



LDWA Kent Group
High Weald Challenge:
Andredsweald Circuit
10 July 2016

After what was generally considered to be a very miserable June, Sunday 10th July dawned fine – but we soon had a miserable morning and early afternoon, although the sun made an appearance later on.

This year the routes were essentially a reprise of the 2012 ones, encompassing initially the Ashdown Forest, before all three courses returned to Forest Row from the unsung ridge to the north. The 1,400 yards downhill section, under the trees, after re-crossing the A22 (after about 4 miles) always intrigues me, as it goes on (and down) for far longer than I believe should be possible; and I hope you all ‘enjoyed’ the serious uphill section shortly after the first checkpoint.

95 started, including a fair smattering of “newbies”; 86 finished in time, with 4 (of a group of 5 feisty newby) ladies – being guided in over the last 6 miles by Peter “oops, I dropped one of them in the mud” Jull – recording an 11 hour finish. Commiserations to the 5 people who didn’t complete their distance. And I have it on good authority that Mr Brian (*I did a double hundred in 4 days in May*) Layton only went round the once.

I hope that you all valued your day out, any minor route grumbles notwithstanding, such as the golf course still causing some problems, and a KG now being merely a gate; oh, and CP5 being 100 yards too ‘early’ in the route (they realised too late to move the CP). Due to fast growing nettles and brambles etc, events at this time of year often require extensive ‘gardening’ to be done – hopefully your passage was reasonably clear.

Events cannot take place without the wonderful marshals, and my heartfelt thanks for their sterling work this year go especially to Jan & Neal O’Rourke for checking the routes and making minor amendments (ie improvements) and, on the day, to multi-tasking Michael Headley (computer & HQ); checkpoint personnel were Jan & Neal, Brian Buttifant, Keith Warman, Nick Dockree, Mike Pursey, Peter Jull, Andrew Melling (and Brian again), and our “A” team of kitchen staff, namely Joy Davies, Audrey West and Brenda Drew.

Michael, Jan & Neal (with 26 miles), and Andrew (with 20 miles) achieved Marshals certificates.

15 milers (21)

Caroline Curtis 3:22
Andrew Noble 3:22
Chris Woolgar 3:22
Lotte Carritt 4:02
Neil Walker 4:02
Jennifer Howland 5:01
Bernard Allen 5:25
Alison Campbell 5:35
Peter Noakes 5:35
Ian Redgrave 5:39
Viki Redgrave 5:39
Robert Field 5:43
Harvey Watts 5:43
Gareth Williams 5:45
John Williams 5:45
Kim Williams 5:45
Annemarie Knevitt 5:46
Eric Rolfe 5:53
Bill Young 6:14
Brenda Tuckey 6:47
Julie Partridge 6:47

20 milers (11)

Jannion Ireland 4:22
Simon Thraves 4:22
Victoria Bell 6:42
Darren Bell 6:42
James Briggs 6:49
Anne Dellow 7:13
Christopher Dellow 7:13
Alison Pitkin 7:13

Brian Pitkin 7:13
Judi Barham 7:16
Lorraine Smith 7:16

26 milers (54)

Ally Watson 4:25
Peter Butler 5:03
Glen Ridout 5:14
Nigel Whitehead 5:14
David Thompson 5:14
Malcolm John Dyke 5:16
Robert Haldane 5:16
Matthew Stephens 5:16
Darren Coates 5:22
Rhys Pippard 5:22
Peter Lemon 5:24
Marie Doke 5:24
Tara Williams 5:24
Fabrice Leistner 5:24
Clive Tant 5:35
Robert Cameron-Wood 5:35
Andrew Stalley 5:37
Janet Cobby 5:41
David King 5:41
Stephen Turner 5:45
Jeff Campbell 5:45
Janet Hill 6:24
Andrew Mallpress 6:33
Brian Layton 6:34
Andrew Boulden 6:36
Joanna Turner 6:45
Peter Hamson 6:45

Andy Carpenter 6:49
Rebecca Marvell 6:49
Cathryn Row 6:50
Mark Ilsley 7:05
Michael Bennett 7:07
George Fairbrother 7:07
Simon Bingham 7:20
David Davidson 7:29
Bryan Darney 7:32
Rodney Hyams 7:33
Karen Harvey 7:34
Melissa Butcher 7:52
Trevor Beeston 8:18
Antony Evans 8:18
Jeffrey Histed 8:18
Jackie Barker 8:19
Debbie Wilkes 8:19
David Moles 8:23
Stephanie Harding 8:44
Louise Bottomley 8:51
Lesley Burnett 9:01
Jane Bates 9:01
Duncan Macgregor 9:02
Helen Pratt 9:38
Paula Ridley 9:38
Steve Roberts 9:38
Jane Dicker 9:45

DNS (24)
Retired (9)

The 2017 High Weald event is scheduled for Wadhurst in late June / early July; in the meantime, though, this coming Bank Holiday (Sunday 28th August) we have the White Cliffs Challenge (15 and 32 miles), with the ever popular Sevenoaks Circular due in March 2017. **More details, as ever, on the Kent Group website: www.ldwa.org.uk/kent**
Any lost property issues, please contact me.

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