

Nunnery Wood Summer Evening Event, May 13, 2010

Blue 5.1km, 30m, 18 controls

1.	John Embrey	M50	38:27
2.	Chris McSweeny	M40	39:07
3.	Dave Nevell	M50	39:41
4.	Duncan Leeson	M20	44:03
5.	Mike Hampton (OD)	M60	46:29
6.	Clive Caffall	M45	46:31
7.	John Leeson	M50	48:06
8.	Barry McGowan	M60	54:09
9.	Barry Houghton	M60	54:21
10.	Karl Kingsman		54:56
11.	Kath Mcmillan	W21	58:12
12.	Nigel Cousins	M55	65:45
13.	Roger Keeling	M65	74:23
14.	Kerstin Mitchell	W40	76:27

Green 3.5m, 30m, 13 controls

1.	Lester Hartmann	M50	33:01
2.	Mike Baggott	M55	35:07
3.	Charlie Nelson	M55	37:34
4.	Peter Langmaid	M40	39:56
5.	Lynden Hartmann	W55	42:46
6.	Robert Vickers	M65	43:39
7.	Ashley Ford	M55	48:04
8.	John Bennison (COBOC)	M65	48:22
9.	Colin Spears	M70	49:39
10.	Andy Plante	M55	51:13
11.	Russ Fauset + stick	M60	62:22
12.	Barbara Ford	W55	67:42

Alison Sloman W70 Retired, injured.

A sunny but chilly Spring evening saw a good crowd sampling a new HOC area. My idea of combining the ancient woodland with surrounding schools, County Hall, meadow and park land and some street running, provided a good variety, which judging from the animated post-race analyses was enjoyed by the competitors. Whereas mapping Dymock took 3 years, Nunnery was polished off in one month last Summer. The only mapping issue was the ever changing network of indistinct paths and how many of these to put on the map. My feeling is that this is the sort of area that we should use in Summer, reserving our better and more technical terrain for pleasanter winter/spring conditions.

A couple of competitors did not realise that on a sprint/urban map the darkest shade of green means that not only “fight” but also “out of bounds”. One control was found by all the early and late starters but caused problems to a small pack mid-race. Mike Hampton, who collected in that control, confirmed that the plate was correctly located

and the map accurate in that vicinity. The most likely explanation is that a group of youths moved the plate, then had a fit of conscience and almost immediately replaced it. Unfortunately this may have affected placings, but SEEs should not be treated too seriously. There were two different last controls and one competitor mispunched there. I have added two minutes to the time rather than evoking disqualification.

Thank you all for supporting the event. Special thanks to Robert Vickers for obtaining the complex permissions, to Barbara Ford for obtaining use of the Sixth Form College for parking, Mike Hampton for helping bring in the controls, to Mike Farrington for walking an interested visitor around part of the Green and to Kay for helping run the event.

Brian Hughes