



## **The Sussex Wiggle**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

### **Pease Pottage to Shoreham Harbour**

**We advertised it first as the “Sussex Blat,” but the more we drove in to compile these route notes, the more that didn’t seem to capture the character of this particular run. The point was to capture the maximum number of “Elise roads” that we could find between Pease Pottage and Brighton.**

**In the end, the route named itself. We hope that you enjoy the Sussex Wiggle.**



# SELOC Sussex Wiggle

## Guidelines

First off :- The boring bit. All pretty obvious really and this is by no means a lecture, just guidelines as we are only a casual drive and this is open to any member of *SELOC* to attend. We have no special rights on the road and you all drive under your own insurance and **you are liable for your own actions**. Also, you come along at your own risk. However, the event is authorised by the **Motor Sport Association** (permit number: **36149**) which means we will be covered by the MSA's 3<sup>rd</sup> party public liability insurance. **This requires that all drivers and passengers sign-on for the event on the day.** Forms will be provided.

***Obviously, I have no responsibility over those who come along and subsequently it is not my place to dictate how other people behave or drive.***

However, we wish to enlist the support of the residents of the towns which we visit and enjoy, so as a courtesy to the rest of us, those who don't wish to accept the following guidelines as they are intended (e.g. a matter of safe and courteous driving for the benefit of everyone) then I think I'm quite safe in saying that most people would rather you didn't join in with the rest of the group. **Alternatively please feel free to enjoy this route on a different day.**

- 1.) This is not a race.
- 2.) This is not a timed event.
- 3.) The route included here is only a proposed route for the benefit of those not familiar with the area.
- 4.) In no way do those who suggesting this run condone speeding or dangerous driving in any way.
- 5.) The intention of this meeting is a casual opportunity to meet other Lotus owners and to see countryside and roads you would not otherwise have encountered. That's all.
- 6.) When travelling along the proposed route, please be considerate of residents and respectful of their wishes.
- 7.) If another motorist lets a group of Lotus owners pass, please give an acknowledgement of thanks. They have just as much right to use the roads as we do. *(Also, in that way we are something of a spectacle that chose their town, rather than a nuisance that just arrived)*
- 8.) Please be considerate of noise levels. (I know! Those that have heard my car will treat this as a case will treat this as a case of the pot calling the kettle black, but I really do try to keep the noise down in built-up areas.)
- 9.) Please feel free to stop and enjoy the scenery.
- 10.) If using the proposed route, please read the directions prior to setting off. Don't read and drive.
- 11.) Those travelling without a passenger, please pull over in order to refer to directions. *(Do not attempt to read the directions while driving)*
- 12.) Please drive your car safely and within your own limits of experience.
- 13.) Never drive faster than the speed limit **OR** the speed that you are comfortable driving at.
- 14.) Do not accelerate through a corner if your total stopping distance is beyond your range of vision.
- 15.) It's great fun to follow other Loti down country roads. But do not ever forget that most of us are just people with fast cars and a driving license. However, you may well be following someone who is much much more than that. But please bear in mind that matching their speed and line through bends in the road will NOT teach you the limits of your car or how to drive or guarantee that you will exit the corner in the same way, if at all. Braking, acceleration, tyres, road conditions are only some of the factors involved. The only thing which will guarantee a safe enjoyable run is to drive within the speed limits and your own experience at all times and in a well maintained car.
- 16.) Drive how you drive and do not be intimidated to speed up.
- 17.) There are no prizes for arriving at the stop first.
- 18.) Watch out for wildlife, cyclists, pedestrians and people on horseback. *(As a cyclist myself, I know how intimidating the sound alone of a quickly driven car approaching on a mall lane can be. Also, this year, there seem to be huge numbers of rabbits in the Sussex countryside and early morning seems to be one of their favourite times to enjoy the roads – you have been warned.)*
- 19.) If you wish to overtake. Please do so **ONLY** when you can **SEE** and **KNOW** you can do so safely. Please do not overtake just because someone in front did and you don't want to be left behind. If you are lost, please text my mobile for directions. I will call you back and attempt to talk you in.
- 20.) Always remember that you are responsible for your own safety. Just because the guy in front does something, it doesn't mean that it's safe for you to do the same. **THINK FOR YOURSELF** and don't just become a passenger to 'group think.'

*Above all, please do what you can to ensure that everyone on the run has the most enjoyable and safest day possible.*







Date 11<sup>th</sup> June 2006  
from Pease Pottage Services J11 M23 Sussex







Meet at 06:45







Depart at 07:15 promptly








If you get lost [text 07770645640](tel:07770645640) and we will call you back and try and get you back on track

\* Mileages are as read in my car (but were slightly different from those previously given on certain sections of this route.) Please make allowances.

Way Point		Trip meter*	Junction type	Go towards	Notes
0		<b>0.0</b>	Exit from Services	Turn Right towards Handcross <b>B2114</b>	Set trip to zero here
1		<b>0.1</b>	Roundabout	Straight over	Well that's the easy bit over with.
2		<b>1.0</b>	Roundabout	Turn Left (seems like straight-on ish) towards Handcross on <b>B2110</b>	
3		<b>1.9</b>	Roundabout	Turn Left towards <b>Turners Hill</b> <b>B2110</b>	Nice twisty for next 3 miles or so
4		<b>5.3</b>	T junction	Turn Left on <b>B2036</b> To Horley, Worth Then 300metres....	<b>XXX300mXXX</b> <b>Only</b>
5		<b>5.4</b>	<b>Junction</b>	Turn Right on <b>B2110</b> to <b>Turners Hill, Worth</b>	By <b>Cowdry Arms</b> Stay on this road for the next 3 ish miles

6		<b>8.0</b>	X roads (Limited Visibility)	In <b>Turners Hill</b> , straight over towards <b>East Grinstead B2110</b>	@ 9.5 miles road becomes very twisty and narrow  @ <b>9.8</b> miles Under bridge/ mini-tunnel
7		<b>9.9</b>	<b>Almost immediately after tunnel</b> , turn right on left hand bend	Towards West <b>Hoathly</b> and <b>Kingscote Station</b>	Under another bridge and <b>very sharp left hand bend</b> .  Early sections will test your suspension settings! then smoothes and opens out (a bit.)
8		<b>11.7</b>	T junction	Turn Right towards <b>Haywards Heath, Crawley</b>	<b>BE CAREFUL ON NEXT JUNCTION.</b> Just round the corner, turn sharp left
9		<b>11.8</b>	T junction	Turn Left towards <b>Haywards Heath, Ardingly</b> on <b>B2028</b>	@ 14.3 miles South of England Show Ground.  Keep straight on @ <b>Ardingly</b> . Nice open section, but <b>Pay Attention</b> for next junction at <b>16.5</b> miles (look for <b>horse-rider sign</b> immediately before turning.)
10		<b>16.5</b>	<b>Sharp L turn on right hand bend</b>  Towards <b>Horsted Keynes, Danehill</b>		








11		<b>16.8</b>	T-Junction	Turn Left towards <b>Dane Hill, Horsted Keynes.</b>  <b>(Be careful as you approach junction with visibility in the Elise.)</b>	Stay on this road through the village of <b>Horsted Keynes</b> and then, as you are leaving the village, <b>look for fork to the right after 40 sign.</b>
12		<b>18.7</b>	Road Forks	Take Right Fork towards <b>Danehill, Chelwood Common</b>	Will lead you to T-Junction in the village of Danehill via road without a single metre that is straight and level!
13		<b>19.7</b>	T-junction	Turn Right on <b>A275</b> towards <b>Sheffield Park, Lewes</b>	Open fast road with plenty of good visibility.
14		<b>24.3</b>	Mini-roundabout	Turn Left on <b>A272</b> towards <b>Uckfield, Heathfield, Newick</b>	Look out for first X-roads in <b>just under a mile.</b>
15		<b>25.2</b>	Staggered X-roads	Turn Right sign-posted for <b>Barcombe on Oxbottom Lane</b>	Road will fork shortly, keep right.
16		<b>25.7</b>	Junction	Turn <b>sharp</b> left onto <b>Chailey Lane</b>	Take first Right after clearing houses










17		<b>26.4</b>	Junction	Turn Right Downhill signposted <b>Lewes, Cooksbridge</b>	<b>TAKE CARE</b> , single carriageway bridge @ <b>26.8 miles</b>
18		<b>27.5</b>	Junction	Turn Left Signposted <b>Barcombe, Lewes</b>	Another good bit! Just how much fun are we expected to take!?!?
19		<b>30.2</b>	T-Junction	Turn Left towards <b>Lewes on A275</b>	@ <b>30.7 miles</b> Level Crossing. <b>Shortly after leaving 40 Limit you will be turning right</b>
20		<b>31.1</b>	Junction on Right into <b>B2116 Towards Hassocks, Keymer</b>  (This junction arrives very quickly after the sign and is easy to miss)		VERY good Elise Road. Twists and undulates for next few miles after initial straight.  <b>@ 33.3 miles nasty concealed junction around sharp R bend</b> (By Half Moon in Plumpton)  @ 35.9 miles enter Ditchling (sorry about all the speed humps!)
21		<b>36.5</b>	Mini-roundabout	Turn <b>Left</b> onto <b>South Street</b> (Sign posted towards <b>Brighton</b> )	QUAINT ALERT! you are in Ditchling <b>XXX 300m XXX Only to next turning</b>
22		<b>36.6</b>	Junction	Turn Left on right hand bend as you leave the village into <b>Beacon Road</b> signposted for <b>Ditchling Beacon</b>	Very twisty and lumpy hill climb to the top of the Beacon.  <b>At the very brow, car park on right @ 38.2 miles</b>

**Plan is to stop here, take a breather, take photographs and regroup.**

Sarah's version: Plan is stop and ponce around and pose.

Take your pick.

23		Retrace the route back down the hill to the T-junction in Ditchling			
24		<b>40.0</b>	T-junction	Turn <b>Left</b>	Very fast largely straight road <b>BUT WATCH VISIBILITY</b> (many dips and a <b>Blind X Roads @ 40.7 Miles</b> )
25		<b>41.8</b>	T junction	Turn left towards <b>Pyecombe, Brighton on A273</b>	Over the top of the hill, dropping down past the golf club on your left.  <b>Watch out for signs to the Right for A23 London, → Gatwick</b>
26		<b>42.9</b>	Junction	<p>This section is complicated to describe but very easy in practice.</p> <p><b>KEEP FOLLOWING SIGNS FOR A23 LONDON, → GATWICK.</b> This will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take you first right</li> <li>• Over A23</li> <li>• Right @ T-junction</li> <li>• Joining A23 dual-carriageway</li> </ul> <p><b>Stay in the LEFT hand lane as you will be leaving the A23 immediately.</b></p>	
27		<b>43.8</b>	Slip road	Take exit left signposted <b>Henfield, A281</b>	By Texaco garage
28		<b>44.0</b>	Mini-roundabout	Straight on	<b>BE CAREFUL OF VISIBILITY ON THIS SECTION</b> (Blind X-roads immediately after crest.)
29		<b>44.9</b>	Roundabout	Turn Right (3 <sup>rd</sup> exit)  Signposted <b>Henfield A281</b>	After clearing wooded section and a long open straight, <b>Watch out for SHARP LEFT HAND BEND</b>

30		<b>46.0</b>	Complex Junction on Left Hand Bend	Take <b>SECOND</b> turning on the <b>Right</b> as the road turns sharply Left (Signposted <b>Wickwoods Country Club Hotel</b> )	Little Peach of a lane – enjoy!
31		<b>48.1</b>	T-junction	Turn left (No signpost)	
32		<b>50.5</b>	T-junction	Turn Right onto <b>A281</b> signposted <b>Cowfold, Horsham</b>	
33		<b>51.9</b>	Junction	1 <sup>st</sup> Right Hand Turning <b>B2116</b> signposted <b>Partridge Green</b>	
34		<b>52.6</b>	Mini-roundabout	Just stick with this road to the next T-junction	
35		<b>52.9</b>	T-junction	Turn Left onto <b>B2135</b> signposted to <b>Steyning</b>	Another great road (but only if the road is clear, almost no passing opportunities)
36		<b>57.5</b>	T-junction	Turn Left onto <b>A283</b> towards <b>Brighton</b>	
37		<b>59.1</b>	Roundabout	Straight on signposted <b>A283</b> for <b>Shoreham</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> exit)	
38		<b>60.0</b>	Roundabout	Turn <b>Right</b> following the <b>A283</b> towards <b>Shoreham, Brighton</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> exit)	Nearly there now – winding down.



39		<b>62.2</b>	Roundabout	Take the 3 <sup>rd</sup> exit signposted for <b>Shoreham</b>	Under the elevated section of the A23
40		<b>62.7</b>	Mini-roundabout	2 <sup>nd</sup> exit (straight on ish) at the mini-roundabout as you enter Shoreham	
41		<b>63.3</b>	Mini-roundabout	Turn Left on the <b>A259</b> towards <b>Brighton</b>	




 **WATCH OUT FOR SPEED CAMERA (30 mph limit) @ 64.0 miles.** 

Continue along this road as the harbour appears to your right.

After a pronounced dip and traffic lights at the top of the rise, carry straight on.

Watch out for **BP** petrol station on the **Left** and the **Surf Shop and diner** on the **right @ 66.6 miles** followed almost immediately by **Blue Lagoon pub**.

**At the next traffic lights turn right**

		<b>66.8</b>	Traffic Light Junction	Turn Right down beside <b>Hove Lagoon</b> (a large boating lake used for teaching windsurfing)	Follow this round from the mini-roundabout (where you <b>turn left</b> ) and pick up the <b>Blue Signs</b> for <b>Carrots Café</b> . The Café is at the extreme end of the harbour arm.  There is a large car park right next to the beach that serves as the café.
--	---	-------------	------------------------	--	---





Don't forget to wave to Fat Boy Norman and Zoe and (more discretely) check out whether Sir Macca and Heather Mills are still together or not (both couples have houses in the row of white houses on the beach that you glimpse near the Lagoon. She (Heather Mills) drives a green Porcher and he of course, as you all know, a Yellow Submarine. Whoops, events have overtaken me!

**EAT LARGE BREAKFAST**



**For the quickest/ easiest route back to the A27/A23, follow these directions:**

Retrace your route from the café car park back, past Hove Lagoon to the traffic light junction with the A259.

	T-junction	Turn <b>Left</b>	
	Traffic Light Junction	Turn <b>Right</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> set of traffic lights shortly after <b>BP</b> petrol station.
Keep <b>straight on</b> until you pass a <b>level crossing</b> next to <b>Portslade</b> railway station.			
	Traffic Light X Roads	At X-roads with <b>A270 Old Shoreham Road</b> , turn <b>Left</b> and <b>immediately</b> pull over into <b>Right hand lane</b> .	<b>XXX 250m XXX only</b>
	Traffic Light Junction	Turn <b>Right</b> on to <b>A293</b>	Keep straight on this road past <b>2 Mini-roundabouts</b> (the first next to a <b>Sainsburys</b> ) until you reach the junction with the <b>A27</b> .

(For the **A23**, turn towards **Lewes, London**)

