

WINTER TANNERS 2004
EVENT REPORT and RESULTS

Marshals

John Westcott start and checkpoint dosing.
Dave Challenger start and checkpoint 1.
Pat Challenger and Bill Thompson checkpoint 1
Reg Chapman, Ralph Henley and Ken Styane checkpoint 2
Peter Waterhouse, Betty Waterhouse and Anne O'Mara checkpoint 3.

Many thanks to John Westcott for another universally praised route and to all the marshals and helpers who make the event possible.

	30mile	20mile
Entries	106	115
Starters	99	105
Time for getting home to the shower first	5:01	3:28
Time for enjoying the scenery most	10:38	10:17
Lost without trace – non fortunately		

Warm and wet, not the tea at Tanners Hatch, but the weather, yet there were plenty of cars in the car park when I arrived. Had I been listening to the wrong weather forecast, which promised, strong winds and rain followed by squally showers. Perhaps so far at the moment I arrived, the rain stopped. The LDWA has contacts in high places.

But surely there would not be that many entrants on the day. Wouldn't most people hear the patter of rain on the window and roll over for an extra snooze. Of course they wouldn't, not with the best Surrey mud just waiting for them.

So I began my two hour labour taking entries with my head stuck in the boot of my car. OK I did forget to bring a table, but by explaining it to people who for the next two days wondered why I was doing a Quasimodo impression.

Then it was off to set up Tanners Hatch check point, where I had to drive down the cart track at race pace to beat the two runners, who were "slightly" early. Next year I must borrow an off-roader from someone who is not taking the children to school. No one will beat me then.

The "breaking" news at checkpoint 2 was that someone was so desperate for a cup of Reg's fresh blackcurrant juice that they jumped on the table. I hope they are OK. The table is in intensive care. But this was up staged by the lady who did the 30 mile route with a 20 mile route description. Who says female intuition is not a powerful force.

And the rain, well apart from a few sharp showers it stayed away, and every one came in looking exceeding muddy. We did arrange a foot bath towards the end of the walk, courtesy of the River Mole, but I believe that some people refused to try it out.

National Trust – Thank you on behalf of the Trust to those who kindly donated over £100. Don't ever think that you have to donate if you enter the event, but if you do we will ask that the money goes to protecting the Surrey Countryside. No to developers turning Leith Hill tower into luxury apartments and the North Downs Way into lane 87 of the M25.

Results and Certificates enclosed. If I have made a mistake I have lots of excuses, so just let me know and I will send you a replacement certificate.

Congratulations for all those who took part, especially the two youngest entrants and to those who no longer tell us how young they are. We hope to see you all back again next year for the 26th new route.

Barry
SURREY LDWA

