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

<u>Loops walked</u>				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

If anyone would like an event badge, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to 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