# SURREY GROUP WALKERS ASSOC LONG DISTANCE SUMMIS 100 KM

REPORT AND RESULTS OF EVENT HELD 26-27 APRIL 1980

# THEY MADE IT HAPPEN

I have had many letters expressing thanks to the organizers and helpers. Here they are and I would like to add my own thanks for the enthusiastic way everybody helped to make the event a success. If I've missed anybody, I apologize. Your efforts were no less appreciated.

John Westcott

The Committee
Alan and Barbara Blatchford, Dave and Valerie Challenger,
Keith Chasterton, Jeff Ellingham, Mervyn Harvey, Ralph
Henley, Chris and Margaret Steer and John Westcott.

At Tanners Hetch Graham Feddie, Halph Henley, Mark Pickard and Wynne Evans.

At Ranmore Common Barbara and Erica Blatchford, Margaret Steer, Olive Matterface, Sue Woodhouse, Mark Pickard and Barry Rodwell.

At Holmbury Hill Valarie and Katherine Challenger, Ralph Henley and Gerri Burgess.

At Hambledon Church Vince Smith, Olive Matterface and Sue Woodhouse.

At Kettlebury Hill Roy Barnsley, Wynne Evens, Phyl Jackson and Liz Pemplin.

At Puttenham Common Cynthia McJeou, John Robinson, Arthur Radley and Barry Rodwell.

At the finish
Bob and Richard Ball, Barbara, Alan and Erica Blatchford,
Valarie, Katherine, Christine and Dave Challenger and
Olive Matterface.

Mobile Marshalls Jeff Ellingham and Richard Ireson.

On the Hotline Margaret Steer,

Radio Consultants
Peter Readings and Len Wilson. The radio was not used but a great doal of research was made before it was decided to be too costly.

# THE EVENT

The Surrey hills were alive with the tread of walkers over the weekend of 26/27th April 1980 as 150 Of them endcavoured to obtain the certificate which shows they have walked the 1980 Surrey Summits. The organizers had arranged for the town hall clock to be a minute fast so that walkers could set off early to compensate for the additional mile added to the route, so it was shortly before the hour of noon that founder LDWA member Chris Steer blow his whistle to set the thing in motion. As walkers left Guildford's midday shoppers behind to mount the first of the summits, Pewley hill, the pattern of those who were to be the leaders soon emerged. Among those leaders were Martyn Greaves and Ernie Bishop trying to retain their champions hats having been the joint first home on the 1979 event.

By the time Tanners was reached, a gap of nearly 12 hours had opened up between the first and last Walkers. Many took advantage of the Ranmore and Holmbury hill checkpoints to fortify themselves against the evils of the night. As darkness fell, a slight drizzle started which throughout the night turned to quite heavy showers, but with the ominous clouds which had formed during the days before the avent, we were lucky to getaway with as little rain as we did. Another difficulty encountered by most walkers during the hours of darkness were the mythical numbers on trees at the viewpoint above Horseblock Hollow and on Hascombe hill. Most compromised by entering the dateshown on a seat at the viewpoint but there unfortunately was no such easy get out at Hascombe. I apologize for this ommission and I am only too aware the annoyance this caused walkers.

As limbs got fatigued, the respite of the other three manned checkpoints at Hambledon Church, Kettlebury Hill and Puttenham common was eagerly sought and taken advantage of. Particularly pleasing was John Robinson's log fire at Puttenham.

The residents of Onslow village had good reason to appreciate that one of their neighbours is the secretary of the LDWA as Bleary eyes looked through chinks in curtains to observe that the unusual disturbance to their Sunday morning lay in was walkers passing their houses on their way to the finish in the scout hut.

First home were Martyn Greaves and Alan Ireland. In all 111 finished in times ranging from 15 hours 18 minutes to 27 hours 11 minutes. In spite of the extra mile and the difficulties of finding checkpoints with clues missing, times continued to improve. Not only was the time of the first home again faster than last year, but times generally were better with over 3 of the finishers beating 20 hours and over 3 beating 21. It would seem many hours of training have gone into achieving these results.

Noticeable absentees from the sterters were Joe May and Mark Pickard. Joe telephoned me on the day to say he had put his back out while lifting a suitease in Rome. Mark opted to help on the checkpoints because he had entered a 40 mile track event on the Sunday morning. He subsequently completed that event in 4 hours 21 minutes 21 seconds. Of those who started, surprising absentees from the finishers were Peter Rickards, Phil Hastings and John Feist demonstrating that even the mightiest of us have our off days.

Congratulations to all finishers and although it is nice to see many achieve their personal challenge of beating their previous best time, special congratulations go to all those who had not completed a 60 mile plus walk before and beat the challenge of finishing the walk. Of these I would mention Katy McColl and Simon Oliver who each started with two friends and having seen those friends have to retire, stuck to their task with determination to take that coverted certificate. Also commiserations to those who had to retire and I hope you were not put off having another attempt at the challenge in the future.

After the relatively low entry for the 1979 event, there was a suggestion that the event would not be held annually but with the response this year, there is little doubt that the event will be held again in 1981. I hope all the clues at unmanned checkpoints are in place and if I'm not sacked from the organizers job I hope to organize myself better to get the results out

John Westcott (Organizer)

### THE TROPHIES

earlier. Sorry for the delay.

Once again there was very little support for this aspect of the event with only one team registering for the Gibbet trophy and just two teams registering for the Leith Trophy. It seems that most walkers are not prepared to commit themselves to walking with two others for the duration of the event. The teams who registered at Tanners checkpoint were:-

- C. Steer, A Youngs and R. Paul (Gibbet winners)
- B. Tims, E. Winyard and A. Waters (Leith winners)
  B. Buttifant, D. Trott and D. Earl (Leith runners up)

Chris Steer and Tony Youngs have now retained the Gibbet trophy since it was first won. They won it with John Westcott as the third member of the team in 1978 and it was not contested on the 1979 event.

# AS THE ORGANISER SAW IT

The title "organizer" seemed to evolve rather than being appointed. As secretary of the Surrey group I thought I should take an active interest in the group's big event. Firstly volunteering then accepting to undertake various jobs I gradually built up a commitment until that day when I asked what would happen on a particular point I was told "well its up to you, its your show.

At first I decided not to walk the event this year but I put in an entry just in case I could manage to walk and later I was encouraged to take up the entry.

As the day came nearer and the full extent of what I had let myself in for became clear I had second thoughts about attempting to walk and it did not help when I was talking to an experienced walk organizer the evening before who remarked "I don't know how you chaps manage to walk and organize an event" I did walk and I think the marshals coped very well without me. Maybe it can be said that I underestimated the manpower required because the numbers on the trees were not in place but I can only say that I could not foresee the mobile force being engaged in

looking for walkers who did not turn up at the Ranmore checkpoint. Of the walk itself, I enjoyed it but I think I will probably remember it for three things I would prefer to forget. First Phil Hastings with whom I have walked many miles had to retire, second the embarrasment of getting lost on Hankley common when I was leading eight walkers through the night and third those \*\*\*\*\* numbers on trees.

#### AS THE MARSHALS SAW IT

The aim of the Surrey Summits organizing committee has always been to provide a route demanding on fitness and concentration. rather than survival, map reading and experience. One that would prove a suitable test to LDWA members before they tackled longer and/or tougher events where civilisation would not be so near at hand. When "Summits walkers" find themselves short of fitness, food or time they are able to fall back on the multitude of telephone kiosks, pubs and refreshment stops plus the many bus and train services all around the route. When every effort has been made to lay on every possible backup to fit walkers, it seems a pity that so many entrants were physically ill-prepared. This year there were even two gentlemen too exhausted to reach Ranmore a mere 17 miles. Two marshals then had to spend four hours scarching (successfully) a wide area when they had better things to do. One of them being to ensure that the numbers on the trees at checks 13 and 16 were in place. That this was not done, naturally caused a lot of annoyance.

It is hoped that next year all entrants will have taken advantage of most of the four or five 30 mile events over the proceeding 4 months. Once again there will be the Punchbowl Marathon that

will include the last 20 miles of the Summits route.

Jeff Ellingham (Chief Marshal)

What better way to have a night away from the tele than manning a checkpoint at a nice quiet spot in the very heart of Surrey. This was somewhat of a misnomer for the night stint was to be Go! Go! Go!

Arrival at site was sadly delayed by a last minute "counter" instruction - to wait for some water at the rendezvous near the scout hut - and never being able to carry it out. It was here at Guildford that I was to meet the female contingent of the team, Olive Matterface and Sue Woodhouse.

The first priorities were erection of the tent and getting some water heated up. Getting the tent up was more like Fred Carno's. circus - sorting out the poles and finding when the canvas went over the framework that the tapes were on the outside. We doubled up with laughter and it could be that we disturbed the departed souls in the graveyard nearby. Getting the water boiled up was a fiasco, having only a single 'Gaz' stove and we were unable to present the first two walkers to come in with a hot "cuppa". In fact we were never to catch up as water for washing up was also required.

In the first of the jocular jaunts of Jeff Ellingham, he gave us a Calor cylinder but could not manage to get the stove assembled; just behind our point was a Medieval lime kiln and we jokingly thought this could have solved the problem as well es warming us in the night that became gradually wetter and Milier. Beside tea there was sweet in the form of rice pudding with the addition of tinned fruit and as an added bonus, the popular scrunch. The girls worked like beavers (sorry beaveresses)

serving up these items in addition to making a pretty good job of keeping tabs on who passed through - even recorded two 125's. They had to put up with an occasional dowsing when Vince decided

to disturb the awning by holding the support pole but they got their own back by kindly filling the plastic cup of sugar with tea - anyone for a sweet cuppa?

The walkers were marvellous, uncomplaining and grateful for any small luxury; even drinking cold tea. We felt sorry for the girl who had gone into a bog up to her waist and a chap who left our checkpoint and spent 2 hours trying to find the next portion of the route. Many were a bit peeved about looking for mythical numbers (some spent up to 40 mins trying to find them), so black mark - suggest that natural features be used to avoid such confusion, if possible.

On the whole a good experience and pleased to have shared the company in helping others to do the Surrey Summits. A checkpoint with hot drinks and eats is a morale booster - a Tilly lamp could well be a welcome homing sign for a few missed coming direct to us.

Vince Smith - at Hambledon Church

Having set up our checkpoint put out the requirements for drinks and snacks, we waited for the first walkers to come through, We had some rain but not enough to cause any bother and at least this year we did not get cold with frost as we did last year when the drinks were naturally iccd. John Robinson's fire also kept

As usual the first walkers through looked quite fresh and fighting fit, but as daylight came and the morning went on, some were becoming tired and foot weary but all were determined to reach the end and still managed to laugh and joke.

Cynthia McLood - at Puttenham Common

# AS THE WALKERS SAW IT

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Having origionally decided not to take part in the Surrey Summits this year, April found me under the clock in Guildford High street drawn like a lemming to the delights of the Surrey hills. Besides, it was the only chance of a long walk before the Downsman.

The weird assortment of clothing immediately sorted out the participants from the usual Saturday shoppers who tended to give us a wide borth. We seemed to be sharing the pitch with the local left wing newspaper vendor, who probably initially felt that he had some unexpected custom, but quickly realized we had much more important things on our mind. At two minutes to twelve I calmly decided that I would not get caught up this year in the first mad rush up the hill and at two minutes past I was panting along with the rest of the pack in pursuit of Martyn, who, as usual had gone off like a bomb. The first few miles to Tanners, over fairly level ground, were covered at a furious pace and by that time we had settled into a leading group of about ten. Alan Ireland and Peter Nolan seemed to be the fastest up Box hill, no doubt due to the training on Northern hills, but we had re-grouped by the time we reached the stepping stones over the river. Then came the balancing performance on the stones to the cheers (and jeer's) of a local gang of children. They completely unnerved Martyn

who ended up in the water. A few diverted to the footbridge and never succeeded in making contact again. Martyn and I arrived at Ranmore together and he then made one of his lightning pit stops (Jeff Ellingham would have been proud of him) and was away before I'd had my first mouth full of rice pud. Alan Ireland also decided to survive without the rice and fruit and chased after Martyn for the two of them to continue together at the front of the field until the finish. The remaining five of us continued as a group to the end although splitting up for a while and re-grouping at Kettlebury hill. We all of us had our good and bad patches but kept going at a fairly consistent speed through to the finish, where we found we were not too far behind the leaders. Jelly's hollow was dry this year which was a help, although I think that most had foot trouble because of the hard paths and grit in the shoes. We managed to get through Hambledon Church in the light this yearwhich was a big improvement on peat performances and I had the distinction of almost bringing the tent down at Kettlebury. I'll practise that for next year. From time to time we came across the mystery runner\*who passed us several times, on one occasion coming towards us, and on

From time to time we came across the mystery runner\*who passed us several times, on one occasion coming towards us, and on another crossed our path from one set of bushes to another. I feel sure that he's a Flying Dutchman of the Surrey hills doomed to run forever looking for imaginary checkpoints

The fact that times were faster again this year made it very difficult for the checkpoint crews who hardly had time to get themselves organized, but I'm sure I speak for all the participants in saying that, as usual, they did a marvelous job and our thanks go out to all the organizers and helpers. We could not "enjoy" the "pain and suffering" without you.

Ernie Bishop.

\* ORGANIZERS COMMENT:

I would like to remind the person to whom Ernie refers that the entry form and final details did state "running is not allowed on this event". While the organizers cannot supervise the event to ensure nobody runs, we do expect participants to respect our wishes when signing the entry form. It is therefore frustrating for those who accept the condition to find themselves passed by a runner.

It didn't seem like twelve months since we were last setting off up Pewley hill among a colourful band of individuals drawn together with a common goal; to complete the 1980 Surrey Summits. The lack of rain during the preceding weeks resulted in good conditions underfoot, although, the unusual hardness was probably responsible for rather more blisters than usual. Ranmore checkpoint provided a welcome break and the creamed rice and fruit with Barbaras hot tea, made it even more so. Evening passed into night and with the weather suggesting a change, anoto of sobricty crept into our party. However, the rain came to nothing and apart from crashing round Hascombe hill looking for a non-existant number in the dark, all went well. Dawn broke for us shortly before the Devils Punchbowl. The revised route to Cosford House, bypassing much road, was a distinct improvement and will hopefully become a permanent feature. Gibbet hill in the dawn mist seemed a wild and lonely place but the welcoming checkpoint at Kettlebury hill reminded us of the presence of friends. With Elstead we senced with relief, although tinged with a little sadness, the nearness of the end and even with the extra mile after Conduit farm hill, arrived at the finish 3 hours sooner than last year.

To the organizers and all those who provided valuable support, but especially those who manned checkpoints through the dark hours, our grateful thanks for a job well done.

#### Tony Cartwright.

Having failed to finish the course in 1979 after about 70km, when rigor mortis started to set in to both legs, I was determined to have another attempt and succeed. I had done little training last year, although I had walked extensively in North Wales and the lakes. However, I realized that mountain walking, although fatiguing, does not really test the aspects of fitness required for long distance walking; that is mental and physical stamina, and in addition the effect of long term pounding on the feet and legs. Heart-lung fitness is immaterial. Hence, from Christmas on, I have been walking most weekends, working up to 30 to 35 miles along the Ridgeway and in Derbyshire. The company of 2 potential entrants aided the effort.

The week before I relaxed completely and ensured a good sleep the night before with half a bottle of wine! I was feeling very fit at the start but was somewhat disillusioned at the pace of the leaders. Soon we were at the back but still

averaging between 4 and 5 Km.p.h. Severe blisters at Ranmore Common meant that one colleague had to drop out. Night fell early and damply, - just before the point I had started a route finding reconneitre a fortnight before. The date on Leith hill tower was invisible so that it nocessitated my climbing on the shoulders of a strongly built fellow walker to read the plaque! shortly after I fell into deep mud up to my thighs, and coupled with heavier. rain, I really began to consider quitting. However, the group I had joined were finding the route difficult at night and my recent knowledge meant that I took over as leader. This took my mind off my sopping trousers! The night was long and the impossibility of finding a checkpoint on Hascombo hill was most depressing, sufficiently so to make my other colleague to give up at Hascombe.

Once dawn had come, I scarcely had to look at the route instructions and began to walk purely on memory. Despite a painful calf, (a strained tendon exacerbated by prolonged pounding on hard ground) the rest of the walk passed quite

rapidly.

The manned checkpoints were most welcome. I now understand why the trade name of rice pudding is Ambresia! Finishing at 2 in the afternoon, I couldn't face breakfast and left in a friend's car to fall asleep in the back, feeling elated but shattered.

Shall I do it again? I'll decide that when the memory of the pain has dulled. Someone likened the whole business to childbirth; a long build up, prolonged labour and elation on getting through it. (You can't opt out of labour if it gets too tough however).

Kety McColl

List of starters with times at the manned checkpoints. Times for those who retired are shown to the latest manned checkpoint at which they were recorded as having passed through.

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Brothers Tony and David Certwright were taken round by their wives Louise and Ann respectively.

Another husband and wife team to finish were David and Pauline Shore Father and son teams to finish were Bryon and Stephen ALDEN and Derck and Philip EDWARDS.

Unfurtunately one half of the brother team Frnklin and Kenneth PERRETT had to retire.

There was only one four legged finisher to complete the course this year and that was Simon, a whippot who successfully navigated Ian McLood round the course. Simon's hobby (apart from walking) is licking bare legs and he certainly had plenty of scope to indulge during the walk.

#### THE STATISTICS

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# THE MARSHALS WALK

There was only 2 on the marshals walk this year but at least we did have a 100% success rate. The low turnout reflects the great spirit of the Surrey Group to be able to get enough marshals without having to call on members who wished to walk the event. Ralph Henley and myself set out from Guildford at 2.a.m. on Good Friday. The moon made it a purfest night for walking and being relatively fresh, we could indulge in a little self satisfaction directed at the poor souls lying in their warm beds in the houses we passed. Dawn broke with about 4 degrees of frost as we climbed Micklehem down but the day proved to be as nice as the night with temperatures rising to about 14 degrees in the afternoon.

We had breakfast by the stepping stones with the compliments of Ian and Cynthia McLeod. Jeff Ellingham gave us further support, coming to meet us at Hambledon church and thereafter administered ests and drinks at various intervals up to Puttenham common. One of the purposes of the marshals walk is to deliver leaflets to the isolated houses on route informing the householders of the event. To do this, many barking dogs had to be passed and as the ability to run fast became more difficult, I'm afraid my nerve failed and some leaflets got left at the gate. It was interesting to note that some people I skeke to were already aware of the event from entrants who had passed by carlier familiarizing themselves with the route.

We finally got back to Guildford at 8.30.p.m.

John Westcott

# THEY'VE DONE IT BEFORE

There were only 3 people who had completed all 4 previous Surrey Summits. All 3 entered and completed the event this year to bring their tallyto 5. They are:-

Bill Grace, Martyn Greaves and John Westcott.

People to have completed 4 Surrey Summits are:-

Brian Bickle, Keith Hewitt, Richard Hotchkiss, Alan Ireland, Keith Jones, Bill Perry, Tony Rowley and Anthony Taylor.

# THAT FIRST SURREY SUMMITS

I thought you might like to have a look at the times on the first Surrey Summits of those who took part in the fifth. It must be remembered that there were no checkpoints and the "entrants" formed themselves into 3 groups labelled fast, medium and slow led by Keith Chesterton, Chris Steer and Barbara Blatchford respectively. However the times may give heart to some.

Koith Chesterton 19.55 Chris Steer 24.15 Brian Bickle 26.20 Brian Tims 19.55 John Westcott 24.15 Keith Hewitt 26.20 Martyn Greaves 19.55 Alan Ireland 24.25 Bill Grace 27.30