

20 Walks around Heathfield

INTRODUCTION

This set of walks, in a booklet, had initially been produced in partnership between Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council and the Heathfield & District Group of the Ramblers' Association. A similar partnership had existed for years through which the Parish Council supported the Ramblers financially in order that materials were readily available to working parties for the maintenance of stiles, fences, waymarks in their area.

The local Rambler's Group was founded in 1975; amongst its early members was Stan Bayliss-Smith, an ex-schoolmaster and ornithologist. He wrote three books of walks culminating in the first version of these Walks Around Heathfield, and is remembered with gratitude. A later book updated it & added more, while years later this online edition is another re-write following re-walking and review by the Group.

The Heathfield Group (aka Wealden Cuckoos) has a programme of walks, usually on Saturdays and ranging from 5 – 8 miles, in East Sussex & beyond, continuing throughout the year. For further information, please go to its website <https://heathfieldramblers.wixsite.com/website> .

Although the directions and sketch maps contained in these walks should generally be sufficient, it is recommended that walkers have the back-up of the Ordnance Survey Explorer Series maps nos. 123, 124, 135 and 136, and a compass can also prove helpful! Be aware that some paths can get overgrown & muddy, so robust clothing & suitable footwear are strongly advised.

You should also remember that all sporting & leisure activities have inherent hazards associated with them, and rambling is no exception – accidents will occasionally occur. When undertaking any of these walks you should each always be on the lookout for risks that might occur, taking reasonable measures to eliminate or minimise the potential for accidents to yourself & others.

And please, try to follow the Countryside Code.

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Please note. All walks are circular

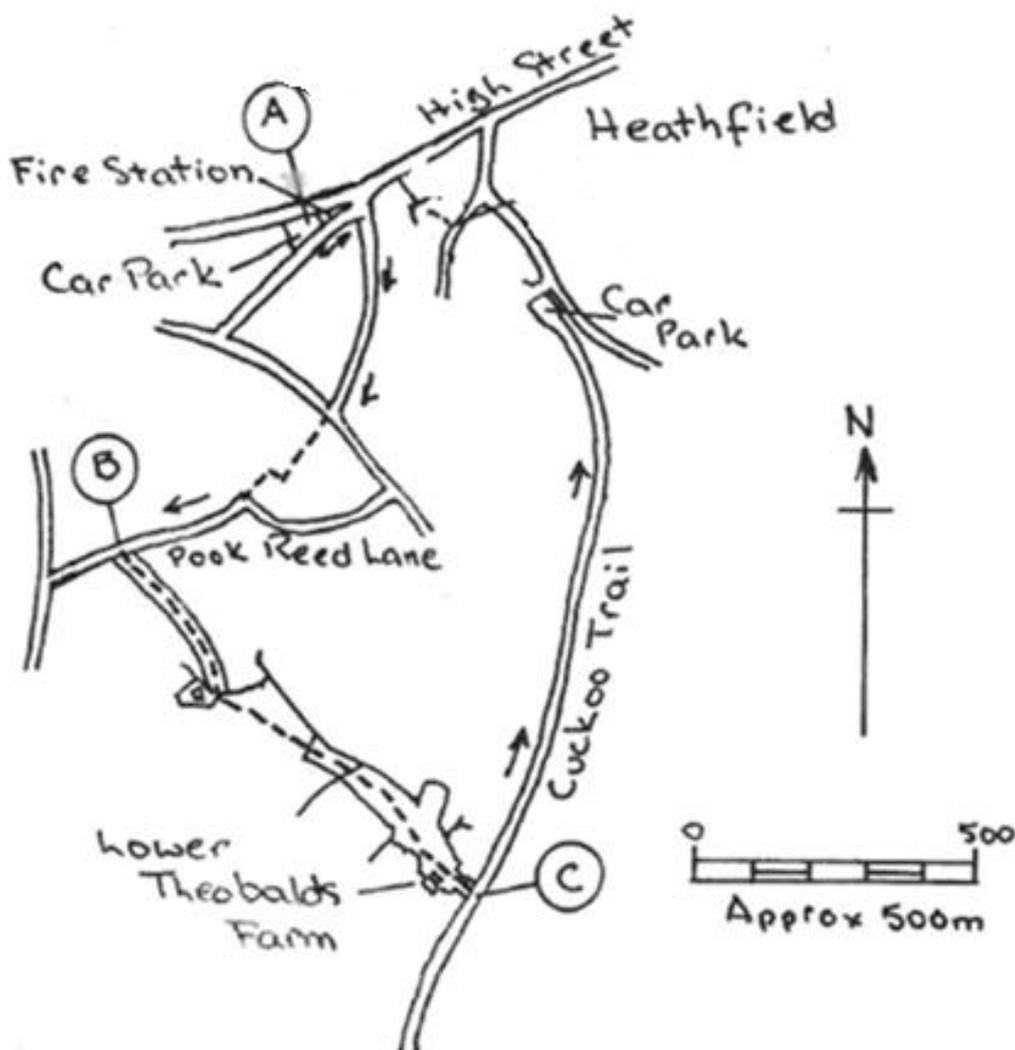
1km = 5/8 mile

1. HEATHFIELD SOUTH, GEER'S WOOD, CUCKOO TRAIL (4km)

This is a 4km (2.5 miles) circular walk, taking about one hour, which takes you quickly out of the town into field and woodland, and back via the Cuckoo Trail.

If required, park at the Mill Road public car park which is behind the Fire Station, on Heathfield High Street, the A265 road.

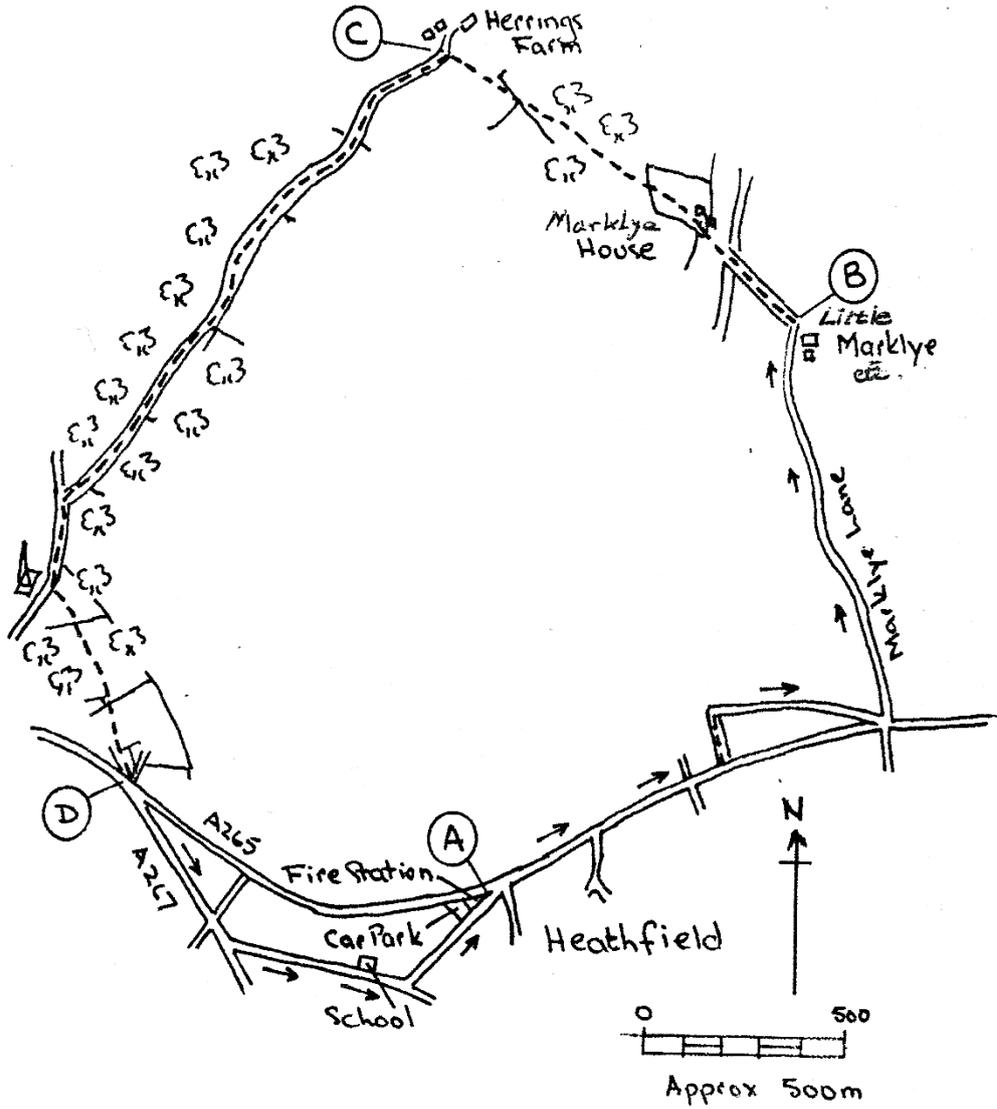
Please note this is mainly easy walking but the woodland section of the walk can be muddy when wet. There are no stiles, and it is a dog friendly walk.



- A.** Starting at the Mill Road Car Park in Heathfield turn left at the entrance and walk down Mill Road before turning right into Tilsmore Road. Continue on this road going south to where it ends at Ghyll Road. Cross over to an enclosed path by the footpath marker opposite. Follow the path round to a short green track that leads onto Pook Reed Lane. Follow this round to the right for 250m.

- B.** Before you reach A267 Little London Rd, just past a house called Pook Reed on the left, turn left onto a rough gravel track or drive, which you follow to the house at the end where you keep left into woodland. This is Geer's Wood. Follow the well-defined path as it bears to the left, then follow a wire fence on the right. Where this fence ends go right, and as you go downhill you will pick up the fence again on your right; keep on downhill until at the bottom you cross Waldron Gill over a wooden footbridge. Go on up the track, passing Lower Theobalds Farm on your right. At this point the right of way is marked by a yellow way marker leading you through a gate. There is also a permissive path to the left of the gate, marked by a black and white arrow, use this path if the main path is obstructed for any reason. Otherwise, go through the gate and a second brick gateway up straight ahead, then turn left onto the former railway track which crosses both the drive and permissive path.
- C.** This old railway track is now the Cuckoo Trail, a foot-and-cycle-way between Heathfield, Hailsham, and Polegate, which is well signposted. Having turned left onto it, follow it for 1100m. First cross over Treetops Way, where there is a housing estate on the left, then cross over Ghyll Road to continue on the track, passing Frenches Halt (an interactive signal box) before eventually reaching Newnham Way where there is a car park. The railbed now becomes a dead-end access road into an industrial area, Browning Road, so cross Newnham Way and then turn left & then right onto a twitten footpath which parallels the old track, coming out into Thorny Close. Turn right over the bridge, and immediately left, opposite the old station building, onto a footpath which climbs up to the High Street, turn left here and follow the High Street before turning left into Mill Road and so back to where you started.

HEATHFIELD NORTH (7Km)



2. Heathfield North (7kms)

A circular walk from Heathfield High Street via Marklye Lane, Marklye House, Herrings Farm and the TV mast. Park in the Mill Road car park behind the fire station.

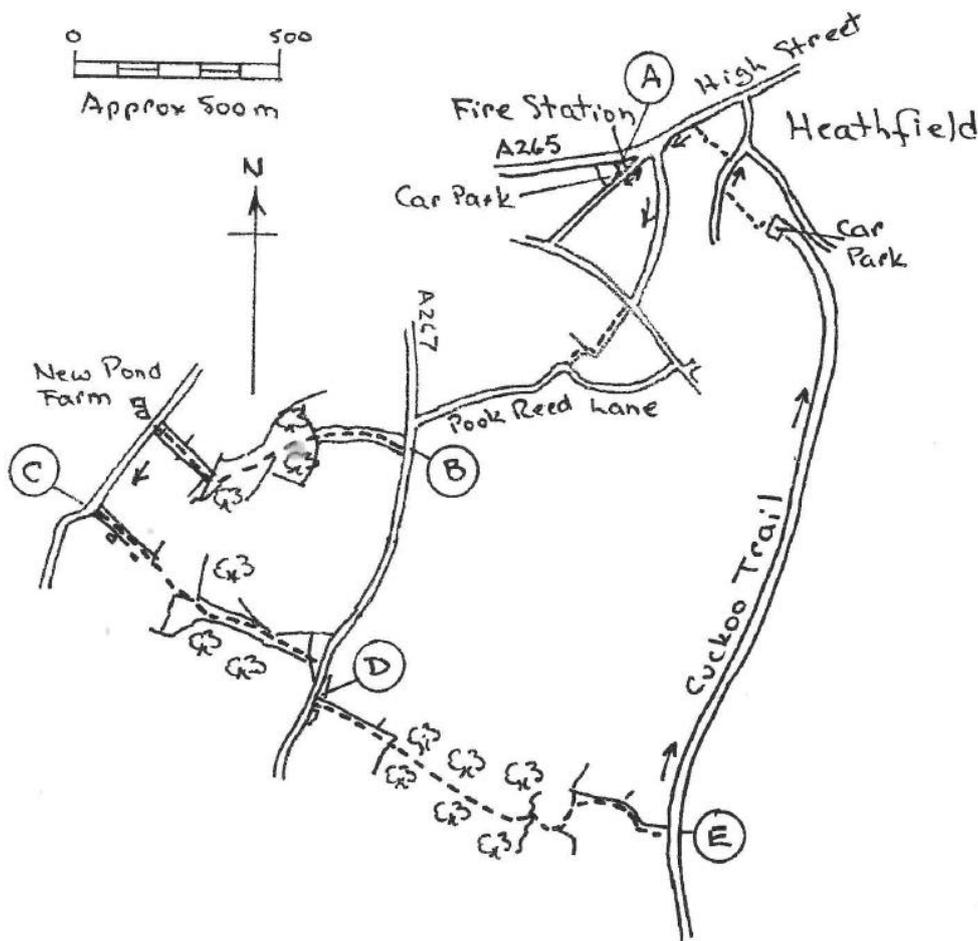
- A.** Walk east along the High Street into Mutton Hall Hill. After passing Firwood Rise on your left, continue for about 100m & turn left up a drive signposted to three houses (The Willows, Maple Cottage and Tollys) which leads into a twitten between garden fences. This brings you out at the top to Mutton Hall Lane, where you turn right and walk to its end, and then turn left onto Marklye Lane. Follow this for about 1km to Little Marklye barn conversion and then turn left onto the drive of Marklye House which is a public footpath.
- B.** Follow the drive, crossing over the old railway, and go left at gate and follow fence to a gate into a field. Go on downhill, slightly to the right, to a stile into the trees at the bottom of the field. Over the stile is a footbridge, then follow the path up through the trees in the same general direction. Ignore a wide crossing track and follow the now wider heather-edged path which leads on to another footbridge. Carry on in the same direction out into a field where you can see the chimneys of Herrings Farm on the crown of the ridge ahead. Go on uphill towards Herrings Farm, crossing just before it an airstrip that is in occasional use. Turn left in front of the house & pond.
- C.** Follow this farm access lane for 1.7km to the TV mast which you can see for miles around. Right opposite the mast, shortly after English Woodlands and a timber yard and up a short hill, is a footpath going left, with a marker stone. Follow this through the trees and it brings you to the busy junction of the A267 and A265 roads. This can be very muddy for a short distance.
- D.** You can follow the A265 left into Heathfield, or more quietly, cross to follow the A267 Eastbourne Road for 400m, taking the second turn left onto Sheepsetting Lane. Go past the primary school and then turn left into Mill Road and along to the car park.

3. HEATHFIELD – SOUTH WEST (6.5Km)

This is a 6.5Km (4 miles) circular walk, taking about two hours, which takes you to the west of Heathfield through leafy woodlands, and back via the Cuckoo Trail.

If required, park at the Mill Road public car park which is behind the Fire Station, on Heathfield High Street, the A265 road.

Please note this is easy walking but the woodland section from point B down to the stream can be boggy when wet. There are several stiles, and it is a dog friendly walk.



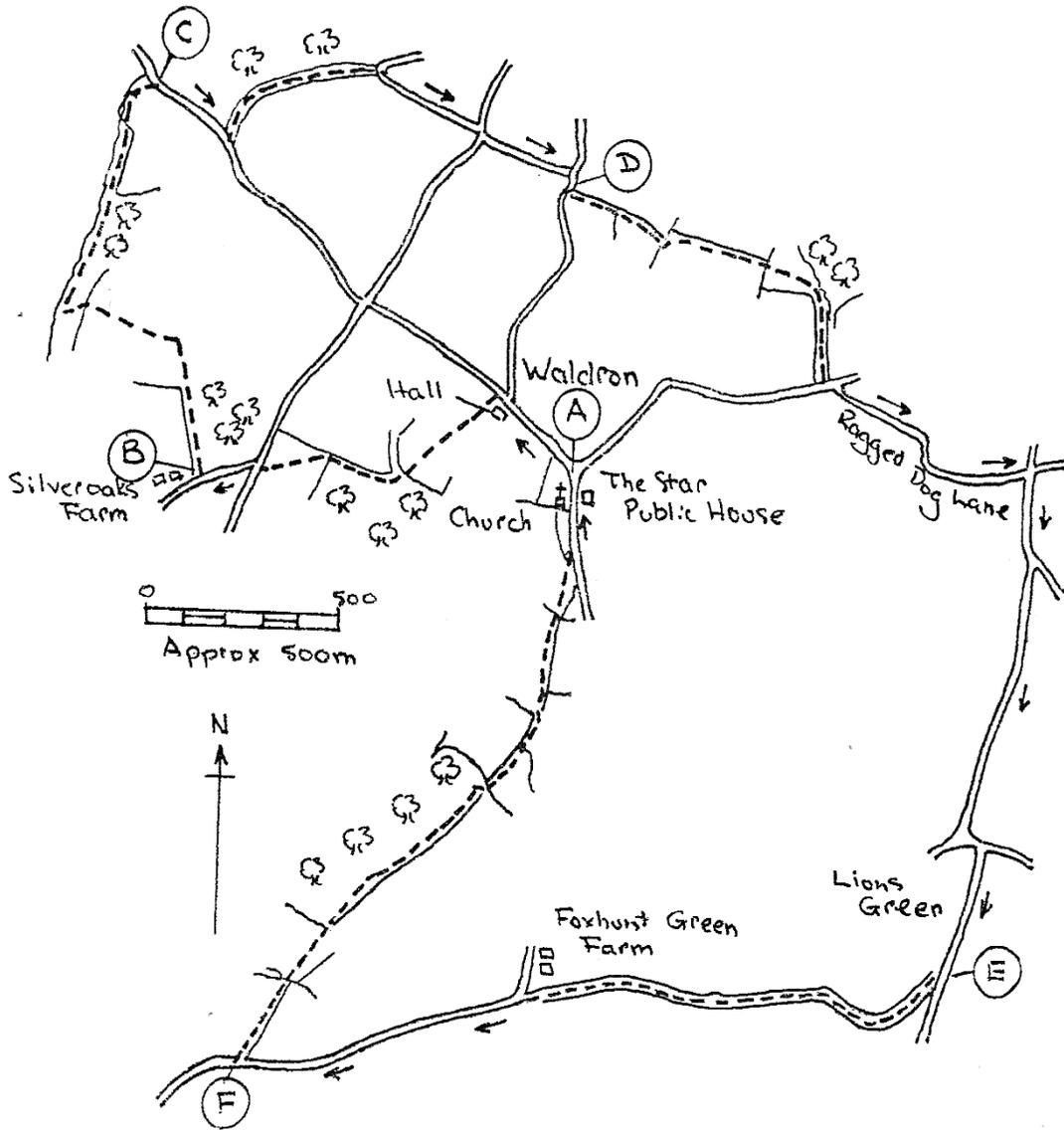
- D. Starting at the Mill Road Car Park in Heathfield turn left at the entrance and walk down Mill Road before turning right into Tilsmore Road. Continue on this road going south to where it ends at Ghyll Road. Cross over to an enclosed path by the footpath marker opposite. Follow the path round to a short green track that leads onto Pook Reed Lane. Keep right on to the end of this lane then turn left for 50m on the busy A267 Little London Rd, taking great caution.
- E. Cross over at the footpath marker opposite then go over a stile beside the gate in the green track between trees, which leads on into woodland, going gradually downhill. This part of the path can be boggy when wet. Cross the stream at the bottom and carry on

now slowly climbing, out onto a green track which leads up to New Pond Hill. Turn left and walk down the road for about 250m.

- F.** At the bottom of the hill, turn left at a yellow waymarker on a telegraph pole into New Pond Lane. Follow this to the end, and adjacent to a house called Owlsbrook, turn left over a waymarked stile. Follow the footpath round to the right and then straight ahead downhill through the trees, over a stream at a bridge, then over a stile into a field. Keep slightly right, crossing a wooden plank, and walk towards the trees on the far side where there is a stile, and the path goes on uphill in the trees. After 50 or 60m another path joins from the right. Go through the gates to the left into a green ride which leads into a grassy field. Keep well to the right of the red brick houses through a gate into a smaller field, and then on to a wicket gate beside a larger gate to come out on the main A267 road again. Turn right for about 100m taking great care.
- G.** Turn left off the road at a yellow waymarker at a layby into a short access to a field gate, with a stile beside it, and head at right angles from the road beside a wire fence to a stile in the corner, leading into woods. Carry on in the same direction. After 250m you cross another path, and carry on gently downhill. After another 150m cross a stream over a bridge and follow the path, to the left and gradually uphill between fences, up the other side. This leads you out of the wood, round a wide bend to the left beside a grass field and back right to a stile. Go over the stile into a fenced path beside a short field, and proceed straight ahead to another stile, which brings you out onto the old railway track, now the Cuckoo Trail a foot-and-cycleway between Heathfield, Hailsham, and Polegate, which is well signposted.
- E.** Turn left and follow the Cuckoo Trail for 1500m back to Newnham car park, first cross over Treetops Way, where there is a housing estate on the left, continue on the track after crossing Ghyll Road and passing Frenches Halt (a signal box) before reaching Newnham Way where there is a car park. The railbed now becomes a dead-end access road into an industrial area, Browning Road, so cross Newnham Way and then turn left & immediately right onto a twitten footpath which parallels the old track, coming out into Thorny Close. Turn right over the bridge, and immediately left, opposite the old station building, onto a footpath which climbs up to the High Street, turn left here and follow the High Street before turning left onto Mill Road and so back to where you started.

Walk No. 4

WALDRON (9.5Km)



4. WALDRON 9.5km

A circular walk round Waldron. Although 4kms of this walk are on roads, most are quiet country lanes without much traffic. However, some are narrow, so take care.

You can park on the roadside at the centre of Waldron by the church in the wider places.

A. From the war memorial take the road leading north-west towards Rosers Cross and Cross-in-Hand, following it for 300m passing a phone box and the old PO. Turn left into the recreation ground just past the Lucas Memorial Hall cross the small car park and straight across the grass to the trees. Below the second sports pitch there is a track leading into the wood going over a footbridge. Follow this path as it bends right and becomes a clear pathway between fences, still in the trees. Come out of the wood over a stile and then go half left towards a yellow topped marker pole on the far side of the field. There is a stile beside the marker pole which takes you down onto the road. Cross it and take the lane opposite, signed Hawkhurst Common, which goes gently downhill. Follow this for 150m.

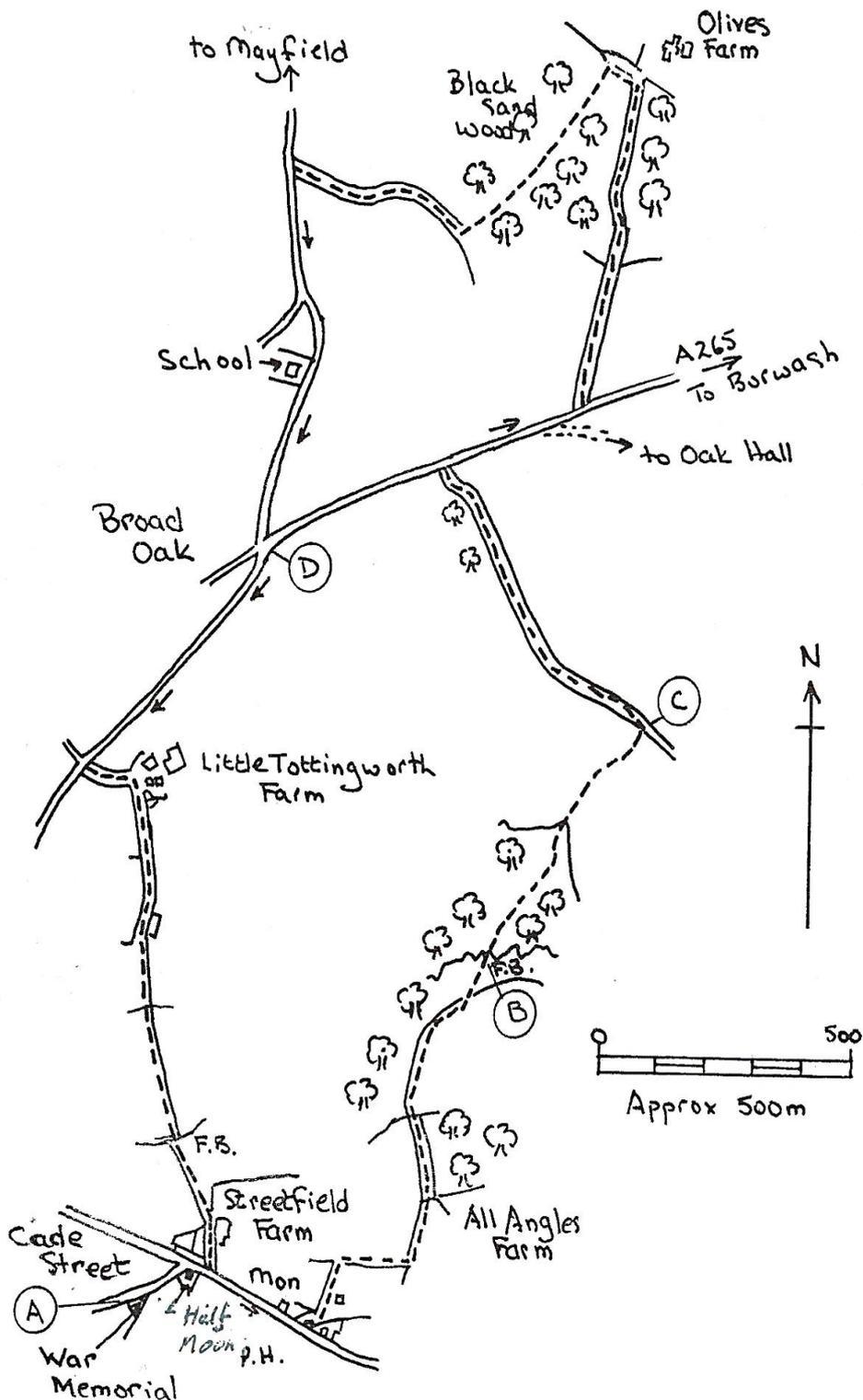
B. Turn right off the lane through a gate with a footpath way-marker and follow the track into the trees, passing a farm on the left avoiding track on the right. Go along the track, which is muddy in places, till it comes out from the trees through a gate with a footpath waymark into a field. Keep to the lower left-hand side of this field to reach a gate in the far corner. Take the track going half left downhill in the trees. At the bottom do not cross the stream but turn sharp right at the waymark post to follow the path beside the stream. This well-defined path goes gently upstream through the trees with the stream on its left. Ignore several paths going left over the stream and eventually as you near the road and come out of the trees, go through a wicket gate on your right leading into a field. Follow the way-marker diagonally across this field to a stile which comes out on the road.

C. Turn right uphill and follow the road for 200m then turn sharp left at a public bridleway stone and follow a track leading into the wood. Follow this track, which can be muddy, as it swings slowly to the right becoming slightly narrower and bringing you out beside a house and garden. The short drive brings you out onto the road, Brittenden Lane. Take the right-hand fork following it to cross another road with a post box, Harpers Lane. Continue in the same direction until you reach the T junction. Turn right for 40m to find a stile and a marker stone on the left, just past a house and garden.

Walk No. 5

CADE STREET, BROAD OAK (7Km)

Starting at Cade Street War Memorial. There is room for a few cars to park on the verge opposite the recreation ground next to the War Memorial.



5. CADE STREET, BROAD OAK (7km)

A. Return to the main road and the Half Moon Inn. Cross the road to the footway and turn right. Pass the Jack Cade Memorial after 100m and one cottage after that. Before the second cottage go left on a grass track marked by a footpath sign, over a stile by a gate to join a concrete farm track. Over another stile to a T junction where you turn right onto another concrete farm track. Walk to the end of this track and through a kissing gate. Turn left and continue over a stile with gate onto a track through trees. This leads to a field where you go along the left edge to find a gateway on the left leading into a wood (just before the power lines). Go ahead, ignoring path on the right, but bear right down a very steep rough slope to reach a stream and bridge at the bottom

B. Over the bridge go right uphill to follow a woodland path to exit the wood at a stile after 400m. Continue on a path bounded by oaks crossing stile into a field keeping to the left edge along path to reach a stile onto a tarmac lane.

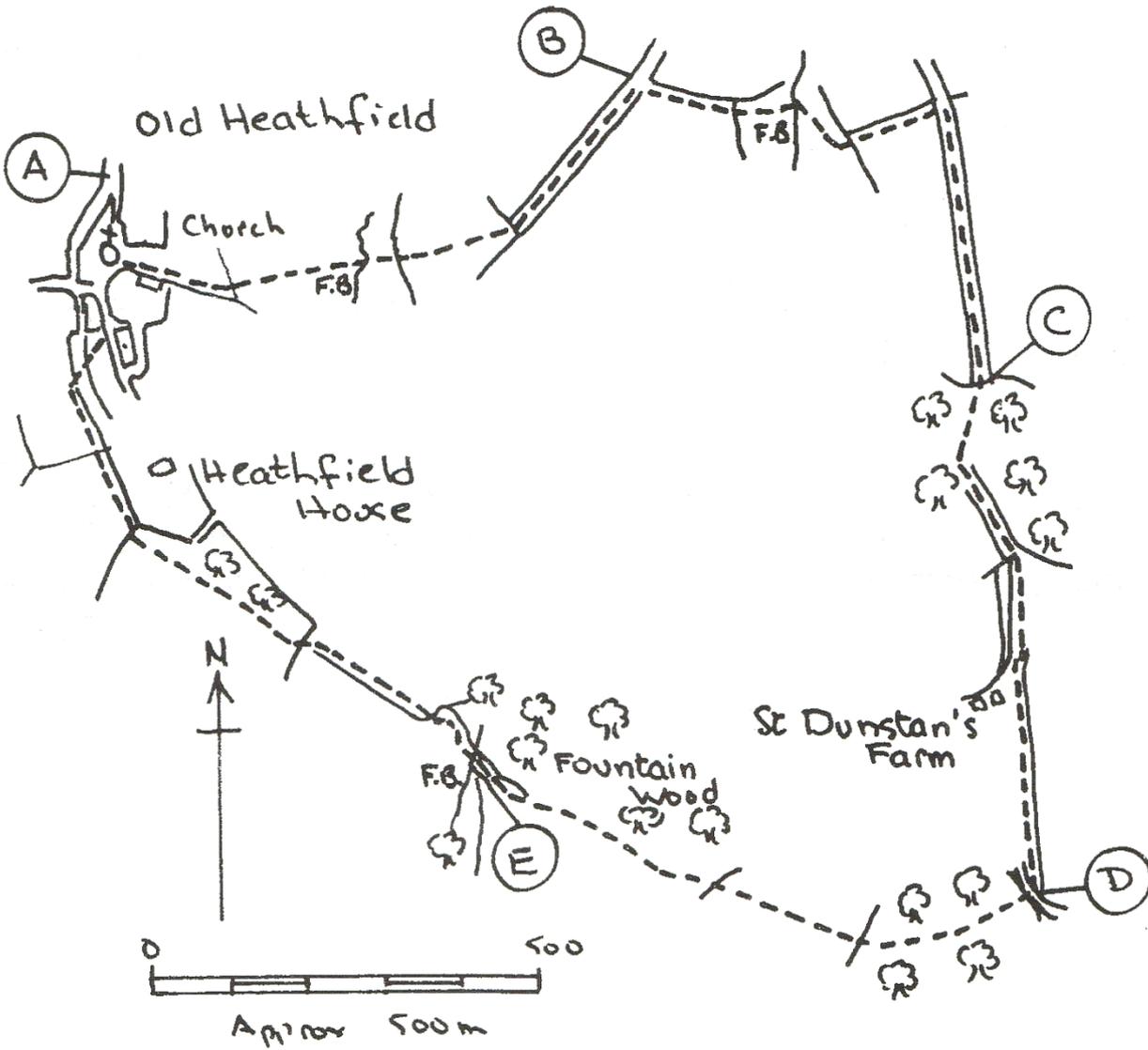
C. Turn left uphill to reach the A265 Heathfield to Burwash Road. Turn right for 300m along this busy and fast road with a verge but no footpath. After passing Oak Hall on the right, look for the entrance to Olives Farm on the other side marked by a stone marker. Go left downhill along the lane passing a new substation on the left to reach a metal gate at the entrance to Olives Farm. Turn left onto a path marked by a non-official footpath sign. Go downhill here to reach a cross farm track and a change of surface. Go left on this well-defined track through Black Sand Wood ignoring all left and right T junctions bearing right at an opening into a field to reach a minor road, Broad Oak to Mayfield. Turn left uphill keeping left at the fork, past Broad Oak Primary School (now closed) to reach the A265 again.

D. Cross the A265 and go along Halley Road opposite. At the end of the houses on the right go left down the drive of Little Tottingworth Farm which is marked by a concrete footpath marker. Just before the buildings go right to pass first a farmhouse and entrance to farm shop and café, then after 100m two cottages on your left. Maintain your direction through a gate and on past a stile along an enclosed path to a stile crossing one field keeping to the left edge. Cross the infant River Dudswell by a gated footbridge and continue uphill on the right edge of a field to a gate in the right-hand corner. Go along a rough track past buildings to meet the road at Cade Street. Turn right back to the Half Moon and the War Memorial.

Walk No. 6

OLD HEATHFIELD (5Km)

Start at Old Heathfield Church. Parking is possible in School Hill approaching the church.



6. Old Heathfield (5kms)

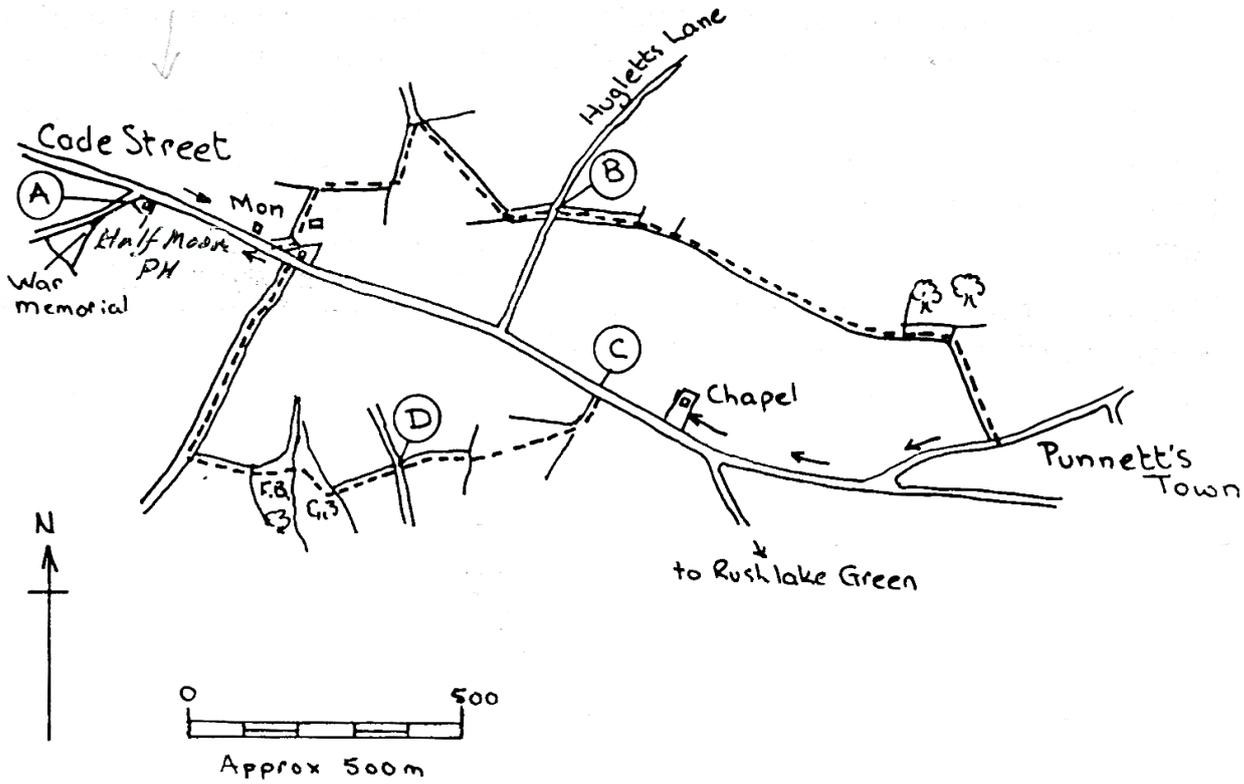
Go into the churchyard on the gravel path turning left downhill (see footpath stone) keeping to the right of the gravestones to reach a kissing gate at the bottom. Follow directions of marker and cross the field in the bottom left-hand corner continuing down to a bridge over a stream (Sylvia Burgess memorial bridge). After the bridge, follow path uphill. Bear right to a stile in the hedge. Follow the fenced path in the direction of tall trees on the ridge ahead, leading to a metal stile. Go left along the track for 200m.

- A. After 200m, look for a stile on the right by a gate. Once over, go through the field with the hedge on your left. Views of the Downs to the right. Once over the stile, enter a copse and follow a wandering path to a bridge over a stream. The way marked path then gently climbs to the right then left ending at a stile leading into a field. Go across this field keeping the hedge on your left until you reach the stile which leads onto a track. Turn right.
- B. Follow this gully track downhill to a metal gate. Ignore footpath to the left and go through the gate. Branch right through a plantation. At the next sign posted cross track, go left along the bridle path through a coppice to a bridle gate. Go along an enclosed path to a second bridle gate. Keep to the right side of the field beside a hedged fence until you have passed St. Dunstan's Farm. This is a short but gentle incline and once at the top of the field the metal gate can be found in the corner adjacent to the farm access gate. Follow footpath/gully downhill alongside the farm track, to bridle gate.
- C. Once through the gate, cross over the farm track to a stile up the bank leading into a wood. Follow the path to a waymarked stile. Cross the field to a stile straight ahead. In the next field, bear left to pass to the left of some oak trees, then bear right following the farm track downhill to reach a track which bears right leading to a farm bridge crossing a stream.
- D. Follow the track uphill. At the waymarked path, turn right and pass an electricity pole on your left. Old Heathfield Church is now in view. Follow path uphill with hedge on left. At the top of the field look to the left across the farm drive (the path dog legs). Once through the gate, the enclosed path with hedges on the right, skirts two fields with gates. Continue along this path until you reach an open field and aim to the right in the direction of a kissing gate in the iron fence. Follow waymarker and cross the drive and grass diagonally and emerge on the road opposite Highland Cottage. To your left is the "Star Inn" and beyond that Old Heathfield Church.

Walk No. 7

CADE STREET, PUNNETTS TOWN (5Km)

Start at the Jack Cade Inn on B2096. Parking is possible just past the war memorial.



7. Cade Street, Punnetts Town (5km)

Start at the Half Moon pub on B2096. Parking by the children's playground & war memorial on side road.

A. Cross the road and walk right to Jack Cade Monument. After the next cottage on the left, turn left along a grassy path to a stile. Then along a track leading to a T junction. (You are behind the Cade St. Garden Centre). Turn Right along the path and at the next gate, go diagonally across the field to a stile in the corner and you arrive at Hugletts Lane.

B. Cross the lane to a gate/stile opposite and follow the path to another stile. (Punnetts Town windmill is possibly in view). Continue forward with the hedge on right through two fields, then over a stile into a wood. Over the stile at the far edge of the wood, turn right up a field to a stile onto Green Wood Lane. Turn right towards the main road. Turn right again and pass Heathfield Chapel on the right.

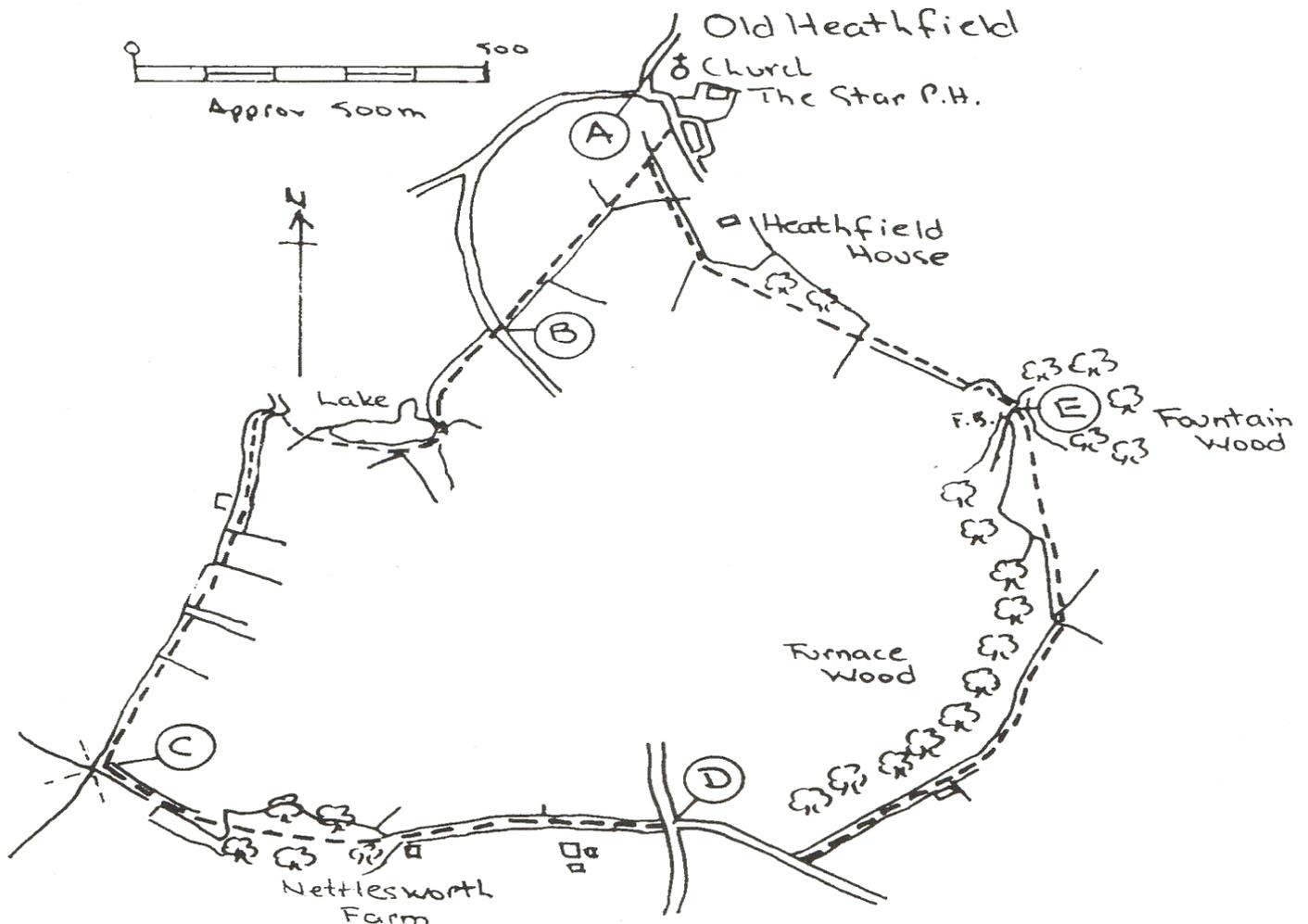
C. Cross the road and look for a gate/stile on the left near two pine trees. Go down the field then through a gate on the right. Cross the field straight ahead, then sharp left to the bottom of the field then straight ahead.

D. Cross over the stile opposite and carry on with the hedge on right down a field into a copse. Bear right then veer left onto a footbridge. Beyond the wood, cross a field over a stile to a bridle way. Turn right back to the main road, then left back to start.

(This walk can be combined with Number 6 Old Heathfield at point D above which coincides with point C on that walk).

OLD HEATHFIELD, TWISSELLS MILL, NETTLESWORTH (5Km)

Starting at Old Heathfield Church, parking is possible in School Hill. This walk can be a little difficult in the wet season as part is along a bridlepath.



Walk no 8

8. Old Heathfield, Twissells Mill (5km)

A. Once through the lych Gate follow the gravel path to the left around the church to the porch. Follow path down the lane at the side of the "Star Inn". Keep forward 60 metres to Highland Cottage on the left. Opposite the cottage, on the right, is a footpath marker. Follow this path

across a small area of grass and road (which leads to Heathfield House) then through the iron kissing gate. The footpath sign shows two paths. Ignore the left-hand path; this is where you return at the end of the walk. Follow the right-hand path downhill across the field to a stile. Continue along the edge of the next field with the hedge on your left to reach the road. Cross over.

B. Look for stone footpath marker. Follow the tree lined path. This will lead to a gate which crosses a track (access to private house with two five bar gates). Follow footpath waymarker on gate post. Keep to the short track running parallel with the house and follow footpath as it weaves to the left then right, skirting the property. This joins with the main track which then leads onto the causeway. Keep the lake to your right until you reach the head of the lake. (To the left are some remains of an old mill which burnt down in the 1930's. "Twissell" is thought to derive from the twin streams which met here, first being mentioned in documents from the 14th Century.) After the causeway keep to the track with the lake on your right (ignoring the path on the left with a farm machinery barn). Depending on season/conditions, the head of the lake can alter in size/be very muddy. Follow path around the head of the lake and ignore the bridge and footpath on the left. Keep forward crossing two water overflow pipes at which point you will see the concrete drive with a footpath sign. Once you have reached the concrete drive turn left uphill passing a house on the right and garage on the left, to a gate and stile. View of Old Heathfield Church. Follow this track through a couple of fields with stiles and a bridge. Keep forward ignoring stiles to the right and a four-way footpath sign, until you reach the five-way wooden footpath sign: go left

C. Keep forward on this path with a stile through fields and then into woodland. The path meanders through Spring Wood (bluebells when in season) and into a field with stile. Follow clear track across fields to Nettlesworth Place. Go around five bar gate and join short track which passes Nettlesworth Cottage on right. The track then joins the main drive to Nettlesworth Place on the right. Cross the Vines Cross Road into Furnace Lane.

D. After 300m (having crossed a bridge) turn left onto a farm access track (opposite large entrance gates for a residential house). Follow track up gentle incline past farmhouse on the right until you reach a gate with stile. Cross stile into field keeping Furnace Wood on your left. Continue to next stile keeping Furnace Wood to the left. Keeping to the left of the field you will reach the brow. There is a large open area in the hedge with a footpath sign. Cross this field, going diagonally left and downhill. This track joins a track on the right, leading to the bridge.

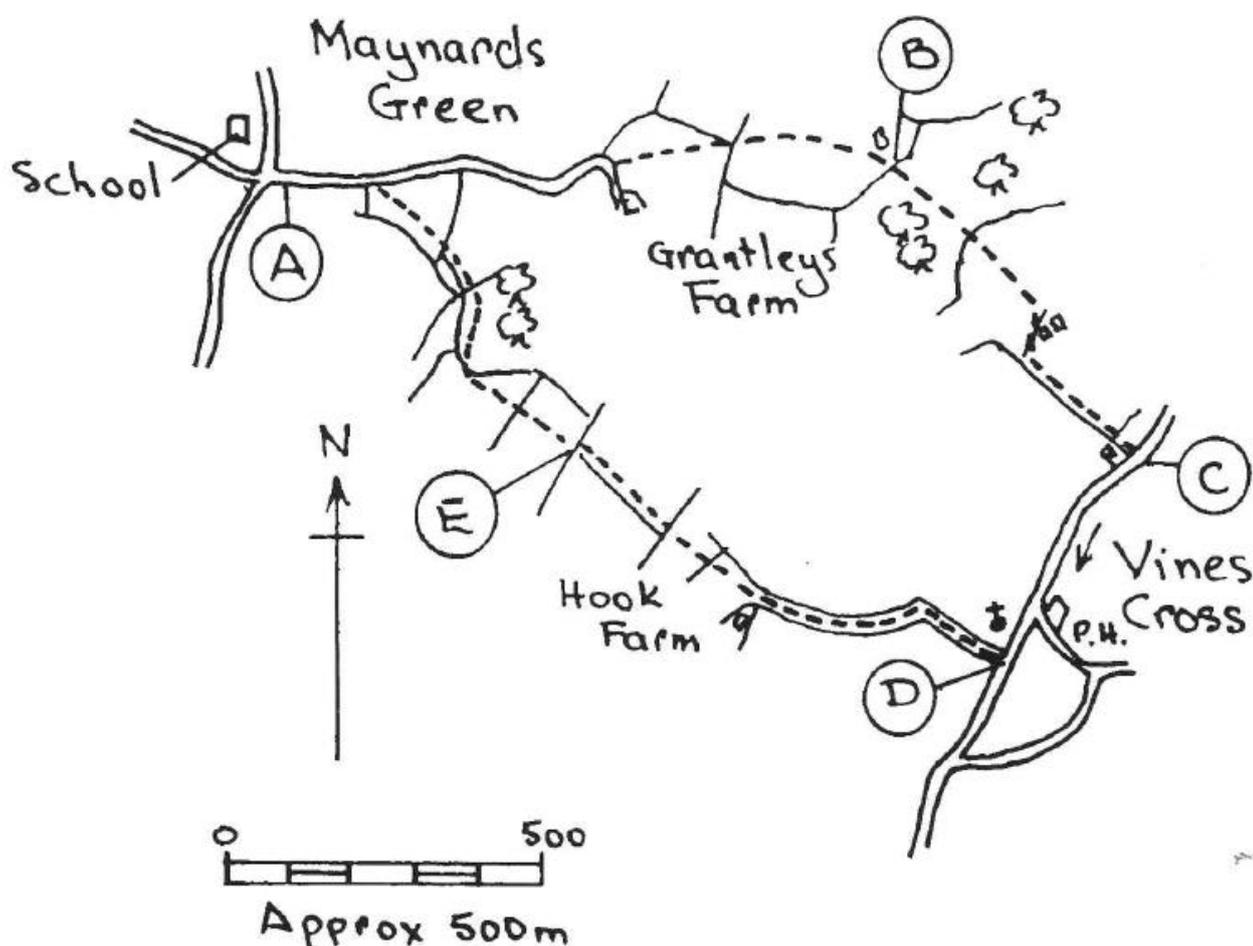
E. Follow track uphill. At the way marked path, turn right and pass an electricity pole on your left. Old Heathfield church is now in view. Follow path uphill with hedge on left. At the top of the field look to the left across the farm drive. Once through the gate, follow enclosed path with hedges on the right along two fields with gates. At the next gate you reach an open field. Follow path to the right in the direction of the iron kissing gate (at the start of the walk). Follow way marker and cross the drive and grass diagonally to a stile and emerge on to the road opposite Highland Cottage. Walk along the road toward the "Star Inn" which you pass on the right and forward to Old Heathfield Church.

9. MAYNARD'S GREEN, SICKLEHATCH, VINES CROSS (4Km)

This is a short walk of 4km, (2.5 miles), taking about 1.5 hours, but allow longer in winter as it can be very wet and muddy in places.

The walk starts and ends at Maynards Green School on the B2203 between Heathfield and Horam. Parking is possible in Sicklehatch Lane, about 200m from the beginning of the road, on the verge by a stile and footpath sign on the right.

It is easy walking but there are several stiles to cross, most of them dog friendly but a couple are quite high for small dogs.



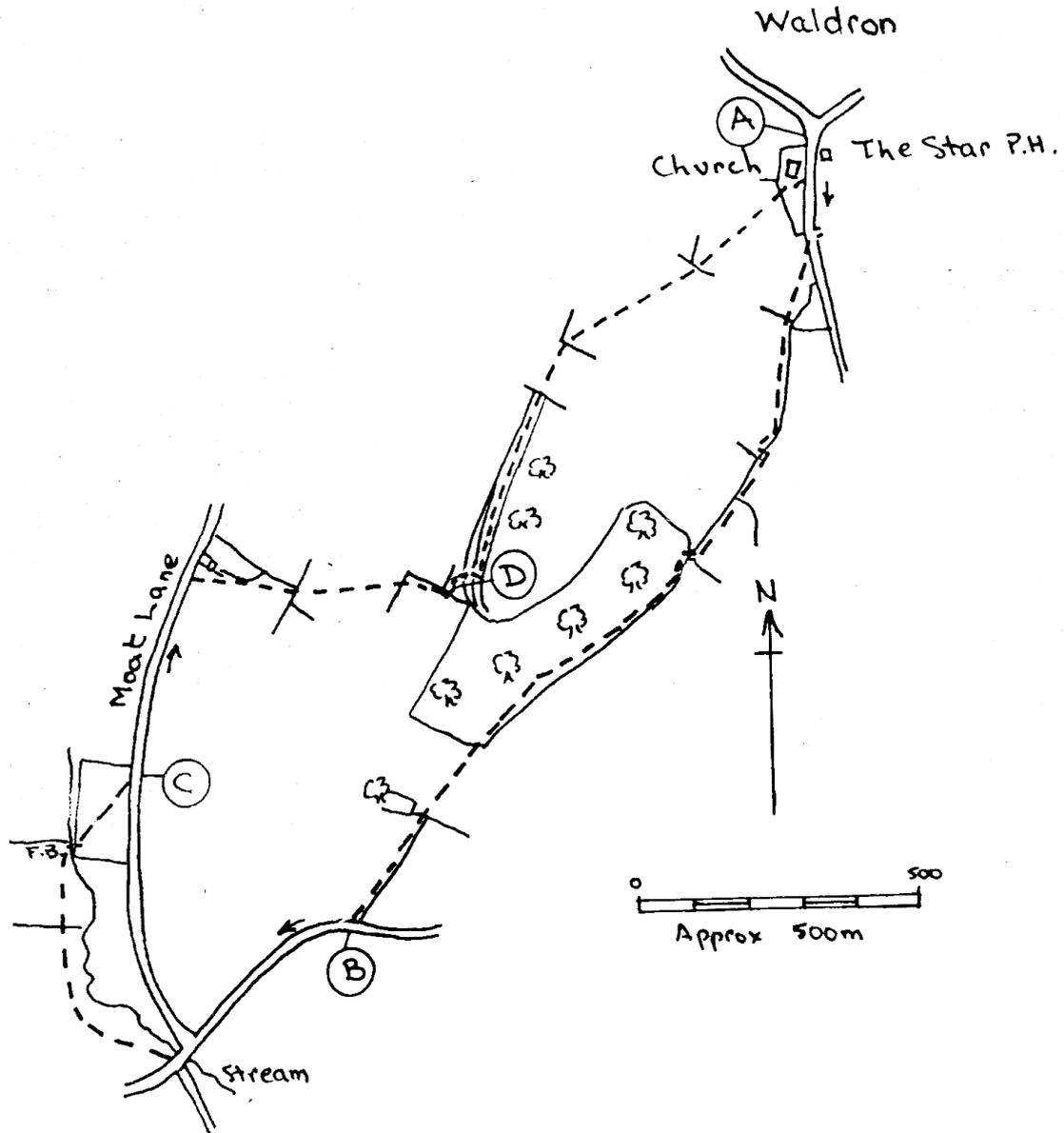
- A. Start near Maynard's Green School and go down Sicklehatch Lane for 400m and where it bears right uphill (entrance to Grantleys Farm) take the stile at the top of the bank on the left. Cross the field uphill to a stile in the corner. Go ahead towards the electricity pole, passing a pond on the left, to a stile and enter Nettlesworth Wood.

- B. Keep straight on and emerge into a field. There are lovely views from this field across to the South Downs on the right. Go ahead and aim just to the right of the farm buildings to a stile and then diagonally across to the bottom right-hand corner of the
- C. field. Keep ahead to the road along a path with the garden of Highlands Farmhouse on your left.
- D. Turn right onto Nettlesworth Lane. Go past the Vines Cross sign and the Brewers Arms public house on the left. Ignore the turning to the left and go past two modern houses on the right which have replaced the corrugated iron St James Chapel which was removed in 2003 but still remains on OS maps. Go down Hook Lane on the right (sign posted Sussex Fruit Trees) with a small concrete footpath sign next to it.
- E. Continue past some cottages, then downhill over a stream and up past Hook Farm cottage on the left into a field on the right. Keep Sussex Fruit Trees gardens on your left. Turn left at a large oak tree with a yellow waymarker and diagonally across to a stile with a makeshift gate. Keep ahead with the fence on your left.
- F. On reaching the crossing of paths, go over the stile and keep ahead to a stile and plank bridge and go down the next field into a wood via a stile. Bear left in the wood (well waymarked) over another plank bridge, then a footbridge, and up into a field. Turn left, keeping the hedge on the left to a stile, then straight over the next field to a stile into the road opposite a cottage. Turn left into this road (Sicklehatch Lane) and back to your starting point.

Walk No. 10

WALDRON, SCALLOW BRIDGE, MOAT LANE (5Km)

Starting from Waldron Church. Parking is possible for single cars near the War Memorial and the Star Inn.



10. WALDRON, SCALLOW BRIDGEMOAT LANE (5km)

This walk is fairly well-marked, & dog friendly with the exception of two stiles

A. With the Star Inn on your left walk on down the road to pass the church. After 100m look for a footpath marker on the right. Through the gate into a field keeping to the left to reach the bottom left corner and stile. The path keeps to the left of the next field until at the end where it turns left through the hedge and continues in the same direction on the field edge along an enclosed path to a stile. Still continue in the same direction to find a stile in the bottom right corner. Once over, turn right and then left along a woodland path with the fence on the left. Stay on this path for 500m. Emerge into a field via a gate and stile, carry on in the direction of travel to reach a gate at the end of a stand of trees. Once again keep on the same direction of travel along the left side of the field to reach East Hoathly – Waldron Road via a gate.

B. Turn right on the road for 400m to meet Moat Lane on the right (signed Cross in Hand). Carry on over the stream for a few metres and take the stile on the right keeping to the path on the left-hand bank of the stream. At the end of the first field go over the stile and stay ahead in the next field to reach a bridge on the right. Once over, turn left and follow fence on the right to reach a stile, then bear diagonally left across a field to a stile on to Moat Lane.

C. Turn left on the road for 400m, passing Greenways to reach footpath on the right. Passing through a farm gate go along the left-hand side of the field. Upon reaching a large field go diagonally left to the internal corner of the L-shaped field to a gap where the bottom hedge ceases. Go through the gap with trees on the left for 50m to find a footpath signpost (hidden on the right) and turn left into the wood.

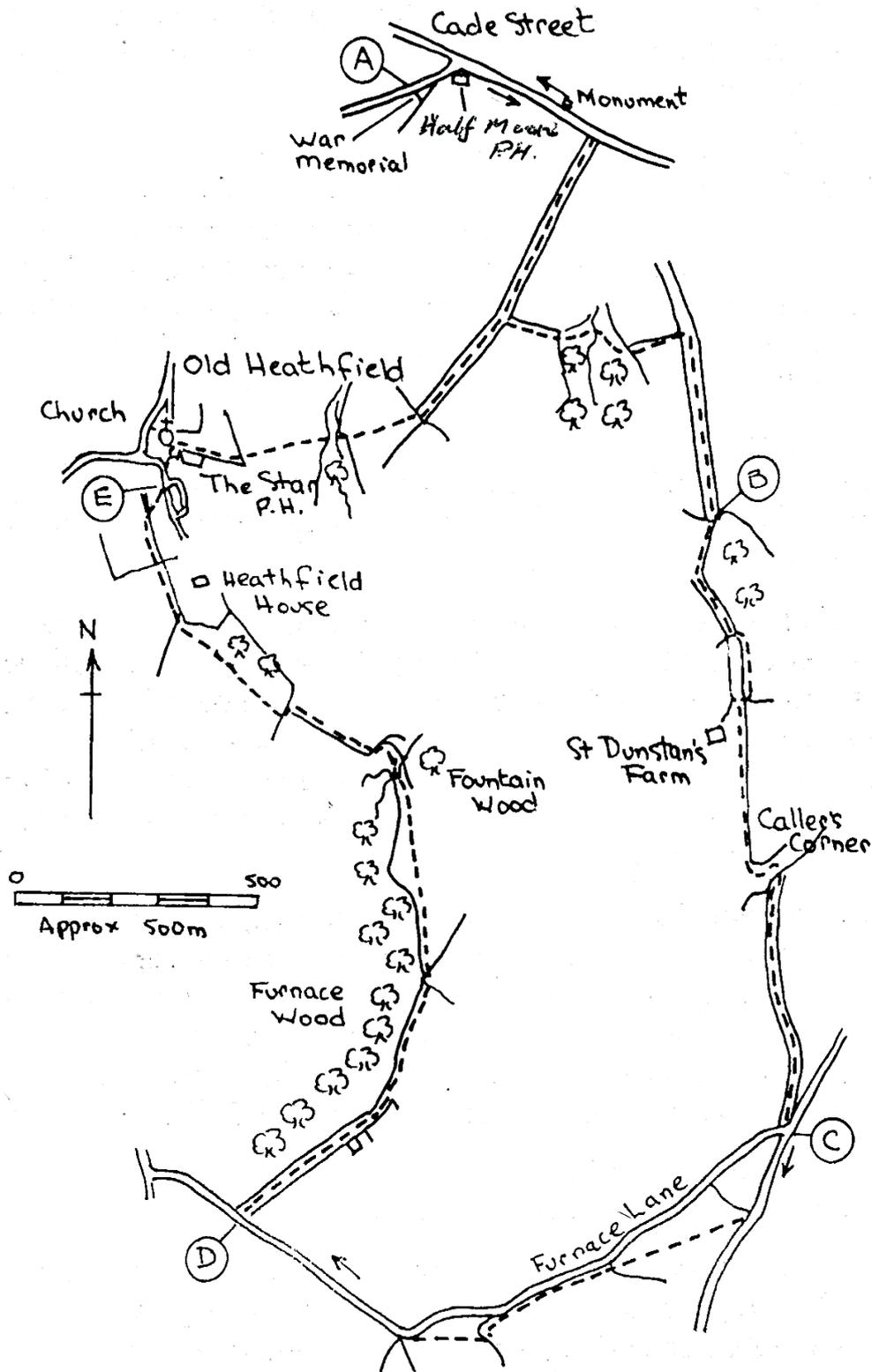
D. Follow the woodland path to a bridge, bear left when over and then after 20m turn right on to a broad track. Turn left after 15m. Stay on this path for 300m to emerge on the left-hand side of a field. At the end go through a gateway, turning half right to a gate and stile. Maintain direction through the next field with the church appearing ahead. Enter the churchyard via a gate, emerging on to the road where turn left for the War Memorial.

Walk No. 11

CADE STREET - WARBLETON (8km)

Starting at Cade Street War Memorial.

There is room for a few cars to park on the verge opposite the recreation ground next to the War Memorial.



11. CADE STREET – WARBLETON (8KM)

- A.** Return to the main road B2096. Continue along the opposite side where there is a footway. Pass the 'Jack Cade Monument', continue for 150m, cross over the road when in view of a farm gate with Footpath marker at side of road.

Take this path for 600m then take a left at a waymarker opposite a farm gate. Cross over the stile and continue along edge of field towards a wood. Cross over a metal stile into woods. Continue over a footbridge. Turn right after the bridge proceed to a stile leading out of the wood. Carry on to reach a four-way marker. Turn right onto the bridle path which might be muddy.

- B.** Proceed to three-way footpath marker, go straight on into St Dunstan's Wood. Part of this section of path becomes very difficult for a short distance. Proceed to a horse riders gate and another three waymarkers. Continue along Bridle path to Callers Corner. Stay on the track to reach 'Wayside' on Church Hill Road.

- C.** Proceed along road until you reach a set of steps on your right proceed up into a field. Bear left following the mown footpath into next field over a stile. Turn right along edge of field until you reach steps on right taking you down into Furnace Lane. Continue along Furnace Lane and take the right uphill path opposite 'Old Heathfield Vineyards'.

- D.** Follow the path past the farmhouse on right, continue through a gate keeping Furnace Wood on left. Continue along the wide path where the homemade markers say footpath. Drop down to a forded stream crossing. Cross over a track and follow the fenced path towards Heathfield Church until you reach a metal kissing gate. Cross over the driveway towards the church through an opening onto another driveway. Turn left and continue towards the church passing the Star Inn on your right.

- E.** Follow the gravel path into the churchyard at back of the Star Inn. Opposite the corner of the Church bear right along edge of churchyard to reach a kissing gate past Manor Farm on left. At the bottom of the field ahead is a bridge erected in memory of Sylvia Burgess (one time school mistress in Old Heathfield) who was devoted to the countryside and footpath exploration. Pass the fallen trees that has had a path cut through. Continue uphill along a fenced path until you reach a stile, continuing uphill and make for a copse you can see on the skyline. Proceed over a metal stile and turn left onto the bridle path that will take you back to the B2096. Cross over the road and turn left towards the 'Half Moon Pub'.

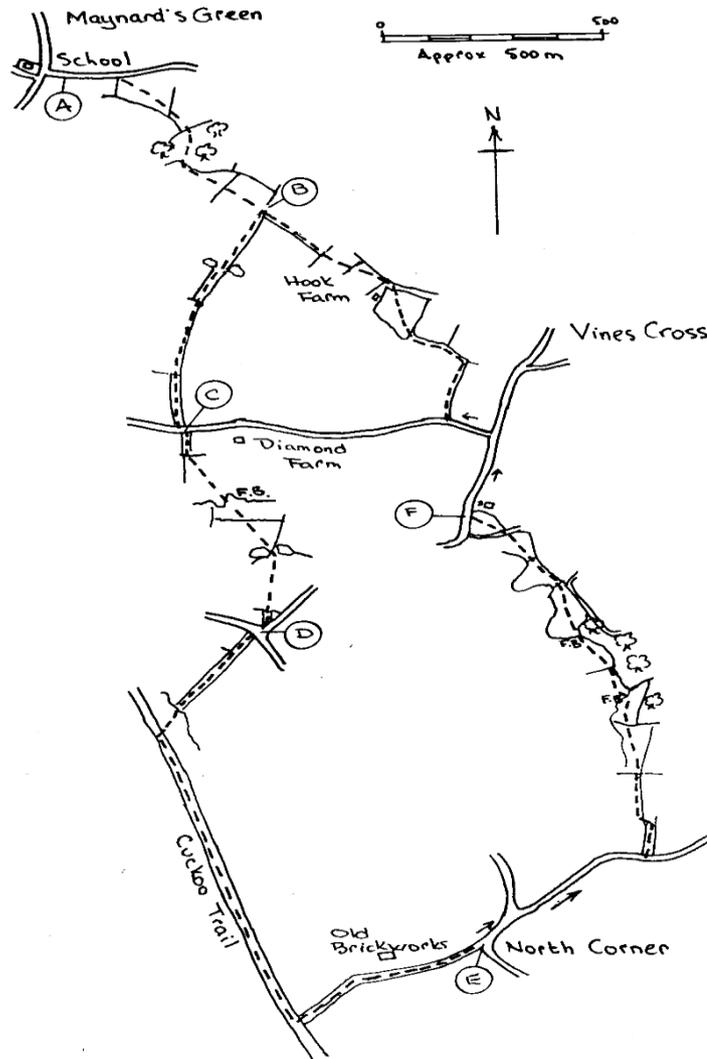
Walk No. 12

MAYNARDS GREEN, VINES CROSS, HORAM (7.5Km)

Starting at Sicklehatch Lane, Maynards Green.

Sicklehatch Lane is on the left of the B2203 almost opposite the school which will be on your right when driving from Heathfield towards Horam through Maynards Green.

Parking for two cars is possible on the roadside verge close to the start of the walk.



Walk no 12

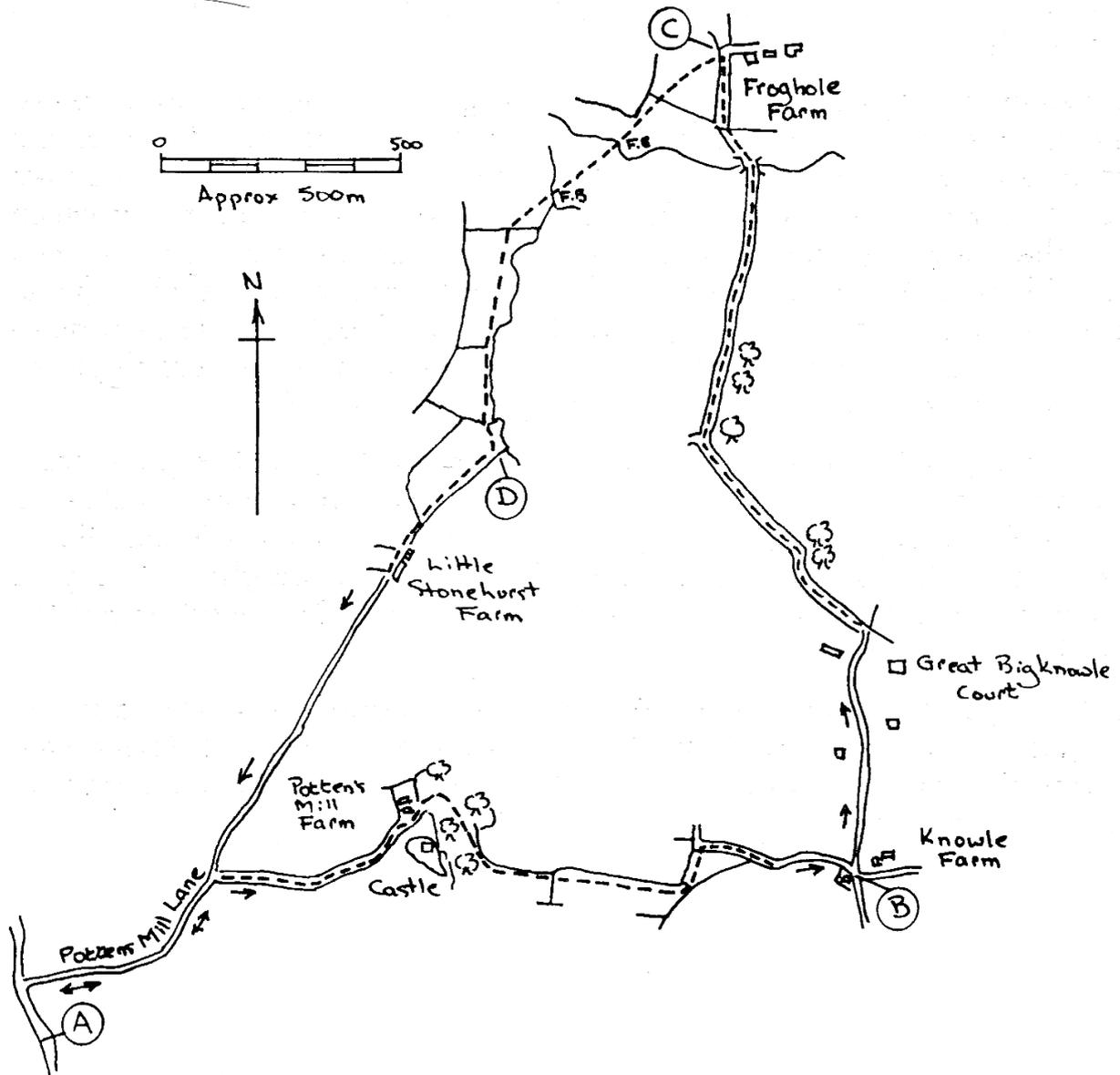
12. Maynards Green, Vines Cross, Horam (7.5km)

There is very limited parking on the roadside verge close to the start of the walk, otherwise park elsewhere on lane or near school.

A. About 200m from the start of Sicklehatch Lane take a stile with gates on the right, marked by a footpath sign. Follow the path at first diagonally across the field and then alongside the

- ditch and hedge on right to reach a stile. Once over keep close to the hedge on the right to reach the corner and a gate down to the stream. Cross the ESCC bridge: go through the wood to a stile and then into a field. Turn left; first go alongside the hedge and then across the corner of the field to a stile with a plank bridge. Caution. Continue in the direction of travel to reach a stile with a footpath sign.
- B. Do not cross the stile but turn right down the field with the hedge on your left. You will exit onto a track between two ponds. After 40m where the track turns left take the gateway on the right and go into a narrow-enclosed path. Go past the orchard on the left, over a stile (with a nearby seat – “Jenny’s Seat”) and down the left side of the field, now growing grapes. Cross the stile in the corner to access an enclosed path leading out onto the road at Horam.
- C. Cross to the narrow-enclosed path opposite, on to a stile and into the field. Cross the field diagonally left to a Ramblers’ bridge erected in memory of a local rambler Stan Dumbrell. Go diagonally right up-slope to a stile in the hedge. In the next field go diagonally left to the top of the field to find a stile between two ponds. Cross the next field going diagonally left to emerge on to the road between the gardens of the houses.
- D. At the road junction cross the road slightly to your right and go down the path alongside the garage of Willow Cottage, over a stile and down the left field ahead enclosed by a fence. Cross the stream at the bottom and, staying alongside the fence, walk up to the Cuckoo Trail (the cycle, horse riding and walking track created from the disused railway). Turn left. Stay on the Cuckoo Trail for just under 1km to reach metal horse gates on each side of the Trail (just before you would go under the power lines crossing the Trail). Go through the gate on the left and up the track, past the derelict brickworks to reach the road at North Corner.
- E. Turn left on the road, fork right after 100m signposted Rushlake Green. Stay on this lane for 250m down to the bridge and 15m further on take the drive on left marked Oakmead Nursery & Lower Riversdale; beyond a pair of cottages on the left go down diagonally right through a small field under a domestic electricity supply line. To leave the field remove the loose fence rails if fitted, bear right and carry on to a stile. Once over go gently downhill though the corner of a small wood and continue in the direction of travel over the ditch into a small field.
- F. Go through this field diagonally left (100m of boggy grass) to reach a stile and a Ramblers’ bridge. Keep right in the field over to a stile and a small bridge. Continue in the same direction to reach another bridge. Proceed left for 300m alongside the stream to a stile. Follow the stream but when it swings left maintain direction to a gate. Then go diagonally left to reach a track. Opposite is a stile and small plank bridge leading into a paddock by a house. Go into the far corner to reach the road.
- G. Turn right and walk 250m to a road junction. Here go left for another 100m on the road. On your right just past large pines is a gate with a path going right. Go up the right side of the path to the corner of the field, where turn left to the next corner; then proceed further down past the trees to a small bridge. Carry on uphill to the right of the house and buildings to the farm track. Turn left past the house into the field behind. Go on to a gate in the hedge and then on to a gate and stile in the next hedge. Follow the field hedge with the hedge on your left. At the top gate go straight to a stile which you will recognise as being on your starting route. Go slightly right to reach the stile leading into the small wood; bear left on to the small plank bridge and the ESCC bridge (take care here because there are a number of paths in the wood). At the top of the bank go through the gate and across the left-hand side of the field. Go over the next stile and walk diagonally right to reach your start point by the cottage.

BROAD OAK (6.5Km)



13. BROAD OAK (6.5Km)

This is a 6.5Km (4 miles) circular walk, taking about two and a half hours which takes you through woods and fields to the north of Broad Oak.

Take the A265 Heathfield to Hurst Green Road, at Broad Oak take the Scotsford Road heading north, this soon becomes the east part of Street End Lane. The walk starts at the junction of Pottens Mill Lane with Street End Lane. There is room for one car to park in a layby just south of the junction. If more car spaces are required there is another layby a little further south of the one described which can take 2 cars.

Please note this is mainly easy walking but the woodland section of part A of the walk can be muddy when wet and the bridleway in section B may be overgrown, also, there is uneven ground in parts of that section. There are no stiles, and it is a dog friendly walk.

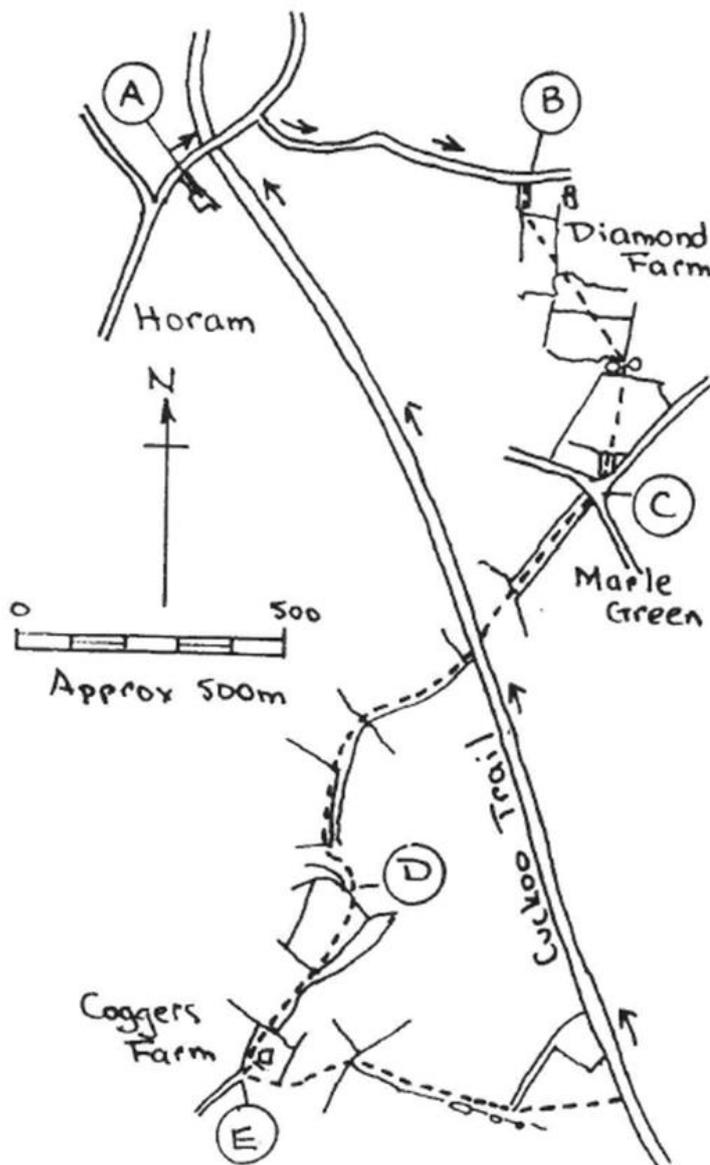
- A. Commence the walk by turning into Pottens Mill Lane and stay on this metalled surface until you reach the public bridleway sign at the junction marked for "Braylsham Castle" and "Pottens Mill Farm". Turn right here and continue to reach the Pottens Mill Farm entrance; here take the right fork skirting the house. Bearing right go downhill. At a pond on the left bear left between trees and up a gradient into woodland. Go over the bridge ahead to walk uphill to a rider's gate. At a footpath signpost stay with the bridleway and at the next signpost go out of the woodland into a field. Continue uphill keeping to the left of the field. After having climbed this long uphill section go left and left again past sheds on the left to reach a gate. Then bear right on an access track and stay on this uphill. On meeting a surfaced road go ahead to reach crossroads.
- B. Go left on to the no through road and go downhill, passing amongst others, Amber Cottage and Great Big Knowle Farm. Then at the entrance to Great Big Knowle Court take the left fork for 20m; here take a bridleway gate on the left. Stay on this bridleway for 500m, at which point the bridleway goes right and a farm track goes straight on. Go with the bridleway downhill (this can get quite overgrown) through a bridle gate and over the river (River Rother). Go straight ahead and the farm (Frogghole) will be ranged ahead of you. Walk up the left side of the large barn and where the track goes right take a footpath marked on a gate on the left.
- C. Go diagonally left to a gate. Then go slightly diagonally right to cross a bridge erected by Ramblers in 1997. Now maintain direction to go over another Ramblers bridge. Now go diagonally left to the gate in the middle of a hedge on the left. (Do not take the stile ahead). Walk straight on to a gate and stile with a footpath sign beside a large oak tree. Go ahead across the next field to a gate with a footpath marker.
- D. Here go uphill right towards the farm, Little Stonehurst Farm, to a stile and footpath gate. Go ahead on the track through the buildings and then through an electric powered gate. Staying with the direction of travel, walk on into Pottens Mill Lane to reach the junction with Scotsford Road where you started.

14. HORAM-COGGERS FARM-CUCKOO TRAIL, "Figure of 8" (5.5km)

This is a figure of 8 walk of 5.5km, (3.4 miles), taking about two hours, but allow longer in winter as it can be very wet and muddy in places.

The walk starts in the public car park in Hillside Drive, Horam. It takes you into the surrounding countryside, where some lovely views are to be had, and back via the Cuckoo Trail.

It is easy walking but there are several stiles to climb. It is dog friendly as all stiles have dog gates.



- A. Start from the public car park in Hillside Drive, Horam. Walk up Hillside Drive and turn right onto the B2203, Heathfield Road. At the next junction, Vines Cross Road, turn right

and proceed for 500m. Just after leaving the 30mph limit sign and the sign for a vineyard on the left, take an enclosed footpath on the right-hand side of the road before a thatched cottage.

- B. Go over the stile into a field and cross to a footbridge with gates, bear right uphill to the next stile in a belt of trees. Continue up half left in the next field to the stile in the corner between two ponds. Cross the field to another stile and on to an enclosed path between houses and on to the road.

- C. Here at the junction of Horebeech Lane and Laundry Lane cross over to an enclosed path beside a concrete footpath sign and a stile. Keep ahead over 2 footbridges and on to the Cuckoo Trail. Cross straight over the Trail and bear left over a plank bridge. This area can be very muddy and waterlogged in winter; Wellington boots are advisable. Follow along the left-hand side of three fields, skirting a pond in the third field and down through trees to find a footbridge.

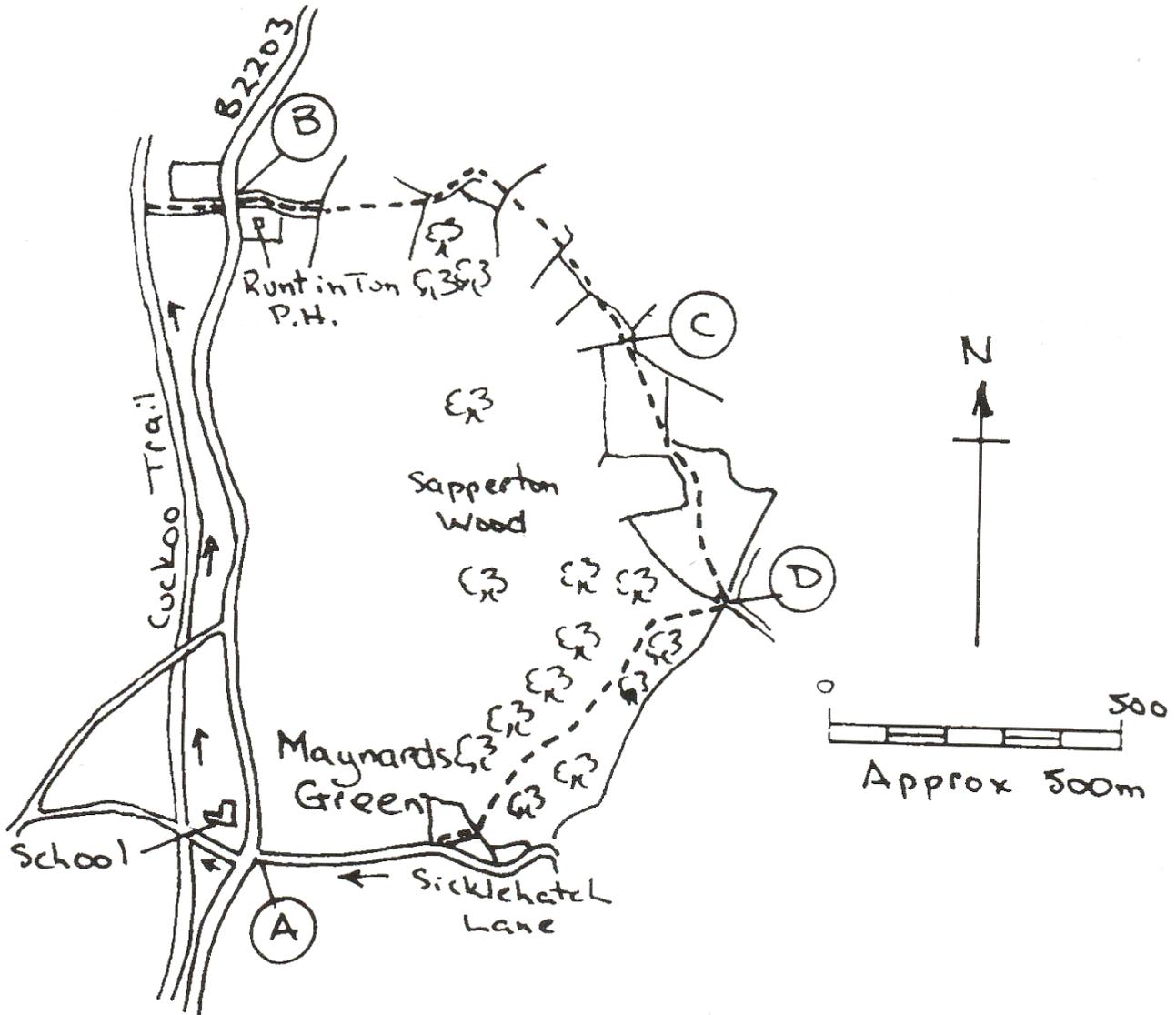
- D. Keep ahead slightly uphill, over a stile and go straight ahead to the right of a large pylon, crossing a stile with a pond on the left. Keep ahead in the next field, crossing a stile in the hedge and on along the left-hand side of the field. Go over a stile on to the driveway of Coggers Farm.

- E. Turn right for a few metres and then left along the marked bridleway. Go through a gate, cross a field ahead to another gate and then bear right along the edge of the field, keeping the pylons on your left. Take care as the path is undefined at this point. Go through a gate and go half left under the pylons to join the Cuckoo Trail. Turn left and follow the Trail back to Horam. Once there, cross over Downline Close and walk between houses (you are still on what was the old railway track), curve left to get back to Hillside Drive your starting point.

Walk No. 15

MAYNARDS GREEN, RUNT IN TUN AND SAPPERTON WOOD (5Km)

It is possible to park in Sicklehatch Lane opposite Tubwell Lane and the school.



15. Maynards Green, Runt in Tun and Sapperton Wood (5km)

- A. Start at Maynards Green school and go down to Tubwell Lane. After a short distance, just before a bridge (marked Maynards Green Bridge), turn right on the Cuckoo Trail. After 1 km turn right up steps onto a path and keep on to the road after the 3 stiles (marked Runt Farm).

- B. Cross the road (B2203) and take the path to the left of the Runt in Tun pub. Keep the hedge on your right and walk on to the gap ahead and cross diagonally to the gate in the far-left hand corner. Keep on bearing right round trees to a farm gate in the next hedge, ahead into a field and go through the third gate on the right; turn left until you come to a stile.

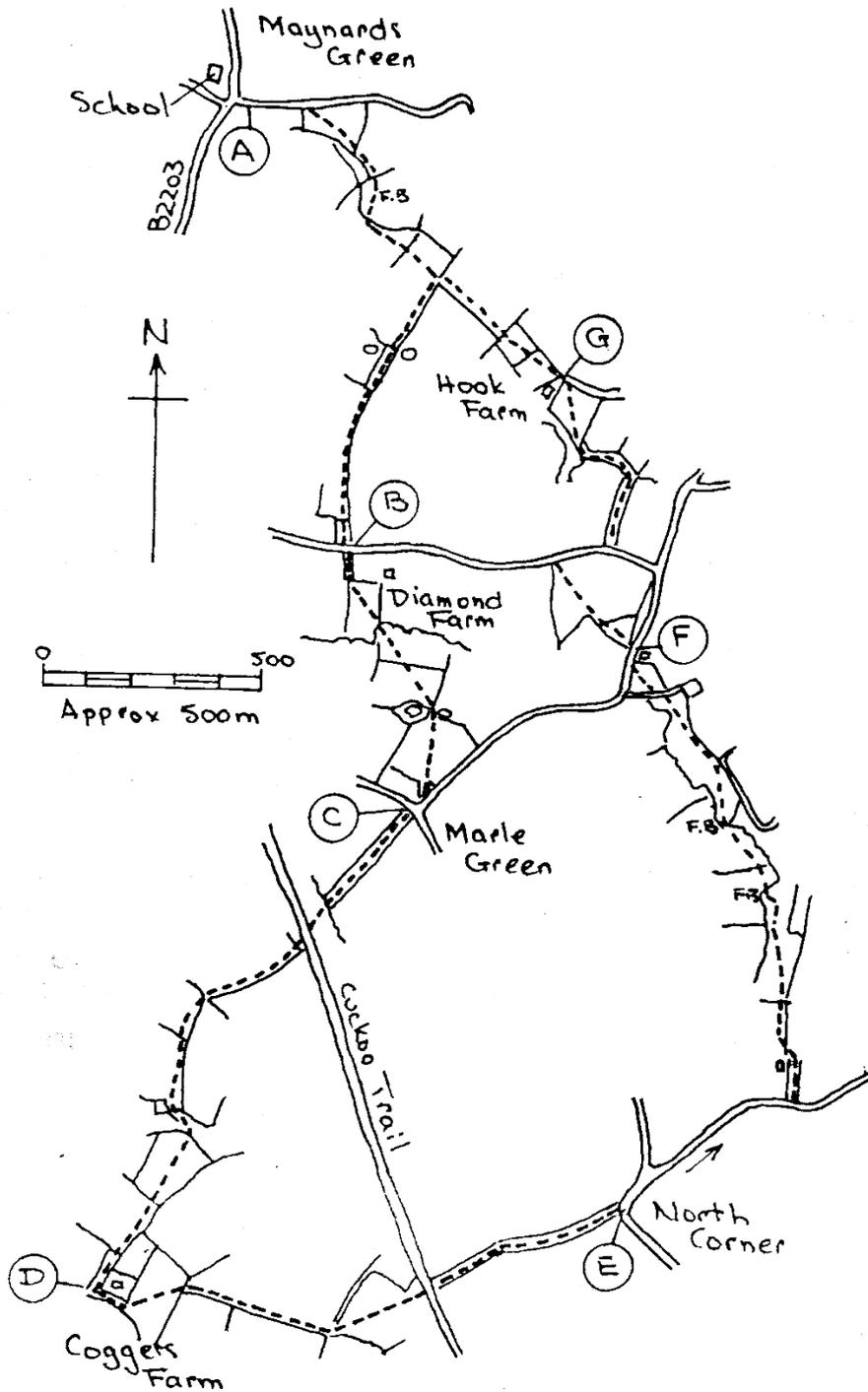
- C. Climb over the stile and follow the path diagonally through to the next field, to the corner of the woods on your right, then bear left and head for the tree line ahead. Turn right down some steps onto a driveway, past an old cottage then through a metal farm gate.

- D. Go left over a stile, follow the path through two fields until you reach a crossroad, go right until you reach the 5 ways footpaths crossing, through a gate into Sapperton Wood. On reaching the junction of paths, fork right, cross a track and continue on through the wood (ignoring a left-hand path). Drop down to a bridge and up steps into a field. Keep ahead and bear left at the end of the field onto a road, turn right. This is Sicklehatch Lane and will lead you back to your starting point.

Walk No. 16

MAYNARDS GREEN - COGGERS FARM (8.5Km)

From Maynards Green School go down Sicklehatch Lane for 200m to reach a stile on the right. It is possible to park two cars on the verge at this point.



Walk 16. MAYNARDS GREEN – COGGERS FARM (8.5km)

A. Cross field diagonally to a stile in corner keeping ahead to go into a wood. Go downhill, across a bridge and over a plank bridge, passing a pond on the left and into a field. Turn left uphill to find a gap in the hedge ahead with a stile. Go straight on, cross a stile and turn right at the signposted crossing through a gate and on to another gate in the corner. Keep ahead, up the track, passing ponds on left and right. Where the track bears left, cross a stile into a wooded area, then climb a stile into a field, currently a vineyard. Go forward down left-hand side on a track and then on the enclosed path beside the drive to the road.

B. Cross to a narrow-enclosed path almost opposite, over a stile into a field and then proceed ahead to a bridge over a stream. Bear right to a stile in a belt of trees, left up the hill to a stile in the corner between ponds then over the next field to an enclosed path between houses to emerge onto lane.

C. Cross to an enclosed path opposite (can be very muddy) keeping ahead over two bridges into a field and onwards to reach the Cuckoo Trail. Cross the Trail, go through a gate and bear left into the corner, keep ahead, then bear left over a plank bridge into a field where you maintain direction. Cross 2 fields, passing a pond on the left and down through trees to the bridge. Keep ahead, slightly uphill, cross a stile and go diagonally over the field, taking a line somewhat to the right of the distant small pylon. Go over a stile by the pond on left and keep ahead over two fields until a stile on the left takes you onto the drive of Coggers Farm.

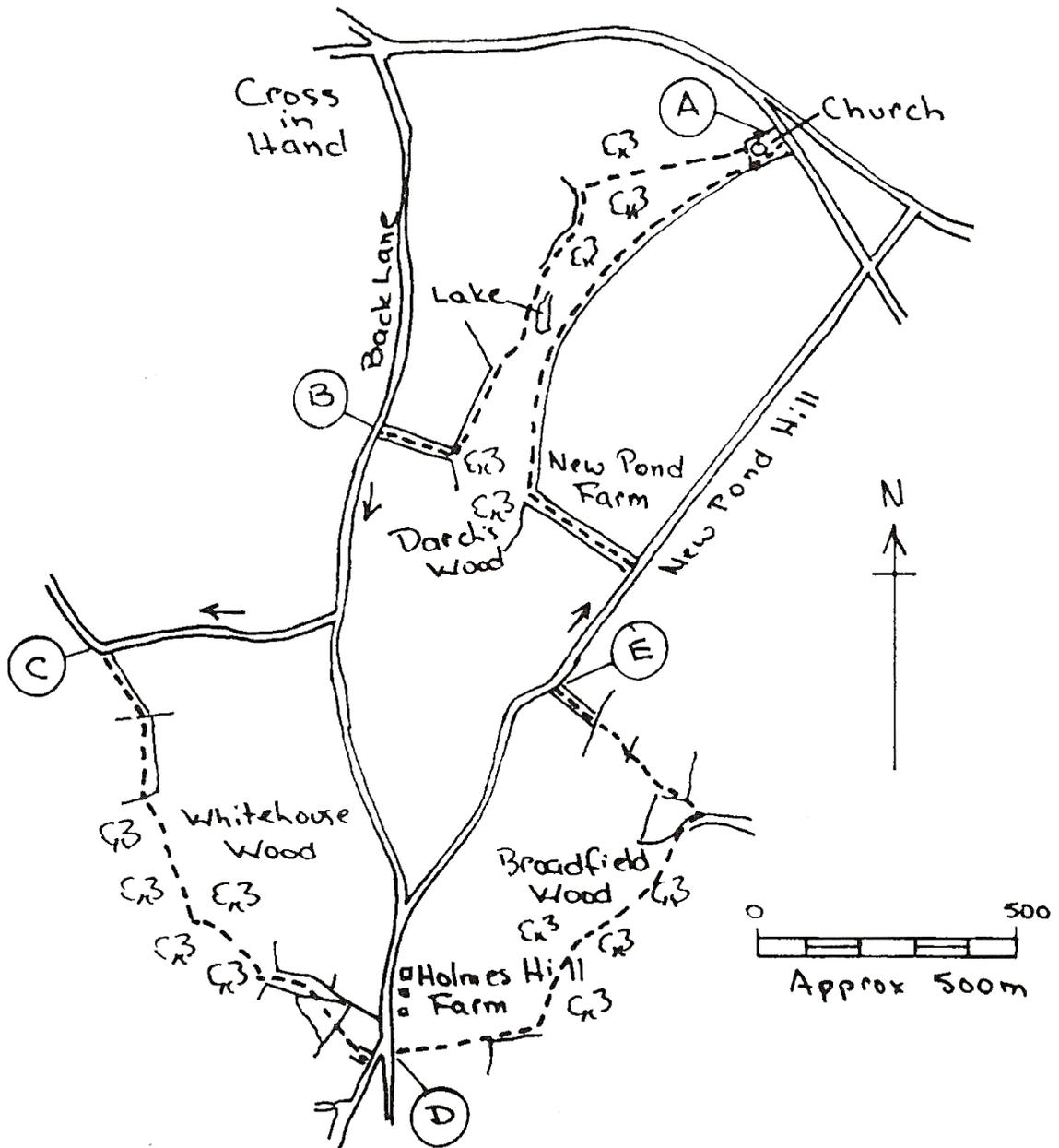
D. Turn right for a few metres and then take marked bridleway on left. Go through a gate, cross the field ahead, through another gate into a field. Turn right with the hedge on right, through another gate where you turn left across a field under the pylons to the Cuckoo Trail. Go straight over and follow track until you reach the road.

E. Turn left for 100m and then at Cowden Hall Lane fork right along the narrow road for 350m until you reach the bridge. Turn left up the stony track signed Lower Riverside past cottages on left, then left through split fence into a field. Head down the field briefly then bear right to keep the hedge on your right, to a stile in the corner. Keep ahead until near the end of the field where you bear left, following a footpath sign, downhill to cross into a small field, bear left then right to maintain direction with the stream on your left until you reach a bridge over the stream. After crossing this turn right with the stream on your right and cross another bridge. Then keep ahead to yet another bridge. Cross this field and onwards in the same direction with the stream now on your left. Go through two metal farm gates and walk on until you reach an outdoor riding arena. Bear left around the riding arena to reach a stile onto a stony track leading to Riverdale Farm. Go straight over to a small bridge and then across a small field to a gate and the road.

F. Turn right for a few metres and then take an enclosed path on the left, which leads to a field. Cross the field and go through a gate to the road. Turn right and just before large pine trees take the path on the left. At the crossing of paths turn left into the woods and over a plank bridge. Then head across a field to the right of a house to a stony track. Cross the track and turn left up the field with the hedge on your left. Go through a metal gate into the next field. Turn sharp left into another field and right to cross this field to a stile. Keep ahead with the fence on your left until you reach the footpath crossroads which you came to on your outward journey. Go straight ahead and retrace your steps downhill through the wood, over the bridge and back to Maynards Green.

Walk No. 17

THREE WOODS WALK - DARCH'S WOOD, WHITEHOUSE WOOD AND BROADFIELD WOOD (5.5Km)



Walk no 17

17. THREE WOODS WALK – (5.5km)

DARCH'S WOOD, WHITEHOUSE WOOD AND BROADFIELD WOOD

Limited parking in Church car park off Little London Road (A267) near junction with A265. Alternatively use public car park in Mill Road, behind Fire Station, Heathfield High Street.

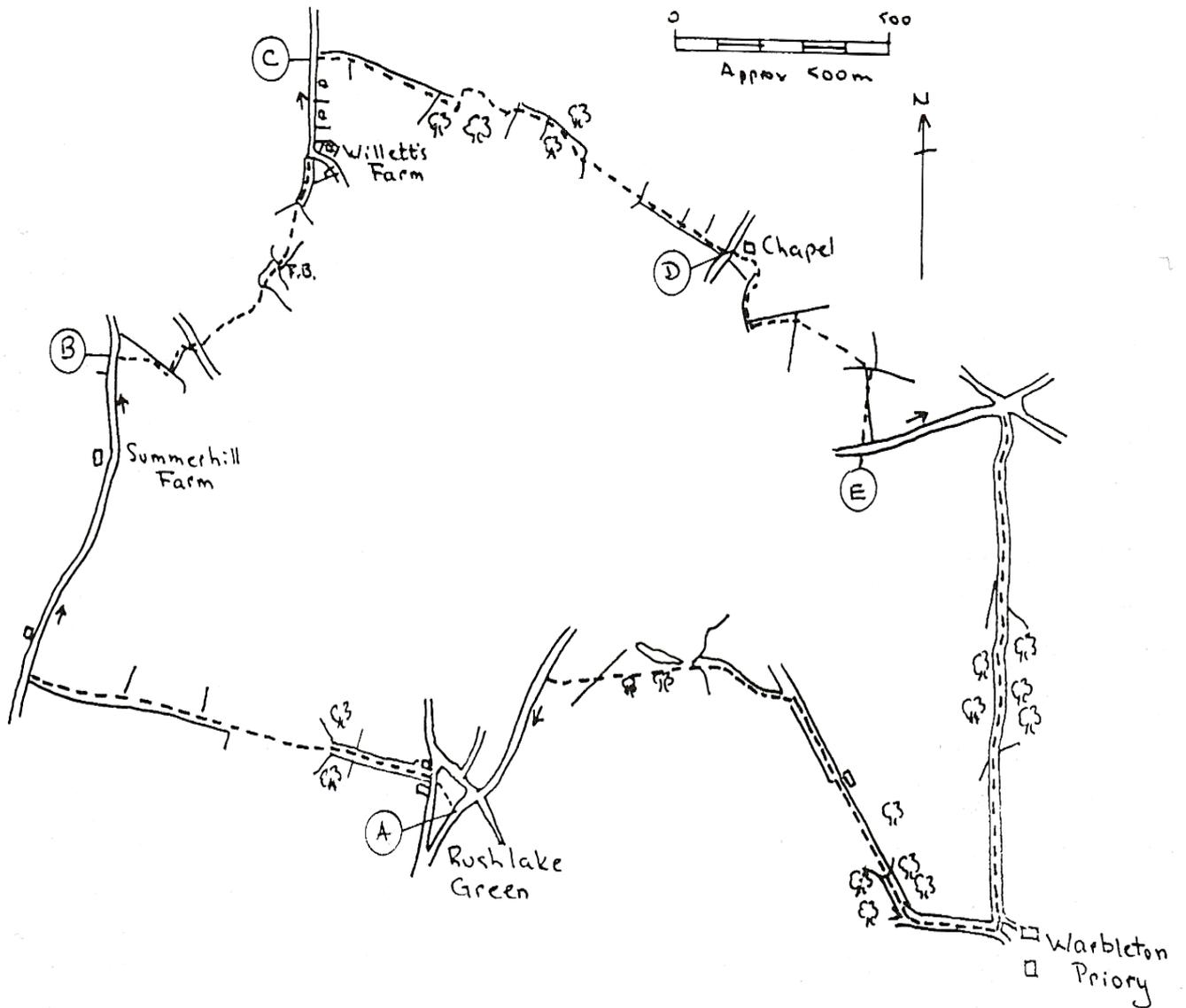
This walk is dog friendly and well-marked

- A. Begin walking at St Bartholomews Church, Cross in Hand. Enter the churchyard and keeping the church on your left pass through a gate and follow the enclosed path downhill over duckboards between laurel hedges bearing left at Y junction. Continue downhill, ignoring paths left and right. Cross a small wood bridge and up steps, continue ahead until a lake is reached on your left. Cross over the arched bridge and turn immediately right to the end of the lake crossing footbridge. Then go right again over a larger bridge. Almost at once turn left and keep ahead, eventually with a wire fence on your right. Soon you will reach a close boarded wooden fence on your right and where this ends, turn right along a footpath between fences and walk ahead to Back Lane.
- B. Turn left here for 500m. Be cautious of traffic. At Browns Lane turn right, crossing the bridge, and on uphill until the road bears right, where you take the footpath on the left.
- C. Bear left with the hedge on your left, continue through two fields, until you reach Whitehouse Wood. After a few metres, turn left into the wood and immediately left again. On reaching a crossing track keep ahead. At the fork soon reached, keep left and at the next junction turn left again and on down to the bridge. Keep up the track ahead and bearing right follow footpath to the road at Whitehouse Farm.
- D. Turn left to the road junction, where you turn right and after a few metres go left into a field through a kissing gate. Continue ahead through a second kissing gate walking on down the field to cross a bridge over a stream at the bottom and into Broadfield Wood. Take the left hand of the two paths and left again on the track soon reached. Where the track bears right keep ahead. On reaching the entrance to a small paddock take the path sharply left. Continue downhill ignoring path on left to a stile into a field, over a small stream and across the field to a further stile. Carry on along an enclosed path to a stile and turn right onto a lane. At the end of the lane you will reach New Pond Hill where you turn right.
- E. After 300m go left along the tarmac drive of New Pond Farm back into Darch's Wood. Turn right on entering wood and follow the path straight on back to St. Bartholomews Church.

Walk No. 18

RUSHLAKE GREEN (6Km)

Park on the east side of Rushlake Green across from the Horse and Groom pub.



18. Rushlake Green (6km)

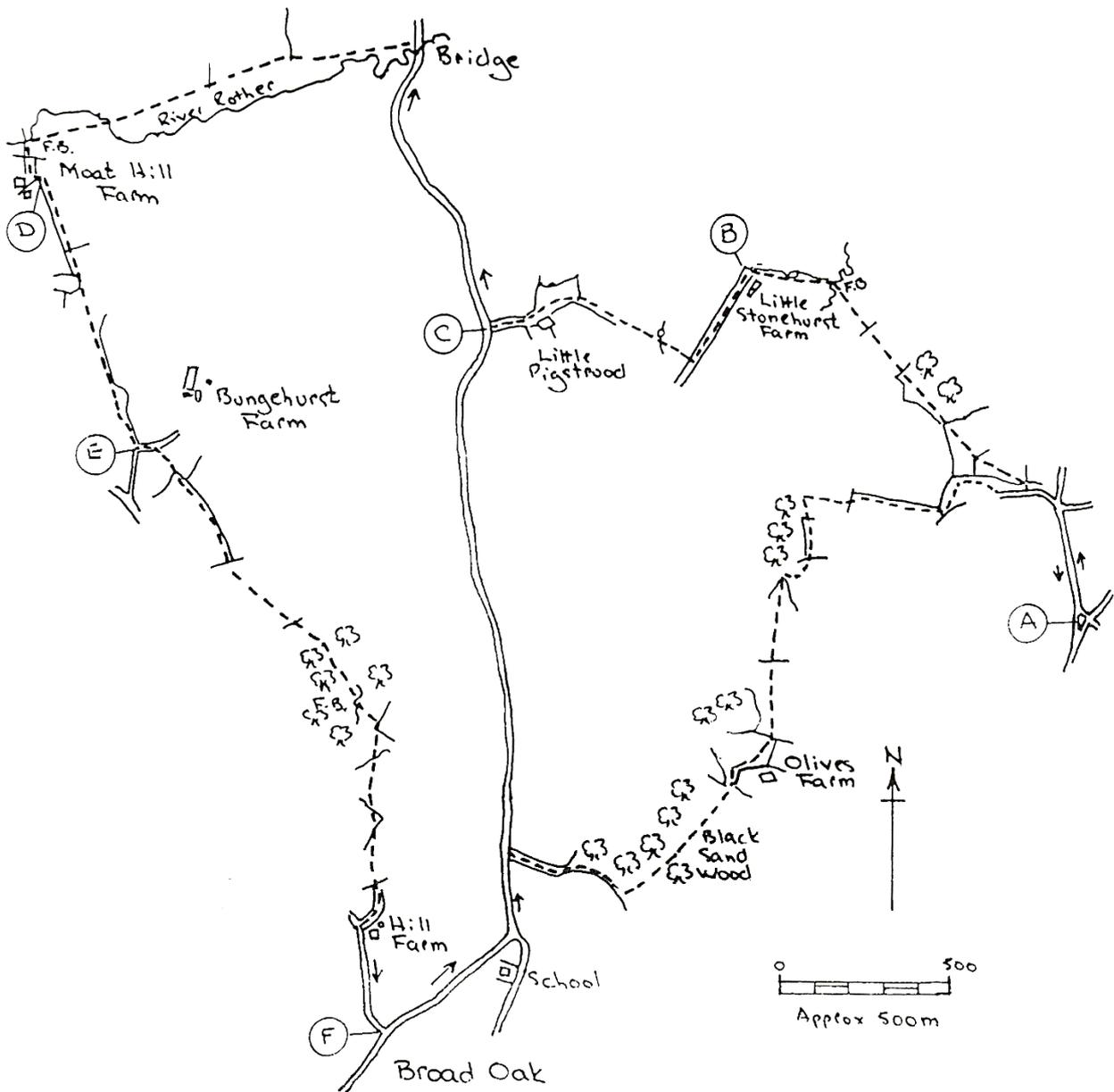
Warning – walk gets rather muddy at some times of the year!

- A. Walk across the green towards the pub, then to the right to go down through the garden of Old Fern Cottage (second cottage from pub) keeping to the left side of the cottage. Go over a stile at the bottom and down an enclosed path into a wood and over a footbridge. Keep on same line through the field beyond. As the hedge comes in on the left continue through the gap to a second field and carry straight on through the third field onto road, turning right & going past Thorrington Farm and House, and past Summerhill Farm buildings.
- B. Near top of slope & well before the white house ahead, go through a gap on right by a footpath stone marker, cross the corner of field and follow left hedge down to gap on left. Go through and along right-hand edge of a paddock and garden to road. Cross to stile opposite into field. Aim straight on over this field and into wood. Go over footbridge then go diagonally left up to a gap into a green track to reach a gate & stile in left corner. Continue to road, turn left & follow to just beyond second house on right.
- C. Go over stile on right by finger post. Follow hedge on left, through a gate in corner and down the left-hand side of next field to reach a bridge & stile into a wood. Follow zigzag path down to bridge. Then go left and (once you see another bridge ahead) instead go up steps to right. At top, at the crossing paths, carry straight on up the field, over a stile, and through more wood. Beyond that maintain direction between wire fences through middle of next field, after which go through narrow belt of trees with a plank bridge. Then with hedges on right continue past three small fields onto a road.
- D. Turn left, then right at footpath fingerpost just before a small chapel and go through a close boarded gate within green fence saying 'Welcome' next to a metal gate and follow left hand hedge at edge of a garden closely round to stile opposite a shack. Go right beside hedge on right and follow it round past dark grey shed and house to gate. Go through that & turn left and with hedge on left go to a stile a little away from the corner of the field. In the next field go over stiles keeping to the right of electricity pole to the far-right hand corner of the field. Go through gate on right, then over a stile in fence on right. Go up field to stile by gate in from the corner on to road.

Turn left on to junction of roads then go right along drive through a wood & field to Warbleton Priory. (15th Century Augustinian Priory buildings now incorporated into several properties at bottom of this drive). Turn right along track just before drive ends near buildings, then later fork right upwards in woodland. In the field beyond maintain direction with wood on right. Continue past pheasant sheds and zigzag past house & down drive, then at a dip just before wood, go left into field. Follow wood boundary keeping sheds to left, round to gate & stile then veer diagonally left to stile in middle of crossing fence. Keep big trees and Stone House complex to your left. Cross the next field on the same line to go down a steep bank to the stile out onto the road. Turn left and soon Rushlake Green appears ahead.

SWIFE LANE - NEWICK LANE

(9.5Km or 6.0Km)



Walk No. 19

SWIFE LANE – NEWICK LANE (9.5km or 6.0km)

Park & start from the grassy triangle of Paines Corner, Broad Oak, having turned left into Swife Lane off the A265 if going from Broad Oak towards Burwash Common.

A. From Paines Corner, Walk down the lane taking left fork going north. At the crossroads turn left. Go right besides Pedlars Cottage to go left through the gate on the left, into a field. Proceed diagonally to bottom left hand corner to go through a small metal gate. Turn right downhill to a stile and a footbridge. Cross these and continue downhill to enter a wooded area (ignore the gate on the left). This track can be wet at times but you can divert slightly via the wood on your right. At the end find a stile and gap leading into a field. Go straight across, and through a gap in the hedge, then carry on to a footbridge. When over cross a stile then turn left over a stile and footbridge into a field. Turn right uphill to the left-hand edge of the trees, then aim for a gate to the left of Little Stonehurst Farmhouse.

B. Beyond the gate turn left along the track. Opposite Nursements Farm go right into a field walking straight across to find a passage through bushes to a stile. In the next field go slightly right downhill just to the right of the powerlines, to cross a stream via a footbridge. Climb uphill with a hedge on your left to a stile in a field boundary at the top. Then go to the right of Little Pigstrood Farm buildings, through the farmgate immediately left to gain access to a farm track via a small gate. Proceed to the lane. Turn right into Street End Lane.

C. For the **shorter** walk turn left and walk up the lane to Holme Chase, re-joining the text at F. If you are doing the **full** walk turn right here going downhill to Scotsford Bridge.

After crossing the bridge go over a stile on the left and go to the far end of a long narrow meadow. Cross the stile on your right and then go left over a footbridge and stile. Maintain direction in the next field with the stream on your left (the infant Rother). Cross another footbridge and stile and maintain direction. At the end of that field cross the concrete farm bridge using farm gate to leave field. Cross the field diagonally to another footbridge with stiles. Carry on through the next field when meeting a crossing path turn left and cross through broken gate and bridge. Proceed to the left side of Moat Farm garden.

D. Just before the end of the enclosed path take a stile on your left, cross into a field. Soon turn right through a gateway and proceed up the right side of the field. Go through a gate at the top, maintaining direction to aim for the left-hand side of a woodland. Go over a stile here and carry on, on the same line through the wood to emerge through a gate at the corner of a field. Keep straight on with the hedge on your left to exit through a gateway on the left onto main drive.

E. Turn left down the drive toward Bungehurst then right across the grass to a stile. Cross a narrow field to a stile and down beside the wood to a stile into a rough meadow. Follow the left-hand side to a gap into a copse of young trees. Go past a house, cross Roundwood's drive and maintain direction to take a gate. Go diagonally left across this field to a stile in a crossing fence a short way up from the bottom of the field. Keep on the same line to a stile into a wood. Cross a plank bridge, go up some steps and carry on through the wood ignoring left and right forks until you turn left at a marker to go downhill to a bridge.

Now go uphill to a stile into a field. Keep close to the wood on the right to reach a stile and bridge in the right-hand corner. In the next field keep roughly parallel with the wood on your

right to find a stile onto a drive. Go right and then left through a gate follow the drive to a T junction where you turn left for 400yd into Street End Lane.

F. At the bottom of the hill on a slight bend, go right along a wide track. Here Holme Chase is on your left and the short walk walkers will join us here. Keep on this track ignoring side tracks and gates until on the far side of the wood, there is a gate across the main track. Here turn left through a field gate.

In the field follow the right-hand boundary for a short distance then bear left across to the left-hand edge of the field. A gate in a cross hedge on the crest of the field will come into view, aim for that and then carry on down the next field to reach a wood. Go through a gate on the side and shortly turn right down to a footbridge.

After crossing climb uphill to a small gate opening where once through turn left to another footbridge. Now keep just inside the wooded area with a fence on your left. Cross over the fence on the left and keep on the previous line through scrub to reach a junction with a bridle track, as this is a bridleway it can be very muddy at times Turn right here and walk uphill, through a gate into a field and then continuing uphill to the top left hand corner.

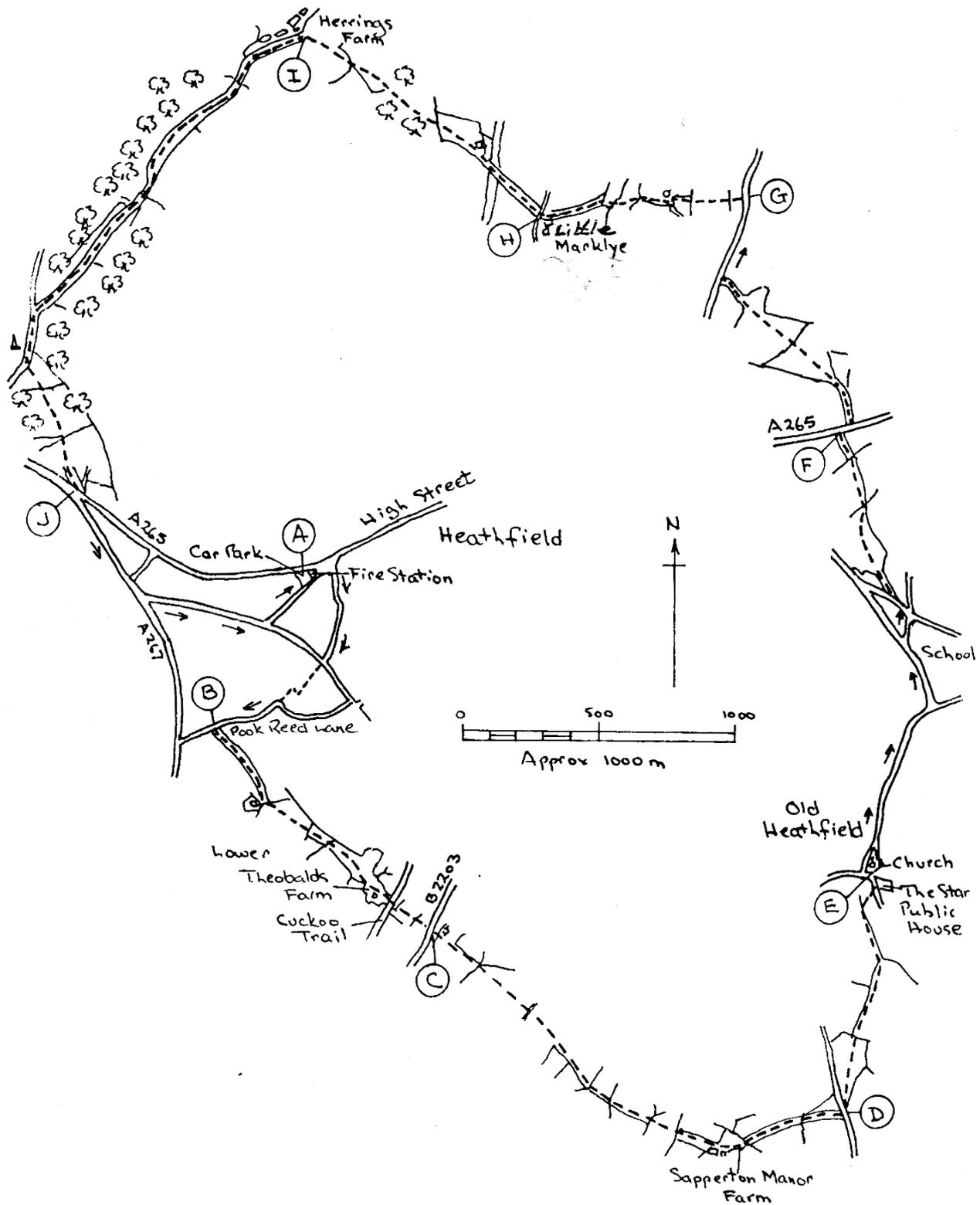
Go left through a gap and then shortly turn left down past buildings to an opening on to a farm track. Turn right uphill and follow out to the lane and Pedlars Cottage. Here retrace your footsteps to Paines Corner.

Walk No. 20

CIRCULAR ROUND HEATHFIELD (13Km)

This walk makes an almost complete ring round Heathfield and incorporates parts of some of the earlier walks in this book.

Park at Mill Road Car Park.



20. Circular walk round Heathfield (13km)

- A.** Go left out of car park and then right into Tilsmore Road. Walk along Tilsmore Road to where it ends at Ghyll Road, cross over to public footpath opposite and follow round then left into a short track that leads down onto a road, Pook Reed Lane.
- B.** Before you reach A267 Little London Rd, just past a house called Pook Reed on the left, turn left onto a rough gravel track, which you follow to near the house at the end. Keep left into woodland. Follow the well-defined path, which can be muddy when wet. It bears to the left, then follows a wire fence on the right. Where this fence ends go right and as you go downhill you will pick up the fence again on your right. Keep on downhill until at the bottom you cross Waldron Gill over a wooden footbridge. Go on up the track & path, passing Lower Theobalds Farm on your right, rejoining the track left through brick gate posts, crossing over Cuckoo Trail and on up to the road. Cross over to the drive of Theobalds Green Farm opposite, where there is a marker stone.
- C.** Carry straight on up past the drive into the field and head along enclosed path for the far-left corner, slightly downhill and under the metal pole barrier. On the far side of the next (former turf) field is a metal railing stile in a gap. Go for this, and on in the next smaller field to stile on the far side. Continue now with the hedge on your right. Over to your left you should get a good view of the church in Old Heathfield which you will pass later in this walk. Go on to the far-right hand corner, through the gate and on in the same direction over a stile on your left; ignore the other path which forks right here. Keep the hedge on your right and at the corner of this small field over yet another stile, and on with the ground now more noticeably downhill. Near the bottom right-hand corner, about 10 – 15m before it, is a stile through the hedge on your right. Cross this, turn left over a bridge and through a short band of small trees into another field; here you go for the stile opposite. Over this stile is a crossing path, but you can carry straight on, slightly right at first, to the farm building ahead, through a metal gate and small yard, and turn half left onto the drive. This is Sapperton Manor Farm, and you go past the house along the drive all the way to the road.
- D.** Turn left for about 20m and take the path going half right up into the wood; there is a marker stone. After about 60m in the trees you come out to a stile into the field, and continue uphill in the middle of the field, towards the skyline and trees. Go through a gate which is about halfway along the fence along the top of the field, into another field. Walk in the same direction keeping towards its left side. Go over stile through a wicket gate to the left and follow the hedge on your right through another gate, and up to a kissing gate in the railings now on your right. Cross the drive and bearing left make for the corner by a house. At the road turn half left to pass the Star Inn, and on into the churchyard of All Saints in Old Heathfield.
- E.** Go round the church and through the lych gate to the access lane which leads you into the road (School Hill) where you go uphill, keeping the stone wall of Heathfield Park on your left, turning left at the junction to pass Heathfield Community College on your right, and then turning right at Portland Square. At the main road (B2096 to Battle) turn left and look

for the path 200 metres further on the right coming off by the small service road. This goes past 5 and 6 Round House Cottages, and over a stile just past them into a field. Carry on in the same direction to the uphill far corner. Go through the metal gate and with the hedge close on your right go uphill towards the red tile hung house. Just before the corner there is a stile on your right. Go over this and turn left, passing by the house on the other side of the hedge. Just before the end of the next field cross another stile into the drive of the house, which brings you out on the main A265 road to Burwash.

- F.** Turn right for about 50m, then left into the drive signed Greenviews Caravan Park and Western Farm. Go on down the drive past a sign saying Private Road (it is a public footpath however) and after another 100m or so keep half left onto a path between a fence and a hedge. This brings you out via a stile to a field. Head via the gap in the opposite hedge towards an asbestos sheeted barn beyond. As you approach the barn you may see a stile to its right; go towards the road 200m away, via the path which is just in the trees to the right. The path through the trees may be overgrown and difficult to follow into the wood (there is a drive from the barn also going to the road, but this is not actually a public path). Turn right down the road (Newick Lane) with caution for about 300m.
- G.** Just past a house on the left called Chelwood, opposite Newick House, take the marked path on the left beside Lupins' garage, which brings you out into a field. Keep to its right-hand side to a gate in the corner leading you into a levelled training paddock and out through 2 gates into a drive. Go on in the same direction passing a house and buildings on your right to another gate into a field. Carry on to the bottom left-hand corner, over a stile and downhill in trees to cross a stream. Up over a stile and uphill along the left side of a field to a gate in the corner immediately followed by a stile which takes you into a path between hedges. Follow this uphill to Little Marklye barn, passing a double stiled cattle crossing shortly before it. Come out and through a gate to the road, Marklye Lane, and straight across onto the drive signed Marklye House.
- H.** Follow the drive, crossing over the old railway, and loop left at the gate keeping the house on your right, & follow fence down to a gate into a field. Go on downhill, slightly to the right, to a stile into the trees at the bottom. Over the stile is a footbridge; follow the path up through the trees in the same general direction. Ignore a wide crossing track and follow the now wider heather lined path which leads on to another footbridge. Carry on in the same direction out into a field where you can see the chimneys of Herrings Farm on the crown of the ridge ahead. Go on uphill towards Herrings Farm, crossing just before it an airstrip that is in occasional use. Turn left in front of the house & pond.
- I.** Follow this farm access lane for 1.7km to the TV mast. Right opposite the mast, shortly after English Woodlands and a timber yard, and up a short hill, is a footpath going left, with a marker stone. Follow this through the trees and it brings you to the busy junction of the A267 and A265 roads.
- J.** You can follow the A265 into Heathfield, or more quietly, cross to follow the A267 Little London Road with care for 400m, taking the second turn left onto Sheepsetting Lane, which brings you to Mill Road second left past the school, and thus to your starting point.

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