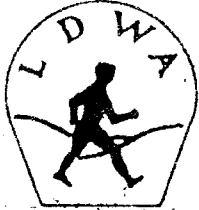


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LONG DISTANCE WALKERS

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PUNCHBOWL MARATHON

REPORT & RESULTS of the 30m & 23m PUNCHBOWL MARATHONS on 2.2.88

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Checkpoints: Mid-Downs REACT Radio Team
RP1: John Westcott, John & Ros Friend, Pauline Bluck & Debbie Waddell.
RP2: Andrew & Lynne Chitty, their 2 sons & Andrew's Mum
RP3: Mervyn Harvey, David Street & RP1 Team
Finish Registration: Mrs Lesley Nightingale & REACT Radio Team
In the Kitchen: All day:- Brian & Jean Crossley
After completing the 23 miler:- Peter Short & John Robinson
Certificate & Badge drawn by Christine Butterfield Map: Brian Graves
Sweeper to CP1 from a 9.05am Start: Dan Hadfield

The previous Sunday had been like a summer day; the Sunday after our Event the Snow was 'deep & crisp & even' providing attractive scenery. And I had to go and choose the damp weekend in the middle! At least the rain did not come to much on the day, but the damage had already been done the previous few days, and thus many were dissuaded from venturing into deepest West Surrey.

Those who did come had a good hard day, with Rice & Fruit, Fruitcake, soup etc, to fortify them for the 4000ft of ascent. The Route featured a 5 1/2 mile stretch to and from a 19 mile circuit. This circuit gives good walking conditions generally, and it is only the stretch to a from it that lets it down, with too much road and the muddy gully down to Cosford Farm which had to be waded through twice.

Next year I would like to stick to the good circuit & add tracks in the same area by moving the Start to possibly the large Car Park above the Devil's Punchbowl. The adjacent Cafe could take care of the catering; & there would be no annoying need to remove boots; & no scramble to clear & clean the Hall for the regular 7pm games of Badminton.

The Winter Tanners has proved (by number of Entrants alone- 317) that a good Event starting & finishing at a large Car Park is all that is needed. My own definition of the simple aims of an LDWA Event being:- 'To enable members to enjoy (in good company) well thought out long routes, that would otherwise create food & drink logistic problems'. As usual I'll be interested to hear from anyone with ideas about any aspect of the Event. — *Ang - John?*

Back to 1988:- 208 of the 291 entries made it to Witley, 70% completed the 30 mile route & 28% finished the 23 miler. The low percentage of non-finishers being a reflection of the 'members' only restriction. In view of the help that Feltham Puffers have given to Surrey Group Events in the past, I allowed their non-LDWA members to enter. I will continue to accept them & anyone else suitably mature & experienced (Orienteers etc.)

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