

The third "WEYBAC WALK" held on Sunday 17th June 1979

The departure from holding the walk in conjunction with the BAe annual Sports Day had little effect on the entry with numbers only a little less than in previous years. With the restricted width of the towing path in places a really large entry would be an embarrassment and so the event is not widely advertised. This year, in addition to the regular walkers there were several people being sponsored for Leukaemia Research, and a number of family groups.

After the usual scramble to get over the stile to the start point the walk got under way at 10.05 (the times below allow for this) and very soon the eighty-two starters were strung out along the river bank. Despite the recent wet weather the towing path was surprisingly dry apart from two places and where there had been lush areas of tall stinging nettles other years the way was pleasantly clear. Although the anglers have no more right to the river bank than the walkers many of them seemed to think otherwise as the great array of rods, bait and other associated items spread over the towing path indicated. One or two walkers became entangled in lines and I became one young fisherman's biggest ever "catch". More than one angler saw his lunch prematurely disappear when "Ricky" put his nose into a brown bag laying on the bank.

Unlike all other walks of this nature this is probably the only one where the number of finishers always equals the number of starters.

Alan Blatchford

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AND TIMES

• 1. Des Yeabsley	BAe Wey	2.10	• 36. Andrew Wayland	Woodcraft	5.01
2. Peter Short	BAe Wey	2.40	40. Dennis Gerring	Woking	5.07
2. James Crawford	BAe Wey	2.40	40. Peter Groves	Woking	5.07
• 4. Ronald Eaton	LDWA	2.50	40. Julie Maggs	Woking	5.07
5. Brian Tims	LDWA	3.22	40. Paul Taylor	Woking	5.07
5. David Challenger	LDWA	3.22	44. Steven Price	Biggs'wde	5.14
7. Martin Aitkin	New S'thgate	3.39	• 44. John LeWarne	Biggs'wde	5.14
• 8. Colin Mathews	Guildford	3.47	46. Keith Dibden	Chertsey	5.36
9. Robert Bates	New S'thgate	3.50*	46. Andrew Moore	Chertsey	5.36
9. David Allen	Worcs.Park	3.50	48. Joanne Cragg	BAe Wey	5.39
11. Geoff Beech	LDWA	3.33	48. Jean Lloyd	BAe Wey	5.39
11. Paul Gaston	LDWA	3.33	48. Jackie Lloyd	BAe Wey	5.39
13. Barbara Hebditch	LDWA	4.02	48. Barry Lloyd	BAe Wey	5.39
13. Albert Patrick	London	4.02	52. Ingrid Cadman	Knaphill	5.40
13. Sebastian Cottam	Yateley Sch	4.02	52. James M. Cadman	Knaphill	5.40
16. Richard Ireson	LDWA	4.18	52. James C. Cadman	BAe Wey	5.40
16. Keith Chesterton	LDWA	4.18	55. Donald Hoare	Chertsey	5.41
18. Valerie Challenger	LDWA	4.21	56. Beer Amoco Womble	A.T.C.	5.42
18. Alan Blatchford	LDWA/BAe	4.21	56. Jill Johnson	RGU London	5.42
20. Jane Howell	Yateley Sch	4.27	56. David Edwards	A.T.C.	5.42
• 20. Chris Honeywill	Yateley Sch	4.27	56. Maureen Mansfield	265 Sdn	5.42
22. Chris Flint	Met. Police	4.35	56. Neil Edwards	265 Sdn	5.42
22. Derek Warrilow	Met. Police	4.35	• 56. Phil Ralph	BAe Kings.	5.42
22. Mike Shields	Met. Police	4.35	62. Stuart Griffin	BAe Wey	5.45
25. Adrian Broad	Yateley Sch	4.44	62. Ashley Griffin	BAe Wey	5.45
25. Mike Kelly	Yateley Sch	4.44	62. Jean Griffin	BAe Wey	5.45
25. Roni Kelly	Yateley Sch	4.44	62. Norman Griffin	BAe Wey	5.45
28. Raymond Dibden	Biggleswade	4.48	62. Joyce Walkinshaw	" "	5.45
• 29. Ernie Foster	LDWA	4.49	67. Suzanne Watson	BAe Wey	5.47
30. Neil Brown	Biggleswade	4.57	67. Stuart Divall	Chertsey	5.47
30. Ian Bartram	Biggleswade	4.57	67. Nigel Hill	Chertsey	5.47
30. Paul Walker	Biggleswade	4.57	67. Andrew Watson	Chertsey	5.47
30. Peter Coleman	Guildford	4.57	71. Mary Dunsdon	265 sdn	5.49
30. Anne Coleman	Guildford	4.57	71. Marian Mansfield	265 sdn	5.49
• 35. David Coleman	Guildford	4.58	• 71. Adrian Munday	BAe Kings.	5.49
• 36. David Thomas	BAe Wey	5.01	• 71. Terry Begent	BAe Kings.	5.49
36. John Chandler	BAe Wey	5.01			
36. Ray Hankin	BAe Wey	5.01			

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+ started 20 mins late

WEYBAC WALK 1979 list of finishers cont

75.	Doug	Sudbury	Wonersh	5.58	
75.	Thelma	Sudbury	Wonersh	5.58	
75.	Dianne	Sudbury	Wonersh	5.58	
75.	Neal	Sudbury	Wonersh	5.58	
78.	Alan	Redpath	BAe Kings	6.06	
78.	Margaret	Redpath	" "	6.06	* indicates times completed previously
78.	Christine	Judd	" "	6.06	
78.	Robert	Millar	" "	6.06	
82.	Catherine	Cassidy	BAe Wey	6.15	
82.	Jane	Heath	BAe Wey	6.16	

EVENT STATISTICS

	this year	last year	1977
entries	112	113	120
starters	83	82	99
finishers	83	82	99
first time	2.10	2.10	2.05
last time	6.16	5.59	6.56

also completed the walk this year : two dogs "Ricky" and "Bisky"

A number of walkers were sponsored for Leukaemia Research and it is expected that between £500 and £600 will be raised for that cause.

OFFICIALS for the event were : making the coach arrangements: J.Chandler and D.Thomas, Starting arrangements: A.and B.Blatchford, Checkpoint one: B.Blatchford assisted by Erica and Ian, Checkpoints two and three: Leukaemia Research, at the finish to start with: P.Short and J.Crawford, and later B.and A.Blatchford.

The fourth "Weybac Walk" will be held in June next year but the date is not yet known. The next walk in this area is the British Airways International Walks (15 or 25 miles). All finishers receive a medal. On Sunday Sept 23 is the sixth Guildford Boundary Walk (21½ miles) with a time limit of 9 hours.

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(event organiser)

For details of other walks contact Alan Blatchford: Guildford 60085