

## Haden Hill Summer Evening Event 24 July 2008

### Results and Comments

Orange: 2.7km, 115m climb, 11 controls				
1	Brian Harrold	M50	Ind	52.15
2	Penny Hemsted	W65	HOC	69.00
Green: 3.9km, 150m climb, 17 controls				
1	Russ Fauset	M60	HOC	48.50
2	Peter Sunley	M21	COBOC	49.06
3	Alison Sloman	W70	HOC	56.20
4	Simon Goodwin	M21	HOC	56.38
5	Nigel Cousins	M55	HOC	62.30
6	John Bennison		COBOC	68.34
7	Jenny Uff	W55	HOC	88.00 (not all controls visited)
	Robert Vickers	M65	HOC	Non-comp
Blue: 5.2km, 215m climb, 24 controls				
1	Andy Hemsted	M55	HOC	45.00
2	Richard Dearden	M40	HOC	45.08
3	David Williams	M45	HOC	53.54
4	Adrian Bailey	M40	HOC	61.33
5	Barry Houghton	M60	HOC	62.15
6	John Ward		OD	64.40
7	Ian Hopkins	M40	HOC	65.00
8	David Arnot	M60	HOC	66.50
9	Rachel White	W21	HOC	70.00
10	Mike Hampton		OD	74.44
11	Barry McGowan	M60	HOC	75.30
Mini-sprint (for what it's worth): 0.5km				
	Andy Hemsted			3.30 (one control stolen)
	Richard Dearden			4.42 (two controls stolen)

As this venue is a ten-minute stroll from my front door, it seemed the obvious one to pick, after some confusion caused by a pervasive mis-spelling of the name. Perhaps there's a real Hadden Hill out there somewhere...

It's quite a small area, but it was just possible to fit in reasonable Blue and Green courses, with two maps and a lot of back-and-forth. On the blue, the Master beat the Captain again by a mere 8 seconds, with good competition for places 4-8. On Green, Russ came out top by 16 seconds from Peter Sunley, and Brian Harrold took a comfortable win on Orange.

I'm sure most people are gratified to see that summer has finally arrived, just in time for the school holidays. However, the fine weather comes with a downside as it does seem to bring the pests out... some of the local intelligentsia had cottoned on to what we were

doing and decided to amuse themselves by tampering with a few of the controls. Ha bloody ha. On the main courses, NK by the ruin was removed and replaced by JC from the bridge, and GZ in the re-entrant was removed. I had taped the sites in anticipation of this and fortunately the vandals weren't bright enough to take the tapes as well. Two controls also went missing from the mini-sprint course, which rendered it a bit of a non-event. Andy found one missing; then Richard found two missing. I didn't press for a third runner...

Apologies for the quality of the maps: when I copied them, the light green/light buff screens came out very faint and although I checked that the course overprints were visible, I didn't spot that the rough open and slow run had all but disappeared, implying much more runnable forest than actually exists.

The park is in two quite distinct parts – there's the more formal grounds of [Haden Hill House](#), which dates back to Tudor times or even earlier, and was purchased for the community by public subscription in the 1870s. The house is open to the public and I can think of worse ways to kill a spare half-hour.

The less formal area was part of the estate belonging to the sadly derelict [Corngreaves Hall](#) at the western end. The Hall was built in the late C18th by a local ironmaster (evidence of the industrial past is apparent on the map) but since has had a variety of uses including a childrens' home and most recently a source of scrap copper and lead for some of the lighter-fingered locals. There was also a scheme to develop the area as a golf course, with the Hall as the clubhouse, which got so far until the money and/or the will ran out.

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