



LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

SURREY GROUP REPORT AND PROGRAMME

APRIL 1979

The AGM was held at Ashted on 17th April, 1979

RETROSPECT

The Punchbowl Marathon was well supported by a record 153 starters. It will be held in February next year probably with 3 start times: 8, 9 & 10 a.m. On the Coking Constitutional 26 walkers (including members from Wessex, U.S.A. and New Zealand) visited Kingley Vale Nature reserve, 3 churches and a pub at Stoughton.

NEW (AND RE)CYCLED) OFFICERS

Tony Youngs was "elected" chairman of the Surrey group, John Westcott secretary and Dave Challenger treasurer.

SURREY SUMMITS

Members discussed whether in view of the low 1979 entry the Surrey Summits should continue to be an annual event or whether it should be every 2 or 3 years with the more informal Surrey Hills and/or North to South Surrey walks being held in the intervening years. It was generally agreed that the Surrey Summits is a classic event and should be run annually. One of the reasons for the low entry was thought to be its being held a week after Easter when many people especially the military contingent would be away. If you have any thoughts on the Surrey Summits would you please drop a line to Jeff Ellingham, 76, Church Road, Milford, Godalming, GU27 2B

LONDON COUNTRYWAY

Essex and herts group have suggested a walk of the London Countryway on consecutive weekends with overnight stops at hostels. Each local group through which the route runs supporting the walkers for one weekend. The meeting thought not many would be able to find the spare consecutive weekends but there was some support for an organised week's walk round the route. Please let me know if you are interested, and what arrangements you would prefer.

ACCOUNTS

The group accounts for 1978 were presented to the meeting by Ralph Henley and approved. A copy is attached.

BADGE

A Surrey group badge would cost around a £1 if there were sufficient support. Would you please let me know if you would buy one (or more) if some were made. By the end of June please.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you have not yet paid your 1979 subscription please remit your 30p to the new treasurer. Address overleaf.

John R Westcott

SURREY DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION



PROGRAMME (SAE'S please with all enquiries)

- Saturday 12th May SIX SHROPSHIRE SUMMITS Coach leaves Guildford at 10 p.m. Friday night. Walk Saturday and return Saturday evening. Still a few places left. Contact Keith Chesterton Guildford 67392.
- Sat/Sun 26-27 May DARTMOOR HUNDRED See Strider 23 Page 54.
- Saturday 16th June THE LAKES & THREE THOUSAND PEAKS TRIAL (see Strider 22 pages 25 & 26). If you are interested in a coach or minibus there and back Ralph Bonley may be able to help if you are quick. Phone Ashford (Midx) 52104.
- Thursday 20th June MIDSUMMER EVENING (NEARLY) WALK from 11 Thorn Bank, Guildford at 7 p.m. Details from Alan Blatchford at that address.
- Sunday 1st July TAMMERS MARATHON 30 and 10 miles this year. Details from Alan Blatchford.
- Sunday 8th July THREE COUNTIES WALKS 33, 22 or 14 miles. From Lurgarshall Castle (SU 263512) by Scots Poor and the Inkpen Ridgeway, Walbury Hill, Pilot Hill and Watership Down to Basingstoke. Coach from Guildford to starts and pickup points back in the evening. Please book with Alan Blatchford by end of May.
- Tuesday 17th July QUARTERLY MEETING at Log of Hutton and Cauliflower, The Street, Ashted, Surrey. 7.30 p.m. for 8
- Sunday 12th Aug TILLINGBOURNE TROT 25 mile walk from Godalming to the source of the Tillingbourne and back. Comfortable walk with westerly view of the Surrey Summits. Leave municipal car park (behind Town Hall) 9.30 a.m. Main line station 1/2 mile. Details from Horvyn Harvey, 9, Guildown Road, Guildford. Telephone 34184.
- Sunday 16th Sept CHILTERN MARATHON Details from Vince Smith, Glencairn Green Road, Thorpe, Egham, Surrey.
- Sunday 23rd Sept GUILDFORD BOUNDARY WALK is being organized this year by the Surrey LWA group. Details and offers of help to Alan Blatchford.
- Sunday 21st Oct HAMBLEDON (HANTS) TO HAMBLEDON (SURREY) An informal walk with Keith Chesterton. Details in next programme.

OFFICERS

Chairman:
Tony Youngs
17, Linkfield Lane,
Redhill

Secretary:
John Westcott
31, Brecken Way,
Chobham,
Woking.

Treasurer:
Dave Challenger,
3, Ewell Park Way,
Ewell,
Epsom.

Redhill 63611

Chobham 6672

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On behalf of all Surrey group members I would like to thank the retiring officers Keith, Tony and Ralph for their services to the Group over the past few years.

John H Westcott

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Long Distance Walkers Assn. (Surrey Group) as at 31st December 1978

Balance 1977 b/fwd	37.70	Hire of Hall 4 times	9.04
Winter Tanners	8.93		
Surrey Inns Kanter	19.60	Secretary's expenses	37.45
Haslemere Kanter	5.00		
Punchbowl 21-6-78	13.35	Printing of Winter Tanners con.	21.06
Surrey Summit	46.07	Donation to LDWA Nat funds Ref Downman 100	8.00
Donation Masters and maidens Marathon	10.00		
Donation via E. Chesterton Ref Downman	14.17		
Members Subs (58 people)	17.05		
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	£175.11		£75.53
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Balance of income
over expenditure

£99.50

TOTAL

£175.11

Money at Bank

£77.67

Cash in Hand

£21.91

£99.50

R. Hanley.



LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

aims: to further the interests of those who enjoy long distance walking

SURREY GROUP PROGRAMME

January 1979

RETROSPECT

There were some surprisingly good views on the Alford Appetiser. Only 8 walked; 16 dined. Our thanks to Sven Neal for organising the day. John Westcott led a dozen members from the Brewery Road car park on the Woking Wallow to the Anchor Normandy for Gales Ales. The snow put a lot of people off driving to the Surrey Inns Kanter, but the 25 who walked it enjoyed a brilliant day. The snow slowed even Mark Pickard down to 4mph. The Winter Tanners met a thaw; 67 entered, 49 started, ∞ finished. The attendance at the Quarterly Meeting was well up to standard despite the weather and the talk on "The Ground Beneath Your Feet".

HELP

Helpers are urgently needed for the Surrey Summits. If you volunteer to marshal or cook and would like to walk the course please let Jeff Ellinham know; a marshals' Surrey Summits will probably be held on Good Friday and Saturday 14 April. Helpers are also wanted for a Surrey Group checkpoint on the Dartmoor 100. Please see the programme entries for how to volunteer.

BOOK EARLY

As you will see from the programme there are three coach trips planned. Please make up your mind (whether) to go on them in good time.

INSURANCE

Ernie Bishop has arranged block public liability insurance cover up to £250,000 for LDWA, and LDWA Group, events. Groups will be charged the remarkably small sum of £2 an event. Events covered are only those which have an entry fee and in which participants sign an entry form agreeing to comply with the rules of the event and the country code. Organisers of events should so word their entry forms and send Ernie Bishop a cheque for £2 (made payable to the LDWA) - or let him know that they do not wish to be covered by the block policy.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The new Group meeting (on 17 April) is the AGM and will appoint a new team; the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary all think that it is time for a change.

Tony Youngs

26 January 1979

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

PROGRAMME

- Sunday
4 February PUNCHBOWL MARATHON 30 miles starting (8am (walkers) and 10am (runners)) and finishing at Witley Village Hall (SU948394). Enter on day. Bring some food and drink, OS map 186 and compass.

- Sunday
25 March COCKING CONSTITUTIONAL 20 miles or so circular. Over the South Downs by Bow Hill and through the ancient yew grove of Kingley Vale. Meet 9.30am 400 yards south of South Downs Way on Midhurst-Chichester road A286 (SU874163). Details from Tony Youngs.

- Saturday
31 March LDWA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & DINNER at Grassington: See Strider 22, page 4.

- Tuesday
17 April QUARTERLY MEETING 7.30 for 8pm at the Leg of Mutton & Cauliflower, The Street, Ashted, Surrey. Programme discussion and Annual General Meeting.

- Saturday
& Sunday
21&22 April SURREY SUMMITS 100 kms of the steepest paths in Surrey. The annual metric masterwalk. Details from Ralph Henley (address below). Marshals are urgently needed, as also are cooks to person the kitchen at Henley Fort from early Sunday morning until the afternoon. Offers of help will be received with shouts of joy by Jeff Ellingham, 76 Church Road, Milford, Godalming, Surrey (Godalming 23728).

- ~~Saturday~~
~~12 May~~ SIX SHROPSHIRE SUMMITS Coach trip, with Essex & Herts, Kent and Thames Valley Groups, to walk 35 miles over Titterstone Clee, Brown Clee, Caer Caradoc, the Long Mynd, Stiperstones and Corndon. Usual Surrey Group weather guaranteed this year. Details from Keith Chesterton, Firle, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey. Please book before Easter.

- Saturday
& Sunday
26-27 May DARTMOOR HUNDRED If you can help with a Surrey Group check point please let the Chief Marshal, Ernie Bishop (4 Mayfield Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent) know as soon as you can.

- Saturday
16 June THE LAKES FOUR THREE THOUSAND PEAKS MARATHON (see Strider 22 Pages 25&26) Entry forms available from Clifford Ford, 21 Halsenna Road, Seascale, Sumbria CA20 1JJ. If you are interested in a coach there and back please let Ralph Henley know as soon as you can - and not later than the end of April.

- Thursday
28 June MIDSUMMER EVENING (NEARLY) WALK from 11 Thorn Bank, Onslow Village, Guildford at 7pm. Details from Alan Blatchford.

- Sunday
8 July THREE COUNTIES WALK 34 miles from Ludgershall Castle (SU263512) by Scots Poor and the Inkpen Ridgeway over Walbury Hill, Pilot Hill and Watership Down to Basingstoke. This will require a coach to be hired. Details from Alan Blatchford in April. Booking by end May.

S A Es PLEASE

- Chairman: Keith Chesterton, Firle, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, Guildford 63392
- Secretary: Tony Youngs, 17 Linkfield Lane, Redhill, Surrey. Redhill 63611
- Treasurer: Ralph Henley, 42 Metcalf Road, Ashford, Middx.

Long Distance Walkers Association

THREE COUNTIES WALK Sunday July 8th 1979

This is an informal walk suitable for both long-distance walkers and those who enjoy walks up to about 15 miles. With the assistance of a coach walkers can choose to cover the approximate distances of 14, 22 or 33 miles. The walk is so named because it passes through parts of Wiltshire, Berkshire, and Hampshire.

Basically the walk will be from west to east with the main starting point being at Ludgershall, Wilts, and the finish just west of Basingstoke. See sketch map below for further details. A coach will leave Guildford, Surrey at 07.15, and pick up other walkers at Basingstoke railway station at 08.15 approx. Those tackling the longer walks will leave the coach at Ludgershall whilst the coach will take people doing the shortest distance to near Botley Down where they will start. There will be pick up points at Seven Harrows and near Basingstoke (18.00 approx.)

The walk passes along the highest chalk ridge in Britain and reaches its greatest elevation at Walbury Camp (975 feet). There are several other points over 900 feet and much of the way is over 800 feet. Other notable hills are Inkpen Beacon and Pilot Hill, and Watership Down has recent literary associations. The only village to be passed through is Mannington (towards the end).

Walkers should bring sufficient food for midday and evening because there are few opportunities to obtain refreshment en route. The walk will be limited to 52 walkers (the number of coach seats) unless others can make their own arrangements to get to the start or unless there are enough walkers for more than one coach!

Ordnance Survey sheet 174(1:500000) covers most of the route but sheets 184 and 185 cover the first and last few miles. It is hoped that a route description will be issued.

The coach will start from Guildford railway station (07.15 sharp). If joining here allow time to park your car. A fare will be charged for all coach passengers. Intending travellers should send a deposit to Alan Blatchford to book a seat (£1 from Basingstoke and £2 from Guildford). Any balance will be collected on the day. Any queries: ring Guildford 60085. Make payable to "LDWA Surrey". The accompanying form should be completed and sent with coach fare if coming. There is no walk fee.

This walk was first completed in March 1974 by members of the Surrey, and what is now the Messex Group.

