

The Thirteenth Flower of Suffolk

5th October 2008, Results

A wet summer had turned into a dry late September and early October, but the forecast for the 5th was for rain and, for once, the forecast wasn't wrong. The Suffolk coast had a dry Saturday and only light rain overnight, but from 7am it rained getting steadily heavier all morning. Wet for the walkers and outside checkpoint staff, and enough to make some of the roads only passable with care.

The wet weather was probably responsible for the much larger than usual number of non-starters (30 when we'd expect 10), and the distinct lack of a rush to start at exactly 8am. However there weren't an excessive number of retirements, perhaps only the really hardened walkers actually turned out! Although one or two people who might have been expected to do the long route only did the short route.

The wet weather did cause some problems for the walkers, in particular many route descriptions turned into paper mâché. This caused a few people to miss CP5 (Dunwich beach).

All in all, I suspect this was a walk that many will never forget!

Checkin, checkout: Chris Flood, David Laight
 CP1 and CP5: Alex and Jean Herbert, Katie Hunt, Phillip Laurier
 CP2 and CP4: Jessie Nicholls, Julian Flood, Neil Cordell
 CP3: Phyllis and Gordon Facer, David Albon
 Finish food: Carol Buykx
 Kitchen helpers: Frank Buykx, Kath Schuil, Kevin Marshall
 Communications: East Suffolk RAYNET

Additionally thanks to Walberswick village hall, Poplar Farm, The Eel's Foot PH, Suffolk Coastal District Council, The Flora tea Rooms Dunwich, and anyone else I've forgotten.

Marshals' walk, 21st September 2008:
 David Laight, Phillip Laurier, Kath and Brian Schuil

Future Norfolk and Suffolk Challenge walks (dates TBC):
 Daffodil Dawdle 29th March 2009 Kirtling, near Newmarket
 Poppyline Marathon 8th June 2009 Sherringham, Norfolk
 Flower of Suffolk 4th October 2009 Walberswick, Suffolk
 Entry forms from: www.notadog.org.uk/nsldwa

Long route 26.2 miles

76	Graham Baker	4:35
104	Lynton Battrick	4:44
103	Colin Stark	4:44
91	Vinnie Purdy	4:44
48	Roderick Burton	4:45
46	Janet Hill	4:55
41	Carol Paul	5:02
62	Carla Hayes	5:02
94	Michael Haydon	5:09
92	Mike Newbitt	5:10
3	Malcolm Hunt	5:25
42	David Paul	5:29
43	Kevin Lawlor	5:29
28	Denys Baudry	5:41
29	Leila Taylor	5:41
97	Shirley Thorpe	5:41
82	Kevin Marshall	5:42
108	Abigail Hounsel	5:46
107	John Edwards	5:46
20	Philip Nutley	6:03
1	Neil Fennel	6:11
37	Peter Thompson	6:38
36	Su Brooks	6:38
35	Pat Caden	6:45
52	John Fletcher	6:45
6	Aaron Scrivenor	6:49
87	Virginia Powell	6:57
106	Chelle Armour	7:15
74	Lei Zhang	7:17
75	Alan Bucke	7:17
56	Dee Brockway	7:23
68	Betty Sherry	7:23
90	Chris Boden	7:24
30	Dave Roberts	7:25
47	Jim Catchpole	7:25
85	Bert Park	7:29
55	Jane Audsley	7:43
54	Brian Adcock	7:43
32	Scott Jones	7:44
44	David Hoben	7:44
34	Joan Bullivant	7:54

Short route 18.8 miles

22	Christopher Coulson	3:40
21	Nick Ashby	3:40
23	Michael Ling	3:40
17	Paul Emms	5:56
18	Tricia Emms	5:56
89	Sue Clements	6:00
19	Wendy Everett	6:04
69	Brian Buttifant	6:04
39	Sandra Wise	6:17
40	Michael Wise	6:17
38	Bruce Frost	6:19
78	Philip Hastings	6:24
80	John Mountain	6:37
81	Anita Stamp	6:37
102	Steve Clark	6:38
53	Denise Johnson	6:38
101	Kevin Lamming	6:43
100	Norman Corrin	6:43
96	Gillian Sear	7:02
95	Brett Hearne	7:02
59	Leanne Williams	7:08
57	Brian Williams	7:08
60	John Williams	7:08
58	Barbara & Suzy Williams	7:08
79	Zsofia Juhasz	7:24
99	Zsolt Csizmadia	7:24

Retirements

26	Louise Pickering	Before CP1 (walked back and didn't tell us until after 4pm)
105	Robert Hardy	CP1
51	Keith Scrivenor	18 miles (route description turned to paper mâché before CP2, walked back on compass bearing)
93	Marie Doke	CP5 (cold and wet)
71	Ben Caisey	CP5
72	Anthea Durrant	CP5 (timed out)
Non Starters 30, 4 entrants marshalled and 1 person entered twice		