### **50th PUNCHBOWL MARATHON 2019**

### **20 & 30 mile ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS**

### L-Left R-Right bw-bridleway fp-footpath rd-road trk-track TL-Turn left TR-Turn right

### BL-Bear left BR-Bear right RHS/LHS - Right/Left hand side

### FL-Fork left FR-Fork right wmp-Waymark post FiPo-Finger post kgt-kissing

### gate x-trk: crossing track x–path: crossing path y-yards GSW-Greensand Way

### EMERGENCY TEL. NO: 07979 534695

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0.0 miles Leave Hall by rear veranda. **1/2L** (140o) across recreation ground to **BL** on fp to house. Ahead along drive. At end of fence on **L**, **TL** off drive, following fence on L. Cross concrete hump bridge & ahead on fp thru woods. Under railway & ahead to rd. **TR &** in 100y, **TL** through old kgt & ahead (150o) on fp through woods, soon enclosed. At Y-junct, **FR**. At x-trk, ahead through wooden barrier. Follow fp, fence on R, to T-junct & **TL** on trk (drive), railway on R, to main rd. **A283 – GR950383**

1.1 miles Cross rd **1/2L** to cont ahead on *Combe Lane* on LHS pavement. In 350y, at *Hurst Cottage*, **TR** to cross rd and ahead on fp (**joining GSW,** usually well waymarked). Cross green footbridge over railway. Ahead on encl fp (crosses drive, becomes trk/drive, then fp, then trk/drive again,) for 800y to **FR** 15y before reaching minor rd. **Cross**  & up gravel drive for 15y to **TR** uphill (350o) on fp. At staggered junct **TR** between benches & follow fp to minor rd. **TL** & follow rd for 450y to reach T-junct **– GR938383**

2.2 miles **TL** & in 60y **FR** off rd on fp. In 600y at end of field on R & T-junct, **TL** (270o) down steep gully for 400y to reach main rd at Brook. Cross & down *Bowlhead Green Road*. In 450y go thru tall kgt on L of *Pine Lodge*, up steep fp, thru kgt & in 60y **TR** down wide trk. At bottom keep ahead uphill, thru kgt to **Lower House Drive – GR919387**

3.4 miles Cross drive, thru gate & ahead (260o) across 2 fields via kgt to go thru field gate. **BR** across rd, up steps & thru gate. **TR** along RH side of field. In 200y over stile on **R** & **TL** on enclosed fp to rd. Cross, thru kgt & ahead (240o) across field. Over stile, across trk & thru kgt, down thru trees, over trk & continue down on fp. At 2nd trk **TR** & in 25y (wmp) **FL** down fp. At bottom, ahead & in 150y join metalled drive. In 50y **TL** (**leaving GSW**) on trk (wmp). In 550y over x-trk & pass thru gap to L of electric gate (Hole Farm). In 100y **FR** off drive & 10y later **FR** up trk. In 80y pass style on R and cont up trk. In 100y over x-trk & uphill on narrow fp to go over stile into hillside field. **1/2 L** (270o) up field, thru gate, descend to go thru kgt then thru **A3 underpass (may have standing water but DO NOT CROSS MAIN A3 RD - (better wet feet than a broken body)** – **GR901381**

4.6 miles Up steps & ahead, cross rd, thru kgt & ahead (310o) across field & thru kgt in bottom corner. **TR** on trk, pass thru farmyard, thru gate & in 90y where drive bends right, ahead thu gap (possible new kgt), ahead thru Upper Highfields Farm stable yard & down steps in trees in LH corner (may be hidden by caravan) to rd/trk. **TL** up trk (byway). In 700y **FR**, over cattle-grid & in 50y **FL** up byway (wmp). Over x-trk (FiPo *Gibbet Hill*) & ahead 750y, over crest of rise & down slope. Pass two adjacent sets of low posts on RHS, then at low old wooden sign ‘*Pedestrian path*’ off trk on R, **FR** (200o) up narrow sandy path. At top of knoll, ahead down sandy path (steps) thru posts & **TR** over cattle-grid (200o). In 60y join metalled bw from L. In 70 y **FL** thru posts **&** up metalled path (210o). In 150y **FR** on path down steep slope to trk, **TL** & in 25y **TR** (210o) to pass through saplings. Continue on wide trk around rim of Devil’s Punchbowl (old A3) for 3/4 mile to reach information board on low bank across trk. **TR** on path into trees to stay on rim of Punchbowl, passing viewpoint, for 2/3 mile to join trk from L & ahead thru gate beside cattle-grid to reach

**Checkpoint 1 - Highcombe Edge – GR887364 (Open 09:00 to 11:00)**

7.7 miles Ahead on main trk. In 550y, at wmp, **FR** (30˚) on main trk. In 500y pass electricity post on R. In 350y at x-trk (12 disc wmp), **TL** (320˚) downhill. In 170y, at T-junc, **TsharpR** (20˚) & ahead down path via gate into gully for 900y to rd. Cross & ahead down trk, over x-trk & in 70y **FR.** Ahead to (busy) rd, cross & **TL** on rd, using RHS verge where possible.In 320y (after *March Hares*) **TR** thru posts. Follow initially winding path for 100y uphill to T-junct with trk. **TL** & in 10y **TR** up bw. In 100y at x-trk **TR** (100o) & ahead uphill to reach TRIG POINT on **Kettlebury Hill – GR 885393**

10.0 miles Just beyond trig point **TL** (10o**)** down sandy trk. In 100y join trk from L & ahead over x-trk. Ignore all turns L & R to follow main trk as it contours along Kettlebury Ridge. In 1.1 miles (cycle post no 35 on R) **FR** to continue on ridge for 700y. At 4 short wooden posts across trk, **FL** (20o) down rutted trk. In 160y over x-trk & **TL** (300o) down wide sandy path. In 200y pass 11th tee on L & ahead (320o) keeping on bw across HANKLEY COMMON GOLF COURSE. In 550y ignore RF, at *Horse Riders* sign on L, & 550y later **BR** to join trk from L. In 160y **TR** across golf course car-park. Ahead on bw with course on R. When course ends (wmp) **FL** to pass lake on L & reach T-junct. **20 & 30 mile routes diverge here.**

*30 MILE WALKERS REACHING THIS POINT AFTER 12:15pm SHOULD CONSIDER SWITCHING TO THE SHORTER ROUTE AS THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE TIMED OUT AT* ***The Sands*** *CHECKPOINT*

**20 MILE ROUTE DESCRIPTION CONTINUES ON PAGE 3**

**30 mile route:** 12.9 miles At T-junct **TL** on wide trk. In 650y, just before rd, **TR** down enclosed path. At end **BR** on rd verge to reach bridge. Cross rd, **TR** over RIVER WEY bridge & in 20y **TL** on bw. In 550y **TL** on metalled byway & when tarmac ends keep ahead on trk. In 160y **FR** on trk. In 375y join drive from L & in 40y reach rd. Cross & ahead along trk. In 400y, at T-junct with gate ahead, **TL.** In 500y at (busy) rd (B3001) **TR** up rd. In 250y, (after *Keepers Cottage Stud* on L) **TL** on bw. In 400y reach rd. Cross & swing **L** on bw opposite. In 60y (bw581 marker post propped against tree on RHS of path) **TL** on narrow fp (0˚). In 175y FL to pass thru barrier & cross car park (320˚) to **BR** up path (0˚). Up stepped path to summit of Crooksbury Hill GR 878459. Ahead between trig pillar & RH bench, & down wide fp (30˚). At fork **BslightlyL** and ahead down through concrete posts. At next junction, **FR**. At rd, **TL**. Ahead up rd & over X-rd. In 50y **TR** into

**Checkpoint 2 - *The Sands Room*** (Sands Village Hall) **GR882465** **(Open 11:15 to 13:30)**

16.1 miles Leave hall, down ramp & ahead round end of building. Immediately TR up steps & TL along enclosed fp to sports field. Cross diagonally (140˚) to far R corner to exit along fp into woods. At end cross rd & ahead along drive (*Long Hill*). In 700y at barrier, *Forestry Commission* sign on R, **TL** & cont ahead to gradually join wooden fence on L. At fence corner swing **L** with path & cont (fence still on L). In 90y, at T-junc, **TR** past barrier & in 70y, at narrow x-trk, **TL** (80˚). In 45y ignore LF & **BR** (soon downhill) with mature pines on R, new (dense) plantation initially on L. At end of glade on R, **TL** on major gravel trk & 170y later **BR** to join wide trk from L. In 230y thru barrier (*Crooksbury Common* notice) & 60y later **FR** on path to rd. Cross, thru fence & **BslightlyL** (skirting logs if present) to join trk (40˚) thru wood. Ahead for 550y, over 3 x-trks. After 3rd x-trk, ahead on narrow path. In 130y **BR** to join trk from L & 50y later **TL** on main trk (40˚) to rd via barrier. **TR** & in 30y cross rd & down narrow winding path. In 330y reach **Hampton Park Drive GR 907457**

18.4 miles **BR** over metalled drive (do not go down drive to *Warren Cottage*), thru carpark & **BL** down path to T-junc at edge of pond. **TL** & in 20y **TR** between ponds. Ignoring all R turns keep ahead with (derelict) fence on L & in 400y reach & pass to L of large pond on R. 170y after end of pond, **FR** (10o) (at 2nd wmp with green & (faded) purple discs) up sandy path thru trees (Puttenham Common.) In 400y over x-trk to join & **BR** on trk from L (100˚). In 100y pass mature conifer nearby on R. Ahead across multipath junction and ahead ignoring all turns L&R. In 600y **FL** (60˚) on narrow path into trees (**50y before overhead wires**). In 220y, at x-trk, **TL** & 20y later **TR** thru kgt on fp thru wood (*Lascombe Walk* on kgt), later enclosed. In 250y over drive & stile, & ahead (50˚) across field. Over stile & across 2nd field (40˚) to **TR** on lane. In 900y join lane from L & in 120y (now in Puttenham GR927477) ahead along *The Street*. At *The Good Intent* pub **TR** up *Suffield Lane*. In 60y ahead over stile (**numbers check here**) & ahead along enclosed path. At wood on R ahead along fp in trees to pass stile & thru kgt into field. Ahead across field (180o). At far end thru kgt & ahead across next field & down beside fence. At fence corner, ahead (180o) then swing **R** to exit thru kgt in corner to rd. **TR** & in 140y **TR** thru gap beside fieldgate & ahead on enclosed fp. At derelict gate keep ahead along RH edge of field. At field end past derelict kgt & along initially sunken fp. In 170y at multiway junction, ahead (270o) (wmp). In 150y at T-junct **TL** down sunken bw & keep ahead for 270y to join metalled drive past **Rodsall Manor GR 920457**

22.5 miles Keep ahead on drive, ignore 1st bw on L, & in 100y, just before *Rainbows End* & RH bend in rd, FL on bw. In 400y at house on L keep ahead & follow drive keeping wall/buildings on L. When wall ends TL on path around lake (on R.) When lake ends, ahead between railings, over x-trk & ahead (1800) on path thru wood for 500y to rd. TL & in 90y TR on winding bw thru trees. In 260y thru gate, across field (2400), thru gate & TR on trk to rd. TL & in 300y cross rd to continue on RHS (blind bend ahead). In 200y TL thru gate (just before *Paulshott Cottage* on LHS of rd & ignoring fp closed sign on this gate). In 60y TR (2200) to pass stile & ahead on footpath to TL at fence thru (open) fieldgate. Ahead thru trees across sleeper walkway, into field to fence corner to BR cross sleeper bridge. Ahead (2000) along enclosed path on cross stile, bunker on RHS. Ahead (2100) across open field to cross stile in far LH corner to (very busy) rd (B3001). TL for 20y, then cross rd to RHS to continue on verge. At bridge, cross to traffic island, up along island then cross to LHS rd. Over bridge, then cross to RHS rd. At *The Golden Fleece* pub TR thru carpark, ahead thru gap between fence & trees, pass garages, ahead along drive & TL with rd (Hope Street) to reach main rd. TR for 230y to reach

**Checkpoint 3 - Elstead Village Hall – GR904434 (Open 11:00 to 16:30)**

**30 MILE ROUTE DESCRIPTION CONTINUES AFTER NEXT PARAGRAPH**

### **20 MILE ROUTE CONTINUES HERE**

12.9 miles At T-junct **TR** (40o) on trk, pass thru barrier ahead, swing **R** & then **L** up LH of 3 trks. Follow main trk along northern edge of HANKLEY COMMON for 1.1 miles, ignoring all R & L turns, passing turnings to *Upper* *Hankley Cottage* at 0.6 miles, and *Hankley Farm* at 0.8 miles. At 1.1 miles reach carpark & ahead to join tarmac rd (90o). In 0.5 mile pass **Elstead Church** on R and join main rd from R. Ahead along LHS rd to reach your **2ND checkpoint**, on L.

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**30 & 20 MILE ROUTES: JOINT ROUTE DESCRIPTION CONTINUES HERE**

25.0/14.7 miles. Leave Elstead Village Hall & **TL** on rd. At *Hope Street* on L, **TR** to cross rd into *Stacey’s Farm Road* & immediately turn up enclosed **fp on L**, between houses. Thru kgt & ahead keeping (intermittent) hedge on L. Thru kgt, **TL** & in 5y **TR** (160o). In 100y thru kgt & along R edge of 4 fields on enclosed fp for 1200y (fields also to R, beyond trees). At end of 4th field thru kgt then ahead to cross stile beside metal gate onto MOD Training Area (2 white MOD and 2 yellow triangle signs) on **Ockley Common – GR 911423**

26.0/15.7 miles Keep ahead (150o) & in 400y join trk from R. Keep ahead & 200y later over x-trk. In 150y join trk from L (2 wmps at junct). **BR** (170o) on trk. In 130y pass *Natural England* board on your L & keep ahead. Follow main trk along edge of Ockley Common, later into trees, ahead over all x-trks & in 1250y at x-trk pass *Natural England* board on your R. Ahead & in 450y reach trk junct with a green *A3 Gap closed* sign and a yellow triangle sign. **BR** (220o) & in 400y ignore left fork to A3 (visible ahead) to **FR** then **BL** to join trk from R. In 400y reach *Natural England* board & **TL** between fences to rd. Cross & ahead over **A3 bridge – GR911397**

27.9/17.6 miles At far side cross slip rd & **TL** down rd to *Bowlhead Green*. In 480y (40y before rd bends R) **TR** on trk & in 80y **TL** on bw. In 160y cross rd & ahead down trk opposite. In 270y, when trk swings R towards house, **BL** then **FR** on bw, keeping wall on R (80o). Ahead for 750y to rd & cont ahead, using either verge. In 150y **TL** into car park, **BR** past notice board & **TL**. In 15y **FR** & 40y later **TR**. In 50y join fp from L & in 160y at x-trk (wmp) **TR (**140o.) 120y later, 30y before barrier, **FL** on fp to rd. **A286/ROKE LANE – GR931399**

29.3/19.0 miles Cross A286 onto common to follow blue-topped posts (70o). In 200y, ignore main path forking L & continue ahead on lesser path. In 350y, at wide x-trk under power lines, **TR** to rd. **TL** & in 200y **BR** on 2nd trk to pass in front of cottages. At end ahead down fp with fence on L, over drive & ahead around small lake. Up 24 steps, follow fp to left, then bear right with fp, ahead to pass houses on L, then on R. Down thru carpark & at T-junct, **TL** down rd, (Church Lane.) In 180y reach (very busy) A283 & **TR** for 200y. WHEN SAFE cross to Chichester Hall. Keeping hall on L, pass around outside of hall to **back veranda** to Finish checkpoint. Please do not use front entrance to hall.

**Remove boots and shoes on veranda please**

**FINISH GR948394**

Thirty mile route: 30.7 miles Twenty mile route: 20.4 miles

**Well Done!**

**NO BOOTS IN HALL PLEASE**

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