

Results

Worcester Woods WEE- Thursday 23 November 2018

Juniors' Results						
Name	Club	Age	Points	Time	Penalty	Final Score
Kieran Rose	HOC	M10	100	57:40	0	100
Adam Russell	HOC	M10	70	57:44	0	70
Robin Lambe	HOC	M12	60	55:44	0	60
Womens'/Mixed Results						
Name	Club	Age	Points	Time	Penalty	Final Score
Marian White	HOC	W55	160	55:29	0	160
Clare Anthony & Nat Garfield	Ind	W21/ M21	140	58:20	0	140
Judith Taylor	HOC	W50	130	60:42	7	123
Sue Howarth (& dog)	HOC	W50	140	61:51	19	121
Julie Evans	HOC	W50	110	51:44	0	110
Kerstin Mitchell	HOC	W50	100	57:49	0	100
Alison Sloman	HOC	W80	60	59:09	0	60

Mens' Results						
Name	Club	Age	Points	Time	Penalty	Final Score
Ifor Powell	BOK	M45	240	49:18	0	240
Robert Rose	HOC	M35	230	55:57	0	230
Alex Mitchell	HOC	M16	230	59:55	0	230
Andy Hemsted	HOC	M65	210	51:49	0	210
David Williams	HOC	M50	210	59:34	0	210
Adrian Bailey	HOC	M50	200	57:04	0	200
Tim Evans	CLARO	M50	210	62:07	22	188
Barry Houghton	HOC	M70	180	56:54	0	180
Peter Langmaid	HOC	M45	180	57:27	0	180
Andy Johnson	HOC	M50	160	58:12	0	160
Paul Hammond	HOC	M55	150	59:32	0	150
Robert Vickers	HOC	M75	140	58:42	0	140
Brian Laycock	HOC	M70	130	56:04	0	130
Peter Evans	HOC	M50	130	56:40	0	130
Colin Palmer (& dog)	HOC	M70	120	57:59	0	120
Andy White	HOC	M60	100	54:37	0	100
Nigel Cousins	HOC	M65	90	60:18	3	87
Mike Baggott	HOC	M65	70	59:40	0	70

The first event of the 2017/18 WEE Series was held at Worcester Woods, based at the Countryside centre where the Pool Room provided a refuge from chilly, but dry, conditions.

I planned the event to give a fast orienteer a chance of clearing the controls and Ifor Powell from BOK turned up to prove it could be done, managing to clear the course in a mere 49 minutes. However, we had several very strong performances from HOC members, including Robert Rose who probably had enough time in hindsight to have cleared the courses after opting to miss out the long leg to control 11. Looking at other runners splits they managed that leg in under 3 minutes so next time, Robert, just go for it.

Alex Mitchell was another runner who cleared all but one control. In his case it was control 18, which was a pretty straightforward leg but with Alex finishing with just 5 seconds to spare it was a great piece of tactical judgement made with 12 minutes in the race remaining and 6 controls left.

Further down the finishing positions there was close competition with Andy Hemsted, David Williams, Tim Davis from CLARO and Adrian Bailey all getting over 200 points.

In the ladiesqcompetition, Marion White was the winner and probably has time left to pick up another control or two. I should also mention my colleague Clare Anthony and her friend Nat Garfield, running their first ever non-urban night event who came in with 14 controls, including numbers 3 and 10 which some of our experienced runners struggled with.

I knew from my own experience, of putting out controls in the gathering gloom of the late afternoon, that controls 3, 7, 9 & 10 were going to be difficult. I made it hard for myself by not taking my headtorch so I found myself trying to find my taped control features for 9 and 10 by the light of my phone, but I had visited the control sites only the day before to tape them. In hindsight, control 7 was perhaps a bit too ambitious for a night event- during the day, navigating the brambles and following the route of the stream wasn't too difficult but at night it was, apparently, quite a challenge from which some members returned in a scragged state.

The star performers of the night were three of our juniors, Kieran Rose, Adam Russell and Robin Lambe, all competing as M10/M12s with parents to get their first taste of night orienteering. Didn't they do well, getting results on a par with several of our stalwarts? Hopefully, this bodes well for their future in the sport.

Finally, I want to thank our control collectors Robert Rose, Peter Langmaid, Alex Mitchell, Kerstin Mitchell and Andy Hemsted. Peter opted to pick up dreaded controls 9 and 10 and Robert a set of early controls including 3 and 7! After we tidied up, we made it to the nearby Bluebell Fields pub- a brand new carvery type establishment where 10 of us enjoyed large portions of pub grub.