# THIRD ANNUAL "WINTERS TANNERS" held on January 8th 1978

## REPORT OF EVENT AND LIST OF RECORDED FINISHERS

As mentioned elsewhere the "Winter Tanners" was from the inuagural event intended to be a hard winter walk, made harder by the thick Surrey mud and it was thought that there might even be a possibility of a goodly carpet of snow. The first year was incredibly dry, and the weather was unseasonably warm. Next year conditions were not quite so good and this year was only a little worse.

The walk was advertised as being informal, and so informal was it that no count of how may people actually set off from Leatherhead was made but my estimate is 65. The majority of walkers were LDWA members and it was pleasing to have members of the renamed "Bristol & West" group with us plus a contingent from Essex/Herts, Thames Valley, and Kent Groups.

Although we said "no runners" the times recorded by the earliest finishers were remarkably short for even the best of walkers and were not far off the best times achieved for the "Tanners Marathon" (Summer version). Unfortunately so speedy were the pacemakers that the first support point had to be transferred to a site further down the route and even then the leaders were missed. The tea stop was brought back from Coldharbour to to avoid congestion at The Plough and again the leaders were missed.

day Those who entered by post received a route outline but on the /entries only had the abridged route description and this may have caused a few people to go astray. Near Winterfold there are two road junctions both with the same features and some walkers reached the wrong one and searched unrewardingly for the windmill.

At the end of the day nearly everone reached Leatherhead again but probably several walkers were not recorded in and so the list of finishers is not complete. Those had walked the previous "Winter Tanners" generally recorded faster times and so the route length was checked on the map. This indicated that the minimum length was 28.1 miles which probably means that the true length was about  $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4}$  mile under the nominal 30 miles. Naturally a suitable adjustment will be made for the Tanners Marathon in July. See revised sketch map.

The nineteenth "Tanners Marathon" will be held on Sun. July 2nd. This is the annual 30 m -in-10 hours event. Held concurrently will the bi-annual "Tanners Fifty" and the "Tanners Ten", and the "Mini-Marathon". The "Fifty" comprises one loop of 20 miles and then the "Winter Tanners" route(adjusted). The two short events are both over the same 10 miles route: one being a straight walk and the other a quiz walk with a prize for the walker/team with the most points at the end. Full details will be available during March.

Lost during the walk was a night millermitt(fingerless glove). Region of loss was golf course-Honeysuckle Bottom area. Cold handed owner is Martin Stone of Flat 19, Bullen House, Collingwood St., LONDON E1 5DY

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## LIST OF RECORDED FINISHERS AND THEIR TIMES FOR THE WALK

As mentioned earlier the event was informal and so times are based upon a few noted at the end and the others on details sent in after the walk. The list has not been made in time order because of obvious differences in timekeeping. The walk officially started at 08.07 for reference but one or two people did start after this and an adjustment has been made.

Mike Powell Davies	LDWA E/H	6.17	John Ha	errison	LDWA Chesham	6.17
Pat Marchant	LDWA E/H	6.17	Ann	Sayer	LDWA E/H	6.17
George Eastwood	LDWA E/H	6.17	Bill	Wills	Croydon RA	6.38
Tony Rowley	LDWA B/W	7.45	George	Westcott	LDWA B/W	7.55
Derek Myers	and the second s	7.38	Bob	Chapman	London	7,38
Don Cooper	LDWA Thames	7.38	John	Cassells	LDWA Thames	7.38
John Gray LDW	A Leatherhea	d7.38	Mike	Benison	LDW B/W	8.21
R Cooper	LDW Thames	7.53	D.	Grant	LDWA Thames	7.53
Mark Pickard LDWA	A & Croy. RA	7.23	Brian	Leggatt	Croydon RA	9.48
John Buckle	Croydon RA	9.18	Stuart	Durrant	Croydon RA	9.48
Keith Chesterton	LDWA Surrey	7.56	John	Prall	LDWA B/W	9.30
Peter Joslin	LDWA B/W	9.30	Phi1	Hastings	LDWA Kent	9.30
Frank Thomas	LDWA B/H	5.39	Martin	Stone	LDWA	6.12
Chris Dodd	LDWA London	6.24	Celia	Bishop	LDWA Kent	8.21
Ernie Bishop	LDWA Kent	8.21	Tony	Youngs	LDWA Surrey	8.21
Dave Challenger	LDWA Surrey	8.02	Dick	Compton	Croydon YHA	8.02
Chris Steer	LDWA Surrey	8.15	Alan	Blatchfo	rd LDWA Sy	8.18
Martin Greaves	I,DWA	6.17	David	Young	CroydonYHA	9.18
S Breakell		9.13	R.Phill	lips		9.13
R. Child		7.43	Robert	Phillip	s Yateley	9.13
Andrew Bushnell	LDWA	9.13			Later	

### OTHER FINISHERS WITH NO TIME RECORDED

Eryon	Allden	Stephen	Allden	Graham Knight		D.Cooper	
Keith	Hewitt	Jim	Gillard	John	Westcott	Bill	Hazle
T. Ha	wkins	John	Budd	Ian	Cooper		

#### NON COMPLETERS

Thomas Harding Christine Gray Alec Horne

#### CANINE FINISHERS

"Sofia" with Brian Legatt and "Ricky" with Keith Chesterton

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#### NOTES RE "TANNERS MARATHON" SKETCH MAP

The route has been adjusted as follows: at Shere line of walk straightened out so that route leads further along main street avoiding the streamside path, and after Tanners Hatch and Bagden Farm the length is increased to pass Crabtree Cottages and go through Norbury Park thus avoiding crossing the (busy) By Pass. Route passes under By Pass beside River Mole.

Any offers of assistance with checkpoint duties on July 2nd

will be warmly welcomed.

AWB Jan 17th 1978