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Newcomers & non-
members welcome!

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Harlequins Orienteering Club Invites you to take part in a **Night Street League Event**

at

STOURBRIDGE (SE)

On

Thursday 13 February 2025



Night orienteering in
Worcester, Hereford,
South Shropshire,
Black Country and
Birmingham.

Venue and Parking:

Venue for the night is The Crabmill, Hagley Road, Oldswinford. NGR SO906830, satnav DY8 2HE, W3W ///dose.casual.help

There are two parking areas: one (in front of the pub itself) is accessed from Rectory Rd and the other, larger, one is accessed from Swinford Rd (opposite side of Hagley Road). Both are usually almost full in the evening, and to avoid upsetting regular patrons you may wish to consider street parking (further along Swinford Rd - opposite side to the houses only) or the large, free public car park accessed 300m to the north off Heath Lane (go west at the traffic lights by Esso/Tesco) and it is 75 metres on the left).

Travel:

Nearest station is Stourbridge Junction, approx 550m to the east of the venue. There are several bus routes nearby but easiest is to go to Stourbridge Interchange and take the frequent "Shuttle" train from there to Stourbridge Junction.

Terrain:

Urban orienteering and map running with options to run along streets, and through urban parks and wooded dingles.

Map:

A4 sized 1:10,000 scale map on Open O map. Printed with non-waterproof paper and ink so please bring a transparent map bag. There will be NO Control descriptions: all controls can be identified from the map detail.

Course & Scoring:

Using MapRun 6 or 7 (and MapRunG on Garmin watches) which is free to download onto a smart 'phone (go to www.MapRunners.weebly.com).

Event is a 60 minute score, with controls visited in any order worth 10 points each. Any time over 60 minutes will be penalised at the rate of 10 points per minute, or part thereof. PIN number to unlock the course will be provided on the night. Competitors may adjust scores using HITMO function.

Entries:

Please notify planner in advance to reserve a map.
Entries HOC/BOF members £6/ adult & £8 non-members. Member/non-member juniors £3 and £4. Helpers (registration or results) £3 for BOF members. There *may* be an option to pay by card, but please come prepared to pay cash.

Start Times:

Starts from 5.45 to 7.00 and course closes at 8:00 pm. Persons wanting to run earlier, or who may arrive later, should notify Planner.

Facilities:

Pub/ Venue of the night is The Crabmill where food is served to 10pm. Please notify Planner if you would like to eat afterwards.

Officials:

Planner : Robert Vickers, e-mail stourbridge.nsl@btinternet.com
NSL coordinator : John Leeson, e-mail johnleeson@aol.com tel: 07785 707617

Safety & Other Notes:

Competitors take part at their own risk. Hi-vis clothing is recommended at all times and headtorches should be used.

The area is mainly residential but has very busy roads, especially near the event venue. **PLEASE READ the important information on the page below before you come** (it will be reproduced on the reverse of the maps).

Latest Info

For the latest information check NSL pages at: <http://www.harlequins.org.uk>

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IMPORTANT SAFETY AND OTHER INFORMATION

- **The Crabmill is situated at a crossroads where heavy traffic and turning vehicles can make crossing the main road on foot very tricky in early evening. In order to remove the temptation to risk crossing the main A491 road at this crossroads under the pressure of competition, it will be treated as “out of bounds” throughout the whole of a “timed run” i.e. between start and finish. The crossroads will be marked on the map with a red cross.** There is a Puffin crossing only 170m north of the crossroads. This crossing normally responds fairly quickly to the pedestrian call button. This restriction does not apply outside your competitive run (for example going to or from the car park) nor to crossing the side roads themselves (Rectory Road and Swinford Road) - with care!
- Many paths have got steps, and some are unlit.
- Several paths have got bollards or posts in them - be alert.
- Woodland paths may be muddy and slippery. Some have eroded edges, with steep drops into streams.
- One marked path across a playing field is a public right of way but is mostly just grass. There are several metal guarding structures there at knee height - you need to be aware of the potential hazard. Check the map at registration.
- The footpaths by the Junction Station are not rendered clearly on Open O-map: please refer to the larger scale map below. You may run through the station car parks (with care!) but you must NOT cross the tracks by going through the station itself).



A note on accessibility:

Unfortunately the area is not recommended as a venue for people with accessibility needs due to several footpaths (including unlit ones) having steps, and the volume and speed of traffic on roads near the event venue with limited crossing provision.