

# The Sussex Blat – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2002

## 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 anyone 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.

***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 (eg 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 with our blessing.**

- 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.
- 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 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.) If you doubt your driving abilities, the group has an excellent instructor who is fully qualified to teach advanced motoring skills and observation techniques.
- 18.) There are no prizes for arriving at the lunch stop first.
- 19.) Watch out for wildlife, cyclists, pedestrians and people on horseback
- 20.) 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 call my mobile for directions. I will talk you in.

***Most important, please do what you can to ensure that those on the run, of all driving abilities, have the most enjoyable and safest day possible.***

Ruggs

## The Sussex Blat.

1.) Although the title of this run does have the word 'Blat' in it, and much of the run includes areas where the National Speed Limit applies, the proposed route has been devised deliberately with open roads and slower twisting roads, to avoid villages and towns and to enjoy the stable handling characteristics of the car where possible and safe.

2.) The Sussex Route is shorter than many runs. This is to allow those with further to travel an earlier finishing time... also to allow the rest of us this time to socialise and generally talk crap about cars.

## Starting Off.

In the Moto Services Car Park. Pease Pottage Services







Arrive Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 09:30am








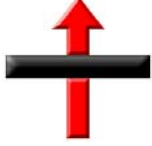


Where:- Southbound Carriageway on A23/M23.





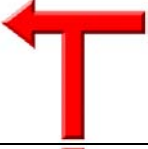

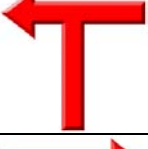


To get here :- M25 to Junction 7. Head South signposted Gatwick, Crawley. Keep going South for **14** Miles. Turn off at Junction **11**. Heading up sliproad to large roundabout, take **FIRST** exit (IMMEDIATE) signposted 'Services'. Go **150** Yards Turn right into services and follow left lane. Cars should park to the right on the other side of the car park (the other side of where the coaches park but not in front of the Moto services).







## Morning Run:











**RESET YOUR MILE-OMETERS AT EXIT.**













 <b>START</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Where you Are</b>	<b>Next Heading</b>	<b>Notes</b>
	00.0	Services	Turn Right out of Services. <b>Reset Milometers</b>	We will try to leave in <b>smaller groups, everyone away by 10AM.</b> (please don't all go as soon as the first group does!)
	00.1	Mini Roundabout	2 <sup>nd</sup> Exit (Straight Over) towards Handcross (B2114)	
	01.1	Mini Roundabout	First Exit (Left) towards Handcross (B2110)	
	01.9	Mini Roundabout.	Turn Left. Towards Turners Hill onto B2110	Smooth open Road becoming short on visibility later on as hedges close in.
	05.5	T-Junction	Left Towards Horley on B2036	


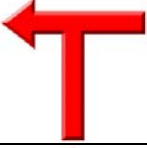



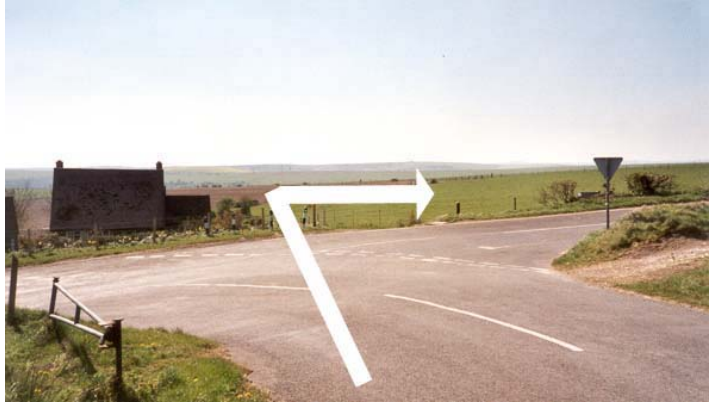

	06.9	Roundabout	Straight Over (over M23)	Going over and around M23. Not simple this bit, but not worth extra directions as it all happens so quickly, you'll miss them.
	07.3	Roundabout	Straight Over (signposted 'Horley' - B2036)	
	07.7	Roundabout	Turn Right (signposted Horley - B2036)	
	07.9	Mini Roundabout	Straight Over (past Texaco garage on right – refer to photo below)	
	08.0	Another Mini Roundabout  TURN RIGHT (towards 'Turners Hill')  Lovely road for the Elise, if clear... Over M23 at 8.6 miles. With <b>sharp</b> right and left bends at <b>9.0 miles</b> .		
	11.0	T-Junction	Turn Left (straight on), B2110 towards East Grinstead	
	11.1	Crossroads <b>(limited visibility)</b>	Straight over towards East Grinstead ("East Street")	Sweeping Bends, road recently nicely resurfaced. @12.3 sharp left (Gets narrow in places) @12.8 sharp right @ 13.0 -Tunnel Listen to those lovely non-standard exhausts!!
	13.1	Right Junction <b>(Very soon after drive through tunnel)</b>  Turn right towards West Hoathly (Kingscote Station). Through another tunnel, sharp left and up hill  Starts twisty and then opens up. Past Gravelye Manor		

	15.0	T-Junction	Turn Right, towards Turners Hill	BE VERY CAREFUL ON NEXT JUNCTION. This catches people out. ( <b>just round the corner turn sharp left</b> )
	15.1	T-Junction	Turn Left onto B2028 towards Haywards Heath	@16.6 Wakehurst Place @ 17.6 South of England Showground  Keep Going through Ardingly. Keep on road after Village. Road recently resurfaced, quite twisty with Open Bits, BUT <b>PAY ATTENTION</b> for next junction at <b>19.8 miles</b>
	19.8	LEFT JUNCTION This junction is a bugger. Slight downhill with right bend in road. Junction on Left  Turn <b>sharp</b> Left Towards Danehill and Horsted Keynes		
	20.1	T- Junction	TURN LEFT towards Danehill/Horsted Keynes	Drops Downhill and under short bridge. Goes uphill into Horsted Keynes at 21.3
	21.4	Right Junction	Turn Right Into Sugar Lane	30MPH. Opens out, drops downhill – <b>22.4 miles – look out for possible water on road...</b>
	23.1	T-Junction	Turn Left	
	23.2	Strange T-Junc (ish) (Forks right into T-junction)	Turn Right towards Lewes (Scaynes Hill)	Under Bridge. @24.0 Sloop Pub @24.4 Sweeping right. Keep on Road
	25.6	T Junction	Turn Left onto A272	Welcome to Scaynes Hill. Farmers pub in front. Shell garage for those who need to fill up.  Very fast and open road. After <b>slow left @ 27.1</b> look for next junction

	<p>27.3</p>	<p>Right Junction Turn Right towards 'Chailey Heritage Clinical. St Peters and St James Hopice. <b>Beware of the crossroads after 100 yards on this road. This has claimed a few people. People don't look. After that, have fun!</b> Locals call this road 'Snakey Lane'. Now why do you think that is !</p>		
	<p>28.2</p>	<p>T-Junction</p>	<p>Turn RIGHT towards Chailey/Lewes onto A275</p>	<p>@29.1 Five Bells @32.9 Level Crossing</p> <p><b>Start to slow down to look for the next junction after level crossing</b></p>
	<p>33.3</p>	<p>Junction on Right Turn Right onto B2116. Towards Hassocks, Keymer</p> <p>VERY good Elise Road Twist and undulating for next few miles after initial straight. <b>@35.6 nasty concealed junction around sharp right hand bend.</b> (By the Half Moon in Plumpton.)</p>	 <p>Notice on the hillside on the left a large V shape from Trees (@26.6?). This was supposed to be VC for Queen Victoria, but they ran out of money.... Apparently. @38.2 you enter Ditchling @38.6 Speed Humps (sorry about these!)</p>	
	<p>38.8</p>	<p>Mini Roundabout</p>	<p>Turn Left onto South Street (sign-posted towards Brighton)</p>	<p>You are in Ditchling Village</p>








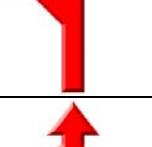

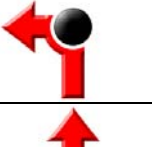
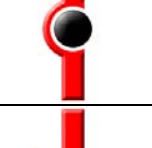
	38.9	Left Junction on Right Bend	Turn Left into Beacon Road. (sign posted Ditchling Beacon)  Go Up hill and across top of Beacon	Heading Towards Ditchling Beacon (looming up in foreground)  This is a twisty narrow'ish hill climb to the top. Quite steep so apologies to all you S160 owners with no torque ☺  @40.6 Feel free to stop at the top and enjoy the view but bear in mind lunch stop (we need to be there to beat the rush for parking).
	43.0	T-Junction	Turn Right towards Worthing (aiming for A27)	Sorry... This junction, is a bugger!
	43.2	Mini Roundabout	Turn Left Go over bridge	
	43.3	Roundabout	Turn Right (join sliproad for A27 towards Worthing)	
				
	44.3	Exit for A23 (slip road)		These three instructions are 1 really but it's two roundabouts to get from A27 to A23 Northbound.
	44.6	Mini Roundabout	Left and get into right hand lane for next roundabout	
	44.8	Roundabout	Turn Right up A23 towards London	
				
	46.5	Exit for A273 towards Hassocks (left filter lane)	Go under bridge and head up hill	@47.3 Past Pyecombe golf club on right @48.2 Past Jack and Jill Pub on Left


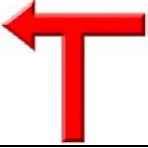










	49.0	Traffic Lights	Straight over	Open Straight(ish) Road
	50.7	Roundabout	Left (towards A23)	
	51.1	Roundabout	Left (towards A23)	Tesco is in front of you. Turn Left
	51.7	Mini Roundabout	Straight Over	You're heading here towards the A23 to go <b>southbound</b>
	52.1	Roundabout	Straight Over	
	52.5	Roundabout	Left onto A2300	
	53.3	Roundabout	Straight Over	
	54.3	Roundabout	Turn left (2 <sup>nd</sup> Exit) onto A23 Southbound. ( <b>NOT into the Services or over the bridge!</b> )	
				
	55.0	Junction/Slip Road	Turn Left (Mill Lane) off A23 and Over Bridge (A2118 towards Hurstpier Point)	You're on A23, heading South for 1 junction only. Turning off straight away!
	55.3	Roundabout	Turn Left  <i>?? maybe also straight over another mini roundabout before you get to the next set of traffic lights??</i>	Heading South.  North Star, InterPorsche garage on right
	56.6	Traffic Lights	Straight Over (towards Poyning and A23)	Softech Global on Right








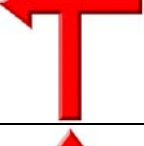


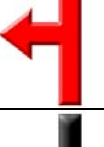

	57.8	T-Junction	Turn Right onto B2117 towards "Poynings" and "Devils Dyke".	
	58.8	T-Junction	Turn Left onto A281 towards "Poynings" and "Devils Dyke".	
	59.9	Roundabout	Straight Over Towards Devils Dyke (Saddlecomb Road)	Head up hill
	60.9	Right Junction <b>(Blind junction on crest of hill)</b>	Turn Right, signposted 'Dyke'	Small sign, don't brake suddenly. Also blind hill junction so watch out, very dangerous.
	61.9	Right Junction on a Sweeping left <b>(just after Golf course)</b>  Turn Right (heading towards 'Devils Dyke' Inn)  Go past 1 <sup>st</sup> car park by pub on right (behind pub) and head to the front of the pub, road bends right and massive parking overlooking south downs.		
	62.4	Park Up along edge of car park and enjoy the view!	<b>The landlord won't reserve space for us so we have to get here early. This pub is REALLY busy, and I mean REALLY.</b>  <b>Pub opens at 12.00.</b>  <b>So try to get here for 11.30 ish, park up, enjoy the scenery and talk bollocks about cars until opening time. Ice Cream van probably here as well. (Look out for stray paragliders!!)</b>	


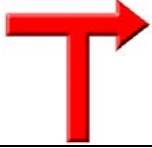


## Afternoon Run:

**RESET YOUR MILE-OMETERS AT FIRST T-JUNCTION (the one in the previous photo).**

 <b>S</b> <sub>TART</sub>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Where you Are</b>	<b>Next Heading</b>	<b>Notes</b>
	00.0	T-Junction	Turn Right (really straight on...)	Sea to your right. <b>Reset your Mileometers</b>
	01.7	T-Junction	Turn Right	
	02.1	Roundabout	Straight Over	Heading over Bridge over A27
	02.2	Roundabout	Turn Right. Get on slip rod for A27 towards Worthing	<b>Try to stay together on the dual carriageway, there's a nice long tunnel coming up.</b>
				
	05.1	Southwick Tunnel	Straight Through	Stereo's Off, Windows Down, <b>Slow down... drop a gear and Smile ☺</b>
	07.7	Junction/long Slip-Road	A283 to Shoream and Steyning	Look to your left at the slip road as it bends round. Now behave and be careful
	8.1	Roundabout	2 <sup>nd</sup> Exit towards Steyning on A283	My favourite Roundabout! (may be motorcyclists doing laps!) @9.6 Derelict Cement works on the right
	10.3	Roundabout	Left towards Storrington/ A24 towards Horsham	
	11.3	Roundabout	Straight on (3 <sup>rd</sup> Exit) towards A24 and Horsham	
	16.2	Junction on left.	Left Towards Washington	

	16.3	T-Junction	Turn Left	Frankland Arms on the right.  Reasonably quick road with <b>sharp left hander @16.7</b>
	17.1	T-Junction	Turn Left onto A24 towards Worthing	This is a Dual Carriageway for 2 miles or so with long right hander up hill.
	19.0	Roundabout	Right onto A280 (towards Littlehampton, Chichester and Portsmouth)	Beautiful Road heading through village of Clapham <b>sharp left hander @21.3</b>
	22.5	Roundabout	Straight Over (go over bridge that crosses A27)	
	22.6	Roundabout	Right (3 <sup>rd</sup> Exit) onto A27 slip road towards Chichester	Onto dual Carriageway, through Hammerpot
				
	26.6	T-Junction and Lights	Right Towards Chichester and Portsmouth	A27 ends here. Get in right hand lane at end of slip road. Don't jump the lights.  Arundel Castle on the Right
	27.4	Roundabout	1 <sup>st</sup> Exit towards Ford and Climping (stay on A27)	
	28.0	Roundabout	3 <sup>rd</sup> Exit towards Pulborough, Dorking and London (A284)	Slight uphill
	30.6	Roundabout	3 <sup>rd</sup> Exit, B2139 towards Amberley and Storrington	17% incline (we down downhill...) <b>@31.7 entering 'Houton' (OPTIONAL COFFEE STOP @32.4 by river, may be busy!)</b>
	36.8	Mini Roundabout	Right on A283 towards Steyning	Through Town
	37.1	Mini Roundabout <b>@37.4 SPEED CAMERA</b>	Left onto B2139 towards Thakeham	37.3 Sullington.

	37.8	Mini Roundabout	Straight over on Thakeham Road (B2139)	
	37.9	Mini Roundabout	Left Towards Thakeham (B2139)	@38.7 Stables on Left... @39.3 "mushrooms"?
	43.1	Crossroads (Staggered)	<b>Turn Right at Coolham</b> garage onto A272 towards Haywards Heath	<b>(NOT the set of staggered crossroads you drive though before you enter Coolham!)</b>
	46.0	Crossroads (Staggered)	Turn Right onto A24 (heading South towards Worthing)	
	46.7	Junction on Left	Turn Left onto B2135 to West Grinstead and Partridge Green	Just past electronic 'slow down' sign @48.1 bridge
	49.2	Junction	Turn left onto B2116 by Partridge Pub	
	49.5	Mini Roundabout	Straight Over	Tight S-bends before reaching next T-junction
	50.3	T Junction	Turn Left towards Horsham and Cowfold on A281	@52.3 Cowfold
	52.5	Mini Roundabout	Straight over	(Briefing joining the A272 towards Billingshurst between the two roundabouts)
	52.6	Mini Roundabout	Straight Over (join A281 towards Horsham)	@53.9 Lower Beeding
	55.0	Right Junction on Left sweep	Right onto Leechpond Hill (onto B2110 towards Gatwick and Handcross)	@55.9 you enter 'Plumbers Plain'.
	57.1	Crossroads	Turn Left <b>Opposite Black Head Pub</b>	Medium Road dropping downhill after a short while. (Road is narrow for a bit!) <b>@58.5 Over Hammer Pond (single lane bridge)</b>

	58.6	Right Junction (at top of crest)	Turn Right towards Colgate and Pease Pottage (no obvious sign!)	@61.0 Radar Dish can be seen ahead  (beware of deer jumping into the road!)
	61.9	T-Junction	Turn Right at Cottimore School towards Pease Pottage	
	62.4	<b>Finish at Black Swan</b>	Pub car park (plenty of parking also available down side roads to left and right by pub).	
	62.5	Mini Roundabout	Left towards services	
	62.6	<b>Back at Services</b>	Where we started!	