

Surrey Tops 2011 report

Of the 150 entrants in this year's Surrey Tops, 122 made it to the start line with 107 reaching the finish under their own steam. The disappointingly high number of 28 non-starters may have had something to do with some hedging their bets on qualifying for next year's 100 by entering the Shotley 50 the week before whilst keeping the Tops in reserve. It's always possible that some woke that morning with flashbacks to the weather of 2008 and rebelled at the possibility of a repeat experience. I will avoid commenting on the weather that year for fear of opening old (and soggy) wounds. In the event the weather this year was, overall, reasonably kind although I believe some did endure occasional but heavy showers, hail and even thunder. For most of you the notorious Jelleys Hollow had been tamed. Alas, it had been surfaced! Not like in the old days... Having said that the route was not entirely mud free, as footwear, comments, and in some cases clothing, testified.

The first declared walker, Dave Goodfellow of LDWA Surrey, was home in a very commendable time of 12:15. The first runners, Nick Burchnall & Steve Low of Blackwater Valley Runners, scooted round in an equally commendable time of 10:26. Also worthy of note are sisters Gwen and Caroline Holtham who squeezed in 2mins inside the time limit of 20hrs. To all of you between these times (and to Steve Rackett who finished a little over an hour over time) very well done. I do feel that Elaine Edwards from LDWA Surrey deserves a particular mention. As an octogenarian, Elaine completed the Marshals Walk (usually acknowledged to be tougher than the event itself) in a fantastic time of 19:40. Hats off to you Elaine!

For the first time this year a GPX file was made available for GPS techies. Firstly I must apologise for the errors that crept in around Hydons Ball. These of course were entirely deliberate - to ensure that route descriptions were also being used!!! It might also be the last time that such a file is issued. It could be seen by some as a downgrading of the challenge in that one could simply go head down following the track on a GPS device. I'm not sure we want to go down that route, but comments and views would be welcome. For those that spent longer than intended on Puttenham Common, I can only say a greater attention to the route description is required. The FR you needed came 1300yds after passing between the ponds, not the one after 700yds, which, as some of you discovered, leads to its vast and unmapped interior.

The Surrey Tops, as most of you will be aware, is a qualifier for the KSS (Kent, Surrey, Sussex) Triple Challenge. Following the Tops 14 more people have now qualified for their special badge and certificate. Congratulations! If

you are one of those you need to do nothing. Shirley Greenwood, the KSS recorder, will be in touch in due course.

Of course without all the willing marshals who stand for many hours in the cold and sometimes dark, events such as this would simply not happen. So on your behalf I would like to thank:-

Entries

Elton Ellis

Route Checkers

Dave & Pat Challenger, Janet Chapman, Ian McCleod, Mary

Car Parking

Andy Fogall

Refreshments at Start

Molly Groundsell, Elizabeth Bryant

Registration

Las Hereward, Mary, Elton Ellis, Fiona Cameron

Retirement Drivers

Elton Ellis, Peter Rice

Closing Down Marshals

Fiona Cameron (CP1-CP2), Keith Chesterton (CP3-CP4)

Checkpoint menus

Janet Chapman

CP1 (Kent Group)

Brian Buttifant, Merv Nutburn, Wendy Thurrell, Joy Davies, Nick Doree, Graham Smith (special mention to Nick who, having got home to Brighton returned all the way to Witley with a section of the gazebo!)

CP2

Dave & Pat Challenger, Andy & Ruth Coleman, Ray Rowe

CP3 (Sussex Group)

Shirley Greenwood, Trevor Beeston, Chris Coates, Margaret Coates, Gabby Coates, Chris Baines-Holmes, Joe Baines-Holmes

CP4 John Lay, Sarah Jackson, Glynis Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth Bryant

Kitchen at Finish

Les Hereward, Elaine & Peter Edwards, Keith Wilson

Tony Cartwright (Organiser)

Extracts from emails received:-

I just want to thank you all for giving up your time over the weekend for us to - enjoy ourselves!! Is that the right word when you sometimes wonder your sanity with what you are doing?? Especially in the middle of the night, you are tired and unsure of you location, words on the paper in front of you don't match up with your surroundings, as hard as you try to make them match!!

Thanks all, see you all next time round.

Jackie Barker

Thanks again for organising the event. It all went very well and was very enjoyable. In particular, I though that the standard of support at the CPs was top class. The last 2 challenge walks that I had been on - no names - were rather poor in the way of food and drink at the CPs, so I brought quite a lot of extra food with me this time and, of course did not need it. It was not just the quality and quantity of the refreshments but also the very friendly and helpful attitude of the supporters. Pass on my thanks.

Question which you probably cannot answer. Approaching Abinger Hammer just after leaving Raikes Lane we went past a field with a very unusual crop in it. None of the people that I was walking with could say what it was. To me it looked remarkably like an illegal one which I have seen growing in other parts of the world. But surely not in rural Surrey!

(Can anyone shed any light on the above - Organiser)

Douglas Robison

My first Surrey Tops, congratulations to all involved, a great event, excellent organisation and did the Beef Stew hit the spot.

Thank you everyone. Alan Stewart

Just a quick word of thanks to you and all your assistants and marshalls.

We had a very good run, helped by the cheerful checkpoint helpers and the excellent provisions - loved the sandwiches at CP1.

Excellent route description too - only one minor stray by us near the Windmill just after dark, but all our own fault.

Many thanks for an excellent event.

Nick Burchnall

Thank you for well organised event, and a special thanks to all those who volunteered at the checkpoints.

I did not expect to arrive before CP3 and CP4 opened being 66 next birthday with an achilles tendon problem, but I was there at 6pm and 9pm respectively and full services were provided, so special thanks to those people.

Again many thanks for all the detailed organising and care which went into planning the event and making it a great success.

And thanks to the Leatherhead entrant who gave me a lift to Milford Station in time to catch the last train back to London!

Roderick Smith

Items Left at finish

1. Large black umbrella
2. Pair of (now off) white nike trainers
3. Petzel head torch
4. Orange cape-like waterproof
5. Tortoiseshell framed glasses

If anyone wants to claim these then please contact me and, with the exception of the umbrella which must be collected, I will post the item to you. I will keep these until Oct 5th and then dispose of them.

Surrey Tops 2011 - Results											
Forename	Surname	W/R	LDWA No	Affiliation	start	CP1	CP2	CP3	CP4	finish	time
Nick	Burchnall	R	26021	BlackWaterValleyRunners	13:00	14:53	16:50	18:53	21:29	23:26	10:26
Steve	Low	R	16686	BlackWaterValleyRunners	13:00	14:53	16:50	18:53	21:29	23:26	10:26
Julian	Brown	R	19600		10:35	12:54	15:29	17:41	20:40	22:51	12:16
Jo	Miles	R	19600		10:35	12:54	15:29	17:41	20:40	22:51	12:16
Dave	Goodfellow	W	26338	Surrey	10:00	13:02	15:44	17:42	20:40	22:51	12:51
Roderick	Smith	W	27843	London	10:00	13:02	15:54	18:00	20:58	23:06	13:06
Ian	Hull	W	24549	Vermuyden	10:00	12:57	15:49	18:05	21:00	23:08	13:08
David	Whitehead	R	1330		10:00	12:45	15:16	17:42	20:45	23:25	13:25
Rush L	Yadave	R	28375		10:00	12:45	15:16	17:42	20:45	23:25	13:25
Martyn John	Greaves	W	1368	Sussex	10:00	13:02	15:47	18:08	21:16	23:50	13:50
Malcolm	Baker	W	17829	Thames Valley	10:00	12:45	15:21	17:53	21:16	23:50	13:50
John	McBurney	R			13:02	15:15	17:22	19:11	21:54	0:19	11:17
Kate	McBurney	R			13:02	15:15	17:22	19:11	21:54	0:19	11:17
James	Guy	R	2955	Cornwall & Devon	13:00	15:08	17:26	19:43	22:17	0:22	11:22
Jeff	Campbell	R	6305	Surrey	13:00	15:09	17:34	19:38	22:17	0:22	11:22
Fabrice	Leistner	R	23128	London	13:00	15:09	17:34	19:36	22:17	0:22	11:22
Tara	Williams	W	26921		13:00	15:09	17:31	19:36	22:17	0:22	11:22
Alan	Hall	R	22371		13:00	15:08	???	19:34	22:17	0:22	11:22
Michael	Beecher	R			13:00	15:07	17:24	19:34	22:35	1:17	12:17
Jackie	Barker	R	1649	Surrey	13:00	15:15	18:01	20:03	23:03	1:43	12:43
Peter	Johnson	R	22302	Kent	13:00	15:15	18:01	20:03	23:03	1:43	12:43
Graham	James	R			13:00	14:53	17:20	19:50	23:06	2:18	13:18
Peter	Hamson	R	9076	Essex & Herts	12:48	15:21	18:13	20:28	23:55	2:11	13:23
Stephen	Mayne	R	13892	Dorset	12:13	14:41	17:04	19:06	22:57	1:42	13:29
Phil	Parker	W			10:35	13:46	16:39	19:11	23:15	0:28	13:53
Maria	Davis	R	28696	Kent	12:10	14:59	17:32	19:50	23:05	2:06	13:56
Yin-Hai	Cheung	R			12:10	14:59	17:33	19:50	23:05	2:06	13:56
Ted	Swift	R	1649	Surrey	12:33	14:57	17:24	19:45	23:37	2:42	14:09
Andrew	Boulden	W	12022	Kent	10:00	13:02	16:02	18:17	21:11	0:11	14:11
Andrew	Mallpress	W	15397		10:00	12:55	15:50	18:16	21:44	0:29	14:29
Don	Newman	W	6585	Kent	10:00	13:03	15:50	18:16	21:44	0:29	14:29
Paul	Burgess	ns	23769	Cornwall & Devon	10:00	13:09	16:13	18:42	22:06	0:39	14:39
Mike	Ratcliff	W	26839	Kent	10:00	13:08	16:13	18:41	22:05	0:39	14:39
Gregory	Lemaire-Smith	W			10:00	13:08	16:17	18:50	22:09	0:47	14:47

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Peter J	Smith	W	24164	Thames Valley	10:00	13:08	16:17	18:50	22:09	0:47	14:47
Chris	Pitt	W	23554	Dorset	10:00	12:55	16:00	18:40	22:09	0:56	14:56
Duncan	Baber	W	25695	Wilts	10:00	12:53	15:53	18:29	22:09	0:56	14:56
Martin	Callow	W	22345	Dorset	10:00	13:14	16:20	18:53	22:18	1:04	15:04
Keith	Vallis	W	30616	Wessex	10:00	13:08	16:04	18:41	22:06	1:07	15:07
Jim	Catchpole	W	27452	Essex	10:00	13:14	16:20	18:53	22:30	1:34	15:34
Una	Wood	W	28373	Cornwall & Devon	10:00	13:14	16:20	18:53	22:30	1:34	15:34
David	Holland	W	18398	Cornwall & Devon	10:00	13:14	16:20	18:52	22:30	1:34	15:34
David	Graham	W	8946	Cornwall & Devon	10:00	13:13	16:21	18:53	22:57	1:43	15:43
Matthew	Hall	W	30934	Bristol & West	10:00	13:19	16:14	18:42	22:07	1:43	15:43
Suzanne	Flynn	W	19434	BBN	10:00	13:24	16:43	19:24	23:07	2:06	16:06
Gerry	Garland	ns	23736	Thames Valley	10:00	13:34	16:55	19:24	23:01	2:06	16:06
Paul	Flynn	W	19434	BBN	10:00	13:23	16:43	19:24	23:01	2:06	16:06
James	Hatch	R			13:00	15:37	18:59	21:58	2:03	5:11	16:11
Jonathan	Richardson	W			10:00	13:07	16:23	19:18	23:07	2:15	16:15
Mark	Poole	W			10:00	13:15	16:42	19:28	23:00	2:15	16:15
Alison	Wright	W			10:00	13:08	16:24	19:18	23:07	2:16	16:16
Claire	Wright	W			10:00	13:08	16:24	19:18	23:07	2:16	16:16
Richard	Allison	W	28727	London	10:00	13:02	16:16	18:41	23:00	2:23	16:23
Michael	Headley	W	27584	Kent	10:00	13:13	16:14	18:43	23:00	2:24	16:24
Chris	Boden	W	23905	BBN	10:00	13:19	16:41	19:36	23:15	2:25	16:25
Don	Bolton	W	15807	London	10:00	13:31	17:04	19:46	23:37	2:41	16:41
Douglas	Robinson	W	1846	London	10:00	13:31	17:01	19:46	23:37	2:41	16:41
Laurence	Foe	W	19172	London	10:00	13:30	16:59	19:46	23:37	2:41	16:41
Paul	Lawrence	W	15130	London	10:00	13:31	17:01	19:46	23:37	2:41	16:41
Mark	Chenhall	W			10:00	13:19	16:13	18:42	23:00	2:50	16:50
Jim	Mundy	R	27990		13:00	15:15	18:43	21:50	2:22	5:55	16:55
Paul	Bobby	W	20773		10:00	13:29	16:50	19:46	23:40	3:06	17:06
Debbie	Stirling	ns	28677		10:00	13:29	16:50	19:46	23:37	3:06	17:06
Francis	Thomason	W	1035		10:00	13:29	16:45	19:27	23:16	3:24	17:24
Edward	James	W	28409	Wessex	10:00	13:13	16:34	19:24	23:52	3:28	17:28
Hannah	Lewthwaite	W	28410	Wessex	10:00	13:13	16:34	19:24	23:52	3:28	17:28
Gareth	Gordon-Wilkin	W	27251		10:00	13:31	16:56	19:46	23:37	3:28	17:28
Bruce	Kennedy	W	28583	Thames Valley	10:00	13:34	17:01	19:56	0:19	3:30	17:30

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Christine	Usher	W		Thames Valley	10:00	13:31	16:58	19:52	0:14	3:30	17:30
Francis	Hay	W	22039	Surrey	10:00	13:23	16:57	19:44	0:16	3:45	17:45
Andy	Chesworth	W	14200	Sussex	10:00	13:31	16:43	19:44	23:37	3:46	17:46
Brian	Harwood	W	18516	Erssex & Herts	10:00	13:35	17:00	20:04	0:26	3:48	17:48
Virginia	Powell	W	23455	Essex & Herts	10:00	13:35	17:00	20:04	0:26	3:48	17:48
Angela	Johnson	W	28367	Wilts	10:00	13:34	17:09	20:24	0:46	4:03	18:03
David	Basson	W			10:00	13:15	16:40	19:49	0:46	4:03	18:03
Jeremy	Willis	W	28545	Kent	10:00	13:15	16:40	19:49	0:46	4:03	18:03
Raelene	Edwards	W			10:00	13:42	17:24	20:26	0:51	4:07	18:07
Dave	Williams	W	17107	London	10:00	13:37	17:24	20:25	0:51	4:07	18:07
Judith	Griffiths	W	23181	London	10:00	13:37	17:25	20:25	0:51	4:07	18:07
Nick	Marshall	W	23181	London	10:00	13:37	17:25	20:25	0:51	4:07	18:07
Ali	Pretty	W			10:00	13:37	17:25	20:25	0:51	4:10	18:10
Tim	Glenn	W	4664	Anytime Anywhere	10:00	13:53	17:37	20:48	1:11	4:32	18:32
Joanna	Bertoni	W	26653		10:00	13:53	17:33	20:46	1:10	4:32	18:32
Keith	Warman	W	3800	Kent	10:00	13:53	17:33	20:46	1:10	4:32	18:32
Len	Fallick	W	1767	Northumbria	10:00	13:53	17:34	20:46	1:10	4:32	18:32
Mark	Bertoni	W	26653		10:00	13:53	17:33	20:46	1:10	4:32	18:32
Mark	Van Schalkwyk	W	27713		10:00	13:53	17:33	20:46	1:10	4:32	18:32
Maurice	Tompkins	W	29306		10:00	13:53	17:33	20:46	1:10	4:32	18:32
Nathan	Saw	W	31420		10:00	13:53	17:34	20:46	1:10	4:32	18:32
Adrian	Hudson	W	14860	Surrey	10:00	13:46	17:30	20:38	1:10	4:32	18:32
Betty	Sherry	W		BBN	10:00	13:46	17:30	20:37	1:10	4:32	18:32
Chris	Dent	R	16162	London	10:00	13:36	17:09	20:24	0:54	4:32	18:32
Robert	Attwood	W	18317	Bristol & West	10:00	13:37	17:23	20:25	0:51	4:32	18:32
Richard	Plumley	W	19496	Bristol & West	10:00	13:37	17:24	20:24	0:51	4:32	18:32
Abigail	Elrick	W	7648	London	10:00	13:31	17:03	20:24	0:46	4:32	18:32
John	Elrick	W	7647	London	10:00	13:31	17:03	20:24	0:46	4:32	18:32
Steve	McConnell	R	25218	Heart of England	10:00	13:30	16:58	19:51	0:13	4:32	18:32
Rob	Myers	ns	7735	London	10:00	13:29	16:55	19:46	0:13	4:32	18:32
Alan	Stewart	W	23529	Kent	10:00	13:36	17:20	20:44	1:29	5:06	19:06
Nicola	Foad	W	23990	Kent	10:00	13:36	17:20	20:44	1:29	5:06	19:06
Duncan	Smith	W			10:00	13:45	17:35	20:44	2:15	5:19	19:19
Trevor	White	W	24901	South Wales	10:00	13:35	17:21	21:18	1:59	5:19	19:19

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Andy	Todd	W	29167	Wilts	10:00	13:34	17:13	20:38	1:12	5:19	19:19
Rick	Connors	W			10:00	13:30	17:20	20:37	1:12	5:19	19:19
Caroline	Holtham	W			10:00	14:16	18:29	21:51	2:22	5:58	19:58
Gwen	Holtham	W			10:00	14:16	18:26	21:51	2:22	5:58	19:58
Steve	Rackett	W	3731	London	10:00	14:05	18:26	22:06	2:46	7:02	21:02
Susan	Wells	W	28583	Thames Valley	10:00	13:34	17:01	19:56	00:14R		
Deepanoan	Kanungo	W	28600	London	10:00	13:42	17:24	20:26	00:46R		
Jon	Skillen	W			10:00	13:45	17:35	20:44	Ret		
Raymond	Hickman	R	25983	Sussex	11:55	14:41	17:31	19:50R			
Gemma	Carter	R			13:00	15:18	17:52	21:01R			
Jeremy	Smallwood	R	31338	Kent	13:00	15:18	17:52	21:01R			
Philip	King	W	27597	Bristol & West	10:00	13:32	17:20	21:18R			
Stephen	Walker	W	21103	Calderdale	10:00	13:36	17:21	21:18R			
Tony	Longstaff	R	30777	Thames Valley	13:00	12:45	15:21	Ret			
Kenneth	Ling	R			13:00	14:52	16:55R				
Brian	Russell	W	7049		10:00	13:37	17:21R				
Alison	Warren	W			10:00	14:16	18:29R				
Janet	Holtham	W			10:00	14:16	Ret				
Colin	Room	W	30798		10:00	14:37	Ret				
Ryan	Christians	W			10:00	14:37	Ret				
Marshals walk - Aug 27th/28th											
Merv	Nutburn			Kent							15:03
Tony	Cartwright		2662	Surrey							16:26
Janet	Chapman			Surrey							16:26
Mary	D		6231	Surrey							16:26
Nick	Ford		18262	Irregulars							16:26
Graham	Smith			Kent							16:26
Elton	Ellis			Surrey							17:45
Les	Hereward			Surrey							18:55
Elaine	Edwards			Surrey							19:40
Peter	Rice			Surrey							19:40