



# LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

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

## SURREY GROUP

### THE WINTER TANNERS

15th January 1989

#### REPORT AND RESULTS

Organiser:	John Westcott
Route devised by:	Barbara Blatchford
Printing:	Chris Steer
Artwork for Certificates:	Tony Youngs
Marshals and helpers on the day:	
At Leatherhead (Start):	Dave Green and Ken Styan
At Radnor Lane:	Keith Chesterton,
Mervyn Harvey, Andrew Seddon and Ken Styan.	
At Shere:	Ray Jolly, Harry and Jean Lowe,
Ken and Ricci Mayhew, Andrew Seddon and Margaret Steer.	
At Tanners:	Graham Peddie and YHA Members
At Leatherhead (Finish):	Dave Green and John Westcott

Entries: 236

Starters: 213

Finishers: 191

When I reached the the start at twenty past seven, the car park was already half full. Dave Green and Ken Styan, having done the job for a few years now, soon got into the swing of registration and walkers were on their way south in search of the Surrey Hills. At about ten to eight, when there were relatively few people about, a council roadswEEPing van arrived in the car park and the driver looked puzzled at the number of cars in the car park. I thought he had come to sweep the it but it turned out that he had already done his work on the streets of Leatherhead and was just returning the van to its shed behind the car park.

There were 211 who set out from Leatherhead between 7.25 and 9.25 and 2 who started from Tanners. The weather was kind to us. Although cloudy most of the day, the rain kept away and it was mild. The weather forecasters had promised us some sun but after a brief appearance in the morning it gave up and left us with our overcast skies.

Once again Barbara Blatchford devised an scenic route. It was not a very "stillysh" route as I counted just 12 stiles (only 3 in the first 20 miles). The first and last 5 miles are always fairly predictable but by using various combinations of familiar paths and adding just 2 or 3 paths not previously used on this event, the route is always interesting even to hardened Winter Tanners walkers. As the Tanners Marathons on 2nd July 1989 (for which this event is a route proving exercise) will include a 50 milar, it was obligatory that the route go through Honeysuckle Bottom because the main checkpoint on the 50 mile

event is at a house in this area. Just after Honeysuckle Bottom, a new path to the Winter Tanners was used to get back up to the North Downs Way and then down the notorious slope via Blatchford Down where it was nice to see the National Trust notices in place. Blatchford Down was so named as a memorial to Alan Blatchford (founder member of the LDWA and former organiser of the Tanners and Winter Tanners) who died in 1980. After the drinks point at Radnor Lane the route continued over Holmbury Hill but did not go to the Summit, a point which Keith Chesterton noted on a walkout and felt it was a pity to let walkers off so lightly when the summit was so near. Barbara said we have visited the summit on so many Tanners that it makes a change to use another way over the hill. Following the familiar way between Holmbury and Pitch Hills the route took another unusual turn back into Peaslake and then continued westward again through some fields where there were some very nice views of the North Downs Way. This got us onto the familiar drag past Dilton Farm into Shere for the second drinks point. Then came the cruel bit as the route made use of the North Downs slope to good effect by climbing it twice. Then along the North Down Way, into Tanners for another drinks point and back to Leatherhead along the route that has been used for many years now.

It turned out to be quite a tough route and the times reflect this. Apart from having to negotiate the mud it was quite hilly, even for a Tanners route. Probably it is more those long gradual upward slopes like those up to the North Downs Way from Honeysuckle Bottom and up to Holmbury Hill that take their toll more than the steep spectacular slopes. Even so there were 191 finishers in times ranging from 4 hours 52 minutes to 11 hours 17 minutes. Once again Mark Pickard got round in the shortest time. I rather suspect there were others who completed the route after I left the finish at the car park at twenty past six but did not 'phone their times in.

Once again my grateful thanks to all those who helped do the registration and dispense the drinks. Many participants have expressed their appreciation of the excellent service they got. I would mention that in the past few years it has become traditional to also supply food on the Winter Tanners. This originally came about when I made some Surrey Group stock available at the checkpoints but it began to build up a bit. However, I got "ticked off" at a Surrey Group meeting for this policy as I was making it too soft for an event described as "A tough winter event with minimal support."

As previously stated, The 29th Tanners Marathons will take place on Sunday 2nd July 1989. This will include the 50 miler which, by the every other year rule should have taken place in 1988 but did not because of difficulties associated with the October 1987 storm. This will not be included in future events in Strider because the event contravenes the new LDWA rule that events with an expected entry in excess of 500 will not have LDWA support. Details will be available from me in due course.

John Westcott



LIST OF FINISHERS WITH TIMES - HOURS AND MINUTES

Mark PICKARD (Surrey)	4.52	Richard TOMBS	8.19
Richard BROWN (Surrey WC)	5.19	Peter COOKE (CLOD)	8.23
Nigel ROBINSON (Surrey)	5.19	Gary SMITH (Enfield H)	8.24
Keith ROLFE (Slough Gas)	5.27	Andy WATKINS (Holborn Police)	8.24
Rex STICKLAND (Kent)	5.28	Bill PERRY (Holborn Police)	8.25
Martyn GREAVES (Sussex)	5.34	Brian HAIGH (Surrey)	8.25
Hilary WALKER (Ser'tine RC)	5.35	Barrie MORGAN (Kent)	8.25
Jeff CAMPBELL (LDWA)	5.36	Nedl HIGHAM	8.27
David PETERS (LDWA)	5.38	Ron ROWETH (Kent)	8.29
David WHITEHEAD	5.39	Gordon BEATTIE (Kent)	8.30
Charlie RICHARDSON (Wessex)	5.43	M HARMAN (Kent)	8.30
Tim GRAHAM (Wessex)	5.43	Anneti HATTON	8.32
Frank GOLDING (LDWA)	6.03	James CRAWFORD (Surrey)	8.32
D Roper (Reading Joggers)	6.10	Brian ADCOCK (Ess/Herts)	8.34
Debbie COOPER (Wessex)	6.13	Don COOPER (Th Valley)	8.34
Ian PARTRIDGE	6.13	Martin FOX	8.35
Tim STYLES (Croydon YHA)	6.15	Ian MCKEAN	8.36
Tony STILES (Croy YHA)	6.15	Ros YOUNG (Surrey)	8.37
Bob GUTTERIDGE (LDWA)	6.29	John PROBERT (Kent)	8.37
Gus McFADYEN (Hillingdon)	6.29	John BARROW	8.37
Roger OSGOOD (Wessex)	6.31	Kathy GRILLEY (Surrey)	8.37
Susan ASHLEY (LDWA)	6.31	John WESTCOTT (Surrey)	8.39
Mike PANKS	6.43	Bob FORD (Thames Va)	8.40
John WHITFIELD (WMC)	6.44	John HARRISON	8.40
Peter BODLEY (Chess & Book Ru)	6.44	Mike POWELL-DAVIES (LDWA)	8.42
Ray HACKFATH (Chess & Book RU)	6.44	Jeff POWELL-DAVIES	8.42
David ALLEN (Surrey)	6.45	Liz HIGGINS (Surrey)	8.43
Vic CUTTERIDGE (LDWA)	6.47	Peter WILLIS	8.46
William RENDELL (Sussex)	6.51	Robert TOMBS	8.47
Alan SHERGOLD	6.53	Phillip HOLLOBONE	8.47
Tony GALL	6.53	Roger HATTON	8.47
Tim CARTER	6.54	Don MILLICHAP (LDWA)	8.49
Ian DITCHFIELD (Surrey)	7.03	John GRAY	8.49
Nick KAYE (S Wales)	7.03	Christine GRAY	8.49
Sandra HOUGHTON (Feltham P)	7.04	Jill GREEN (Wessex)	8.49
Peter JENNINGS (Reading J)	7.09	Ann SAYER (Ess/Herts)	8.49
D C KEEFE (Reading Joggers)	7.09	Dan HADFIELD (S Wales)	8.53
M PEEL (Aldermaston AC)	7.09	Louise CANTWRIGHT (Surrey)	8.53
Mike GREGSON (LDWA)	7.13	Wendy WHITE (Dreadnought)	8.55
Sylvia HACKNEY (LDWA)	7.13	Richard HUNT (Dreadnought)	8.55
Mike COTTEILL	7.14	Chris BISHOP (Dreadnought)	8.56
Ivan COTTRELL (Essex/Herts)	7.22	David MOORE (Devon/Cornwall)	8.56
Ken IRVING	7.22	Adrian DONNE	8.56
Keith WILSON (Ess/Herts)	7.22	Richard GREABAGH	8.56
Albert ROBERTS (Wessex)	7.31	Ian McLEOD (Surrey WC)	8.56
Martin CRAWLEY (Ess/Herts)	7.32	Roy DILLIWAY (Wessex)	9.01
Graham HEMSLEY (WMC)	7.33	Sandy JOHNSTON	9.01
Nigel COATES (Sussex)	7.34	Alan FIRTH	9.02
Michael SAGE (CLOD)	7.53	Janet CHAPMAN (Surrey)	9.04
Tony TWYMAN (Essex/Herts)	7.54	Don NEWMAN (Ess/Herts)	9.05
Thomas BROWNLEE	7.58	Graham ROWLING (BB&N)	9.05
Simon BROWNLEE	7.58	Colin WOOD (Surrey)	9.06
Anthony PARTRIDGE	8.18	Mark WOOD (Surrey)	9.06
David CLARKE	8.18	Bill GRACE (Surrey)	9.08
Peter JAKEMAN	8.18	Peter HUGHES (Surrey)	9.09
Marion JAKEMAN	8.18	Yong Choo TAY (Surrey)	9.09

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David HOUSE	9.12	James PALMER (Surrey)	9.49
Keith HEWITT (Surrey)	9.13	Stan HOUGH (Thames Va)	9.50
Dan WOOD	9.14	Graham KNIGHT (Surrey)	9.51
Andrew GOULD (WMC)	9.15	Pam KNIGHT (Surrey)	9.51
John McELHILL (Surrey)	9.15	John ELRICK (Surrey WC)	9.54
Ann BECHING (Surrey)	9.16	Gail ELRICK (Surrey WC)	9.54
Peter WATERHOUSE	9.16	Iain STENHOUSE (WMC)	9.55
Roger MOSS (Surrey WC)	9.16	Anneka MOODE (Sussex)	9.56
Eugene STRATTON (LDWA)	9.18	Tony NAYLOR (Sussex)	9.56
Gordon CUTLER (Dreadnought)	9.20	David GEARY (Surrey WC)	9.58
Nigel PHILLIPS (Dreadnought)	9.20	Lucy BARKER	9.58
Dave NEWMAN (Dreadnought)	9.20	Chris GOODMAN (Ess/Herts)	9.59
Arthur ATTWOOD (Wessex)	9.21	Oliver CHRIST (EWAPS)	9.59
Keith WILSON	9.23	Gerry ATRICK (EWAPS)	9.59
Paul HATCHER (Kent)	9.24	Ian HUNT (LDWA)	10.00
Neal O'ROURKE (Kent)	9.24	Lorraine HUNT (LDWA)	10.00
Roger LE MOINE	9.26	T Glanty	10.01
Phil HASTINGS (Kent)	9.27	Allan LAWRY (LDWA)	10.02
P J HACKMAN	9.27	Eric ROLFE (Ess/Herts)	10.06
Chris AXTON	9.28	Alan HOOPER (Wessex)	10.06
John MILLER	9.28	Barry MARTIN	10.06
Peter GROUNDSELL (Surrey)	9.29	David YOUNG (Croydon YHA)	10.07
Chris LEWIS	9.30	Gillian BULL (Surrey)	10.12
Jim LINDSAY	9.31	Robert MYERS (Ess/Herts)	10.12
Graham THOMPSON (Surrey)	9.33	Hilary SIVE	10.16
Alan DALE (Surrey)	9.36	Chris BUTTERFIELD (Th Valley)	10.16
J Duffley	9.36	Jerome RIPP	10.16
Rosemary ALLEN (Surrey)	9.36	Joyce TOMES	10.18
David SCOTES	9.38	John WHARTON (Marches)	10.20
Ken LOVETT (Down & Weald)	9.41	Diana WHARTON (Marches)	10.20
Anthony PEART	9.44	John HADDOCK	10.20
Mark TEMPEST	9.44	R Day	10.21
Lloyd PERRETT (Wessex)	9.44	Maurice PATRICK (Kent)	10.27
Peter ENGLEDDOW (Kent)	9.45	Roger MULLALEY (Kent)	10.27
Tony WRIGHT	9.45	Anthony SHOTTER (Surrey)	10.34
Keith WHITE	9.46	Chris STEER (Surrey)	10.38
Keith LINFORD (GAWRC)	9.46	Mavis MARSHALL (Sussex)	10.40
Simon COBBY	9.48	Diana WARLAND (Sussex)	10.40
John JACKSON (LDWA)	9.48	John WISS	11.17
Keith WARMAN (Kent)	9.49		

RETIREMENTS or did not register finish

Colin HARRIS, Angus MACARTHUR, Marshall MILLEN, Dave TILLEY, Ron CRANCH, Dave KIDGER, John LALLEY, Colin McDONALD, Roy WARMAN, Trevor CIVIL, Donald PITTS, Andrew COLVIN, John ROBINSON, Steven ROSE, Russell MEYER, David BACKHOUSE, Stephen FULLER, Paul JEFFERY, Ralph GANGE, Alison WARRHURST, P STIRLING and W BEESLY.