



LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

aim : to further the interests of those who enjoy long distance walking

SURREY GROUP

WINTER TANNERS

15th January 1984

REPORT AND RESULTS

In spite of the weathermen forecasting gloom and discrepancy for the 15th January, 233 keen walkers converged on Leatherhead to walk the 30 mile route proving exercise for the Tanners Marathon. There were reports of entrants encountering snow and ice on the journey to the start but in central Surrey we had a fine sunny day and even the cold wind, which had been a feature of the weather during the week prior to the event, decided to ease off a little. The mud was there underfoot of course but even this could have been a lot worse.

In 1984 the 25th Tanners Marathon is to be held and as part of the quarter century celebrations, the route has been devised to coincide as much as possible, with that of the first Tanners in 1960. As that event started and finished at Tanners Hatch Youth Hostel, as opposed to the present venue at Leatherhead, a major amendment was necessary to compensate for the additional 4 miles between the 2. This was done by cutting out the Western Section over to Newlands Corner, St Marthas area and taking a short cut through Winterfold Forest. The hills of Pitch, Holbury and Leith (a traditional feature of so many Tanners) were there and of course the ascent of the steep slope north of the A25, this time using the long winding approach to Rammore Common from Combe Fern. These features helped to make a good testing course but in spite of this there were many appreciative comments about the route and we were fortunate the fresh winter sunshine showed the scenery at its best.

The route description was, on the whole thought to be very good but inevitably there were tales of walkers getting lost. Main points were: not being able to recognise a grassy track in early January on Rammore Common, the confusion of leaving Blatchford Down by second stile, confusion generally in Winterfold Forest (the graveyard of so many walkers hopes of a good time on many events), and the stiles just after Tanners Hatch. With regard to the latter point, I can assure you there was a dilapidated stile in place at the turn off across the field when I walked the route in November but the movement of the stile at the top of the hill after Bagden Farm from the left to the right of the track was the work of the typist and I apologize for not having noticed this when I checked the draft. I can assure you, your comments on the route description are very helpful and will be taken into consideration when checking it for the summer event. If anybody has further comment I will be pleased to hear from them, Tony Youngs expressed disappointment at not seeing the triangular bears on Leith Hill.

There were 207 who completed the course. Heading the field was Mark Pickard, still making his comeback after being out of action for so long with a leg infection. This time last year he had to play the role of spectator at the Winter Tanners. There were 15 who declared themselves as retirements and a further 10 who either retired or did not book in at the finish.

My thanks to the hard working marshalls who were very much overstretched with difficulty in just not being able to heat up soup in the cold wind and the additional burden of serving food which I imposed on them at the last minute. At Shore Heath there was Pauline Black and Valerie Challenger, At Wotton there was Mervyn Harvey, Margaret Steer and Violet Westcott (my mother). At Tanners Hatch there was Graham Peedle while Dave Green put in a very full day helping at the start, the finish and Shore Heath. My thanks also go to Chris Steer for the printing, to Tony Youngs for designing the new certificate and to Barbara Blatchford for devising the route and compiling the route description.

I would also thank the many walkers who expressed their appreciation to me for staging the Winter Tanners. I must admit when preparing for any event, it does tend to take over your life but all the work becomes so worthwhile to see the smiling faces of the walkers as they come striding into the finish.

Finally may I return to the interpretation of the route description and particularly the finish. Some walkers missed the finish because they did not realize it was in a different place from the start. This confusion may have arisen because I stated in the details that the start and finish point was in the car park whereas by the time I came to produce the route description I had changed my mind and failed to check what I had written 3 months earlier. Even so the route description did quite clearly instruct you to finish at the gates to the football club. The change of start was to a certain extent forced upon me to alleviate the car parking problem but I still thought it would be nice to have the finish in the traditional place. For those of you who have difficulty in coming to terms with an event where the finish is in a different place from the start be warned that in 1986 the 100 mile event is the 5th Downsman and I do not want any walkers trying to check in to finish at the same point from which they start on that event.

I hope you enjoyed your day out.

John Westcott
(Organizer)

TWENTY FIFTH TANNERS MARATHON

The 25th Tanners 30 will be held on Sunday 1st July 1984. To mark the occasion there will be special certificates and Barbara Blatchford is compiling a booklet about the Tanners. There is a free entry to anybody who took part in the first Tanners in 1960.

Held in conjunction with the 30 will be the usual 10 miler with the optional quiz and the 6th Tanners 50 although these events will be very much overshadowed by the celebrations for the 30. You will not even get one of the special certificates if you complete the 50.

Details available from Andrew Young, 17 Paddock Grove, Beare Green, Dorking, Surrey.

The Tanners marathons are organized by the Tanners Marathon Association which is a separate organisation from the Long Distance Walkers Association.

OTHER EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE SURREY GROUP OF THE L D W A

The Surrey Group of the Long Distance Walkers Association has a varied programme of activities including social walks, social evenings, slide shows and path clearing parties throughout the year but we tend to stage our events more in the Winter months. Of our early year quartet there are still 2 to go, both with their venue at Chichester Hall, Witley GR 947354.

The Punchbowl Marathon takes place on Sunday 29th January 1984 and walkers have the choice of 2 routes - 18 miles and 30 miles. The 30 mile route is so designed that you can cut it short if feeling fatigued or running out of time to finish an 18, 24 or 27 mile route.

The Surrey Summits is a little more challenging. The 100 kilometre (62 1/2 mile) route goes over some of the route of the Winter Tanners including those 3 lovely hills. The event starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday 7th April and all to finish by midday on Sunday 8th April 1984, giving a 26 hour time limit. There is no running allowed on this event. The closing date is 7th March 1984.

Further details of both these events can be obtained from me at 31 Brackenh Way, Chobham, Woking, GU24 8PR. but entries for the Punchbowl should go to Jeff Ellingham, Farthings, Wheeler Lane, Witley.

Later in the year we have the 21 1/2 mile Guildford Boundary walk on Sunday 16th September. Details of the walk can be obtained from Barbara Blatchford in due course at 11 Thornbank, Guildford.

THE LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

If you are not a member of the LDWA and feel you would like to join, further details can be obtained from the membership secretary, 4 Mayfield Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 8ES.

LIST OF FINISHERS

| | Time | | Time |
|------------------------------------|------|--------------------------------------|------|
| Mark PICKARD (LDWA Surrey) | 4.27 | John FRIEND (LDWA Wessex) | 7.27 |
| Mark ELGOOD (Southern Nav O C) | 4.41 | Louise CARTWRIGHT (LDWA Surrey) | 7.28 |
| Frank THOMAS (LDWA Essex/Herts) | 4.44 | Tony CARTWRIGHT (LDWA Surrey) | 7.28 |
| Will TAYLOR (Southern Nav O C) | 4.48 | Steve RACKETT (LDWA Surrey) | 7.30 |
| Martyn GREAVES (LDWA Sussex) | 4.52 | Frances DAVIES (LDWA Surrey) | 7.30 |
| Adrian STEPHENS (Southern Nav O C) | 4.53 | Dave CHALLENGER (LDWA Surrey) | 7.30 |
| David WHITEHEAD (LDWA Surrey) | 5.19 | Keith WILKINSON (Croydon YHA) | 7.32 |
| Terence FOREY (LDWA Surrey) | 5.24 | Keith GRAYVELL (Croydon YHA) | 7.37 |
| Ken SAUNDERS (Feltham Puffers) | 5.24 | Rex STICKLAND (LDWA Kent) | 7.38 |
| Clifford ASTLEY (Feltham Puffers) | 5.24 | Ian McLEOD (LDWA Surrey) | 7.41 |
| Peter PHAIR (Feltham Puffers) | 5.21 | Iven VERRELL (LDWA Kent) | 7.42 |
| Peter DAVEY (Southern Nav O C) | 5.25 | Bob FORD (LDWA Thames Valley) | 7.42 |
| Richard BROWN (LDWA Surrey) | 5.28 | Ian COOPER (LDWA Surrey) | 7.47 |
| Terry SIMPSON (LDWA Surrey) | 5.35 | Judy COOPER (LDWA Surrey) | 7.47 |
| John TUTT (Hounslow A C) | 5.35 | Chris COTTAM (Milton Keynes A C) | 7.47 |
| John ROBINSON (LDWA Surrey) | 5.46 | Sandy JOHNSTON (Basingstoke A C) | 7.47 |
| Geoff NEWTON (LDWA) | 5.49 | Ian DITCHFIELD | 7.47 |
| David ROSEN (LONDON O K) | 5.50 | John LAW | 7.47 |
| Miriam ROSEN (LONDON O K) | 5.50 | Roy DILLWAY (LDWA) | 7.47 |
| Victor GUTTERIDGE (LDWA E/H) | 5.52 | Mike GREGSON (LDWA) | 7.48 |
| Bob GUTTERIDGE (LDWA) | 5.52 | Tony GEATER (LDWA Surrey) | 7.41 |
| Sandra BROWN (LDWA Wessex) | 6.06 | Richard TOMBS (LDWA Kent) | 7.51 |
| Timothy STYLES (Croydon YHA) | 6.13 | Martin CRAWLEY (LDWA Essex/Herts) | 7.55 |
| Mike GRANT | 6.17 | Richard JASPER (LDWA) | 7.55 |
| Tony BRIGGS (LDWA Surrey) | 6.17 | Brian PURCHASE (LDWA Sussex) | 7.55 |
| Dave STREET (LDWA Surrey) | 6.17 | Derek EARL (LDWA Sussex) | 7.55 |
| John WESTCOTT (LDWA Surrey) | 6.19 | Ernie BISHOP (LDWA Kent) | 7.55 |
| John BILLTON (Boro of Hounslow) | 6.22 | John HARRISON (LDWA) | 7.57 |
| Alan KEITH (LDWA Surrey) | 6.28 | James SAULE (Saffron Walden Nutters) | 7.59 |
| Mike BARRIE (SAXONS O C) | 6.31 | Bob LAW (LDWA) | 7.59 |
| Pat DAVEY (Southern Nav O C) | 6.32 | Barry POWELL | 7.59 |
| Frances WATKINS (Southern Nav O C) | 6.32 | Jeff TREADWAY (LDWA Essex/Herts) | 8.00 |
| Mike PARKS (B&A Dynamics) | 6.32 | Keith WILSON (LDWA Essex/Herts) | 8.00 |
| Philip JONES (London O K) | 6.33 | Neil NICHAM (LDWA Surrey) | 8.01 |
| Hilary BLOOR (London O K) | 6.33 | Keith CHESTERTON (LDWA Surrey) | 8.01 |
| Peter CAULFIELD (LDWA SURREY) | 6.44 | Peter YOUNG (LDWA Surrey) | 8.01 |
| Pat CARD | 6.45 | Jim DUNSTER (LDWA Surrey) | 8.01 |
| Mark RUTTER (LDWA) | 6.46 | John RYDEN (Surrey W C) | 8.05 |
| Paul RUTTER (LDWA) | 6.46 | Don COOPER (LDWA Thames Valley) | 8.06 |
| John CARD | 6.52 | Rob TOMBS (Penge P A's) | 8.11 |
| Leslie SMITH (LDWA Sussex) | 6.53 | Roy WARMAN (LDWA Kent) | 8.11 |
| Alan NEGUS (Cycling T C) | 7.00 | Brian TIMMS (LDWA Sussex) | 8.16 |
| Tim CARTER (LDWA Sussex) | 7.04 | Geoff BEECH (LDWA Sussex) | 8.16 |
| Clare ELGOOD (S Yorks Orienteers) | 7.04 | Brian ADDOCK (LDWA Essex/Herts) | 8.17 |
| Len WILLCOCKS (LDWA) | 7.04 | Alan CASTLE (LDWA Sussex) | 8.17 |
| Dave VANDOORN (LDWA) | 7.05 | Colin HAYWARD (LDWA) | 8.17 |
| Derald BARRAN (LDWA) | 7.10 | John TAYLOR (LDWA Sussex) | 8.17 |
| Shirley HUME (LDWA Thames Valley) | 7.11 | Paul CLIFFORD (LDWA Sussex) | 8.17 |
| Chris HUME (LDWA Thames Valley) | 7.11 | Roger SMITH (LDWA) | 8.18 |
| Brian WILLIAMS (LDWA Essex/Herts) | 7.13 | Joe DENEHY (Croydon R A) | 8.20 |
| Tony TWYMAN (LDWA Essex/Herts) | 7.13 | Brian HAIGH (LDWA Surrey) | 8.26 |
| John GOODY (LDWA) | 7.19 | Chris COATES (LDWA Surrey) | 8.27 |
| Brian HOLLAND | 7.20 | Keith HEMITT (LDWA Surrey) | 8.28 |
| Martin HOLLAND | 7.20 | Brian BICKLE (LDWA Surrey) | 8.28 |
| Paul HOUGHTON (Feltham Puffers) | 7.21 | Laurie LOWE (LDWA Kent) | 8.29 |
| John GRAY (LDWA) | 7.21 | Jack ALLEN (LDWA Staffs) | 8.29 |
| Christine GRAY (LDWA) | 7.21 | David DRAPER (Croydon R A) | 8.29 |
| Dan HADFIELD (LDWA Surrey) | 7.21 | Robert YOUNG (LDWA) | 8.29 |
| Bill GRACE (LDWA Surrey) | 7.21 | David THOMAS (LDWA Surrey) | 8.31 |
| Sandra HOUGHTON (Feltham Puffers) | 7.21 | Chris GOODMAN (LDWA Essex/Herts) | 8.38 |
| Ann SAYER (LDWA Essex/Herts) | 7.22 | Chris STEER (LDWA Surrey) | 8.41 |
| Patrick MARCHANT (LDWA E/H) | 7.22 | Tony YOUNGS (LDWA Surrey) | 8.42 |

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| Lloyd PERRETT (LDWA Wessex) | 8.42 | Harold GRAY (LDWA Thames Valley) | 9.07 |
| Derek DUCHMAN (217(L) Gen hospital) | 8.42 | Geoff DUMPER (Croydon YHA) | 9.10 |
| Ken MAYHEW (LDWA Surrey) | 8.44 | Dick COMPTON (Croydon YHA) | 9.10 |
| Alan WOODWARD (Feltham Puffers) | 8.44 | Jill GREEN (LDWA I.O.W) | 9.14 |
| Graeme CROME(LDWA Essex/Herts) | 8.45 | Adrian MACE (Croydon R A) | 9.14 |
| Jim PALMER (Surrey W C) | 8.45 | Nigel MASLIN (Surrey W C) | 9.14 |
| Nicholas RALPH (P Y C) | 8.46 | Joyce TOMBS (LDWA Surrey) | 9.17 |
| Arthur EDDLESTON | 8.47 | Richard HALL (Croydon R A) | 9.20 |
| Phil HASTINGS (LDWA Kent) | 8.47 | Richard STOKES (Croydon R A) | 9.20 |
| Harry KEMPTON (Surrey W C) | 8.47 | Ouncan HOLD (Croydon Y H A) | 9.20 |
| Peter GLENN (LDWA Surrey) | 8.49 | Richard WEBB (LDWA) | 9.20 |
| Aminmohamed SHANJI (Smith K & F) | 8.51 | Kevin WEBB (LDWA Surrey) | 9.20 |
| Ron DYKE (Hillingdon Walkers) | 8.51 | Jack BURGUYNE (LDWA Kent) | 9.20 |
| Albert FLERING (LDWA) | 8.51 | Bob BRAZIER (BAe) | 9.23 |
| Derek BAKER (YHA Nat Exec Comm) | 8.52 | Ray HANKIN (BAe) | 9.23 |
| Ray BOLTON (LDWA Staffs) | 8.52 | Navis MARSHALL (LDWA Sussex) | 9.23 |
| Roger STEEL | 8.53 | Barry BROOKS (Hornchurch YHA) | 9.23 |
| Mary MITCHELL (Saxons O C) | 8.54 | Molly WHITE (LDWA Thames Valley) | 9.23 |
| Van VANDENBERG | 8.55 | Richard HART (Hornchurch YHA) | 9.23 |
| Chris LEWIS | 8.55 | DI WARLAND (LDWA Sussex) | 9.23 |
| Derek EDWARDS (LDWA Thames Valley) | 8.55 | Jerome WHITEHEAD (British Army) | 9.28 |
| ** Iva BARR (Wandell Walkers Club) | 8.57 | Salvatore COCCIA (M V Ramblers) | 9.36 |
| Eric SANDS (LDWA Surrey) | 8.58 | Edward HAMMOND (SDA Fell Walkers) | 9.36 |
| Gary STAPLES (LDWA Surrey) | 8.58 | John McELHILL (LDWA) | 9.38 |
| John WHARTON (LDWA Thames Valley) | 9.00 | James CRAWFORD (BAe) | 9.44 |
| Diana WHARTON (LDWA Thames Valley) | 9.00 | Catherine CR/WFORD (BAe) | 9.44 |
| Chris HALL (Croydon R A) | 9.00 | Terry PURKISS (11th Romford Scouts) | 9.45 |
| John CREESE (Reading W C) | 9.00 | Nike SMITH (11th Romford Scouts) | 9.45 |
| Harry BISHOP (LDWA Kent) | 9.00 | Ian GREGORY (11th Romford Scouts) | 9.45 |
| Gerard STEWART | 9.01 | Nigel CROWLEY (M P R T C) | 9.53 |
| Harvey ELLS | 9.01 | Trevor BARRIES (Met Police) | 9.53 |
| Maurice PATEL | 9.01 | Eric ROLFE (LDWA Essex/Herts) | 9.55 |
| Adrian PAUL | 9.01 | Tim HOPPER (S Langton L D W T) | 9.56 |
| John MATHENS | 9.01 | Don HOPPER (S Langton L D W T) | 9.56 |
| John MITCHELL | 9.01 | Barbara BLATCHFORD (LDWA Surrey) | 10.03 |
| Steve ROSE (LDWA) | 9.01 | Bill STIRLING (LDWA Essex/Herts) | 10.03 |
| Dick BARTON (LDWA) | 9.01 | Nigel LAMER (LDWA) | 10.06 |
| Hugh ROMER(LDWA Essex/Herts) | 9.03 | Michael MERRIT (12th Chich'r Scouts) | 10.07 |
| Ray SCOTT(LDWA Essex/Herts) | 9.03 | Roger MULLALEY (LDWA) | 10.39 |
| Renate ROMER | 9.03 | Maurice FATROLOTH (LDWA) | 10.39 |
| ** Alan BARR (LDWA) | 8.57 | | |

RETIRED

McLynn BLUCK, Beryl CASTLE, Jane COOPER, John ELLIOT, Ralph GANGE, Martin GRIFFIN, Stephen HILL, Trevor HUGHES, Paul HARRELL, Andrew JOHNSON, Marshall MILLEN, Phil MOORE, Michael OFFORD, Cliff OWEN, Keith WARREN, Richard WEEKS.

DID NOT REGISTER AT FINISH

Tom BEATTIE, Paul CROSSBY, Renate GRUBER, Andrew HILL, Ken HEATH, Barbara KING, Frank PERRETT, Pamela PRINCE, Sue RAMSEY, David WAKELING, Robert WILKINS, Nickolous ZANDER.

Since compiling the above list I have been informed the following also finished:

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| Frank PERRETT | 11.05 | Ken HEATH (Croydon RA) | 11.30 |
| Renate GRUBER | 11.05 | Pamela PRINCE (Croydon RA) | 11.30 |

The statistics in the text take account of only 2 of these late notifications so the final number of registered finishers is 209