

Harlequins Orienteering Club invite you to the:

HOC Night Street League. Event 2 - Great Malvern

on

Thursday 11th January 2018 (Mass Start 7pm)

at

Coach House Theatre, Grange Rd, Gt Malvern. WR14 3HB. Landranger 150 ref: SO 777458

Malvern:

The urban Malverns actually comprise some 6 “parishes”, but this event will be contained within the boundary provided by the main road network, mainly within Great Malvern, but also using parts of Malvern Link and Barnards Green. Malvern enjoys a network of urban commons, having paths which are mostly unlit, and may be favoured for some route choices. Routes will favour traffic free paths as much as possible in addition to the inevitable roadside pavements.

Terrain:

Urban orienteering to include residential streets, traffic free paths & paths across urban commons (where earth paths may be muddy). The map is bisected by a north / south railway line which may be crossed by seven pedestrian or road bridges. Very little climb on any course. Torch / headlamp required on some unlit paths. A number of paths have steps which, where close to controls will be identified on the map.

Directions & Parking:

The Coach House Theatre is approached from Grange Rd (approx. 100m S of the traffic lights) and is situated adjacent to, but with a separate entrance, to the north of the Festival Theatre. It has its own car park which should be lightly used in the early evening as there is no production at the Festival Theatre that evening, and the cinema showing does not commence until 7.45. There are other carparks nearby. Parking after 6pm is charged at £1.50 for the evening. For those travelling by rail, Great Malvern station is around 10 minutes walk away.

Map:

Full colour A4 1:7500 OpenOrienteering map.

Logistics

Registration from 6.15pm. £4.00 entry fee.

Mass Start at 7.00pm. Course closes 8.15pm.

Start & finish timed by SportIdent - things may be hired on the day for £1.00.

Course & Controls

The event is a score event, with 20 control sites which may be visited in any order, and an estimated 8km to visit them all. No control kites are used. Competitors are provided with a control sheet with control descriptions and proof of visit will be by recording information specific to the site. Typical sites are lampposts, street signs, and, to add some local colour 19th Century, boundary markers and abandoned gaslamp posts.

Classes:

Open event with no age classes. Minimum unaccompanied age 16 years.

Equipment:

Some paths are unlit, or dimly lit, so bring a torch or headlamp to read the maps and check control sites & footing. High powered night O type headlights are not required. Bring an HB or B pencil to record your control site visits. A compass may also prove handy on occasions. Light coloured or reflective clothing is recommended.

Entries:

On the day - but ideally email beforehand to book a colour map. Supplies of black & white photocopies will also be available should colour maps run out.

Pub of the night

Provisionally the Foley Arms (Wetherspoons), a brisk 5 minute uphill walk from the event centre.

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