

Worcester Woods WEE, 6 February 2014

The penultimate event of the Winter Evening Events (WEE) season was well attended by HOC members and some intrepid independent runners, despite the poor weather conditions and very muddy terrain underfoot.

I deliberately set a long course that even the fastest runner would struggle to clear and benefited from two new fields to the north of the meadows. However, I also handicapped competitors by placing two controls in the wrong place (although only a couple of people tried to find control 11) and by getting a glitch in the control descriptions.

There was very close racing on the ladies course with new member Sue Haworth just pipping Marion White by 6 seconds. Kath McMillan visited 13 controls despite having head torch failure but one was out of order so she slots in behind Sue and Marion with Kerstin Mitchell in 4th place on the same number of controls. Independent, Katie Bow keeps coming back for more and the grotty conditions don't seem to have put her off.

On the men's course, David Williams came closest to clearing the controls. It was good to see Chris McSweeney put up a fine performance while his children and their mum had a muddy time in the woods. New members Robert Rose and Adam Jackson had good runs beating several very experienced orienteers. The Pershore Plum Plodders went out as a group of 6 and scorched around the first 5 controls and then had a collective meltdown on No 6. they were overheard talking about buying a compass for the next event.

Thanks to Kerstin, Robert, David, Andy and John for collecting controls in in horrible conditions. I collected the final control (the errant No 11) in just before heading off to the club dinner the following evening!

The results are:

Men

Place	Name	Time	Controls	Points	Club	Class	League Points
1	David Williams	57:10	23	230	HOC	M50	25
2	Chris McSweeney	60:27	22	215	HOC	M40	23
3	John Embrey	60:31	21	204	HOC	M55	21
4	Rob Atkins	60:28	20	195	HOC	M21	20
5	Andy Hemsted	55:31	19	190	HOC	M65	19
6	Peter Langmaid	61:14	17	157	HOC	M45	18
7	Robert Rose	58:18	15	150	HOC	M21	17
8	Adam Jackson	58:29	15	150	HOC	M21	16
9	Adrian Bailey	54:55	14	140	HOC	M45	15
10	Alan McKinley	55:13	14	140	HOC	M45	14
11	Barry Houghton	57:52	13	130	HOC	M65	13
12	Colin Palmer	58:05	12	120	HOC	M70	12
13	Steve Nightingale	53:19	11	110	HOC	M65	11
14	Robert Vickers	55:08	11	110	HOC	M70	10
15	Brian Laycock	55:51	11	110	HOC	M65	9
16	Barry McGowan	59:09	10	100	HOC	M65	8
17	Andy White	44:50	9	90	HOC	M55	7

Place	Name	Time	Controls	Points	Club	Class	League Points
18	Steve Potter, Darren Fulcher, Kaye Bottomly, Karen Cooper, Trevor Clarit & +Zach Butcher	58:12	8	80	Pershore Plum Plodders	Various M & W	
19	Russ Faucet	61:15	9	77	HOC		6

Ladies

Place	Name	Time	Controls	Points	Club	Class	League Points
1	Sue Haworth	56:03	12	120	HOC	W50	25
2	Marion White	56:09	12	120	HOC	W50	23
3	Kath McMillan	57:00	12	120	HOC	W21	22
4	Kerstin Mitchell	58:15	12	120	HOC	W45	21
5	Barbara Ford	56:34	11	110	HOC	W55	20
6	Katie Bow	53:55	10	100	Ind	W21	19
7	Alison Sloman	57:29	10	100	HOC	W75	18
8	Jenny Uff	59:27	5	50	HOC	W60	17
	Jacky Embrey	49:20	4	40	HOC	W55	16