

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

SURREY GROUP

REPORT AND PROGRAMME

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21 members attended the meeting at the Leg of Mutton and Cauliflower on 2nd June. For a change we held the meeting in the function room rather than making do with makeshift quarters as we have been forced to do on the last 2 occasions.

Most of the meeting was taken up with the review of past events and planning the programme but the treasurer did get time to report that the group's balance at the bank was £125 after equipment to the value of approx £100 had been purchased as mandated at the last meeting. In addition it is estimated that the profit from The Surrey Summits will be in the region of £100 to £120 when the accounts had been finalized. Membership had increased this year. There are 102 paid up members of the group to date compared with 73 for 1980.

HELP NEEDED FOR STRIDER

Towards the end of the meeting, Chris Steer gave a short talk on how Strider was produced and appealed for volunteers to help him with the editing and preparation for the printer. Chris is not looking for casual help but members who are willing to devote a few hours per week for about 18 weeks per year (3 lots of 6 weeks) on a regular basis. - - The work needs to be carried out at Chobham and this is why Chris is looking to the local group for assistance. He will give full instruction on what is to be done. If you think you could help would you please contact Chris. His address is "Foxhollow", Coxhill, Chobham, Woking, Surrey. Telephone: Chobham 8342.

PAST EVENTS AND WALKS

The Punchbowl Marathon was the last time we really enjoyed good weather on a Surrey Group event. The change of route and introduction of a 21 mile course as well as the 30 proved very popular. Walkers who opted to do the 30 mile course but subsequently found themselves running out of time or puff could change their mind by shortcutting to gain a 21, 24 or 27 mile certificate. There were 300 starters of whom 281 finished.

On the East Koche Kaper, 15 members boarded the minibus bound for the marshes between the Thames and Medway estuaries. Having alighted at Frindsbury, Mervyn Harvey took us past a number of pubs but failed to find one during opening time. However we had the consolation of eating our lunch overlooking the Thames with the romantic scene of oil tankers passing the beautiful background of Shellhaven, while shielding from the wind under the sea wall. Going over the marshes, many plank bridges had to be crossed and some were placed at precarious angles, but all walkers managed to cross them safely, even if some in the party were hoping to get some amusement from somebody falling in the ditch. We then had a look at the Herons from an observation platform in a tree and again all walkers managed to climb the dangerous looking ladder without mishap. Although a dismal day we were rather lucky that we managed to be in the shelter of the minibus before the heavy rain came.

We did not have to go so far east to meet Malcolm Tadd on his home ground for Tadd's Toddle. Waterproofs were again the order of the day but in the main it was not too bad underfoot. It was when we crossed the border into Kent that we got the mud which was left over from the Sevenoaks Circular the week before. After a pub stop in Westerham, we went back to Godstone via the North Downs Way. We then had an opportunity to look at the North Downs from underneath when Malcolm distributed helmets and took the party to inspect some old mine workings. The walk finished with adventure when the walkers witnessed Malcolm making a true life rescue of some children who had got lost in the labyrinth of tunnels for a number of hours.

The low turnout on the Focallight Kanter was probably due to the London Marathon being run the same weekend. Those who did enter all said they enjoyed it and made up an elite field because all finished the 17 mile - long course. As there were no separate results sent to the entrants I list below those taking part:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Time</u>
	<u>p.m.</u>	<u>a.m.</u>			<u>p.m.</u>	<u>a.m.</u>	
Dave Street	9.56	5.26	7.30	Dave Challenger	10.30	4.19	5.49
Mandy Street	9.56	5.26	7.30	Chris Burgess	10.35	5.53	7.18
Paul Street	9.56	5.26	7.30	John Bartlett	10.35	5.53	7.18
Keith Hewett	10.12	4.34	6.22	Bill Grace	10.35	5.53	7.18
Brian Rickle	10.12	4.34	6.22	Bill Maccliffe	10.51	5.54	7.03
John Funnimore	10.15	5.40	7.25	Derek Edwards	10.51	5.54	7.03
Molly White	10.15	5.40	7.25	Harold Gray	10.54	5.42	6.48
Roy Barnsley	10.30	4.19	5.49	John Cassells	10.54	5.42	6.48

They are now all ready for the Grade A course, i.e. one devised by Keith Chesterton. We hope to hold the event again next year in another area and probably with an earlier starting time.

62½ miles over the Surrey Hills is quite a challenge in itself but this year the weather took a hand in making completion of the Surrey Summits just that little more satisfying. Britain was in the grip of the worst April weather conditions for 30 years and as far as Surrey was concerned the Saturday afternoon started with rain which turned to snow in the evening. There were an abnormal number of retirements with only 64 finishing out of 125 starters. Those who did persevere were rewarded with some better walking when the snow stopped in the early hours of the morning but they still had to get through the military lines on Hankley common where a full scale exercise was being staged.

Nervyn Harvey had another go at a social walk with A Sortie into Hants from Farnham. He managed to find a pub this time but I'm afraid he still didn't get the weatherright. However, the squad enjoyed the 26 mile outing even though much of the route was through growing crops which the intermittent rain left in a nice state to soak footwear and trousers.

I haven't received the results of the Cumbrian Hundred yet but the Surrey group were well represented with at least 10 finishers and as far as I can ascertain only 2 non finishers. This I think was a very good result on a tough course where the overall retirement rate exceeded 40%.

AUTUMN/WINTER PROGRAMME 1981/82 - SAE with all postal enquiries please

The number under the date is the OS 1:50000 map covering the walk.

- Sunday
5 July
187 TANNERS MARATHONS This will be the 22nd promotion of this popular event which starts from the Leatherhead Football ground. 10 and 30 mile routes. Details from Andrew Young.
- Friday
10 July ANN SAYER'S END TO END A slide show given by Ann on her record breaking walk from Landa End to John o'groats. The venue is at Chobham Club, Windsor Road, Chobham, GR 973624 (not the grid ref given in the last programme). Entrance to club is at the apex of the slip road. The show will commence at 8.p.m. but you can enter the club from 7.p.m. onwards. PLEASE LET JOHN WESTCOTT KNOW YOU ARE COMING by 5th July.
- Sunday
16 Aug DORSET DOUBLE Nervyn Harvey is trying to get up a coach or minibus to transport people wishing to take part in this tough 33 mile coastal event. If you are interested please let Nervyn know by 26th July (the event closing date is 6th Aug). If arranged the vehicle will start from Guildford probably at 4.a.m.
- 194/195
- Friday
11 Sept THE CREATION OF TANNERS HATCH Noel Vincent, the first warden of Tanners Hatch, will give a talk supported by slides on the conversion and building of this isolated youth hostel. Venue at The Leg ofutton and Cauliflower, Ashted. 7.30.p.m. for 8.
- Sunday
13 Sept TWELFTH CHILDERS MARATHON This popular 25 mile walk will again start from Marlow Rugby Club. As the walkway over the Thames at Mill End is still doubtful, the route will now go via Little Marlow, Wheeler End Common, Turville, Stoner, Mill End, Nedmenham and back to Marlow. Closing date for entries is 31st August or when 450 is reached whichever is the earlier. As well over 300 enquiries have already been received it is likely that the maximum will be reached very soon. Details from Vince Smith.
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- Sunday
20 Sept EIGHTH GUILDFORD BOUNDARY This 21½ mile route, starting and finishing at Henley Port on the Hogs Back follows approx the pre 1974 Guildford Borough Boundary. Details from Barbara Blatchford.
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- Tuesday
6 Oct PROGRAMME PLANNING MEETING At the Leg ofutton and Cauliflower The Street, Ashted. 7.30.p.m. for 8.
- Sunday
25 Oct CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE A social walk of app. 25 miles starting from the Castle Car Park, Farnham (GR 838475) at 9.a.m. with Dan Redfield. Route will go along the Beasingtoke Canal visiting Fleet Pond with a pub stop in the Crookham or Dogmersfield area and back via Long Sutton and Well.
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Mike Mordale

New Venue - Annual Dinner
or Christmas Dinner

- Sunday 23 Nov** **THAMES TRAMP** An 10 mile plus social walk with Bill Groce starting at the road end 1/2 mile North West of Putney Bridge on the south side of the river. (GR 235762). The route includes a riverside walk and goes through Richmond Park. Start time 9.a.m.
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- Saturday 28 Nov** **NIGHT HIKE** from Tanners Hatch Youth Hostel starting at 8.p.m. 15 miles in the dark with refreshments half way round and at the finish. Details from Graham Fiddie.
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- Saturday 12th Dec** **ANNUAL DINNER RAMBLE** No venue has yet been fixed for the annual dinner but it is hoped to arrange a walk followed by dinner in the evening on either 5th or 12th December. Details from John Westcott in due course.
12th
- Sunday 27 Dec** **WINTER WINDSOR WANDER** Primarily designed as a run to get rid of the effects of over indulgence during the Christmas period but it is also a nice walk for those who wish to go at a more leisurely pace. 19 miles starting from Staines Bridge (GR 033716) going along the Thames, through Windsor Great Park and back along the Thames to Staines Bridge. Walkers start at 9.a.m. and runners at 10. Details from Ralph Henley.
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- Friday 1 Jan** **SURREY IBS KANTER** A light hearted start to the new year starting from St Catherine's hall, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford. (GR 992485). 12 or 18 miles starting between 9.15 and 11.a.m. finish by 4.30.p.m. Details from Keith Chesterton.
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- Sunday 10 Jan** **WINTER TANNERS** 50 miles in mid Surrey, basically a route proving exp. wise for the summer event but now an event in it's own right. Meet the main gates of Leatherhead Football Club at 8.a.m. (GR 163560). Details from John Westcott.
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- Tuesday 26 Jan** **PROGRAMME PLANNING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** At The Log of Dutton and Camliferow, Ashted. 7.30.p.m. for 8.
- Sunday 7 Feb** **PUNCHBOWL MARATHONS** 20 or 30 mile walk in western Surrey starting at Chichester Hall, Witley. (GR 948394). Starts at 8, 9, and 10.a.m. Details from Jeff Ellingham. Lunch at Woking Fri.
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- Sunday 14th Mar** **SPASATONNERY CHASE ON GISSBURY CIRCUIT** Another in Tony Youngs series "walking in the high wood" with Hilary Bellec. Further details in next programme. $\frac{1}{2}$

Graham Fiddie has also given me notice of 2 events he will be running later in 1982. The Tanners-Hinthead/Hinthead - Tanners during the first weekend in April and the 100 mile road run (16 hour time limit) second weekend in July. Further details in next programme.

THE PILGRIMS HUNDRED *12th June* **J.H. Saxe's Circular**
March

Finally may I just remind you that the LWMA 100 miler to be held on ~~24/25~~ 25th May 1982 is to be from Guildford to Canterbury with an optional start at Winchester to make the total distance between 135 and 140 miles (the main route has not yet been finalized). As much of the route goes through our area I'm sure Surrey Group members who are not walking will want to help man the checkpoints. If you would like to help, please let me know as soon as possible.

Enjoy your walking.

Picnic walk Sun. 23rd May
Newsweek Tues. 2nd June

Guildford Institute 8pm
Fri. Wey Navigation
North St. - Woking Fri.