

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION  
(Surrey Group)

"SURREY SUMMITS 100KM"

The first traverse of the "Surrey Summits" walk took place on May 1/2, when 24 members set off from Guildford to cover the recently devised 100 KM route that included most of the well known hill tops on the chalk Downs and greensand ridge. Two other walkers joined the route later and made contact with some of the walkers.

The route, designed by Jeff Ellingham, Chris Steer and Alan Blatchford was checked by Jeff and Chris, and converted into notes by Jeff. The certificates were designed by Brian Graves.

After leaving Guildford railway station, at just after midday, the party climbed to the first summit, Pewley Hill, where Alan Blatchford, photographically recorded the proceedings. From here the real walking started, and soon those who wanted to get a move on, strode out. Several parties containing people of like ability formed, but well ahead of everyone was Keith Arnold seemingly set on beating 12 hours for the journey. At various places around the route refreshment stations were set up, culminating in a final pause at 11 Thorn Bank, Guildford, where the Hon. Sec awaited wilting walkers, with soup and beans on toast.

Those completing the course had been advised not to finish before 06.00 because the chef would still be asleep at that time. However, the aforesaid Mr. Arnold did in fact ignore this recommendation to record his arrival at the unearthly hour of 03.15. The more considerate folk of the main group clocked-in about five hours later, when at least there had been time to read the Sunday papers. After two more little groups Messrs. Grace and Henly closed the door by mid afternoon. In all, 22 successfully scaled the summits in question and a further four climbed a goodly number.

Compared with the London Countryway S.W. Sector walk (55m), and the more recent "Winter Tanners" (30) the attendance was perhaps rather less than could be expected, but then it was Cup Final Day after all. The walk was advertised a "Cleveland Hundred" trainer but from many accounts the event produced the opposite results and some of those entered for the long walk were having serious second thoughts about taking part, when they reviewed their condition after a mere 100KM. One major contributory factor was the hard, stoney paths as a result of the long period without rain. On the bright side, it was felt that the route was good and that the event may lend itself to becoming an annual.

LIST OF FINISHERS

Keith ARNOLD	14.45	John	PROBERT	24.15
Tom ANDERSON	19.55	Chris	STEER	24.15
Keith CHESTERTON	19.55	John	WESTCOTT	24.15
Brian GRAVES	19.55	Alan	IRELAND	24.25
Jeff GREENLEAF	19.55	Francis	THOMASON	26.10
Jack ROSSITER	19.55	Barbara	BLATCHFORD	26.20
Frank THOMAS	19.55	Brian	BICKLE	26.20
Brian TMS	19.55	Keith	HEWITT	26.20
Mike POWELL-DAVIES	19.55	Molly	WHITE	26.20
Chris BARTON	19.58	Bill	GRACE	27.30
Martin GREAVES	19.55	Ralph	HENLY	27.35

Retired: at Gibbett Hill - Pat DORSON, near Elstead - Sven NEAL.  
Started at Ranmore, finished at Elstead - Jeff ELLINGHAM, started at Coldharbour, finished at Ranmore Ian McCLEOD