

42nd Sevenoaks Circular Walk Sunday 19th March 2017

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Sevenoaks Challenge Report Summary

Sunday 19th March saw the 42nd running of the Sevenoaks Circular. Again, there was a choice of three routes, 30, 20 and 15 miles. Conditions on the day were just about perfect - somewhat different to the dampness and mud experienced two weeks prior on the Marshals' event! This year's venue was once again the New School at West Heath along with its oakpanelling, crystal chandeliers, frowning portraits, executive style toilets and the like.

As with most events, there was significant number of people who had registered, but who didn't show on the day, but this was compensated for, to some extent at least, by some 23 entries on the day.

There were 93 participants on the 30 (well 31.4 miles, actually!) and 90 finishers.

There were 44 participants on the 20 miler and 44 finishers.

There were 52 participants on the 15 miler with 51 finishers.

A total, thus, of some 185 finishers from 189 starters - not a bad completion rate!

There was a good balance between the three distances, and it was great to see the 15 attracted so many entrants, many of whom were relatively new to Challenge Walking.

Although these events are not races, there were some impressive times ranging from a little over 5 hrs to a more leisurely a little over 10hrs for the 30 miler.

Anyhow I do hope a good time was had by all, participants and checkpointeers alike, and that you will be back at round about the same time next year for more of the same.

Roger Dean

Our next event is the High Weald Challenge: Heart of the Weald on Sunday 2 July 2017