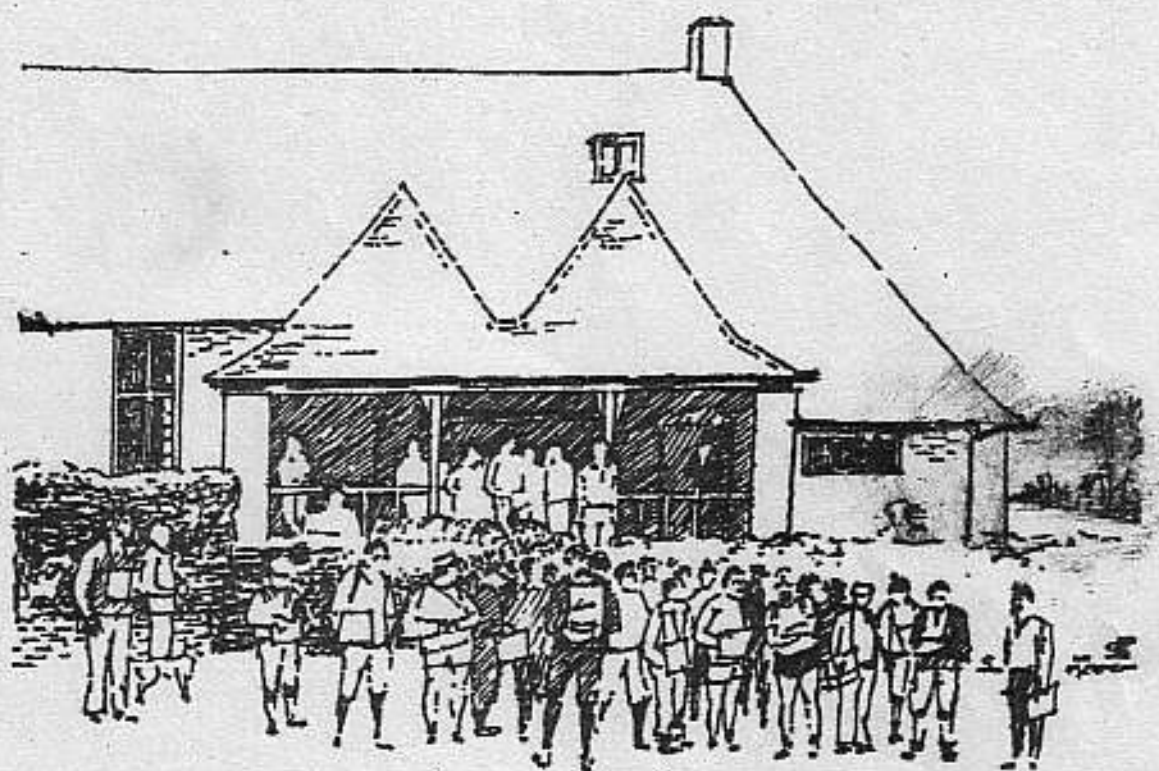


# SURREY SUMMITS

1982



Gathering for the start

## Report & Results

### LDWA (Surrey Group)

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3/4 April 1982

My grateful thanks to all below who helped with the event. I apologize if I have missed anybody but your efforts are still very much appreciated.

### The Committee

Dan Hadfield, Jeff Ellingham, Tony Cartwright, Louise Cartwright, Chris Steer, Ralph Henley, Dave Challenger, Valerie Challenger, Mervyn Harvey, Barbara Blatchford and John Westcott.

### The Marshals

MOBILE MARSHALS: Ralph Henley, Joyce Henley, Carol Henley, Dan Hadfield  
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE: Dave Challenger.

at HASCOMBE HILL: Ralph and Joyce Henley.

at HOLMBURY HILL: Pat Coulson, Phyl Jackson, Dan Hadfield and Dave Challenger.

at RANMORE COMMON (EAST): Pauline Shore, John Chandler, Bruce Chandler, Carole Walters and Mervyn Harvey.

at RANMORE COMMON (WEST): Valerie Challenger, Christine Challenger, Katherine Challenger, Bob Ford, Carole Walters and Mervyn Harvey.

at HENLEY FORT: Cynthia McLeod, Ian McLeod, Phyl Jackson, Pat Coulson, Pauline Shore and Mervyn Harvey.

at HANKLEY COMMON: Olive Matterface, Sue Boyman, Vince Smith, Keith Chesterton and Jim Dunster.

at HINDHEAD VH: Chris Steer, Margaret Steer and Chris Honeywell.

at WITLEY: (catering) Bob Ball and the Young's Yeomanry.  
(registration) Arthur Radley, Lesley Nightingale and Jeff Ellingham.

### Route Description

WRITING: Tony Cartwright, Louise Cartwright, Jeff Ellingham, Dan Hadfield, Dave Challenger, Barbara Blatchford and John Westcott.

CHECKING: Bob Ford, Brian Haigh, Chris Steer and Tony Youngs.

PROCESSING: Tony Cartwright.

PRINTING: Chris Steer.

### Results

PRINTING: Chris Steer, SKETCHES: Tony Youngs, REDUCING: George Sylvester.

I also acknowledge, with thanks, the cooperation I have received from the Haptwood Control, The National Trust, The Youth Hostels Association and the Public Services Agency in connection with the Manned Checkpoints.



Checkpoint 4  
Lord Justice James' Seat

### THE SEVENTH SURREY SUMMITS

In contrast to the snowy conditions endured on the 1981 event, this years Surrey Summits enjoyed the best weather of the 7 held to date. As walkers assembled at the new Witley Venue, the morning sun had already dispelled any sign of the overnight frost with a promise of a warm day.

Chris Steer gave the signal to start the walk and 125 jovial walkers set off over the Surrey hills. Within the first mile, we came across the wettest part of a very dry course. It is interesting to note this part of the route had been diverted to avoid a muddy section.

Checkpoints 1 and 2 were passed without incident but when I got to checkpoint 3, I realized there would be some controversy here. The variety of answers on check cards later confirmed my fears but I must say a few of the more exotic were quite amusing. Officially, from the Surrey Summits point of view, Rowan Cottage has a green door but I am not letting on who said so.

As walkers were going up the track to Jellys Hollow, Phil Hastings found a deer with a broken leg which he took to a local farmer. No doubt it was soon converted into venison.

Although the afternoon was not particularly hot, it could have done with being a little cooler for walking. Having to climb the greensand hills when the day was at its warmest, caused one or two beads of perspiration to form on brows. The drinks checkpoint at Holbury Hill was approached with the same enthusiasm as an oasis in the desert. The Ranmore East checkpoint was also welcome coming as it did at the top of the scarp slope from the A25.

The marshals at Ranmore West waited patiently for the walkers as many devised their own routes across Box Hill and Norbury Park but they finally managed to account for them all.

The warm day gave way to a fine clear night with a three quarter moon giving a bright light. It clouded up occasionally to allow the more sceptical to indulge in their profecy of rain, but any fears in that direction were unfounded. The reversing of the route and change of venue brought the drove road parallel with the A25 on route during the early hours of darkness for most walkers. This made for easier navigation at what can be a critical time for retirements. Even so, 75% of those who retired, did so at or between Rammore and Guildford.

The marshals found Henley Fort in a mess when they went to set up the checkpoint there. Mervyn Harvey worked hard to clear tents from the hall and then try to rectify a plumbing fault. In spite of his efforts, the checkpoint did not get set up in time for those few who beat the opening time. Mervyn did however take a flask of coffee out to Puttenham for those who did not get a hot drink at the official checkpoint. Things were soon under control however and most walkers were not even aware there had been a crisis.

For some reason the person responsible for the equipment at the Hankley Common checkpoint did not consider it necessary to have a teapot when tea is on the menu. The ingenious manner in which the marshals got round this problem was quite superb and the spouted rice tin will certainly be a prize exhibit when we set up the Surrey Group museum.

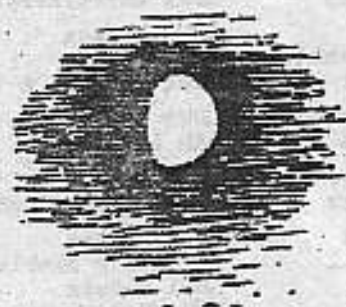
After the fun and games across Hankley Common last year, I wondered what reception we would get this year. There was a military exercise taking place but the soldiers did not seem to be so playful. Perhaps it was the knowledge that those dangerous long distance walkers were about that kept the troops safely battened down in their buildings during the hours of darkness.

The new checkpoint at Hindhead Youth Hostel was a real delight. It would not have been out of place to see the deer "rescued" by Phil Hastings earlier roasting away over the open log fire. If this checkpoint had come earlier, on the walk, I'm sure the pleasant atmosphere would have induced more to retire but as it was, with 91 out of 100 kilometres done, there was enough incentive to finish and ignore the more creature comforts.

However much one enjoys the walk, it is still nice to get to the finish. Bob Ball and his Youngs Yeomanry were doing the catering at Chichester Hall and I'm sure you will agree, they, like all the marshals, served us well. Bob and his men seem to specialize in this type of chechpoint and entrants for the Pilgrims 100/100+ will be glad to know that the Bluebell Hill checkpoint catering will be in the hands of the same team.

In all 105 finished the course which represents the highest percentage of finishers of all Surrey Summits except the first (invitation) walk in 1976. I've no doubt the earlier start, easier navigation in the dark and the fine weather all contributed to this high rate of success. Of the 51 finishers who had completed a previous Surrey Summits, 38 recorded a personal best while many more notched up their first success following one or more previously abortive attempts.

I'm afraid there was some controversy about the closing times of the early manned checkpoints. I can only apologise for this but I can assure all entrants that there was never any intention to pull walkers out while they had a chance of completing the walk on time even if they did get to a checkpoint after the official closing time.



Checkpoint 21  
Kettlebury Hill

Readings show kilometres from start and columns show hours and minutes taken at that point.

POSN	NAME	CLUB etc	7.6	21.3	35.0	51.2	67.8	82.4	90.8	100.0
1	Rko Inhammer	LDWA Surrey	1.02	2.53	4.43	7.25	9.54	12.06	13.36	15.12
	Tony Rowley	LDWA Bristol & West	1.03	3.00	4.57	7.29	9.59	12.06	13.36	15.12
	Jeff Ellingham	LDWA Surrey	1.04	2.59	4.56	7.29	9.59	12.06	13.36	15.12
	David Smith	LDWA Bristol & West	1.03	2.59	4.57	7.29	9.59	12.06	13.36	15.12
	Martyn Greaves	LDWA Sussex	1.04	3.00	4.58	7.29	9.59	12.06	13.36	15.12
	Mark Pickard	LDWA Surrey	1.04	3.00	4.57	7.29	9.59	12.06	13.36	15.12
7	Dave Cheshire	LDWA Solihull	1.05	3.00	4.56	7.29	9.59	12.06	13.36	15.17
8	Derek Earl	LDWA Sussex	1.02	2.53	4.49	7.25	9.54	12.28	14.07	15.58
	Gerald Orchard	LDWA Kent	1.02	2.53	4.49	7.25	9.54	12.28	14.07	15.58
	Dave Shore	LDWA Surrey	1.02	2.53	4.49	7.25	9.54	12.28	14.07	15.58
	Roy Barnsley	LDWA Surrey	1.04	3.00	4.58	7.29	9.54	12.06	14.07	15.58
12	Bryon Alden	LDWA Surrey	1.04	3.00	5.02	7.47	10.20	12.44	14.24	16.24
	Steve Alden	LDWA Surrey	1.04	3.00	5.01	7.47	10.20	12.44	14.24	16.24
	John Robinson	LDWA Surrey	1.10	3.08	5.02	7.47	10.20	12.44	14.24	16.24
	Les Smith	LDWA Sussex	1.03	3.01	5.02	7.47	10.20	12.44	14.24	16.24
	Terry Simpson	LDWA Feltham	1.03	3.00	5.02	7.47	10.20	12.44	14.24	16.24
17	Phil Hastings	LDWA Kent	1.04	3.07	5.13	7.56	10.30	13.18	14.57	16.45
	Roger Mitchell	LDWA Radcliffe	1.04	3.07	5.13	7.56	10.30	13.18	14.57	16.45
19	Tony Twyman	LDWA Essex/Herts	1.10	3.17	5.24	8.21	11.12	13.54	15.35	17.17
20	John Westcott	LDWA Surrey	1.04	3.05	5.14	8.00	10.47	13.18	14.57	17.37
21	Mike Parks	Bas Bristol	1.06	3.07	5.09	7.52	10.40	13.18	15.29	17.58
	Pete Barnett	LDWA Kent	1.05	3.02	5.13	7.56	10.40	13.18	15.29	17.58
23	Jeff Treadway	LDWA Essex/Herts	1.03	3.00	5.22	8.29	11.27	14.10	16.03	18.07
24	Sue Coles	LDWA Wessex	1.05	3.17	5.30	8.29	11.23	14.10	16.00	18.16
	Richard Hotchkiss	LDWA Wessex	1.15	3.26	5.37	8.29	11.23	14.10	16.00	18.16
	Mac McArthur	LDWA Bristol & West	1.09	3.18	5.32	8.29	11.25	14.10	16.00	18.16
27	David Whitehead	LDWA Surrey	1.05	3.08	5.23	8.26	11.25	14.10	16.10	18.32
	Ginge Davies	RAF Locking	1.14	3.21	5.30	8.26	11.25	14.13	16.10	18.32
29	David Woodyer	LDWA Surrey	1.13	3.21	5.31	8.29	11.30	14.20	16.17	18.41
	Len Willecocks	LDWA Farnborough	1.13	3.21	5.30	8.29	11.30	14.20	16.17	18.41
31	Nigel Coates	LDWA Sussex	1.05	3.02	5.22	8.19	11.13	14.01	16.05	18.56
	John Marshall	Lancaster Ramblers	1.15	3.26	5.38	8.39	11.45	14.35	16.36	18.56
	Neil Higham	LDWA Sussex	1.16	3.28	5.37	8.40	11.50	14.35	16.36	18.56
	Alan Nesbit	LDWA Peterborough	1.10	3.17	5.22	8.21	11.14	13.55	15.38	18.55
35	Jim Winyard	LDWA Essex/Herts		3.25	5.39	8.39	11.54	14.35	16.36	18.58
36	Simon Oliver	N Devon YHA Group	1.10	3.17	5.33	8.40	11.50	14.35	16.36	19.10
37	Paul Rutter	LDWA Southsea	1.13	3.25	5.38	8.42	11.45	14.54	17.17	19.33
	Lloyd Ferrett	LDWA Winchester	1.13	3.25	5.38	8.42	11.54	14.54	17.17	19.33
	Mark Rutter	LDWA Coventry	1.04	3.25	5.38	8.42	11.45	14.55	17.17	19.33
	Jenny Peacock	LDWA North Yorks	1.21	3.46	6.20	9.36	12.37	15.25	17.30	19.33
	Phil Peacock	LDWA North Yorks	1.21	3.46	6.20	9.36	12.37	15.25	17.30	19.33
	Jeff Coulson	LDWA North Yorks	1.21	3.46	6.20	9.36	12.37	15.25	17.30	19.33
	Colin Seddon	LDWA Bristol & West		3.08	5.25	8.39	11.46	15.25	17.30	19.33
41	Mike Gregson	North Greenford Univ.	1.13	3.26	5.39	8.42	11.51	14.27	17.04	19.44
	Ray Bolton	LDWA Staffs	1.13	3.27	5.37	8.42	11.51	14.48	17.04	19.44
46	Peter Mallowan	LDWA Telford	1.15	3.27	5.45	8.47	11.54	14.49	17.00	19.45
47	Ron Walters	LDWA Surrey	1.11	3.26	5.49	9.04	12.29	15.35	17.38	19.48
	Bill Porter	LDWA Little Paxton	1.09	3.26	5.55	9.04	12.20	15.35	17.38	19.48
	Roger Canavan	Horwich RMI Harriers	1.11	3.25	5.48	9.03	12.29	15.35	17.38	19.48
	John Searl	LDWA Essex/Herts	1.13	3.30	5.54	9.04	12.29	15.35	17.38	19.48
51	Dave Street	LDWA Surrey	1.10	3.51	5.49	9.16	12.42	15.47	18.02	20.31
	Don Cooper	LDWA Thames Valley	1.16	3.08	6.02	9.24	12.40	15.47	18.02	20.31
	Angus Sutherland	RAF High Wycombe W C	1.10	3.53	5.59	9.32	12.41	15.54	18.02	20.31
	Keith Hewett	LDWA Surrey	1.20	3.42	6.07	9.24	12.41	15.47	18.02	20.31
55	Anthony Taylor	LDWA Surrey		3.15	5.44	9.15	12.37	15.47	18.03	20.44
56	Bill Grace	LDWA Surrey	1.15	3.28	6.02	9.31	12.40	16.02	18.14	20.47
57	Robin Lambert	LDWA Bristol & West	1.09	3.33	6.02	9.36	12.54	16.02	18.30	21.13
58	Tony Youngs	LDWA Surrey	1.21	3.51	6.17	9.40	13.15	16.30	18.50	21.31
	Ron Warford	LDWA West Yorks	1.21	3.46	6.20	9.36	13.15	16.30	18.50	21.31
60	Ron Rowth	LDWA Kent		3.40	6.16	10.05	13.55	17.10	19.20	21.38
	Nigel Sneath	LDWA Kent	1.15	3.40	6.17	10.05	13.55	17.10	19.20	21.38
62	Steve Mulryan	LDWA Manchester	1.22	3.48	6.22	10.32	14.04	17.21	19.35	21.46
63	Cyril Blow	LDWA Essex/Herts	1.16	3.30	5.55	9.31	13.33	17.04	19.20	21.49
	Keith Wilson	LDWA Essex/Herts	1.09	3.26	5.54	9.31	13.33	17.04	19.20	21.49
	Eric Rolfe	LDWA Essex/Herts	1.13	3.30	5.54	9.31	13.33	17.04	19.20	21.49
	Ron Dyke	LDWA Thames Valley	1.16	3.30	5.57	9.31	13.33	17.04	19.20	21.49
	Bert Fleming	LDWA Essex/Herts	1.16	3.30	5.58	9.31	13.33	17.04	19.20	21.49
68	Tony Davis	LDWA Surrey	1.24	4.07	6.46	10.34	14.26	17.38	19.53	21.56
69	Lawrence Lane	LDWA Kent	1.22	4.07	6.46	10.34	14.26	17.40	19.53	21.57
70	George Scott	LDWA Hayes	1.16	3.32	5.56	9.20	13.02	16.30	19.21	22.00
71	Keith Warren	LDWA Sittingbourne	1.10	3.30	5.56	9.20	13.02	16.30	19.21	22.04
	Frank Armstrong	LDWA Abingdon	1.16	3.32	5.59	9.32	13.02	16.30	19.23	22.04

POSN	NAME	CLUB etc	7.8	21.3	35.0	51.2	67.8	82.4	90.8	100.0
73	Brian Buttifant	LDWA Kent	1.10	3.19	5.47	9.05	13.23	17.04	19.35	22.22
	Keith Porter	LDWA Kent	1.10	3.18	5.56	9.05	13.23	17.04	19.35	22.22
	Peter Rickards	LDWA Kent	1.10	3.18	5.47	9.05	13.23	17.04	19.35	22.22
76	Steve Rackett	LDWA Surrey	1.10	3.20	5.33	8.48	12.37	16.33	19.35	22.24
77	Michael Benison	LDWA Bristol & West	1.12	3.38	6.17	9.51	13.46	17.32	20.00	22.34
78	Ronald Barton	LDWA Southampton	1.20	3.43	6.21	10.09	13.48	17.10	19.59	22.42
	Steven Ross	LDWA Frome	1.20	3.43	6.21	10.09	13.48	17.10	19.59	22.42
80	Henry Bridge	LDWA Soham	1.20	3.53	6.36	10.22	14.06	17.47	20.32	23.16
81	Gary Staples	2nd Sels & Add VSG	1.19	4.04	6.48	11.17	15.47	18.59	21.23	23.23
82	John Tomsen	LDWA Wessex	1.13	3.46	6.40	10.22	14.06	17.47	20.57	23.33
	Bill Bowdidge	14 Gp R.OBS.Corps	1.20	3.51	6.28	10.22	14.06	17.47	20.57	23.33
	Aaron Allen	YHA	1.20	3.51	6.36	10.22	14.05	17.54	21.00	23.33
85	Brian Harby	LDWA Westcliffe-on-sea	1.20	3.46	6.20	9.51	14.06	18.11	21.29	23.45
	Suzie Clark	LDWA Sussex	1.20	3.47	6.39	10.42	14.44	18.45	21.15	23.45
	Paul Clifford	LDWA Sussex	1.21	3.48	6.39	10.42	14.44	18.45	21.15	23.45
	John Jackson	LDWA Sussex	1.20	3.47	6.39	10.42	14.44	18.45	21.15	23.45
	Jason Rhodes	LDWA Sussex	1.10	3.48	6.39	10.42	14.44	18.45	21.15	23.45
	John Taylor	LDWA Sussex		3.47	6.39	10.42	14.44	18.45	21.15	23.45
91	Dave Trayford	LDWA Peterborough	1.24	4.04	6.36	10.37	14.38	18.49	21.29	24.00
	Dave Harrison	LDWA March	1.20	3.48	6.36	10.37	14.38	18.49	21.28	24.00
	Frank Wright	LDWA Peterborough	1.24	4.12	7.14	11.17	15.25	18.53	21.28	24.00
94	Miles Padgett	Imp Vill Coll WC	1.16	3.52	6.51	10.37	15.10	19.10	21.38	24.14
	Keith Barber	Imp Vill Coll WC	1.16	3.52	6.51	10.37	15.10	19.10	21.39	24.14
	Stan Poulter		1.16	3.52	6.51	10.37	15.10	19.10	21.39	24.14
97	Chris Sweetman	LDWA Notts	1.21	3.49	6.28	10.22	14.06	17.54	21.01	24.37
98	Ken Saunders	Feltham Puffers	1.22	4.06	6.49	11.03	15.22	19.25	21.56	25.03
	Paul Jones	Feltham Puffers	1.22	4.06	6.49	11.02	15.22	19.25	21.56	25.03
100	Barbara Blatchford	LDWA Surrey	1.28	4.24	7.21	11.32	16.34	20.17	22.46	25.30
	Mike Field	LDWA Sussex	1.20	3.58	7.03	11.17	15.25	19.27	23.08	25.30
	Geoffrey Stott	LDWA Sutton Coldfield	1.19	3.50	6.42	11.42	17.09	21.04	23.08	25.30
	Nigel Lawer	SE Herts Ramblers Assn	1.28	4.16	7.17	11.32	16.34	20.17	22.46	25.30
	Harry Clark	LDWA Sevenoaks	1.12	3.36	6.17	10.42	16.31	21.04	23.09	25.30
	Andrew Clark	LDWA Sevenoaks	1.12	3.36	6.17	10.42	16.31	21.04	23.08	25.30

#### LIST OF RETIREMENTS

Showing times at the manned checkpoints passed and point of retirement.

NAME	CLUB etc	7.8	21.3	35.0	51.2	67.8	82.4	90.8		
Brian Saarle	LDWA Peterborough	1.20	3.48	6.35	10.37	14.38	18.49	21.29	Hindhead YH	
Colin Hayward	EA Daily Times WC	1.17	3.46	6.17	9.41	13.55	Henley Fort			
Martin Bartlett	LDWA Kent	1.15	3.40	6.17	10.05	14.02	Henley Fort			
Richard Ireson	LDWA Surrey	1.20	3.48	6.19	10.32	14.30	Guildford (Home)			
Maurice Staples	2nd Sels & Add VSG	1.19	4.04	6.54	11.17	15.47	Henley Fort			
Lyly White	LDWA Thames Valley	1.28	4.24	7.21	11.32	16.34	Henley Fort			
Brian Adcock	EA Daily Times WC	1.17	3.46	6.18	9.43	Newlands Corner				
Brian Eloe	LDWA Essex/Herts	1.13	3.30	5.56	9.46	Ranmore West Car Park				
Dony McBride	LDWA Chelmsford	1.13	3.30	5.59	9.46	Ranmore West Car Park				
John Skinner	LDWA Kent	1.15	3.40	6.17	10.05	Newlands Corner				
Brian Haigh	LDWA Surrey	1.24	4.08	6.47	10.34	Guildford (Home)				
Edil Stirling	LDWA Essex/Herts	1.28	4.24	7.21	11.32	Shere				
Alan Clarke	Abingdon	1.28	4.16	7.17	11.33	Ranmore West Car Park				
Ian Rutherford	Imp Vill Coll WC	1.18	3.54	7.09	11.57	Ranmore West Car Park				
Ian Priestner	LDWA Byfleet	1.22	4.07	7.16	11.57	Ranmore West Car Park				
Robert Watts	West Surrey CTC	1.22	4.07	7.16	12.00	Ranmore West Car Park				
Steve Wylie	RA	2.04	5.18	9.02	Continued out of time to Horsley					
Chris Meredith	LDWA Essex/Herts	2.04	5.18	9.02	Continued out of time to Horsley					
John Bush	LDWA Sussex	1.21	3.48	Holmbury Hill Car Park						
Chris Butterfield	LDWA Thames Valley	Retired before Hascombe Hill								

**NOTE:** Where no club had been entered on the entry form or an LDWA member did not enter a group I have shown the town or village of residence under Club etc. Where more than one club has been entered on the entry form the first entry has been shown above.

## THE TEAMS AND TROPHIES

Two challenge trophies are awarded to teams of 3, 4 or 5 of whom at least 3 must complete the distance together. The "Leith Trophy" to the first team to finish all of whom reside outside Surrey and the "Gibbet Trophy" to the first team to finish all of whom RESIDE inside Surrey. Although we had quite a few entries for the Leith trophy, there was only one for the Gibbet. Even this one team did not strictly stick to the rules because there were not 3 together all the time. The trophy was however awarded as they were the only entry and they did manage to find 3 to walk together most of the time. I do not know what problems this precedent will create in the future but in this respect the organizers decision is final - EVEN IF HE IS COMPLETELY WRONG.

The Impington Village College Walking Club came to defend the Leith trophy they had won in 1981, but whereas the conditions had then favoured the slower walkers (where the main difficulty had been to discipline oneself to keep together) the better conditions this year enabled most of the flyers to remain intact.

A. I. T. F. Winners of the Leith Trophy Time: 15 hours 58 mins

Derek Earl, Gerald Orchard and Dave Shore. - Dave Shore is a member of the Surrey Group but RESIDES outside Surrey.

JEFFS REBELS Winners of the Gibbet Trophy Time: 16 hours 24 mins

Jeff Ellingham, Bryon Alden, Steve Alden and John Robinson. - Jeff Ellingham who walked some way in front of his team mates is not regarded as part of the winning team.

WINCHESTER TRIO Time: 19 hours 33 mins

Paul Rutter, Mark Rutter and Lloyd Perrett.

KENT LDWA MARK I Time: 22 hours 22 mins

Keith Porter, Brian Buttifant and Peter Rickards.

SUSSEX LDWA 1st Time: 23 hours 45 mins

Paul Clifford, John Jackson, John Taylor, John Bush, Suzie Clark and Neil Higham. - I do not know what I would have decided if this team had got the fastest time. There are 6 members and some RESIDE in Surrey. 1 retired and one did not walk with his other team members.

RASHIRON QUARTET Time: 24 hours

Dave Harrison, Brian Searle, Dave Trayford, and Frnk Wright. - 1 retired.

IMPINGTON VILLAGE COLLEGE WALKING CLUB Time: 24 hours 14 mins

Keith Barber, Miles Padgett, Stan Poulter, and Ian Rutherford. -1retired.

SUSSEX LDWA 2nd

Jason Rhodes, Nigel Coates, Les Smith and Alan Waters. - 1 did not take part and the other 3 did not all walk together.

MAIDSTONE MADMEN PART II

John Skinner, Nigel Smetham, Martin Bartlett and Ron Roweth. - 2 retired

BRISTOL BEST

Tony Rowley, Colin Seddon, David Smith and Mac McArthur. - Did not have 3 members of the team walking together throughout.

## NUMBER OF SURREY SUMMITS EVENTS COMPLETED

There are 3 who have completed all 7:-

Bill Grace, Martyn Greaves and John Westcott.

4 who have completed 6:-

Keith Hewitt, Richard Hotchkiss, Tony Rowley and Anthony Taylor.

6 who have completed 5:-

Brian Bickle, Phil Hastings, Alan Ireland, Robin Lambert, Bill Perry and Mark Pickard.

11 who have completed 4:-

Bryon Alden, Barbara Blatchford, Brian Buttifant, Sue Coles, Derek Earl, Keith Jones, Mac McArthur, Mike Parks, Geoff Stott, Jim Winyard, and Tony Youngs.

26 who have completed 3:-

Steve Alden, Keith Barber, Bill Bargate, Mike Benison, Ernie Bishop, Henry Bridge, John Budd, Dave Challenger, Keith Chesterton, Cris Coates, Nigel Coates, Ralph Henley, Joe May, Michael Morris, Simon Oliver, Bill Porter, Peter Rickards, Ken Saunders\*, John Seale, David Shore, Les Smith, Mike Smith, Chris Steer, John Tomsen, Ron Voyce, and David Whitehead.

There are also 54 who have completed 2 events and a further 209 who have done just a single crossing.

This alone represents 32125 walking miles if all who finished never strayed from the route. Add to this the additional miles walked to compensate for navigational errors and the miles walked by those who retired and the total mileage is in excess of 40000 miles.

## THE STATISTICS

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
Entries	26	77	169	106	172	150	151
Starters	26	61	141	96	150	125	125
Finishers	22	45	90	77	111	64	105
% of starters who finished:	85	74	64	80	74	51	84
Female starters	3	**	18*	2	9	11	6
Female Finishers	2	3	11	1	6	3	4

\* It is the Ken Saunders from Brockworth, Gloucs who has completed 3 Surrey Summits but he did not take part in the 1982 event. He is not to be confused with the Ken Saunders from Ashford, Middx who completed his first Surrey Summits this year.

\*\* I have no record of the number of Female starters in 1977

\* In 1978 we had a block entry from the WRAC Guildford.



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I also had had a criticism that the checkpoints were open too early, thereby encouraging running. I think the results in the main support my judgment here if the rounding off "earlier" is taken into consideration. I know not all the leaders were strictly walking, but I am satisfied some were walking the whole of the way. While on this point, I would like to remind those who do "break step" that it is a cause of annoyance to those who genuinely walk to see others gaining advantage by this method. We cannot hope to set up a judging system on a cross country course but we do expect entrants, when they sign that they will abide by the rules, to honour that undertaking. One of the rules is RUNNING IS NOT ALLOWED ON THIS EVENT.

Many comments have been made about the change of venue and starting at an earlier time. I think most were favourable to both. We have therefore decided to keep to the same arrangements (including an anti clockwise course) for the 1983 event. Probable date will be the weekend of 16/17th April.

I'm sorry the badges were not on sale at the end of the event. Anybody who would like a badge who has completed the Surrey Summits, please send 75 pence and a stamped addressed envelope to Dave Challenger, 3 Ewell Park Way, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey. I also apologise for the delay in getting these results to you. I'm afraid a congestion of activities has made it difficult to get them done but I hope to do better next year.

John Westcott.

### SOME THOUGHTS OF THE CHIEF MARSHAL

Having the job of closing down the manned checkpoints, means one does not always see the leading groups of walkers. However on this occasion I did check the walkers through checkpoint 6 at Holmbury Hill. Even at this stage of the event, it was 2 hours 25 minutes between the first arrivals and the last.

A decision had been made to keep the first 4 manned checkpoints open for an additional 45 minutes. At Ranmore East (22 miles) all the walkers except 2 came through within the new time limit. However, the blind walker, Steve Wylie, and his companion, Chris Meredith, were well outside the time limit. In vain I asked them to cut short the walk and proceed straight along to Ranmore West checkpoint thereby missing out the Box Hill loop. It was made clear the remaining checkpoints could not be kept open beyond the extended closing time. Both walkers were quite adamant about continuing, using food and drink they were carrying. This gave me some concern as it meant losing contact with them.

Ranmore East checkpoint was closed down and I carried on to Ranmore West. There were a few retirements here but all remaining walkers were accounted for. On again to Henley Fort with a few more retirements and all others safely through. The checkpoint closed at 4.a.m.

The Hankley Common checkpoint closed at 7.20.a.m. after a cold night. Once again all walkers checked through. On to Hindhead Youth Hostel and it was here that a phone call from Dave Challenger was received to say that Steve Wylie and Chris Meredith had retired and wished to be picked up at Horsley Towers. My feelings were of relief to know they were safe and well, but also sadness at the finish of a gutsy attempt.

On to the finish at Witley where the final group of walkers arrived  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour inside the 26 hour time limit.

Dan Hadfield