

C704 Keith Chesterton

Leicester W.C. 'Leicester 100', Congerstone 1980 (100 miles); 22.25.37

Long Distance Walkers Association (L.D.W.A.)

One memory I have from my one & only completed Centurion on the Leicester 1980 event.

A number of LDWA members entered this & Chris Steer set up a special checkpoint for us on the 10 mile loop, where traditional rice & fruit were consumed each time round. We had a terrible thunderstorm on the way which soaked us all.

We all stopped every time at Chris' checkpoint, except on the last one, when Alan Blatchford (C 350) saw me there, sitting down, so he carried on without stopping so he could overtake me!

At about 98 miles I lay down on the road under a bus shelter to have a brief rest & a spectator came out & gave me a slug of rum to get me going.

Both Alan & I finished well in the 24 hours. It was the last walking event Alan did.

By the time we collected the badges & certificates a few weeks later at Leicester, Alan had died. I collected my certificate & then collected Alan's for him.