Long Distance Walkers Association - Surrey Group

the fourth "WINTERS TANNERS" 7th January 1979

At last it happened - a Winter Tanners in winter weather. After three years in which the event was held in almost Spring-like conditions it approached something near to what was originally envisaged. Although it was not much below freezing and there was no blizzard the underfoot surface of frozen snow, shallow drifts and icy puddles made the going rather slower than normal for most of the fifty or so that took part in the walk. Despite this John Harrison completed the route in an amazing 6.42 which is pretty fast for the Summer event.

Approximately 55 hardy souls set off at 08.10 from Leatherhead to be joined later by Graham Peddie and "Dusty". The majority managed to finish, a few retired or cut short the course, and some appear to be still trudging around because we havn't heard from them.

As most Tanners marathoners know the Winter event is or was basically a survey for the main walk in the Summer. However to provide a brief route guide for the January walk an even earlier survey now has to be done. Last year the chief route plotter became indisposed and unfortunately the route was survey was not completed as a result. Thus whilst some sections were adequately described others were a little sparse in their wording. Added to this one "R" was really an "L" and one "L" was an "R" in disguise. Consequently, as far as we know, not one person walked precisely the intended route. One area of confusion was in the vicinity of Ockley where walkers approached the Bovril stop from three separate compass points. Special mention must be made of six years old Andrew Folkes who all but completed the course with his father Anthony, and those that got cold feet whilst doling out hot drinks at the two checkpoints.

Alan Blatchford

DETAILS OF WALKERS (times approx)

6.42	John	HARRISON	LDWA-E/H
7.27	Roger	CANAVAN	Verlea AC
7.56	Ann	SAYER	LDWA-E/H
7.56	Mike	P.DAVIES	LDWA-E/H
7.56	Martyn	GREAVES	LDWA-Sy
7.30	David	YATES	LDWA
9.20	Jeff	REID	LDWA
9.20	Ian	COOPER	LDWA
9.20	Derek	MYERS	LDWA/BA
9.30	Mark	PICKARD	LDWA/RA
9.30	Maria	DONAVAN	RA Croy
9.30	Pat	MARCHANT	LDWA-E/H
9.30	Bill	HAZLE	LDWA-E/H
9.30	Joe	MAY	LDWA
9.30	Howard	ARTISS	Verlea AC
9.32	Ron	CHILD	
9.45	Ian	McCLEOD	LDWA-Sy
9.51	Celia	BISHOP	LDWA-Kent
9.51	Ernie	BISHOP	LDWA-Kent
9.51	Jim	LINTOTT	RA Croy
9.51	Rex	STRICKLAND	Ramsgate
9.51	Keith	CHESTERTON	LDWA-Sy
9.51	Chris	STEER	LDWA-Sy
10.15	John	WESTCOTT	LDWA-Sy
10.25	John	GRAY	LDWA
10.25	John	CASSELLS	LDWA T/V
10.25	Alan	CARY	Beacon
10.25	Terry	KEMP	LDWA/BA
10.25	Chris	MUNFORD	LDWA/BA
10.25	Harold	GRAY	Mdnhead
11.22	Brian	BICKLE	LDWA
11.22	Keith	HEWITT	LDWA
11.30	Molly	WHITE	LDWA/NTR
11.30	Barbara	BLATCHFORD	LDWA-Sy
11.30	Mike	JORDAN	RA Croydon
11.30	John	BUDD	LDWA Kent
11.30	Dick	COMPTON	LDWA YHA

no times received

Bryon	ALDEN	LDWA/Sy Police
Bill	WILLS	RA Croydon
Jack	ROSSITER	LDWA-E/H
Maurice	BLAEVOET	
Pete	SMITH	TTC N.Z.
Pat	GARDINER	TTC N.Z.
G	LYTHGOE	HVTC N.Z.
Pat	LUREY	LDWA-E/H
Anthony	CULLIN	LDWA

missed a few miles

Jill LAZENBY, Nancy POWELL DAVIES
Andrew FOLKES, Anthony FOLKES,
Graham PEDDIE (and Dusty), Ron TEMPLE
Dave CHALLENGER, John OFFLEY

9.45 "Simon" with Ian McCLEOD

CHECKPOINTS: Margaret Steer, Jeff Ellingham, Alan, Ian Erica Blatchford

The "Tanners Marathon" (July 1) will follow a slightly modified course to the "Winter Tanners"