### **52nd PUNCHBOWL MARATHON 2023**

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

### L-Left R-Right bw-bridleway fp/fb-footpath/bridge rd-road trk-track

### TL-Turn left TR-Turn right BL-Bear left BR-Bear right FL-Fork left FR-Fork right

### ahd-ahead RHS/LHS - Right/Left hand side wmp-waymark post junct-junction

### FiPo-Finger post kgt-kissing gate x-trk: crossing track x–path: crossing path y-yards

### ***Directions from Event Car Park to Registration:-******Retrace*** *route to rd. Cross (WITH CARE) &* ***TL*** *along pavement. In 170y, opp War Memorial, recross rd (WITH CARE) to continue on opposite pavement. In 270y* ***TL*** *up drive to Tilford VH.*

**Note: you must pass thru, & be recorded at, all CPs & number checks on your chosen route. Number checks are not marked on route description.**

0.0mi Leave *Tilford Village Hall* & **TL** to rd, then **TL** along pavement. In 90y just before rd junct **TL** up gravelled drive (FiPo). Thru gateway, **BL** then **BR** along enclosed path, soon with *River Wey* on R. Keep ahd, ignoring all turns, to go thru small wooden gate. In 40y join metalled drive from L, ignore RF & 300y later, where trk (now gravel) ends, ahd thru small metal gate & along enclosed path. In 300y thru kgt & **TR** on wide trk*.* Ignoring all turns keep ahd. In 500y, if flooded, prepare for wet feet(!) & 400y later at wmp on R (100y before rd) **TsharpR** (350° initially) on bw.

1.5mi In 90y **TL** on path. In 650y, cross tarmac lane (WITH CARE) & **TL** on path, keeping car park on L & proceed parallel to RH edge of car park. Just before end of car park, **FL** to corner of parking area. At corner **TR** (220°), away from NT notice board, & continue up path with tall, substantial marker post on R. (This path is not shown on OS maps.) Ahd on path, ignoring all side paths. Path swings to L & begins climbing. Ignore right fork & at T-junct **TR**. **FL** at Y-junct (180°) uphill on wide trk. At top **BL** on wide trk, soon grassy. In 150y, at Y-junct, **FR** then swing L between wmp & bench. Keep along ridge & in 200y (**SU853409**), **TR** (290°) past bw wmp to go steeply downhill on wide trk. Ignore all turns to go thru gate & over busy rd (WITH CARE). Ahd on bw & in 250y, over staggered x-path & 10y later **TL** (200°) down sandy trk. In 110y pass wmp on L & 15y later **FL** down narrow path (initially 170°, soon 210°). Over x-trk & 10y later **FL** at Y-junct.

3.1mi On reaching the open, grassy area (*Frensham Great Pond*), **BR** to pass in front of car park on R along the line of wooden posts. At end of car park, **BL** past *no cycling* sign & initially with wooden fence on L, follow lakeside path to rd. (**SU840400).**

Ahd along rd (WITH CARE) to **FL** at Y-junct at *Frensham Pond Hotel*. Ahd to cross bridged stream & immed **FL** (wmp) on path into narrow strip of land between rd & pond. Stay on main path (many short dead-end offshoots here, so **FR** at Y-juncts) to return to rd after 300y. **TL** & just beyond house (70y before main rd), **TL** on bw. In 90y, at junct (wmp), **TR** to reach main rd.

4.2mi Cross (WITH CARE) & ahd (80°) on sandy trk. In 350y, at junction, **BR** (110°) down path &130y later, at 6-way junct, **BL** (70°). Ahd on path & at Y-junct **FR**, then around S-bend & ahd. At end of field on R, ignore RT to cont soon with lake over on R. At wooden shed on R, swing **L** with path & in 200y, at path junct with wires overhead, **TR** (70°). In 250y pass house on R (*Grey Walls*) & join tarmac trk from L. Over fb & in 150y **FL** on bw (80°). In 450y, cross wide concrete trk & **BL** (20°) along enclosed path. Keep ahd ignoring all turns & in 900y cross rd (WITH CARE) to **CHECKPOINT 1 - RUSHMOOR - SU868415 (open 08:45 to 10:45)**

6.0mi Leave CP to **TL** (110°) along rd (WITH CARE) to main rd. Cross (WITH CARE) & ahd, thru wooden barrier keeping ahd on bw (90°). In 90y, at 5-way junct, **BR** (140°). In 400y over x-trk & ahd up hill. At top **BR** on trk to join wide trk coming from R. Ahd to join main trk (*Kettlebury Ridge*) from L (**SU 880407**) Follow main trk along ridge. After a knoll on L at 0.85mi, swing **R** with trk. In 270y over diagonal x-trk & in 50y **FL** up trk to reach Trig Point on **KETTLEBURY HILL - SU885393**

8.4mi **TR** down trk (280°). In 220y **FL** & in 10y **TL**. In 100y **TL** on bw & 10y later **TR** on winding path to rd. **TL** on busy rd for 320y: (EXTREME CARE), blind bends so cross to RH side, cont to just past *Pitch Cottage*, then cross to LH verge. Just after driveway, cross again to RHS. **TR** up trk(*Little Pitch* on L). In 500y over x-trk & **FR.** Ahd to cross rd & up bw. In 500y thru gate, under wires, & **FL** into trees to cont uphill on main trk.

9.7mi At wmp just before trees end, **TsharpL** (40°) & cont uphill on path to 5-way junct at wmp. **TR** on wide path up ridge (later rim of the Punchbowl) for 1500y to go thru metal gate beside cattle grid. In 60y **FL** (wmp) on bw to cont along rim. Ahd for 800y on rim path to reach View Point (car park away to R) into **DEVIL’S PUNCHBOWL - SU891358**

11.3mi Continue ahd, ignoring all LFs & in 270y **TL** onto wide path(old A3), thru gate & cont around rim of Punchbowl. In 1500y, thru metal gate, **FR** & 50y later join tarmac path from R. In 200y join lane from L & 70y later leave tarmac to **BL** (0°) up byway.

12.5mi In 60y **TL** thru posts (330°) & up sandy, stepped path. At top, ahd (20°), down narrow path. At junct with trk, **TL** & 40y later, **FL** off trk to follow narrow path around hillside. In 300y over x-trk & 30y later join trk from R. In 15y **FR** on narrow path, passing wooden kgt on R to follow path downhill with fence on R. At fence corner at bottom, swing **R** steeply downhill on path to join trk from L. At junct of trks, **FL**, keeping fence on L. Join TK from R, pass new cattle grid (gate?) & ahd down trk to **BR** on rd. In 15y ignore entrance into *Little Cowdray Farm* & 85y later **TL** into **CHECKPOINT 2 - LITTLE COWDRAY FARM - SU897386 (open 10:30 to 13:30)**

13.1mi Return to rd & **TL**. In 220y, just after rd bends to R, **TL** into drive of *Hedge Farm* (FiPo). In 20yd **FR** onto narrow enclosed fp. Ahd for 700y to join tarmac drive. Ahd on drive for 650y to rd & **TR** (WITH CARE). In 120y, at 30 mph sign, ahd on wide path & 10y later **TR** up fp. Ignoring paths to Mi, ahd over hillock, down slope & curve L with path (steep bank to R) to tarmac lane. Ahd up lane, houses to L&R, to rd junct (*Thursley Village*). **TL**, cross rd to pavement & **TR** past white house *The Clump*. At bw (FiPo), **TL** on trk. Ignoring all x-trks & paths keep ahd for 800y. After descent, at 5-way junct (wmp on L), **TR** (100°) & ahd for 500y on trk with fence on L to x-trk. Over & in 70y, at x-trk with white Esso post & wm posts, **TR** (70°) on trk. Follow wide trk for 800y. In woodland, at white Esso post with wmp, **FL**. Just beyond electricity pole with red cable on L, **TL** on trk (0°).

16.3mi Ahd on trk along edge of *Thursley Common* & in 1000y, at path junct, pass signboard *Natural England: Thursley National Nature Reserve* & MOD danger sign. Keep ahd & in 130y cross ditch bridge & **FL** (330°). In 170y join wide trk from R. In 200y, at wmp, **FR** (320°) onto fp. In 320y over x-trk & 50y later reach *Out of bounds to military* sign at metal fieldgate. Ahd over stile beside gate to leave MOD Training area at edge of **OCKLEY COMMON - SU911424**

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**30 mile route description continues here**

16.8mi Keep ahd to pass wooden kgt on L & along LH edge of 4 fields on enclosed fp. At end of 4th field on RHS, thru kgt & ahd on enclosed fp. At T-junc **TL** for 5y then **TR** thru kgt (leaving 20 mile route), along RH edge of field, thru kgt & down enclosed fp to **ELSTEAD - SU906436**

17.6mi Cross rd (WITH CARE) & ahd down (*Hope Street)*. In 60y **TR** along drive, pass to R of garages, thru gap in fence & thru pub carpark to rd. **TL** down busy rd, cross (WITH CARE) to RHS & over bridge.

**Follow this para if flood route is in operation. If not then skip to next para.**

*17.8mi At end of bridge cross to central island (WITH GREAT CARE), then to verge on LHS of rd (WITH EQUAL CARE). Ahd until just past 2nd driveway (to pub). Cross to RHS of rd (WITH GREAT CARE) & ahd to* ***TR*** *over stile. Ahd (30º) to cross fb & stile to R of bunker & ahd along (soon) enclosed path. Cross field bridge & curve left with path into trees. Ahd thru field gate, curve R with path & pass stile. Ahd, curve L with path & ahd thru gate to rd &* ***TR*** *(WITH CARE).***NOW GO TO PARA 18.2mi**

17.8mi **TR** thru kgt & follow river bank for 250y. Cross fb & **TL** on enclosed path, leaving river. In 140y at T-junct **TR** along enclosed path. Cross field bridge & curve left with path into trees. Ahd thru field gate, curve R with path & pass stile. Ahd, curve L with path & ahd thru gate to rd & **TR** (WITH CARE).

18.2mi In 500y **TR** on bw & 200y later **TL** thru gate & **BR** (60º)across field. Thru gate into wood & ahd on winding bw to rd. **TR** & in 100y, opposite post box, **TL** into entrance of *Gatwick Bridge* house & ahd on bw. In 230y at T-junct, **TL**. When tarmac drive swings L, keep ahd up wide, gently rising, enclosed path thru woodland. Ignore all turns L&R & in 0.6 miles go thru posts keeping ahd uphill on trk. Over hill crest & descend. When trk swings R, ahd thru kgt & down field (100°) to go thru kgt in hedge & down fp to rd. **TL** & in 140y (just before 1st house on L) **TL** along enclosed path (FiPo). Thru 3 pedestrian gates then ahd on unpaved drive. At T-junct. **TR** along drive & keep ahd to rd.

20.7mi **TL** along rd (WITH CARE) & in 150y **TL** (FiPo) thru derelict farm gate & ahd on path, soon enclosed. At open field keep ahd up RH field edge, ignoring farm trk. At field corner pass derelict kgt to cont along initially sunken fp thru wood. In 170y, at multiway junct, ahd (270º) (wmp). In 130y, at T-junct, **TL** down sunken bw & 15y later **TR** up steps. Ahd with fence & wall on R. **TR** with fence, over drive to *Top* *Rodsall Cottage*, over rd (WITH CARE) & up trk to go under metal barrier into *Puttenham Common* carpark.

21.6mi Follow line of short wooden posts forming the carpark’s RH boundary to notice board at top RH corner. **BR** thru posts on broad path (10º) soon into woods. Cross hollow & ahd (0º) keeping to broad path. Ignore all turns L&R & in 350y, at T-junct, **TL** &20y later keep ahd past barrier. In 130y under wires, join path from L & 40y later, at Y-junct (wmp), **FL** (250°) on wider path across *Puttenham Common*. Ignore all turns L&R for 500y to reach 5-way path junct. Take 2nd path on R (330º) soon descending. Ignore all turns L&R for 450y to **FL** at Y-junct (wmp) & 50y later, at T-junct (wmp), **TL.** Keep ahd to go thru small carpark **GR SU911473.**

*Except for a 1 mile diversion to Seale CP, the route now follows the North Downs Way (NDW), a waymarked path, for 3.5 miles.*

22.7mi **TL** & ahd along trk to T-junct at cottage. **TL** on tarmac & in 15y **TR** (fiPo NDW) uphill on fp into woodland. In 300y swing **L** with NDW & 180y later keep ahead over wide TK. In 200y thru wooden kgt & ahd along L edge of field to **TR** immed before metal kgt on path (signed to Seale) down field with fence on L (now temporarily leaving the NDW). Over stile into wood & in 30y, at split timber post with fp sign, **TR** on narrow, winding path thru trees to rd. Cross **1/2R** (WITH CARE) & **TL** thru tall gate into woodland. **TR** & ahd with fence on R on undulating & winding path. Thru next tall gate & **TL** now withfence on L. Over stile & ahd on enclosed path that soon climbs steeply (towards the Hogsback A31). At T-junct **TL** down tarmac lane & in 550y, just after *Walnut Tree Cottage* on R but before long, low tiled roof on L, **TL** (FiPo) down steps, along fp, & thru gate into churchyard. Ahd to exit thru lychgate. Cross rd (WITH CARE) & **TL** up pavement. In 50y **FR** then immed **TR** up *School Hill*. Follow rd to reach CP3 on R.

**CHECKPOINT 3 SEALE VILLAGE HALL - GR SU897477 Open 12:15 to 16:30**

24.4mi Exit CP & **TR**. At rd junct **TR** along verge. In 90y, at fiPo (NDW), **TR** thru kgt & ahd along RH edge of 2 fields. At end of 2nd field path swings R then L thru trees to cont with field on L soon becoming enclosed. At Y-junct **FL** to rd. Cross (WITH CARE) & ahd along enclosed path with golf course on L. At next rd **TL** & keep ahd (WITH CARE) to T-junct. **TR** past clubhouse to cont along rd (WITH GREAT CARE), (fp part way on RHS). In 700y, just after house number 5 on R, **TL** (FiPo NDW & easily missed) along narrow enclosed path thru trees to rd. TL & in 30y cross (WITH EXTREME CARE), to cont on trk (FiPo NDW).

26.4mi In 350y, at X-trk, **TR** (FiPo NDW) & 150y later **TL** (FiPo NDW) on fp thru (*Runfold Wood)*. In 330y thru kgt & ahd on enclosed path. At kgt ignore fp on R to cont thru gate to rd. **TR** downhill & in 110y, by upturned Dragons Teeth (WW2 defensive relics) on L, **BL** down narrow FP (FiPo NDW). Over stile & **TL** on tarmac drive (*Moor Park Way*) (now leaving NDW & joining the Greensand Way).

27.2mi Keep ahd on drive to go thru kgt beside metal gate & in 900y pass *Mother* *Ludlam’s Cave* on L. In 100y, thru kgt & pass house on L to rd. Cross (WITH CARE) & **TR** to rd junct. Cross (WITH EXTREME CARE) & **TL** tocont on RHS of rd alongnarrow margin (again WITH EXTREME CARE). In 220y, when rd swings L, BR along encl trk (soon with *River Wey* down on R). In 500y, at field gate on L (red WM on post), **TR** up sunken trk & 400y later reach rd. Cross (WITH CARE) & **BR** on byway opposite. In 40y swing L with byway passing *Sheephatch Farm* on L. Keep ahd for 400y, ignoring farm crossing, to join trk from R which later becomes tarmac & 170y later **FR** down bw (FiPo). At rd **TR** over *River* *Wey* bridge, keep to pavement & at the *Barley Mow* pub cross rd **½ R** (WITH CARE) & across corner of *Tilford Green* to

**FINISH - TILFORD VILLAGE HALL - SU872433 (open 12:15 to 18:00) 30mi**

**Well Done! PLEASE - NO BOOTS IN HALL**

**20 mile route description continues below**

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16.8mi Keep ahd to pass wooden kgt on L & along LH edge of 4 fields on enclosed fp. At end of 4th field thru kgt to cont on enclosed fp. At T-junct **TL** down fp (leaving 30 mile route). At end ahd on rd. At main rd, cross (WITH CARE) & **BL** along *Westbrook Hill*, passing to R of **ELSTEAD CHURCH - SU904434**

18.4mi Ahd along rd for 1000y & when tarmac ends **FR** on trk. In 440y ahd over staggered x-trk passing wooden sign to *Hankley Farm (& others)* on R then keeping to RH trk of (initially) parallel pair along RH edge of *Hankley Common*. In ¾ mile, at T-junct at bottom of slope, **TR** & 50y later pass metal barrier. Ahd on wide trk passing lake on L & in 650y (just before rd) **TR** on enclosed trk with rd parallel on L. At end swing **L** to cross rd (WITH CARE) & **TR** on pavement, keeping *Tilford Green* on R. In 130y **TL** up drive to the finish

**FINISH - TILFORD VILLAGE HALL SU872433 (open 12:15 to 18:00) 20mi**

**Well Done! PLEASE - NO BOOTS IN HALL**