**19th Stansted Stagger Sunday 5 January 2019 - Organiser’s Report**

Well done ‘Team Stagger’! The event ran smoothly thanks to you all. We had lots of positive comments on the day and more afterwards by email and on Social Media. Participants enjoyed the new route.

There were 188 entries,10 withdrawals and 29 ‘no shows’ with 149 taking part on the day. There were 4 retirements at the checkpoint. All the other 145 finished before the deadline of 17-00 so we were able to clean, pack up and leave the hall soon after 18-00. The results were published on the main LDWA website (www.ldwa.org.uk), before 17-00. Look under Events, then Results.

The following all contributed to the success of the event – Peter Tremain, Carol & Harold Toze, Gill & Rob Struthers, Richard Haynes, Elaine Oddie, Georgie and Peter Hogg, Colin Currigan, Rosemary Abrey, Heidi Miller, Rita Williams, Philippa Hull, Jackie Burnett, Ginny Powell, Deb Garfield, Brian Martin, Linda Fordham, Kim Howard, Terry Outridge, Mick Dodge, Eddie Short, Jean & Bill Bowers.

A lot of hard work goes on before the day of the event. Peter Tremain planned the route, produced the route description, did the risk assessments and booked the halls. Peter supported the Marshals’ Walk together with Peter Hogg, Jean and Bill. The Marshals walk was completed by Georgie, Carol, Deb, Ginny, Colin, Terry, Gill, Rob, Heidi, Philippa and Elaine. Jean coordinated all the start/finish and checkpoint activities. Elaine took the entries and configured the event on PACER. Bill produced the PACER bar-coded Tally cards, the event control paperwork and maps. Harold designed and had the certificates printed. Richard arranged for the necessary equipment to be available. Food for the event was purchased by Jean, Carol, Rosemary, Heidi and Rita. In addition Linda, Carol, Ginny and Jean made cakes. Many comments were received about the excellent standard of food provided on the event.

The evening before the event Peter, Terry, Richard, Jean and Bill set up the hall. Peter and Richard also put up warning signs at busy road crossings and flagged a field crossing towards the end.

On the day the car parks were manned efficiently as usual by Mick, Eddie, Richard and Terry. Checking in on Pacer, with the manual backup paperwork, was carried out by Elaine, Colin, Heidi and Bill while Kim and Rita provided refreshments.

The cold drinks stop at 8 miles was manned by Peter, Colin and Mick.

Carol, Rosemary, Gill, Rob, Linda, Ginny and Brian were on duty at the checkpoint with Carol taking the lead. The checkpoint food was organised by Carol and Rosemary. There were many favourable comments on the spread of food available, especially the homemade cakes.

The sweepers from the checkpoint to the finish were Deb, Ginny and Gill who encouraged the last walker to finish within the time limit.

Meanwhile back at HQ Heidi, Jackie and Rita prepared the cooked food for the meal at the finish. The drinks and puddings were organised by Philippa, Georgie and Peter.

The checking in team was Elaine, Bill and Harold with support from Mick, Rob and Colin who handed in the tally cards and distributed the certificates. This went very smoothly with most completed certificates being produced before people entered the hall after removing their muddy footwear - one of the advantages of using PACER.

Packing up after the event is usually the hardest job. We were fortunate on this occasion that a good number of people stayed to help.

As ever it is a privilege to work with such a large team of volunteers who give their time freely. I know we all do it because we enjoy the end result, an excellent event, but it is still hard work so thank you on behalf of the Essex and Herts LDWA.

Peter and Jean – Event Coordinators.

**Lost Property**; A 40th anniversary E&H mug was left behind at the end of the event. Will the claimant please contact the organiser to recover the item.