



# LDWA Surrey Group NEWSLETTER



June 1992

## Surrey on the Hundred

**"BBST, or bacon, beans, sausage and tomato. If this does not appeal then how about a bacon butty, a hot dog, tomatoes on toast or beans on toast, or maybe you fancy cereal and toast?"**

The aim of the eighteen stalwart Surrey group checkpointers at the sixty two miles check point, 8b, in Cuxton church hall from midnight to mid-day was to care and to cherish. Whatever the walkers wanted they could have and in some cases it was not a lot. After struggling through intense heat all that was wanted was a seat and tea. The weary walkers did however arrive in a somewhat better condition than normal as a little cherishing had already been done at checkpoint 8a, four hundred yards earlier down the hill in Cuxton scout hut by members of the Marches group. Here the walkers soaked their feet, administered 'do it yourself first aid' and changed their clothes. Those who had not chosen to retire at this point then struggled up the hill to a Ray Jolly and David Wood (Ann Beeching's Brother) welcome. No walker can fail to raise a smile when accosted by Ray waving his stick, along with one of his unceasing anecdotes. I would like to say here, shame on Keith Chesterton who I gather retired at 8a not quite making it up the hill for breakfast with his Surrey friends.

I must add though that as well as being fed by the Surrey group who twice sent bacon butties down the hill, the Marches team could not manage without the Surrey assistance of Sue Boyman and Brian Bickle who were banished down to the lower regions to

assist and to enjoy the aroma of sweat, feet and BO.

It seemed that Cuxton Parishioners also could not manage without the Surrey team, the latter who after morning service were called upon to dispense coffee and biscuits. As the parishioners gazed upon the walkers in various states of array and distress we did try to interest these 'good folk' in joining the LDWA. There was however only one taker for an application form.

As well as being responsible for the main meal stop Surrey was well represented on the walk with ten starters, seven of whom completed the walk. These were Chris Hatton, Martin Fox, Peter Groundsell, Jacobus Van Den Berg and Ian Ditchfield. (Shame on you Ladies, where are you all? only one started the event. Special congratulations to Brian Haigh and John Lay for completing their first hundred. Brian I believe celebrated on his journey home with a fried egg butty, Newlands Corner style, a delicacy that has also been known to be enjoyed by Tony Cartwright and Dave Challenger on the Summits marshalls walk

The Surrey checkpoint was appreciated and commended by both organisers and walkers. As well as those already mentioned, its success was due to Gillian Bull, Joan Wrenn and Robin

Cobb who recorded the walkers arrival and departure. Peter Edwards dispensed tea and drinks in his quiet efficient manner as well as keeping the urn topped up. Mervyn Harvey who has never been known to be noisy derinded bacon and helped with the cooking and serving, along with Elaine Edwards and yours truly. The rest of the team who welcomed, seated, took the walkers breakfast orders, waited at the tables and were attentive to their needs were Jeff Ellingham, Colin Wood, Ann Beeching, Bobby Andrews, Angus MacArther, Phyl Jackson, Maureen Bickle and friend Josephine (whom Ray fancied!).

Finally, as I intend walking the 1993 Cleveland 100, the group will be looking for a coordinator for the Surrey checkpoint as well as for volunteers to run it. Offers of help, to myself, until we have an official coordinator, would be appreciated as early as possible so as a formal offer can be made to the Cleveland Organisers.

I am sure that we would all like the Surrey group to be the first to offer their assistance for the event and of course to be remembered as being the best.

Janet Chapman

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is available from Janet Chapman (63 Yockley Close, The Maultway, Camberley, Surrey GU15 1QQ) so please contact her if you wish to display or distribute it.

# Programme

## **Fri 19 June. The Empty Coffin Walk.**

Night walk starts 11pm from Juggs Arms, Kingston near Lewes, TQ 393083 (OS 198 & 199). Walk via Downs to Southsea, SDW to Alfriston, Cuckmere, Seven Sisters and Beechy Head to Eastbourne for breakfast at about 7am. 26 miles. Bring own food and drinks - none on the way! Suggest train/drive to Lewes, walk to Kingston and train return Eastbourne to Lewes. Leader - Keith Chesterton Guildford (0483) 63392. (The last time Keith lead this night walk, an empty coffin, lid ajar, was passed just as the moon went behind the clouds! see Strider 21 p27) P.S. Part of this walk will be on the Downsman 100 in 1997, so it will be a useful walkout! PPS Please try to let Keith know if you are coming.

## **Wed 24 June Midsummer Evening Walk.**

6 to 8 miles from 11 Thornbank, Guildford (GR983493) OS186. Start 7pm. Leader, Barbara Blatchford (0483 60085). Tea afterwards. Please phone Barbara a couple of days before if you are coming.

## **Sun 19 July Roundabout Rudgewick**

21 miles. 9am from car park off Cranleigh High Street, GR 056391. OSmap187. Pub stop. Leader Mervyn Harvey, Tel 0483 34184.

## **Sun 6 Sept A Tale of two PMs.**

About 22 miles. Start at Great Missenden Car Park, OS165, GR 895014. 9am. The walk passes through Hughenden Manor and near Chequers, the current PM's official country residence. Pub stop for lunch (with food this time, according to Tom!). Tom Anderson, 8 Laurel Av, Englefield Green, Egham Surrey, TW20 0QE (0784 432507).

## **Sat 19 Sept Skittles.**

After a 10 to 12 mile walk - Louise and Tony Cartwright. Booking form and details elsewhere in Surrey Group Newsletter. Book by 1 Sept. Non-members and members of other groups welcome. If you have not got a booking form, please send sac to Tony or Louise Cartwright, 12 East Meads, Guildford GU2 5SP.

## **Thur 24 Sept. Programme Planning Meeting.**

Prince of Wales, Shere (GR 072476) OS186. 7.30pm for 8.00. Suggestions for walks or other activities welcome at the meeting or, even better, in advance to the Secretary.

## **Sun 4 Oct. Dunsfold Kanter**

20 and 12 miles from Dunsfold village Hall. Start 09.15 to 11.00 and find own way between checkpoints. Entry £1 (non-LDWA £1.20). Enter on day only. Bring compass, pencil and maps (O.S. 1:50,000 186 and 187). For details send sac to Brian Haigh, 17 Lower Edgeborough Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2DX.

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**Sat 24 Oct. An Autumn Afternoon Around Ashtead.**

An afternoon walk of about 12 miles over Ashtead Common and Epsom Downs followed by refreshments. Starting from Dave Challenger's house, 44, Agates Lane, Ashtead (GR178577) OS 187 or Pathfinder Series 1206. Please phone Dave Challenger (0372 277138) in advance if you are coming for catering and car parking purposes.

1.45

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
November

**Path Clearance?**

Tony Youngs has organised this for many years and we owe him many thanks. His efforts have varied from little used paths to the Sussex Border Path. However, he is unable to organise one this November. Is anyone else willing to arrange one this winter, or even next spring?

**Sat 21 Nov. Repeat Munro Marathon**

7.30pm at the METHODIST CHURCH HALL, VICTORIA STREET, ENGLEFIELD GREEN, EGHAM, SURREY. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of hall and light refreshments. Any balance will go to the John Muir Trust. The slide show lasts about 2 hours including an interval. there will be a question and answer session after if required. Organiser and speaker - Tom Anderson (0784 432507). For details see meeting notes below. (I was not able to attend the first Munro Marathon but had excellent reports from those who did - Secretary)

**Sat 12 Dec Xmas walk and dinner dance.**

*Parrot.*

Please note the date now. Details will be available nearer the date. Organiser - Louise Cartwright.

*Nerya Harvey*

*£8.95 p.p.*

**1993 Advanced Information**

**1 Jan Surrey Inns Kanter.**

*offer of help.*

See next newsletter, Strider, future events or SAE to Keith Chesterton, "Firle", Chestnut Ave., Guildford, Surrey (0483 63392)

*10<sup>th</sup> Jan*  
**7 Feb**

**Punchbowl**

**20/21 Feb Surrey Summits Marshalls walk.**

*Parrot walk*

**27/28 Mar Surrey Summits.**

*from 2nd Oct with Dave*

**4/14 Sun 25 Apr Firle Frolic**

22 miles on Parkland, farmland, downland, river banks, cliff tops and beaches. Led by Tony Youngs.

*14<sup>th</sup> Jan*  
*AGP*

## Treasurer.

Dave Challenger has taken over the task from Liz Higgins for the rest of this year. Many thanks to Liz for doing this so efficiently for many years, and also to Dave for his offer of help.

Group Membership is now 101, an increase of 21 largely due to Brian Haigh's initiative of a mailshot around Easter. Some were new, others were returning to the fold and were pleased to receive the invitation to rejoin. All are very welcome, whether they have joined to participate in the activities or just to enjoy the newsletter.

### Ditchling Diversion

by Tony Youngs.

30 brave souls, including 8 veterans of 1984 and 8 newcomers to Surrey Group social walks, turned up at Ditchling on 26 April despite the weather. We walked most of the day in rain.

The cheerful pub at lunchtime, the walk over Mount Harry and Blackcap, the astonishing crystal-clear views across the western Weald late in the day under a low ceiling of black cloud – and the company – made it a very good day for me.

The East Sussex County Council Rights of Way department have already telephoned me to say that they have inspected the wheatfields northeast of the railway, the various problems at the Yuppyfied Oldbarns Farm, and the great strips of polyethylene across the huge field before Barcombe Church and are taking action on all 3 sites. They promise me a letter later. And they tell me that a stile has already been built on the path just beyond Barcombe Mills.

P.S. The strips of polyethylene, by the way, protect maize seeds. Quite how the farmer will keep a 1 metre path clear I don't know!

### First Munroe Marathon

by Tom Anderson.

The evening of 29 March showed an attendance of over 50 despite the competition from the Summits Marshall's walk. About half came from the village and about half from the LDWA. It was well received by all, even the non-walkers, most of whom had never been to Scotland. The collection at the end produced enough to pay for the Hall hire and for a donation to the John Muir Trust. In recent years this Trust has purchased and managed (very well) a large area of Scotland's wild country. A deserving cause. If you missed the event or want a repeat, see 21 st. Nov above.

### CHRIS STEER MEMORIAL.

The most popular suggestion to date has been a substantial stone seat at a viewpoint near to (but not at) the summit of Pitch Hill. Any views or alternative suggestions to Tony Cartwright please. We hope to be able to make a decision at the Midsummer walk on 24 June.

### February Newsletter

A much improved format compared to recent issues. Thanks are due to Reg Chapman

### Programme Planning Meeting.

Are you happy with an evening dedicated to this topic or would you prefer to try another format. Suggestions to any committee member please.

## Surrey Summits - April 4 - 5 1992.

At the event 'postmortem' meeting in April 1991 it was agreed that we should introduce a new route for 1992 and a sub-committee was established to plan and produce it. The next 2 months were devoted to walking and writing. In the meantime Jeff Ellingham was busy finding suitable locations for checkpoints. Amendments were made as 'alternative' sections were investigated and the desired total length was achieved. The committee also decided that copies of the route would not be sent out until the week preceding the event to 'add to the challenge.'

The end result was a tough challenge over 10 summits with 2,500 metres of ascent, and only 7% of road walking. The weather was kind although the frost at night made the final secret checkpoint a memorable occasion for the intrepid marshalls! After the first familiar summit of Hydon's Ball, the route headed NE via Winkworth Arboretum and Farley Heath before crossing Blackheath and climbing up to St Martha's Church. Walkers said it made a pleasant change to see the church in daylight. There were many complementary comments about the route even though it did include a descent from Mickleham Down and a nasty 'sting in the tail' over Hascombe Hill to the finish.

The Surrey Summits is renowned as a walking-only event. It also has something of a reputation for its 'mobile' trees. This year one walker stopped to retie his shoelace at the foot of one such tree, whilst another tree overheard one of challenge walking's golden rules: "the route description really is right - you just have to read it".

For those interested in event statistics: there were 210 entries; 179 starters and 147 finishers (plus Wellie the dog). The fastest time of 16 hrs 22 mins was predictably slower with the new route, although Richard and Sandra Brown took less than 15 hours on the 'marshalls walk' in February. On behalf of the committee thanks to all 62 marshalls.

Louise Cartwright.

# THE DITCHLING DIVERSION

A lightly improved route for walking on Sunday 28 April 1991 starting at Farm

From Ditchling we follow the old ridge that once carried the London road (now J 21) through the 'Tarns' (hills in the middle) (local) called the

Chertsey Hill. The route is well paved with its former footpaths. Beyond the 12th Church of St. Mary's (1212) the route is well paved with its former footpaths. Beyond the 12th Church of St. Mary's (1212) the route is well paved with its former footpaths. Beyond the 12th Church of St. Mary's (1212) the route is well paved with its former footpaths.



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Reproduction of the 'Ditchling Diversion' route with thanks to Tony Youngs

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Surrey Countryside Recreation Forum

**SURREY LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION  
SOCIAL WALK AND SKITTLES EVENING  
Saturday 19th September 1992**

**Venue: The Anchor Inn, Aldershot Road (A 323), Normandy. GR: 934518.**

This is intended to be a social event, open to non-members and suitable for slower walkers and families, so do invite friends to join us. People are welcome to come on the walk or just join us for skittles. It would be helpful to know numbers of walkers as we hope to include a tea-stop.

**The Walk:** Meet any time after 12 noon at The Anchor Inn for a pre-walk drink / refreshments. We shall set off at **1.00pm** at a leisurely pace and plan to cover 10 - 12 miles, returning to The Anchor at about 6.00pm. We hope to include a tea-stop, but suggest walkers carry some refreshments, or phone the organiser nearer the time for final details.

**Skittles: 7.00pm start;** food to be served later (menu see below).

**Cost: £5 per head** includes the meal and use of the skittles alley which has its own private bar, so **children are welcome.**

Pre-enter as a team of 4 (or form a team on the night); there will be prizes.

We have to order our food in advance, so please complete the form below and return with cheque (payable to Surrey Group LDWA) to:-

**Louise Cartwright, 12 East Meads, Guildford GU2 5SP by 1st Sept**  
**Tel: 0483 - 503768**

**A. Chicken & Chips**

**B. Lasagne**

**C. Vegetable Curry**

Tear here \_\_\_\_\_