

LDWA SURREY GROUP
49th Surrey Inns Kanter
Coulsdon
01/01/2024
REPORT AND RESULTS

The 49th edition of the Kanter was held in the Coulsdon area for the second time. There were 76 entries in all, of which 68 entered in advance and 8 entered on the day. There were 16 non-starters, giving 60 out on the routes, and no retirements. The 76 entries included 17 non-members.

The Coulsdon area grew in size after the railway in Chipstead Valley was electrified in 1928, and the venue chosen, Coulsdon Community Centre, was an art deco inspired building dating from 1935, Field Marshal Montgomery and a young cellist Jacqueline du Pre being among the previous visitors. The venue was excellent, with lots of space and a well-appointed kitchen; on the previous evening the central heating had irretrievably failed, however this did not appear to be an issue with the walkers and runners.

The weather on the day was mild and dry with a certain amount of sunshine until at least mid-afternoon, 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, exceptional in certain instances.

The newest pub was the first visited on both routes, Smugglers Inn, which was opened in 2005, and the next newest was Ramblers Rest in Outwood Lane, Chipstead which dates from 1993, however parts of the building date back to 1301. Since the previous edition of the Kanter in 2018 various pubs had changed their inn sign, and only the Railway Inn in Merstham is no longer with us.

The long route visited The Millennium Stones in Gatton Park which were created during 1998 to 1999 to mark the double millennium from AD1 to AD2000; a new clue for 2024 was the rare Edward VIII post box in Chipstead Valley.

The souvenir beer mat this year was based on the logo for the Coulsdon Community Centre. 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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