

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION - SURREY GROUP

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### PROGRAMME PLANNING MEETING

Fourteen members attended the meeting on 2nd Dec'87. The treasurer reported the group funds stood at £454. Major items of expenditure still outstanding were secretary's expenses £50 (including some new chairs) and a new portable gas boiler £17.

Concern was expressed at how few activities the group had organized throughout the past summer with none at all during July or August. It was decided that in future at least one social walk would be organized every month. Once again I would appeal for volunteer leaders so that we can fulfil this policy. Anybody who is prepared to lead a walk now and then please let us know for the next meeting on 29th January.

### PAST EVENTS AND WALKS

In the middle of a rainy spell, the weather was kind for the Waybar Walk - cool but dry. The wet weather did have an effect however producing slippery underfoot conditions and the interesting variety of lush vegetation for participants to battle their way through. I was at checkpoint 2 where one gentleman in shorts with his knees glowing red from nettle rash told me he did not think much of our stinging nettles - I told him I thought they were very good this year - thick and tall. Of the 72 starters 70 overcame the obstacles to make the finish in times ranging from 1 hour 58 mins to 6 hours 5 mins for the 17 miles.

We were also fortunate in missing the rain for the midsummer evening walk - it would have been a waterproofs job if it had been held on midsummer day. The 26 walkers who went on a route to the east of Guildford using the new, long awaited St Catherine's footbridge took on the way out and on the way back. Afterwards at 11 Thornbank we had the usual feast Barbara had prepared for us.

The weather was also fine for the 28th January. Approx 700 took part of which a fair proportion completed the route. When I was taking the waymarking arrows down I met quite a few walkers coming the other way at the point where the route out and the route back contacted for about a quarter of a mile just north of there and it was surprising how many of them did not realize they had walked that section in the reverse direction earlier. One point of concern to the organizers was that some under age children were unaccompanied even though this contravenes the rules.

Five years ago we had good weather for the Children - only once has he failed to 1983. Entries were down this year failing to get the limit of 500 for the first time for some years. There were just over 300 starters and 278 finishers.

Just to round off how lucky we were for picking the dates for the few activities we did have during what was generally a wet summer, the rain did threaten the Guildford Boundary Walk but it never materialized. Early on route participants not only had to dodge the traffic on the A25 but also horses taking part in horse trials near Blackwell Farm. This walk also used the new St Catherine's footbridge which shortened the route from previous years but there were one or two who stuck to the old route. I think it was because they had done it before so did not take a route description and were not aware of the change rather than out of purity for tradition. There were 245 starters and 216 finished. The profits from this event will be donated to the Guildford venture playground for handicapped children and the amount should be in excess of £100.

### COURSE ON LONG DISTANCE WALKING AND CAMPING

Members may be interested to know that the Guildford Adult Education Institute is running a course on Long Distance Walking and Camping. This takes place on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at Park Barn Secondary School, 400 St 8/2503. The course consists of 5 weeks from 6th Nov to 4th Dec 1988 and 5 weeks from 6th Jan to 5th Feb 1989. A first aid basic course follows for 3 weeks from 12th Feb. The cost is 25.00 for each of the 5 week sessions. Payment may be made on enrolment at the Park Barn Centre.

Good walking everybody

John Westcott.

## PROGRAMME (CONTINUED)

- Sunday 19 Jan: WINTER TAMERS (186 & 187). A 20 mile walk in Central Surrey AVM route proving exercise for the famous summer event. Start and Finish in Leatherhead BATA car park. GR 162566. No undercover and only minimal support so only tough runners and walkers should take part. Details from John Westcott.
- Sunday 26 Jan: SELBORNE EXPEDITION (186). A re-walk of the 20 mile circular walk which was lost in the December mud, mist and rain last year. The walk starts from Selborne Public Car Park. GR 742334. 7.30 a.m. sharp. The route goes via Selborne Manor, Newton Valence, Colemore, Werrin Corner, Wharfton Hill, Newley, Dapthol and Gushanger to finish back at Selborne. I believe a pub stop is planned this time. Leader Tom Anderson.
- Wednesday 29 Jan: AGM AND PROGRAMME PLANNING MEETING (187). At the Lord Howard, Effingham. GR 102161. 7.30 p.m. for 8. Election of officers.
- Sunday 2 Feb: FURZESOME MARSHES (186). A choice of 2 routes - 23 miles or 30 miles from Chichester Hill, Witley. GR 947284. All to start at 8 a.m. and finish by 6 p.m. LMA members only. Details from Jeff Ellingham or John Westcott.
- Sunday 9 Feb: HASLOWERE HOP (186 & 187). A 20 mile plus walk from Haslowere High Street Car Park. GR 904329. Route goes south of Haslowere into Hampshire. Start 8 a.m. Leader Barbara Blatchford.
- Sunday 9 Mar: SPRING CHILDREN'S CHOICE (186). A 20 mile plus walk from the CROTTA Car Park, Farnham. GR 828487. (between Golf Club and Cricket Ground). THIS IS THE SAME WALKING AS THE NATIONAL AGM and although it was not known when the walk was planned Dan says it will still go ahead for those not attending the AGM and dinner in Chester. Leader Dan Hadfield.
- Sat/Sun 12/13 April: SURREY SUMMITS (186 & 187). A 100 kilometers (62 mile) challenge walk over the popular hills of Central and Western Surrey. Start and Finish at Witley. Start 10 a.m. Saturday and all to finish by 12 noon Sunday - 26 hours. Closing date for entries is 12th March. Details from John Westcott.
- Sunday 17 April: BORKING ST (187). A 25 mile joint walk with the Nole Valley Harriers. From Borking Town Station. GR 560499. Start at 8.45 a.m. Leader Tony Youngs.
- Sat/Sun/Mon 24/25/26 May: DOWNHAM 100 (185, 187, 186 & 189). The national 100 mile WALK in 1986 is being organized jointly by the Surrey, Sussex and Wessex groups. The route is from Winchester to Eastbourne mostly utilizing the South Downs Way. Details from Bill Grace or John Westcott.
- Sunday 8 June: POINTS KANTER (186 & 187). Advance notice of another Kanter on the same lines as the events on 17 Nov and 1 Jan earlier in the programme but with an added observation quiz. The venue will be Womersley Memorial Hall. GR 038496. Further Details in the next programme.

## HELP WANTED

The eternal cry for assistance with marshalling on our events. Offers of help should be made to:-

Surrey	John Kanter	Keith Chesterton
Winter Tamers	John Westcott	John Westcott
Punchbowl	Jeff Ellingham	Jeff Ellingham
Surrey Summits	Dan Hadfield	Dan Hadfield
Downham	John Westcott	John Westcott

## FOR THE FUTURE

Tom Anderson is planning a series of walks based on the Ridgeway following our ancient past. Initially 5 walks with a minimum distance of 20 miles. They will appear in future programmes.

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The numbers following the event etc are the 1:50000 (or larger) map(s) covering the route or location.

Thursday 14 Nov: DOUBLE FEATURE SLIDE SHOW (175, 176 or 186). At Cobham Club, Windsor Road, Cobham. GR 873628. 7.30 p.m. for G. Tom Anderson - An Alpine Journey through Austria, Switzerland and France then Chris Butterfield - Backpacking in Jostedal (Central Norway).

Sunday 17 Nov: WISLEY CANTER (186 & 187). Start from Ripley Village Hall, GR 909585. Any time between 9 and 10.30 a.m. All to finish by 4 p.m. Choice from 12 or 18 mile routes. You devise your route between unmanned checkpoints from grid refs given and answer a simple question about a feature at the location. You will need to bring map, pen/pencil, compass and map case/plastic bag. The pathfinder 2 1/2" OS map Woking and Leatherhead will cover both routes. Entries on the day only at 50p for LONA members or 80p for non members. If you can think of any further information you require please contact Barbara Blatchford, Dave Challenger or John Westcott.

Sunday 24 Nov: PATH CLEARANCE (187). Bridgeway between GR 909485 and 100481. Meet at Finger Roughs Car Park at 10 a.m. GR 110477. Or go straight to the path if you arrive later. Please bring tool suitable for clearing dense undergrowth and your own food. Any further details can be obtained from Barbara Blatchford.

Saturday 14 Dec: ANNUAL DINNER DANCE (187). Meet at the White Horse, Dorking. GR 924894. at 10 a.m. for a gentle walk of less than 20 miles to arrive back at the White Horse about 6 p.m. for dinner at 7. Walk or dine or both. There will be a room available for changing. The hotel has limited car parking space and those arriving for the walk in the morning should be able to park there but evening arrivals may have to park in one of the public car parks. The menu will be:-

- Starter: Deep fried mushrooms and garlic flavoured dip.
- Main course: Traditional roast turkey, chipolata and apricot stuffing, fresh seasonal vegetables and roast potatoes.
- Dessert: Christmas pudding with brandy cream.
- To follow: Pot of coffee and wine plait.

The cost of dinner is £8.00 per person (wine extra). Book with Peter Young resitting the full amount of £8.00 per person - cheques made payable to "LONA Surrey" - by December 1st. Alternatively, those wishing to stay overnight can do so at a cost of £25.00 per person including dinner, bed and full English breakfast. This again is to be booked with Peter Young with a receiptance for the full amount payable. Walk leader is Chris Storr.

Friday 27 Dec: WINTER WINDSOR WALKER (175). Walk or run from Peters Sports Club just south of Slough Bridge. GR 000714. Most of the route is in the lovely setting of Windsor Great Park with access to and from the starting point along the towpath of the river Thames. Walkers start at 9 a.m. and runners at 10 a.m. but all will be doing the 15 mile route this year which will be changed slightly from that used in previous years. It is hoped to have the bar available at the finish. Further details from Ralph Hoolby.

Wednesday 1 Jan: SURREY DAWN CANTER (186 & 187). A light hearted start to the new year. Venue is St Catherine's Village Hall, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford. GR 902485. Checkpoints are unmanned most of them are pubs. 2 routes of 12 or 18 miles on the same lines as the Wisley Canter above. Start between 9.15 and 11 a.m. all to finish by 4.30 p.m. The new footbridge over the river Wey at St Catherine's will be used. With an entry fee of 50p (80p for LONA members) and special reduced rates for GAPS, under 16s and the unemployed this must be the lowest fee for any LONA event. Further details from Keith Chesteron or John Westcott.