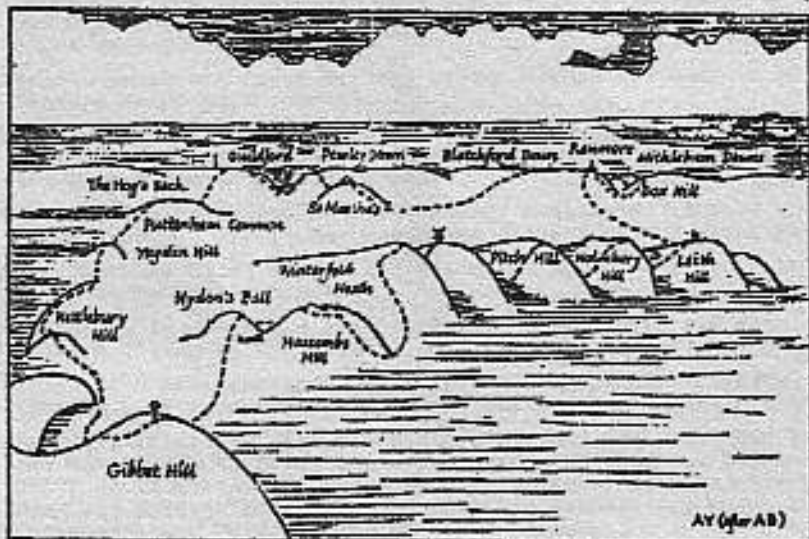


The Tenth Surrey Summits

30-31 March 1985

Report & Results



LDWA (Surrey Group)

Once again I would like to thank all those who helped to make the Surrey Summits a success. This includes members of the Mid-Downs React CB radio team as well as LDWA members and associates.

If I have inadvertently missed anybody I apologize but can assure you your efforts are no less appreciated.

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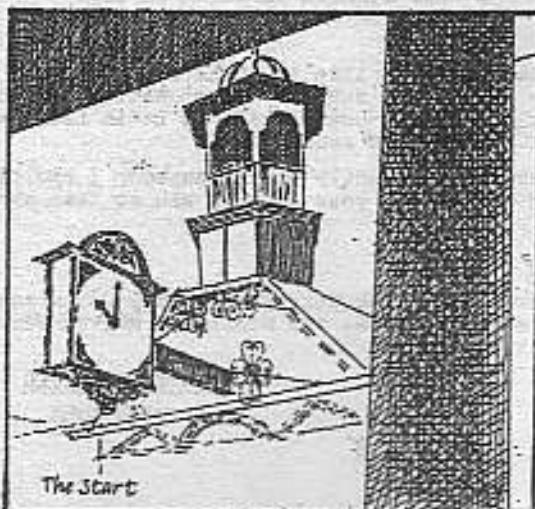
Cutmill: John Robinson and Judith Steer. REACT: Dave Gregory (Dragon Fly) John Mason (snapshot) and Guy Longhurst (Renegade).

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I would also like to acknowledge the cooperation I received from The Hurwood Control, The National Trust, The Public Services Agency, Graham Peddie and Helen Forber (wardens of Tanners and Hindhead Youth Hostels respectively), The caretaker at Chichester Hall and the Warden at Henley Port.



REPORT ON THE TENTH SURREY SUMMITS

Even though we had a record entry, things seemed to be against us to have a record number of finishers. The flu bug going around this winter left many entrants undertrained to deter them from making the starting line while others thought they would give it a try against their better judgement. Add to this the muddy conditions underfoot and the weather not being too kind we did get 2 Surrey Summits records - the most non starters and the most retirements of any event to date.

It was overcast as Chris Steer set the walkers in motion from the traditional start at Tunsgate in Guildford High Street. There were a few attempts at rain during the section before Tanners which tended to dampen the atmosphere rather than fall and by late afternoon even this threat seemed to have subsided.

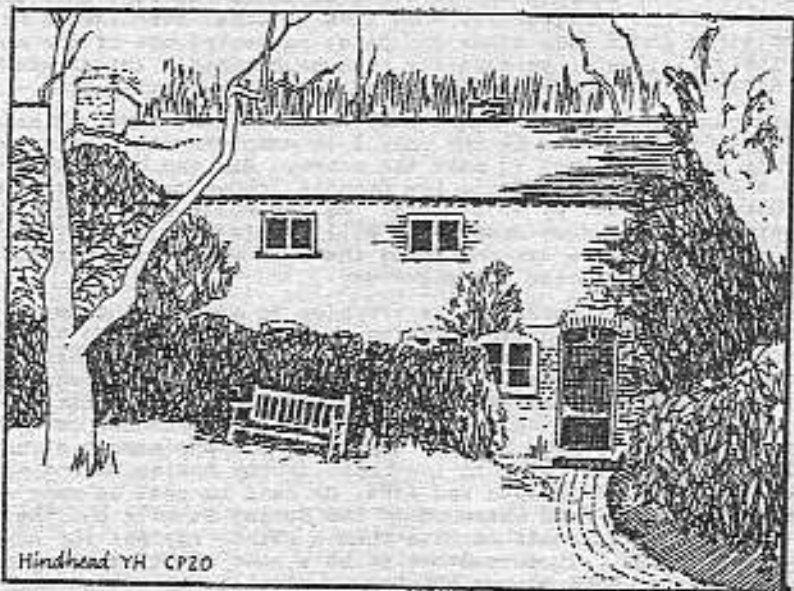
All but one walker got to the Rammore checkpoint but there were a few who decided they had had enough of the mud and retired here. Included in these retirements was the man who was officially shown as the first man home on the 1984 event - Tony Twyman.

Even more retired at Holmbury. Marshals reported walkers coming into the checkpoint from many different directions. This was partly caused by the thick fog in the area and probably the slight change of route caused some confusion in the minds of those who had done the walk before which in turn confused those who had not. Dave Challenger nearly lost a couple of his retirements here. As the entrance to the car park was churned up it made it difficult for cars to get over this section so Dave asked his 2 passengers to wait on the road. Ralph Henley saw them and not realizing they had retired, gave them instructions to continue on route. The retirements, utterly confused, tried to carry out a modified form of those instructions and started to walk down the road in the wrong direction. Dave and Ralph did manage to recover them and get them back to Guildford.

The mud was probably at its deepest in the long section between Holmbury and Witley. It was also at this point that the rain decided to come back this time with some heavy prolonged showers. This proved

too much for 33 of the walkers who decided to retire on this section mostly in the comfortable surroundings of the Witley checkpoint. One of those who did not make it to Witley was Don Ballinger who lost a shoe in the mud on Hascombe Hill. Having spent about a quarter of an hour in an abortive attempt to find it he made for the nearest lights and sought the assistance of a very surprised and very concerned householder.

At Hindhead the point for checking in was a little advanced from the checkpoint itself. This was because registration was linked to the radio cover and the radio operators could not get their car down to the hostel. I am sorry for the confusion but most managed to cope with the change without any difficulty.



Hindhead YH CP20

As part of his marshals duties, John Robinson had to make a temporary bridge across the stream near Cutmill- the one described in the route description had disappeared. John made a very good job of it and installed a light there so that walkers could home in on it, through the woods.

First to finish, predictably, were Sandra and Richard Brown and Alan Ireland. Sandra and Richard have recently been making quite a name for themselves representing the Surrey Walking Club in road races. Sandra is the fastest lady ever over 100 miles having completed the Leicester 100 last July in 18 hours 36 mins and 29 secs. Alan, more used to the peat bogs of North Derbyshire, was glad of the muddy conditions to give him a chance to maintain the pace. Sandra and Richard were one of three husband/wife couples to finish together but I do not think this was intentional. With phrases like "burning off" and "hanging on" creeping into the conversation at the finish I would think both of them would have been only too pleased to have scored against the other by being first home on their own.

Of the 34 who finished, most got back to Guildford before the rest of the population were up but as happens on so many of these walks, the walkers who were slow enough to still be out Sunday Morning got the best of the weather. A nice bright sunny morning - just the sort of day for going for a walk.

One finisher who was very delighted with his performance was Bob Cranage up from Brixham, Devon to celebrate his 60th birthday by doing something different. He had never done an LDWA challenge walk before and I have no doubt he proudly showed off his certificate to the sceptical members of his local rambling group who said he would not complete it.

Oldest to finish once again was 75 year old Henry Bridge completing his 5th Surrey Summits and it looks as though he will be a contender for the oldest finisher for some time to come. Even though he complained about some aches and pains he looked one of the more spritely finishers- perhaps its because he had a lot of practice at hiding his discomfort at the end of long walks.

Martyn Greaves and Bill Grace duly completed the route to maintain their 1000 record and be the only 2 to complete all 10 events. Bill nearly did not manage to make the start. His car broke down on the way and it was only after a few frantic 'phone calls that he managed to get to Fungate by 10 o'clock. As one would expect from such an experienced Surrey Summiteer, Bill was leading a party through the night but there was one among them who would keep questioning whether Bill was going the right way.

The new method of awarding the trophies to groups or teams with most finishers resulted in Kent winning the Leith trophy and Slough Casuals winning the Gibbet Trophy. The old method of awarding the trophies to the fastest team with 3 to finish together was discontinued because there was criticism that this encouraged a competitive element and this was thought undesirable following the running controversy on the 1984 event. Roger Michell expressed disappointment at not being able to defend his title to the Leith trophy having been a member of the winning teams in 1983 and 1984. He said he gets as many as he can to come down from Sherwood to the Surrey Summits but they could not get enough entrants to give them a chance against the home counties groups. It turned out to be a home counties group to win the trophy for LDWA groups but Kent's victory was not so clear cut. They finish level with Anglia, a non home counties group, and only got the verdict by being slightly faster and yet another non home counties group was in third place.

Once again many walkers have written to me asking me to extend their thanks to the marshals for the way they were looked after. I too would like to add my thanks for their help, co-operation and dedication - If I as an employer asked my employees to do as much I would for ever be having industrial relations problems. My thanks also to the members of the Mid Downs React group for providing radio cover and registration at the checkpoints. They certainly threw themselves into the event and adapted to our special needs very well.

The Tenth Surrey Summits will be remembered as probably the muddiest ever and this contributed to the high retirement rate. However at our post mortem meeting, the 3 committee members who took part and completed the event (which includes Surrey Group chairman Dan Hadfield) said they did not know what all the fuss was about and the walkers must expect a bit of mud at this time of the year so thats all the official sympathy you get. However, I must comment that Ralph Hanley and myself did a marshals walk the following Friday completing the route in 19 hours 43 minutes and I had certainly had enough of the mud when I got back to Guildford.

John Westcott (organizer)

After the difficulties on the 1984 event with those who did not strictly abide by the "walking only" rule, it was decided that a committee member should be instructed to follow the progress of all taking part in the event and observe them at as many points as possible thus encouraging all to strictly abide by the walking rule. i.e. walk every step of the way. Jeff Ellingham undertook to do this and I will let Jeff have the last word.

I thought I would become a bit despondent at not being able to join in the walk myself. But actually I enjoyed following the progress of those I normally only see at the beginning of events. In the early stages up until Tanners it was very pleasing to see that no-one was cheating. Up until then I had been able to keep popping up at nearly every road crossing, but after Tanners I had to rely more and more on the power of my binoculars. Then as darkness descended I began to cover quite a mileage myself as I tried to get to points on the route that I thought I would be least expected at.

After Tanners the difficulty of getting through the mud and keeping up with usual walking partners unfortunately tempted a total of 3 (that I saw) to err; a fourth was admonished by Brian Haigh who had been persuaded to help me out on the section between Tanners and Ranmore. These were all members who normally class themselves as runners, but having agreed to abide by the rules, by entering in the first place, they had to realize that this meant walking EVERY STEP OF THE WAY, whatever the conditions. The 3 worst offenders eventually retired and the fourth mended his ways after admonishment.

During my silent observation vigils behind trees at night I felt unhappy at not being able to say hello to my friends as they passed but I would only have made my presence known to those behind who may have been jogging to keep up.

I hope all entrants now realize how serious we are about the walking rule because I enjoy walking more than marshalling.

I felt obliged to check on the method of progress of those towards the head of the field when darkness fell and I was thus able to have observed the first 5 finisher from beginning to end. Having done so I would like to congratulate Sandra and Tony on their text-book gaits throughout. Congratulations also to all those who finished a harder than usual Summits this year. To those who did not:- Start steady on the Yorks 100 and it'll be a doddle in comparison.

J R Ellingham

FOUND

Articles left behind were two torches, 1 blue cap with LDWA badge, 1 blue woolly hat, 1 pair grey socks and 1 single brown glove. If the owners would please ring John Westcott on Chobham 6672 we can arrange their return.

Times at the manned checkpoints in hours and minutes

- 18Km = Tanners Hatch Youth Hostel
 32Km = Ranmore Common
 45Km = Holmbury Hill Car Park
 66Km = Chichester Hall Witley
 76Km = Hindhead Youth Hostel
 90Km = Cutmill Car Park
 100Km = Henley Fort on the Hog's Back Guildford

NAME	GRUPL	100K	32K	45K	66K	76K	90K	100K
Sandra	SURREY	2.25	4.31	6.25	9.56	11.48	14.07	15.33
Richard	SURREY	2.25	4.31	6.25	9.56	11.48	14.07	15.33
Alan	IRELAND	2.25	4.31	6.25	9.56	11.48	14.07	15.33
Peter	YOUNG	2.39	4.53	7.03	10.53	13.15	15.35	17.19
Tony	KIMLEY	2.25	4.34	6.41	10.31	12.47	15.35	17.24
Jim	SUI	2.25	4.34	6.41	10.31	12.47	15.36	17.24
George	FOOT	2.25	4.52	7.12	11.22	13.35	16.09	17.47
Martyn.J	GREAVES	2.45	5.15	7.34	11.44	13.35	16.09	17.47
Paul	RUTTER	2.36	4.52	7.22	11.15	13.28	16.08	18.19
Mark.T	RUTTER	2.35	4.52	7.23	11.15	13.28	16.08	18.19
John	MATHIESON	2.35	4.52	7.23	11.15	13.28	16.08	18.19
Dan	HADFIELD	2.48	5.15	7.35	11.43	14.05	16.52	18.43
Louise	CAFTWRIGHT	2.48	5.15	7.36	11.46	14.05	16.52	18.44
Tony	CAFTWRIGHT	2.48	5.15	7.36	11.46	14.05	16.52	18.44
Hugh	KOMER	2.48	5.15	7.35	11.46	14.05	16.52	18.45
Roger	USOGOD	2.28	4.53	7.08	11.19	13.39	16.52	18.54
Mike	PARKS	2.36	4.53	7.08	11.19	13.39	16.52	18.54
Howard	TELFORD	2.39	5.14	7.34	11.54	14.28	17.43	19.48
Tim	CAITER	2.25	4.44	7.15	12.02	14.28	17.43	19.48
Richard	BROOKE	2.45	5.14	7.37	12.02	14.30	17.43	19.48
Martin.J	CRANLEY	2.49	5.20	7.50	12.37	14.56	17.53	19.48
Thomas	HALL	2.30	5.15	7.41	12.37	14.56	17.54	20.05
Dave	WOODYER	2.52	5.34	7.55	12.37	14.55	17.54	20.05
James.H	SNEATH	2.39	5.14	7.37	12.58	15.12	18.40	20.39
Sid	KENMORTY	2.35	5.14	7.40	12.58	15.12	18.40	20.39

NAME	ESRUP	18Km	32Km	45Km	66Km	76Km	90Km	100Km
Ivan	VEARLE	2.45	5.19	7.49	12.50	15.12	18.40	20.39
John, H	SEARLE	2.41	5.14	7.43	12.58	15.12	18.40	20.43
Chris, H	COATES	2.44	5.22	7.39	13.17	16.12	19.19	20.56
Ian	HONEST	2.39	5.14	7.45	12.58	15.38	19.02	21.07
John, S	TAYLOR	2.53	5.41	8.25	13.35	15.57	19.02	21.07
Bill	BRACE	3.00	5.41	8.19	13.06	15.57	19.00	21.11
Kenneth	FALCONER	2.39	5.22	8.06	13.38	16.12	19.16	21.13
Isobel	FALCONER	2.45	5.24	8.06	13.38	16.42	19.16	21.13
Andrew	CLARON	2.57	5.49	8.26	13.34	15.57	19.03	21.15
Frank	HODD	2.56	5.49	8.27	13.34	15.57	19.03	21.15
Donald	COOPER	2.44	5.21	8.19	13.34	15.57	19.17	21.17
Clive	MARCHANT	2.57	5.50	8.27	13.35	15.57	19.03	21.18
Keith, J	HEWITT	3.00	5.40	8.24	13.34	15.57	19.17	21.18
Tia	STYLES	2.39	5.30	8.06	13.17	15.57	19.03	21.22
Peter	COOKE	2.50	5.30	8.06	13.35	16.11	19.19	21.22
Iva	BARR	2.57	5.43	8.19	13.34	16.11	19.21	21.23
Peter	WATKINHOUSE	2.57	5.43	8.19	13.34	16.11	19.21	21.23
Ron	ROWEH	2.49	5.30	8.06	13.17	16.11	19.21	21.27
Erlan	BUTTFANT	2.49	5.30	8.06	13.17	16.11	19.21	21.27
John, H	STEW	2.49	5.30	8.11	13.17	16.12	19.19	21.37
John, P	TUNSEN	2.43	5.24	8.03	13.13	15.57	19.25	21.46
Don	HEWMAN	2.39	5.15	7.50	13.17	16.47	20.18	22.25
Laurie	LOWE	2.49	5.29	8.11	13.41	16.31	20.19	22.28
Gordon, F	FACER	2.56	5.39	8.19	14.07	17.01	20.36	22.42
Donald	MILLICHAPE	2.57	5.49	8.34	14.07	17.01	20.36	22.42
Ann, H	ASH	2.43	5.24	8.29	14.27	17.06	20.35	22.42
John	BICKERSTAFFE	2.56	5.49	8.40	14.25	17.06	20.46	22.42

NAME	GROUP	100%	32%	45%	66%	76%	90%	100%
Keith	SL-Casual	3.02	5.57	8.34	14.26	17.03	20.36	22.44
Dave	SL-Casual	3.04	5.57	8.34	14.26	17.03	20.36	22.44
Anthony	SL-Casual	3.04	5.57	8.34	14.26	17.03	20.36	22.44
Jonathan	Star Trek	2.56	5.39	8.19	14.07	17.01	20.36	22.45
Jack	Kent	2.49	5.30	8.22	14.27	17.06	20.48	22.46
Conrad	LOWA	3.02	5.43	8.27	14.45	17.45	20.56	22.59
Keith	NOBLE	3.31	6.33	9.16	15.09	17.35	20.58	22.59
Andrew	ARNSTRAUS	2.45	5.25	8.11	13.35	16.28	21.01	22.59
Herbert	PAPWORTH	2.59	6.06	8.59	15.08	17.54	21.01	23.02
Ray	SAYAGE	2.57	5.49	8.34	14.07	17.01	20.36	23.06
Angus	MacARTHUR	3.06	6.06	8.59	14.54	17.54	21.01	23.06
Trevor	EDINGTON	3.07	6.15	8.53	14.45	17.45	20.56	23.08
James	PALMER	3.02	6.05	8.53	14.45	17.45	21.11	23.22
John	S.H.Club	3.03	6.05	8.53	14.45	17.45	21.11	23.22
David	SHELDRAKE	2.49	5.30	8.22	14.27	17.06	20.53	23.23
Chris	SWEETMAN	2.50	5.38	8.19	13.51	16.28	21.11	23.35
Francis	REE	2.53	5.44	8.52	14.47	17.40	21.21	23.41
Richard	HIGHAM	3.04	6.15	8.59	14.47	17.40	21.21	23.41
Alan	SHERBOLD	3.03	6.06	8.57	15.05	18.21	21.41	23.48
Tony	GALE	3.03	6.06	8.57	15.05	18.21	21.41	23.48
Len	FALLICK	3.05	6.08	8.53	14.58	18.02	21.37	23.55
Paul	BALDWIN	3.05	6.08	8.53	14.58	18.02	21.37	23.55
Eric M	ROLFE	3.00	6.07	9.16	15.46	18.51	22.18	24.29
Bob	CRAWAGE	2.45	5.30	8.52	15.47	18.51	22.18	24.29
Derek	EDWARDS	3.06	6.07	9.20	16.02	19.07	22.19	24.29
John	N.Yorks	3.17	6.39	10.10	16.49	19.30	22.36	24.29

(R) = Retired at the last timed checkpoint

Ret = Retired before reaching the checkpoint under which the abbreviation is entered

NAME	GROUP	100k	52k	45k	65k	76k	90k	100k
Chris	BUTTERFIELD	3.04	6.07	9.16	15.47	18.51	22.19	24.30
Henry	BRIDGE	3.18	6.27	9.39	16.48	19.30	22.36	24.30
Stuart	HARDING	3.18	6.27	9.40	16.48	19.30	22.36	24.30
Ron	ANTON	2.53	5.37	8.19	14.49	18.25	22.35	24.31
Paul	MASSEY	2.53	5.37	8.19	14.49	18.25	22.35	24.31
Christopher	LEWIS	3.05	6.07	9.20	16.02	19.07	22.20	24.37
John	WICKERSON	2.59	6.06	8.59	15.47	18.51	22.26	24.37
Brett	HEARNE	3.16	6.28	9.39	16.02	19.07	22.26	24.37
Neil	HUGGET	3.16	6.28	9.40	16.02	19.07	22.27	24.50
Suzie	CLARK	3.04	6.10	9.20	16.39	19.31	22.56	25.02
Jana	KARLAND	3.04	6.13	9.20	16.39	19.31	22.56	25.03
John.F	WARD	3.22	6.28	9.40	16.54	19.53	22.53	25.05
Philip	BARWABY	2.55	5.37	8.56	16.16	19.56	23.13	25.13
Reynolds	WELDON	2.55	5.38	8.56	16.16	19.56	23.13	25.13
William	DRANSFIELD	2.59	6.07	8.56	15.47	18.51	22.20	25.23
Michael	BENISON	2.52	6.11	9.07	16.02	19.34	23.03	25.23
Steven	ROSE	2.53	5.37	8.19	14.49	18.25	22.35(R)	
Les	DEBENHAM	2.25	4.45	7.15	12.02	14.30	Ret.	
Mark	EDWARDS	3.06	6.07	9.20	16.02	19.07(R)		
David.M	SMITH	2.45	5.29	8.11	13.36	Ret.		
Paul	FROSTICK	3.01	5.22	9.16	17.03	Ret.		
Paul	FLETCHER	3.01	5.22	9.16	17.03	Ret.		
Brian	BURDEN	3.02	6.00	9.16	17.03	Ret.		
Leslie	SMITH	2.27	4.42	7.07	10.54(R)			
Jeremy.A	DRAPER	3.00	5.49	8.40	11.52(R)			
Richard	HITCHKISS	3.00	5.51	8.40	11.52(R)			
David	SMITH	2.36	5.14	7.34	12.02(R)			

NAME	GROUP	18Kg	32Kg	45Kg	56kg	76kg	90kg	100kg
Peter	DMPHETT	2.39	5.14	7.37	12.58(R)			
Phil	HASTINGS	2.42	5.14	7.45	12.58(R)			
Terence	FOREY	2.42	5.14	7.45	12.58(R)			
Roger	NICHOLL	2.42	5.14	7.45	12.58(R)			
Jeff	CAMBELL	2.50	5.30	8.06	13.35(R)			
Alan B	CASTLE	2.53	5.41	8.25	13.39(R)			
Jeffrey	REID	2.48	5.21	8.06	13.49(R)			
Glen	HOOD	2.39	5.14	7.45	14.12(R)			
Stephen	FANCETT	3.03	5.57	8.34	14.26(R)			
Roger	PARKES	2.55	5.49	8.52	14.47(R)			
Marcus	ROGERS	3.05	6.29	9.40	14.47(R)			
Chris	HARDWELL	2.53	5.37	8.19	14.49(R)			
Gillian	DELL	3.06	6.06	8.59	14.54(R)			
Chris R	GODDARD	3.06	6.06	8.59	15.47(R)			
Phillip	EDWARDS	3.06	6.07	9.20	16.02(R)			
Keith	GRANT	3.24	6.45	10.10	16.39(R)			
Peter	SOZLIER	3.24	6.45	10.10	16.39(R)			
Anthony	RAVEN	3.04	6.11	9.20	16.39(R)			
Steven	WYLIE	3.07	6.10	9.20	16.49(R)			
P.	SCRIPER	3.07	6.10	9.20	16.49(R)			
Lloyd	PERRETT	2.55	5.42	9.39	16.49(R)			
Braham	THOMPSON	3.04	6.23	9.49	16.49(R)			
Roger	SMITH	3.16	6.36	9.49	16.49(R)			
Harold	GRAY	3.08	6.35	9.49	16.52(R)			
Marshall	MILLEN	2.54	5.59	9.20	17.30(R)			

NAME	GROUP	LEADER	START	4th	6th	7th	9th	10th
Biana	SMARTON							
John	SMARTON		3.07	6.16	9.26	17.37 (R)		
Anthony J	TAYLOR		3.07	6.16	9.26	17.37 (R)		
Den	BALLINGER		2.43	5.24	8.08	Ret.		
Moraa	MILLS		2.49	5.38	8.19	Ret.		
Barry	GIFFORD		3.17	6.39	10.10 (R)			
Colin	MARRIS		3.03	6.34	10.17 (R)			
Geoffrey	STUTT		3.01	6.45	10.17 (R)			
Paul	MURBAN		3.18	6.49	10.42 (R)			
Sue	SPENCE		3.22	6.53	10.42 (R)			
Andrew	CHMIG		3.30	6.54	10.50 (R)			
Lorraine	LEANEY		3.30	6.54	10.50 (R)			
Migel	TONKIN		3.30	6.54	10.50 (R)			
John	PROBERT		2.44	5.15	7.45 (R)			
Martin	CASH		2.49	5.30	8.26 (R)			
Gavin	GUILSON		2.44	5.30	8.29 (R)			
Dorothy M	MARSHALL		2.45	5.30	8.29 (R)			
Simon	JONES		3.04	6.18	9.26 (R)			
Geoffrey	FOGGE		2.57	5.42	9.52 (R)			
Brian	ELCE		3.07	6.15	9.52 (R)			
Tony	TWYMAN		2.43	5.24 (R)				
Kate	CHALLENGER		2.26	5.27 (R)				
Dave	CHALLENGER		2.57	5.44 (R)				
John	FORSTER		2.57	5.44 (R)				
Robert	HEWER		2.59	6.07 (R)				
Sean	WALKER		3.04	6.15 (R)				
Harry E	BISHOP		3.02	6.37 (R)				
Len	WILLOCKS		3.07	6.47 (R)				
			2.52	Ret.				

STATISTICS OF TEN SURREY SUMMITS

Year	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Entries	26	77	169	106	172	150	151	181	180	189
Starters	26	61	141	97	150	125	125	161	162	158
Finishers	22	45	98	72	111	64	105	99	117	94
% starters who finished	85	74	69	74	74	51	84	61	72	59
Female starters	3		18	2	9	11	6	17	14	15
Female Finishers	2	3	31	1	6	3	4	7	13	8
% of finishers:										
Below 18 hours	5	0	7	14	22	16	21	9	10	8
18 to 20 hours	45	16	15	17	17	8	27	25	19	14
20 to 22 hours	0	31	13	40	30	31	18	7	15	26
22 to 24 hours	18	31	30	12	14	25	20	45	35	30
Over 24 hours	32	22	35	17	17	20	14	14	19	21

Average time-hours/mins 22.37 22.02 22.03 21.07 20.39 21.30 20.31 21.41 21.35 21.50

Times of those who have done it the most - hours/mins:

Bill Grace	27.30	25.58	24.45	22.49	21.54	22.57	20.47	23.02	24.53	21.11
Martyn Greaves	19.55	18.08	16.57	15.59	15.18	15.50	15.12	14.58	**	17.47
Keith Hewitt	26.20	22.18	-	21.12	19.55	21.28	20.31	20.25	20.38	21.18
Alan Ireland	24.25	22.25	16.57	-	15.18	15.49	-	14.58	**	15.33
Tony Rowley	-	20.23	18.30	18.36	17.30	17.30	15.12	16.20	16.32	17.24

** times eliminated

NUMBER OF SURREY SUMMITS COMPLETED

- 10 Bill Grace and Martyn Greaves
- 9 Keith Hewitt and Tony Rowley
- 8 Alan Ireland
- 7 Brian Buttifant, Phil Hastings*, Richard Hotchkiss*, Anthony Taylor* and John Westcott*
- 6 Michael Banison, Brian Bickle*, Henry Bridge, Chris Coates, Bill Perry* and John Tomsen
- 5 Brian Aldon*, Barbara Blatchford*, Sue Coles*, Robin Lambert*, Mac McArthur*, Mike Perks, Mark Pickard*, Eric Rolfe, Ron Roweth, Paul Rutter, John Seafle, Geoff Stott*, David Whitehead*, David Woodyer and Tony Youngs*
- 4 Tony Cartwright, Dave Challenger*, Derek Earl*, Len Fallick, Jim Guy, Keith Jones*, Laurie Lowe, Leslie Smith*, John Taylor, Leonard Willcocks* and Jim Winyard*

There are 43 who have completed 3 Surrey Summits, 89 who have completed 2 and a further 274 who have completed it just the once.

* Did not complete the 1985 event.

THE LEITH TROPHY AWARDED TO THE LDWA GROUP WITH MOST MEMBERS TO FINISH (SURREY EXCLUDED). THERE WAS A TIE BETWEEN KENT AND ANGLIA BUT KENT WON IT BECAUSE THE TOTAL COMBINED TIMES OF THEIR 7 MEMBERS TO FINISH WAS LESS THAN ANGLIA.

Kent: Ivan Verrel, Ron Roweth, Brian Buttifant, John Stew, Lawrie Lowe, Jack Burgoyne and David Sheldrake.

Anglian: Sid Kenworthy, John Searle, Gordon Facer, Herbert Papworth, EYett Hearn, Henry Bridge and Neil Hogget.

Bristol and West: Tony Rowley, Richard Brooke, Isabel Falconer, Kenneth Falconer and John Bickerstaff.

Sussex: Martyn Greaves, Tim Carter, Suzie Clark and Diana Warland.

Essex/Herts: Hugh Romer, Martin Crawley and Eric Rolfe.

Thames Valley: Don Cooper, Trevor Edington and Chris Butterfield.

South Wales: Frank Wood and Andrew Clabon.

Heds Bucks Northants: John Nickerson and John Ward.

Cornwall/Davon: Bob Cranage and Michael Benison.

North Yorks: John Mills and William Dransfield.

High Peak: Alan Ireland.

East Yorks: Ian Honest.

Wessex: John Tomsen.

Sherwood: Chris Sweetman.

THE GIBBET TROPHY AWARDED TO THE NON LDWA GROUP OR TEAM WITH MOST MEMBERS TO FINISH. THE WINNERS WERE SLOUGH CASUALS.

Slough Casuals: Anthony Turner, Keith Rolfe and Dave Tully.

Surrey Walking Club: James Palmer and John Ryden.

Steven Rose: Ron Barton and Paul Massey.

Chi Squ: Derek Edwards and Christopher Lewis.

Roberts Ramblers: Philip Barnaby and Reynolds Weldon.

British Aerospace Dynamics: Mike Parks.

Weendel: James Sneath.

Central London YHA: Peter Cooke.

Croydon YHA: Tim Styles.

Star Trekkers: Jonathon Crabtree.

Walkers were automatically allocated to a team or group on the basis of that first shown on the entry form or amended as notified prior to the start of the event.

TEN YEARS OF THE SURREY SUMMITS

It was Chris Steer who started it all. "Wouldn't it be a good idea" he suggested to the members assembled at the Surrey Group meeting on 13th January 1976 "to devise a long walk over the toughest route that the best paths in Surrey can offer". The idea was adopted and a small committee was formed to develop the route comprising Chris, the late Alan Blatchford and Jeff Ellingham. Surrey Summits came natural as a title and by going metric the distance worked out to be a nice 100 kilometres. By April the route description was ready and it was decided to put the walk to the test over the weekend of 1/2 May 1976. There was not much time for advertizing so Jeff contacted as many as he could who might be interested including those who intended taking part in the Cleveland 100 that year.

The traverse was more of a social walk than an event. The 24 walkers who set out from Guildford station all strolled up Pewley Hill together (a sight never seen since) and we stopped at the topograph to have the thing recorded on film. At this point a little of the true LDWA spirit emerged when Keith Chesterton announced "I shall be proceeding at an average pace of 64 kilometres per hour and anybody who wishes to join me may do so". We were still trying to cope with the confusion of decimal currency at the time let alone metric speeds.

The walkers split up into 3 groups labelled fast, medium and slow led by Keith Chesterton, Chris Steer and Barbara Blatchford respectively. There were no checkpoints but a little sustenance was provided at 2 points on route and Alan Blatchford, in addition to baby sitting, provided soup and beans on toast to the wilting walkers as they collapsed on the back door step of 11 Thornbank Guildford - the official finishing point.

This walk out of the route is recorded in LDWA history as the first Surrey Summits and was the prelude to the now well established annual event.

It went "open" in 1977. The 61 starters who were attracted to take part was considered promising and the large increase the following year prompted Alan Blatchford, in his report, to suggest that the event was fast becoming the southern equivalent of the Felleman and that it may be necessary to draw to see who fills the allotted places. This prediction proved a little optimistic because the trend did not continue and the committee were considering holding the event every 2 years after the disappointing entry in 1979. They persevered with the annual arrangement and time has proved that decision to be a good one.

There was, right from the outset, much discussion to introduce a little variety into the event by changing the start/finish point so that different parts of the route would be walked in daylight but it was not until 1982 that we changed the venue from Guildford to Witley. By this time the start among the Saturday morning shoppers in Guildford High Street had become part of the tradition of the event and there were those who considered it was not a "proper" Surrey Summits without it. We reverted to the Guildford start for 1985 to make the Tenth a little special.

The Surrey Hills have been seen in many vary moods and conditions over the 10 events. Hot, cold, wet, dry muddy and hard. Perhaps the most spectacular weather we had was on the 1991 event when, contrary to the meteorologists predictions it started to snow quite heavily during the Saturday evening. There was quite a high retirement rate including some experienced walkers who had gone out too light to cope with the conditions. In spite of the photo which subsequently appeared in Strider depicting 3 men and a dog looking as though they were acting out a scene from Scott and the Antactic, I walked that event and enjoyed it. The moonlight shimmering on the

snow on the Gibbet plateau in the early hours of the morning was well worth the inconvenience we had to endure while the stuff was falling.

There are 448 walkers who have completed the Surrey Summits. Some just the once while others come back year after year. Some of our regulars are not so local either. Tony Rowley and Mike Parks from Bristol, Alan Ireland from Macclesfield, Michael Benison from Taunton, Geoff Stott from Sutton Coldfield, Len Fallick from Newcastle, Jim Guy from Plymouth and Roger Michell from Nottingham all seem to make a trip to Surrey in the spring one of their priorities.

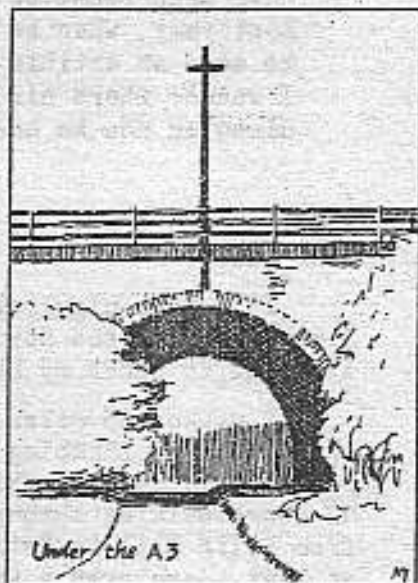
After just 3 events there were only 3 walkers who had a 100% record having completed all 3 events. Bill Grace, Martyn Greaves and myself. The same 3 still had the 100% record after 7 events but I decided to concentrate on marshalling for the 8th so leaving Martyn and Bill to go on to be the only 2 to have completed all 10 events. Martyn is usually among the leaders but Bill takes things a little more leisurely. On the 1980 event he strolled into the finish to hand in his checkcard with the Sunday papers under his arm.

The marshals form part of the tradition with many of them coming back year after year. Prominent among these are the Challenger family and we nearly did not have a Challenger among the helpers for the Tenth event with Valerie recovering from a recent operation, Christine at York University, and David and Kate walking the event. However when Dave retired he was pressed into service to transport retirements back to Guildford. Incidentally Kate also retired but I understand had she have finished she would have claimed to be the youngest female to do so. I am not too sure how I would have ratified the claim. We do not ask entrants to disclose their age and although I am sure of the females to finish that I know there is none younger I cannot be certain that one of the WRACs who completed the event in 1978 were not younger.

Although the Surrey Summits is now well established we are always looking for ways to add a little variety to it but it is difficult to do this without reducing the standard of the facilities. One idea the committee have is to introduce an entirely new route to alternate with the present one every 2 years but I assume we would have to give the walk a different title and therefore it would be a different event.

The second decade of Surrey Summits history starts over the weekend of 12/13 April 1986 when we go back to Witley for the start/finish point and walking anti clockwise. I hope the future is as successful and enjoyable for me as the last ten years.

John Westcott (organizer)



As stated in the report many nice letters have been received and one is reproduced below. Last year, when he retired, Keith was inspired to send an article to Strider (No 40 Page39). I wonder where his literary talent will be directed now he has completed the walk.

Waltham Cross.

4th April 1985.

Dear John,

It's been niggling me ever since last year when I retired from the Surrey Summits at Guildford. Now I've got it under my belt at last.

I walked 55 miles and 45 miles twice, spent a whole morning climbing up and down Coombe Hill, reviewed my eating habits to avoid sickness, spent 12 hours walking through the hills during the night from Leith Hill to Kettlebury and feeling confident at last, developed a wicked bout of flu on the Tuesday - the first for 40 years! By Friday I felt better but utterly lifeless yet, on Saturday - miraculously - I did not feel ill at all and enjoyed every minute - even the slime isn't so bad when you've had a reprieve.

Many thanks to yourself and those wonderful people on the checkpoints. They didn't just serve us they waited on us and it was very much appreciated.

Normal people would not realize what highlights are produced by a dish of fruit and rice, a jacket potato, a hot sausage and a blazing log fire to say nothing of that delicious breakfast to complete the round.

In case they did not all write, I can assure you that many more showed my enthusiasm.

May you now be able to relax and enjoy your own walking.

Most sincerely,

Keith Noble.