



LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

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SURREY GROUP

FOURTEENH WINTER TANNERS

13th January 1991

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Printing: Ralph Henley and Chris Steer.

At Leatherhead (Start): Dave Green and Ken Styan.

At Banstead Wood: Jeff Campbell, David Fee, Mervyn Harvey and Ken Styan

At Headley: David Fee, Ray Jolly, Ken and Ricci Mayhew and Chris and Margaret Steer.

At Leatherhead (Finish): Dave Green.

Entries: 227

Starters 191

Finishers 177

After the controversial decision of the Surrey Group not to hold the Winter Tanners in 1990, this popular event was restored to the LDWA programme for this year. It had been intended that the event should be held every other year but the protestations of critics seem to have won through because it is now intended that the annual status of the event be restored for the foreseeable future.

The Winter Tanners, although now an event in its own right, is also a route proving exercise for The Tanners Marathon to be held on the first Sunday in July and therefore the route is decided by where the route of the summer event goes. I took over the responsibility for devising the route of the Tanners Marathon for the 1990 event. There was, as previously stated, no Winter Tanners last year, so 1991 was the first year Winter Tanners walkers were to sample a route of mine. I tried to make it a little different and in particular pandered to the whims of those who have been suggesting that the area to the east of the A24 should be exploited for a Tanners route. The big difficulty with using that area is that the available unurbanized area is not big enough for a logical 30 mile route without going east of the A217 or south of the A25 and finding points at which busy roads can be crossed with safety tends to restrict the choice of paths which can be used.

The 1991 route had 3 notable firsts for a Winter Tanners. It went further east than any previous route, it went through Leatherhead town on the way out and it did not pass Tanners Hatch Youth Hostel. The latter point was not intended as the route planned included a drinks point at Tanners as usual but unfortunately Graham Peddie was engaged in other activities on 13th January so could not provide the service. This meant I had to re-arrange the locations of the other checkpoints at the last minute and to divert the route to visit Headley Village Hall. This diversion involved an increase in distance of about three quarters of a mile and the most convenient point at which I could make a short cut on the quick to compensate for the additional distance was to miss out the intended diversion off the track from Rammore to Bagden Farm to visit Tanners. The route had more tarmac walking than I would have liked

which I tried to avoid, especially the walk through Tadworth, but I did not manage to find a logical alternative bearing in mind I wanted to use the pedestrian lights to cross the A217. Another undesirable feature was the predominance of the M25 but I'm afraid again this tends to be unavoidable if the route goes to the east of the A24. However all the participants I spoke to said they enjoyed the route even though they shared my view that they would have preferred the tarmac walking to have been reduced. Many commented on the nice open views on the North Downs Way section. One other point of comment was the "sting in the tail". I must admit that when I was planning the route I was thinking that I will be criticized for making it too flat so I was rather glad to find that there was a nice hilly section I could use to put the finishing touches to the route. Perhaps I over did it coming in the last 10 miles of the walk and it certainly spoiled the complacency of many who anticipated doing a good time after the first 20 miles.

We were also very lucky with the weather. Up to the Thursday before the event we had high winds and heavy rain but the weather cleared up for the weekend and bright sunshine was predominant for the day itself to show the Surrey Hills off to best effect. A hard overnight frost also meant that there was very little mud because in spite of the sun shining it was not warm enough to penetrate frosty ground so apart from a few sheltered tracks it stayed hard underfoot all day. One effect of this though was when the sun began to go down it started to freeze again and this made the steep grassy slope on Box Hill leading down to Burford Bridge very slippery and one or two took a tumble including myself.

Unfortunately I had a domestic problem on the morning of the event and then I had difficulty getting into my car for frozen locks which delayed me getting to the start. I did just manage to get there by 7.30 though by which time Ken Styan and Dave Green, who have helped me do the start registration for a number of years now, had set a lot of pre-day entrants off. The only piece of paper that Ken could find to record those who had left did tend to make it look like a poverty stricken event but at least it achieved the object. The on day entrants had to wait a little longer for the organiser to get organised before they could go so it just shows that it can be advantageous to send your entry in besides being cheaper and helping the organiser.

Of the 175 pre day entrants 139 made the starting line and there were 52 entrants on the day to make a total of 191 who set out from the car park on the route of the 1991 Winter Tamers. Mervy Harvey, who was taking the hot soup and cold drinks to the Banstead Wood checkpoint, had a breakdown on the motorway travelling to the checkpoint so he was a little late there but he only missed one or two people who arrived at the checkpoint just on the opening time. However most participants appreciated the refreshments on offer at both Banstead Wood and Headley. Some also took advantage of the refreshment kiosk being open at the Gatton Park car park.

There were 177 who arrived back at Leatherhead having finished the whole route in times ranging from 4 hours 56 minute to 11 hour 43 minutes. Times generally tended to be on the slow side no doubt because of the steep climbs in the last 10 miles. Some said it was such a lovely day they just wanted to take it easy. From what I can gather many of those

who did not qualify for a certificate merely took a short cut because they felt they were taking too long.

Once again I would like to extend my thanks to those who helped with registration and supplying the drinks. Those who helped are mainly regulars and know the system well. Just David Fee and Jeff Campbell were making their first appearance as helpers on The Winter Tanners - Jeff is assisting on one or two events while recovering from an injury.

LIST OF FINISHERS (times in hours and minutes)

Mark PICKARD (Surrey)	4.56	Sylvia HACKNEY (LDWA)	7.45
Chris BOAKES	5.10	Michael Gregson (LDWA)	7.45
Frank THOMAS (Cheltenham)	5.11	Pamela KING	7.49
Kevin MARSHALL (100 Km Assn)	5.13	Andrew KING	7.50
Ted COLEMAN (Sussex)	5.17	Joyce ELLIS (Feltham Puffers)	7.50
Martyn GREAVES (Sussex)	5.30	Steve FARR (Feltham Puffers)	7.50
David WHITEHEAD	5.30	David GONZALEZ (Feltham Puffs)	7.50
Graham TAYLOR (Surrey)	5.33	Chris JONES (Air Log Joggers)	8.00
John HOGG (Air-Log Joggers)	5.34	Geoff NORKETT (LDWA)	8.00
J White (E London Rnrs)	5.41	Andrew BOULDEN (Kent)	8.10
Tim CHEETHAM	5.44	Keith NOBLE (Ess/Herts)	8.15
Debbie COOPER (Wessex)	5.44	Mike PHILLIPS	8.15
Nigel COATES (Sussex)	6.02	Dave CHALLENGER (Surrey)	8.20
Alan WATERS (Sussex)	6.09	Peter BARNETT (Kent)	8.21
Michael HYDE (Air Log Joggers)	6.19	Martin FOX (Surrey)	8.21
Tim STYLES (Croydon YHA)	6.19	Don NEWMAN (Surrey)	8.21
Don ROPER (Tadley)	6.20	Steve RACKETT (Croydon)	8.22
Peter JENNINGS (Tadley Rnrs)	6.20	Paul BARHAM (Met Police)	8.26
Michael PEEL (Tadley Rnrs)	6.20	Mike BROWN (Met Police)	8.26
John ROBINSON (Surrey)	6.20	Richard TOBIAS (Met Police)	8.26
Graham IVES	6.23	Glem PRICE (Met Police)	8.26
David KEEFE (Tadley Rnrs)	6.23	Stephen WOODHEAD (Met Police)	8.26
D CLARKE (Epsom & Ewell)	6.26	Roger MOSS (Surrey WC)	8.26
P LEJEN (Epsom & Ewell)	6.26	Thomas BROWNLEE	8.27
Ron VOYCE (Sussex)	6.33	Herbert PAFWORTH (Anglian)	8.28
Ian DITCHFIELD (Surrey)	6.34	Pauline PAFWORTH (Anglian)	8.28
Norman PAUL (Sussex)	6.37	Ron ROWEIH (Kent)	8.28
Ragnui ROBSON (Arena 80 AG)	6.37	Liz HIGGINS (Surrey)	8.28
Chris HICK (Norfolk)	6.50	Douglas ASPINAL (S Wales)	8.32
Mike PARKS	6.54	Neil HIGHAM (Ess/Herts)	8.32
Malcolm WADDELL (Kent)	7.07	Martin JONES (Surrey)	8.34
Tony WILLIAMS	7.08	Stephen CROCKETT (Met Police)	8.35
James CRAWFORD (Surrey)	7.17	Marc LAWSON (Met Police)	8.35
Peter SHORT (Surrey)	7.17	Peter PULLEN (Sussex)	8.37
Pete CHRISTISON (IATC)	7.22	Shirley CULLEN (LDWA)	8.38
Richard LLEWELLYN (IATC)	7.22	Shirley WILLIAMS	8.38
John HARRISON	7.23	Peter WATERHOUSE	8.38
Ann BEECHING (Surrey)	7.24	John HAWKINS	8.44
Roger OSGOOD (Wessex)	7.30	Peter WIGHT (Reading Jogs)	8.45
Ian COOPER (LDWA)	7.30	Steve HOLDWAY (Reading Jogs)	8.45
Bob STEPHENSON (Surrey)	7.37	Bill GRACE (Surrey)	8.46
Kevin WISEMAN (LDWA)	7.37	Bill McEWAN (Surrey)	8.53
Keith WARMAN (Kent)	7.42	Richard TOMBS	8.53

Keith CHESTERTON (Surrey)	8.54	Roxanne DRAKE (Met Police)	9.55
Louise CARTWRIGHT (Surrey)	8.56	Marian LORD (Surrey WC)	9.56
Tony CARTWRIGHT (Surrey)	8.56	Ronald CORRHILL (Kent)	9.58
Jill GREEN (Wessex)	8.56	Gillian BULL (Surrey)	9.59
Barrie MORGAN (Kent)	8.56	Abigail ELRICK (Surrey WC)	9.59
David TIBBALS (RVE)	8.56	John ELRICK (Surrey WC)	9.59
Chris COATES (Sussex)	8.59	Keith HEWITT (Surrey)	9.59
Jim LINDSAY (Kent)	8.59	Brian PICKLE (Surrey)	9.59
Paul HOUGHION (Feltham Puffs)	9.02	John VANDENBERG (Surrey)	10.00
Sandra HOUGHTON (Feltham Puffs)	9.02	Arthur ATTWOOD (Wessex)	10.01
David SPREADBROUGH (Met Pol)	9.05	Robin HANNANT (LDWA)	10.04
Peter WEBB (Met Police)	9.05	Paul HATCHER (Kent)	10.05
John CORFIELD (Ess/Herts)	9.07	Neal O'ROURKE (Kent)	10.05
Phil HASTINGS (Kent)	9.09	David BALDWIN (Met Police)	10.11
Roger Le MOINE (Surrey WC)	9.09	William JONES (Met Police)	10.11
Eileen FERNEE	9.15	Angus MacARTHUR (Surrey)	10.20
Alan HAWKINS	9.15	John GRAY	10.26
Keith WHITE	9.17	Gary DAVIS (Met Police)	10.29
John WESTCOTT (Surrey)	9.17	William JENKINSON (Met Police)	10.29
Paul THOMAS (JL Venture Club)	9.19	Craig LATONA (Met Police)	10.29
Brian HAIGH (Surrey)	9.21	Danny MITCHELL (Met Police)	10.29
Laurie LOWE (Kent)	9.21	Carl SILCOCK (Met Police)	10.29
Jimmy ODDY (Kent)	9.23	Mark WATSON (Met Police)	10.29
Mike POWELL DAVIES	9.24	Louise TOOMBS (Met Police)	10.29
JEFF POWELL DAVIES	9.24	David HOWSE (Wessex)	10.29
Geoff DUMPER (Croydon YHA)	9.26	Jenny HOWSE (Wessex)	10.29
Peter GROUNDSELL (Surrey)	9.27	Tony GARFORTH (Surrey WC)	10.32
Molly WARHAM (Surrey)	9.27	Roger MULLALEY (Kent)	10.44
Gerald BATEMAN (Ess/Herts)	9.32	Maurice FAIRCLOTH (Kent)	10.44
B J Costigan (High Wycombe)	9.33	Diana WARLAND (Sussex)	10.55
Harry BISHOP (Kent)	9.39	Dorothy MARSHALL (Sussex)	10.55
Richard STOKES (Surrey)	9.45	James HARTSON (Met Police)	10.57
Barry CLARK (JL Venture Club)	9.45	James HOGGSON (Met Police)	10.57
John FULLER (Met Police)	9.46	Jean LAMB (Met Police)	10.57
Julia LEESE (Met Police)	9.46	James TUMELTY (Met Police)	10.57
Elizabeth PARROTT (Met Police)	9.46	Mark WRIGLEY (Met Police)	10.57
Nicola REID (Met Police)	9.46	Melanie CONNEELY (Met Police)	10.57
Jane SHAW (Met Police)	9.46	Wendy ROURKE (Met Police)	10.57
Jim PALMER (Surrey WC)	9.48	Barry MARTIN (Wessex)	11.05
Eric ROLFE (Ess/Herts)	9.50	Joyce TOMBS	11.40
Andrew RIVE (JL Venture Club)	9.53	Stan HOUGH (Thames Valley)	11.43
Janet CHAPMAN (Surrey)	9.54	Bob TWELLS (Epsom & Ewell)	11.43
Kate CHAPMAN (Surrey)	9.54	John WACKRILL	11.43
Steven GREGORY (Met Police)	9.55	Vasco WACKRILL	11.43
Keith HORTON (Met Police)	9.55	Steve WACKRILL	11.43
Bob HUMPHRIES (Met Police)	9.55		

RETIRED, SHORT CUT OR DID NOT REGISTER AT FINISH:

Anthony BEECHING (Wessex), David FERNEE, Vic Gutteridge (LDWA), Rupert MARSDEN, Steve SHARP (LDWA), Brian SKEET, Camilla WILLIAMS (Arena 80, Judy COOPER (LDWA), Lois HOUGHTON (Feltham Puffers), Ben LLEWELLYN (1st FG&M Scouts), Glyn LLEWELLYN (1st FG&M Scouts), Kevin BURGESS (1st FG&M Scouts), Sue RAMSEY (Anglian) and John MARGETTS (Bris/West).