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#### THE PROGRAMME PLANNING MEETING

Sixteen members attended the meeting on 5th June. The treasurer reported the group had about £204.00 plus approx £100 profit from the Surrey Summits. It was decided to purchase a second portable gas urn and some chairs.

#### LONG RAIN SOCIAL WALKS

There were 22 people who went on the Spring Chairman's Choice including several Sussex Group members. Setting off from Dan's traditional starting point for walks to Leeds, Farnham Castle Car Park, we went south west to have lunch at a pub in Chart. The pace gradually quickened in the afternoon for some reason and it was just as well we got to the end of the route when we did otherwise I think some of those leading would have had us running.

Unfortunately Tony Youngs was not well enough to lead his Fife Frolic so he deputized Chris Steer to do so with Tony Haven of the Sussex Group acting as supporting consultant. Fearing with rain on the way down, the 20 reluctant walkers donned their waterproofs as they emerged from their cars in Alfriston car park. The rain did ease off after we had been walking for a while and gradually the walkers chanced taking their waterproofs off. We were even allowed a brief moment of sun to highlight the Seven Sisters as we looked back at them from Seaford Head. As Chris was trying to prize the walkers out of the Beachcomber public house and assemble us on the promenade ready for the afternoon session he remarked that we had seen the best of the weather for that day. He was right. We spent the afternoon trudging through mud over the downs in the pouring rain. We also slipped out the diversion to Serwick church in our eagerness to get back to the comfort of our cars back at Alfriston. I am sure Tony would not have allowed us to do that had he been leading.

Stanley Thorley got better weather for his Stanley Stagers. A bright day although a few did say they were getting a little chilly while waiting for others in the garden of the pub at Luncton. Setting off from Leatherhead we went via Walton-on-the-Hill and Colly Hill to have lunch at the Tollemington Castle at Redgate Heath. In the afternoon we staped mainly south of the A25 before crossing the A25 to skirt Box Hill and get back to Leatherhead via Herbury Park.

#### PAST EVENTS

For the Functbow! we were having a particularly cold snap with snow on the ground, icy roads and freezing winds. This made for a much smaller entry than usual but even so there were 266 starters and 241 finishers - 26 on the 20 miler, 45 cut short to complete 24 miles and a further 100 completed 20 miles.

The Tenth Surrey Summits was the first to be held as early as March and this probably helped to achieved the underfoot conditions being muddier than usual. Some prolonged showers, heavy at times, just after it got dark did not help and many of those taking part decided they were not enjoying it sufficiently to induce them to finish it. There were only 34 finishers out of 158 starters. At 480 we had the second highest percentage of retirements on any event to date. Bill Grace and Martin Greaves are the only 2 to have completed all 10 events.

#### PATH CLEARANCE

I am afraid we did not get a very good turn out for the path clearing on 14th April. There were 6 stalwarts who assembled in the car park at Gosnell Station and set off down the A25 with mattsacks over shoulders feeling they should be whistling "Hi-ho, Hi-ho, its off to work we go" from Jess White and the seven dwarfs. The mattsacks were brand new which must have given the impression to any observer that those carrying them had not had much mattsacking experience. Once out on site however any such observer would have seen how wrong they were. Having de-rooted the path to Barbara's satisfaction we set about clearing another which hopefully we will finish on 24th November. I would ask all members to make a special effort to attend and help with this very important aspect of our programme.

PROGRAMME TO DECEMBER 1987 SAE with all postal enquiries please

The numbers following the event etc are the OS 1:60000 Landranger map covering the route or location.

Sunday 8 Sept: DILTON NORTON (175) A 25 mile challenge walk in the Cotswolds starting and finishing at Marlow Rugby Club. GR 802862. Entries limited to 400 - none on the day. Details from Vince Smith.

Sunday 15 Sept: WILTSHIRE BOUNDARY WALK (186). A challenge walk of 20 miles most of the route of which follows the pre 1874 boundary of the Outland Borough. The route will use the new bridge over the river Wy instead of going via Shafton thus reducing the mileage from previous years. Details from Barbara Blackford.

Wednesday 2 Oct: PROGRAMME PLANNING MEETING (187). At the Lord Howard Effingham GR 102821. 300 yards from Effingham Junction railway station. 7.30 p.m. for 8.

Sunday 5 Oct: STANLEY STROLL (187). After his successful debut at leading Surrey Group walks in the last programme, Stanley Thorley has undertaken to lead another one. A 20 mile social walk from Dorking Town Station. GR 100499, starting at 9 a.m. The route will be going south with a lunch break in the Wallingwood area and finishing back at Dorking.

Saturday 13 Oct: COMMONS CLIMP (176). This is the 3rd year this 12 mile afternoon event is to take place but this year it will be walked in the reverse direction. Start at Fochelton, Cobhill, Chobham GR 884071, at 2 p.m. the route goes via Chobham and Horseall commons to finish back at Fochelton for tea. Leader Chris Steer - please let Chris know if you are coming for catering purposes.

Thursday 14 Nov: DOUBLE FEATURE SLICE SHOW (175, 176 or 186). At Chobham TICE, Wiltour Road, Chobham. GR 873624. 7.30 p.m. for 8. Two Anderses - An Alpine Journey through Austria, Switzerland and France. Or Butterfield - Backpacking in Jotunheimen (central Norway).

Sunday 17 November: WESLEY KNOTS (186 & 187). Start from Ripley Village Hall GR 095505. Anytime between 9 and 10.30 a.m. All to finish by 4 p.m. Choice from 17 or 18 mile routes. You devise your route between unnamed 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 25" OS map Woking and Leatherhead will probably cover both routes. Entries on the day only at 50p per walker (60p non members). If you can think of any further information you may require please contact Barbara Blackford or Dave Challenger.

Sunday 14 Nov: PATH CLEARANCE (187) Bridleway between GRs 090485 and 105491. Meet at Roger Houghs car park at 10 a.m. GR 110477 or go straight to the path if you arrive later. Please bring tools suitable for clearing dense undergrowth. Further details from Barbara Blackford.

Saturday 14 Dec: ANGEL DINNER DANCE (187). Meet at the White Horse, Dorking. GR 100494 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. Full details and bookings will be taken at the next meeting on 2nd October. The price is expected to be about £8.25 for 3 course dinner. Anybody wishing to stay overnight can do so for £25 which will include dinner, bed and full English breakfast.

#### THE HOBART TEN MILE LEAGUE

The latest league I have to hand still shows the LDWA in 10th place (out of 100) with 510 points - 217 points behind our nearest rivals. The top team has 2214 points. I understand there was a better turnout at the latest event at Farley Heath on 16th June, the results for which I have not yet seen, but I do not think it will make much of an impact at improving our position.

Mike Martle is still looking for members to represent the LDWA in these runs. They are cross country about 4 to 5 miles. There are 10 per year and all but one held on a Sunday morning. Every person who completes the course gains points for his team.

The first of the League's "open" road runs - The Western and Malden Ten - went off very well attracting 520 runners of whom 413 finished in time ranging from 51 mins 50 secs to 106 mins 30 seconds.

The 2 road runs still to come are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
14 July	Western and Malden 10	Cranleigh	Ken Saunders
13 Oct.	Klan Blatchford W & W marathon	Tilford	Sandra Doughton

#### HELP WANTED

Once again I would appeal for help from members with running our events. In the current programme we have 2 events for which the appropriate organizers would be grateful to hear from those willing to help run a checkpoint. Offers of help for the Chiltern Marathon should be made to Vince Selts and offers of help for the Guildford Boundary should be made to Don Hatfield.

In 1986 the national 500 miller will be the Downsian which I will be organizing. This comes shortly after the Surrey Summits but I am sure the Surrey Group members will respond generously to my appeals for help on both events. We will need a lot of people to man the checkpoints but in addition we will be needing some roving marshals. If you are willing to drive a vehicle for recovery of retirements or use your own vehicle to co-ordinate checkpoints etc I would be glad to hear from you as soon as possible.

Good walking everyone.

John R Weinstock.