



# LDWA Surrey Group NEWSLETTER

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## 1997 Hundred

In response to our declared interest in helping to organise the 1997 Hundred the National LDWA Committee has noted our interest but has declined to make a decision on the matter at this stage. A decision is expected in May 1994.

### **Report: Liphook Loiter June 13**

It must have been the peak of the holiday season for only five souls and one dog made it to the Liphook railway station for what was to be an easy and pleasant twenty miles in the Hampshire/Sussex countryside. From Liphook the walk meandered its way roughly South West through the fields, woods and heathland of Wardley Marsh before swinging South for a well deserved break at the viewpoint on Older Hill. Turning East we reached our lunch stop at the pub on the green at Fernhurst. It is characteristic that Cartwright's walks always tend to have a protracted lunch and this was no exception - social walks must find time to socialise! In the afternoon our way forward took us through the somewhat hillier terrain around Haslemere via Valewood Park which, two weeks earlier had been full of rhododendrons and azaleas in full bloom. Various along the Sussex Border Path, across Marley and Stanley Commons we returned safely to our start point. It is not often one comes across Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs in the heart of the countryside of Hampshire (or of Surrey or Sussex for that matter) but on this walk we managed to find two - complete with their litter of four miniatures!

*Tony Cartwright*

### **Report: Midsummer Evening Walk June 23**

Twenty members turned out for the last Midsummer Evening Walk to be held from Thornbank. The evening stroll went over the Hog's Back, down to the Wey and across Shalford Park to the Chuntries. From the Chuntries we went up on to Pewley Down, where some members spent time admiring the orchids before returning back through Guildford to Thornbank.

As usual we all enjoyed an excellent buffet supper afterwards despite the absence of the traditional rhubarb jelly! Thank you Barbara for the many Midsummer Walks we have enjoyed from Thornbank. We look forward to seeing what Surbiton has to offer next year.

*Dave Challenger*

### **Report: Seven Sisters Somnambulant Saunter. July 10**

During the walk - out on the previous Monday I was given an extensive lesson in botany by Molly Groundsell who also acted as chief scout thereby avoiding the wrath of an irate farmer's wife when we attempted to cross her front lawn. I was sure it was on the route!

Apart from this incident it was a very enjoyable walk with a fair measure of sun and breeze with a welcome break at the ice cream kiosk at Birling Gap.

On the night it was different. The heavens opened beforehand while the leader waited for his troops to arrive. He was still waiting at five to eleven as the Surrey Group exercised their discretion by staying away en masse. Fortunately Kent did a little better and one representative turned up - Tom Smith who had driven from Tunbridge Wells and was raring to go.

Then, as if by some mystic command, the thunder clouds were blown northwards leaving us with a clear starlit night; dry and cold but with many puddles to splash through. It was not long before the leader realised he was being led and at a speed, later calculated at a very respectable 3.38mph, the pair arrived back at Eastbourne at 5.25am.

It had been a most enjoyable walk especially witnessing a sunlit dawn at about 4.10am and meeting with the local constabulary who were worried about a local spate of sheep stealing - they let us go on the grounds of 'diminished responsibility'. Sadly we were too early for breakfast but it had been a good night out. Thank you Tom for joining me.

*John Lay*

### **Letters**

This space has been left blank as an invitation to members of the Surrey Group to give their views about the activities they would like the Group to provide. Why, for instance are some social walks more popular than others? Is there a demand for a coach trip to say Yorkshire to do the Lyke Wake Walk? Or should we meet to play skittles or ten pin bowls? The Surrey Group is your Group; your views will be welcome.

### **Ffyoana Campbell**

Honorary membership of the LDWA is not something to be given away lightly but if anyone should be considered for this award then it must be Ffyoana for her tremendous walk from one end of Africa to the other. To walk ten thousand miles and then spontaneously do a set of cartwheels for the newspaper reporters was humbling indeed. Well done Ffyoana.

### **Items for the Newsletter**

Reports of past events and other items should be sent to the Secretary for inclusion in the next Newsletter. Preferably they should be typed but legible manuscript will be gladly accepted.

**Sunday October 3            Dunsfold Kanter**

20 or 12 miles from Dunsfold village hall. Start 9.15 to 11.00 am and find own way between checkpoints. Entry £1 ( non-LDWA £1.20). Enter on day only. Bring compass, pencil and maps ( OS 186 and 187 ). Organised by LDWA Surrey Group. SAE to Brian Haigh 17 Lower Edgeborough Road, GUILDFORD, Surrey GU1 2DX.

**Sat/Sun October 9/10        Wales Weekend**

Another chance to meet up with Dan Hadfield and others. Plan is to travel out on Friday evening and then spend Saturday and Sunday walking. Contact Peter Groundsell, tel 0483 762843, for more details.

**Thursday November 4        Walking in the Canyon Lands**

A slide show by Gillian Bull at her home in Virginia Water. 7.30 for 8.00. Please contact Gillian on 0344 842508 if you intend to go.

**Sunday November 7            Frank Smythe's 1933 Surrey Hills  
Walk Revisited : Part 1**

A minimum of 20 miles from Starveall Corner car park GR 131 433. Start 8.30 am prompt. Pub lunch at Drummond Arms in Albury. Bring a torch, it could be needed. Further details from Peter Bull, 0344 842508 or John Lay, 0932 346596.

**Saturday December 11        Christmas Dinner**

The dinner, limited to 30, will be at the Sun Inn, Dunsfold almost opposite the Village Hall. The price will be about £18. As in previous years there will be a walk during the day of about 15 miles starting from the Village Hall, GR 007 362 OS 186, at 9.00am. There are changing and washing facilities in the hall which can be used before the dinner. Further details from Mervyn Harvey, 0483 34184

**Monday January 3            Surrey Inns Kanter**

20 and 12 miles from St Catherine's Hall, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford (GR 992 485), starting 0915-1100 to finish by 1630. Entry on day only. 70p adults, 50p OAPs and UB40s, 30p u-16s with 10p off for LDWA members; incl teas. Bring OS maps 186 and 187, compass and pencil. Follow own course on route between pubs. Organised by LDWA Surrey Group, SAE Keith Chesterton, 'Firie', Chestnut Ave, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5HD.

**Sunday January 9            Winter Tanners**

30 miles in central Surrey from car park at GR 164 567 from 07.30 to 09.30. Experienced walkers only. Only two CPs on the route and no facilities at start or finish. Complete by 21.00, self registration after 18.00. Entry £1.50 up to Dec 29th, (£2.50 on the day). Organised by LDWA Surrey Group. SAE to Brian Haigh 17 Lower Edgeborough Road, GUILDFORD, Surrey GU1 2DX

**Thursday January 13        AGM**

The meeting will be held in The Prince of Wales, Shere, 7.30 for 8.00 Resolutions and nominations should be sent to the Secretary by mid December. By the end of this year Tony Cartwright will have served as Chairman for four years and has indicated he would like to stand down. If you know any one who would like to take on this job please contact either the Chairman or Secretary.

**Sunday 27 February        Surrey Saunter**

20 miles in deepest Surrey. For additional information please contact Barbara Blatchford tel: 081 390 5957 after 1st January 1994.

**Saturday 5 March            Surrey Summits Marshalls' Walk**

For further information please contact Jeff Ellingham 0428 683374 after 1st January 1994

## PROGRAMME (cont.)

### Sunday 27 March Molly's Meander

This promises to be an enjoyable 20 mile walk in and around Farnham. For further details please contact either Molly Groundsdell tel: 0483 762843 or Peter Bull, tel: 0344 842508 after 1st January 1994.

### Sunday 24 April Jevington Jaunt

Splendid views across the South Downs, good company and an enjoyable day out can be expected by those who join Tony Youngs on this social walk of approximately 20 miles. Tony has yet to fix the start point but this will be included in the next Newsletter.



### Good Progress

It is pleasant to report that Dave Challenger is making good progress. As you will see from the report of the Midsummer Evening Walk he is getting out and about again. More recently he borrowed the route description for Tony Young's Fife Frolic and completed his first walk of over twenty miles for quite some time.

### The Dartmoor Hundred 1994

In the Planning Meeting held on 2nd September it was agreed we would man CP2 on the Dartmoor Hundred. CP2 will be in the Lewson Memorial Hall GR 707 731, seventeen miles from the start. It is likely to be open from noon on the Saturday to about 19.00 hours. Although it will be open for a much shorter time than Danby on the Cleveland Hundred we will need twenty or more volunteers to handle the rush of walkers and runners. Offers of help should be made to Janet Chapman who once again will be our contact with the organisers.

For those who may be interested in doing the Marshalls' Walk it will start from Walkhampton - about twenty miles along the Hundred route - on the first Saturday in May 1994. It will, of course, be a full hundred miles.

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### **Report: Haslemere Circular August 7**

Offering to lead a walk from Haslemere which would be twenty miles meant I had to increase the route to Blackdown from three miles to seven. It took three attempts to get it right and when walked out the final route on the Thursday evening the weather was perfect with the best views I have ever seen from Blackdown. I rather gloomily thought it would probably rain on the Saturday.

In the event the weather was better than forecast and it was a warm summer's day for my walk with twenty four friends from the Surrey and Wessex Groups. I had a most enjoyable day; I hope the others did too.

We left Haslemere along a local waymarked walk which took the valley route east out of the town and we reached the countryside immediately after crossing the main street. At Imbhams Farm we turned south towards Furnace House and Ansteadbrook prior to starting the climb up to Blackdown. The Sussex Border path took us to the main track which we followed to the Temple of the Winds where we paused to enjoy the views. A brisk walk up to Marley Heights and across to Hammer Bottom meant we reached the Prince of Wales (a Gales House) at 12.45. My drinking friends tell me the beer is good and most people ordered pub food which they also reported was good.

After lunch it was a steep climb to Bramshott, then down to Waggoners' Wells and on to Grayshtott and Whatmoor Bottom. Next we had a steady climb to Hindhead. Several of the group were quite relieved to learn this long hill was the last on the walk. After a stop at the cafe for tea and cakes it was downhill all the way to Haslemere which we reached at 4.50pm.

Many of us recognised parts of the old Punchbowl route, especially as we passed the back of the house belonging to Andrew Chitty's Mum. A lovely checkpoint and we bemoaned the loss of the old route.

I was pleased it was such a good turn out, thank you all for coming.

*Ann Beeching*

### **Report: Quainton Quadrilateral September 5**

There was another good turn out despite the distance from Surrey for the 22+ mile Quainton Quadrilateral. It was a cool clear day with good views from all of the major hills - Quainton, Muswell, Brill, Ashendon and Waddesden - in this quiet, largely unwalked area. We admired the windmills at Quainton and Brill, both in good repair but not yet

working.

We also enjoyed the attentions of assorted bovines, and a hungry horse at lunchtime. The pub served food again this year as well as drinks so all were satisfied. Once again we were treated to the delights of Janet Chapman's 'sartorial elegance' which proved rather disturbing for the male members of the party.

This was the last walk based on the Ridgeway and was the last one I will be able to lead for the Surrey Group as I will almost certainly be moving inside the next twelve months. It was nice to finish, so to speak, on a happy note with a party who obviously enjoyed the walk.

May I also take this opportunity to thank those who came, (and suffered) on my other efforts, fifteen all told including one three times. It was generally a rewarding experience, even on wet days. Best wishes for the future of the Group; I will read your future programmes with interest.

Tom Anderson

Many thanks to Tom for this report and the efforts he put into helping the Group. We send him best wishes for the future wherever that may be.

### **Early Warning**

Keith Chesterton is seriously thinking about leading a walk across Surrey from North to South. It has been done before but not for many years. The provisional date is 7th May 1994 so if you are interested please give Keith a ring. The distance is about 40 miles so it is expected there will be an early start, probably 7.30am

### **Discounts for LDWA Members**

Morning Mist Publications, P.O. Box 108, of Reigate, Surrey RH2 9YP are offering their 10 Adventurous Walks in xxxxxxxx series of walking guides at a discount of 10% (p&hp free) to LDWA members. Books priced at £4.45 and £4.50 are available at £3.95, and those at £3.95 and £3.99 are reduced to £3.50. Your LDWA membership number has to be given with your order.

### **Morris Dancing**

One snippet from the planning meeting held on 2 September was the reference to the annual Marris dancing which takes place at dawn on St Martha's Hill near Guildford on the first day of May. At the moment it is not clear whether the intention is that we should join them, or invite them to join us on a social walk along the North Downs. More may be revealed in the next Newsletter.