



LDWA Kent Group White Cliffs Challenge 2015 – August 30-31

THIS year's White Cliffs Challenge was one of the very few LDWA events where the mayor of the host town helped out on car park duty.

The event, with distances of 53 or 18 miles, was based at Deal and Betteshanger Rugby Club, where parking spaces are limited. Entries secretary Graham Smith had tried unsuccessfully to contact the adjacent school to arrange parking, and a request to use the car park in the doctors' surgery opposite was met with a polite refusal. To say Graham was getting concerned is a bit of an understatement, so he contacted the town mayor, Adrian Friend, and the deputy mayor, Wayne Elliott. "No problem," said Wayne. "We'll sort it." So Wayne, Adrian and another Deal town councillor, Trevor Bond, turned up at the rugby club at 7.30 on the morning of the event and organised the parking, making sure the entrants were parked as tightly as possible. Somehow it worked, with the vast majority of people able to park at the club and only about 30 having to park in the streets nearby.

Car park duty over, Adrian then welcomed the entrants to Deal and set them off. A total of 177 people entered the event, 120 on the 53-miler and 57 on the 18-miler. Both routes went to Dover, where they split, the 18-milers returning to Deal via Maydensole, a small farm on the North Downs Way. The 53-milers carried on along the White Cliffs to Capel, where the route turned inland to follow the NDW and then the Elham Valley Way to Bishopsbourne, before going under the A2 to pick up the NDW again, which was followed to Maydensole, where paths, tracks and minor roads were taken back to Deal.

The weather was much better than the forecast, which had been for a lot of

rain. The rain didn't actually appear until after midnight, and when it did it was heavy, and accompanied by thunder and lightning. But when the entrants returned, rather than complaining about the thunderstorms, most comments were about the spectacular lightning show they had been treated to!

There were nine retirements on the longer route and one on the shorter route. Names of all the entrants were put into a raffle for a £40 Go Outdoors voucher. This was won by Karen Herbetko from Wiltshire.

For the second year, the WCC was part of the White Cliffs Walking Festival, organised by the White Cliffs Ramblers, to which several members of Kent LDWA belong. It was also a leg of the KSS (Kent Surrey Sussex) Triple Challenge of 50-mile walks. Next year it will be the turn of the Sussex Stride, which is set for the weekend of September 24-25.

Many thanks to the marshals, particularly to 'the magnificent' Joy Davies and Gordon Harker and Pauline Thrush, who did such a wonderful job in the kitchen; and Simon Read, who ran the 18-miler route before putting in a 6pm-1.30am stint at Bishopsbourne for the 53-milers.

Marshals - Kent Group: Jane Bates, Trevor Bond, Phyl Butler, Brian Buttifant, Joy Davies, Roger Dean, Brenda Drew, Nick Dockree, Wayne Elliott, Bob Field, Rob Foster, Adrian Friend, Jane Green, Gordon Harker, Lee Harris, Michael Headley, Neil Higham, Peter Jull, Andrew, Ben and Liz Keeler, Andrew Melling, Neal and Jan O'Rourke, Pauline Piddock, Mike Pursey, Simon Read, Eric Rolfe, Graham Smith, David Thornton, Pauline Thrush, Wendy Thurrell, Sarah Turner, Audrey West, Henry Williams.

Surrey Group: Elizabeth Bryan, Janet Chapman, John Lay, Roger Sage, Avril Stapleton.

Sussex Group: Gillian Aitkin, Chris Baines-Holmes, Shirley Greenwood, Anthony Mitchell, Dave Weatherley.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES: Next year's White Cliffs Challenge will revert to the 32 and 15 miles routes, and will be on **Sunday August 28**, as part of the White Cliffs Walking Festival. It will be based at St Margaret's Village Hall. Full details will appear in Strider and on the Kent Group website – www.ldwakent.org.uk

<p>18-milers (56) Ronnie Haydon 3:29 Caroline Curtis 3:31 Andrew Noble 3:31 Stephen Brown 3:35 Ian Marshall 3:35 Richard Frost 3:53 Yvonne Elliott 4:01 Clare Wiseman 4:01 Simon Read 4:02 Louise Ludwig 4:06 Nicola Smith 4:07 Vaughan Wade 4:12 Martin Loveless 4:52 June Edwardes-Evans 4:54 Karen Harvey 4:55 Nicola Dawson 4:55 Keith Harding 4:57 Angela Craig 4:57 Paul Ludwig 5:04 Ken Jones 5:05 Merrian Lancaster 5:11 Harry Williams 5:33 Jim Williams 5:33 Karen Williams 5:33 Kay Coles 5:34 Terry King 5:34 Catherine Gray 5:34 Victoria Bell 5:34 Darren Bell 5:35 Cliff Huggett 5:42 Janet Field 5:42 Cliff Benford 5:43 Karen Benford 5:43 Carol Smart 5:44 Jack Yan 5:44</p>	<p>John Crozier 5:44 Johanne Daniels 5:49 Tracy Foote 5:49 Alex Rogers 5:51 Chris Rogers 5:51 Marguerite Bingle 5:54 Rob Haldane 5:58 Kevin Ellis 5:58 Patrick Austin 6:05 Karrie Doust 6:05 Kevin Joyce 6:10 Jane Dicker 6:12 Emma Bowles 6:14 Alan Goodings 6:17 Leigh Sibson 6:17 Michael Wade 6:18 Colin Ayling 6:18 Dianne Marsden 6:18 Matthew Brown 6:34 Denise Ellis 7:05 Catherine Paggi 7:05</p> <p>53-milers (111) * KSS Bronze Award ** KSS Silver Award Lisa Joanne Walbridge 10:19 Peter Lemon 12:58 Mark Bennett 12:58 Andrew Boulden 13:39 David Findel-Hawkins 13:39 Raymond Hickman 13:46 Anne Wade 13:58 * Gary Upstone 14:14 Ron Doole 14:14 Will Saunders 14:15 Tiffany Hanley 14:19</p>	<p>Paul Blundell 14:19 Roderick Smith 14:23 Ian Hull 14:24 Kevin Grady 14:24 Phil Bradburn 14:33 David Giles 14:56 Roderick Johnstone 15:07 Paul Mcauliffe 15:20 Mark Dyke 15:22 Jeff Campbell 15:35 David Whitehead 15:37 Sarah Swaysland 15:44 Andy Barnes 15:44 Duncan Woolsmith 15:48 Richard Allison 15:49 Jennifer Howland 15:49 * Andrew Moore 15:51 * Marta Kunicka 15:51 Rachael Messenger 15:51 Christopher Blackwell 15:54 Andy Carpenter 16:07 Jackie Reynolds 16:07 Andy Reynolds 16:07 Rebecca Marvell 16:08 Celine Smith 16:28 Peter Smith 16:28 Nathan Carter 16:29 Martin Callow 16:29 Peter Hobbs 16:42 Michelle Armour 16:50 ** Mary Dumble 16:50 Martin Bingle 16:50 Dave Marshall 16:53 Anthony Gardner 16:53 Edward Short 16:53 Jim Catchpole 16:54</p>	<p>Nick Vanson 16:54 Jill Green 16:54 Steve Crockford 17:03 Karen Herbetko 17:03 * Bryan Darney 17:28 Sue Pearson 17:28 Andy Wright 17:35 Christine Stratton 17:52 * Helen Abbott 17:52 Robert Jackson 17:52 David Sheldrake 17:52 * Stuart Livingstone 17:52 Sammy Dawkins 17:52 Jo Winchcombe 17:52 Jeremy Keeler 18:03 Andrew Davies 18:04 Richard Langley 18:04 Lucy Robins 18:27 * Sheena Findlay 18:27 Andy Todd 18:27 Adrian Crocker 18:27 Alzbeta Benn 18:28 Joe Cooper 18:32 Jayne Cook 18:32 Sophie Ravenscroft 18:43 Mick Davidson 18:43 Mike Burrows 18:54 Nuala Laird 19:09 * Chris Starnes 19:09 Jane Macefield 19:09 * Julian Pursey 19:09 Mira Nair 19:11 John Wrigglesworth 19:11 Paul Cutmore 19:11 * Martyn Greaves 19:11 Judy Rickwood 19:23</p>	<p>Nicholas Yellop 19:23 * Chris Munt 20:10 Mark Helie 20:10 Christine Usher 20:10 Andy Weston 20:10 Vanessa Bysouth 20:10 Joe Avery 20:10 * Manfred Engler 20:12 John Elrick 20:12 Abigail Elrick 20:12 John Cook 20:12 Dee Brockway 20:13 Philip Friede 20:13 * Don Newman 20:24 Ian Fairweather 20:26 Ed Barnes 20:32 Francis Thomason 20:33 Gilbert John 20:33 Elaine Oddie 20:33 Richard Haynes 20:37 Chris Pitt 20:38 * Janet Goody 20:39 Luke Bradley 20:45 Eddie Handbury 20:45 Robert Powell 21:00 David Green 21:02 Nicholas Cole 21:12 Ken Grose 22:17</p> <p>Marshals' 53-mile Walk Jan O'Rourke 14:50 Roger Dean 15:59 Michael Headley 15:59 Neal O'Rourke 15:59 David Thornton 18:27 Sarah Turner 18:27 Jane Bates 20:30</p>
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