



LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

aim to further the interests of those who enjoy long distance walking

SURREY GROUP REPORT AND PROGRAMME

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31 members attended the meeting at the Leg of Mutton and Cauliflower at Ashted on 29th April 1980.

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year ended 31st December 1979 and reported a balance of £144.54 as at that date. Dave also pointed out that the 3 events held so far this year had made a profit of approx £20 each. An abridged version of the accounts is given later in this report.

Tony Youngs, John Westcott and Dave Challenger were re-elected Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The Surrey Summits book committee set up at the last meeting had met once. The committee thought it impractical for this kind of project to be undertaken by such a large number of people so there were no plans for the committee to meet again. Alan and Barbara Blatchford would probably go ahead and produce a book on the Surrey Summits. It was left for Alan and Barbara to report back to the quarterly meeting if they wished the group to give any financial assistance.

Also left over from the last meeting, Chris Steer reported that a portable gas urn with a capacity of 5 gallons could be purchased for £47. The meeting agreed that Chris should go ahead and purchase the urn and also 2 gas cylinders. Vince Smith (not from his problems of marshalling on the Surrey Summits) requested that the possibility of purchasing a second smaller urn be investigated.



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23 members attended the meeting at the Log of Hutton and Cauliflower on 22nd January. Very little was decided apart from the programme. It was thought a good idea for the group to produce a book featuring our biggest event the Surrey Summits and a committee of 7 was set up to look further into the matter. £75 was provisionally allocated towards this project to be confirmed at the next meeting providing the members present approve the recommendations of the committee. It was also thought a good idea to purchase a hot water urn for events. Chris Steer would investigate cost etc and report to the next meeting. The group badge was again shelved on the grounds that it would be better to be the first group to produce a book than to be the second group to have its own badge. After the meeting Tom and Anne Anderson gave a very interesting slide show of some of their adventures north of the border.

THE WINTER SCENE

After the heavy event programme during the autumn, it was nice to settle down to a series of gentle social walks. Keith Chesterton was charged with the responsibility of performing the delicate transition from one to the other with the Hambledon to Hambledon and it was probably just as well that Essex group staged the Blackwater marathon to give us a chance to get back down to event condition. More successful attempts at leisurely walks were achieved with the Little Downman, the Dorking Diner and Dave's Doodle. It was just before the new year when I had a visit from the chairman of scriap (see report on pages 5 & 6 of Strider 25) who was rather perturbed at reports of Surrey Group members enjoying their walks but I was able to assure him that this state of affairs would not last. Once again it fell to Keith Chesterton to start the conditioning process back to the events with the Surrey Inns Kenter. The Winter Tanners following shortly afterwards has now set the mood for the events to come. Three sharp 30 milers with our own Punchbowl, The Sevenoaks

Circular (Kent Group) and The Wessex XXX (Wessex Group) building up nicely to the Surrey Summits and then the ultimate in The Downman One Hundred.

PAST EVENTS AND WALKS

HAMBLEDON TO HAMBLEDON October 21st Keith Chesterton

Eight hardy souls presented themselves at Witley Station to walk the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to Hambledon (Surrey) cricket ground and from thence the destination was Hambledon (Hants) 32 miles away. In the morning session the obscure trig point on Blackdown was located without much difficulty. Pausing momentarily at a pub in Fernhurst, the hardy band set forth to hunt the second hidden trig point and again achieved their objective quite easily. Four walkers fell by the wayside en route but the remaining four steadfastly stuck to their task and in the gloom walked into the village that boasts to be the home of cricket.

LITTLE DOWNMAN November 11th Alan Blatchford

The coach from Guildford deposited its contents at the viers Winchester where other members were waiting to walk the 25 miles to Queen Elizabeth Park (at the foot of Butser). Members of the Wessex group joined the happy band on the way. With over 100 on the walk little groups were formed going at varying speeds and I think most took advantage of the hospitality of the Boot public house at Exton. Early arrivals managed to avoid the rain but the majority (including the hastily convened mountain rescue team) unfortunately had to endure Butser in one of its ugly moods before gaining the sanctuary of the coach back to Guildford.

DORKING DINER December 1st Tony Youngs

There was 9 walkers on the annual hot dinner scramble and the ranks were swelled to 24 by the time we sat down to the meal at the Kings Arms Dorking. The route went on the relatively little walked eastern side of the A24. This gave us the opportunity to sample the delights of the Plough at Leigh. The atmosphere of this convivial hostelry encouraged walkers to linger sufficiently for Tony to claim a record for a Surrey group lunchtime pub stop but it is unlikely that the adjudicating committee will ratify the claim because 2 members were actually outside the pub when the previous record time was passed. The route went over Box Hill to the stepping stones where it was nice to see a new tea bar had been set up (Proprietor Ann Youngs). As dusk fell the walkers pushed on along the North Downs Way and then descend into Dorking just after opening time.

DAVES DODGLE December 23rd Dave Challenger

It was nice to see Gerri Burgess (back on leave from far flung parts of the empire) as well as a number of new members among the 18 who assembled in Newlands Corner car park. The morning stroll gave an opportunity for us to inspect the gunpowder mills at Chilworth before setting off over Blackheath. After the strenuous ascent and descent of Pitch Hill the thirsts were adequately quenched with a pint or two of King and Barnes at the Hurtwood Inn Ponslake. In the afternoon we meandered mainly through farmland to cross the A25 to climb Buckhurst Downs and then back to Newlands Corner via the North Downs Way.

SURREY INNS KANTER January 1st

Keith Chesterton and sons

New year celebrations did not deter 146 people from participating in the traditional start to the new year. They were rewarded with a crisp sunny day and nice routes around some well chosen public houses. (Praise indeed from the group's beer consultant). It was ironical that one of the clues on the long course had been passed on Davea Doodle and had then been firmly in place, but during the intervening period somebody had seen fit to satisfy his apparent opinion that the sign looked better in the stream nearby. 90 finished the 12 mile course and 51 the 10 mile course. No detailed survey was made but rumour has it the number of miles to the pint was very low.

WINTER TANNERS January 6th

Alan Blatchford

Well in excess of 100 took part in this years winter tanners but because some did not advise Alan of their finishing time, only 70 are recorded as having finished. Enjoying a springlike day there was disappointingly little mud and as far as the organizer was concerned. Faster walkers missed the checkpoint and some were forced to take refuge in the Plough at Coldharbour. This brought about the unusual sight of Ann Sayer and Keith Chesterton inside a public house in the middle of an event. The winter tanners is a trial run for the popular summer event (see programme) and Alan says the route will be used without modification for the main event.

MAHAC FUN RUN LEAGUE

The Mahac fun run league organises runs over distances of 3-10 miles (normally 4-5 miles) with a shorter distance for juniors and joggers. The L.D.W.A. again took part in 1979 and due to more members turning out and a merger with the 3 members of the Y.H.A. team we achieved a higher placing in the league finishing 5th out of the 11 teams making up the league (some 600 points ahead of the next team). Our best placed runner was Mark Pickard who finished 5th overall although only running in 8 out of the 11 events held. He finished the year very strongly being first home in the last 2 runs.

Anyone interested, whatever their standard, in joining in the fun runs either as a runner or jogger should contact Dave Challenger. The next run is on Wisley common on Sunday February 17th at 11.a.m.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Finally I would like to remind those few who haven't paid that the 1980 subscription for the Surrey group is now overdue. If you wish to remain on my mailing list please ensure you pay your 40p to Dave Challenger.

John Westcott (secretary)

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Sunday TRUNDLE TREE A social walk around the Goodwood area to be devised by Tony Youngs. Please ring Tony for details of venue and start time.
9th March 197

Sat/Sun SURREY SUMMITS The group's metric classic. 100 KM over the popular hills in mid and western Surrey. The entry fee is £2 for L.D.W.A. members. This is a good chance for intending Downman entrants to practise night walking on an event. Details from Alan Blatchford or John Westcott
26/27 Apr
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Tuesday 29th Apr QUARTERLY MEETING AND A.G.M. At the Log of Kutton and cauliflower Ashted. 7.30 p.m. for 8. Includes the presentation of accounts for year to 31st December 1979 and the election of officers. After the meeting it is hoped that Ann Sayer will be showing some slides of her successful attempt on the Three British Peaks record.

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Sunday 4th May LITTLE DOWNMAN II A chance to see 30 miles of the Downman route normally negotiated in the dark on the event, from Harting (CP3) to Steyning (CP7). A coach will run from Guildford to the start and from the finish back to Guildford. Fare £2. Provision will be made for members to be dropped part way along the route for those not wishing to walk the full 30 miles. Details from Alan Blatchford.

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Saturday 24th May (Start) 198/197 198/199 Fourth DOWNMAN ONE HUNDRED Over 150 entries have been received to date so if you wish to enter ensure your entry is sent soon to beat the 300 limit. If you are not participating in the event, offers of help to man the checkpoints will be welcome. Offers of help and entries to Alan Blatchford.

Sunday 15th June PURBECK FLOD A coach trip to Swanage for anybody wishing to take part in this scenic Dorset event. 23 miles firstly along the coast and then inland along the line of the Purbeck hills via Corfe Castle. The coach will leave Guildford at 6 a.m. Any member wishing to walk a shorter distance can be dropped at Kimmeridge Bay to walk the 9 mile coastal part of the event back to Swanage. Details from Barbara Blatchford who will be taking deposits for the coach and entry fees for the event at the next meeting on 29th April.

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24⁵ Sue Halkeman + walk

Sunday 29th June 186/187 WEYRAC WALK An easy 17 mile walk from Godalming along the towpath of the Wey navigation to finish in the sportsground of B.A.C. Details from Alan Blatchford.

Sunday 6th July 187 TANNERS MARATHONS 30 and 50 mile courses in mid Surrey with starts at 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. respectively. Start and finish at Leatherhead football ground. GR 163561. Also the popular 10 mile mini-marathon for those with less ambitious objectives. Details from Alan Blatchford.

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Sunday 14th Sept 14th August ELEVENTH CHILTERN MARATHON A 25 mile challenge walk in the Chiltern hills going both North and South of the river Thames. The start and finish point is again at the pavillion on Marlow Rugby Union Football Ground. GR 863883. No entries are taken on the day and the closing date for entries is 1st September, but there is a limit of 450 entries. Details from Vince Smith. Vince would also appreciate offers of help to man the checkpoints etc.

21st Guildford Country Please note the Night Walk scheduled for 7th March in the last programme has been cancelled. Our chairmen manfully stepped into the breach by volunteering to devise the Trundle Trek during that weekend.

In addition to the above programmes do not forget the spring double being organized by our neighbouring groups:-

March 16th - SEVENOAKS CIRCULAR - Details from Peter Richards, 26, Childsbridge Lane, Kissing, Sevenoaks, Kent.

April 13th - WESSEX XXX - Details from Sue Colson, Flat, Beeches Hill House, Bishops Walkway, Bants.

The case of Blatchford & Blatchford vs. Ellingham finally came to court in spite of the chairman's efforts. Alan Blatchford proposed "The route of the Punchbowl Marathon, while still starting and finishing at Witley, should be made as different from the route of the Surrey Summits as possible? The main point backing the motion was that it was not desirable to have 2 events so near to one another covering 20 miles of the same route. Jeff in opposing the motion pointed out that one was walked in the light while the other was in the main walked in the dark. A number of entrants for the Surrey Summits took the opportunity of walking the Punchbowl to familiarize themselves with the route. Jeff also thought that as the event was held in early February, most people were looking for a training session and did not want route finding problems that a new route would attract. The vote was 5 for and 5 against. The chairman voted to leave things as they were but thought the low vote indicated members would like a little more notice of the motion and if it was thought necessary the subject would be discussed at the next meeting.

After the meeting Frank Thomas and Tom Anderson gave a slide show featuring "The Bob Ofsham Round". I'm sure we were all left with a great desire to form a support team and head for the Lake District. Many thanks Frank and Tom for an interesting show. I'm sorry lack of time did not allow you to do justice to the material you had gathered.

ACCOUNTS TO 31st December 1979

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance B/F	99.58	Hire of hall	9.72
Subscriptions	14.24	Secretary's expenses	47.35
Events	155.47	Treasurer's expenses	3.87
Sale of Surrey Summits badges	50.05	Cost of Surrey Summits badges	113.89
		Balance	144.54
	<u>£319.34</u>		<u>£319.34</u>

PAST EVENTS ETC

On the Punchbowl marathon, the promised rain soon materialized and many walkers were soaked through only a couple of miles out. At the Hankley checkpoint soup cartons were only being filled to $\frac{3}{4}$ capacity to allow the rain to fill them. It cleared up a bit in the afternoon which was just as well because I'm sure the temporary cover at the Bramley checkpoint would not have stood up to any more testing conditions. 293 started of which 228 finished. David Monday finished first in 4 hours 31 mins and Mark Pickard was the first Surrey man home in 4 hours 53 mins.

Tony Youngs managed to arrange a better day for his Trundle Trek. 24 assembled on the top of Bignor Hill including representatives from Wessex, Sussex and Thames Valley groups. We were all given a sketch map of the route which included drawings by Tony and verses by Hilaire Belloc. The route went westward on the South Downs Way for a few miles then headed south to Singleton where the hospitality of the Horse and Groce was tested and found to be good. In the afternoon we had a walk round the Trundle then on to inspect the architecture of Boxgrove priory and Halnecker mill. Thence on "the Stone Street stroll" back to Bignor hill

The Surrey group were well represented at Monmouth over the national AGM weekend of the 19/20th April, making up a fair proportion of the 47 who attended the meeting and the 60 who sat down to dinner in the evening. Ernie Bishop took over as membership secretary and most of the retiring committee were re-elected. Most of the Surrey group members opted for the longer 15 mile walk of the 2 walks organized for the Sunday morning. Tony Rowley led us south on the Office Dyke path with lovely views of the Wye valley and we had our lunch in the tranquil atmosphere of a meadow beside the river. Our route back took us on the eastern side of the Wye valley and we arrived in Monmouth at 3.30 in nice time to make our long journeys home.

The Surrey big one, The Surrey Summits, went well with a final entry of 172 of which 150 started. The day was overcast and as darkness fell intermittent rain did cause some problems but it could have been a lot worse. Although the route was a mile longer than in previous years, the times continued to improve and more than 1/2 of the 111 finishers completed the course in less than 20 hours. First home were Alan Ireland and Madyn Groves in 15 hours 18 minutes. First Surrey men home was Marvyn Harvey 15 hours 35 minutes. Last to finish were David Rose and David Gould 27 hours 11 min

THE NABAC TEN RUN LEAGUE

This is proving very popular with around the 200 mark taking part in the first 3 events of the year. This dropped to 160 for the fourth event but this was held in the evening instead of the usual Sunday morning. After these 4 events the LDWA are lying 3rd with 1408 points behind BAs (1969 points) and CDGB (1875 points). If you would like to take part in these 3-10 mile runs (usually 4-5 miles) please contact Dave Challenger. The next run is on 8th June but at the time of going to press the venue had not been decided.

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Saturday FOURTH DOWNMAN ONE HUNDRED The entry list has now quite
24th May definitely closed with a total entry of 328, by far a
(start) record for any LDWA 100. Help is still required both in
185/197 marshalling and making scrunch. Offers to marshal should
198/199 be made to Ernie Bishop and scrunch makers should contact
Ralph Henley

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15 June to take part in this scenic Dorset event. 23 miles going
firstly along the coast and then inland along the line of
the Purbeck hills via Corfe Castle. The coach will leave
Guildford at 6 a.m. Any member wishing to walk a shorter
distance can be dropped at Kimmeridge bay to walk the 9
mile coastal part of the event back to Swanage. Barbara
Blatchford will take bookings for the coach, but anyone
wishing to take part in the event must now enter direct
195 with the organizer.

Tuesday MIDSUMMER WALK A short evening stroll starting and finishing
24 June at 11, Thornbank, Guildford. Details from Alan Blatchford.

Sunday WEYBAC WALK An easy 17 mile walk from Godalming along the
29 June towpath of the Wey navigation to finish in the British
186/187 Aerospace sports ground on Gale day. Details from Alan
Blatchford.

- Sunday 6 July 187 TANNERS MARATHONS 30 and 50 mile courses in mid Surrey with starts at 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. respectively. Start and finish at Leatherhead football ground. GR 165561. Also the popular 10 mile mini marathon. Details from Alan Blatchford.
- Sunday 20 July 187 MASTERS AND MAIDENS TEN An opportunity for joggers and runners to attempt to complete a measured 10 mile course without having to enter a formal athletic race. The changing rooms are at Leatherhead Leisure Centre. GR 164559. The start is at 12 noon from Kelvin Avenue Leatherhead. GR. 159573 Closing date 10th July. Details from Dave Challenger.
- Tuesday 22 July QUARTERLY MEETING at the log of Mutton and Cauliflower, The Street, Ashted. 7.30 p.m. for 8
- Saturday 26 July 186/187 ELMHURST 100 RUN Graham Poddie has organized a running race starting at The Parrot, Forest Green (GR 124413) over the course of the 1979 penturion qualifying walk race, and would like volunteers from the Surrey group members to help man the feeding stations. Start is at 6 a.m. and the time limit to finish is 12 midnight. Anyone wishing to take part also contact Graham. Mark Pickard has already entered.
- Sunday 24th Aug 186/187 HOVERING AROUND DOWNSPOLE Meet at car park south of Cranleigh High Street. GR 056391. Leave 9.30 a.m. sharp. Around 20 miles and return to Cranleigh. Details from Mervyn Harvey.
- Sunday 14 Sept 175 ELEVENTH CHILTERN MARATHON A 25 mile challenge walk in the Chiltern hills going north and south of the river Thames. The start and finish is again at the pavillion on Marlow Rugby Football ground. GR 863863. No entries are taken on the day and the closing date is 1st September with a limit of 450 entries. Details from Vince Smith. Vince would also appreciate offers of help for manning the checkpoints.
- Sunday 21 Sept 186 GUILDFORD BOUNDARY 2 1/2 mile circular route starting and finishing at Guildford. Although an established event, the Surrey Group took over as organizers last year so offers of help from Surrey Group members will be welcome. Details from Alan Blatchford. X
- Sunday 12 Oct 186 MASTERS AND MAIDENS MARATHON After the warm up on the 20th July, we now have the real thing. A run over the true marathon distance of 26 miles 385 yards, but it is possible for fast walkers to beat the 5 1/2 hours time limit. Changing rooms are at the finish at Surrey University and entrants are transported from there to Hankley common for the 12 noon start. Details from Alan Blatchford.
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