



# Winter Evening Event Results- Beacon Hill

6 December 2018

Name	Club / Ind	Age Group	Controls Visited	Time (Mins:Secs)	Penalty	Score	Comments
Benjamin Rauffet	HOC	M21	23	56:00	0	230	
David Williams	HOC	M55	21	56:26	0	210	
Peter Langmaid	HOC	M50	19	58:24	0	190	
Greg Best	NGOC	M55	19	59:37	0	190	
Andy Hemsted	HOC	M65	17	60:44	8	162	
Robert Rose	HOC	M35	17	61:40	17	153	
Kerstin Mitchell	HOC	W50	13	59:44	0	130	
Richard Davies	HOC	M55	18	65:00	50	130	
Jonathan Howell	WCH	M65	17	65:31	56	114	
Mike Baggott	OD	M65	17	65:47	58	112	
Brian Laycock	HOC	M70	11	56:40	0	110	
Nigel Cousins	HOC	M65	10	59:15	0	100	
Alison Sloman	HOC	W80	10	59:31	0	100	
Robin Lambe	HOC	M14	9	56:33	0	90	
Robert Vickers	HOC	M75	8	58:09	0	80	
Adrian Bailey	HOC	M50	17	71:48	118	52	
Penny Hemsted	HOC	W75	3	58:09	0	30	
Barry McGowan	HOC	M70	8	66:49	69	11	
Rob Taylor	NGOC	M45	11	54:26	0	110	Retired due to injury-missed controls 22 &23
Barry Houghton	HOC	M70	14	81:50	219	-79	Retired due to injury- missed control 22
Ray Collins	WCH	M60	13	58:45	0	130	DSQ- Missed Control 22
Ian Gamlen	COBOC	M50	12	69:17	93	27	DSQ- Missed controls 22 & 23



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A total of 22 runners attended the WEE at Beacon Hill on 6<sup>th</sup> December. After heavy rain and high winds, we had a relatively benign evening weather wise and I managed to register runners outside the Generous George pub at Rednal, which in its original incarnation was apparently known as the Chalet Club, a venue for drinking and live music just outside the reach of Birmingham's licensing laws.

Due to the main car park at Beacon Hill being closed at dusk I had to find a different venue for the event. After a bit of map work, I realised that there were paths up on to Rednal Hill, the north-eastern outpost of the Lickey Hills Country Park, from the cluster of pubs, restaurants and hairdressers that lie along the road out from Birmingham. The pub manager at Generous George was happy for us to use their car park and facilities and there is a pedestrian crossing over the busy Lickey Road which leads to a footpath up onto the hill where I could place the start and finish flags, so I decided to use this as the base for the event.

The area is divided into the Beacon and Rednal Hills by a council golf course which has a public footpath across it. Due to delays in getting permission to run on the Hills we did not have permission to use the golf course so I elected to use the public footpath with compulsory controls at either end. The night-time views of Birmingham from the northern end of Rednal Hill, as I was putting out the last controls, were spectacular and the alternative event centre location gave some runners an opportunity to spend some time in this area for the first time.

The WEE format, which allows for dog-legs that would be frowned at in a conventional event, allowed me to plan a course which left even the faster runners like David Williams and Benjamin Rauffett a challenge to clear all controls. Many of the competitors struggled to return from control bagging in the Beacon Hill area and climb up over Rednal Hill to get back to the finish on time. In the end, Benjamin came out on top, clearing all but two controls.

Special mention should be given to our youngest and oldest competitors. Robin Lambe, managed to collect a creditable 90 points and Alison Sloman just pipped him with 100 points and some very accurate timekeeping.

We had a couple of runners retiring, after making their own way back to the finish, after accidents: Rob Taylor getting a bloody head wound from a sharp tree branch and Barry Houghton slipping on a wooden bridge.

Thanks are due to David Williams, Robert Rose, Peter Langmaid and Andy Hemsted for rapid control collecting, to Penny Hemsted for patience and persistence in obtaining permission to use this area and to Alison Sloman for updating the map before the event.

A group of us retired to the pub, at the end of the evening, for a convivial pub meal.