

The Ides of March

Dear Hare/Heiress

Next walk: Saturday, March 24th.

Usual 7.50 train from Luxembourg to Wilwerwiltz (renowned as the driest village in the Grand-Duchy. Anyone who walked last time will explain ...). Start walking 8.55 southward and sinuously down the Clerve and the Sure to (probably) Michelau for the 16.55 train home. Luxgare at 17.40.

Meanwhile, in another part of the forest it had been proposed to celebrate our annual feast, as is proper, in the month of March. Various dates having been discarded (eg our Founder's other engagements, restaurant's prior commitments) you are now invited to the Hare Spring Feast on Friday, April 6th at 7.30 for 8. Place: Reilander Millen (Moulin de Reuland).

Reilander Millen is reached from Luxembourg via the Echternach road. After the Junglinster radio masts turn left for Mullerthal/Consdorf. After the hamlet of Blumenthal fork right (ignoring left fork for Reuland) and the restaurant is 300 metres further on.

Stephen Wright.

1 April 1984

Draft Directive

Having regard to the common transport policy,

Having regard to Community legislation on fair and unfair competition,

Having regard to rates of progress and the common desire to avoid the emergence of a two-speed Europe,

Having regard to the pathological desire for harmonization in all fields, especially those being or assimilated to arable and pasture,

Whereas the disastrous consequences and chaos resulting from excessive differences in the speed of transport, including transport on own account and on a totally unharmonized range of footwear, have become evident in the vicinity of and within the confines of one small Member State,

Whereas all the Community Institutions regard favourably the practice of attaching weights of varying avoir du poids to racehorses for harmonization purposes,

This Institution decides:

- that locomotion of a common or joint, socio-cultural, competitive, escapist, sporting, rejuvenating or thirst-stimulating nature shall henceforth be strictly regulated in such a way that the time of arrival of the initial or leading unharmonized footwear at a critical turning point (CTP) shall not be separated from the arrival of succeeding unharmonized footwear or footwears* by a period exceeding the locomotion time permitting visual verification of the critical change of direction (CCD),

- that for this purpose weights of an avoir du poids to be decided by the wearers of succeeding unharmonized footwear or footwears shall be attached, prior to locomotion, to the assumed initial or leading unharmonized footwear,

- that specific legislation, to be drawn up on an ad hoc basis, shall provide for machinery ensuring adequate recourse for stray hares and grey hares where less than strict observation of the present Directive has, or is said until the putative victims are blue in the face to have given rise to physical and/or mental anguish.

* Translator's note: "footwears" by analogy with official, public or state "AIDS".

Sandy Macrae.

Maundy Thursday
Dear Hare-stroke-Harebelle (but not in front of the leverets),

A reminder that the next walk is on Saturday May 5th, taking the usual train from Luxembourg Gare at 7.50 bound for Michelau. Train arrives 8.37 as usual. But this walk is "pas comme les autres."

Why?

Because we (and the Sentier du Nord) are hereafter abandoning the Ligne du Nord. And John has been murmuring about leaving the Sentier du Nord too ...

So, Michelau station (where Our Leader's Staff of Office was conceived) behind us, the path strikes up and over the shoulder of Mechelsbiery, shunning the delights of Ettelbruck. At some point so far undisclosed we swoop down to cross the now east-flowing Sure, then once more into the beechwood hills past Tirnes, Mouschbiery, Stakbur and Bollert (I think, but don't follow me or you'll end up walking much further than the tigers up front).

Maybe, says John, we might make Fiels, by way of Larochette. Where no trains run.

At this point those of you blessed with commodious cars and compliant wives can earn the gratitude of your peers by summoning the necessary carriages from whichever bosky phone box (spelt b.a.r.) turns out to be end of this magical mystery tour.

Let's say we would like to be able to whistle up the transport around half-past three. And please, please can hares volunteering their wives for such a service be so good as to contact me a day or two before we walk.

Happy Easter. Christine and I are hoping to walk the Seven Sisters and a little of the South Downs Way.

Stephen Wright.

Ascension Day, in response to popular request.

1983-84 roll of honour, in ascending order of stages completed

To all Hares who have walked (at least some part of the) trail from Liège to Luxembourg

One : Jeremy Britton, Elizabeth Cade, Anthony Clover, Peter

We plan to complete the march on Saturday, June 16th.

Starting point is Larochette and the official finish is 5, Val des Romains, Bridel (at the kind invitation of Peter and Diana Davis) where tea will be served. Not only to those who have walked but also to their nearest and dearest, who are all welcome to celebrate the end of the walk (and, incidentally, Peter's and EIIR's birthday).

Five : Peter Davis, Frank Noble, Mike Townsend

Larochette-Bridel being scarcely 20 kilometres flying for crows, pathfinder John will exercise his ingenuity to stretch our legs through a more sinuous route! Meeting point for hares is the teashop next to Larochette church (where we stopped last time) at 9.30 am for a 9.45 start. Anyone offering/seeking car space is asked to contact me from Whit Tuesday up to 7 pm Friday June 15th.

Mystery Four: any suggestions?

Spouses, families, and other admirers are invited to Bridel for 4 o'clock tea. To find Davis Towers, fork right at the petrol stations in Bridel, then square left after 400 metres into Val des Romains.

Democrat candidate for the E.P.

After tea, intrepid town bound Hares can walk on to the true end of the Liège-Luxembourg trail.

Finally, in response to popular request, here is the 1983-84 roll of honour, in ascending order of stages completed so far:

One : Jeremy Britton, Elizabeth Cade, Anthony Clover, Peter Cunningham, Madame le Gallais, Roy Jackson, Margaret Love, Lubbe Schnittger, Ignace van Steenberger and Horst Something (EIB).

Two : Nils Fayaud, Norbert le Gallais, Sue Marshall.

Three: Denis Dimmer, Jacques Fayaud, Seamus Killeen, Tom Oursin, Simon Norcross.

Four : Ole Due, Bruce Goodman, Kari Jonssons.

Five : Peter Davis, Frank Noble, Mike Townsend.

Six : David Heal, Sandy Macrae, Christine Moon.

Seven: Felicity Hall.

Eight: Anthony Cunningham, John Overstall, Stephen Wright.

Stephen Wright.

P.S. Last walk of the season (July 7th) will be a Magical Mystery Tour. Any suggestions?

P.P.S Ole Due brings greetings to all Hares from Bent Paludan-Muller, now in retirement in his native Denmark.

P.P.P.S. Hare Francis Jacobs sends his excuses for missing recent walks. He's running elsewhere - as a Social Democrat candidate for the E.P.

We ended the season with the Fred Welter walk on June 19th, 1984 at Scheidgen and following the 25 kilometre path anti-clockwise via Kaikesbach, Heischbach, down to the Mülterbach, the Moulin de Consdorf and so on, round and back.

The last walk of the season has posed something of a problem, since we completed the Liège-Luxembourg campaign on June 16th. By general consent of the intrepid nine who strode through the sunshine on that day from Larochette to Bridel (infinite thanks to Diana Davis for her cream tea), a circular stroll of some 25 kilometres was chosen for Saturday July 7th (not, repeat not, the 14th).

This is the justly famous Sentier Fred Welter which takes in a variety of walking in the Consdorf area, with a few surprises on the way. Anyone fearful of the midday sun can take heart: much of the route is in forest. And at times, believe it or not, a torch is useful ...

Starting point is the church at Scheidgen, (or, if you must, the hotel bar en face, the name of which escapes me) at 9.30 for 9.45 am. You find the sign for Scheidgen as a left turn off the Luxembourg-Echternach road (E42) near Michelshaff, which is five kilometres beyond Altrier.

Usual rules for offering/begging lifts: ie call me if need be before 19.00 Friday July 6th.

Stephen Wright.

P.S. Welcome back Francis Jacobs, who came second for the SDP in the Hampshire Central Euro-election!

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