

Pick & Mix – Sunday 30th March 2014

What a day!! It could not have been more of a total opposite yet again. Instead of snow, rain and gales, we had nice warm, bright weather for the main part of the day!

We used all the previous routes and only had to make a couple of minor changes like stiles to kissing gates and just the end of the 12mile route to improve safety.

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. Most of our helpers were there in good time and within 30 minutes, tea urn was hot and we were ready for business.

We had about 15 under 18s on the event. All credit to them for walking their chosen routes. The youngest was just 4½ who completed the 5 mile route, claimed his well deserved certificate and badge and then demanded to go to playground for the swings. I am told that he slept all the way home !!

Well done to Graham Baker who completed the furthest distance – 35 miles in 5 loops

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

Many thanks go out to all who helped us in advance and on the day. Merrian Lancaster, Dave Findel-Hawkins, Nigel Schofield, Norman Corrin, Gordon Shaughnessy, Graham Missing, Matthew Whitmore, Gill Bunker. Gill Alloway and Fiona Nutburn also helped out during our busiest time.

Special thanks to our daughter Coral who worked all day – even though it was her BIRTHDAY.

Further thanks to the landowner at Town End Farm for opening his cattle tunnel under the A413, Malt the Brewery for the van and to the Missenden CofE School & their caretaker.

We had 2 teams of people walking to raise funds for the refurbishment of our local Guide HQ. They have raised about £800. We also had over £50 in the donation box at the food counter – thank you.

And a special thanks go out to all those walkers who supported us by turning up especially as it was also Mother's Day and the start of British Summer Time

Giggles

- **One helper forgot to move his clocks forward by the hour so was late turning up**

- One walker put her clocks back the hour so was 2 hours late turning up
- One walker drove off, we were told, with ONE boot balanced on top of her car. It obviously fell off!! The person who saw this, picked it up and brought it in to us to be returned at a later date.
- THE BEST OF ALL – the car parking marshals were visited by 3 police cars. There had been a report of a suspicious man in a HiVis jacket and knitted hat lurking around the Great Missenden Post Office. A worried resident had phoned in and police control sent 6 officers to investigate – blue lights and all. This potential criminal turned out to be our one and only Mike Hyland !!!

WE DO KNOW THE IDENTITIES OF ALL THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE !!!

**In total 163 walkers covered a total of 2,775 miles in 311 ½ loops
WELL DONE**

Statistics

Walkers booked 189
Non-starters 26

Total out walking 163

Loops walked

1 completed 1/2 loop
½ then retired)
65 completed 1 loop
loop
58 completed 2 loops
28 completed 3 loops
10 completed 4 loops
1 completed 5 loops

Number times loops were walked

122 completions of 12 mile RED loop (plus
20 completions of 8 mile GREEN
40 completions of 8 mile BLUE loop
48 completions of 8 mile PURPLE loop
38 completions of 6 mile ORANGE loop
43 completions of 5 mile YELLOW loop

Distances walked

8	walked 5 miles	5	walked 24 miles
9	walked 6 miles	6	walked 25 miles
9	walked 8 miles	13	walked 26 miles
1	walked 11 miles	1	walked 27 miles
39	walked 12 miles	8	walked 28 miles
9	walked 13 miles	4	walked 31 miles
3	walked 14 miles	1	walked 32 miles
3	walked 16 miles	3	walked 33 miles

10	walked 17 miles	1	walked 34 miles
5	walked 18 miles	1	walked 35 miles
24	walked 20 miles		

Marshals' Event

3	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