

**LDWA SURREY GROUP**  
**44th Surrey Inns Kanter**  
**Coulsdon**  
**1/1/2018**  
**REPORT AND RESULTS**

The 44th edition of the Kanter was held in the Coulsdon area for the first time. There were 24 entries in all, down from 2017.

The Coulsdon area grew in size after the railway in Chipstead Valley was electrified in 1928, and the venue chosen was an art deco inspired building dating from 1935, Field Marshal Montgomery and a young cellist Jacqueline du Pre being among the visitors.

As last year the area has largely survived the latest round of pub closures, with the exception of Jolliffe Arms at the foot of Shepherds Hill, Merstham. The newest pub was the first visited on both routes, Smugglers Inn, which is 21st century, and the next newest was Ramblers Rest in Outwood Lane, Chipstead which is 1993, however parts of the building date back to 1301. Another noteworthy pub is Wattenden Arms, Kenley, which has the RAF flag on one of its two flagpoles as it is adjacent to former RAF Kenley base.

The Coal Tax Post on both routes dates back to Victorian times until the tax was abolished in 1889. LDWA held Coal Tax Kanters from Walton on the Hill in 1982 and 1983 based on these, which are now listed monuments.

Quality Street, one of the clues on both routes, was renamed after J.M. Barrie's play of the same name, in honour of two of the actors in the play who lived there at the time. The chocolate box was also named after the play.

The weather on the day was grey with intermittent rain, the worst on this bank holiday for a while, and the footpath system had degenerated into winter conditions underfoot, however it was relatively mild.

Most walkers and runners managed the route in good time however despite the ground conditions.

If you see any errors in the results, can you please let me know and I'll get the web page updated.

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