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Change on the Downs

Date and times: Saturday 16th October 2010 from 10.00 a.m. to 3.50 p.m.
Venue: Pulborough Social Centre (Village Hall), Swan View, Pulborough. RH20 2BF
 (Signposted in the centre of Pulborough, on south side of main road)
Tutor: Dr. Sue Berry

Description of content of the day

The open and empty downs we see today would surprise many past generations who were accustomed to living there and left a rich legacy of prehistoric remains. The depopulation probably began late in the Middle Ages, the impact of the Black Death having been overstated. As the hamlets and villages disappeared so tracts became popular for leisure hunting and country houses, some of which have also disappeared. The open aspect became fashionable in the eighteenth century when sea bathing began to change the communities along the coast and then fell out of fashion in the early nineteenth century. Meanwhile substantial land estates developed. From around 1880 the downs began to be eroded by rapid suburban development and, before 1914 there were campaigns to protect sections. Between the wars both developments and the campaigns became more newsworthy. A campaign to save the rural image eventually culminated in the establishment of the South Downs Conservation Board and then, the national park. We will explore the rich heritage of this area.

Timetable and Programme

9.30am Arrival and Registration

10.00 – 11.00a.m.	Prehistory – hill forts, flintmines, temples, villas and more – from Stone Age to Romans.
11.00 – 11.25a.m.	Coffee/tea
11.25 – 12.25p.m.	The Saxon and medieval legacy – churches, homes, place names and other signs.
12.25 – 1.25p.m.	Lunch
1.25 – 2.25p.m.	The Tudor – early nineteenth century landscape of country houses, large farms, hunting and declining populations. The arrival of the tourists from the resorts after C1750 and their opinions.
2.25 – 2.50pm	Tea
2.50 – 3.50pm	C 19 th and 20 th centuries – the railway opens up the Downs – the estates expand then many retreat and sell – suburban expansion on the downs – conservation movements elsewhere become a model for campaigns to protect the downs from development – agriculture on the Downs in the two world war periods.

Dr, Sue Berry is an Associate lecturer at CCE, University of Sussex and the editor of the Victoria County History for the City of Brighton and Hove (now being written up). She has written about farming and estate management on the downs and it is the subject of her thesis. Sue also wrote *Georgian Brighton* (Phillimore, 2004).

Administrative Information

Please bring your own packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided.

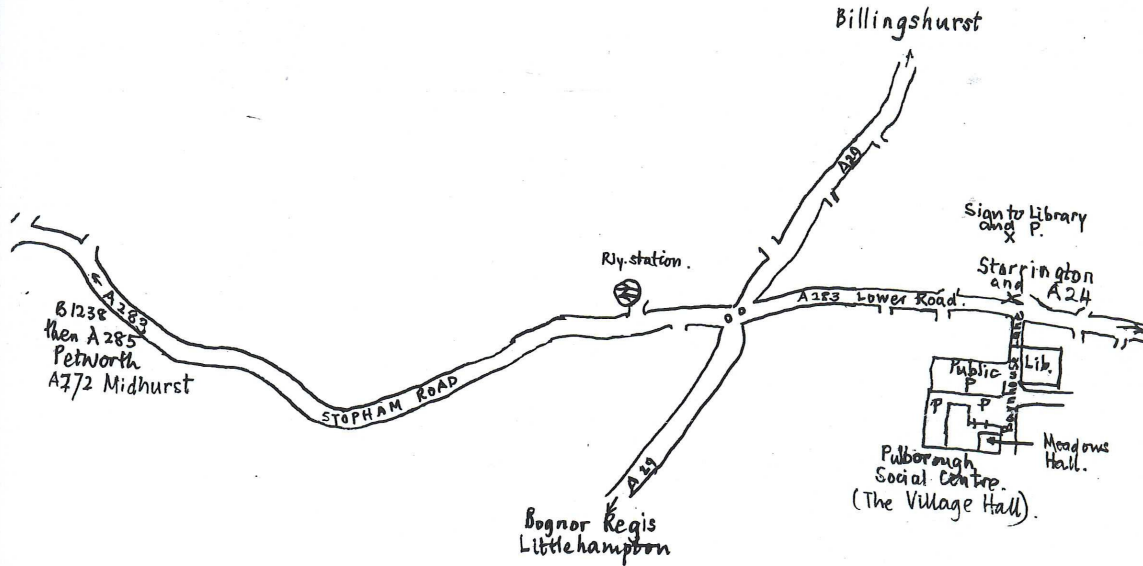
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If you apply to attend the study day, please could you let the SUN representative for your own U3A know, just in case it is possible to co-ordinate transport.

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Location of Pulborough Social Centre (Village Hall)



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