

Druids Heath Night Street League**Thursday 10 November 2011**

16 runners turned out for the first event of the season, on a new area. With one more running a couple of days early, this was the largest turnout since Walsall, exactly 2 years ago to the day. The night was calm and dry and the three courses on offer seemed to be appreciated. These all involved many short legs rather than the more usual longer runs between fewer controls, as I felt that was the way to get the best out of the area.

Unusually, results were closest on the Long course.

One path, which had been overgrown, gated and locked on all my previous visits and I had therefore not mapped, is now cleared and open. A parallel path had a control at one end. As there was a lamppost at the south end of both of these paths, one of which was the control, the probability of a parallel “error” was high. I have not applied penalties to those who gave the number from the “other” path end.

A few lampposts had two different numbers on them. I asked for the biggest or boldest, as appropriate, but have not penalised where the other number from the same post was provided. I have revisited all other sites where one or more answer was not as expected, and the remaining penalties are shown below. Curiously, all the penalties were incurred by Middle course runners, though all the controls in question were also visited by the Long course, and about half of them also by the Short.

M#1 I cannot find a nearby post with “12” – 2 minutes

M#3 “2” is on the post to the SE of the junction (inside circle), not NW – 30 secs

M#11 “2” is on road end to SW of expected road bend (just outside circle) – 1 min

M#17 “10” is on road end to SE of expected path bend (just outside circle) – 1 min

M#20 “4” is on NW corner of next patch of open to SE of the one required – 2 mins

M#23 cannot find a nearby post with “no number” – 2 minutes

Control completely missed – 5 mins

My thanks to Chris who helped officiate on the night and who did the initial work on the base map, and to the Royal British Legion who were most accommodating hosts, providing a large room – and a bar!

Name	Club	Age Class	Time	Penalty	Total
<u>Short</u>					
Jacky Embrey	HOC	W50	45:33		45:33
Russ Fauset	HOC	M60	52:12		52:12
Marian White	HOC	W50	55:16		55:16
Barbara Ford	HOC	W55	68:20		68:20
<u>Medium</u>					
Tom Butt	BUOC	M20	42:32		42:32
Mike Baggott	HOC	M60	52:46		52:46
Barry McGowan	HOC	M60	67:37		67:37
Brian Laycock	HOC	M60	67:08	3:00	70:08
Mike Abbott	HOC	M55	74:09	3:00	77:09
Kerstin Mitchell	HOC	W45	77:39		77:39
Colin Spears	HOC	M70	78:01	4:00	82:01
Nigel Cousins	HOC	M55	92:03	1:30	93:33
Paul Hammond	HOC	M45	95:02		95:02
Robert Vickers	HOC	M65	98:33	7:00	105:33
<u>Long</u>					
Alan Segar	OD	M35	66:55		66:55
Peter Langmaid	HOC	M40	68:18		68:18
John Leeson	HOC	M50	69:18		69:18