

the eighth "PUNCHBOWL MARATHON" 6th June, 1976

Report and List Of Finishers

In the continuing period of dry warm weather over seventy people set out from Witley on the new route. This was the lowest number to date and really reflects the amount of publicity done. Although the walkers affiliations are not recorded in the following list the vast majority were LDWA members. Previously the walk had been organised by the Guildford and Godalming Athletic Club but from this year the Surrey LDWA Group are the promoters.

Those who had completed the marathon before will agree that the new route was a further improvement with its variety of terrain, although it was possibly rather longer than the nominal thirty miles. Also the distances quoted for the latter stages seemed a little long which caused several people to hurry to get home in time. Others were not so lucky however because a newly erected fence after Branley caused a number of walkers to deviate from the route and become lost for awhile. The percentage of "over-time" finishers must have been a record at 36%.

The first two finishers ran the course which accounts for their short time. Valerie Peel, the third walker back, put the ladies up a rung in finishing so high up the list. The furthest traveller to the event was probably Mike Benison from Taunton and the youngest to complete the marathon was Ian Blatchford aged nine.

Praise must go to Jeff Ellingham who took over as chief organiser and in fact just about ran the event himself.

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LIST OF FINISHERS

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| 1. Keith Peel | 5.23 | 28. W. Green | 9.41 |
| 2. Alan Wakefield | 6.48 | 28. L. Adamson | 9.41 |
| 3. Frank Duerden | 7.43 | 30. Louise Bates | 9.47 |
| 3. Keith Chesterton | 7.43 | 30. Keith Arnold | 9.47 |
| 5. Valerie Peel | 8.40 | 31. David Streeter | 9.52 |
| 6. David Young | 8.41 | 31. Trevor Talbot | 9.59 |
| 6. Geoff Dumper | 8.41 | 33. Basil Woodroffe | 9.59 |
| 6. Richard Compton | 8.41 | 33. Colin Barker | 9.59 |
| 9. Dave Page | 8.45 | 33. P. Stubbs | 10.00 |
| 9. Tony Rowley | 8.45 | | |
| 11. Mike Benison | 8.46 | 37. S. Deeks | 10.25 |
| 12. Barrie Deeks | 8.48 | 37. Mike Miller | 10.25 |
| 13. Ian Cooper | 8.49 | 37. Paul Miller | 10.25 |
| 13. G Reid | 8.49 | 40. walker from SEME | 10.29 |
| 15. walker from SEME | 8.50 | 40. Eric Rolfe | 10.29 |
| 15. walker from SEME | 8.50 | 40. Martin Jarrold | 10.29 |
| 15. Brian Bickle | 8.50 | 40. Phyl Jackson | 10.29 |
| 18. Martyn Greaves | 8.52 | 44. Ken Royce | 10.32 |
| 19. M McCormack | 8.53 | 45. Andrew Law | 10.34 |
| 20. Brian Lambarth | 9.06 | 45. walker from SEME | 10.34 |
| 20. Richard Puttock | 9.06 | 47. Alan Foster | 10.35 |
| 22. D. Beazer | 9.30 | 47. Christine Foster | 10.35 |
| 22. R. Taylor | 9.30 | 49. Brian Reader | 10.37 |
| 24. P. Darton | 9.31 | 50. James Makin | 10.41 |
| 25. Gerri Burgess | 9.38 | 51. Paul Kobyciok | 10.46 |
| 25. Graham Robinson | 9.38 | 52. Ian Blatchford | 10.51 |
| 25. A. Leggatt | 9.38 | 52. Alan Blatchford | 10.51 |
| ----- | | 54. Ron Smith | 11.09 |
| check with the LDWA newsletter | | 55. walker from SEME | 11.18 |

for the date of the next Punchbowl Marathon

18 other walkers retired at various places around the route

acknowledgements

Thanks to the following members and friends refreshment and checking at control points was administered.

CP No.

officials

1. Jeff Ellingham, Anne and Tom Anderson, Mrs. Makin
2. Barbara Blatchford and Liz Pamplin
3. Chris and Margaret Steer
4. Jill, Nick, and Alexander Chesterton
5. Tom and Anne Anderson, Mrs. Makin, Sven Neal
6. Barbara and Chris Barton
7. Arthur Radley, Barbara Blatchford

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Provisional Account

Income

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| 1. entry fees | £22.05 |
| 2. results postage | .71 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>£22.76</u> |

EXPENDITURE

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| 1. hire of hall | £10.00 |
| 2. squash | 3.00 |
| 3. certificates, checkcards | 2.00 |
| 4. entry forms etc. | 2.25 |
| 5. postages | 1.75 |
| 6. route descriptions | 1.00 |
| 7. miscellaneous | 1.80 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>£21.80</u> |
| Excess of Inc. over Exp. | 0.96 |
| | <u>£22.76</u> |

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FUTURE EVENTS

- Sun. 20 June "PURBECK PLOD" 25 miles circular walk from Swanage coach from Guildford £1.50
- Sun. 4 July "TANNERS MARATHONS" 10 miles Mini Marathon (quiz walk), 30 miles in ten hours challenge 50 miles in fifteen hours challenge
- Sun. 22 July "WANSDYKE WALK" 6 miles archaeological walk 15, 25 miles informal walk. coach from Guildford £1.50
- Sat. 31 July "TANNERS/CROCKHAM" 27 miles challenge walk between two youth hostels. Start Tanners Hatch.
- Sun. 17 Oct. "MASTERS & MAIDENS MARATHON" 26 miles, 385 yards. your chance to run the Olympic Marathon distance. Not a race but simply a chance to test yourself over the traditional distance. All may enter except men under 40 who have beaten 3 hours for the distance.

Details of the above events from Alan Blatchford 11 Thorn Bank, Onslow Village, GUILDFORD, Surrey tel 60035.

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