



LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

SURREY GROUP REPORT AND PROGRAMME

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10 members attended the quarterly meeting at the Log of Mutton and Cauliflower on 17th July, 1979. I trust the low turnout is not a demonstration of disapproval of the new officers.

ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

Only one person had written regarding the proposed traverse of the London Countryway and that was approving the idea for an organized weeks walk round the route. There was interest among members attending the meeting mainly for walking the route at weekends approx one month apart. It was felt best to determine what support there was from other groups involved for further discussion at the next meeting. Two people had written and one indicated verbally to say they would purchase a group badge if one were available. It was felt the group could not afford to speculate the necessary funds with such little guaranteed support so the idea would be dropped for the time being.

PAST EVENTS AND WALKS

The Surrey Summits went well although the entry was disappointingly low. The delay in sending the results to participants is regretted but they should be available soon. Don't forget there is a badge available (or will shortly be available) to persons who have completed any of the Surrey Summits events. If you qualify you can obtain a badge by sending 75p plus S.A.E. to Dave Challenger. Cheques to be made payable to LDWA - Surrey Group.

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS

Twenty-two members (including some from boarding groups) enjoyed a leisurely day on the Six Shropshire Summits although Keith's timetable made the coach journey rather hectic. Starting the climb into the mists on Corndon at 5 a.m. walkers were treated to the sounds of the cuckoo and curlew at daybreak. When the mist cleared the sun was very hot and this added to the challenge as walkers wilted on the steep ascent of Titterstone Clee. Negotiating the horse trial type fences 18 finished the whole of the 35 mile course while the remainder reluctantly accepted a lift from the wrong side of Titterstone Clee to ensure the coach timetable was maintained.

Thirty-seven enjoyed the Three Counties Walk which took them along trackways over the highest chalk ridge in England. 26 did the 26 mile walk while 9 chose the more leisurely 18 mile course. Transport was provided by coach to the start and from the finish points. The meeting thought the idea of using coaches in this way should be exploited more often.

NEXT MEETING

The next quarterly meeting will be held at The Leg of Mutton and Cauliflower, Ashford on Tuesday 16th October, 1979. If you are unable to attend but would like (or be willing) to lead a social walk to be included in the Surrey programme would you please let me know the details and I will put it to the meeting. It would be preferable if you could give 2 or more dates. After the meeting there will be a short talk illustrated with slides "Walking in The Himalayas" by Sharpa Chesterton.

AUTUMN/WINTER PROGRAMME 1979/1980

B. A. E. with all postal enquiries please

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| Sunday
12th Aug | TILLINGBOURNE TROTT 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Details Nervyn Harvey. |
| Sunday
16th Sept | CHILTERN MARATHON This well established 25 mile marathon now in it's 10th successful year is again being run from Marlow Rugby Football Club. Details from Vince Smith. Vince says he still has one or two vacancies for helpers so if you wish to assist please contact Vince. |
| Sunday
23rd Sept | GUILDFORD BOUNDARY 22 miles round the county town of Surrey. Details from Alan Blatchford. Do not forget that although this is an established event, it is being run by the Surrey group of the L.D.W.A. for the first time this year so Alan would like offers of help to run the checkpoints. |
| Sat/Sun
6/7 Oct | LOREMYND HIKE Chris Costes has volunteered to try to co-ordinate transport for participants in this event from the Surrey area. If you have or will be entering and you are travelling by car or require a lift Chris might be able to help so give him a ring. |
| Sunday
14th Oct | MASTERS AND MAIDENS MARATHON Mainly for runners but fast walkers can meet the 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ hour time limit for the true marathon distance. Over 200 entries had been received before 24th July. Details from Alan Blatchford. |

- Tuesday
16th Oct QUARTERLY MEETING To be held at the Log of Mutton and Cauliflower, Ashted, 7.30.p.m. for 8.
- Sunday
21st Oct HANSLDON (SURREY) TO HANSLDON (HANTS) A social walk of about 30 miles linking these two villages with the same name. The route goes via Blackdown and Butser. Meet Witley Station 9.15.a.m. (Train from Waterloo 8.20 and from Guildford 8.59). Finish by bus (1 every hour) to Waterlooville and Havant for train back to Witley. Details from Keith Chesterton.
- Sunday
11th Nov LITTLE DOWNHAM A chance to walk the first 25 miles of the 1980 one hundred. It is hoped to get a coach from Guildford to the start at Winchester and from the finish near Petersfield back to Guildford if there is sufficient support. Details from Alan Blatchford and please let him know by 10th October if you wish to go on the walk so that he can determine whether a coach is required before the next quarterly meeting.
- Saturday
1st Dec HOT DINNEN RAMBLE To be held on a Saturday this year. The pubs opening time being earlier will mean less after dark walking time. A walk in the mid Surrey area followed by a meal in the evening at which friends and relations can join the walkers. Tony Youngs has tried the restaurant he had in mind and is now looking for a more suitable venue. Further details will appear in the next programme but would you please let Tony know if you are interested in attending the meal by 10th October.
- Sunday
23rd Dec DAVE'S DOBBLE A 17 to 20 mile walk as a prelude to the festive celebrations. Start at 9.30.a.m. from Newlands Corner (04493). Further details in next programme. Leader: Dave Challenger.
- Tuesday
1st Jan SURREY INNS RANTER The now traditional light hearted start to the New year where entrants plot their own route from grid references given. Two courses of approx 12 and 30 miles. There will be no manned checkpoints but as they are mainly public houses you should get any sustenance you need. Starts up to 11.a.m. from St. Catherine's Hall, Nr. Guildford. (992484) Details from Keith Chesterton.
- Sunday
6th Jan WINTER TANNERS Meet at Leatherhead Football Club (162561) to walk the 30 mile route of the 1980 Tanners Marathon. Details from Alan Blatchford.
- Sunday
3rd Feb PUNCHBOWL MARATHON It has been decided to hold the event in February again this year following the popularity of the 1979 event being held at this time of the year. 30 mile walk in western Surrey with an opportunity of seeing in daylight terrain negotiated on the Surrey Summits during the hours of darkness. Details in next programme.

In addition to the Surrey programme do not forget the autumn treble being organized by our neighbouring groups:-

30th September	Andredswald	(Kent)
20th October	New Forest	(Wessex)
3rd November	Blackwater	(Essex & Herts)

Organizers from whom details can be obtained for these 3 events will be shown in Strider 24 due to be sent out during August.

FOURTH DOWNSMAN ONE HUNDRED

You will note from the programme that the 4th Downman will be the L.D.W.A. 100 mile event for 1980. Shortly the Downman committee will be holding their first meeting to set in motion the organization which will hopefully culminate next May in the promoting of the event to the standard now expected. To achieve this standard we need a great deal of "on the day" assistance. If you can help run a checkpoint or loan equipment such as tents, stoves, chairs etc. would you please contact Alan Blatchford or myself indicating what assistance you are prepared to give.

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(secretary - Surrey Group)