

RESULTS OF NIGHT STREET LEAGUE EVENT 5
Kidderminster Wednesday 9th January 2008
Hosts: Martyn Bickerton and April Andrews

Short

Jacky Embrey	49:50	10 pts
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Medium

Russ Fauset	57:32	10 pts
Peter Langmaid	62:44	9 pts
Robert Vickers	63:46	8 pts

Long

John Embrey	59:58	10 pts
Dave Nevell	62:10	9 pts
Brian Hughes	62:17	8 pts

Planner: Martyn Bickerton	10 pts
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The Spennells estate to the south of Kidderminster provides street O as good as it comes in the west Midlands with a maze of short streets, cul-de-sacs, paths and dark alleys presenting the runner with a major challenge. Despite Martyn's excellent and clear map it is easy to lose concentration for a second and get confused by the continual changes in direction. There is another complex estate to the north east, and Martyn's medium and long courses cunningly visited both areas, the long fast runs between leading to tiredness and over-confidence before a very challenging final set of controls. Wednesday is obviously not the most popular day, and many regulars were missing. Martyn and April are keen road and off-road runners and only occasional Orienteers. I am therefore doubly grateful that we are welcomed back so enthusiastically every two years or so. April provided hot soup as well as the usual Spennells cakes, and an excellent time was had by all both on the courses and afterwards.

Russ had an unusually comfortable win on the Medium course, and John Embrey was reasonably well clear on the Long. The most exciting competition on the night was for second place with Dave Nevell shading out Brian by 7 seconds. Jacky made it a full-house for the Embreys on the short.

My thanks to Martyn and April and to all who supported their event.

Brian Hughes