

WINTER TANNERS REPORT 2007

Marshals

John Westcott start and checkpoint closing.

Dave Challenger start and checkpoint 1.

Pat Challenger and Keith Wilson checkpoint 1.

Reg Chapman, Nigel Baraclough, Bill Thompson checkpoint 2.

Peter Waterhouse, Betty Waterhouse and Anne O'Mara checkpoint 3.

John Westcott created and Dave Challenger checked the route.

Well I did predict a fine day for the 30th event in last year's Event Report, so now I am having delusions that I might be the new Nostradamus. Should I try commodity speculation; or the betting shop next? Given that we have had 3 weeks of rain and wind, rain and gales, I was expecting rain and hurricanes and that a kit check would require a ball and chain as essential equipment to stop participants being blown away. In the event the only complaint could be that the going was slightly soft in places.

Indeed it was such a pleasant day that there were few problems and even those participants who decided to invent their own routes all got back OK and enjoyed the day.

The check point teams operated with their usual efficiency and the only disappointment was that not all the biscuits were eaten. Perhaps having done our bit to encourage exercise we should look to healthy eating and provide diced carrot and cold sprouts – only joking. Checkpoint 2 should also have had a supply of Winalot as it seems to be in the middle of the dog walking centre of England. I understand that some canines left their very own signature at the checkpoint. No doubt the sort of dogs who have fry ups in front of the TV whilst downing a bowl of larger, rather than the super fit hounds that completed our event.

For the first time, I believe, more than half the entrants entered the 20 mile route, 133 with 115 on the 30 miles. The 30 is still popular and the growth in the 20 reflects to some extent people trying out the event. For the non LDWA member participants why not check out the LDWA web site and join up. You can also join the Surrey Group of the LDWA at no extra cost and get details of social walks.

Certificates are enclosed. If I have made a mistake (sore eyes and my one typing finger on the blink) just let me know and I will send an amended version.

Lost property – One Silva Compass- Let me know if it's yours and I will post.
Car keys/gloves/GPS case reported missing. If anyone has any info let me know.

Congratulations to all who took part and don't forget a pencil note in the diary for 13th January 2008 when I predict the weather will be.....