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APOLOGIES

This Newsletter is a couple of weeks late due to delays, outside our control, in getting final details for the Xmas Dinner.

XMAS WALK AND DINNER

A separate sheet detailing the arrangements is enclosed with this Newsletter. Please respond as soon as possible if you are interested, as this will considerably ease the organiser's job.

GROUP CONSTITUTION

At the last AGM it was decided that we would endeavour to establish a Group Constitution to help us conduct our business. Thanks to the considerable efforts of Brian Haigh who constructed the first draft and to the valuable comments and suggestions made by others including Keith Chesterton and Richard Hotchkiss the 'final draft' is now ready and is enclosed with this Newsletter. In order that Group members all have a chance to comment on its contents and allow time for the final version to be ready for discussion (and hopefully adoption) at our next AGM in January, it would be appreciated if any suggestions/alterations/modifications etc were sent **IN WRITING ONLY** to the Chairman Tony Cartwright by December 1st.

AGM JAN 17 1991

Please could the Secretary have details of any motions to be discussed and details of anyone wishing to stand for office by December 31. The Chairman and Treasurer intend to stand for re-election, the Secretary is standing down.

The proposed Agenda at present consists of:

1. Reports from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. 1990 Accounts.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Group Constitution.
5. Future of the Newsletter.
6. Any Other Business.

If there are significant changes to this proposed agenda then a final agenda will be sent to all members in the first week of January.

SECRETARY STANDS DOWN

The Secretary will not be standing for re-election at the AGM. It is hoped that one or more persons will allow their name to be put forward for election at the AGM. What does the job involve? There is no definitive specification, it largely depends on how the person doing the job agrees to split responsibilities with other members of the Committee. However, a summary of what the current Secretary does may be useful.

1. He is an interface to the rest of the LDWA and the general public. This involves answering perhaps half a dozen enquiries a month about the Group's activities and also sending details (3 times a year) of the Group's programme to the LDWA local groups secretary for inclusion in Strider.
2. Arranges the AGM and Programme Planning meetings and puts together the Group's social walks programme.
3. Produces the Newsletter and distributes it to members. This is the most time consuming duty, but fortunately requires concentrated effort only 3 times a year (note the future of the Newsletter is to be considered at the AGM).

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The busy season for Surrey events approaches. Event organisers are always eager to hear from people who can help out on the day. Please contact an event organiser if you are able to help.

Leaders will be required for social walks during the period May to August 1991. Walk details i.e. date, start time, start point and approximate length (20 miles recommended) have to be sent for inclusion in the April Strider by the end of January. The walk does not have to be in Surrey, it can be anywhere as long as you think people are able to get there! Please contact the Secretary if you are able to lead a walk.

PROGRAMME PLANNING MEETING Sep 20 1990

12 people attended this meeting which was held at the Prince of Wales in Shere. A meeting lacking controversy, for a change! Most of the items discussed are covered elsewhere in the Newsletter, they included the Group Constitution and the Programme.

ASHDOWN FOREST ARRAY August 5 1990 (report by Tony Youngs)

Barbara Blatchford, who was finding temperatures in the nineties altogether too much, provided route descriptions of the two Ashdown Forest walks from "Great Walks: Downs and Weald" and stayed sensibly at home in the shade. When combined, and supplemented by a diversion to the Crow and Gate for lunch, the two great walks gave a first rate 22 miler. Fortunately, the temperature dropped into the eighties and all seven of us survived this excursion into tropical Sussex. It was the first time I have worn a straw hat on an LDWA walk.

DUNSFOLD KANTERS September 23 1990 (report by Brian Haigh)

No Guildford Boundary walk this year. Instead the Dunsfold Kanters were held to provide an opportunity to walk in a different part of Surrey not well known to most of the entrants. The day was cool with a few heavy but thankfully short showers. 46 followed the long route and another 24 did the 13 miles. Several pubs en route guaranteed a wide range of finishing times! For the 13 milers the range was 2hr 13m to 7hr 59m, and for the 20 milers it was 3hr 17m to 9hr 18m.

Thanks are due to the joint organiser Keith Chesterton; Liz Higgins who was a tremendous help as was also my daughter Fiona in her capacity not only as Official Starter but also Chief Calligrapher. Jeff Ellingham called in to encourage his daughter who was taking part and stayed to help us through a busy period.

All in all a very enjoyable day.

SURREY GROUP CP - CHILTERN'S 100 (report by Keith Chesterton)

The Surrey Group manned CP 11/14 for the latter part of the 1990 Chilterns 100. Helpers: Sue Boyman, Paul & Sandra Houghton, Ken Stran, Cyril Watmore, Martin Jones, William Brown and Keith Chesterton.

Particular thanks to Sue, who helped despite a bereavement the day before and to Ken Stran who turned up with a black eye and battered face. He'd fallen and hit the pavement that morning but wouldn't let the team down and turned in!

Due to late changes Surrey hadn't provided all expected equipment so had to borrow on the day - but I don't think the walkers noticed anything. There was a very large supply of baked beans - but the hot weather put people off so at the end we had 50lb of it left and also 80 lavatory rolls surplus - presumably intended for the baked bean eaters! We improvised and supplied banana sandwiches (crushed with added sugar) and these went down well.

The Chequers next door was appreciated by the marshalls and quite a few walkers also supplemented the CP tea with Brakespears beer.

3 walkers in the 2nd night, did a 3 mile circuit and finished back at the CP. 2 marshalls accompanied them on the 2nd attempt and they got away.

PROGRAMME MID NOVEMBER 1990 TO APRIL 1991

The organiser/leader of each walk/event is given in the heading line. Telephone numbers and addresses are on page 1 of this Newsletter. Please enclose SAE with all written enquiries. OS references in descriptions indicate relevant Landranger maps. Social walks normally include a pub stop with food (check beforehand with the leader if this is going to be a matter of life and death to you!). Walks in the winter may finish in the dark, so take a torch.

SUN NOV 18 PATH CLEARANCE

TONY YOUNGS

There are two stiles to be built and 150 yards of overgrown footpath to be cleared on a potentially useful east-west route south of Reigate. Stile kits and tools will be provided, but extra bow-saws, loppers, mattocks and sharp spades will be useful if you have any.

Meet at the small car park off the A2044 near the cricket ground on Petridgewood Common (TQ276474) at 9.30am. Latecomers will find the work sites by walking westwards along FP62 which leaves the Common at TQ276472. All help, whether for the day or for an hour or two, will be very welcome. It would be helpful in planning the work if you let Tony Youngs know that you are coming. But unheralded volunteers will be welcome too.

SAT DEC 15 XMAS WALK & DINNER

LOUISE CARTWRIGHT

See the accompanying sheet which gives full details.

TUE JAN 1 SURREY INNS KANTER

KEITH CHESTERTON

20 and 12 miles from St Catherine's village hall, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford (off Portsmouth Road), GR 992485. Start 0915-1100. Finish by 1630. Entry on day only - at some amount less than £1 calculated according to your affiliations and age! Bring map OS 106, mapcase, compass and pencil. Follow your own route between pubs. Free tea/soup and certificate at end.

SUN JAN 13 WINTER TANNERS

JOHN WESTCOTT

A tough 30 mile event for experienced walkers only. Only 2 drinks points, no facilities at start/finish and no transport backup for retirements. Start from car park west of Leatherhead town centre (GR 163566 OS 187) 0730-0930. Finish by 2100, but self-registration at finish after 1800. Entry £1 (£1.50 non LDWA) before Jan 5, £2 for all entries after that date.

THU JAN 17 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PETER HUGHES

At Prince of Wales, Shere, GR 072476 OS 106. 7.30pm for 8.

SUN FEB 3 PUNCHBOWL MARATHON

JOHN WESTCOTT

33 mile event (or 15 which is open only to families of 33 milers or to early/late marshals) for LDWA members only. Start 0730-0800 Chichester Hall, Witley GR 948394 OS 106. Entry fee £4 before Jan 24, £6 thereafter. Entry fee includes food at finish, badge and certificate.

SUN FEB 17 A HERO'S HIKE

TOM ANDERSON

Start at Sam. from car park at Stratfield Mortimer station GR 673642, OS 175. 'The distance is a closely guarded secret for the day'.

SUN MAR 24 BYEWAYS AROUND BENTLEY

MERYYN HARVEY

20 miles from Bentley GR 706440, OS 106, with a pub stop. Start 9.30am.

SAT APR 13 SURREY SUMMITS

DAVE CHALLENGER

SUN APR 14 The usual 100km classic event. Full details next time.

SUN APR 28 PYECOMBE PERAMBULATION

TONY YOUNGS

20 miles north of the S. Downs and on them. Ascents of Edburton, Newtimber and Wolstonbury Hills will be attempted. Remains of the Devil's Dyke steep grade railway, aerial cableway and standard gauge line await railway buffs. Lunch at the Plough, Pyecombe. Start 9am. from outside Henfield Village Hall GR 216160, OS 198. Turn east off the A281 at Free Car Park/Village Hall sign. The 1983 (when it was last walked) route sheets may be obtained from Tony now; revised edition available on the day.