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#### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 24th January 1984

27 members attended.

The statement of account for year ended 31st December 1983 was agreed. A copy of the statement is being sent to all members with this newsletter. Of the £223.84 balance, up to £100 has been allocated for further equipment which has not yet been purchased.

Don Hatfield, John Westcott and Dave Challenger were elected Chairman, Secretary and treasurer respectively. Don for the 4th successive year and John and Dave both starting their 6th term of office.

It was decided to make donations of £40 to the National Trust and £20 to the National Council. In addition it was decided to donate the profits from the 1984 Guildford Boundary Walk to The Guildford Towns. Further information concerning these donations is given later in this newsletter.

The meeting agreed, in principle, that the group should obtain an electric typewriter, mainly for the secretary's use, and funds be accumulated with this objective in mind. Having made donations, it was thought hardly appropriate to suggest "saving up" for equipment but as our main income was profit from events, organizers were asked bear these commitments in mind when fixing the entry fees.

#### SBBS FOR 1984 ARE NOW DUE

Just a gentle reminder that continued membership of the walking Survey Group is dependent on your making a payment of 40 pence to Dave Challenger. Those who have not yet done so should not make payment a priority as I am sure you would not wish to skip yourself this newsletter.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - JANUARY 1984

As one year comes to an end and another one begins, we look back on the old year and forward to the new year. It may be a traditional habit or expected of us to do this. Whatever the reason, for some of you reading this report, 1983 may have been the year you joined the LGMA and completed your first challenge walk. For others 1983 may have been a year when family commitments, or the start of a family, or injury prevented a full years walking. However, the periods pass and no doubt plans have been made for 1984.

Looking at the calendar Strider, there is no shortage of events and if you take part in the Volvo Fun runs there are not many free weekends during the year. Every aspect of life seems to be getting busier and gathering momentum almost in the expense of obtaining real enjoyment from the things that should give us such enjoyment.

However, as walkers we are blessed with the enjoyment of the vast basis of human movement. This last act of walking can get us away from the hustle and bustle of life to enjoy peace, quiet and solitude on occasions. Plenty of hustle and bustle as a challenge walk I hear you say. Well yes, but still that basic simple movement being used.

By the time you read this report, the Survey Group events for 1984 will be well under way. No doubt reports will keep you informed of what happened on these events.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all very happy miles of walking in 1984

Don Hatfield

#### THE NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is to be held at York on Saturday 10th March 1984.

Accommodation at the hotel for Fri/Sat nights has been fully booked for some time and there is a long reserve list. Those lucky enough to get one of these bookings, or who are staying at another hotel, may wish to take advantage of a coach going to York for the weekend which is run by an LDMA member.

By the provisional time table the coach leaves Waterloo Road, London at 14.00 hour on Friday 9 March and returns 18.00 hours Sunday 11th March. There are other pick up points convenient to a route from St Leonards-on-sea by arrangement. Fare £12.

Book with Bob Sloan, Bob-a-long, 34 Upper Park Road, St Leonards on sea, Sussex. Telephone: Hastings 426308 - STD code 0424.

Frances Davies is going to York by train on the evening of Friday 9th March on a special offer (3 price) which covers 2 people. If you are interested in being the other half please contact Frances at 01 549 7313.

#### THE DARTMOOR MINORS

Once again the Surrey Group will be manning a checkpoint on the national 100 offer over the spring bank holiday weekend 26 to 28 May. Would any Surrey Group member who is willing to help on this event please contact John Westcott. I would particularly appeal to walkers taking part to try to persuade their friends and relatives to assist.

#### DONATIONS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Two things have happened recently prompting the secretary to seek the approval of the meeting on 26th January to make donations to voluntary organizations whose objectives are to cater for the cross country walkers needs. The first is that the Southern Regional Controller of the National Trust, during correspondence with the secretary, had suggested that a donation should be forthcoming when an event is organized which goes across their properties. The second is that Peter Trafford Clark (the hon secretary of the Hertford Control) was the guest speaker at our annual dinner.

It is very difficult, if not impossible, to organize a walk of LDMA standards in Central Surrey without going over land either owned or administered by these organizations and as far as the National Trust is concerned, the same can be said over the whole of Surrey. It should be remembered that not all paths used are rights of way and in any case I am sure you will agree the upkeep of footpaths over these areas is far above average. These organizations need donations from the public to do this work and I am glad to see the Surrey Group contributing to their funds.

The donation to the Guildford Scouts was agreed following a request from Barbara Statchford. The donation is to help towards the building of their new hut which will include a "quiet room" called the Alan Statchford Room. Prior to the Guildford Boundary Walk going under the banner of the LDMA, it was organized by the Late Alan Statchford on behalf of The Guildford Scouts. In view of this connection it was thought appropriate to donate the profits of the 1984 to this project.

#### VENUE FOR OUR MEETINGS

We have had trouble in the past with our venue at the Leg of Mutton and Cauliflower being double booked and at that time we started to consider the possibility of holding our meetings elsewhere. At the suggestion of the landlord however we changed our nights from Tuesday to Thursday and that certainly seemed to solve the problem.

The pub is now under new management and this seems to be a time for the problem to return because on 25th January we had to hold our meeting in the back bar rather than the normal function room.

We are now looking for another venue so if anybody knows of a suitable room available for hire in the Central area of Surrey please let John Westcott know.

We are holding our meeting on 31st May at the temporary venue of Dublin Club.

PROGRAMME TO SEPTEMBER 1985 TAKE WITH ALL POSTAL ENQUIRIES PLEASE  
The numbers following the event etc are the OS 1:50000 map covering  
the route or location.

- Sunday 24 February: PATH CLEARANCE or possibly this should be classified as path  
planning with the Surrey Group hatcheders hacking their way through dense  
jungle. The location of the path to be cleared is on Blatchford Down and the  
meeting point is Blinger Roughs car park, GR 110477 at 10 a.m. If you cannot  
get there by that time you will be welcome to join the party later in which  
case you should park where convenient and walk to Blatchford Down. Tools are  
provided by the National Trust but if you have smaller cutting tools it may be  
as well to bring them along. Bring your own food. - John Cranham (the National  
Trust warden) was very pleased with the progress we made in November so let  
us have a nice large working party so that we can finish the path. - Finish  
about 3.30 p.m. Further details from Barbara Blatchford.
- Sunday 25 March: DITCHLING DIVERSION (198). 22 miles on Roman roads, field paths  
and paths - the oldest valley in Sussex (1000) and abandoned tracks. Real ale  
at lunchtime - Tony has found an oasis at Barcombe Mills in the midst of a  
Wessex desert. Start 9.30 a.m. from free car park behind Ditchling Village Hall  
(off Lewis Road, BN116; 70 32715). Illustrated route sheet available from Tony  
Young. PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE FIRST DAY OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME.
- Saturday and Sunday 7/8 April: SURREY SUMMITS (186 & 187). The group big one  
- the anti-c classic. A 100 kilometre (62 miles) challenge walk over the  
popular hills of central and western Surrey. Start and finish at Orchester Hill  
Witley, GR 947294. Start 10 a.m. Saturday and all to finish by 12 noon on Sunday  
(26 hour time limit). Closing date for entries is 7th March. Details from John  
Westall.
- Sunday 13 May: SPRING CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE (186). A 25 mile social walk starting from  
the castle car park Farnham GR 834874 at 9 a.m. Route goes north via the  
Kingslake Canal to have lunch at the Rose and Thistle Friesland Green. In the  
afternoon, Ash ranges will be crossed (hopefully) then via Roreandy, Radhet Lea  
and Farnham Park back to the starting point. Leader Dan Radfield.
- Thursday 11 May: PROGRAMME PLANNING MEETING (175, 176 or 186). At Chobham Club  
Windsor Road Chobham GR 873624. 7.30 p.m. for 8. If possible would you please  
let John Westcott know you are coming.
- Thursday 21 June: WISSENER EVENING WALK (186 & 187) From St Thomask Guildford  
GU10 1AT. About 8 to 9 miles. Leader Barbara Blatchford.
- Sunday 24 June: WEYBAC WALK (186 & 187). An easy 17 mile walk along the tow path of  
the Wey Navigation from Godalming to the British Aerospace sports ground at  
Weybridge. Starts from Godalming at 10 a.m. with a coach available leaving  
Weybridge at 8.45 a.m. to transport walkers to the start. A place on the coach  
must be booked in advance. The organizer says he will put the route description  
right around the Guildford area this time, an inaccuracy which has been carried  
forward for a number of years. Please note since the 1983 event the Bittern  
to Wisley section of the NGS has been opened so we do not want anybody taking  
short cuts across it this year. Details from Peter Short.
- Sunday 1 July: TAMMERS WALKS (187). 50, 30 and 10 mile courses in central Surrey  
starting and finishing at Leatherhead football club, GR 163555. As reported in  
the previous newsletter, this will be the 25th Tamers 30 with special 5' and  
silver certificates being awarded to walkers who complete the 30 (not the 50)  
Free entry to anybody who took part in the first Tamers in 1960. Details from  
Andrew Young.
- Sunday 12 July: GARDING NEAR GODALMING (186). Meet at Godalming car park GR 973440  
at 8.45 a.m. Roundabout a 20 mile circular west of Godalming. Leader Mervyn  
Harvey.

Sunday 9 September: CHILTERN MARATHON (175). A 25 mile walk in the Chilterns starting and finishing at Marlow Rugby Club. GR 862863. Entries limited to 450. Details from Vince Selth.

Sunday 16 September: GUILDFORD BOUNDARY WALK (186). The now well established 21 1/2 mile walk which follows approximately the pre 1974 boundary of Guildford Borough. Families and young walkers are particularly encouraged to take part. Start and Finish at Newley Fort. GR 902400. Details from Barbara Blatchford.

Friday to Sunday 28 to 30 September: DALES TRAVELER (90). A motor trip to Malham Toppas to do the walk featured on pages 22 and 23 of Strider 36. The party to consist of members wanting bed and breakfast for 2 nights or using the Youth Hostel or camping at Malham Toppas. The fare will be approx £12 and fire bookings are required with deposits by early spring. Bookings to Mervyn Harvey who will also book the bed and breakfast but you will have to make your own arrangement for camping or staying at the youth hostel.

#### THE FABAC FUN RUN LEAGUE

In addition to the foregoing programs, the LMA takes part in the Fabac Fun Run League. There are 10 runs to be held in 1984 (2 of which have taken place) mainly cross country and usually between 4 and 6 miles, with a shorter distance, usually 2 miles, for juniors and joggers. The programs for 1984 has not yet been finalized, but future dates already fixed are:-

Date	Time	Location
Sun 18 Mar	11 a.m.	Richmond Park
Sun 20 May	11 a.m.	Renscoe Common
Wed 11 Jul	7 p.m.	Wimbledon Common

In the 1983 league, the LMA finished 8th and there seems little promise of improvement for 1984, because following the first run we are in 9th position. There are 10 teams in the league and Faldham Puffers were the 1983 winners.

The LMA representative on the League committee is Bob Nutman from whom further details can be obtained if you are interested in running for the LMA.

#### THE MASTERS AND MAIDENS SERIES

The Fabac Fun Run League Committee also organizes 3 open road races. The races are all on Sundays and as far as I am aware all will start at 12 noon. The 1984 dates are:-

Date	Place	Location
15 April	Masters and Maidens 10	Eppingham
15 July	Masters and Maidens 15	Cranleigh
14 October	Klan Blatchford Masters and Maidens Marathon	Guildford

Details of the 10 miler (closing date 14 March) can be obtained from Pauline Stock.

#### HELP WANTED

Once again I would remind you, walkable are urgently required for all events which include: The Surrey Benefits, Weybur Walk, Farners Marathon, Chiltern Marathon and Guildford Boundary. If you can assist please contact the appropriate organizers.

If you can help on the Masters and Maidens runs, please contact either Ralph Rowley or Peter Stone.

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## THE FIRST WALKS

### THE PEMBROKESHIRE WERRERO - THERE WAS HARDLY A CROWD

In medieval times two pilgrimages to St David's equalled one to Rome. Why did so many Surrey Group members miss this opportunity of acquiring so much merit with so little effort.

De Steve, Dan Radfield, Tony Gester and I, who took Neryn's Magic Minibus to the Pembrokeshire Coast Path set out early on Saturday morning 1 October along a splendid and varied coastline. The wildlife high spot was watching the seals and their yellow-furred pups on the small beaches below the cliffs facing Skomer Island.

Neryn set us in the early afternoon, having transported all our gear to the second camp site, and led us onward along the coast path to Milton Haven.

On the Sunday morning we heard jacksaws and a cow joining the Welsh voices from the purple stone cathedral of St David's set in its brilliant green hollow before setting out on a walk round the wild and beautiful landscape of St David's Head.

We were back in Gulltford by six, still wondering why so few of us had responded to Neryn's enterprise. Was it the minibus journey? But it was smooth and comfortable. Was it the camping? But that's no hardship. Were the others all walking the Long Way? But we could account for only one that way. Was it simply inertia? But Surrey Group members don't suffer from it. It remains a mystery.

Tony Young.

Comment: Because of a number of last minute cancellations, the minibus trip to South Wales incurred a loss as will be seen from the statement of account. Not deterred, Neryn is trying another minibus trip this coming autumn as shown in the programme but this time he will be asking for deposits when bookings are made.

### COMMONS CLAMP - MOSTLY RAIN AND MID BUT FOXHOLLOW WAS DRY

To be a native of Chobham, it is said that you must have walked feet so it is probably best to see the village and its surroundings while it is raining to get a true atmosphere. If this philosophy is accepted, the day Chris Steer chose to hold his Commons Clump Walk was certainly very suitable. It is the first LONK walk I have been on where it has rained continuously from start to finish.

There were one or two intending walkers who suddenly found they had other things to do when they saw the intensity of the rain but 14 hardened souls turned up at the Chobham Car Park for this gentle afternoon stroll. The main features of the walk were Hursell and Chobham commons with a connecting path between the two going alongside Chobham International Airport. Walkers trudged through mud, paths led to rivers and up Staple Hill to attain the dizzy height of 230 ft all giving extensive views all over North West Surrey - well the views were there if the mist had not been in the way. The best of it is Chris apologized for taking us along 200 yards of road but explained it was to miss the muddy bit.

Being a resident of Chobham (not a native I hasten to add) it was interesting that Chris found some paths that I had not walked before. I have always considered the area to be difficult to organize walks in but Chris managed to keep us on footpaths apart from that 200 yards. True the walk was short (only ten miles) by LONK standards but it made a very nice social occasion and in any case any further would have severely tested the sense of humor of some of the walkers in those conditions.

Shedding waterproofs back at Chris's house we sat in front of a log fire to enjoy the buffet meal Margaret and Judith had prepared.

One consolation is that if Chris had not planned this walk I would have entered for the Wealden Waters, a nice walk and worth repeating in the hope of finding some better weather.

John Westcott.

#### COUMBRETS GARDOL The annual job crawl

A week before Christmas a dozen people, led by Chris Steer, set off from the car park at Peaslake for a strenuous schedule of eating and drinking, punctuated by stretches of scenic walking in the Surrey Hills. Almost at once came the first stop at the Windmill for coffee or stronger refreshment to fortify us for the steep climb onto the crest of the hills. The forces of nature seemed to take exception to such an early break and greeted our exit from the job with a hearty rain shower. However, the party showed no sign of incalidation and the elements called it off, the rest of the day staying dry.

A brisk walk brought us to lunch, with many plants, pies and hot potatoes. Keith joined us here for the afternoon's exercise (and for the plants) while two of the party departed. With thoughts of tea and bread pudding to come at Abinger, the next part of the route passed pleasantly along the woodlands and footpaths on the north side of the hills, without even a drop of water nor a decent bowlful of mud. The bread pudding was up to standard and the watercress tea takers looked equally happy.

Burtness fell during tea but a clear moon provided a beautiful setting for the last section back to Peaslake. Here the leader and his reconnaissance party, claimed that the distance covered was 18 miles; an incredibly painless way to cover this distance.

After changing in the couple of hotel bedrooms which the management had once again made available to us we joined the non-walking members - after a little confusion over recognising familiar faces in unfamiliar clothing. The staff of the Nurwood Inn looked after 24 of us with great care and served us with a most enjoyable meal. The guest speaker was Mr Trafford Clark, Secretary of the Nurwood Control, a part of the Surrey Countryside used on both this Christmas walk and on other occasions, notably the Surrey Sweets event. He explained the philosophy of managing the open space and how the public visitors are controlled.

A thoroughly good day's gardening and gorseing, if that's the word, enjoyed by all participants. The walkers were Barbara Blatchford, Dave Challenger, Keith Chesterton, Brian and Jean Crossley, Sal Coats, Frances Davies, Robert Falcher, Ian and Jean Hatfield, Mervyn Hurvey, Ken Hughes, Tony Youngs and Chris Steer.

Frances Davies.

#### EVENTS IN BRIEF

The Coal Tax Karter did not attract as big an entry as the organizers would have wished but probably a little more whittling will rectify this in future. The ideas for routes to include coal tax points as checkpoints have now been exhausted so although it is intended to have another karter in the same area for 1984, it will have to be on a different theme.

The Winter Windsor Wander was a good day out with about 76 taking part in either the 15 or 19 mile routes with the opportunity to have a pint in the Pettors Sports Club bar afterwards. In view of some of the longcourse being closed for part of the time every year while the royal family passes through, Ralph intends changing the route next year.

Another successful Surrey Downs Karter attracted 220 starters although more than 40 of those were recorded in the results as "not accounted for". A nice morning unfortunately turning to rain in the afternoon.

The weather was kinder to the Winter Cammers with a very pleasant sunny day even if the wind was a little on the cold side. There were 234 starters of whom 200 finished the 20 mile route.

#### SLIDE SHOW

We had a very interesting double feature slide show last November. Barbara Blatchford giving us an insight of the animal and plant life we can expect to see on the North Downs then Tony Youngs giving an account of his crossing the Hardangervida in Norway on foot having sampled the delights of cruising by boat down the fjords.

It was decided not to include a slide show in this evening programme as it covers the summer months but I think the real reason was that we could not get a volunteer to do one. If anyone can do a show for the next programme please let John Westcott know.