

Was it going to happen or not, the snow that is, the event was never in doubt! I think the weather forecast probably put one or two off, but 23 hardy souls turned up and seemed to have a good time. Our new mapper Paul Basher did a very good job with the map, the 'fight' did not come out as dark as maybe it should have on my printer, sorry about that, but hopefully it did not spoil the event for you. The area itself was good for this format, many control sites but nothing too difficult so I was able to plan a somewhat convoluted course with very little crossing of the course. I also planned it so that you could cut at many points even towards the end without losing out too badly. I hope you enjoyed it. Four managed to clear it with Jason Howell managing to get round in 48 minutes, I thought maybe low 50's, but perlease.. 48!!! Looks like we may have to plan longer courses. Just two ladies made it, Alison cut short her run with misted up glasses, Kerstin taking the honours. According to my GPS tracker I covered about 8km putting controls out, started off in reasonably bright weather, finished up in a very slight drizzle. It semed to rain a little more during the event giving all the glasses wearers a bit of a problem in the misty conditions. I've said it before, RAINEX from Halfords, it's used to keep windscreens clear of water and works on glasses, one bottle should last about 20 years. Made the world of difference to me.

Thanks to Karl for coming early and helping with the parking, the Ranger came along to see how we were getting on, nice to see him take an interest and it looks like we managed the parking to his satisfaction. Much thanks as well to the control collectors, I really did not feel like going out again, there was Steve P, Chris M on his unicycle, John E and Dave W. Nice to see the leading contenders helping out in this way.

Thanks to everyone for turning up and making it all worthwhile.

Barry Houghton