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#### TOM'S TRUDGE

Due to unforeseen circumstances it has been necessary to change the date of this walk from February 17 to February 24. See the Programme at the end of this Newsletter for full details.

#### ACCOUNTS

The 1989 accounts (see Page 2) show a healthy balance after the troubles of 1988. This has mainly been achieved by an overall improvement in the profits from events, our main source of income. We will, however, need to budget carefully during 1990 as there is no Winter Tarners to contribute to the income.

It is encouraging that the membership has increased to 125. Our target this year should be to increase this towards the 150 level - start recruiting! The subscription for 1990 remains unchanged at £1. If you have not renewed your membership of the Group yet, then please use the form below to do so.

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#### 1990 SUBSCRIPTION

Membership renewal/application

I enclose £1 for my 1990 subscription to the Surrey Group

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and send to the Treasurer Liz Higgins. Make cheques payable to 'LDWA Surrey Group'

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1989

INCOME	1989	1988
	£	£
Balance brought forward	66.52	453.63
Members subs and donations	439.00	58.01
President's fund collection	11.60	
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Events:		
Surrey Inns Kanter	47.20	
Winter Tanners	152.42	
Punchbowl Marathon	60.23	
Surrey Summits	121.36	
Beebac	5.71	
Dunsfold Kanter	( 5.80)	
Guildford Boundary Walk	120.58	
General expenses for Surrey Group Events	(121.08)	380.62
	-----	47.41
	897.74	559.05
Memberships: 1989 - 125, 1988 - 101		
EXPENDITURE		
Hire of halls	40.00	30.00
Secretary's expenses	151.00	325.63
Treasurer's expenses		3.50
Donations:		
National Trust	191.33	
Hurtwood Control	95.67	287.00
Flowers - P Young		18.70
Badges:		
Surrey Group	( 4.00)	
Surrey Summits	( 32.00)	( 38.00)
	-----	( 45.80)
Total	440.88	575.03
Balance of Income over Expenditure	456.86	( 15.98)
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	897.74	559.05

Balance of bank account	474.86
Cheque not presented	( 18.00)
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	456.86

Badges, etc, in stock	T-shirts 2x42	4.00
	Surrey Group PP x #1	99.00
	Surrey Summits 180 x #1	180.00

#### AGM JANUARY 11 1990

25 members attended the AGM which was held at the Prince of Wales, Sheri. The meeting was opened by the Chairman, who summarised our achievements during 1989; well supported events, social walks and weekends. He thanked members for their support. Looking to the year ahead he felt it was particularly important that the Group considered setting up a more formalised structure and that we should start to draft a constitution that could be agreed at the 1991 AGM.

A copy of the 1989 Accounts was distributed (reproduced on page 2 of this Newsletter). It was generally agreed that the finances were in a much more healthy state though warnings were given that 1990 would not be so comfortable; no income from the Winter Tanners and increased costs in producing the Newsletter.

The election of officers then took place. New nominations had been requested in advance in the October Newsletter. All members of the Committee had already agreed to stand for office again, as there had been no other nominations, but were to find on the day of the meeting that another candidate for Chairman, Tony Cartwright, was being proposed. A vote was held and Tony was elected as the new Chairman of the Group. The other existing officers were returned unopposed.

The new Chairman took over for the meeting. Tom Anderson, the outgoing Chairman, was thanked for his efforts on behalf of the Group during the last 2 years.

The Secretary proposed that the subscription should be increased to £1.50 a year. He pointed out that the cost of producing and distributing the Newsletter 3 times a year was not covered by the current £1 subscription. In the past the printing of the Newsletter had been done on Chris Deer's printing equipment at cost price. However, this equipment had broken down and it was likely that in the future the Newsletter would have to be printed by other means at commercial rates. He felt that the Newsletter and also the cost of hiring halls for planning meetings should be fully covered by membership subscriptions. The general feeling of the meeting was, however, that the Group could currently afford to subsidise the cost of the Newsletter from other income. It was agreed that the subscription should remain unchanged, and that the size of the Newsletter should not be reduced to save cost. Chris Deer offered the group his printing equipment. A member of the group would have to find space to keep the equipment and people would have to learn how to use it. The Group would also have to pay for maintenance and repairs to the equipment. The Committee undertook to consider this generous offer.

Brian Haigh proposed the motion: The Punchbowl and Winter Tanners Challenge events be re-instituted on an annual basis until such time that either: a) they become non-viable or b) suitable alternative challenge walks are introduced. The main arguments for the motion were that these events were long standing and successful. The Group was providing an important service for the LD/WA as a whole by providing events at a time of the year when the Events Calendar was rather bare. Both organisers were very willing to carry on and felt that they were able to raise sufficient helpers, though they admitted that volunteers were sometimes hard to come by. Nobody violently opposed the motion but a few warnings were sounded. Finding sufficient helpers was a problem and some people were worried about the number of times they were asked to help and often only said yes, rather reluctantly. Reinstating both events every year would mean that the Group organised 3 events in a period of about a month, which might stretch resources - would it not be possible to spread the events out a bit more? The motion was passed by an overwhelming majority - both the Winter Tanners and the Punchbowl will take place in 1991.

Barbara Blatchford explained that she would not be able to organise any future Ouldford Boundary Walks due to possible conflicts with her work as a Principal Rights of Way Officer for the Surrey County Council. She felt this event should be dropped from the programme anyway, because there were now serious problems facing it, not least the necessity for the route to cross the busy A31. The Group is now seeking a new organisation to develop a replacement walk for 1991. Keith Cherrerton and Brian Haigh volunteered to organise a Katter event to fill the gap in the calendar for this year only.

A brief discussion took place about the need for the Group to have a constitution. Brian Haigh kindly volunteered to consult other groups and draft a possible constitution for consideration at a future meeting.

#### LAKE DISTRICT WEEKEND IN THE DUDDON VALLEY (Report by Tom Anderson)

Four walks were completed on this weekend during last September. A traverse of Black Combe and its surrounding area was done on the afternoon of the day of arrival.

Day 2 was a round of the Conistone peaks from our base and was enjoyed despite a continuous mist.

Day 3 was the highlight of the trip, comprising of a circuit of the Pikes of Bowfell from Eakdale taking in both 3000 footers and returning via Esk House and Brothfield. This route worked out very well. It was a spectacular traverse finishing with a beautiful walk along the river Esk, with a bit of culture at the end, a look around Hard Knott Castle (a Roman fort).

Day 4 a morning code over Harter fell from the bus before we all departed on our different ways home. Myself via Scotland to successfully bag some more Munros.

Many thanks to all who came for making it a very harmonious trip. Congratulations to Mark Wood on surviving his first trip to Lake Land. Also to Tony Youngs on at last climbing the two highest points in England. It was a very enjoyable experience for myself and everyone else it seemed, so perhaps we will repeat it again next year.

#### ABERGAVENNY WEEKEND

This weekend during last October enjoyed fantastic support with no fewer than 35 of us travelling to join Dan Hadfield in E. Wales. On Saturday we did a cut down version of the 3 Peaks visiting Elan Valley and Sugar Loaf. On Sunday we explored the area to the south of Llanthony visiting the Priory and associated hotel/bar for lunch. The majority of us stayed in a rather dubious hotel which served as the local disco at night, and your highly respectable Secretary and wife had to negotiate with a couple of natty looking hearnes to get back in on Saturday evening. Sunday morning breakfast found us all in an amusing debate about the merits or otherwise of the establishment, in full earshot of the kitchen staff (but then they were probably conducting an analysis of their clientele at the time). Our thanks to Dan for leading 2 interesting walks. He has retired to a good area for walking.

#### MEON MEANDER NOVEMBER 1989 (Report by Tony Youngs)

22 people walked the Meon Meander on a brilliant, cold but windless day and enjoyed views extending from Walsbury Hill to the Isle of Wight. Illustrated route sheets are still available from Tony Youngs.

#### HURTWOOD HEDONIC HIKE + ANNUAL DINNER DECEMBER 1989

The Hike attracted 38 people despite heavy rain at the start. However, the weather immediately cleared up and we only had about 30 minutes rain thereafter. It was a leisurely stroll visiting Sher (Prince of Wales), West Clendon (Bulls Head where they were exhausting the nation's supply of potatoes by giving huge helpings of chips with everything), and Abinger Hammer (Abinger Arms, apologies about the lack of afternoon tea but the tea shop was on holiday). We arrived back at Pearlake by torchlight just after 6 o'clock.

The annual dinner at the Hurtwood Arms followed at 8 o'clock. This attracted 38 people and was slightly different this year as we sat in the main dining room (rather than had our own separate room) and was a Dinner/Dance. I had been led to believe that the music was to be supplied by a one man band and I had visions of a man strapped up with harmonica, drums etc. It was rather disappointing to be confronted with a ubiquitous disco. I think the DJ was shocked as well, he seemed to be geared up for a teenage girls audience, but he gradually adjusted to the fact that our musical tastes were not too current. Dave and Pat Challenger win the prize as the Group's swinging couple. Chris Beer was presented with a 70th birthday card and cake by the Group. We wanted to show our appreciation for all his work for us and the national LDWA, and wish him many more happy walking years. The cake was baked by the deputy manager of the hotel (exercising his patisserie chef skills) and was beautifully presented and very tasty. Chris conveyed his thanks to the group on the night and also afterwards at the AGM.

#### SURREY INNS KANTER 1990 (Report by Tony Youngs)

Keith Cheronson worked out the 18 & 32 mile routes and the dues for the nineteenth time and then departed to Sweden for Christmas and the New Year, leaving the management of the event to a band of amateurs. Peter Bull, his authority made manifest by Barbour jacket and tweed hat, carried off the worst job of all, car park attendant, with aplomb. Gillian Bull and Richard Irison persuaded entrants to sign their lives away and extracted the entry fees, calculated with great difficulty on the highest principles. Ken Ryan timed entrants out and booked them.

in again. He was frozen to the marrow until we noticed a fan heater. Later Chris and Margaret Steer brought experience to the catering and Brian Haigh, having completed the short course, strengthened the administration with the knowledge of how things were done by the maestro himself.

126 people took part in the event including Duncan Reader, aged 5, who took his father round the 12 mile course.

#### CHILTERN 100

The Surrey Group is manning the checkpoints at the scout hut Wheeler End GR 887927 OS 175 during the Chiltern 100. Two checkpoints 11 & 14 (72.5 and 93 miles) are being operated from the one location. The scout hut is actually grander than it sounds (its at an old school) and is near a pub. The checkpoints will need to be manned in shifts from 11pm on Saturday May 26 to 6am on Monday May 28. Lots of volunteers are required. Please offer your services by contacting John Whitton. Volunteers are entitled to do the Marshalls' Walk which will be held during the first Bank holiday weekend in May.

#### ANNUAL DINNER DECEMBER 1990

Several people here said that a new location is required, the Hartwood Inn at Peaslake has been used for the last few years. The present format - the dinner has been preceded by a leisurely social walk which has incorporated coffee, lunch and afternoon pub/teashop stops - could also be reviewed. Ideas on a possible location and the format would be most welcome and will be discussed at the May Planning meeting. *More important, we will require an organiser.*

#### MABAC FUN RUN LEAGUE

For those of you who like to supplement your walking with some running, a reminder that the Group is a member of the above league. Cross country runs are held once a month, usually over 4 or 5 miles distance. The 1990 diary is: 25 Feb Farley Heath, 18 Mar Richmond Park, 13 May Liphwater Country Park, 10 Jun Farnore, 11 July Wimbledon Common, 29 Aug Witley, 18 Sep Wincoburn, 11 Nov Twickenham Race Course, 2 Dec Kingwood. In addition the following open road races are organized: 1 April 15/21 miles Charlton, 8 July 18 miles Leatherhead, 14 Oct Winters & Maidens Marathon Tilford. Further details from Mike Mandie, 12 Leatherhead Road, Leatherhead, Surrey GU24 3JN (if you send him 18 SAEs he will send you details and results throughout the year).

#### BUFFALO STAMPEDE

This is a 20km or 40km sponsored walk to be held in the Odham area on Sunday March 25. Proceeds will go to Invald Children's Aid Nationwide with donations to Basingstoke P.G.L. and the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. Entry forms from Chris South, 66 Woodridge Cres., Odham, Basingstoke, Hants, RG25 5QL (please enclose S.A.E.)

#### PROGRAMME FEBRUARY 1990 TO SEPTEMBER 1990

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 which Landranger maps are relevant.

#### SAT FEB 24 TOM'S TRUDGE

#### TOM ANDERSON

*Please note the date has changed. The entry in Strider 55 for this walk is incorrect. About 20 miles from Englefield Green cricket pavilion (near Barley Mow pub) GR 991316. Start 9am. OS 175. Refreshments at Cairn Deang at fish supplied by the better half. Please ring Anne the week before if you are going so that the catering can be planned.*

#### SUN MAR 4 TANNERS WALKOUT

#### JOHN WESTCOTT

18 miles from car park west of Leatherhead town centre GR 163546. Start 9am. OS 186/187. A social walk instead of the Winters Tanners which was absent from the programme this year. Will include a pub stop. Intention is to finish in 18 hours (excluding pub time).

#### SAT MAR 24 GODSTONE GAD

#### RICHARD STOKES

Up to 20 miles from Godstone green GR 349535. Start 9am. OS 187. Support a new leader.

- SAT MAR 31 SURREY SUMMITS JOHN WESTCOTT**  
**SUN APR 1** The big challenge walk. 62.5 miles from Chichester Hall, Witley GR 948394. Obtain an entry form for full details. *If you are not walking then please consider helping.*
- SUN APR 22 CISSBURY CIRCUIT TONY YOUNGS**  
 22 miles on the South Downs from Sturminster Rise car park GR 120877 signposted from the A24. Start 9am. OS 157198. Lunch break at Washington. ("The swags they take in at the Washington Inn is the very best beer I know" H. Bellon). For an illustrated route sheet see Strider 34 or turn up on the day for a revised edition.
- THU MAY 10 PLANNING MEETING PETER HUGHES**  
 At Prince of Wales, Shore. GR 872476, OS 187. 7.30pm for 8. The main function of this meeting is to agree our social and events programme for the period September to December 1990. However, any other pressing issues that require discussion or decisions may appear on the agenda. The Secretary would appreciate advance warning of any such items.
- SUN MAY 20 GADDING ABOUT GODALMING, MK 2 MERYYN HARVEY**  
 20ish miles starting at Godalming Station GR 966439. Start 8.30am. OS 186. ✓
- SUN JUN 3 SUMMER SCOOT PETER HUGHES**  
 25 miles minimum from Cheesefoot Head car park GR 529278. Start 8.10am. OS 185. The Secretary intends to lose his softie image. An energetic long social walk.
- THU JUN 21 MIDSUMMER EVENING WALK BARBARA BLATCHFORD**  
 6-8 miles from 11 Thornbank Guildford GR 983483. Start 7pm. *Please ring Barbara if you are coming.*
- SUN JUL 1 TANNERS MARATHON ALAN VIRGO**  
 Challenge Event not advertised in Strider because of the 500 rule. 50 or 30 miles from Leatherhead Football Club GR 163568. OS 186 & 187. *Liphook Rh. St. #42308*
- SUN JUL 8 LIPHOOK LOCOMOTION TONY CARTWRIGHT**  
 About 20 miles from the Dept's Hut/pub one mile west of Liphook on the B1131 GR 824318. Start 9am. OS 186. Your new Chairman invites you to explore the environs of Liphook. Don't blame him for the title of this walk, the tradition of using original alteration for walk titles is causing the Secretary some stress!
- SUN AUG 5 ASHDOWN FOREST FORAY BARBARA BLATCHFORD**  
 Easy going 10-20 miles from Station Rd car park Forest Row off B2118 re junction with A22 GR 426152. Start 9am. OS 187 & 188 or TQ 49/53. Visiting the highest point in the forest, the Enchanted Place and the Ashdown Forest Centre.
- SUN SEP 2 JOINT WALK WITH THE WESSEX GROUP**  
 c25 miles led by the Wessex Group in western end of New Forest. Full details next time.
- SUN SEP 23 DUNSFOLD KANTER BRIAN HAIGH**  
 10 or 12 miles from Dunsfold Village Hall GR 587563. Start 9.15 - 11am. Entry £1 (LDWA 20p off, children 5p). Bring compass, pencil and maps (1:25000 TQ 63/1) & SU 85/99 or 1:50000 186 & 187). *Entry only on the day.* *W. in the*