

LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

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REPORT AND RESULTS OF THE FIFTEENTH WINTER TANNERS

12th January 1992

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

At Pewley Down: Roy Barnsley, Ray Jolly, Olive Logan, Margaret Steer and Ken Styan.

At Tanners Hatch Youth Hostel: Graham Peddie and YHA members.

At Leatherhead (finish): Dave Green.

Entries: 242

Starters: 216

Finishers: 191

The freezing fog which was the predominant weather feature for 12th January made road conditions difficult but this did not seem to deter many from making the trip to Leatherhead. Of the 172 pre day entries, 145 turned up and with 70 entries on the day there were 216 who set off to run, jog or walk the 30 mile route of The Winter Tanners.

After the complete change for the 1991 route we went back to more familiar paths for the 1992 Winter Tanners. However there were one or two paths which had never been used before and whereas the 1991 route went further east than any previous Winter Tanners the 1992 route went further west. Those who used to take part the Guildford Boundary Walk will I've no doubt have recognised the small section from that route walked on this Winter Tanners even though it was in the reverse direction.

Unfortunately the fog persisted all day. We did get a glimpse of the sun on 2 or 3 occasions giving rise to speculation that it would burn the fog off but the weak winter sunshine proved to be no match for the thick clammy fog. All day I kept seeing shadowy silhouetted figures walking the route. This meant that the views could not be seen. In particular it was to be the first time ever that Guildford Cathedral could be seen from a Winter Tanners route but I'm afraid there was no chance of it being seen on the day. Also the instruction in the route description to aim to the right of Albury church had little meaning in those conditions. There was however one place which looked the better for the conditions. That was on the metalled rise from Honeysuckle Bottom to Gravelhill Gate where the pine trees shrouded in the fog and the frost on the hillside gave the impression of an alpine scene. In spite of not being able to see very far, many people commented favourably on the choice of route but obviously it would have been much better if the grand views, which I can assure you were there, could have been seen.

Because the sun was not able to get through meant that the frost took a long time to thaw resulting in the atmosphere staying very cold. This meant the soup at the Pewley Down checkpoint was very popular to the extent that it ran out with about 25 people still to come through. I should explain that because of the difficulty of heating water in the open when it is likely to be very cold, the soup is cooked indoors and then transported to the sight in thermos containers. Last year we had to throw about half of it away but this year we made up about the same quantity with slightly fewer pre day entrants and we did not have enough. As it so happens the

number of starters was slightly up on 1991 due to a larger on the day entry. Fortunately the back up vehicle for those taking part from Hendon Police Cadet School came to the rescue by providing hot chocolate to enable the checkpoint officials to give a warming drink to those who arrived when there was no soup left. My grateful thanks to the Cadet School back up team for helping us out and my apologies to those taking part who fell victim to the soup shortage.

I do not know whether the checkpoint officials put anything in the drinks they were dispensing but was just after the checkpoint that many people had difficulty in understanding the next instruction of the route description. You were told to go 600 yards then turn left through scrub. I must admit that when I wrote the description I did look for another feature to describe where the turn off was but could not find one which would not be open to misinterpretation. Even those red doggy "poop-scoop" containers were not definite in that it could have been controversial as to which one was the first you passed when leaving the checkpoint which in turn would have created difficulty in deciding which was the fourth. In the end I decided that Winter Tanners walkers would be able to judge 600 yards and at that distance it could be no other turnoff. Also the earth bank mentioned just afterwards would be sufficient to confirm they were on the right route. However this is intended to be a proving event for the Tanners Marathon in July so I will try to strengthen the description at that point for that event. In this respect I would like to hear from anybody who had difficulty on any other part of the route.

In spite of it remaining very cold the frost did ease out of the ground in the afternoon to produce some very slippery mud causing one or two to slip up. John Gray had a particularly nasty fall by falling into a tree and cutting his head and chin badly. Fortunately one of his companions had a first aid kit handy and plastered his wounds.

Even the resourceful Graham Peddie decided it was too cold to heat kettles out in the open so while the squash was being served in the usual place at Alan Blatchford's memorial seat the tea was served in the Youth Hostel. Once again the drinks at Tanners Hatch were much appreciated.

Dave Green started booking in the finishers at 13.27. The fastest round the route was Chris Boakes in 4 hours 37 minutes and in all 191 completed the route in times ranging to 11 hour 45 minute.

Many participants have asked me to thank my helpers for their contribution to making their day enjoyable and I too would like to add my personal thanks for their help with the registration and dispensing of drinks to make the event go smoothly. Although I state in the entry form details that there are only 2 points at which drinks are available I normally set up 2 checkpoints with drinks plus Tanners. This year I only had just the one checkpoint plus Tanners because I did not have very many offers to help with the event. I have deliberately kept The Winter Tanners as a small informal event and as such do not need many helpers but every year I still have to approach the usual friends and relations to get enough. I would therefore like a few more volunteers next year so if you know of anybody who would be willing to help please let me know.

I hope you enjoyed your day out in central Surrey.

John Westcott
(organiser)

FIFTEENTH WINTER TANNERS - LIST OF FINISHERS AND TIMES

Chris BOAKES (LDWA)	4.37	Andrew BOULDEN (Kent)	7.28
Fenwick TUNLEY (Woodstock HAC)	4.40	Martin FOX	7.28
Clive BEAUVAIS	4.54	Gordon FACER (LDWA)	7.28
Kevin MARSHALL (LDWA)	4.55	Barrie MORGAN (Kent)	7.32
Mark PICKARD	4.56	Jill GREEN (Wessex)	7.33
Roger OSGOOD (Wessex)	5.05	Liz HIGGINS (Surrey)	7.33
Edward COLEMAN (Sussex)	5.08	A JONES (LDWA)	7.33
Ron VOYCE (Sussex)	5.15	Jenny BEAN (LDWA)	7.33
Mick HYDE (LDWA)	5.18	Dave CHALLENGER (Surrey)	7.40
Graham IVES (100Km Assn)	5.19	Anthony SIGRIST (Hendon CS)	7.41
David MOORE (LDWA)	5.22	Ian DITCHFIELD (Surrey)	7.41
Jon BATEMAN (Bris/West)	5.23	Simon TOMKINS (Hendon CS)	7.42
Nigel COATES (Sussex)	5.25	J Morris (Hendon CS)	7.42
Sue ASHLEY	5.28	Christopher JONES (Air Log)	7.42
Martyn GREAVES (Sussex)	5.33	Geoffrey NORKETT (Air Log Jogs)	7.42
Paul HOUGHTON	5.42	David TIBBALS	7.43
Phil POLLARD (LDWA)	5.43	Roger Le MOINE (Surrey WC)	7.45
Sandra HOUGHTON	5.46	Don NEWMAN (Kent)	7.46
Don ROPER (Tadley Runners)	5.47	Kenneth HEATH (Kent)	7.48
Peter JENNINGS	5.49	Shirley CULLEN (Sussex)	7.50
Martin COPPLESTONE (Capital RRC)	5.51	Shirley WILLIAMS	7.50
John HARRISON	5.52	John HOGG (Air Log Joggers)	7.51
Richard BROWN (Surrey WC)	5.54	Kevin WISEMAN (LDWA)	7.53
Mike PARKS	5.58	Bob STEPHENSON (LDWA)	7.53
Tim STYLES (Croydon YHA)	6.13	Bridgitte LANSKOY	7.56
Richard SPEAR (Croydon YHA)	6.13	Martin CRAWLEY (Ess/Herts)	7.56
Tony STYLES (CROYDON YHA)	6.13	Derek WISDOM (Ess/Herts)	7.59
A CARTWRIGHT (L&P)	6.26	Barry LOADER (Hendon CS)	8.00
D J CARTWRIGHT	6.26	Christopher Brown (Hendon CS)	8.00
Ann BEECHING (Surrey)	6.32	Emma ATKINS (Hendon CS)	8.01
Malcolm WADDELL (Kent)	6.36	Ronald MacGREGOR (Surrey)	8.04
Tony WILLIAMS	6.36	Ann SAYER (Ess/Herts)	8.04
Dave Prest (Hendon CS)	6.39	Peter WATERHOUSE	8.06
Philip McALLISTER (Hendon CS)	6.39	John CORFIELD (Ess/Herts)	8.06
David CLARKE (Epsom/Ewell)	6.42	Tom STAGLES (LDWA)	8.06
Ashley SAUNDERS (LDWA)	6.42	Peter NEULANDS (Norf/Suff)	8.07
Jeff CAMPBELL	6.46	John PROBERT (Kent)	8.08
Fraser JAMIESON	6.51	John CLARKE	8.09
Peter AMOS (Kent)	6.53	Louise PHILP (Hendon CS)	8.10
Sylvia HACKNEY	6.55	Mick DOYLE (LDWA)	8.11
Mike GREGSON	6.55	Steve HUMMERSONE (Hendon CS)	8.16
David KEEPE (Tadley Runners)	6.57	Paul TURPIN (Hendon CS)	8.17
Brendan COSTIGAN	7.04	Andrew BARR (Hendon CS)	8.17
Bill GRACE (Surrey)	7.07	Christian NEEDHAM (Hendon CS)	8.17
Mike GRANT (LDWA)	7.11	Paul HIGGS (Hendon CS)	8.18
Mark COOKE	7.18	Kirewjit SUMUL (Hendon CS)	8.18
Derek EARL (Sussex)	7.19	Stephen MORGAN (Hendon CS)	8.18
Thomas BROWNLEE	7.20	Richard TOMES	8.18
Keith NOBLE (Ess/Herts)	7.21	John MURRAY (MPCC)	8.18
Hugh Romer (Ess/Herts)	7.25	John WESTCOTT (Surrey)	8.20
Louise CARTWRIGHT (Surrey)	7.26	Pamela PRINCE (Kent)	8.21
Tony CARTWRIGHT (Surrey)	7.26	Jim LINDSAY (LDWA)	8.21
Nigel ARBURY	7.27	Tony TWYMAN (Ess/Herts)	8.22
Peter BARNETT (Kent)	7.28	Keith CHESTERTON (Surrey)	8.24

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Keith WILSON (LDWA)	8.24	Bob TWELLS (Epsom/Ewell)	9.19
Ian HUNT (LDWA)	8.25	John WACKRILL (Epsom/Ewell)	9.19
Jacob VAN DEN BERG (SURREY)	8.25	Robin HANNANT	9.20
Terry KEMP (Surrey)	8.30	John WISE	9.20
Keith Wilkinson	8.33	Graham PARKER	9.20
Brian HAIGH (Surrey)	8.36	Jim PALMER (Surrey WC)	9.21
Shirley HIGGINS (Kent)	8.36	Tara WILLIAMS (Hendon CS)	9.22
Laurie LOWE (Kent)	8.36	Selina PEALIN (Hendon CS)	9.22
Kevin PUTTOCK (Kent)	8.36	Sarah GLOVER (Hendon CS)	9.23
Robert HUMPHRIES (Hendon CS)	8.38	David GEANY (Surrey WC)	9.26
Frances HUMPHRIES (Hendon CS)	8.38	Ian McLEOD (Surrey)	9.29
Peter GOUNDELL (Surrey)	8.38	J LAURANCE (LDWA)	9.30
Molly GROUNDELL (Surrey)	8.38	P DINNAGE (LDWA)	9.30
Chris COATES (Sussex)	8.39	Brian BICKLE	9.31
David COATES (Surrey)	8.39	Dave HOWSE (Wessex)	9.31
Janet CHAPMAN (Surrey)	8.40	Jenny HOWSE (Wessex)	9.31
Albert ROBERTS (Wessex)	8.42	Keith HEWITT (Surrey)	9.32
Norman WHEELER (Wessex)	8.42	Richard STOKES (Surrey)	9.32
Alan HAWKINS (Surrey)	8.46	John GRAY	9.34
Ron ROWETH (Kent)	8.46	Christine GRAY (Wessex)	9.34
Stuart ROWETH	8.46	K LOVETT (D&W)	9.34
Abigail ELRICK (Surrey WC)	8.53	W PERRY	9.47
John ELRICK (Surrey WC)	8.53	M STEWARDSON	9.47
Ronald CORKHILL (Kent)	8.58	Jack GLANCY	9.49
David BRIDGER (Surrey)	8.59	J KIRBY (LDWA)	9.49
Colin WOOD (Surrey)	9.04	Roy CHANDLER	10.01
Eugene STRATTON (LDWA)	9.05	John McELHILL	10.12
Robert ANDREWS (Surrey)	9.06	David YOUNG (Croydon YHA)	10.16
Peter WHITESTONE (Kent)	9.07	Gillian BULL (Surrey)	10.17
Arthur ATTWOOD (Wessex)	9.07	Richard COATESWORTH (Sussex)	10.17
Chris LEWES	9.08	Chris GOOMAN (Eas/Herts)	10.31
Barry MARTIN (Wessex)	9.10	D Draper (BB&N)	10.31
Geoffrey DUMPER (Croydon YHA)	9.10	Gary BRAMHALL (Hendon CS)	10.53
Jesus CHRIST (EWAAPS)	9.11	Neal WILLIAMS (Hendon CS)	10.53
Harry MOUNT (AWAAPS)	9.11	Peter McDonald (Hendon CS)	10.54
Neal O'ROURKE (Kent)	9.14	Craig TURNER (Hendon CS)	10.55
Paul HATCHER (Kent)	9.15	Emma MARRISON (Hendon CS)	10.57
Chris BUTTERFIELD (TH Valley)	9.16	Michelle WALSH (Hendon CS)	10.58
Robert MYERS (Ess/Herts)	9.16	Marie-Anne ROWELL (Hendon CS)	10.58
Ann TOWN	9.17	Neil HIGHAM (LDWA)	11.07
Phil HASTINGS (Kent)	9.18	P J FENNEMORE	11.45
Angus MacARTHUR (Surrey)	9.19		

RETIRED, SHORT CUT OR DID NOT REGISTER AT THE FINISH

Steven GRAY (Hendon CS), Emma FLEMMING (Hendon CS), Julie COLLINS (Hendon CS), Denise BOND (Hendon CS), Mark NORTON (Hendon CS), Kevin SOLOMON (Hendon CS), Stephen RING (Hendon CS), Beverley DUERDEN, Patrick HALEY (Surrey), Ian SHIPTON, John HEMTON, Anthony SHOTTER (Surrey), Steve WACKRILL (Epsom/Ewell), Paul MELLORS (MPCC), Susan BLUNT (Epsom/Ewell), Martin JAKEMAN (Epsom/Ewell), Alan DALE, Paul SHANN, Mike POWELL DAVIES, Jeff POWELL DAVIES, Alan POWELL DAVIES, Peter BAARS (Blackadder VSU), Graham BARTON (Blackadder VSU), Daniel THOROGOOD (Blackadder VSU) and Troy MACABUAG (Blackadder VSU).