



# LDWA Surrey Group NEWSLETTER

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## Stop Press - Cleveland Hundred

Congratulations to Bob Andrews, Janet Chapman, Elaine Edwards, Richard Hotchkiss and John Whitaker who completed the Hundred over the Bank Holiday at the end of May and Ann Beeching the Marshals walk.

This was one of the hardest hundreds as can be judged by the high number of retirements - no less than 161 did not make it to the finish.

## Report: Petworth Perambulation

Nineteen walkers turned up at Petworth on a bitterly cold morning. Unfortunately, Barbara Blatchford, our leader was not among them as she had succumbed to a bad attack of the flu.

Having been pressed into volunteering to lead the walk I led the way, clutching Barbara's route details, out of Petworth and across the Park which was under a light dusting of snow.

Fortunately, as we left the Park the weather warmed up slightly and, apart from the odd brief snow shower, remained fine all day.

Our inspection of St. Anne's Hill outside Midhurst was cut short by Keith Chesterton's insistence that we must reach the pub before 12.30 as he was appearing on TV in a programme starting at that time. The landlord allowed him to have the TV on in the bar and we watched the programme over lunch only to hear at the end that the item featuring Keith would be shown the following week!

Despite only having received details of the route on my way to the start I'm pleased to report that we arrived safely back at Petworth with only one major error in route finding.

Thank you Barbara for planning an enjoyable walk - sorry you could not be with us.

*Dave Challenger.*

### Apologies

Apologies to Peter Groundsell for omission from the last newsletter - Peter also completed the Surrey Summits Marshalls Walk.

### **Report: The Firle Frolic**

Despite a dismal weather forecast and rain and mist on the way down, the air cleared and the sun shone as twenty-six members, including five from the Sussex Group and three from Essex and Herts, walked what I think is the best of my eight South Downs walks.

To avoid arriving too early we bagged Firle Beacon before descending to The Ram for Lunch. Among the points of interest en route, we called in at the new loss at Charleston Farmhouse to inspect the Duncan Grant tiled walls which make graffiti unnecessary, and at the dovecot at Lullington we saw the walls lined with pigeon-holes which provided fresh meat in medieval winters.

Those of us with time to spare enjoyed tea at Excerpt before strolling beside the Cuckmere and over Seaford Head, with the Seven Sisters looking starched and elegant in the evening sun.

Tony Youngs

P.S. I am thinking of a ninth walk, the Jevington Jaunt, for next April, to complete this second cycle.

Copies of the illustrated route sheets produced by Tony are still available for anyone who has missed any of the eight walks; he will be happy to send a copy on receipt of a sae to 17 Linkfield Lane, Redhill, Surrey. RH1 1JF.

### **LDWA National Membership**

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

## Surrey Summits Marshalls Walk 20 - 21 st February 1993

Six intrepid souls set forth before dawn from Chichester Hall, namely: Bill Grace, Peter Groundsell, John Lay, Les Maples and Roger Moss, led by the first (and only) lady of the Summits Marshalls Walk - Janet Chapman.

We were blessed with superfine weather as we made our way expectantly and fleet of foot through the Winkworth Arboretum and up over Blackheath to St Martha's and our first stop at Newlands Corner.

Suitably revived with cheeseburgers, hamburgers, chips, beefburgers and all manner of American junk we set off again with light hearts and heavy stomachs towards the North Downs and the marvelously clear views northwards toward the Airport and the Staines' gasometer.

A brief stop at High Barn for a texture break and photo of the 'A team' and then on towards our first checkpoint at Mickleham where we were met by Heg who had used the low church wall for a veritable spread of nectar and ambrosia. This happened again round at the Stepping Stones where we were greeted with the aroma of frying bacon as a further embellishment to the menu card.

Much refreshed we continued into the darkness and Rammore Common, through Steer's Field and on past Wotton, strangely quiet, to Coldharbour and the third checkpoint where we also succumbed to the bright lights of the pub across the lane where we must have presented ourselves as a very convincing bunch of pirates! They served us anyway.

Coming out after half an hour we felt that we had now broken the back of the Summits, after all there was only 30 Km and Leith, and Holmbury, and Pitch, and Hascombe to go! We resolved to finish in a respectable time even though one member insisted on falling over every other stile and sliding down the steep bit (he said he only had one pint).

There were further stops at Cranleigh Green and outside the White Haese at Hascombe before the last, and the longest, four miles along the Greensand Way and back to the hall in 23 Hours 41 minutes and congratulations all round.

NB Many grateful thanks are due to Reg Chapman for his resolute support throughout the length of the walk at no less than five points along the way - we would not have got there without him.

*John Lay*

### **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 Yockley Close,  
CAMBERLEY,  
Surrey GU15 1QQ

Cheques should be made payable to "LDWA Surrey Group"

(The renewal slip is only enclosed if you have not yet returned one - so this becomes a gentle reminder).

**This will be the last time of asking - no renewal no more newsletters !!!**

## PROG

### 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 50768.

### Wednesday June 23        Midsummer Evening Walk

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

### Saturday July 10            Seven Sisters Sonnambulant 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! There is now a new refreshment kiosk at the end of Dukes Drive which, thanks to the persuasive powers of John, will be open to provide breakfast on the Sunday. More details available from John Lay, Tel. 0932 346596.

N.B. In the last Newsletter, and Strider, John's telephone number was shown as 0932 346956; please use the number given above if you need additional information from John.

### Saturday August 7         Haslemere Circular

20 miles or more dependent on route. Start 9 am at railway station in Haslemere, GR 898 339. There will be a pub stop in Hammer Bottom. Please contact Anne Beeching for more details on 081 942 9570.

### Thursday September 2     Programme Planning Meeting

7.30 for 8.00 in The Prince of Wales, Shere. All members are welcome.

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## RAMME

### **Sunday September 5      Quainton 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 432597.

### **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.

## PROGRAMME (cont.)

### Saturday December 11 Christmas Dinner

The venue has yet to be decided but as in previous years there will be a walk during the day before the dinner. Changing facilities will be available after the walk. 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 OAFs 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 to Brian Haigh, 17 Lower Edgeborough Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2DX.

### 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. Entry £1.50 up to Dec 29th, (£2.50 on the day). Organised by LDWA Surrey Group. SAE and entry fee to John Westcott, 31 Bracken Way, Chobham, WOKING GU24 8PR.

### Events Organised by Other Groups

In the last few days requests have been received to publicise the following events because, in some cases, the details were not published in Strider.

Sunday August 1 Rushden Ramble Northants 10,25, & 40 km  
Saturday September 4 Bullock Smithy Hike Cheshire 56 miles.  
Sunday September 12 Hopalong with PHAB Northants 12,25, & 40 km  
Sunday September 19 Chiltern Marathon 26 miles

Further details are available from Brian Haigh 0483 303020.



### Get Well Soon

Early in April Dave Challenger, much to his surprise and that of others, suffered a heart attack. He is now recuperating after a short stay in hospital and once again building up the miles albeit somewhat steadily. I am sure everybody will wish him a full recovery.



#### Editor's Note


As you probably guessed, I am trying to lose some space in this issue of the newsletter. All the material I have would naturally fit onto about ten sides -- but I can only have eight or twelve.

Eight sides isn't enough to fit everything and twelve sides is too much. What I want is some more articles, the more the better - anything you think will be of interest.

Please send your contributions to Brian Haigh.

#### 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.

A black and white illustration of a scroll. The scroll is unrolled in the middle, showing text. The top and bottom edges are rolled up. The text is centered on the scroll.

### **Cleveland Hundred - Danby Checkpoint**

On behalf of Brian Haigh and myself  
- a big Thankyou to all helpers at the  
Surrey Group Checkpoint.

The professional level of service  
given to the weary walkers met, and  
even exceeded, the standards that have  
come to be expected from Surrey  
Checkpoints.

Everyone did a super job cheering up  
the walkers and keeping them going  
to achieve completion of a hundred  
that will go down in LDWA history as  
one of the hardest.

*May thanks Janet Chapman.*

## Report: Headley Heath Hike

Some members probably think social walks are nothing more than training opportunities for those who are keen walkers of challenge events. Whilst it is true that all walking helps to improve fitness nevertheless social walks do provide an opportunity to enjoy the countryside at a less demanding pace and also to enjoy the companionship of like minded individuals. If you are still in doubt ..... read on.

By five minutes to nine thirteen had arrived in the NT car park and were ready to start. Most were from the Surrey Group but Mike had travelled 70 miles from Essex and Herts, and Kevin was from the Kent Group. Dave Challenger had planned the walk but was not well enough to lead it so I filled the gap making use of an excellent route description he had produced from memory.

By five minutes after nine we were on our way, behind the cricket pavilion and down the escarpment to follow the NDW briefly before crossing the railway and the A25 on the southbound outward section. On the NDW local knowledge was shared as the group stopped for Tony Youngs to point out some blue gentians growing near to the path. After negotiating the golf course and passing the plastic flowers near the Skimmington Castle we reached Rice Bridge over the River Mole at exactly 11.00 and stopped for elevenses. On this occasion the river was flowing about four feet under the bridge but it is not unknown for it to be four feet over after a wet spell.

At 12.15 after a pleasant walk through fields and woods we arrived at the pub in Irons Bottom and stayed for an hour, plenty of time to have a chat and enjoy the good food available. We also had the pleasure of meeting Dave and Pat Challenger who were waiting for us when we arrived. Peter Bull joined us here, perhaps to give Gillian moral support on the way back.

When we left the pub we headed for Betchworth, passing through countryside at it's Spring best. In the woods the swathes of bluebells were magnificent; this must have been one of the best years for bluebells for a long time. By 4pm we were nearly at the foot of the North Downs so it was a good time and place for another stop for a drink and a bite before once again crossing the railway and climbing up to the car park where we arrived at 5.30, we had walked 20 miles in eight and a half hours.

*Brian Haigh*

### Four Wheel Drive Vehicles

In the past we have become accustomed to finding rural tracks churned by the hooves of horses. Now there is a greater menace, four wheel drive vehicles belonging to drivers who think it is great fun to visit the countryside to churn up a few trackways. Listeners of local radio and readers of the Observer ...Off-road fanatics savage byways ... will have noticed the concern being expressed by those who care for the countryside. Here in Surrey clay paths in the parishes of Abinger, near Deaking, and Ash and Normandy, near Aldershot, have been churned up provoking protests by Cranley Onslow, MP.

At present the law is not very helpful to those who believe tracks designed for use by farm vehicles should not be used in this manner. As far as I know there have been no accidents involving walkers but next time you hear a car engine revving up it might not be on the road you crossed a few minutes ago; it could be a four wheel drive coming up behind you. Take care.

*Brian Haigh*

#### 1997 Hundred

In the Planning Meeting held on 13th May it was decided that we should confirm to the National Committee of the LDWA our wish to organise the 25th Hundred which will be held in 1997. The first event was a Downsman and this too will be a Downsman if it is agreed we should organise it.

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