

CHILTERN KANTER MARCH 1st 2009

Well what a contrast 2009 was to 2007. Instead of rain, and more rain we were blessed with lovely weather and the Chilterns and Dunstable Downs were shown off in all of their glorious colours.

At Ivinghoe Village Centre the checkpoint staff felt sufficiently confident to put all of the food and drinks outside and watch the local children playing on the newly opened playground. At the finish our 2 young helpers Chloe Baptiste and Michelle Thomas were able to greet the finishers with a friendly smile equal to the warmth of the sunshine.

Now for the science bit: There were 192 starters over the 3 routes which was 2 down on 2007. Although pre-entrants were down from 149 to 123 and entrants on the day were similar to 2007 the number of non-starters was reduced from 23 to 8. I'm pleased to say there were no retirements.

The badges sold very well and there are approx 20-odd left so if anyone requires an extra one please contact me.

From the feedback that I've had (examples attached at the end) most walkers and runners enjoyed themselves and appreciated the friendly welcome at all of the checkpoints and at the finish.

As always these events could not be run without the people who man the checkpoints, book people in and serve the food. My thanks to the following:

Start/Finish Booking in: Judy Wheeldon, Francis Craven, Derek Jacobs, Mike Hyland

Collection of Cards at finish: Ian McNab, Deborah Jarrett, Chloe Baptiste, Michelle Thomas

Triple Challenge: Lynn Yorston

Car Parks: Chris Bent and Steve Smith

Checkpoint 1 & 3 at Ivinghoe: Dave & Coral Yorston, Sandra Hyland and Kevin Lamming

Checkpoint 2 (on long route) at Whipsnade Tree Cathedral: John Nickerson, Chris Bent, Derek Jacobs, Steve Smith

Water Point outside Dagnall (medium route) : Peter and Mooi Simon

Kitchen at Tring: Gill Bunker, Jackie Burnett, Renate Romer Lynn Yorston, Sandra Hyland

Cups of Tea, Serving Meals: Sybil Davies, Chris Bent.

Sweeper on Medium Route: Mike Hyland

Certificate Design: Christine Pendlebury

In particular I'd like to thank Dave & Lynn Yorston, Mike & Sandra Hyland for their help & advice in coming up with the routes and walking them out. I could not have done it without them.

This was the last event in our Triple Challenge series and Lynn has done a separate report on this for the next committee report. It has been a great success

I'd also like to thank the Kitchen staff (Gill Jackie and Renate) for coping with the cooker stopping working the night before and coming up with an alternative method. Thanks to Gill and Mike for loan of their microwave ovens. Once again BBN (and a bit from Essex/Herts) ingenuity found a way around an unforeseen problem and the walkers were not aware of anything happening

Thanks to all of your efforts for making it all round a special event and once more enhancing the good reputation of our group. If I've missed anyone off who helped then my sincere apologies

The next Chiltern Kanter will be in March 2011 and I'm looking at possible alternative locations to incorporate the Dunstable Downs for all routes. If not then see you all at Tring.

Any surplus from the event will be going towards group funds. These will contribute towards the installation of a memorial bench at Ivinghoe in honour of our 2 founder members Chris Meredith MBE and Chris Goodman who poignantly passed away in our 25th year. This will be located at Ivinghoe and something to keep an eye out for in 2011.

Lost and Found:

The following item was left behind. Please contact me if you know who might be the owner

1 medium sized navy blue England Rugby jacket with red striping on arms

Statistics

Route	Pre-entered	Non-Starters	Retirements	Entries on the Day	Total
Long	69	5	-	25	89
Medium	33	2	-	33	64
Short	21	1	-	19	39
Total	123	8	-	77	192

Compliments from the walkers

Just a quick note to say thanks very much to all those who organised and helped out on the Chiltern Kanter - especially the helpers who had come up from Amesbury. I think my look of shock when offered a bovril sandwich along with an outburst of "BOVRIL" - I think the lady thought I was'nt grateful - I was - just could'nt think of anything worse to put between two slices of bread.

Dennis Simpson

This note is for you and all your helpers (cooks, cleaners, check-point marshals, registration clerks and all) who made this a superb Kanter. Everything seemed so well organised, including the weather, which was a delight after the 2007 experience. Many, many thanks to all of you.

Gabriel Newfield

Thanks for a thorough enjoyable event today. The route was top notch as was the food all round.

Nick Vanson

Thank you for another well organised and enjoyable Kanter yesterday. Good to see a bit of sun late on too.

Tony Lewington

Just wanted to say thanks to you and all your helpers for a great event yesterday

Gavin Rennie

As I said earlier, really enjoyed the day, great route, as usual well organised checkpoints, manned by friendly and helpful people.

I ran the 26 with 2 fellow runners and we were all a little daunted at the start having to use the grid references rather than an 'instruction sheet' but in the end it added to the sense of achievement in getting round, we only took 1 minor detour!

John Kirwan

Norman Corrin

Long Route Results					
Name	Total Time	Name	Total Time	Name	Total Time
Vaughan Wade	03:57	Laura Cummings	06:26	Lee Farrant	07:33
Anne Wade	03:57	Jan Williams	06:30	Charlie Gibson	07:40
Colin Travis	03:58	Nigel Schofield	06:30	Jim Catchpole	07:40
Steve Gordon	04:15	Susan Bennett	06:32	Martin Clarke	07:40
David Sill	04:20	Jim McKellar	06:34	Tom Bradbury	07:40
Gavin Rennie	04:24	Julie Dazell	06:34	Alex Laine	07:43
Alan Hall	04:29	Sue Leonard	06:41	John Dowsett	08:03
John Chesher	04:45	Matthew Whitmore	06:41	Anne Dowsett	08:03
Colin Rees	04:48	Kim Pollard	06:57	Gill Foster	08:03
Tony Hill	04:48	Gabriel Newfield	07:02	Andrew Dixey	08:03
Tim Osman	04:50	Mike Quick	07:04	Michael Harvey	08:04
Chris Fox	04:50	Linda Gould	07:04	Andrew Harvey	08:04
David Powell	04:52	Jerry Gould	07:04	Tony Robinson	08:24
Julie Ewers	05:14	Martin Burnell	07:04	Margaret Robinson	08:24
Paul Scrivener	05:20	Chris Lloyd	07:04	Colin Saunders	09:13
Dave Findel Hawkins	05:23	Jerome Ripp	07:04		
Anthony Lewingston	05:24	Nick Vanson	07:04		
Stuart Hill	05:24	Joanna Turner	07:04		
Anthony Taylor	05:32	Stephen Turner	07:04		
Jonathan Comber	05:43	Kate Churchill	07:04		
Andrew Boulden	05:43	Jeff Smith	07:04		
Glyn Raymen	05:46	Elton Ellis	07:04		
Sarah Thorne	05:46	David Spencer	07:14		
John Kirwan	05:46	Christine Pendlebury	07:18		
Hus Hussey	05:55	Kathryn Ross	07:18		
Neil Fennell	05:56	Guy Evans	07:19		
Mike Newbitt	06:06	Tony Eade	07:23		
Merrian Lancaster	06:10	Eric Rolfe	07:24		
Jim Morrisson	06:10	Mike Dean	07:24		
Brin Bunker	06:14	Susan Cullimore-Pike	07:25		
Colin Scargill	06:14	David Cullum	07:25		
David Welfare	06:15	Brian Harwood	07:25		
Ibi Esat	06:15	Brian Russell	07:28		
Stefan Shillington	06:23	Andy Chesworth	07:28		
Chris Poole	06:26	Robin A Richmond	07:31		
Dave Carter	06:26	Shane Meyers	07:33		

Medium Route Results			
Name	Total Time	Name	Total Time
Paul Keech	02:37	Bernard Olivato	05:39
Derek Christopher	02:40	Alan Robertson	05:47
Carl Baldwin	02:57	Mark Saccoccio	05:47
Diane Baldwin	02:57	Roger Skerman	05:53
Steve Wickham	03:03	Margaret Skerman	05:53
Robert Hodges	03:03	Valerie McLaren	05:55
Owen Byrne	03:03	Chris McLaren	05:55
Martin McPheat	03:27	John Harrison	05:57
Ben Sharp	03:27	Teresa Brown	06:01
Andy Harrison	03:27	Graham Busch	06:03
Philippa Crosby	03:36	Jill Burrige	06:03
Andrew Ritchings	03:36	Barry Ephgrave	06:16
Linda Huxley	03:37	Dennis Simpson	06:16
Peter Mason	03:37	Lorraine Stevenson	06:16
Sandy Ridgway	03:37	Cee Symons	06:17
Penelope Herbert	03:38	Lee Clements	06:22
Alan Joslin	04:15	Jon Fraser	06:22
Denis Smith	04:17	Phil Golds	06:22
Tony Forrest	04:33	Brigitte Hease	06:23
Liz Roots	04:33	Patricia Sage	06:26
Jon Roots	04:33	Ian Sage	06:26
Gavin Browning	04:39	Steven R Hughes	07:20
Dave Andrew	04:59	Janet Pearce	07:20
Daniel Williams	05:03	Graenia Colhoun	07:28
Arun Sharma	05:03	David Gledhill	07:28
Eamonn Bell	05:03	John Seed	07:49
Keith Whitwell	05:05	Eleanor Williamson	08:04
Sylvie Eames	05:27		
Dennis Evans	05:33		
Adrian Moody	05:36		
Marcus Rogers	05:36		
Rod Heywood	05:36		
Yvonne Heywood	05:36		
Kay Webb	05:37		
Kerri Webb	05:37		
Vernon Harvey	05:37		

Short Route Results			
Name	Total Time	Name	Total Time
Anick Valapinee	02:51	Ian Fidge	05:48
Malcolm Haynes	02:51	John Dixon	05:51
Jacqueline Maycock	02:52	Irene Gordon	05:51
Maria Calleia	02:52		
Jim Miller	02:52		
Philip Fick	04:07		
Angela Fick	04:07		
Jane Bird	04:09		
Sarah Lambert	04:09		
Steven Rose	04:13		
Claire Wiltshire	04:13		
Dianne Sutton	04:14		
Joyce Fortune	04:14		
Keith White	04:18		
John Hastings	04:18		
Chas Avis	04:19		
Ruby Avis	04:19		
Brian Graves	04:27		
Ria Sonder	04:27		
Rodney Taylor	04:27		
Derek Bird	04:35		
Graham Smith	04:35		
Sylvia Game	04:35		
David Game	04:35		
Phil Hastings	04:40		
Gillian Neale	04:40		
Fiona Turner	04:40		
Trevor Howes	04:58		
Gill Howes	04:58		
Howard Royds	04:58		
Amanda Royds	04:58		
Trevor Powell	05:12		
Shirley Fidge	05:18		
Chris Chalk	05:43		
Shani Chalk	05:43		
Sam Fidge	05:48		