
WALK NUMBER 2.  

(Approx. 4 miles, 6.5 km)

Fletching Village to Black Ven

Start at Fletching Church. Go through the burial ground and turn left at the far end to reach the small gate to the fields. A fingerpost shows two pathway directions. Follow the left hand pointer (Path 16), north-east over field to climb iron-gate at the far side. Cut across corner of next field to join farm track at gap in hedge, and continue down to gateway with stile and tall marker post. Another tall post visible down the hill marks the way to a steep wooded gully and footbridge, with a stile beyond. Keep to the right of the brow of the next field and head down towards prominent oak tree and bungalow. Dalehamme, a fine 15th Century house with Horsham stone roof, is to the right of the bungalow. Cross stream (Rushton Brook) at footbridge and exit to the lane beside Dalehamme. Cross the lane to gate almost opposite into field, heading uphill bearing slightly right to gap in the fence. Keep to the left along the line of trees and skirt pond on left, to exit the field to the right of a wall of the narrow alley between Ruttingham Farm and the old stables etc. which are now part of Ashes Farm. It ends at a narrow lane, once the main Lewes-East Grinstead highway (Note: when entering from the road, as on a return walk, this alley is to the left of the gate marked "Ashes Farm").

Turn left along the lane, keep left at junction with Pickett’s Lane (which should really be "Pricket", meaning a young deer) and leave it after a further 200 metres over a stile at your left just beyond a pond opposite Black Ven farm -another of our fine old buildings. Keep left in the field and leave at stile in far left corner. Pass a small pond on your right and enter a very large field -many marked hedges have been grubbed out. The path used to follow the course in the dip visible in the field, but it is simplest to head straight for Clapwater, skirting the woods on your left. Cross stile to paddock, with beehives, and join the lane near front of house (do NOT use farm track at right to exit field). Here you again cross the Rushton Brook, which used to feed Clapwater Mill. Follow Clapwater Lane to exit on to Bell Lane, then left to Splaynes Green and Fletching village.
WALK NUMBER 3.  
(Approx. 4 miles, 6.5 km)  

Fletching Village to Sheffield Mill Pond

Walk to the north end of Fletching village High Street and opposite Atheralls Farm yard go through a gateway with a stone marker at right (Path 10). After about 200 metres of paved surface the path uses a wide farm track which may be rather muddy. The track runs out on the crest of a ridge, with a steel gate opening on to a large field. An arrow on the left post indicates that the path goes about 40 metres to the left and then straight across the field - following the line of a grubbed-out hedge - to a gateway almost opposite. Go through this and then keep hedge on your right until you reach a gap at the bottom of the hill. Turn right through gap and head for the big oak tree across the field to the right of Spring Farm, which you can see. Exit to lane over farm gate and turn left. After about 400 metres, as the lane bends left near crest of rise a stone marker at a gap in the hedge at right shows the entry to an old track way, which is Path 9. Follow this and cross the track leading to Moyses Farm and enter the wood opposite. In the spring there will be lots of bluebells. Near the end of the wood take a short right fork and leave the wood over ditch at fingerpost directing you half left over large field with Sheffield Forest on the far side. The path over the field passes about 70 metres south of the edge of a small wood where clay-pigeon shooting takes place. Turn left along the side of the fence at the next fingerboard and continue across the field about 50 metres to the right of a white post marking an underground gas pipeline. Enter the forest at the finger-board and drop down the bank for a few yards to a T-junction with Path 7 with another finger-board. Turn right here and follow Path 7 to the Mill Pond. You may see a number of water birds. The medieval mill and 17th Century House are reminders of the Sussex iron industry, and there are traces of slag on the paths and in the streams. Many trees blown down by the storm of October 1987 are still lying around, but the path is easy except when wet and churned by riding horses.

To return, go back along Path 7, past the T-junction with Path 9, to exit at a stile beside Forest Lodge. Continue through the disused farm yard beside a converted barn to a stile beside North Hall Farm house (16th Century). Exit to lane here and turn left, returning to Spring Farm and the entrance to Path 10, for Fletching.
WALK NUMBER 4.  
(Approx. 3.5 miles, 5kIn)

Fletching Village to Barkham Manor

The stile leading to Path 12 can be found at the south-eastern corner of Fletching Recreation Ground. Cross this stile and a small field and further stile to farm track. The path follows wide farm track opposite, going south. Leave this track at a field gate on left just north of small shaw. Head over field towards tall post at small way-marked enclosure, and continue to stile. From here the direction of the path can be seen, leading over the valley via a sleeper bridge and up towards Valley Farm buildings. Track leads past houses and over Grisling Common to exit on the busy A272 main road. Turn right along verges, taking great care, for about 300 metres to a steel (netted) gate opposite, beside an oil tank. The gate has steel steps welded to it - a hard stile! - and is the entrance to Path 25. There are fine views of Newick and a vista of the Downs as you follow the track along hedge to an open gap, with Barkham straight ahead across the field. Keep this line and you will meet Path 24, running north-south, at a 3-way fingerpost almost in the hedge. On the other side of the hedge you can see the vineyards, Barkham Manor, and its huge thatched barn. The site of the Piltdown skull is out of sight behind the oast houses. Turn right along Path 24 for a little way and you will have lovely views of the gardens and the chain of ponds. In late summer you will notice hops growing in the hedge, a reminder that the large field you have crossed used to include hop-gardens and sheltering woods. Another 10 minutes would take you to Sharpsbridge, but you may retrace your steps, past the fingerpost, to a three-way stile. Turn right here, and join Path 23, alongside the north side of the vineyard, to a left turn at a sleeper bridge and gateway. The path follows close to a prickly hedge, separated from the pig farm field by wire fencing. Watch out for tears! Exit over barred fence (with finger-post) on to the A272. Almost opposite, and a few metres to your right, are two entrances to Moses' Farm. The west one has a stone marker showing the start of Path 13. Go in here and pass to the left of a small garage, between hedges to a stile leading into field. Keep alongside hedge to further stile - made difficult by sheep fencing leading to large field (occasionally in use as a private airstrip), with gateway at bridge over the Rushton Brook down the hill opposite. Pass through the fruit farm, cross a further stile to field, and through clump of large trees ahead. The narrow stile giving access to the road leading back to Fletching (opposite Hungry Hatch) is just to the right of the cottages seen on the crest of the hill.
WALK NUMBER 5.  (Approx. 3 miles, Skin)

From Woolpack Farm, and into Sheffield Forest

The start of Path 18 is an old track running north-east from a metal gate opposite Woolpack Farm. Follow this and over two stiles into Changehill Wood, where the track has become a sunken path, with a wire fence on your right. It meets Path 19 at a T-junction - Path 19 suddenly appears from below a bank on the right. Turn sharp left at this point and look for a stile providing exit from the wood at the top of a steep slope. Cross the field to a barred gate (and possibly an electric fence), across the paddock and through the stable yard to exit to the lane at Mark Street - so-named as an old boundary mark between Maresfield and Fletching.

To go westwards on Path 19 (you are now in Maresfield), follow the track to the north of the cottage opposite, through a gate and over a field to enter Ann Wood near some timber workings. Ignore right and left branches of track and follow track downhill to cross Annwood Brook at a dam. You are now in Danehill parish. Follow sign uphill to pass Annwood Farm house close on your right. After two stiles, stay on same heading over large field. Just before the corner (by Allin's) on the left is a stile entering the northern tip of Pollards Wood. The path soon joins large track leading to houses at Perryman's Hill. Turn left here through gate and re-enter the wood, going downhill towards Annwood Brook. False paths may mislead, so follow path quite close to edge of wood - you should see Colin Godman's farm beyond a small field on your right - until, after about 250 metres, there is a definite fork (the marker post is broken). Take the left branch leading down a steep sunken path into the wood. This is slippery with running water in wet weather. Shortly after crossing a gully the path becomes wider, showing traces of old cartwheel ruts, and swings right again in the original direction down to the brook. Cross footbridge, back into Fletching parish, and follow Path 2, uphill, slightly to the left of the line of steepest slope. Emerge on the ridge on a forest ride, which is Path 5 (leading south to the mill pond), and cross over to follow narrow Path 2 down short slope to a footbridge, with stile and netting. Soon leave the wood at a field gate (with stone marker for the benefit of those walking the reverse direction) to join the driveway from Wilmshurst to the road, where you turn right for Woolpack Farm.
WALK NUMBER 6.  
(Approx. 4.9 miles, 7.9 km)

From The Peacock (Shortbridge) through Fairhazel to Uckfield; return via Cop Wood and Buckham

Follow the driveway to the left and behind the inn, to a small lawn with a stile/gap (netted) leading to a large open field. Turn right in the field and follow the fence, looking down to the old sunken road (once upon a time, the principal link to Newick via Barkham Manor and Moses' Farm, but now sadly overgrown and known as "Snaky Lane" or 'Tramps' Corner'!) for about 200 metres, when you will find another stile/gap taking Path 30 back on to the common where the sunken road rises to the same level and becomes indistinct with a heavy growth of brambles and bracken in late summer. Before you leave the field, pause for the views of the Downs, and contemplate that this one huge field was once a whole farm, including arable fields, pastures, hop-gardens and scrub, with individual names like Peartree, Steamer, Breaky, Bushy and Furze fields. Turn left (still in north-westerly direction) and walk below the electricity wires, with the 11th tee of the golf course on your right. Path 30 continues in scrub along edge of the common (golf course) close by the gardens of a house named Tainters, where you will meet Path 29 running on the north side of the 8th fairway. Turn sharp right here and follow Path 29 north-eastwards over the golf course for about 400 metres to a small car park just north of the 9th tee. Cross two roads and continue in the same direction along the private road leading to Fairhazel cottages. Path 29 continues through farm gate, down to footbridges over adjacent streams. Note that the first flows at a higher level, being the stream that used to be navigable to service iron works and the powderrmill upstream in Maresfield. It is also the "leat" carrying water to Shorthridge Mill (formerly a fulling mill, a flour mill, but now a private residence), while the second stream follows the natural bed. The path continues up through woods and over exposed rock outcrops to exit on to the Uckfield road. Cross the bridge over the by-pass, which here marks the Fetching/Uckfield parish boundary, and on the left a stile gives entry to woods owned by the Woodland Trust (another stile on the opposite side of the road leads to paths through Rocks Park which offer a short cut to the roundabout mentioned below). Over the stile keep to the path on the left, but if your time allows explore other paths in this interesting area, with its fine show of rhododendrons in early summer. On the far side of the lake take the right fork, passing through a rock tunnel ([legend has it that this was where Funny and her Edwin used to meet; on this rock, in the words of Thomas Pentecost, the Uckfield poet. "her footstep slid, deep in the flood she fell beneath" and later "self-destroyed was Edwin found") and leave the wood at the eastern end. Rejoin the road and turning left follow it to Holy Cross Church in Uckfield. Beware as there are no pavements at the start of this section. Turn right on the far side of the church, down Church Walk, continuing down to a T-junction of paths just past an oast house. Turn right here and follow the path as it skirts houses, forking left by the playground. Turn left at the roundabout and cross the by-pass (with extreme care!) by the sign and into a field over the stile. Following the path notice the line of the old (never-used) railway embankment on your left, and a little further on, the brick wall supporting the end of another section of embankment. At the cross path signpost turn right to Buckham Hill. Cross straight over the Isfield road and down the drive at the footpath sign, continuing straight down to the Shorthridge stream. Turn right behind the old pump house and follow up the stream, passing along the fenced edge of a bluebell wood; this section can be very wet and muddy -due to
springs - even in summer. The path rises higher to the south of a large ornamental pond, which was once the unloading bay for the small barges which brought up goods for Uckfield, when the Horse and Barge was just a little inn. Turn down between the pond and the large brick wall around the house, and walk near the stream to exit on to the road over a difficult stile at the corner next to the drive entrance. Turn left on the road and over the bridge back to the Peacock.
WALK NUMBER 7.  
(Approx. 3.5 miles. 5.6 km)

From Sheffield Arms into Sheffield Forest

Leave the Fletching lane at a stile with fingerboard behind the hotel. Cross the field behind old sheds to a stile. A very muddy farm track goes along the left of the field, and right along the far side, but Path 6 cuts diagonally across this field and the next, to the left of a small wood. Continue downhill to a gate below a steep wooded slope (part of Beechy Wood, where bluebells abound). The path now runs along a valley beside a stream. Where the path leaves the field through the gate to Sheffield Mill Lane (Path 8) will be seen Sheffield Mill, a relic of the mediaeval iron industry - you may see slag in the stream. Turn right, along the pond side past the mill and then left when you meet Path 7 at a T-junction. The path diverges from the pond after a short while. Abeam the head of the pond the path rises steeply up and over the "Rocks" (ignore the well-used forest track looping round the base to the left). About 150 metres further on, Path 3 is met at an angle and you turn sharply left to go down the hill to a stream (that forest track comes to the same point). The proper course of Path 3 forks left after about 25 metres, but due to overgrowth you must go about 75 metres further along Path 4 to turn left on a better defined path which leads into Path 3. This then leads down to Annwood Brook (when coming in the reverse direction from the Danehill side, this path goes up to the right after crossing the brook) and thence up through two fields. After a small wood turn left past the lake and go up a small hill over the stile to meet the lane from Perryman's Hill at a T-junction, where you turn left. You are 500 metres from Portmansford, and this lane will take you to Portmansford and Furners Green. Just past the last house, turn left into Sheffield Mill Lane (Path 8), which takes you back to the junction with Path 6 on your right by the mill pond and thence back to the Sheffield Arms.
**WALK NUMBER 8.**  
(Nearly 6 miles, 9.6 km)

**Fletching Village to Sharpsbridge, via Newick**

From the War Memorial, go down Mill Lane to Fletching Mill Farm. Path 1 starts at the pedestrian “kissing gate” to the south of newly-converted houses. Follow arrow markers across the lawn to a stile, leading to the path along the south side of new boundary wall, thence to a further gateway/stile into open field. The path is easy to follow, through two grassy fields to a stile and footbridge at the entrance to Goldbridge Wood. This marks the parish boundary with Newick. The wood is boggy, but the path is on a causeway of rotting sleepers, and you will soon exit to a field, and head for the trees beside a sewage farm. A concrete service road leads you to Newick. Near the first houses an alleyway on the left will take you down, past old cottages, to the Green at the village stores. You will now have done about one third of the walk. Go through the village, past the three pubs and turn left to the church. The churchyard is bounded by a brick wall with low steps for access. Take the right-hand step into a field, and follow near the left-hand hedge to where it projects into the field. Then cut across to a stile to the right of three large trees. Cross this and after about 100 metres turn right into a narrow field with a wood (Fourthill Wood) on your right. After about 400 metres you will be near the river Ouse again, but the path goes through a steel gate on your right and up past an isolated tree in a large field to a stile at the top of the escarpment above the river. Continue with the wood and river on your left until you come to a stile with a steep and slippery drop to the road, opposite a chicken farm. Turn left to Sharps Bridge. The river has two channels here, and in the days of the canal operation the barges passed by a “lifting bridge” in the section which now has a brick parapet (all the bricks for the construction of the Balcombe viaduct on the Brighton railway line in 1840 came this way). This is the Newick/Fletching parish boundary. The concrete block and pill-box arc relics of the anti-tank defences set up on this stretch of river against invasion in 1940. Leave the lane on Path 24 at a marked stile on the left beyond Conyburo Cottage, and head diagonally (as indicated by the arrow at the stile) across a large field. On the hillbrow, beyond a dip in which runs a piped stream, you will see a stile beside a wood. The arrow marker directs you to cut across the next field towards Barkham Manor gardens you may just see yellow arrows on one of the fence-posts in the distance which has a straining stay. Turn left there and keep the fence/hedge on your right side past the fish ponds and the fingerpost indicating Path 25 to Goldbridge, and straight over a three-way stile to a further stile exiting to the A272 at Grislings Common. Opposite is a track leading to Valley Farm. Path 12 runs between farm buildings, down to a sleeper bridge. The church spire is seen over the skyline, and provides a useful pointer when, in season, the walk takes you through tall cereal crops. But from the brow head towards a tall post at a way-marked tree enclosure and then in the same direction, towards the eastern end of a small shaw where a field gate gives access to a wide farm track. Follow this towards the village, crossing another track and stiles to enter the recreation ground, and so back to Fletching church.
WALK NUMBER 9.  
(Approx. 5 miles. 8 km)

"The Four Parishes"

From the Sheffield Arms to the river Ouse and Wapsbourne

Cross the A275 and enter Ketches Lane opposite the hotel. About 800 metres along the lane, on the right, in a tiny enclosure beside the hedge in the field just before Ketches farm cottages; you will see the "Meridian Tree". This giant sequoia was planted by Fletching Parish Council in 1984 to commemorate the centenary of the adoption of the Greenwich meridian as a world standard. Other parishes did the same, hoping to create a line of distinctive trees. The actual meridian lies just west of Ketches. About 800 metres further on the left is the entrance to Kings Wood (Path J) opposite a yellow-painted house. The path is not very clear, so follow a track for about 100 metres and then turn right (west) to rejoin the proper path at the edge of taller trees. The exit gateway to a field should be spotted almost at once. Head a little west of south in this big arable field, passing about 100 metres to the right of a pond in the middle. Then head for the left side of a wood which screens the Bluebell railway, and enter it on a path leading to a tunnel under the line. This can be very muddy. A signed footbridge on the right, at the end of a narrow strip of field, marks the boundary of Horsted Keynes and Fletching parishes. You will see Freshfield Mill farm, but the field boundaries are not as mapped. Head straight for the farm via the footbridge in the middle of the field. A further bridge and stile lead into the farm to the right of the buildings. Follow the signs through the farm and out on to the road. Turn left over the river by The Sloop inn. You are now in Lindfield parish.

The entrance to the path through Hammer Wood is well marked on your left; follow this to the next footpath sign to Kitts Cottages. The path goes uphill through the wood, across a field and back into woodland beyond the junction of another path from the south at the site of Kitts Cottages (here there are two dried-out ponds). This is an area for wood anemones’, bluebells and the occasional cowslip. You are now in Chailey parish! The path in the wood is well trodden but not well signed. When you arrive at a big forest track, ignore white paint marks on trees straight ahead, but go right for a little way to find a less well trodden path that leads down through the wood to a stile (with sheep netting) and ditch in sight of Wapsbourne Farm. Turn left along the edge of the field to meet the track to Wapsbourne house, a splendid old manor (the name means "the path by the stream") and then the main driveway to join the A275 road. Turn left and follow the road back to the Sheffield Arms passing the Bluebell Railway station and the National Trust Gardens, both of which are well worth a visit. Take extreme care -the traffic is fast!
WALK NUMBER 10.  
(Final 4.3 miles, 7 km)

Fletching Village to Piltdown Golf Course

Start at the church, going through the burial ground and turning left at the end of the path to reach the pedestrian gate to the field. A fingerpost shows two directions: follow the right-hand pointer for Path 14, across the field past the grain stores. Climb a stile and gate to join farm track heading east. Follow this, passing large farm buildings ("White Barn") on your right. It can be very muddy here, since the path is crossed by the dairy herd. Continue in the same direction over stiles and a stream (Rushton Brook). Then uphill over a way marked stile to a horse paddock, aiming to exit to the common at a gateway to the right of a modern bungalow. Turn half-left at stone marker, and pass through an area of horse jumps to the end of Path 14, marked with a stone where it meets the driveway of Down Cottage and The Oaks just by the A272 main road. Turn left and follow the verge for about 200 metres until you cross the road opposite two driveways. Path 26 follows the right-hand drive, across a fairway, and turns sharply left just before the large house to which the drive pertains. Pass through trees between hedges, skirting the garden of the house, then over a ditch and keeping right of another fairway head roughly south over the golf course. On the crest of the rise, near the 15th tee and 14th hole, Path 26 crosses a gravelled surface, which is part of Path 27. Turn left here; after some 100 metres the path bears left (north-east) towards the left-most of a group of houses opposite the golf club. On the road turn right and walk about 400 metres until, just past this group of houses, you turn again on to the golf course between the 17th and 14th tees, on Path 28. Head for houses -converted from the old Mount House chapel -on the western skyline and cross the Shortbridge road there. The path runs to the right of the houses and continues in the same direction across two other fairways, to emerge on to the lane just north of the 7th tee. A small lane opposite, signed to Barkham Manor Vineyard, is the continuation of Path 27; once it was the main way from Shortbridge to Newick! Follow it to the entrance to the Manor, where it veers right, as a twin-hedged bridleway (Path 32) often heavily overgrown in summer -which will take you to the main A272 road opposite Moses' Farm. Do not use the entrance beside the farmhouse, but a second one a few yards to your left, where there is a stone marker indicating the start of Path 13. Go in here and pass to the left of a small shed, between hedges to a stile leading into field. Keep alongside hedge to a further stile leading to a large field (occasionally in use as a private airstrip), with gateway at bridge over stream down the hill opposite. Pass through the fruit farm, cross further stile to field, through clump of large trees ahead. The narrow stile giving access to the road leading back to Fletching (opposite Hungry Hatch) is just to the right of the cottages seen on the crest of the hill.