**Report: Herts Stroller 2018**

1. It was a bright pleasant start to the event with a high of 20C, coupled with a nice breeze, which became progressively overcast and cooler during the day, with rain for a few hours at night. Infinitely better than the 32C on the Marshal’s Walk.
2. The route was a mixture of hills (Pegsdon & Barton) at the beginning and less hilly, open terrain on the latter part of the walk. Credit is due to Nigel Schofield efforts to get a section of path cleared which was obstructed by fly-tipping.
3. A good variety of food, cakes and drinks were provided to cater to the majority of tastes. Feedback certainly gave credence to this. Our check pointers, some manning 3 checkpoints, rose to the occasion, as always, and deserve well-earned congratulations. Many of those walking the route commented on the cheery reception and service provided by all the check-pointers. We also provided a water stop on the long stretch between Barton Hill Farm and Breachwood Green, as the temperature had risen by then, which was much appreciated.
4. There was a ‘Surprise’ en-route, not engineered by me, I hasten to add, of a very large tree blocking the route. It didn’t deter anyone from surmounting the obstacle and continuing on the walk, which speaks volumes of the fortitude of the walkers.
5. We did have a complaint from a member of the public of the treatment she and her small dogs received from a couple of runners on the walk (who may have been on our event) and we have, hopefully, managed to sooth ruffled feathers.
6. The numbers of participants dropped from 165 to 154 by the closing date for entries, then to 118 on the day, of whom 24 informed us that they were pulling out due to injuries a few days prior to the event, with a further 12 no shows on the day. There were 12 who retired, leaving 106 who finished. In total there were 99 walkers and 19 runners on the event.
7. PACER worked well, with all checkpoints being on line, which aided in the rapid checking-in and real time monitoring of those walking the route.
8. I’d like to offer a special thanks all those who helped to make the event such a success to judge from the many emails we received from those on the walk; namely, Bill and Jean, Elaine, Richard, Nigel, Rosemary and Bob, Linda, Merrian, Dennis, Ginny, Heidi, Beth, Mick, Eddie, John and Anita, David and Ann, Keith and Sandra, Wayne, Rita and Jackie.

**Peter and Georgie Hogg**

Event Co-Organisers

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