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# LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

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

## SURREY GROUP

### REPORT AND PROGRAMME

FEBRUARY 1982

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19 members attended the A O N and programme planning meeting at the Leg of Mutton and Cauliflower on 28th January.

### MATTERS CARRIED OVER FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING

The treasurer conducted a survey of where Surrey group members lived and where those who regularly attend meetings. Both showed the most convenient place to hold our meetings was in the Leather hand/Ashted area. It was decided to continue using the Leg of Mutton and Cauliflower for the time being but hold our meetings on a Thursday in the hope this would ensure the room being available for us when we booked it. It was thought it would be nice to hold a meeting or two at a different venue in central Surrey, so if anybody knows of a suitable room available for hire at a reasonable rate would they please notify the secretary.

### 1982 SUBSCRIPTION

Membership renewal/application

I enclose 40 pence for my 1982 subscription to the Surrey Group.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

LDWA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Detach and send to Dave Challenger. Cheques payable to LDWA -Surrey.

No interest had been shown in the Surrey Group Tee shirts and vests so the idea has been dropped for the time being.

Keith Chesterton has a supply of checkcards so no more are being produced at present but Chris Steer will design a new card in readiness for when current stocks run out.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of account for the year ended 31st December 1981 showing a balance of £352.47 as at that date were approved. A copy of the statement of account is being sent to all Surrey Group members with this report.

#### ELECTIONS

Den Hedfield, John Westcott and Dave Challenger were re-elected Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

1982 subscriptions are now due. If you have not already paid, would you please complete the slip overleaf and send it together with 40 pence to Dave Challenger.

This report is being sent with Strider to all LEMA members in the Surrey area who are not yet members of the Surrey Group. If you wish to receive this report regularly (3 times per year) you can also use the slip overleaf enclosing 40 pence to ensure a place on my mailing list.

#### PAST EVENTS AND WALKS

In our build up to Christmas we had some very nice social walks

The first was the Chairman's Choice and Den managed to find a route weaving through arable land which was surprisingly devoid of mud for the autumn, at least in the first part of the walk. The first real mud we came across was the silt dredged from the canal which had been left on the towpath. At this point one of our more ardent mud larks got so excited he got down and rolled in it. Den's full report appears later.

Bill Grace found a very rural walk for the Thames Tramp considering the start was on the Thames towpath just opposite Pulham Football Club. Going down the towpath, the 13 walkers (including 3 from Epsom/Herts) passed several riverside pubs who purvey the delicious product of a local brewery at Wandsworth. It was only when we left the river that we found pubs selling an inferior brew and much to my surprise, it was outside one of these establishments that our leader declared the lunch stop. I have since put Bill right on how to plan a walk. In the afternoon we went via Richmond Park and a Wemblese Wimbledon Common to get back to the starting point on the towpath just before dark.



Road conditions were rather treacherous for the 8 walkers who came to Fosslake for the Hurtwood Hurtle. We set off east in the thick snow but found ourselves inside the William the IV at Albury Heath just over an hour later. We then continued on to St Martha's Hill before descending to Albury to enjoy the hospitality of the Drussell Arms.

In the afternoon we ascended the slope to the North Downs via the Silent Pool. Some walkers (probably feeling the effect of the beer) began to get a little frivolous by shaking the trees so the snow fell on their colleagues as they peered underneath. After passing Hollister, we came off the downs into Gomshill for another stop in the Old Mill tea house. On in the dark back to the Hurtwood Inn at Fosslake for dinner. All 35 who had booked the meal attended in spite of the bad weather and declared they had a very nice evening. Very well organized by Chris Steer and Tony Youngs. The checkpoints were very good.

The transition to event conditions started immediately after Christmas with Ralph Benley's Winter Windsor Wander. This can be a walk or a run as the fancy takes one. Most of the 18 walkers took it so easy that the organizer suspects there was an unofficial checkpoint at the Fox and Bounce at Bishopsgate. The runners, not to be outdone, got back in time to sample the delights of the Pettors Social Club bar. While on the run in Windsor Great Park they maintain the royal family came out to see them, but it may be just coincidences that the cars were emerging from Royal Lodge as the runners passed. Ralph intends organizing this delightful event just after Christmas again this year.

The Surrey Inns Kanter continued the transition with Keith Chatterton again selecting some fine routes. 43 finished the 18 mile course while another 69 did the 12 mile course. Keith is trying to introduce some more challenging features into the event but I feel using a gate as a disc in the 100 meters square which must boast the most gates in an equivalent area in Surrey, is asking for a variety of answers. Also the idea of counting fir trees with golf balls whistling round your ears is likely to increase the mortality rate. As usual there were a number of pubs en route to tempt the weaker minded.

To complete the transition we had to wait for three weeks longer than anticipated with the postponement of the Winter Tanners due to bad weather. When it did get under way, 97 started from Leatherhead Football Club and 92 got back before the checking in finished. The route included the path over Blatchford Down which had recently been cleared by Surrey Group members. If the summer event on 4th July has comparable weather, entrants will be rewarded with some very fine views of central Surrey.

#### BLATCHFORD DOWNS PATH CLEARANCE

About 25 Surrey Group members attended each of the scheduled path clearance days on Blatchford Down to hack away hawthorn and Yew branches and Hawthorn bushes, thus transforming an impenetrable jungle into a very pleasant sunken track.

The activities were under the supervision of Nigel Davies, the local National Trust warden who told us some interesting facts about the countryside during the course of the operations.

We made a 3rd visit to Blatchford Down to do our artistic bit of opening up the views in January and there is another visit planned for Saturday 27th February to finish the job. See programme.

Having cleared the path, we must not allow it to get overgrown again so further "tidy up" work parties will be arranged as necessary.



PILGRIMS 100/100.

My thanks to all those members who have offered to help on the LDWA's 1982 big one following my appeal in the October Report.

Naturally I can still do with a few more, so if you are not walking and have a few hours to spare over the Spring Bank Holiday (last weekend in May) I would appreciate your letting me know.

The Surrey Group's effort will be concentrated on the part of the route which goes through our area from the Guildford start to checkpoint 4. We will have 3 waves of participants to cope with, the 12 noon Guildford starters, the 5.p.m. Guildford starters and the 10.a.m. Winchester starters.

I will be getting in touch with volunteers shortly to discuss the actual jobs I would like them to do.

John Westcott (Secretary)

Report on the Chairman's Choice social walk  
Sunday 25th October 1981  
by DAN MADFIELD

The morning started very bright. With Sunshine and a reasonable weather forecast we were lead to believe that the morning would be dry and the afternoon showery with some sunny periods!

We were 20 in number including 4 from the Wessex Group, Sue Coles, Richard Hetchkiss, Richard and Sandra Brown.

Distribution of the Surrey Group newsletter by John Westcott delayed the start a little but we finally moved off at 9.15.a.m.

The route took us Northwards through Farnham Park with a view through distant trees of the gasometer at Aldershot. After passing through Upper Hale, we ascended to Gosler's Camp, an iron age and roman camp site. A pause here to enjoy extensive views of Farnborough airfield, Guildford Cathedral, Hags Buck, Crooksbury Hill and the gasometer at Aldershot again.

As we dropped down and headed for Twaseldown race course, the first spots of rain began to fall from clouds that built up from the NW. At Fleet pond, waterproofs were given an airing as the rain was by now getting heavy. So much for that weather forecast and it was only 10.45.a.m. After leaving the pond, we had a section of the Basingstoke canal to cover. Where the canal passes close to the town of Fleet, Richard and Sandra Brown left us to return home. The party continued along the towpath to the lunch stop, a canal side pub at Crookham. We spent about an hour in the hostelry and almost forgot the rain which was to continue into the late afternoon. At this point Sue Coles and Richard Hetchkiss left us to take a short route back.

Back out in steady rain, we carried on along the towpath towards Oditham. The Bridges over the canal along this section have been restored by the Surrey and Hants canal society. We left the canal at Broadok. The moat had not been too bad up to now but the remainder of the walk made up for that. Even so, one or two complained about the lack of ploughed fields.

After viewing from the trig point on Horseshow common, we descended to encounter a rather muddy track, a fallen tree and a sunken path which resembled a stream. A short stop at Grousehill Church and then through the gathering darkness back to Farnham. Needless to say the rain had stopped now.

The route was my choice but the weather most certainly was not. Everyone said they enjoyed themselves. We will do it again and perhaps get fine weather.

PROGRAMME TO AUGUST 1982 - RAS with all postal enquiries please.

Please note the organizers of the events, Surrey Summits, Edhurst 100 Run, Weybec Walk and Tanners Farathon would appreciate offers of help from anybody not taking part.

Members following the event etc refer to the 1:50000 map covering the route or location.

SATURDAY 27th Feb 1982: BLATCHFORD DOWN PATH CLEARANCE. (187) All Surrey Group members who can make it are asked to come along to help finish the clearance of this ancient bridleway going diagonally across Blatchford Down centring on GR 103487. Main party will meet at 9.45 a.m. at A25/B2126 junction in Abinger Hammer GR 096474 (limited car parking available here). Tools will be provided but assistance will be needed to carry them to the operational site. There will be plenty of tea but please bring your own food. Those who cannot make it by 9.45 are welcome to come along later but as there is little parking available in Abinger Hammer it may be better to use the White Downs Road car park GR 115493. Finish about 4.30 p.m.

SUNDAY 14th Mar 1982: CISSBURY CIRCUIT (198). 22 miles on the South Downs. Lunch at Washington. "But the swipes they take in at the Washington Inn / is the very best beer I know" (Milair; Balcon). Meet 9.30 a.m. in the car park at TQ 129077, (turn east off A24 into May Tree Avenue at "Cissbury Ring Free Car Park" sign just within the Worthing boundary; first left up Storrington Rise to car park). Illustrated route sheet from Tony Youngs.

SAT-SUN 27/28 Mar 1982: TANNERS HINDHEAD AND REVERSE (186 & 187). A chance to walk the 26 miles between these two Surrey Youth hostels and back again the following day if you so wish. You can start from Tanners (GR 140515) or Hindhead (GR 894368) on the Saturday but from Hindhead only on the Sunday. Details from Graham Peddie.  
It is hoped to organize a transport sharing arrangement for those doing the Hindhead Tanners crossing on the Sunday to obviate the difficulty of doing a lineal walk and then finding your car at the other end. Anybody who is interested please contact Dan Radfield.

SAT-SUN 3/4 Apr 1982: SURREY SUMMITS (186 & 187). The Surrey group's big one. Hundred milemeter challenge walk over the popular hills of central and western Surrey. Start at 10 a.m. from Wisley. GR 947394. Details from John Westcott.

SAT-SUN 24/25 April 1982: COACH TRIP TO NATIONAL A.G.M. Arrangements are being made to hire a mini bus to take members to Buxton in Derbyshire for the weekend of the IJWA AGM and dinner. Please contact Pauline Shore to book a seat.

SUNDAY 23rd May 1982: BLATCHFORD DOWN WALKS AND PICNICS (186 & 187) Walks starting from Wisley Gossan in the North, Cranleigh in the South, Headley Heath in the East and Guildford in the west all converging on Blatchford Down for a mass picnic. For the more energetic Bryon Alden will be leading a run from Wisley and for the less energetic there will also be a short family walk from Remore Gossan. Full Details will be given in Strider 32 due in early April.



SAT-SUN-MON 29/30/31 May 1982: PILGRIMS 100/100+ (178,179 and 185 to 189). 140 miles from Winchester to Canterbury or 100 miles from Guildford to Canterbury. Details from Ernie Bishop. Surrey group members who wish to help should contact John Westcott - see feature in report.

Thursday 3rd June 1982: PROGRAMME PLANNING MEETING at The Log of Mutton and Cauliflower, The Street Ashtand. 7.30.p.m. for 8.

SATURDAY 12th June 1982: EMBURST 100 Run (187). A road run of 100 miles with an 18 hour time limit. 10 x 10 mile laps. Starting from Emburst Village Hall GR 091403 at 6.a.m. Details from Graham Poddie.

SUNDAY 13th JUNE 1982: COACH TRIP TO THE FURBECK FLOO (195). It is hoped to arrange a coach for Surrey members who would like to take part in this picturesque Dorset Walk if there is sufficient support. The coach will start at Dutton with a stop at Guildford and one or two other points (according to demand) in between. The walk is only 23 miles but it should not be underestimated because the cliff walking in the early stages is a little more than undulating. From Swanage the route goes along the sea to Kimmeridge Bay then inland via the Furbeck hills back to Swanage. Walkers families or friends who do not wish to take part can also use the coach to enjoy a day out at Swanage. Cost of Coach approx £4.50. Details from Olive Matterface.

SATURDAY 19th JUNE 1982: COACH TRIP TO THE SAMARITAN WAY WALK (1" 5th Tourist). A trip being organized by the Essex/Berts group to which Surrey Group members are invited. 40 miles on the North Yorks Moors - circular route. The coach leaves Waterloo Station on the evening of Friday 18th June to the start of at Guisborough by dawn on Saturday. Return Saturday evening to get back to Waterloo early Sunday morning. Detail from Eric Rolfe.

TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 1982: MIDSUMMER EVENING WALK (186 & 187). From 11 Thornbank Guildford GR 983493. About 6 to 8 miles starting at 7.p.m. Leader Barbara Blatchford.

SUNDAY 27th JUNE 1982: WYBAC WALK (186 & 187). an easy 17 mile walk along the Way Navigation from Godalming to the British Aerospace sports ground at Weybridge. Details from Peter Short.

SUNDAY 4th JULY 1982: TANNERS HAMATHONS (186 & 187). Still the most popular event of it's kind in the country. This year there will be the 50 milar as well as the usual 30 and 10 mile routes. Details from Andrew Young.

SUNDAY 29th AUGUST 1982: BLACKDOWN TO BUTSER (186 & 187). A social lineal walk between these two peaks. Having organized the Hambladen to Hambladen 3 years ago and getting a 50% drop out rate, Keith Cheaterston is setting his sights on a more modest objective. Details in next programme.

In addition to our 2 regular events - The Chiltern Marathon and The Guildford Boundary - the future programmes will include a Kanter in the Epsom area and another social walk in the Farnham area to be led by our Chairman. I'm sure you can't wait to see my next report.