

33rd Winter Tanners, 24th January 2010

Thank you for taking part in the 33rd Winter Tanners.

This year wasn't the first time that the Winter Tanners has been postponed due to the weather, but I hope it doesn't happen too often! In postponing the event, our major concern was less about the conditions on the route, but being able to use the car park in Leatherhead, getting cars to the checkpoint locations to provide support, being able to cope with more than the usual number of retirements, and conditions on the roads getting to and from Leatherhead.

However, delaying the event by 2 weeks, to 24th January means that it has clashed with a number of other LDWA deadlines (and other stuff going on in my life) which has delayed the production of the certificates and final results.

Despite the postponement, which meant a lot of people couldn't do the rescheduled date, entries were up on 2009. The stats line up as follows:

| | 20 mile | 30 mile | Total |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| Entries in advance | 134 | 156 | 290 |
| Entries OTD | 69 | 41 | 110 |
| Total entries | 203 | 197 | 400 |
| Starters | 161 | 138 | 299 |
| Retirements | 7 | 7 | 14 |
| Finishers | 154 | 131 | 285 |

The results are attached in time order, and your certificate is enclosed. If your name is shown incorrectly on your certificate, please let me know and I will issue a replacement. Tel. 01483 487705 or E-mail f.cameron@tesco.net

Despite being a low-key event with minimal support, the Winter Tanners could not have taken place without the considerable efforts of the following, to whom thanks are due:

- John Westcott, for devising the route and writing the route description.
- Dave Challenger for checking the route.
- Andy Fogell & Nigel Barraclough were taking entries on the day in the car park at Leatherhead.
- Dave Challenger and John Lay were checking you out of the car park.
- Dave and Pat Challenger, Andy Fogell and Cindy McLeod were at Checkpoint 1 (Abinger Roughts).
- Elton Ellis, Alan Pettit, John Lay and Keith Chesterton were at Checkpoint 2 (Holmbury Hill).
- Peter Russell (& Holly), Keith Wilson, Nigel Barraclough and Peter and Betty Waterhouse were at Checkpoint 3 (Ranmore Common).

Thanks also to:

- The National Trust for the use of their car parks at Abinger Roughts and Ranmore Common. Donations by entrants totalling £183 will be passed on to the NT.

The **Tanners Marathon**, following the same routes as the Winter Tanners, (with an additional 10 mile Family walk route), will take place on Sunday 4th July 2010, starting from Leatherhead Football Club (near the Leisure Centre). For those who are navigationally-challenged, the route for the Tanners Marathon is partially way-marked.

Details of this event and many others are available on the LDWA web site at www.ldwa.org.uk

Provisional date for the Winter Tanners 2011 – Sunday 9th January

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