

C H A P T E R E I G H T

Koblenz - Luxembourg

1987 - 1988

Anthony Cunningham

Thomas Oursin

For The Record

Year	Month	Day	Route	Distance (km)	Participant
18.09.87			Kobern - Maifeld - Moselkern	22	
19.09.87	*		Moselkern - Burg Eltz - Treis - Cochem	24	
24.10.87	*		Cochem - Ellerbach - Alf - (ferry) - Bullay	24	
21.11.87	*		Bullay - Uerzig - Wengerohr	32	
12.12.87	*		Uerzig - Lieser - Bernkastel - Kues	16	
16.01.88			Lieser - Monzel - Klüsserath	19	
06.02.88			Klüsserath - Schweich - Ehrang	28	
19.03.88			Ehrang - Burg Ramstein - Trier - Pallien - Zewen	26	
23.04.88			Zewen - Metzdorf - (Sûre) - Herborn - Bech	24	
28.05.88			Bech - Alttrier - Blumenthal - Junglister - Rameldange	24	
					R. Johnson
					I. Katterman
					C. Knowles
					N. de Galizia
					R. de Galizia
					S. Macrae
					M. McCreery
					G. Mendosa
					F. Noble
					B. Orain
					T. Orain
					J. Overfall
					A. Overfall
					A. Polifizer-Sweet

	28	23	19	06	16	12	11	10	09	05	04	03	02	01	00	total km
R.Schmidt																47
E.Seymour																19
R.Speller																137
M.Townsend																24
R.Thorpe																96
M.Turner																24
C.Wright																24
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Please therefore telephone Tom or me before the 25th July with a yay or a nay answer. Those intending to do the walk planned for the 25th, may state their intentions then.

AAORS

Get fell in! Holidays are over. Silly season ended.
 The clarion calls for the start of the Hares new campaign
 which will take us back to the Moselle valley and the Ger-
 man Eifel (with all its lovely hills), to complement our
 walk along the south bank some years ago, by walking the
 north-west bank this time. So give your head a good shake
 and read on.

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1987/88 Campaign: Koblenz to Luxembourg

First Stage: 19/20 September 1987

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Rest of the year

Saturday 24 October: Cochem to Bullay

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Next time

Date: Saturday 24th October.

Place: Car Park, Match Shopping Centre, Senningen
(opposite Church).

Time: 07.00 hours.

Transport out: Cars to Bullay and 08.35 train to Cochem.

Walk: From Cochem to Bullay (about 22 kilometres).

Transport back: Cars from Bullay home (about 18.00).

Rest of the year

Match Dates

Suggested dates for the rest of this year are 21st November and 12th December.

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1987/88 Campaign: Koblenz - Luxembourg

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Despite this artistic disappointment, the party enjoyed the day's walk, particularly the last bit, when the ferry was taken from Alf across the Mosel, to reach the destination, where an hour was passed in a local café before encarring for home.

Next time

Rendez-vous: Senningen supermarket car park (opposite church).

Time: 07.15 Sharp.

Date: 21st November 1987.

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Walk from: Bullay to Uerzig (20 kilometres) or Wittlich
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16th January 1988

Lieser to Klüsserath

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Date: 19 March 1988.
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Next time but one: 23 April 1988.

Luxembourg to Koblenz 1987/88

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Next time

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Date/Time: 28th May 1988. 07.40.

Reber-vous: Luxembourg Railway Station for 07.55 bus (repeat bus) No. 1019 to Bech, arriving

09.04.

Walk to: Am Belvedere No. 7, Rammelgange arriving about 16.00, where non-walking spouses/friends are also invited to celebrate the end of the campaign over a few drinks, and perhaps give the walkers home afterwards.

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Annual dinner

How nice it would be too if all the familiar faces were to be seen at the dinner, which is always a happy occasion. Guests welcome.

Date: 3rd June 1988.

Place: Restaurant Steinmetz, Bech. (A good place about 20/30 minutes by car from town - direction Echternach - recommended by our GL).

Menu/Price: The menu and price are to be fixed but will be of the same order as last year.

Booking: To allow a firm booking to be made, please act with your usual despatch and efficiency by completing, detaching and returning the form to the AAORS without delay to assure your place at the table. Vegetarian as well as carnivorous Hares catered for.

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