

FC 2023 19M ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Registration, start and finish are at:

ST CATHERINES VILLAGE HALL, Chestnut Avenue, GU2 4HF (GR SU991484)

The event HQ will open for Registration at 7; walkers will start between 8.30 and 9.00 a.m.

ABBREVIATIONS:

&=and, ahd=ahead, B=bear, BG=bridlegate, BW=bridleway, BY=byway, cont=continue, CP=checkpoint, F=fork, FB=footbridge, FG=field gate, FiPo=fingerpost, FP=footpath, GSW=Greensand Way, immed=immediately, junc=junction, KG=kissing gate, L=left, LMG=large metal gate, LWG=large wooden gate, M=mile, **NB=stop talking/daydreaming and watch out carefully!**, NDW=North Downs Way, opp=opposite, R=right, RD=road, SMG=small metal gate, ST=stile, SWG=small wooden gate, T=turn, thru=through, Tjunc=T junction, TK=track, WM=waymark post, XRD=crossroads, XTK=cross track, Y=yards.

For those people walking from GUILDFORD RAILWAY STATION the directions are as follows: 20-25minutes walk door to door

- a. Exit station towards **Town Centre** and **TR** along pavement past bus stop.
- b. **TR** before fence & go into subway, **TL** into tunnel, **TR** up ramp and continue ahead and bend L with road to right of you, to go down a set of stairs to riverside walk. Follow river to L hand side under 1st bridge and ahead with the carpark to right. Ahead on tarmac road, between "The white house PH" and St. Nicolas church.
- c. **NOTE: If tunnel or riverside walk is closed**, do not go into subway but keeping fence on L, **TR** and go up stairs to road. Turn L to cross at pedestrian lights. Turn L and follow road as it descends. Go down ramp as it bends L then R and go the stairs after the tunnel. Go diagonally through carpark to White House PH. Ahead on tarmac road, between "The white house PH" and St. Nicolas church.
- d. Through the car park. **THE RIVER PATH IS CLOSED FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS NEAR GUILDFORD**. So head for the far right corner of car park and turn up "Porridge Pot Alley", at the end at the post bear left on the pavement passing a health centre on left. When the road bends right, ahead on enclosed footpath "St. Catherine's Footpath" to end, at the post and the main road "Old Portsmouth Road" turn left along the pavement, at the lighted crossing, cross over to the other pavement and continue in the same direction until you pass a bus stop with a shelter. Shortly after turn R into CHESTNUT AVENUE and HQ (ST CATHERINES VILLAGE HALL) is 120 yds ahead on left.

PARKING

Use ARTINGTON PARK AND RIDE, Old Portsmouth Rd, Guildford **GU3 1LP**.

Exit Park & Ride & **TR** along OLD PORTSMOUTH ROAD. In 1,000yds pass YE OLDE SHIP INN & **Cross** RD WITH CARE at traffic island (*where a marshal will be located*) into CHESTNUT AVENUE.

ST CATHERINES VILLAGE HALL is 120yds along CHESTNUT AVENUE on left.

Collect your event card and confirm your contact number for the day, at the registration table. Tea, coffee, drink and biscuits will be served at start. **WALKERS** can start from 8am onwards, runners from 9.30am, by getting your card scanned at the entrance. Please take note of the Check point opening and closing times **DON'T START TOO EARLY** or you will be waiting for the check point to open. Please notes if you arrive at a check point after it has closed you will be timed out. The check point leader and closing office word is final and should be respect. If you decide to continue

on to the finish, you will be responsible for yourself for the remainder of the walk and will not be certified at end. The organiser decision is final.

SU991484 0.0M

1. Exit Hall to road and TR **onto CHESTNUT AVENUE**. Cross **PORTSMOUTH ROAD WITH CARE** at traffic island (*where a marshal will be located*) TR & pass YE OLD SHIP INN. TL down FERRY LANE & TR on path along RIVER WEY. **Cont ahd** under FB and in 800yds at ST CATHERINE'S LOCK **cross** river L over bridge and **cross** weir on 2nd bridge. Immed TR at Info Board through KG on path along river (*ignore obvious TK ahd!*) In 350yds take care if electric fence is up and **cont ahd** through 2 gate, **cross** FB over weir and BL on FP along river. In 150yds TR on duckboards & **cont ahd** up hill to houses. Thru KG & TR on FP. **Cross** railway on bridge & TL on RD. Immed BL on FP towards brown shed (SCOUT HUT) & recycling bins. BL to A281 (HORSHAM ROAD).

TQ001470 1.4M

2. **Cross** at Pelican crossing & TR on pavement. **Keep L** into KINGS ROAD on pavement to cross side road (STATION APPROACH) by SHALFORD Network Rail sign, then **keep ahd** 50yds to **cross** A248 at zebra crossing. TL & **cross** CHINTHURST LANE. **Cross** FB and **Cont** 130° across SHALFORD COMMON towards house with two white Gables. **Cont ahd** 130° on narrow enclosed FP between fence and brick wall [GR TQ004468]. BR at end then TL on CHINTHURST LANE. Follow RD 400yds WITH EXTREME CARE WHERE NO FOOTPATH past first footpath on left then TL at 2nd FP *opposite Little Chinthurst Farm* at large metal gate.

TQ006464 2.0M

3. **Cont ahd** 350yds between hedges. At TK TR then straight after stile TL onto DOWNS LINK and at Tjunc TL and in 350yds **cross** RD. **Cont ahd** on FP DOWNS LINK. At RD TL then pass drive on L to GREAT TANGLEY MANOR. BR ahead along TK then straight on following DOWNS LINK waymarks. After 900yds **cont ahd** at XTK & **cont** on DOWNS LINK for 400yds, passing TANGLEY WAY on R, to reach RD (*BLACKHEATH 1833 sign on R*). **Cross** RD & immed BR 110° on FP through trees. **Cont** 100° ignoring paths on L. In 300yds (**GR TQ034463**) opposite isolated YOUNG oak on L (**NB do not go past war memorial up to your left**). TR **slightly back** 200°. **Keep L** and in 100yds reach car park and RD at BLACKHEATH VILLAGE.

TQ034462 4.0M

4. **Cross** RD & **cont ahd** on FP to TK. TL & **cont ahd** with cricket ground on right. When TK turns L, **cont ahd** 120° on FP past blue topped post. **Keep ahd** at XTK then **cont ahd** (slightly right) at next XTK. Where TK joins from R, **cont** still 120° passing bench on R at XTK now on BW same bearing 120°. In 500yds (*soon after where BW goes R at FiPo & big tree with wire fence on right*) BR at small blue topped post on to lower FP. In 150yds at CANDLEFORD COTTAGE TK becomes RD (GREEN LANE).

Descend to brick house on RH bend & BL on BW.

TQ047455 5.0M

5. In 50yds FR on FP. **Cont ahd** 1,200yds (over cross tracks along the way) SSEasterly & later TL to exit beside FG (the track continues off to the right) to FARLEY HEATH ROAD [TQ049443]. **Cross** RD & follow BW towards MAYOR HOUSE FARM & KILNHANGER. Pass Stables and TK on R then, as TK begins to rise (directly below power lines), TR 130° onto sandy FP.

TQ053442 6.1M

6. **Cont S** 400yds ignore paths to L. (including fork in path taking RH path). **Keep ahd & descend** steeply. In 500yds winding FP reaches BW at big tree [TQ056436}. **TL** on BW, ascend 250yds & **TR** where TK flattens out with FG (*marked Private*) on L. **Cont ahd** 500yds (passing stables) to **TL** on BY at 3-armed FiPo with blue sign (100yds before RD). In 100yds, before vehicle gate, **FR** up FP. **Cont E** 150yds to RD (ROW LANE), **TL** & immed **TR** at WINTERFOLD COTTAGE sign. In 150yds, before house/gate **BL** on FP with fence on R &, as fence bears R, **FL** 130° into trees. In 200yds **cont ahd** over XTK with FG on L & immed **BR** 130° on FP. In 400yds reach RD at top of JELLEYS HOLLOW.
TQ067426 7.7M
7. Cross RD & **TL** along roadside. In 25yds **BR** 90° at WM to **follow Greensand Way (GSW)** (ignore path descending on R). In 200yds **TR** & immed **BL following GSW signs** After 400yds (having done a BL and TR) **BR** at viewpoint and “Contour” seat (REYNARDS HILL). Then return to **GSW** and **cont** to descend **on GSW** to barrier and car park (HURTWOOD NO.4, HORSEBLOCK HOLLOW) and RD. **TR** on WINTERFIELD HEATH ROAD then **cross** BARHATCH ROAD and follow FP (GSW) 70°. **Cont ahd** to pass WINDMILL on R.
TQ077426 8.6M
8. **TR** on tarmac & at WM (FOUR WINDS) **cont ahd** on TK with fence on R down **STEEP PATH TAKE CARE**. At bottom **over stile** with GSW WM & **cont ahd** to HOUND HOUSE ROAD. **Cross** RD with car park on L & **TR** 150° on FP (GSW). Ascend, steeply at first, & in 500yds pass TRIG POINT and a Seat With A View to soon **BR** passing wooden Footpath Only sign to PITCH HILL LDWA TOPOSCOPE with memorial plaque to ALAN BLATCHFORD and CHRIS STEER. **Retrace steps** to main path and **BR** through barrier (*FOOTPATH ONLY*). **Thru** next barrier **BR** and **keep R** along edge of hill. *Do not be tempted to descend Hill to R.* **Cont ahd** on main path & in 700yds **cont ahd** at XTK. Descend at next XTR (*Note to your right at 45° there is a defined tall pine tree near the path edge. 5 metres towards the arc of the joining path is the “Memorial tree” celebrating departed London LDWA members, retract your few step and*) & **cont ahd** 800yds over more XTKs to reach pile of stones at TK junc. **TL** on broad TK, ignore path descending to L & in 500 yards reach graveyard on L. Pass round barrier and **keep ahd** to main TK descending past church to village. **TL** at RD & immed **BR** into

CP1 PEASLAKE MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL open 10.30 to 13.00

TQ085447 10.5m

9. From hall **exit L** onto RD. In 20yds before HURTWOOD INN acute **TL thru** KG onto FP, **NOTES THE 2 ROUTES SPLIT HERE** enclosed at first then LHS of field then enclosed again onto gravel drive, turn left and then right to road. At RD, **TL**. In 100yds **TR** onto BW, **cont ahd** for ½ mile passing **thru** SMG then another SMG, **into shallow gully** then SMG onto RD (**Take Care!**) and **TR**. In 150yds **TL** at HOUND HOUSE onto FP (concrete). **BL** at HOUND HOUSE FARM then immed **BR** and immed **thru** gateway (LWG may already be open or closed). In 100yds **thru** gate, in 200yds **BR** (ignore SWG ahead). In 100 yds **thru** SWG Path is between fenced saplings, **BL** after 50yds, then **descend** into trees and **cross** ST. In 15yds **BR** down RHS of field. Towards bottom **BL** towards black building to **exit field** via SWG onto drive & **TL**. In 75yds **TR** past metal barrier onto BY (PONDS LANE) (**Beware motor bikes!**).
TQ067456 11.8M
10. **Cont ahd** for 1.1 miles to pass metal barrier onto drive with cottages on R. In 100yds, at the end of cottage **BR** up sloping path along side railway to cross railway bridge. On other side Bear ½ right up path through trees and then through car park, to its entrance (Car park 7 Shere common) to road. **Cross** RD **with care** onto FP opposite, in 15 metres **TR**, under twisty large tree for 50m

then LT to toward old metal gate and post and continue ahead for 360 metres on earth path soon descending down to Way marker. TR in 15 metres fork right up hill In 300yds **join** tarmac and **cont ahd** on RD towards SHERE. **Cross** RD into THE SPINNING WALK. In 200yds **TL** on tarmac. In 150yds **TR** at church, then in 20yds **TL** onto FP into churchyard. (*At the end of the RD there is some interesting information about the church.*) In 40yds **exit churchyard** via gate, immed **cross** bridge, **cont ahd** to RD. **TL** on pavement for 200yds to see on R

CP3 SHERE VILLAGE HALL open 11.30 to 17.00

TQ074478 13.5M

11. From hall **exit R** onto RD, in 50yds **TL** MIDDLE STREET, in 150yds **cross** bridge over TILLING BOURNE and immed **TR** LOWER STREET & **cont ahd**. In 250yds, at end of tarmac, **BR** across FB beside ford. In 150yds at RDs/TKs junc **BL** on enclosed FP 270°. In 200yds **cross** RD onto FP and **cont ahd**. In 50yds **thru** KG, along LHS side of field (**beware cattle**), in 80yds **cross** drive, in 150yds **thru** KG on FP with fence to LHS. **Stay beside fence**, ignore BR in 300yds, in 50yds **thru** KG, then **cont** on LHS of field & when fence ends **cont ahd** 150yds (**NB!** *grand church to L*). **Thru** KG descend on TK for 100 yds to busy road A248. **CROSS WITH GREAT CARE.**

TQ060483 14.5M

12. **Thru** KG on to FP & in 20yds **thru** KG to **cont ahd** on RHS of field. **Cross** ST into wood & **cont ahd**. **Cross** concrete apron beside large industrial gates to **cont** on FP. At junc with TK **BL** & just before next house on L pass **thru** or around LMG. **Cont ahd** on TK after house. At garages and houses **BR** on TK. At Tjunc with lane **TL** & immed **FR** uphill on BW to open field cross field on clear path to reac treeline. At FiPo at XTK **cont ahd**. In 600yds **BR** across RD onto BW and **cont ahd**. In 50yds at low posts beside car park, immed **TL thru** more low posts on FP and **uphill**. **Cont uphill** as paths join from R & L. (*See WWII pill box on R*). At DOWNS LINK cairn **FR uphill**. **Join** NDW & **cont uphill**. At next FiPo **FR** on NDW. **Follow broadest path**, always uphill to ST MARTHA'S CHURCH.

TQ028483

13. Just before gate into churchyard **TR** on path & in 25yds **BL** with wall on L. (*Enjoy extensive views across the Downs*). At end of wall **BR** 270° on NDW **downhill** following NDW at juncs. **Pass** beside metal barrier then houses on L & **cont ahd** on NDW between low wooden posts. In 100yds at RD, **TL** (**Take Care!**).

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14. In 50 yds, as road bends left, **cont ahd** (225°) on narrow FP (**leaving NDW**) for 200yds, **up** into field with water tap on R. In 20yds **join** TK & **cont ahd**, pass Gents on your R, in 80 yds **thru** gateway/KG onto field with grand views. **Cont ahd** keeping fence on R **thru** another three gateways/KGs. FP **descends** with fence on R **then climbs** thru KG, then steps, then handrail (ignore juncs). **Join** TK, **cont ahd** (260°) and slowly **descend**. In 500yds **pass** bench, in 40yds **BR**. In 150yds emerge onto open area & **BL**. **Pass** Alarmed building, **thru** bollards, immed **TR**. In 15yds at Chantry Cottage **TL** to **rejoin NDW**.

ROUTES REJOIN

TQ004484 18.3M

15. **Cont ahd** on TK with car park to R. In 120yds **cross** RD & **TL** on pavement. In 400yds at Tjunc **cross** RD **with care** via island to R & **cont ahd** to pass between bench and bin in 20yds. **Cross** playing fields on 255° heading for gap to join FP. **Pass between** 2 LWGs and **cont ahd** across stream. At river **TL** & in 25yds **cross** FB then **TL** (river to R), in 25yds **TL** at NT sign on FP (tarmac becoming FERRY LANE) to **cross** railway bridge. At Tjunc **TR** on pavement, **cross** RD via island & **TL** into CHESTNUT AVENUE. In 200yds

ARRIVE AT FINISH ST CATHERINE'S VILLAGE HALL

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SHERE VILLAGE INFORMATION

On your way to the Checkpoint you pass the village church which has featured in films such as The Wedding Date, The Holiday and a number of BBC period dramas.

In 1329 the young Christine Carpenter volunteered to become an anchoress and she was bricked into the North wall of the church. On the outside wall there is a plaque marking the site of Christine's cell. Inside the church you can see where she was given food and drink. The almost full story of Christine, originally written in Latin, is in the church with the English translation beside it for those of you who would like to read it.

There is also a great tea shop and ice cream shop in the village!!

When you leave the Checkpoint the Route goes along Middle Street. Just before you cross the Tilling Bourne you will see The Dabbling Duck tea shop on the right and Shere Delights (a tea/coffee/ice cream shop) on the left.

Further along Middle Street are two pubs.