

Guildford Boundary Walk - Sunday July 8th 2007 - Report

52 walkers and runners started our 2nd relaunched Guildford Boundary Walk. The walk was originally devised by Alan and Barbara Blatchford and first run in 1972.

It was organised jointly by Surrey Group of the Long Distance Walkers Association and Unisport at the University of Surrey.

The weather was fine and warm – a complete contrast to last year's. But the entry was significantly down. This new date was picked to fit at the end of the 1st Guildford WalkFest. But perhaps there were too many competing attractions on this new date – Wimbledon finals & the Tour de France in Kent?

Those that did do the event all said they'd enjoyed it and liked the route. Any comments would be welcome, and please spread the word about it.

Alastair Doyle of Guildford Orienteers did the fastest time in 1 minute under 3 hours, with 3 others just 7 minutes behind. At least 2 of our entrants took the time to go into the Onslow Arms for a drink, living up to the traditions of this event. But the greatest achievement was by the 3 who took 9 minutes under 9 hours, with Debbie Hayter doing a first ever of this distance. Anja, one of her companions said she wanted to pass on her thanks and appreciation to the organisers for such a well organised and pleasing day. Much appreciated!

The marshals' walk to do a last check of the route and to give a chance to helpers on the day, to walk it, was held on May 17th. It was good weather, but a more leisurely affair as we stopped for lunch at the Ship at Worplesdon for an hour.

Thanks

Organising Committee – Gavin Baker (Unisport), Fiona Cameron, Keith Chesterton, Tony Cartwright

Posters & Signage - Gavin Baker

Entries – Fiona Cameron

Start - Tony Cartwright, Louise Cartwright, Mervyn Harvey, Keith Chesterton, Don Bolton, Luin Wu (Unisport) & Yu Lan (Unisport)

CP1 - Janet Chapman, Molly Groundsell, Elizabeth Bryant, Julie Snowball (Unisport)

CP2 - Reg Chapman, Bill Grace, Gavin Baker (Unisport), Mervyn Harvey

CP3 – Fiona Cameron, Louise Cartwright, Jeff Bayton (Unisport) & Valerie Orson (Unisport)
Finish - Tony Cartwright, Bill Grace, Mervyn Harvey, Gavin Baker, Ting Hou (Unisport) & Chang Liu (Unisport)
Closing Down Marshal & Photographer – Keith Chesterton
Route Description - Tony Cartwright
Particular thanks to the Unisport helpers who are members of a volunteering group at the University.
And grateful thanks to the University of Surrey for the use of their facilities.

Keith Chesterton, July 11th