

Institute of Physics

LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION Visit to the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum. Wednesday 28 April 2004

This visit has been organised by Shirley Bateman

The Museum was founded in 1967 and is one of the UK's leading independent museums. It is set in 50 acres of beautiful Sussex countryside with woodland walks and a picturesque lake. It is a place to wander and explore six centuries of traditional rural buildings that have been saved from destruction. See how the people lived and worked and watch demonstrators using traditional skills. Sample Tudor food and cooking. Allow at least 3 hrs to see the whole museum as there are 43 exhibits. A video and introductory exhibition is available in the Hambrook Farm building. The Downland Gridshell, an award-winning structure is of tremendous interest. It houses the museum's conservation workshop and fascinating collection of rural artefacts. A tour starts daily at 1.30pm (free of charge) and is not to be missed. The museum is located at Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, Chichester, PO18 0EU tele. 01243 811363 (www.wealddown.co.uk)

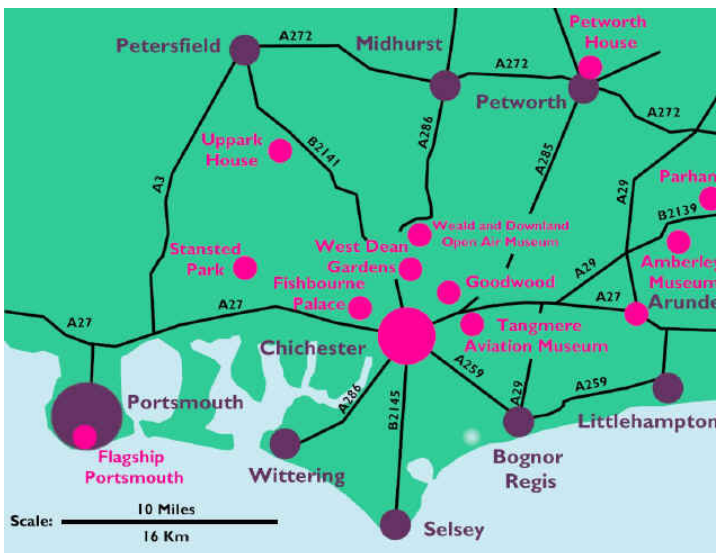
Admission: for the over 60's - £6.50 pay on the day.

Starting time: 11.30am

Lunch: Snack meals and light refreshments are available from the Lakeside Cafe. Shirley is investigating other options.

Travel:

By Car: The museum is situated 7 miles north of Chichester, West Sussex on the A286. Car park is free. From the north take the A286 signposted to Chichester. From the west or east approaching on the A27 enter Chichester and take the A286 north to Midhurst. From the west or east approaching on the A272 enter Midhurst and take the A286 south to Chichester.



By Train: To Chichester then on By Bus. Stagecoach Coastline buses offer combined entry to the museum with unlimited travel. The driver will issue you with a 'Weald and Downland ticket' for £7. Bus No 60 leaves from the bus station every 30 mins (at 14 and 44 mins). It takes about 20 mins.