

Harlequins Night Street League
22 January 2008 at
Betterware, Castle Vale

The second Castle Vale Night Street Event took place on a calm night with just the occasional slight drizzle – almost perfect conditions. Nine HOC members made the trek to this north-eastern outpost of the empire, and were joined by one Betterware employee and three from a nearby company.

All seemed to enjoy their run, and no-one got interrogated by the police this year (Ade wimped out on the day claiming sickness). However, Wayne did get accidentally clipped on the back of his leg by a young cyclist who got too close, and Richard did get asked by the police if he had seen a 5-year-old spiky haired boy who was missing – at 8.00 pm.

As usual, the objective was to navigate your chosen course (4.5km, 6.2km or 8.1km) as quickly as possible, noting down the number of the lamp-post at each of your “control points”. There was a bit of ambiguity over the north-westernmost control, for which I apologise. When I checked, there were indeed two lamp-posts between the two paths, so I have not penalised anyone who got the other number to me here.

The estate offers areas of complex paths and cul-de-sacs, which I tried to make the most of. Those on the long course also had the opportunity to visit the more rural and darker corner of the estate.

I have applied a 1-minute penalty for each small mistake, either in location or transcription, and a 3-minute penalty for a more serious error in location.

Competition was particularly tight for 3rd, 4th and 5th on the Medium, which on time were within 68 seconds of one another. However, a “miss” on one of the legs made a difference to the final positions.

Short 4.5 km

1	Adrian Bailey	HOC		40:28
2	Jacky Embrey	HOC		47:23
3	Wayne Childs	Betterware		63:24

Medium 6.2 km

1	Peter Langmaid	HOC	50:36 + 1 =	51:36
2	Russ Faucett	HOC	53:17 + 2 =	55:17
3	Robert Vickers	HOC		63:13
4	Barry McGowan	HOC		63:50
5	Paul Hammond	HOC	62:42 + 3 =	65:42
6	Sara Evans, Theresa Forbes, & Claire Tuite	Kuehne & Nagal		125:35

Long 8.1 km

1	Richard Dearden	HOC		52:59
2	Brian Hughes	HOC	65:14 + 1 =	66:14

My thanks to Betterware UK Limited for kindly allowing the use of their premises.

John Embrey

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