**Sevenoaks Circular, Saturday 24th March 2018**

9 walkers, 21 miles – leader Jerome Ripp

A mild if cloudy spring day for a hilly (800 metres ascent) route, mainly to north of town; Darent valley path lead to North Downs and a break at Knockholt. The long wooded ridges above the Darent took us into Shoreham for a picnic lunch by the river and one of the group departed north which saved the leader the trouble of losing the required 10%. East into the remote area of an abandoned golf course with a loop around the appropriately named Round Hill to the promised pub at Romney Street. Despite being on the new map, it had bitten the dust some 2 years ago so for liquid refreshment we pressed on through more hilly woods to the North Downs way and the glorious view above Kemsing. The Bell Inn was still alive and open for much needed refreshment and then down to Seal and a final section in the lovely Knole park before arriving back at Sevenoaks station which was fortunately in the same place as we had left it in the morning, just in time for a train. All well planned as usual by the leader!!

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