**Sevenoaks Circular, Tuesday 22nd March 2016**

4 walkers, 11 miles – leader Roderick Smith

Tuesday 22 March 2016.  Four members caught trains at 1015 from Charing Cross and Waterloo East and met at Sevenoaks Station. The walk started at 1100 and went uphill to Sevenoaks War Memorial and the Vine Cricket Club (c.1734) before crossing rugby grounds and descending into Knole Park (National Trust and Sackville Family home). Through herds of deer and across the golf course to Godden Wood and on to pass the Bucks Head Inn.

After a short climb near Seal Chart we followed a wooded greensand ridge past St Lawrence Church before plunging off the ridge down to Ightham Mote completing 5 miles in two hours. After a 40-minute lunchbreak at their National Trust café we joined the Greensand Way to return to Knole.

There were far-reaching views of 30 miles to the whale-backed South Downs with sparkling warm spring sunshine as well as bluebells in flower and very young lambs to delight the eye. Downhill through Sevenoaks to the station saw us just catch the 1530 train, returning to Charing Cross by 1600. A fine short notice walk on dry ground covering more than 10 miles in 4½ hours.

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