



LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

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SURREY GROUP

REPORT AND RESULTS OF THE WINTER TANNERS WALK - 31st January 1982

Alan Blatchford regarded the Winter Tanners as satisfying a demand for those who wished to walk the Tanners route in tough winter conditions. It was therefore a pity it had to be postponed this year due to bad weather but judging from remarks I have received, very few would have come to Leatherhead on 10th January. Of the 9 who did attend, 2 actually declared an intention to walk the whole route and claim a certificate. As I did not subsequently get a triumphant phone call I can only assume the foot deep snow deterred even these intrepid pilgrims from their resolve.

The Winter Tanners did get under way 3 weeks late with less testing conditions underfoot. 97 walkers/runners presented themselves at Leatherhead Football Club to walk the 30 mile route proving exercise for the Tanners Marathon to be held on 4th July. The weather was fine and clear giving an opportunity to see the many extensive views of central Surrey afforded by the route.

Mark Pickard recorded the fastest time and would have headed the field by more than an hour but for Mark Elgood. In all 92 completed the course but there were some surprising names among the 5 retirements. Frank Thomas did get back to Leatherhead on a course roughly equivalent to the route but he would prefer to be regarded as retired rather than have his time recorded. His leisurely stroll included a visit to the Prince of Wales at Shere and then getting lost across Blackheath but he assures me this was not cause and effect. Tendon trouble caused Geoff Peck to retire at Shere and Tom Harding said he just had an off day so decided to finish at Abinger.

Obviously Blatchford Down had to be included in the route, this being the first Tanners since the opening ceremony. At the end of November the sunken path up Blatchford Down was impenetrable. However the Surrey Group hatcheteers got to work and not only cleared the path for the event but thanks to the postponement, opened up the views as well. It was also a requirement that the route go via Honeysuckle Bottom to accommodate the major static checkpoint for the Fifty miler to be held in conjunction with this year's summer event. With these 2 obligatory features in mind, Barbara Blatchford devised a very nice route which included St Martha's Church, Blackheath and the Switchback. It would have been desirable to avoid the road section north of Peaslake but so far we have not been able to come up with an acceptable alternative.

Walkers I spoke to thought the route description very good although some told a tale of having difficulty at some time. Main points of confusion were the fire sign just after Honeysuckle Bottom, the metalled lane on Blackheath and for some reason the pavements on the road section. Thank you all for your remarks and we will take them into consideration when checking the description for the summer event.

Left at the finish were a light brown vest and a 1965 1" OS map of London SW. Would the owners get in touch with me for recovery.

Details and entry form for the Tanners 30 Or 50 will be available from Andrew Young, 17 Paddock Grove, Beare Green, Dorking shortly. Also if your name appears among the finishers overleaf you have qualified for the Surrey Summits 100Km walk of which details are available from me. Don't forget the SAE when writing for details.

John Westcott (Organizer).

LIST OF FINISHERS

	h m		h m
Mark PICKARD	4.13	Terry SIMPSON	7.55
Mark ELGOOD	4.21	Carolyn TOMBS	8.02
David CARTWRIGHT	5.20	Lynn WHITECROSS	8.07
Tony CARTWRIGHT	5.20	Don SHIPTON	8.07
Martyn GREAVES	* 5.20	Michael ABBOTT	8.10
Steve ALDEN	5.22	Judy GRAVELL	8.19
Gerald ORCHARD	5.24	Bill GRACE	8.25
Paul RUTTER	5.32	Keith WILKINSON	8.27
Bryon ALDEN	5.34	Albert FLEMMING	8.33
Pauline SHORE	5.35	Ron DYKE	8.33
John ROBINSON	5.43	Chris STEER	8.34
Trevor CIVIL	5.38	Lloyd PERRETT	8.35
Chris SAYLE	5.46	Dick COMPTON	8.53
Sandy SCHOFIELD	5.48	Colin ANDREWS	8.58
David BRUMMELL	5.48	Brian HAIGH	9.04
Sandy JOHNSON	5.51	Cyril BLOW	9.04
Tony ROWLEY	5.55	Dick CHELL	9.04
David SMITH	5.55	John HARRISON	9.06
Peter CAULFIELD	6.20	Harry LOCK	9.20
Sandra HOUGHTON	6.20	Ken MAYHEW	9.20
Paul HOUGHTON	6.20	Jack BURGOYNE	9.20
David WHITEHEAD	6.28	Malcolm TADD	9.26
Leslie SMITH	6.30	Robert TOMBS	9.43
Roy BARNSLEY	6.30	Joyce TOMBS	9.45
John WESTCOTT	6.51	Brian HAXBY	9.49
Michael HAWKINS	7.05	Ted LAUNDON	9.55
Derek EARL	7.05	Paul OSMAN	10.00
Brian TIMS	7.06	Paul WETHERALL	10.00
Derald BARHAM	7.07	Frank PERRETT	10.00
Tim CARTER	7.09	Ron WALTERS	10.09
John GOODY	7.11	Carole WALTERS	10.09
John BILLTON	7.14	Lene CLARKE	10.09
Dave STREET	7.17	Bruce CHANDLER	10.22
Ken SAUNDERS	7.20	Sue RAMSEY	10.31
Len WILCOCKS	7.23	Ray HANKIN	10.33
Richard BROWN	7.23	Keith SPELLER	10.34
Sandra BROWN	7.23	Barbara BLATCHFORD	10.42
John GARD	7.23	Paul CLIFFORD	10.45
David WOODYER	7.23	Bernard CLIFFORD	10.45
Dan HADFIELD	7.29	John TAYLOR	10.45
Victor GUTTERIDGE	7.40	G CLIFFORD (and GOLDIE)	10.45
Geoff WHITE	7.40	Gary STAPLES	10.46
Celia BISHOP	7.44	Eric ROLFE	10.50
John FRIEND	7.44	Phyl JACKSON	10.50
Ernie BISHOP	7.44	John BUDD	10.56
Peter CROSS	7.45	Bill STIRLING	10.57
Roy DILLIWAY	7.51.		

* Not as part of the event. Route completed on 23rd January 1982.

Retired: Tom HARDING, Harry BISHOP, Frank THOMAS, Shoyne DAVEY and Geoff PECK.

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Answering the many telephone enquiries: My mother and Father.