

NSL Malvern 11th January 2018

Results

	Name	Club	Age	Time	Penalties	Controls	Points
1.	Robert Rose	HOC	M35	58.59	-	21	210
2.	Peter Langmaid	HOC	M45	54.55	-	18	180
3.	Richard Davies	HOC	M55	59.29	-	18	180
4.	Robert Vickers	HOC	M75	57.17	-	16	160
5.	Steve Chivelton	HOC	M65	58.19	-	16	160
6.	Paul Hammond	HOC	M55	59.02	-	16	160
7.	Brian Laycock	HOC	M70	59.04	-	14	140
8.	Rose Taylor	HOC	W12	61.24	14	12	106
9.	Kieran Rose	HOC	M12	58.59	-	10	100

Comments

One of the enjoyable facets about organising NSL events is the fascination of finding all sorts of nooks and crannies and artifacts, that would pass you by in everyday life. So perhaps it is hardly surprising that my minor obsession with alleyways, ancient boundary posts and disused gaslamps led to these featuring heavily in the event. I hope you enjoyed discovering them too.

So, congratulations to Robert Rose for sweeping up all the controls with a minute to spare. I was a tad concerned that the initial 20 control event might have been too cleanable so added control 15 as a route choice spoiler - well that didn't work! Great also to note a really tight climax to the war of the roses (M/W12's) just going to Rose T by the slimmist of margins.

I was also impressed by some clinical timekeeping - Brian, Paul & Richard all squeezing back in with just seconds to spare.

Mention is also merited by Nathan Fernandoes, who tackled the course despite the vagaries of a wheelchair - no mean feat with all those kerbs to negotiate.

A couple of controls provided a bit of grief for some - control 1 the footpath sign, and control 8 the seat near the station, so I had a look at both after the event.

I am rather baffled by the problems with the footpath sign - it seemed highly visible, and the sticker easily seen from the footpath. The situation with the station seat was a little less clear. Certainly there were two other seats in the vicinity, so perhaps the description should have been a little more definitive, but, the correct seat is readily observed and was located in the centre of the circle, while the other seats were right on the periphery.....

Finally my thanks to Peter L for coming to the rescue with spare dibbers plus laptop and software to cope with the start & finish in the absence of the usual splits printer. Also many thanks to Chris Basset and the Coach House Theatre for the use of the theatre cafe as the event centre.

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