

INTRODUCTION

William King, Baron of Ockham, Lord Byron's son-in-law, was created Earl of Lovelace in 1838. Soon after he bought and extended the house now known as Horsley Towers (off A246) and made it, rather than Ockham Park, his principal seat. In 1860's Lord Lovelace began to build a series of cottages, lodges, schools etc. in East Horsley and on the estate in a distinctive 'gothic' style using polychrome brick, often with bands of flint. Several of these are passed and much of the route is over the former Lovelace estate.

ABBREVIATIONS: FP=footpath; BW=bridleway; TK=track; T=turn; L=left; R=right; junct=junction; CP=checkpoint; RUPP= RD used as public path

THE ROUTES Choice of 12 or 18 miles, common route to CP7. YOU MUST FINISH BY 4pm. The grid ref to the unmanned CP's is followed by a brief description of location and the question to be answered on your checkcard in capital letters. The answer should be obvious once you reach the correct location. Historical notes, where appropriate, follow in brackets.

- | CP Grid ref | Checkpoint description and question   |
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| 133548      | START, Old Barn Hall.   |
| 1 120564    | Name of house on W side of Little Bookham Common. HOW MANY HALLS? NB There are many more FPs over the common than shown on OS map.  |
| 2 104567    | Heraldic device on cottage wall. HOW MANY AXES? (a Lovelace cottage)  |
| 3 093576    | Notice on gate to E of FP where FP leaves TK. WHAT IS THE HOTEL FOR?  |
| 4 089584    | Chatley heath semaphore tower, on hilltop north of BW. HOW MANY WINDOW SPACES HIGH IS THE TOWER? (The now fire damaged tower was built about 1820 and was one of a chain of Admiralty Semaphore Telegraphs relaying messages to and from the Admiralty Whitehall and Portsmouth dockyards. It became redundant in 1847) |
| 5 069580    | Bus stop on A3. NO. OF 1st BUS ROUTE ON BUS STOP SIGN? NB ametalled FP runs W from here parallel to A3.   |
| 6 075573    | FP junction. NO OF CONCRETE HORIZONTAL BARS TO STILE?   |
| 7 075567    | The Hautboy Inn. WHAT IS AT THE TOP OF THE HERALDIC DEVICE ON CHIMNEY STACK? (a Lovelace building of 1864).   |

DECISION TIME YOU MUST GO ON THE SHORT IF YOU ARRIVE HERE AFTER 1pm (runners 2pm.)

SHORT ROUTE ONLY

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| 8S 089563 | FP/BW junct W of Blackmoor Farm. NO OF HORIZONTAL BARS TO WOODEN GATE?   |
| 9S 092552 | North Forest Lodge. DATE ON WEST WALL?<br>NB The FP thro Barnsthorns Wood has been diverted to meet the RUPP 200Y west of lodge. There is a FP going SE from RUPP - to meet that shown on map- starting at metal post 80Y E of lodge. (a Lovelace building)... |

GO TO CHECKPOINT 12

LONG ROUTE ONLY

- 9 058530 Railway Bridge. MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF BRIDGE? (The London & South West Railway Co. opened the new line to Guildford in 1885)
- 9 077533 Cottage opposite FP. NAME OF COTTAGE? NB The FP runs W from CP to RD - there is a stile and signpost at 074533.
- 10 088526 West Horsley church TO WHICH SAINT IS CHURCH DEDICATED? (a mainly C13 church with little Victorian influence)
- 11 086539 BW/FP junct. COLOUR OF POST?

BOTH ROUTES

- 12 097544 Gates between two Lovelace lodges where FP crosses Norrels Drive. COLOUR OF OPEN GATES? NB The FP continues SW to RD at grid ref 096543.
- 13 108553 Notice up Lower Farm Road. MAXIMUM SPEED      in mph?

FOLLOW ROUTE DESCRIPTION TO FINISH - the FPs differ from that shown on map

Continue up RD and at end go over metal stile and TR down to stile beyond large oak tree. Cross between lakes via footbridge, over TK to stile. Go  $\frac{1}{2}$ L across field to meet and follow fence on L as it turns and then R to reach stile by gate in far L corner of field. Cross stile, go ahead to another stile and across field to one more stile. Follow fence on L over 2 stiles to TR up grassy TK along wood edge. At TK T junction TL into woods. Bear R after 50Y and later ignore TK off to L to keep ahead to reach stile at wood edge. Go over stile and along L edge of field and over 3 more stiles to reach residential RD. TR to bend and go up metalled FP between first 2 houses on R (nos 2 & 4), over stile and bear L with drive to RD.

Cross RD to go up Sole Farm RD opposite. TR with RD (Sole Farm Ave) and continue to TL with Avenue (at grassy area ahead and ignoring previous turnings to L). At T junct TR then L up Middlemead Close. Follow FP starting at staggered barriers on L side of Close. TR on RD for 40Y then TL by seat to go up FP and along R side of field to reach FINISH AT OLD BARN HALL grid ref 133548

PLEASE HAND IN CHECKCARD AND COLLECT CERTIFICATE BEFORE LEAVING:  
FREE SOUP, TEA, COFFEE (SQUASH)

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