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BLUEBELL WALK – BADGERS MOUNT

Thursday 2nd May 14:00



This walk will be through the woods behind the Polhill Garden Centre, where we have coffee mornings three times a year. It will cover roughly the first and final quarters of the Shoreham Summer Walk I conducted some years ago – total distance about 2½ miles taking about 1½ hours. It is mostly along wide tracks like in the picture above. The terrain is up and down, including a quite steep descent and climb on the way back, and, if we have more rain beforehand, parts will be very muddy, so do put on suitable footwear.

Meet by the windmill at the entrance to the Garden Centre at 2 p.m. Refreshments may be obtained in the Centre café before or afterwards. There is also a Toby's nearby on the other side of the main road. As well as in these places, there are also toilets in the wooded area not far from the end of the walk.

Getting there

By road.

The Garden Centre lies on the A224 London Road (TN14 7AD). It is just south of the Badgers Mount roundabout, on the left, if coming from the Orpington or Bromley directions or just beyond the top of Polhill itself, on the right, if coming from the Sevenoaks direction. There is plenty of parking space at the Centre.

By Public Transport.

Unfortunately the Garden Centre is not easy to access by public transport. There is a half-hourly train service from London Bridge or from Orpington to Knockholt Station, but it is about a 30 minute walk to the Centre. On leaving the station approach road, turn left and just keep walking! The Centre is a short distance beyond the large roundabout on the road to Sevenoaks (3rd exit). Be very careful crossing the roads at the roundabout. Trains leave London Bridge at 20 and 50 past the hour or 55 and 25 past from Orpington arriving at Knockholt at 01 and 31. Trains return at 14 and 44 past.

There is no need to book – just turn up to enjoy the bluebells and each others' company.

Dave NEWLAND.

Please note that I shall be taking photographs. If you do not wish to be photographed, please advise me on the day.