

# LDWA KENT GROUP WHITE CLIFFS CHALLENGE 12/13<sup>th</sup> September 2009



## Report and Results

THIS year's White Cliffs Challenge, held over the weekend of September 12/13, drew 165 entrants, a record number for the event.

There were 123 starters on the 54-mile route, of whom 109 completed it and 14 retired, and 28 starters on the 22-mile route, with 26 finishing and two retiring. The Marshals' Walk (54-mile only) resulted in 13 completions. So we were pleased to have 122 completions which is very good for an over 50-mile event.

This year the event was held at Fowlmead Country Park for the first time. Fowlmead, built on the site of the former Betteshanger pit, is two miles outside Deal (which, LDWA members may be interested to know, has become the first town in the south of England to be granted Walkers Are Welcome status).

It was also the second leg of the Kent Surrey Sussex triple challenge of 50-plus mile walks. The Surrey Tops was held last year, and the Sussex Stride will return to the LDWA calendar in 2010.

From Fowlmead, both routes went to Deal seafront and then along to the White Cliffs, where they diverged at Dover. The 54-mile route followed the cliffs to Capel, then went inland, following the North Downs Way and the Elham Valley Way, to Etchinghill, Elham and Bishopsbourne, before picking up the NDW again to Shepherdswell and leaving it just after Ashley to return to Fowlmead. The 22-mile route climbed up through Dover, going close to the castle, before picking up the NDW and following it to Guston and Maydensole Farm, where it rejoined the longer route for the return to Fowlmead. The weather was kind to us all throughout the event.

Kent Group is very grateful to the following people who marshalled on the event with apologies to anyone overlooked:

**KENT MEMBERS** (plus some family and friends): Pauline Barnett, Brian Buttifant, Peter Carter, Pat and Bryan Clarke, Joy Davies, Christophe Delogne, Bob Field, Bob and Jane Green, Shirly Gill, Mike Headley, Neil Higham, Liz and Ben Keeler, Stephanie Le Men, Linda Michell, Roger Munn, Merv and Fiona Nutburn, Neal and Jan O'Rourke, Chris Perks, Mike Pursey, Mike Ratcliff, Alan Stewart, Alan Sutton, Dave Sheldrake, Graham Smith, Wendy Thurrell, Jeff Tyrell, Ivan Waghorn, Keith Warman and Henry Williams.

**SUSSEX MEMBERS** (who marshalled on Checkpoint 1): Chris Baines-Holmes, Chris Coates, Shirley Greenwood and Anthony Mitchell.

**SURREY MEMBERS** (who marshalled on Checkpoint 3): Jackie Barker, Fiona Cameron, Tony Cartwright, Janet and Reg Chapman, John Lay, Ann Sayer and Ted Swift.

Due to the Sussex Stride taking place in 2010, next year's WCC will revert to the shorter distances of around 28 and 14 miles, at a date to be confirmed – details will appear in Strider.

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\* A DVD of this year's White Cliffs Challenge, with more than 300 pictures of the event, has been made by Eric Rolf. If you would like a copy, please send a 9x6 SAE to Eric at 63 Sketty Road, Enfield, Middx, EN1 3SF, with a cheque for £2.50, made payable to E. Rolf. All proceeds from the DVD go to a little orphanage in Bolivia called AVL, housing six boys and eight girls. The orphanage needs all the funds it can get, otherwise some of these children will be out on the street.

## 26 TWENTY-TWO MILE COMPLETIONS

Joseph Gale, 04.19  
Jonathan Richardson, 04.19  
Morris Dean, 04.20  
Roger Dean, 04.20  
Simon Chapman, 05.28  
Troy Humphreys, 05.28  
Jo Taylor, 05.41  
Keith Harding, 06.10  
Sarah Hinton, 06.10  
Roger Story, 06.11  
Frank Canham, 06.39  
Simon Riddington, 06.39  
Duncan Brice, 06.58  
John Deller, 07.09  
Peter Jull, 07.09  
Rose Saker, 07.09  
Sharon Saker, 07.09  
Clem Oliver, 07.16  
Geoff Thorpe, 07.16  
Richard Thorpe, 07.16  
David Anderson, 07.25  
Kim Jones, 07.58  
Hayley Phelan, 07.58  
Adela Boardman, 08.12  
Richard Frost, 08.12  
Edward Barnes, 08.45

## 109 FIFTY-FOUR MILE COMPLETIONS

Fabrice Leistner, 11.15  
Mark Bennett, 12.10  
Glyn Morris, 12.10  
Graham Baker, 12.55  
Roderick Johnstone, 12.55  
John Poole, 12.55  
Peter Johnson, 12.56  
Jonathan Venning, 12.56  
Stephen Mayne, 14.30  
Malcolm Hunt, 14.32  
Jeff Campbell, 14.34  
David Whitehead, 14.34  
Andrew Boulden, 15.02  
Bill Dixon, 15.02  
Dave Goodfellow, 15.02  
Roger Michell, 15.02  
Tara Williams, 15.02  
Robbie Craig, 16.15  
Brian Layton, 16.15  
Peter Naish, 16.19

Chris Pitt, 16.19  
David Findel-Hawkins, 16.21  
Merrian Lancaster, 16.21  
Anthony Hammond, 16.24  
Rebecca Lawrence, 16.24  
Maria Davis, 16.26  
Malcolm Dyke, 16.31  
David Graham, 16.31  
Rod Spindler, 16.31  
Steve Smith, 16.40  
Cliff Stokes, 16.40  
Debbie Brearley, 17.18  
Stephen Edwards, 17.18  
Richard Jasper, 17.18  
Andrew Keeler, 17.18  
Peter H. Shaw, 17.18  
Roger Shaw, 17.18  
Debbie Stirling, 17.18  
Michelle Armour, 18.15  
Michael Fletcher, 18.15  
Don Newman, 18.30  
Andrew Gilbertson, 18.38  
Brian Harwood, 18.38  
Chris Chorley, 18.43  
Bobbie Sauerzapf, 18.43  
Rob Coleridge, 18.44  
John Edwards, 18.44  
Paul Flynn, 18.44  
Suzanne Flynn, 18.44  
Nicola Ghent, 18.44  
Charlie Grattan-Bell, 18.44  
David Holland, 18.44  
Abigail Hounsell, 18.44  
Rod Heywood, 19.05  
Yvonne Heywood, 19.05  
David Laight, 19.07  
Dave Adams, 19.20  
Jacqueline Cooper, 19.20  
Nick Ford, 19.20  
Jenny Shepherd, 19.20  
Alan Tinker, 19.20  
Stephen Walker, 19.20  
Duncan Baber, 19.28  
Tom Bradbury, 19.28  
Andy Humphreys, 19.28  
Robert Abrey, 19.31  
Jim Catchpole, 19.31  
Rosemary Abrey, 19.33  
Don Bolton, 19.33  
Paul Lawrence, 19.33  
Hilary Farren, 19.51

Andrew Hayhurst, 19.51  
Gordon Harker, 20.12  
Jayne Cook, 20.28  
Jane Dicker, 20.28  
Kathleen Schuil, 20.28  
Julian Pursey, 20.35  
Julie Welch, 20.35  
Sally Dolan, 20.36  
Stan Dolan, 20.36  
Martin Burnell, 20.39  
Graham Busch, 20.39  
Paul Keech, 20.39  
Chris Lloyd, 20.39  
Christine Usher, 20.39  
David Yorston, 20.39  
Kevin Puttock, 20.41  
Juliet Eberle, 20.43  
Elton Ellis, 20.43  
Michael Scanlon, 21.03  
David Basson, 21.09  
Catharine Pember, 21.09  
Mark Van Schalkwyk, 21.09  
Jeremy Willis, 21.09  
Phil Butterfield, 21.10  
Conrad Power, 21.10  
Joanna Bertoni, 21.12  
Mark Bertoni, 21.12  
Dee Brockway, 21.12  
Ian Sage, 21.12  
Francis Thomason, 21.20  
Neville Williams, 21.24  
Clive Fraser, 21.25  
Ron Voyce, 21.32  
Tim Glenn, 21.34  
Richard Lovelock, 21.54  
Paul Lovelock, 21.57  
Richard Denby, 22.15  
Simon Humphry, 22.15

## 13 MARSHALS' FIFTY-FOUR MILE COMPLETIONS

Fiona Cameron, 14.40  
Wendy Thurrell, 15.45  
Mike Ratcliff, 15.55  
Christophe Delogne, 17.10  
Stephanie le Men, 17.10  
Jackie Barker, 17.50  
Tony Cartwright, 17.50  
Michael Headley, 19.25  
Mike Pursey, 19.25  
Jeff Tyrell, 19.25  
Shirly Gill, 20.45  
Keith Warman, 20.45  
Brian Russell, 22.15

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**MARCH 2010 - THE SEVENOAKS CIRCULAR WALKS - 30, 20 AND 14 MILES**

**JULY 2010 - HIGH WEALD CHALLENGES - 26 AND 14 MILES**