**Black Down and Petworth, Saturday 10th October 2020**

6 walkers, 23.7 miles – leader Jerome Ripp

A perfect autumn day with glorious tree colours for a long walk from Haslemere station. We were soon on the Serpent Trail and snaked our way south east before the climb up to Black Down. The wind just arrived on cue for our arrival at the Temple of the Winds with a superb view. South east through the Lurgashall vineyards and the village before the long woodland route to reach the vast Petworth Park for a tour and lunch break. The return was on the less popular east side of the A281 and for several hours we saw no one as we made our way through woodlands resplendent with chestnuts and mushrooms. The nature reserve of Ebernoe Common, Northchapel and another climb up the side of Black Down before the final descent to Haslemere.