



BLYTHE DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUTS

Tour-de-Trigs: Explorers winning walking weekend

On Saturday 3 December 2005, six Scouts from Drake Explorer Unit took part in the annual Tour-de-trigs around Banbury in Oxfordshire.

The event is a 30-mile hike and navigation exercise around Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire. The aim is to complete the distance in 15-hours, you only find out your route however, 30 minutes before you start. If you also take account that the majority of the walk is during the night, you can understand why some 30% of those taking part do not finish the walk. The event is always the first weekend in December and attracts over 350 walkers from all over England.



The Drake Scouts waddled around the wet muddy course with both teams performing excellently. Anna Gee, Tim Easter and Sophie Martin (pictured during the event) completed the distance in 12 hours 36 minutes, winning the mixed team event, whilst Paul Davis, Jack Newell and Tom Newell (pictured after the finish) also completed the course in 12 hours 41 minutes, finishing second in the male category. All were tired but very pleased with their efforts. Sophie Martin later received the mixed team prize from the Lord Mayor of Banbury.

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