



LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

SURREY GROUP REPORT AND PROGRAMME

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22 members attended the quarterly meeting at the Leg of Mutton and Cauliflower, Ashted on 15th October.

PAST EVENTS AND WALKS

On the Tillingbourne Trott Mervyn Harvey led 12 members (not on holiday) who enjoyed a pleasant walk from Godalming to Westcott and back. Mostly common and farmland there were no hills to speak of. Chris Steer photographed the party where the River Tillingbourne bubbled out of the undergrowth. Most of the walkers will be disappointed to hear that Mervyn tells us however many times he measured the route on the map he always makes it come to just over 25 miles and nowhere near the 40 that some were expecting. Perhaps it was the very hot day and the 2 pub stops that made the walk seem longer.

The Guildford Downy being run for the first time by the Surrey group of the L.D.W.A. attracted a record 505 entries. The dry day and the good conditions underfoot enabled 376 to complete the 21 1/2 mile course before the 7.p.m. deadline.

Two other events associated with our group, the Masters and Maidens and the Chilterns, also attracted record entries. Mark Pickard came in second in the M&M's. Vince Smith and his army of helpers retained their reputation for a well organized event and good weather on the Chiltern Marathon. I understand the proposed route for next year will be this years route in reverse and I can recommend taking advantage of this scenic event if you can beat the entry limit.

GUILDFORD BOUNDARY WAY

Alan and Barbara Blatchford have recently published a book called "The Guildford Boundary Way" which describes the route of the event mentioned above in detail. It also gives link routes which can be used to break the main route into a number of smaller walks from 4½ miles upwards for the less ambitious walker. Supported by photographs, sketch maps and articles on points of interest, the book is good value at 75p from local booksellers or 85p post paid from the authors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dave Challenger reported a bank balance of just in excess of £150. The secretary had not yet claimed any expenses but even when funds were allocated for this purpose, it still left the group in a healthy financial position. With this in mind the meeting made the following decisions:-

1. The practice of making a collection at the quarterly meetings to subsidize the cost of hiring the room would be discontinued
2. Funds would be used to back or even subsidize the more speculative ventures such as walks necessitating the hire of a coach. This would enable organizers to fix a firm price for the trip rather than deviding the cost between those who attended. Any project of this nature would of course have to be agreed at the quarterly meeting before any expenditure were incurred.
3. Further consideration would be given to having a group badge at the next meeting.

A subscription increase was agreed in spite of the financial position. The original proposal was that the subscription should be abolished but it was felt that the cost of distributing the quarterly report should not be subsidized and in any case if no subscription were imposed it would be difficult to identify who were members of the group. The subscription was increased to 40p for 1980 to offset the recent increase in postage.

SLIDE SHOW

After the meeting, Keith Chesterton gave a very interesting slide show of photographs he took while walking in the Himalayas some years ago. During the show Keith mentioned that after the walkers had breakfasted the Sherpas were required to pack up camp, overtake the walkers and prepare a meal in readiness for the midday stop. It was suggested that this should be regarded as an example for checkpointing the Surrey Summits but I don't think there was much enthusiasm for this suggestion.

CHECKPOINTING EVENTS

The Surrey group now run a number of events and we are always looking for volunteers to man the checkpoints. I am compiling a list of potential checkpointers which I will make available to event organizers. They will then contact the persons on the list to establish availability (or otherwise) for their event. If you are willing to help in this way now and again or have a spouse, offspring or parent willing to perform this function please let me know.

John Westcott (Secretary)

WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMME 1979/80 - S.A.E. with all postal enquiries

The number under the date is the Ordnance Survey 1:50000 map required.

- Sunday
11th Nov
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LITTLE DOWNSHAM Exploratory traverse of the first 25 miles of the 1980 100 mile event. Subject to support there will be a coach from Guildford to the start at Winchester and from the finish at Queen Elizabeths park back to Guildford. Details from Alan Blatchford.
- Saturday
1st Dec
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DORKING DINNER The annual hot dinner rasble. Walkers meet at 10.a.m. at Church Street long term (20p for 24 hours) car park Dorking (TQ 16774946) next to Moss Bros which runs behind the King's Arms West Street. Bring Torches. An attempt will be made on last years record for a Surrey Group lunchtime pub stop. Spouses and friends meet walkers in the King Arms at 6.p.m. for dinner at 7.p.m. Walkers can change at the Kings Arms if they wish (and should, of course, change footwear outside). Two places for dinner still available. Telephone Tony Youngs.
- Sunday
23rd Dec
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DAVES DODDLE A 17 to 20 mile walk as a prelude to the festive celebrations. Start at 9.30.a.m. from Newlands Corner (O44493) via Chilworth, Blackroath, Pitch Hill and Peaslake. Leader Dave Challenger. Please telephone Dave if you have difficulty in getting transport to the start.
- Tuesday
1st Jan
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SURREY INNS RANTER Two routes of approx 12 and 20 miles where entrants plot their own course from grid refs. Starts up to 11.a.m. from St Cathorines Hall. Nr. Guildford. (992404). Details from Keith Chesterton.
- Sunday
6th Jan
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WINTER TANNERS Meet at Leatherhead football club (162561) to walk the 30 mile route of the 1980 Tanners Marathon with a route description this time. Details from Alan Blatchford
- Tuesday
22nd Jan
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QUARTERLY MEETING at the Log of Mutton and Cauliflower Ashted. 7.30 for 8.p.m. After the meeting, Barbara Blatchford will give a slide show on past events and Chris Steer a short lecture on foot care, time permitting.
- Sunday
3rd Feb
PUNCHBOWL MARATHON Details and Entry form enclosed. Please note Jeff's new address
Pointe d'ice - Tony Youngs.
- Friday
7th March
NIGHT WALK in the Surrey area as practice for the Surrey Summit and Downsham. Venue to be arranged and there will be further details in the next programme. Leader ~~Alan Blatchford~~
- Sat/Sun
26/27 Apr
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SURREY SUMMITS The groups netric classic. 100 EM's over the popular hills in mid and Western Surrey. Details from Alan Blatchford after mid November.
- Tuesday
29th Apr
4th Jan
QUARTERLY MEETING AND A. G. K. at the Log of Mutton and Cauliflower Ashted. 7.30.p.m. for 8.
2nd Little Downsham - Martin Dyer. - Signing
- Saturday
24th May
(Start)
DOWNSHAM ONEHUNDRED The running of the fourth Downsham will be the Association's ultimate walk for 1980. From Winchester to Eastbourne the route mainly coincides with the South Downs Way with the extension to Winchester most of which will be covered by the Little Downsham described above. Please do not forget that we need offers of help to man the checkpoints.