

### **Planning Meeting : 14 September**

The meeting was once again held in the usual venue after moving to a nearby hostelry during a period of uncertainty for the Prince of Wales. I was away in Athens so first of all my thanks go to Dave Challenger for doing a first class job as acting Secretary. He did it so well he must be a candidate for the job at some time in the future! Membership was reported at 95 about the same as a year ago. As a result of discussion in the meeting and some well placed telephone calls afterwards a full programme of walks was produced. It was hoped they would be well supported by the members. Recent experience had been good with quite a few new members joining the social walks.

It was noted that production of the Newsletter was to be passed to the Secretary. The Chairman thanked Reg Chapman for his efforts in producing the Newsletter in the past.

### **Anyone for Surreys?**

Everybody - or almost everybody - must have heard of the Munros, two hundred and seventy seven tops in Scotland each over 3000 feet. On a recent walk, the Chinthurst Chips to be exact, I was asked if I knew how many tops there are in Surrey over 500 feet. I had to admit I did not know but I feel sure one of our members will know the answer so I have decided to pass the question on. How many tops are there over 500 feet? Answers to the Secretary please.

Who knows this could be the beginning of a new challenge to be enjoyed by walkers in Surrey. Is it stretching the imagination too far to think we could create the John Smith Round, a visit on foot to all of the Surrey tops inside 24 hours as well as a no time limit challenge. Let's hope they are all on public land!

## **Surrey Group NEWSLETTER**

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### **Items for the Newsletter**

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

## **New Editor for Surrey Group Newsletter**

Discerning readers will have noticed some small differences between the layout of this and previous Newsletters. In the past I produced most of the articles which were then sent to Reg Chapman for him to put them together in the Newsletter. This could produce delays so the new arrangement is that I will put the articles directly into the Newsletter along with any articles I receive from Reg and Janet which flow from their heavy involvement in Hundreds and other events. My hope is that the Newsletter will continue to supply all members with interesting news and views.

*Brian Haigh*

## **Report : Surrey Saunter**

On Sunday, June 18, about sixteen of us including three new members, set off on a Surrey saunter. It was a beautiful summer morning when it was good to be alive. The conditions were very different from those we experienced earlier in the year when Peter and I waded through deep mud as we checked the route. The walk took us through Shere and up over the North Downs Way to East Horsley and on to Ripley where we stopped at the Seven Stars for lunch. After an enjoyable lunch we followed the Wey Navigation footpath where we spotted many wild flowers and some handsome dahlias.

At Burpham we made a minor detour as Janet said she desperately needed an ice cream. To be honest the rest of the party were happy to join her in the queue. Revitalised we set off on the final lap and all enjoyed a welcome cup of tea at Newlands Corner.

*Molly Groundsell*

## **Hundreds Galore**

**The Shropshire 100** Congratulations to all Surrey Group members who participated. All, including the non-finishers, deserved a medal for tackling the Offas Dyke bog. Well done to Diane and Ken Scaife for their first 100 in a very respectable time of 39 hours, the "the first and last", I heard someone say. Oh Yes!! Also to Avril Stapleton, a new Surrey member, for completing her first 100. Other completions were Elaine Edwards, Barry Harrison, Martin Fox, John and Gail Elrick, Ian Ditchfield, Richard Hotchkiss, Harry Bishop and me.

## **The Yorkshire Dales 100, Spring Bank Holiday 25-27 May 1996**

A reminder to you all that Surrey are hosting the breakfast CP. This is at Dentdale Youth Hostel open 23.30 Saturday to 16.30 Sunday. Setting up will be during late Saturday afternoon. We will have full use of the hostel facilities so if there are enough volunteers a shift system will be operated to allow cooks, waiters, waitresses, and all those tending the weary and footsore to have some rest. I would welcome offers of help as soon as possible. Please call me on 01276 65169. There may be limited funding from West Yorkshire Group but reasonable claims will be underwritten by Surrey

**The Downsman 100 1997** As you know the Surrey Group has the responsibility for staging this event to mark the 25th year of LDWA 100's. During late September Molly Groundsell and I (I get everywhere) spent five days walking the route from Winchester to Eastbourne assisted by Dave Challenger who joined us for a day, and Peter and Elaine Edwards who were with us for 70 miles. Changes in the route, including the disappearance of the A33 near Winchester, were identified from the 1986 event. New locations for CPs suggested by John Lay and Reg Chapman earlier in the year were visited.

*Janet Chapman*

P.S. Congratulations to Elaine Edwards on completing the Yorkshire Dales 1996 Marshals 100 with me during the August 1995 Bank Holiday. It was Elaine's 10th Hundred. Well done.

## PROGRAMME

### Sunday 19 November

### Royalty Revisited

20 miles from the Bourne car park at Virginia Water railway station. Start at 9.00am. More details from Gillian Bull, tel : 01344 842508

### Saturday 9 December

### Christmas Walk and Dinner

The dinner, limited to 28, will be at the Sun Inn, Dunsfold almost opposite the Village Hall. The price is expected to be approximately £18 per head. As in previous years there will be a walk of about 15 miles starting from the Village Hall, GR 007 362, at 9.00am. Changing and washing facilities are available in the Hall which can be used before dinner. Bookings should be made to Mervyn Harvey, 2 Mill Lane, GODALMING. tel: 01428 685516

### Monday 1 January

### Surrey Inns Kanter

Now under new management but the format and venue are the same. 20 or 12 miles from St. Catherine's Hall, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford. GR 992 485, starting 9.15 to 11.00am. The route is west of Guildford; OS map 1:50 000 186 or Pathfinder 1225 - Farnham and Godalming. Entry on day only, 70p (50p - OAPs and UB 40s, 30p - u-16s, LDWA members - 10p off each fee) For more information contact Peter Bull, tel : 01344 842508.

### Sunday 14 January

### Winter Tanners

30 miles in central Surrey from car park at GR 164 567 from 7.30 to 9.30am. Experienced walkers only. Only two CPs on the route and no facilities at start or finish. Complete by 9.00pm; self registration after 6.00pm. Entry fee £1.50 up to Dec29 (£2.50 on the day). Organised by LDWA Surrey Group. SAE to Brian Haigh, 17 Lower Edgeborough Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2DX.

### Thursday 18 January

### AGM

The meeting will be held in The Prince of Wales, Shere at 7.30 for 8.00pm. Slide show - The Machu Pichu Trail - by Gillian Bull newly returned from a holiday in

Peru. Resolutions and nominations should be sent to the Secretary by mid-December.

### Saturday 20 January

### Punchbowl Marshals' Walk

Strictly for those marshalling on the day. Reg Chapman will be pleased to provide more information; tel : 01276 65169.

### Sunday 4 February

### Punchbowl Marathon

30 miles in western Surrey. Similar route to 1995. LDWA members only. Eleven hour limit. Start 8.00am at Chichester Hall, GR 948 394. Floor space available in Hall from 8pm Saturday. Entry £3 up to January 23 (£5 on the day), incl. refreshments. Organised by LDWA Surrey Group. SAE (after 1 January) and entry fee to Reg Chapman, 63 Yockley Close, Camberley, Surrey GU15 1QQ.

### Sunday 3 March

### Milford Muckup

20 miles starting 8.30am Milford railway station. GR 954 415. Pub stop for lunch. Further details from Sandra James Tel. 01932 561861 or John Dowson Tel. 01932 562797.

### Saturday 10 March

### Surrey Summits Marshals Walk

Strictly for those marshalling on the day. Roger Moss will be pleased to provide more information; Tel. 01252 313158.

### Sunday 31 March

### South Downs Stroll

About 20 miles. Contact Diane Scaife for more details; Tel. 01243 604351.

### Saturday/Sunday 20/21 April

### Surrey Summits

100km and 8000 feet of climbing in central Surrey starting at 9.30am from Chichester Hall, Witley. 26 hour limit. NO RUNNING. Entry £10 LDWA members, £11 non-members (late entries after 31st March - £13) incl. refreshments, certificate, and results. NO ENTRY ON DAY. Organised by LDWA Surrey Group. Part of Southern Triple Challenge.

SAE to : Dave Challenger, 44 Agates Lane, ASHTEAD, KT21 2ND.

### **Report : Chinthurst Chips : August 6**

It was particularly pleasing to welcome our friends from the newly formed London Group, namely Sylvia Napoleon, Bill Thompson, and Paul Lawrence. We do hope they enjoyed themselves and will join us again in the future

**18.641645.** For those of us who are interested in mileage covered, this number was the read out on my metric converter after the walking the route in sweltering conditions. Add to the read out the extra slog involved in climbing the gradients up to St. Martha's church, the Pitch Hill memorial to Alan Blatchford and Chris Steer, and finally to the Chinthurst tower; interspersed I should mention, with the additional climbs in the Windmill pub where we found the landlord had just sacked the chef and there you have the twenty miles as promised.

I did walk out the route during the previous week-end when the pub menu was quite spectacular; a barbecue was going and I enjoyed a generous portion of shark steak. Later I got lost partly due to the arrival of a very loud thunderstorm and partly because the compass was pointing in the wrong direction sending me two miles north instead of west. Consequently, on the day, the afternoon route had to be worked out as we went along producing a bit of a mystery tour. However as someone remarked I really do enjoy walking on paths through woods which I did not know existed ... thank you Peter, that made two of us! There was a fair measure of heather clad slopes, hidden paths going down sunken gulleys in the wrong direction, and some wonderful vistas of the North Downs in the distance which made it all worthwhile.

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To my mind I think there are four basic guidelines for a social walk which are :-

1. *Keep it to not more than 20 miles,*
2. *Get to a decent pub at noon,*
3. *Allow one and a half hours for lunch to enable people to select from what should be an interesting and varied menu.*
4. *Keep away from main roads, angry bulls, stinging nettles, smelly farmyards and swamps.*

Sorry about No 3 on this occasion; I was told it was OK on the following Sunday.

Later we had a very satisfying stop for ice creams and cold drinks at the magnificent Mobil Motormart in the middle of Bramley village. One walker was seen drinking Lucozade but will remain anonymous. Perhaps he needed it to reach the top of Chinthurst Hill where the walk ended. Thank you all for coming.

*John Lay*

### **Surrey Striders Scorn Six Shropshire Summits**

Many thanks to Mervyn Harvey for his kind offer - included in the last Newsletter - to take a party of walkers on 15 July to Corndon in Powys to do this classic walk. Unfortunately the response was so low that the event had to be cancelled. The demand for events of this nature, once a fairly regular feature of the activities of the Surrey Group now appears to be non-existent but just in case there are members out there who would like to take part in a visit to another part of the country for a walk please let me know.

*Brian Haigh*