



LDWA Surrey Group NEWSLETTER

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SURREY SUMMITS Marshals walk Sat/Sun 20/21 February 1993

WANTED Volunteers for the above to join Janet and her merry band of four Males. The walk will be supported and the egg and bacon butties at Newlands Corner will be a delicious reward after the first 15 miles. If interested contact Janet Chapman 0276 65169.

LAMME

Saturday May 8 Headley Heath Hike

21 miles. Start 9 am, NT car park (fee £1, free to NT members) opposite Headley Cricket Club (GR 205 538). OS 187, or 1207 and 1227, cover the route. Pub lunch at Irons Bottom. Led by Dave Challenger, 0372 277138.

Thursday May 13 Programme Planning Meeting

7.30pm for 8.00pm in The Prince of Wales, Shere

Sunday June 13 Liphook Loiter

20 miles. Meet 9 am at Liphook railway station, GR 842 309. SO 186 1:50000 covers the route. More details from Tony Cartwright, 0483 503768.

Wednesday June 23 Midsummer Evening Walk

6-8 miles. Start 7 pm from 11 Thornbank, Guildford. Tea afterwards. Please phone leader, Barbara Blatchford, a couple of days before if you are coming, 0483 60085.

Saturday July 10 Seven Sisters Somnambulant Saunter

22 miles... or more.... dependent upon conditions. Meet 11pm, end of Dukes Drive, Eastbourne, GR 601 972, OS sheet 199. Torches will be needed! More details available from John Lay, Tel. 0932 346956.

Saturday August 7 Haslemere Circular

20 miles or more dependent on route. Start 9 am at railway station in Haslemere, GR 898 330. There will be a pub stop in Hammer Bottom. Please contact Anne Beeching for more details on 081 942 9570.

1993 CLEVELAND HUNDRED

Checkpoint help required

The Surrey Group are now firmly committed to manning the checkpoint on the above hundred. This is located at Danby, in the village hall on the North Yorkshire Moors. (G.R. 708 086).

The checkpoint is number 12, at 85.2 miles and will be open from 08:30 Sunday 30th May until 02:30 Monday 31st May.

The minimum number of helpers required are eight. Volunteers to date number seven and are Jeff Ellingham (he will be taking over from myself as coordinator 0428 683374), Peter Waterhouse, Brian Haigh, Molly Groundsell, Mervyn Harvey, Ann Sayer and Reg Chapman (forced)

Ideally so as a possible shift system can be organised, double the suggested number is required. So come and enjoy a weekend in Yorkshire amongst congenial company.

The location is perfect, under cover with plenty of parking space, a village shop and telephone, hot and cold water, toilets, electricity, crockery, all food supplied (I don't know how far our culinary cuisine is going to be tested yet) and as an added bonus is also next to a pub, the Duke of Wellington.

After you have finished checkpointing if you feel like exploring there is always Danby Lodge the North Yorkshire Moors centre which is nearby and will have plenty of ideas to help complete your weekends enjoyment.

I hope all this has wetted your appetites, our praises were sung last year on the Invicta Hundred, so let's be even better this year.

Offers of help still to myself Janet Chapman on 0276 65169

N.B. I shall expect the best of attention when, or if I stagger in.

23rd March 1993

**Report: Winter Tanners
10 January 1993**

For those who like their walks to be wet and muddy the Winter Tanners was superb! (I am told Keith Chesterton was heartbroken because he had to miss it). It was raining when most people started from Leatherhead at 7.30 am and it was still raining at 3.38pm. Underfoot some of the paths had become temporary streams and others were wide ribbons of mud. The route went via Wotton to Leith Hill where, believe or not, the refreshment kiosk in the Tower was open; the only snag was you had to stand in three inches of water to be served! From there it was on to Fenslake, where the LDWA started, and then up to Ranmore through Abinger. The last stretch was the familiar route to Tanners Hatch YH before following the River Mole to the finish. Underneath the bypass the river was so high that it was a case of either going over the top or wading through ten inches of water. Yes, it really was a lovely day. As usual the event was superbly organised, many thanks to John Westcott and his helpers.

Brian Haigh

**Report: Path Clearance
22 November 1992**

Eight people turned up on a wet morning at Newlands Corner to take part in the Group's annual path clearing task. Fortunately, as we left the car park, the rain stopped for the rest of the day. Our main task of the day was to re-open and signpost a path from Walnut Tree Bottom to Trodds Lane which had long been disused and was completely impassable in the middle because of blackthorn and gorse. The party, although small in number was high in quality and the main task was completed shortly after lunch. On our way back to the car park we investigated another path and found a fallen tree blocking it. This proved to be no obstacle to the, by now, highly efficient party and within minutes a way through had been cleared.

My thanks to those who turned up on the day. Hopefully more will turn out on the next Group Path Clearance Day and do "their bit" to improve the paths that we all enjoy walking.

Dave Challenger.

LDWA National Membership

£6.50 p.a. for individual, £9.75 for family - to Kevin Uzzell, 7 Ford Drive, Yarnfield, Stone, Staffs, ST15 0RP.

PROG

Sunday February 28 Petworth Perambulation

17 easy going miles. Leader Barbara Blatchford (0433 60085). Start 9 am, Petworth Town Centre car park, approx. GR 976 216. OS 197, or Pathfinders 82/92 and 81/91, cover the route which visits Petworth Park, Easebourne Priory, Coudray House ruins, Graffham and Ambersham. Pub stop in Midhurst

Sunday March 21 Mervyn's Mystery Meander

20+ miles from Hindhead to Headley. Start 9 am in NT car park GR 891 358 OS 186. Pub stop with food. Leader Mervyn Harvey, Tel. 0433 34184.

Sat/Sun 27/28 March Surrey Summits

Sunday April 4 A Common Walk To Frensham Pond

25 miles jointly with the Wessex Group. Start 8.45 am from St. Matthew's school, Drift Road, Blackmore, GR 784 336 (OS 186). Pub stop at the Hollybush in Frensham. Leader Peter Moore, Pravda Correspondent and Plant Breeder, Tel. 0703 773692. (There must be an interesting story behind his title, perhaps the Wessex Group will enlighten us).

Sunday April 23 Firie Frolic

22 miles on parkland, woodland, downland, river banks, cliff tops and beaches. Start 9am, Seaford car park, between West Street and Steyne Road, next to the police station, GR 482 989. OS 198 & 199, or 1308 & 1324, cover the route. Pub lunch at Firie. Illustrated route sheet available in April (please send sase) from the leader, Tony Youngs, 17 Linkfield Lane, Redhill Surrey, RH1 1JF, Tel.: 0737 778615.

PROGRAMME (cont.)

Sunday September 3 Quinton Quadrilateral

22 miles minimum. Start at 9 am from the layby on the Aylesbury side of Waddeson, GR 749 168. Pub lunch in Brill. More details from Tom Anderson, Tel. 0784 432507.

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 1:50000 186 and 187). For details send see 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 Hatfield and others. Plan is to travel out on Friday evening and then spend Saturday and Sunday walking. Contact Brian Haigh after 1st May, Tel. 0483 303020, for more details.

1993 Membership Renewals

Subscriptions became due on 1st January. If you have yet to renew your membership please complete the enclosed renewal slip and send £1 to:-

Reg Chapman,
Membership Secretary,
63 Yackley Close,
CAMBERLEY,
Surrey GU15 1QQ

Cheques should be made payable to "LDWA Surrey Group"

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Report: An Autumn Afternoon Around Ashted
24 October 1992

Nineteen people telephoned in advance to say they would be coming on the walk. Eighteen turned up on the day (Saturday) and one on the Sunday!

The walk started over Ashted Common, new ground to most people, where a diversion from the planned route was demanded to visit the site of the Roman Villa and Tile Works. Nothing of these remain apart from spoil heaps left when it was excavated earlier this century. However the leader impressed himself, if not the rest of the party, by finding a piece of Roman brick (well, he said it was). From the Common the walk continued through Ashted Park, along the back of Epsom Downs, Stone Street and arrived back at Ashted for tea and cakes provided by Pat.

Dave Challenger

Report: Munro Marathon Slide Show
21 November 1992

Again there was a very good attendance on a very damp day when some twenty members and locals were subjected to another Munro slide show. I think I made fewer mistakes this time which augured well for the showing to the Rucksack Club in December. There are many Munroists in the Club so I would have to be!

I was pleased to be able to congratulate Ron Macgregor, who was in the audience, upon his completion of the Munros in 1992 after a long haul! However length of time taken is not important; it is participation in the game which counts. The generous donations by members enabled me to pay for the hall and send a small donation to the John Muir Trust.

Tom Anderson

LDWA Publicity Material

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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 14 JANUARY 1992

The Prince of Wales, Shere, was once again the venue for the AGM. Tony Cartwright opened the meeting by thanking all of the organisers who had helped to make 1992 a very full year. Reg Chapman was thanked for taking on the production of the Newsletter, and Brian Haigh for helping to increase the membership. Tony referred to the sad loss of Chris Steer early in 1992; he would be missed not only by the members of the Surrey Group but also by the LDWA at large. Dave Challenger, Treasurer for the latter part of 1992, reported the finances were in a satisfactory position. In the elections Tony was re-elected as Chairman, Sue Boyman was elected as Treasurer, and Brian Haigh was elected to take over as Secretary from Richard Hetchkiss who could not continue because of work commitments.

Topics discussed included the Chris Steer memorial which is likely to be a topograph in the vicinity of Fitch Hill. Janet Chapman provided information about the Cleveland Hundred check point at Danby (85 miles) which the Group will be operating. She would welcome additional volunteers. There was also discussion about the programme for 1993 which appears elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Message for New Members

The first part of this message is very simple: I hope you will enjoy being a member. For some this may mean coming out on social walks, and having a go at Challenge events, for others it may mean doing no more than reading the Newsletter. Whatever your choice I hope you will enjoy it. If you would like to join one of the social walks it could not be simpler, look at the programme and then turn up on the day. Most times you do not need to advise the organiser but a telephone call a few days before is a good idea. It can help to make sure you will receive a warm welcome. One advantage of a social walk is that is led and people keep together. Usually there is a pub stop where food can be obtained but if in doubt give the organiser a call.

Brian Haigh

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.