**Chiltern Anytime Kanter – 12th April to 31st May 2021 – Roy Carter**

This year’s Chiltern Kanter was organised as an Anytime Challenge because of Covid restrictions in obtaining halls as checkpoints, food sharing, social distancing and limitations on travel outside of local areas. Hence the event was entirely unsupported, there were no refreshments, no checkpoints and no marshals on any of the routes. Participants were asked to bring their own food or obtain refreshment in the villages of Aldbury and/or Wigginton depending on the route they’d chosen. All entrants accepted the conditions of entry and agreed to participate in the event at their own risk as outlined in the LDWA disclaimer. I did receive information which recommended the Wigginton community cafe and another hostelry in Aldbury that welcomed our walkers. It appears they were marvellous places to stop, provided our members with renewed energy and turned a challenge into a lovely day out.

**Starting Point**

The start point was advertised as Pitstone Village Hall which is a public car park with limitations in parking due to residents using the sports field for events and a new building site taking parking space for themselves. There were no problems reported in this respect. Also the event could be started from any point on the chosen route and some took advantage of this aspect, starting somewhere more convenient and answering the Kanter questions in a different order.

**Routes**

All three routes were new compared to the 2019 Chiltern Kanter. We kept the tradition of all routes climbing up onto Ivinghoe Beacon, albeit on a different route than used in the past. We took the risk of calculating walk lengths using some of the Permissive paths in the area which aren’t necessarily plotted on maps except in the latest revisions. I didn’t receive complaints that it was a problem and normal paths could be taken although it would have lengthened the route. The only real problem reported was at Hill Green Farm on the 18 and 26 mile routes where the footpath across the paddocks was not clearly waymarked and a deposit of horse manure was dumped at the bottom of their field where it exits onto Hemp Lane. Perhaps they were telling us we weren’t welcome?

**SiEntries:**

There were 71 Si Entries for the event of which 55 entrants recorded their times onto the Leaderboard. Which meant 16 entrants didn’t participate or didn’t record their time, despite messages to them to do so. This means they will be excluded from the BBN Triple Challenge using the Kanter event information.

**Statistics for the event:**

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| **Overall Totals** |  |  | **Long Route** |  | **Medium Route** |  | **Short Route** |  |
| **Entries** | 71 | 100.00% | 25 | 35.21% | 17 | 23.94% | 29 | 40.85% |
| **Non Starters** | 16 | 22.54% | 2 | 12.50% | 5 | 31.25% | 9 | 56.25% |
| **Starters** | 55 | 77.46% | 23 | 41.82% | 12 | 21.82% | 20 | 36.36% |

**Finances:**

We made a loss on the Chiltern Anytime Kanter to the tune of -£64.74. Income after SiEntries extracted their service fee of £104.16 did not support our expenditure of badges, envelopes and postage.

However, with only 50 badges being posted, we do have around 250 undated badges remaining for the Chiltern Kanter in 2023. So we ought to recover the loss and make a healthy surplus on the next event.

**Financial Report:**

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| **Finances** | **Income** |  | **Expenditure** |  |
| **SiEntries** | £250.84 | Chiltern Kanter Badges | £277.20 |  |
|  |  | Postage & Envelopes | £38.38 |  |
| **Total Income** | £250.84 | Total Expenses | £315.58 | -£64.74 |

**Marshals:**

A Marshals’ Walk did not officially occur before the Anytime Challenge took place because the Covid restrictions did not allow any groups to walk locally. It was only on 29th March that groups of 2 were allowed to walk outside of their local area. That is when Gill Bunker & Rachel Martin, Anjanee Neat & Adam Neat and Dave Findel-Hawkins & Merrian Lancaster kindly volunteered their services to recce and risk assess the Short, Medium and Long routes respectively, before the event started on 12th April.

Their names have been added to the results as having completed the challenge and their names forwarded on for the new BBN Triple Challenge.

Thanks to them for their help.

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