



The Sussex Wiggle

Sunday 16th July 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 3rd 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 11th June 2006
from Pease Pottage Services J11 M23 Sussex

Meet at 06:45

Depart at 07:15 promptly

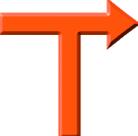
If you get lost [text 07770645640](tel:07770645640) and we will call you back and try and get you back on track

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

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

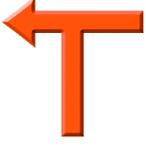
11		16.8	T-Junction	Turn Left towards Dane Hill, Horsted Keynes. (Be careful as you approach junction with visibility in the Elise.)	Stay on this road through the village of Horsted Keynes and then, as you are leaving the village, look for fork to the right after 40 sign.
12		18.7	Road Forks	Take Right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

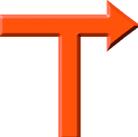
17		26.4	Junction	Turn Right Downhill signposted Lewes, Cooksbridge	TAKE CARE , single carriageway bridge @ 26.8 miles
18		27.5	Junction	Turn Left Signposted Barcombe, Lewes	Another good bit! Just how much fun are we expected to take!?!?
19		30.2	T-Junction	Turn Left towards Lewes on A275	@ 30.7 miles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

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

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

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



 **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

		66.8	Traffic Light Junction	Turn Right down beside Hove Lagoon (a large boating lake used for teaching windsurfing)	Follow this round from the mini-roundabout (where you turn left) and pick up the Blue Signs for Carrots Café . 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.
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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 Left	
	Traffic Light Junction	Turn Right	1 st set of traffic lights shortly after BP petrol station.
Keep straight on until you pass a level crossing next to Portslade railway station.			
	Traffic Light X Roads	At X-roads with A270 Old Shoreham Road , turn Left and immediately pull over into Right hand lane .	XXX 250m XXX only
	Traffic Light Junction	Turn Right on to A293	Keep straight on this road past 2 Mini-roundabouts (the first next to a Sainsburys) until you reach the junction with the A27 .

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

