

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION: SURREY GROUP

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The meeting at the Leg of Mutton & Cauliflower, The Street, Ashted, on 18 April 1977 agreed the programme for the summer (see overleaf), conferred respectability upon the Group by agreeing to open a bank account in its name, and elected me Secretary in response to Jeff Ellingham's plea to be released. We then heard an account from Jeff of how, with his support, Ann Sayer, Mike Powell Davies, Dave Jeffery and Alan Barber managed to enjoy walking the Pennine Way in 6 days 13½ hours, John Needham in 7 days 2 hours and Jack Rossiter in 7 days 11 hours. The discussion on backpacking was led, in Sven Neal's absence, by the new Secretary with more enthusiasm than substance.

There was speculation, inevitably fruitless, upon which evening would best suit those who were unable to be there. But it was decided to return to Tuesdays and the next meeting will be at the same place on Tuesday 19 July 1977 at 7.30 for 8pm. The discussion, on what to eat before, during, and after events, will be led by the well-known author of "One Man's Meat", Chris Steer. Put it in your diary now.

The Surrey Summits event on 23-24 April 1977 was a well organised success. There were 61 starters and 46 finishers. The fastest time over the 100 km, which included the steepest paths in Surrey, was 18.07 by Keith Arnold and Alan Blatchford, one minute ahead of Martyn Greaves. Phyl Jackson deserves our congratulations; she stuck to it and completed the course on her own in 33 hours. After a stormy evening the night was clear, with a starry sky, and the sunrise was splendid. A very good course, but at least three of us found it exceedingly hard on the ankles. The Leith Trophy was won by a Kent Group team: Chris Barton, Phil Hastings and Ernest Bishop. The Gibbet Trophy (for a Surrey team) went uncontested.

Keith Chesterton has had to cancel the Group's attempt to conquer the Welsh 1000s (metres) for want of support. About 15 people wanted to go - not enough to hire a coach at an acceptable cost per head.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at Balcombe Station on 29 May at 0950.

Tony Youngs

8 May 1977

SUMMER AND AUTUMN PROGRAMME OF SURREY GROUP (AND OTHER) WALKS

- 21-22 May Invasion by Kent Group, who are meeting at the Frensham Ponds Hotel on 21 May at 1pm to do the SURREY HILLS WALK back to Kent.
- Sunday 29 May Meet at Balcombe Station at 0950 to walk 20+ miles with Keith Chesterton.
- 4-6 June Third DOWNSMAN HUNDRED. Offers of help with checkpoints etc are still being accepted by Jeff Ellingham (76 Church Road, Milford, Godalming, Surrey. Godalming 23728).
- Thursday 23 June MIDSUMMER EVENING WALK. Meet at Alan and Barbara Blatchford's, 11 Thorn Bank, Onslow Village, Guildford, at 7pm.
- Saturday 25 June WEYBAC WALK. Godalming to Byfleet by towpath. Details from Alan Blatchford.
- MALVERN MIDSUMMER MARATHON. Some Surrey Group members will be entering this 35 mile event and there may be some spare seats in cars. Enquire of Keith Chesterton.
- Sunday 3 July TANNERS MARATHON 30 miles. Details from Alan Blatchford.
- 16-17 July TANNERS TWO-DAY WALKS. Details from Graham Peddie, Tanners Hatch Youth Hostel, Polesden Lacey, Dorking, Surrey.
- Tuesday 19 July EVENING MEETING at the Leg of Mutton and Cauliflower, The Street, Ashted, Surrey, 7.30 for 8pm. A discussion led by Chris Steer: ONE MAN'S MEAT.
- Sunday 24 July CHALK TO CHALK WALK. Reigate Hill to Wolstonbury (35 miles). Meet Reigate Hill car park (TQ 263523) at 0900 or join the party when it calls at Redhill Station at 0940. Return from Hassocks. Tony Youngs.
- Sunday 7 August DORKING DAWDLE. A social walk. Details after 1 June from Gerri Burgess (9 Calverley Road, Stoneleigh, Epsom, Surrey. 01-393 1392).
- Chris Barton, who was to have led the 7 August walk, regrets that his emigration to Aberdeen prevents his doing so.
- Sunday 11 September GUILDFORD BOUNDARY WALK (Not 4 September as first announced.) 22 miles. Details from Alan Blatchford.
- 24-25 September The Essex Group are going by coach to the North Yorks Moors for the WHITE ROSE WALK and invite Surrey Group members to join them. Details from Frank Duerden, Hillside, High Beach, Loughton, Essex IG10 4AG
- Sunday 23 October NORTH-SOUTH SURREY WALK. Coach from Guildford at 0700 to the start at Colnbrook. Details from Keith Chesterton after 1 September.
- Saturday 29 October BLACKWATER MARATHON. 25 or 28 miles. The route climbs to 20 feet in places. Details after 1 August from Mike Powell Davies, 13 The Avenue, Witham, Essex.
- Sunday ? November HOT DINNER RAMBLE. Bob Ball is organising this year's hot dinner ramble for a Sunday in November. Details in the next issue of the Surrey Group programme.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO ENCLOSE A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE IF YOU WRITE FOR DETAILS OF EVENTS.