

# The Winter Tanners

8 February 1987

ENTRIES

267

## Report & Results



**LDWA (Surrey Group)**

## THE TWELFTH WINTER TANNERS

Organiser: John Westcott  
Route devised by: Barbara Blatchford  
Artwork for entry form, final details, results and certificate: Tony Youngs  
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At Start: Dave Green (roving marshal) and Ken Styan  
At Votton: Pauline Bluck, Olive and Roy Baraslay, Mervyn Harvey, Ken Styan and Eric Sands  
At Albury Heath: Margaret Steer, Ken and Ricci Mayhew, Joan Wynn and Emy Jolly.  
At Tanners Hatch: Graham Poddie and YHA members.

In view of what subsequently happened, it was ironical that a week before the event was due to take place, 4 of us enjoyed a gentle stroll over the southern part of the route. Apart from a few snow showers in the morning, which would have caused no concern if the event had been taking place, the weather was fine and although the ground was frozen a little too hard to make it ideal underfoot it was quite walkable. Even when the sun set the three quarter moon gave us sufficient light to walk without torches. The expected snow had, in the main, stayed away to allow us to have our walk but only just. Over that Sunday night we had a very heavy fall which was the cause of our subsequent problems.

For the second time in Winter Tanners history the event was postponed due to adverse weather. There were about 35 who turned up on the 18th January. Most of those that I have had the opportunity to speak to admitted that they had no intention of walking the full course but had been studying the map with a view to finding a short cut. I have had reports of six people completing the route on the day - Derek Earl (7hours 40mins) Bill Green (11hours 5mins) Tony Twyman (11hours 35mins) Keith Noble, Fleiss Milligan & Lee Vardie (all in 12hours 15mins). Well done to all. All who attempted part or all of the route from whom I have had comments agreed it was the right decision to postpone the event until conditions improved.

The event did get under way on 8th February with a much depicted field. There were 152 starters including 3 from the Surrey Walking Club (strolls section) who turned up in an AA breakdown wagon having had a little difficulty on the A3. By arriving late they did not intend completing the route. Their stroll included duck and pheasant for lunch at the Votton Hatch, a menu we could not match on the checkpoint.

It was generally a dull day with mist on the hills which seemed to thicken as the event progressed. The weather forecasters told us we would have showers but fortunately this did not materialize and in the afternoon the sun did manage to pop through for a few very short spells.

The route again was declared to be a good one with the usual Tanners combination of unfamiliar and familiar paths to give interest and reassurance respectively. I particularly like that track after coming down steeply off Ramore common walking in the lee of the scarp slope looking left to the hills which are soon to be explored. There was one bridleway included on route over Winterfold which had never been included on any Tanners and was only included this time with the help of the Surrey Group path clearing gang. Many people commented on the route description which generally was thought to be good. The points at which difficulty was experienced was in different places for different people but I did have a number who said they could not make up their mind which path to take off Holbury or Pitch hills. The stile at South Lodge proved to be the top talking point. I will check them all out, even the ones I do not believe.

Did you get all the post boxes in the observation test mentioned in the final details? Those passed on route were:- Leatherhead sorting office (GH163566), Knaresborough Common Road (GH144503), Vale House (GH127463), Wotton Hatch (GH127477), Friday Street (128458), Abinger Bottom (GH128448), Albury Heath (CH060470) and Middle Street Shore (GH073479). The spelling mistake in the route description was in Stephen Langton (the public house at Friday Street). The "a" in the christian name was replaced by "e".

There were 140 who booked in at the finish or 'phoned through to me later in times ranging from 4 hours 26 mins to 11 hours. Mark Pickard again did the fastest time and I must say the way he went away from me having overtake me near Bagdon Farm made me feel discouraged. However this is not a race and I hope participants enjoy the day out in the way they wish.

I would also like to pass on the appreciative comments from many of the participants to the marshalls who, once again, did a splendid job. I add my personal thanks to them for the help they gave me and also to Mr Thow (caretaker of the Wotton Village Hall) and Dennis Choceman and Roland Woods (secretary and Chairman of the Albury Cricket Club respectively) for their cooperation in providing shelter for our checkpoints.

Found: one lady's watch. Please ring Chobham 6872 to arrange recovery.

The Thirteenth Winter Tanners will be held on Sunday 10th January 1983.

John Westcott (Organiser)

Winter Tanners(1982) - List of Participants

Mark PICKARD	Surrey	4.26	Cheryl LAWRANCE	6.52
Nigel ROBINSON	Dark Peak	4.48	Ian COOPER	6.57
Hilary WALKER		4.48	Ronald SMITH	Faltham P 7.09
Martyn GREAVES	Sussex	5.07	Graham DENCH	Faltham P 7.11
Mike GRANT		5.12	Kathy CRILLEY	Surrey 7.12
David WHITEHEAD	Surrey	5.13	John WESTCOTT	Surrey 7.18
Jeff CAMPBELL	CL YHA	5.27	Robert STEPHENSON	Surrey 7.19
Roger OSOOD	Wessex	5.41	Chris HOLMES	Coll'd AC 7.20
Sandra HOUGHTON	Faltham P	5.56	Robin WILSON	Coll'd AC 7.20
Vic GUTTERIDGE		5.57	Joyce SMITH	7.21
John ROBINSON	Surrey	5.57	Gordon FACER	Anglia 7.35
Steve SHARP		5.57	Peter BARNETT	Kent 7.35
Will WITY	S.OAKS AC	6.12	Terence FOREY	Surrey 7.35
Debbie COOPER	Wessex	6.12	Bill GRACE	Surrey 7.41
David PETERS		6.17	Simon BROWNLEE	7.43
Adrian TRENDALL		6.17	Thomas BROWNLEE	7.43
Roger STONE		6.18	Steve RACKETT	Croy Har 7.46
Susan ASHLEY		6.18	P. CLARK	T. Valley 7.49
Nigel COATES	Sussex	6.20	Dan HADFIELD	Surrey 7.51
Chris HICKS		6.22	Richard TOMBS	Surrey 7.51
Tony BRIGGS	Ess/Herts	6.23	Roger MOSS	Surrey 7.53
Peter YOUNG	Surrey	6.25	Peter BRAZIER	7.55
John KENT	Felt.Puff	6.27	Paul BRAZIER	7.55
Jake JAKEMAN	LH HL RUN	6.28	Kevin BRONLEY	Surrey 7.58
Michael TOWNSEND		6.28	Sandy JOHNSTON	8.02
Ernie BISHOP	Kent	6.41	Roy DILLIVAY	8.02
John LAWRANCE		6.52	Louise CARTWRIGHT	Surrey 8.06

Tony CARTWRIGHT	Surrey	8.06	Mike HUNT		9.16
Jill GREEN	Wessex	8.08	Peter HUGHES		9.16
Peter WEST-KELSEY	Surrey	8.09	Anthony SHOTTER	Surrey	9.21
Jia DUNSTER		8.19	Mike O'PHONE	EVAPS	9.22
Peter WATERHOUSE		8.20	Arthur FUTEY		9.22
Chris COATES	Surrey	8.21	Neville HIGGINS		9.24
Michael HARMAN	Kent	8.24	Campbell HACKMAN	R.V. EAGLE	9.24
Roger SMITH		8.24	Peter HACKMAN	Rother VE	9.24
David ADAMS	TBS&SC	8.26	Neville WRIGHT	ROMAC	9.25
Alan SARGANT	Surrey	8.27	Michael WRIGHT	ROMAC	9.25
Laurie LOVE	Kent	8.27	Graham TAYLOR	Chelsea R	9.28
Elisabeth HIGGINS	Surrey	8.27	Jane JOHNSON	Chelsea R	9.28
Duncan SMITH	TBS&SC	8.27	Anthony JONES	Chelsea R	9.28
Keith HEWITT	Surrey	8.29	Tina HISSEY		9.28
Arthur ATTWOOD	Wessex	8.31	John McELHILL		9.28
Ivan VERRILL	Kent	8.32	Pan HAMER		9.28
Dave DUCK	Eps/Herts	8.37	Andrew JOHNSON	Chelsea R	9.28
Mike KEMP		8.37	David GOULD		9.39
Geoff BISHOP		8.37	Tony KEES		9.43
James PALMER	Surrey WC	8.37	Geoff DUMPER	Croy YHA	9.43
Susan RAMSEY	Anglian	8.37	Dave MILLS	YHA CROY	9.43
John HARRISON		8.37	Paul SHARP	Kent	9.43
Brian ADCOCK	Eps/Herts	8.38	Peter SHARP	Kent	9.43
Den WOOD		8.40	Ann BEECHING	Surrey	9.46
Melvyn BLUCK	Foltham P	8.43	Eric ROLFE	Eps/Herts	9.46
Barrie MORGAN	Kent	8.45	Joyce TOMES	Surrey	9.59
John GEORGE	Thames Va	8.45	Barbara BLATCHFORD	Surrey	9.59
Christine GRAY	LDWA	8.45	Collin HAWKINS		10.14
John GRAY		8.45	Michael ALLMOND	Surrey	10.29
John WHITAKER	Surrey	8.45	John McWILLAN		10.29
Dave HOWE	LDWA	8.45	John VINNELS		10.35
Barry GUPPOGG	Surrey WC	8.47	Stan HOUGH	Thames V	10.44
Frank HUNT		8.47	Abigail BLRICK	SurreyWC	10.58
David BRIDGER	Surrey	8.48	John BLRICK	SurreyWC	10.58
Geoff LEPPER	Sussex	8.48	Graham FRANCE		11.00
Ronald PARSONS	Sussex	8.48	John NEWELL		11.00
Angus MACARTHUR	Surrey	9.01	Bill STIRLING	Eps/Hert	11.30
Martin FARE	Mole Vall	9.07	David WOOTEN		DNF
Colin BERTHAM	Mole VHam	9.07	Paye RUSH	Surrey WC	DNF
John JACKSON	Sussex	9.08	Martyn JONES	Sussex	DNF
Arthur KEMPTON	Surrey WC	9.09	Jim TIGHE		DNF
Marshall MILLEN	Surrey	9.10	Paul HOUGHTON	Foltham P	DNF
John WHARTON	Thames Va	9.11	Peter COVEY	Sussex	DNF
Diana WHARTON	Thames Va	9.11	Jaffray REID		DNF
Chic STEER	Surrey	9.11	Peter SAUNDERS	B&T. RUN	DNF
Richard STOKES		9.11	Michael PAYNE		DNF
Yung Choo TAY		9.11	Steve AXON		DNF
Tony YOUNGS	Surrey	9.11	Jenny HOWSE	LDWA	DNF
Richard HEAD		9.16	Marion LORD	Surrey WC	DNF



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