

THE IMMEDIATE PAST

The variety and tempo of Surrey Group events have increased this Spring and a successful series of events held. The Hot Lunch Ramble at Cranleigh was well received, particularly by members' spouses. The day was organised by Doug Sudbury and he gave us a special Sudbury treat on the return journey by losing us and then disappearing. Next time I hope we will have a few more members. The hostel weekend at Goudhurst, jointly with Kent and just over 20 miles and what turned out to be the coldest weekend of the year. The days were fine, the area new and interesting but the Youth Hostel in the evening had no fire, making the night a test of fortitude. Enjoyable for all that but we will pick a different hostel for future winter trips.

Another of our series of kanterers was run by Sven Neal with a smaller attendance of around 60. The course was demanding with good checkpoints except one inscription on a tree which had fallen down since the survey. The coach to Yorkshire Three Peaks, organised by the Essex Group was well supported and everyone completed the course. All the above type are going to be repeated in the next programme as they all proved popular. A new long distance footpath route in Surrey was inaugurated on May 1/2 - the Surrey 100km walk. This includes almost all West Surrey's hills, including Leith Hill, Box Hill, Gibbet Hill, Hogs Back and a few more. It was a very interesting course and the first group of 10 walkers finished in just under 20 hours, though Keith Arnold ran it in under 15. This is a fine route, pioneered by Jeff Ellingham, Chris Steer and Alan Blatchford. Certificates are given for completion at any time in 4 days - see Jeff.

The Punchbowl Marathon took place with less publicity than normal - we forgot - but 80 or so enjoyed a splendid day out at the start of the heatwave. However, the first walkers (Frank Duerden and Keith Chesterton) took $7\frac{3}{4}$ hours over 30 miles. The coach to the Purbeck Plod made another good day out on the best walk in the South. Alan Blatchford made a very enjoyable evening walk from his house - 9 miles or so - with a very good supper for us at the end, much appreciated. Thank you Barbara and Alan.

The evening meeting at the pub attracted 22 members - a good time - and the programme overleaf agreed. We had a demand for more group walks of 20 miles or so. We hope this will now be better supported as in the past there have been very small attendances.

Two other points. Please book as early as you can for coach trips. These will only be accepted in future with deposits as we need to be certain of the attendance before we book the coach. The pamphlet on the London Countryway, the new 205 mile footpath around London, with 50 miles in Surrey, is now available from Keith Chesterton, "Firle", Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey (Guildford GU1 3JG) at 27p by post or 20p by hand. Volunteers to sell to bookshops or other outlets will be welcome. All profits to the LDWA.

LDWA - SURREY GROUP

AUTUMN 1976 PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 13 JULY PEDDIE'S PLOD 7.00 pm Meet East Car Park on Ranmore Common
Common (143503) 10 miles Leader Graham Peddie, Tanners Hatch YH (Bookham 52528)

SUNDAY 18 JULY "WANSDYKE WALK" 15/25 walk along best ridge in South England
Coach from Guildford app £1.50 Apply Alan Blatchford, 11 Thorn Bank, Onslow,
Guildford (Guildford 60085)

SATURDAY 31 JULY/SUNDAY 1 AUGUST "TANNERS YH TO CROCKHAM HILL YH" and reverse
on Sunday 27 miles Details, Graham Peddie, Tanners Hatch YH

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 7/8 AUGUST "2 DAY MARATHON MIXTURE" A Southern Karrimor 30
miles a day and overnight camping (shorter courses for juniors) Start Tanners
Hatch Details Graham Peddie

SUNDAY 15 AUGUST "PETERSFIELD ROUND" 20 mile social walk Meet Petersfield
station 10.01 am (9.27 Guildford) Leader Keith Chesterton (Guildford 63392)

SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER "NORTH SOUTH SURREY WALK" from Colnbrook to Haslemere
35 - 40 miles in 14 hours Meet "Star and Garter" Colnbrook (Gr 028770) 8.00 am
(Nearest station Sunnymeads at 7.25) Transport may be possible, see leaders
Tom Anderson/Keith Chesterton (Guildford 63392)

TUESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 7.30 pm Evening social meeting at "Leg of Mutton and
Cauliflower", The Street, Ashstead. "Feet evening"

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER "ASHDOWN FOREST SOCIAL WALK" 20 miles From East Grinstead
station to Eridge station Meet 10.09 East Grinstead (9.09 Victoria, 9.51 Hurst
Green) Leave cars at Hurst Green Leader Peter Sergeant, Flat 4, Southlands,
Tandridge, Oxted, Surrey

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER "MASTERS AND MAIDENS MARATHON" 26 mile run Details
Alan Blatchford (Guildford 60085)

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER "FARNHAM KANTER" Meet Memorial Hall, West Street, Farnham
9 - 11 am 10/20 mile courses and 3 mile "town trail" Entry fee 20p members
Details Alan Blatchford (Guildford 60085)

SATURDAY 6/SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER "HOSTEL W/E AT TRULEIGH HILL" Organisers Keith
Pennyfather/Sven Neal Hostel bookings to Sven Neal, 50 Farncombe Street,
Farncombe, Godalming (God 4584) by end September

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER "RAMBLE AND EVENING DINNER" Venue ? Details Jeff
Ellingham, 76 Church Road, Milford, Godalming (God 23728)

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER "WEY - ARUN CANAL" Meet town bridge Guildford 9.00 am
Up to 25 miles Return transport to be arranged Leader Alan Blatchford (G 60085)

FUTURE EVENTS

SUNDAY 2 JANUARY "NEW YEARS SURREY INNS KANTER" Lots of new pubs for the
new year New course and new venue - hoped to be Police Sports Centre, Guildford

EASTER 1977 Alan Blatchford is intending to organise an Easter hostel/walking
tour in Mid/N Wales Those interested apply early please