LDWA SURREY GROUP 48th Surrey Inns Kanter Epsom Downs 2/1/2023 REPORT AND RESULTS

The 48th edition of the Kanter was held in the Epsom Downs area for the second time. There were 130 entries in all, the largest number for many years, of which 113 entered in advance and 17 entered on the day. There were 10 non-starters, giving 120 out on the routes, including one retirement, most of which were LDWA members.

The venue of St Mark's Church Hall, Tattenham Corner was excellent, with lots of space and a well-appointed kitchen.

The weather on the day was mild, dry and bright, however the going underfoot had degenerated into deepest mid-winter conditions due to the large volume of rain in the run-up to the bank holidays. Notwithstanding that, all walkers and runners managed the routes in good time.

The event included a visit to the new woodland managed by the Woodland Trust in Langley Vale to commemorate the soldiers fallen in World War I, and passed a number of Coal Tax Posts, especially on the short route, which had featured in two previous Surrey Group Kanters based on Walton-on-the-Hill in the early 1980s. The posts, now over 150 years old, are listed monuments and amazingly nearly all still survive, they indicate the boundary at which the duty was payable.

The oldest pubs visited appear to be The Running Horses on the long route and the Sportsman on the short route, both of which are 16th century.

The souvenir beer mat this year was based on a standard horse brass design as appropriate to Epsom Downs.

If you see any errors in the results, can you please let me know and I'll get the web page updated.

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