Pick & Mix – Sunday 20th March 2016

The weather was cool and dull but by having had a dry week on the run up to the event, the going was good to soft.

We again used all the previous routes and only had to make a couple of minor changes like stiles to kissing gates as usual. The biggest route amendment was to the red route as it crossed a set of paddocks on an enclosed footpath. That is – it was enclosed through the paddocks until a day or so AFTER we printed this route description. The land owner decided to remove all his paddock fencing which had stood for a good 10-15 years leaving us with a big hole in the paragraph. It was most cost effective to reprint just that section and to glue it on !!

The day started with the caretaker opening the school at 06.00 so that we could get the plastic down before the first walker arrived. All of our helpers were there in good time and within 30 minutes, the tea urn was hot and we were ready for business.

We had a few under 18s on the event. All credit to them for walking their chosen routes. The youngest was just over 6 who happily completed the 5 mile route with his parents in tow. The oldest walker was reported to be in his 80s. Big congratulations to them all.

Well done to Jonathan Hall who covered the furthest distance by completing the 6 mile route 8 times, making 48 miles in total.

Everyone finished well within the 10 hour limit and we were ready, cleared up and gone by our 19.00 deadline.

Many thanks to all who helped us in advance and on the day.

Merrian Lancaster, Dave Findel-Hawkins, Nigel Schofield, Norman Corrin, Gordon Shaughnessy, Gill Bunker, Martin Lawson, Pat Sage and last but not least our daughter Coral.

Further thanks to Malt the Brewery for the van and to the Missenden CofE School and Robin their caretaker for allowing us to visit them again this year.

In total 138 walkers covered a total of 2,581 miles in 300 loops

WELL DONE

**Statistics**

Walkers booked in 159

Non-starters 21

Total out walking 138

**Loops walked** **Number times loops were walked**

39 completed 1 loop 106 completions of 12 mile RED loop

53 completed 2 loop 23 completions of 8 mile GREEN loop

36 completed 3 loops 33 completions of 8 mile BLUE loop

6 completed 4 loops 39 completions of 8 mile PURPLE loop

3 completed 5 loops 59 completions of 6 mile ORANGE loop

1 completed 8 loops 40 completions of 5 mile YELLOW loop

**Distances walked**

8 walked 5 miles 2 walked 23 miles

1 walked 6 miles 1 walked 24 miles

2 walked 8 miles 4 walked 25 miles

4 walked 11 miles 17 walked 26 miles

28 walked 12 miles 1 walked 27 miles

8 walked 13 miles 5 walked 28 miles

5 walked 14 miles 1 walked 30 miles

2 walked 16 miles 2 walked 31 miles

6 walked 17 miles 2 walked 33 miles

6 walked 18 miles 1 walked 34 miles

2 walked 19 miles 2 walked 36 miles

20 walked 20 miles 2 walked 42 miles

5 walked 22 miles 1 walked 48 miles

**Marshals’ Event**

1 walked 13 miles

2 walked 26 miles

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Dave Yorston at 3, Lodge Lane, Prestwood. HP16 0SS

If you forgot to pick up your certificate and would like to claim it, please send an A5 stamped self-addressed envelope to Dave at the same address

Again, many thanks to all who helped and to all the walkers.

Congratulations to you all. You made it a day to remember.

Dave & Lynn Yorston and Mike & Sandra Hyland