

## Handsworth Wood Night Street Event – 11/12/2014

Organiser's Comments: (Andy White)

A new format of event greeted the competitors tonight. Instead of the normal short, medium and long courses, a score was offered with differing time limits to accommodate different physical abilities and to fit in with the league scoring system. There was a compulsory spine of 5 controls which had to be visited in order to score on any of the optional controls. This added a new level of complexity to planning the order of controls to be visited and in timing the run to the finish to get back within the time limit.

Unfortunately it wasn't the only thing to greet the handful of runners that turned up. Heavy rain undoubtedly put off some potential competitors and road works and long queues didn't help either. Robert Rose avoided the queues by using the train and arrived looking like a drowned and very cold rat, after his walk from the station – but still smiling. Those that did come were treated to Marian's famous chocolate brownies, mince pies and cranberry and parmesan scones, and judging by the paucity of leftovers at the end, folk were very hungry at the end of their runs!

Everyone seemed to enjoy the event itself though. The compulsory controls were draped either side of a long central hill ensuring that some climb was inevitable, and enticing dog-leg controls were offered close to the start/finish to punish anyone who thought they could score a few extra points late on and still make the cut-off.

I must apologise to those on the 45minute score though. Familiarity certainly does breed contempt and, as I know the area so well, I had made minimum route choice to bag just the five compulsory controls, a little too hard. However, Jenny stuck with it and refused to be anything other than cheerful at the end of her 68minute soaking. I should also apologise to Adrian for including the infamous 'bramble alley' on the map. This is an obvious short cut (but not by much) to the finish and I think it was probably last used (by anyone!) by John Embrey 3 years ago. Certainly Adrian had to vault a bedstead and a recently dumped mattress as well as pushing through 50m of grot before emerging back onto the road – full marks for perseverance!

# Results

## 45 minutes Score

Name	Club/age	time	Gross points	penalties	Net points	League points
Russ Fauset *	HOC M65	39.23	80	0	80	10
Colin Spears	HOC M70	47.30	70	15	55	9
Bob Scott *	HOC M65	36.50	50	0	50	8
Jenny Uff	HOC W60	68.29	60	120	-60	7

\* late run 16/12/14

## 60 minutes Score

Name	Club/age	time	Gross points	penalties	Net points	League points
Adrian Bailey	HOC M45	60.59	150	5	145	10
Robert Vickers	HOC M70	56.07	100	0	100	9
Barry McGowan	HOC M65	59.19	100	0	100	8

## 75 minutes Score

Name	Club/age	time	Gross points	penalties	Net points	League points
Robert Rose	HOC M21	78.00	180	15	165	10
Peter Langmaid	HOC M45	76.05	140	10	130	9