

THE REPORT ON THE LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOC. (SURREY GROUP)'S PUNCHBOWL MARATHON 4/2/79 30 MILES

The decision to hold the event in early February despite the mud, short daylight hours, & possible inclement weather seemed to pay off because there were considerably more entries this year than when held last June. The provision of just 2 checkpoints did not seem to deter anyone & there was also a record high percentage of finishers as of the 134 starters only 5 retired.

In theory 128 walkers started at 8.05am and 8 runners at 10am, but unfortunately at least 9 jogger/runners started at 8.05 & played havoc with the assumed checkpoint opening times. The 'tourist' walkers may therefore like to know that almost all those faster than 7½ hours jogged part of the route.

The route was much the same as in 1978 although the very tricky sections before Gibbet Hill were eliminated by use of the road. In the mid section the route was taken over the inconspicuous Yagden Hill to a new checkpoint near Elstead. The promoting Surrey Group of The LDWA were well represented as were Essex/Herts, Kent & Wessex Groups. Although the event was aimed mainly at the more experienced walkers several of those taking part were newcomers to this event as well as to challenge walks. Up until Bramley walkers found little to trouble them with route finding but after this some went astray due to lack of torches but later found their way back to the finish. The weather was cool but bright throughout but the underfoot conditions varied from oozy mud to hard frozen ground.

The unofficial mob-match between Surrey & Essex/Herts may be considered to be a victory for Surrey by just 4 mins (see Team Report). No doubt Essex/Herts will remember their 'star' Ann Sayer next year. Members from Sussex proved that they can muster enough to form a group so watch out these smaller contingents from Wessex & Kent next year. Well done to Croydon YHA for the biggest turnout by a non LDWA County Group.

The first women home were runner Ros Paul in 6.28 and walker Lynne Whitecross in 8.14. Thomas Hall's dogs 'Lady' & 'Kerry' earned certificates. Ian Blatchford was the youngest finisher (12) followed 9 mins later by David Allen aged 13 years, both being accompanied by their fathers to keep within our rules.. Phil Hastings overslept and started at Guildford & struggled round on his own.

David Challenger was one of the early walking finishers & like Ian & Alan Blatchford had kindly bought along his family to provide the refreshment. We must be most grateful for their help. Thanks also to Mervyn Harvey for checking you through at Elstead & Bramley.

I hope you'll all come back next year on Sunday Feb. 3rd. JRE.

LIST OF ALL FINISHERS REGARDLESS OF START TIME (BUT ALL LATE STARTING ALLOWED FOR).

Andrew Addis	Verlea AC	4.28	Chris Steer	Surrey	7.20
Martyn Greaves	Sussex	4.58	Frank Duerdon	Essex/Herts	7.20
John Moore	Wessex	4.58	Ian McLeod	Surrey	7.22
Peter Foster	Verlea AC	5.09	Andrew Gooding	Surrey	7.32
Peter Richardson	Verlea AC	5.09			
Roger Canavan	Verlea AC	5.35	Thomas Hall	Shalford	7.35
Andrew Jenkinson	Verlea AC	5.42	Lady & Kerry	"	7.35
Jack Rossiter	Essex/Herts	5.57	Stephen Alden	Surrey Police	7.35
Ian Cooper	Surrey	6.02	Derek Moyers	Surrey	7.35
Mark Pickard	Surrey	6.02	Ron Voyce	Sussex	7.36
Ernie Bishop	Kent	6.22	Graham Peddie	Surrey	7.36
Ros Paul	Essex/Herts	6.28	Tony Nana	Croydon YHA	7.40
Norman Paul	Essex/Herts	6.28	John Annet	Croydon YHA	7.46
Peter Rickards	Kent	6.28	Simon Holroyd	Surrey	7.47
Nike Miller	Surrey	6.28	Bryon Alden	Surrey	7.49
Joe May	Essex/Herts	6.57	David Challenger	Surrey	7.58
Jeff Reid	Surrey	6.57	John Parsons	Surrey	7.58
Mike Powell Davies	Essex/Herts	7.07	Stephen Swindin	Mdx	7.58
Ralph Henley	Surrey	7.12	Basil Woodroffe	Surrey	7.58
John Westcott	Surrey	7.12	Don Shipton	Wessex	8.14
Geoff Preston	11th Romford	7.19	Lynne White cross	Wessex	8.14
	Venture Scouts				

Bill Hazle	Essex/Herts	8.15	Bernard Clifford	Sussex	8.15
John Searle	Essex/Herts	8.15	Paul Clifford	Sussex	8.15
Tom Lyons	Essex/Herts	8.15	John Ambler	"	8.15
Colin Edmenson	SEME	8.15	Phil Hastings	Kent	8.15
Stuart Harding	Bath	8.15	David Allen	Worcester Park	8.16
R. Shackell	Cardiff	8.15	Robert Allen	"	8.16
Chris Mumford	Surrey	8.17	Molly White	Berks	8.18
Sven Neal	Surrey	8.17	Jonathon Pierce	Essex/Herts	8.20
Keith Hanson	SEME	8.17	Edward Tisdale	"	8.20
Sue Coles	Wessex	8.24	Timothy Morris	Croydon YHA	8.23
Richard Hotchkiss	Wessex	8.24	Martin Jepsen	"	8.23
Bill Grace	Surrey	8.24	Bill Radcliffe	Surrey	8.27
Dick Compton	Croydon YHA	8.27	Thomas Balm	"	8.27
Gauff Dumper	Croydon YHA	8.27	Ian Burghall	Berks	8.27
Geoff Beech	Sussex	8.27	Gerald Jackson	"	8.27
Derek Earl	Hassoeks Sports	8.28	Anthony Toon	"	8.27
Brian Coombes	Surrey	8.30	George Malion	IIth Romford	8.28
Brian Bickle	Surrey	8.32	David Topping	Venture Scouts	8.28
Charles Cook	Surrey	8.32	Ann Cartwright	Surrey	8.47
Brian Elce	Essex/Herts	8.32	Louise Cartwright	"	8.47
Broderick Paul	Essex/Herts	8.32	Sybil Cartwright	"	8.47
Rowland King	SEME	8.32	Tony Cartwright	"	8.47
Martin Leake	SEME	8.32	Roy Aitken	Sussex	8.51
Brian Buttifant	Kent	8.32	Robert Hewett	"	8.51
David Dingley	Kent	8.44	Jill Lazenby	Surrey	8.52
Geoff Giles	Essex/Herts	8.44	Nancy Powell Davies	Essex/Herts	8.52
Peter Stray	Essex/Herts	8.44	David Vandoorn	IIth Romford	8.52
Harold Gray	Surrey	8.47	Derald Barham	Essex/Herts	8.53
Andrew Jones	Guildford	.50	Edward Hammond	"	8.53
Alan Novelle	Shalford	.54	Tony Coleman	SEME	10.05
Wendy Rapley	Shalford	.54	Peter Baxter	Sussex	8.23
Tan Blatchford	Surrey	9.07	Robert Bradbrook	"	8.23
Ahan Blatchford	Surrey	.07	Robert Birks	SEME	8.26
David Fisher	Surrey	.07	Terry Cormack	SEME	11.19
Wendy Nicholas	Croydon YHA	.07	Martin Bickley	Croydon YHA	8.19
Roger Davis	"	.08	Pete Smith	New Zealand	8.19
Paul Kollat	"	.08	Pat Gardiner	"	8.19
Michael Fisher	Surrey	.08	Graham Lythgoe	Canada	8.19
Eric Rolfe	Essex/Herts	.09	Michelle Lythgoe	"	8.19
Reg Smith	Essex/Herts	.09	Doborah Manning	Croydon YHA	8.21
Jim Christie	British Airways	.11	Paul Weston	"	8.21
George Crossan	"	.12	Alan Stockhill	SEME	8.21
Torry Kemp	"	.12	Robert Hick	"	8.34
Matt Martin	"	.12			
John Gardner	SEME	.12			

AVERAGE TIME TAKEN FOR:-

Ist 10 from groups

Surrey Group	6.58
Essex/Herts	7.21
Sussex	8.44
Croydon YHA	8.59
SEME	9.45

Ist 20 from Groups

Surrey Group	7.31
Essex/Herts	8.18

RETIREMENTS

- Ian Gregory IIth Romford
- Laurie Harding Purley
- Philip Manning Croydon YHA
- Richard Sherlock Shalford
- Rex Stickland Kent
- Chris Whitely Weybridge

All finishers from Groups

Surrey Group	32	8.14			
Essex/Herts	20	8.18			
Croydon YHA	12	8.43			
Sussex	11	8.41			
SEME	10	9.45			
Verlea AC	5	5.12	IIth Romford		
Wessex	5	7.39	Venture Scouts 4	9.01	
Kent	5	7.50	British Airways 4	9.12	
			Berks	4	9.24

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One brown short sock. One pair of green waterproof loggings. One sweat band.