

Harlequin Club Championships 2008

Highgate Common, Saturday 13th Dec

The Most Important Club Event of the Year: YOU must be there!

Why? 17 trophies to be fought for, including Best New Member and Best Family !

Why? Everyone there is a Harlequin! See all your old friends, and make new ones: if you see someone on their own, introduce yourself.

Why ? We all start and finish at roughly the same time: lots of head-to-head fun. Afterwards it's time to socialise...

Car Park At SO 835 895 (OS Map 138), on the west side of Highgate Common. Newcomers would do well to look at the OS map if they can: the area is in a mass of small roads, and the car-park is impossible to sign from all directions. The car-park is on the road which goes south from Halfpenny Green, along the east edge of 'Wolverhampton Business Airport', past Highgate Common, and eventually along the west side of Kinver Millon to the A458.

Toilets: The toilets in the car-park will be open.

Terrain: A mixture of delightful open heathland, very pleasant runnable woodland, and brambly woodland. By using the vast network of small paths, most of the undergrowth can be avoided.

Map: 1:10000, 5 m contours, drawn by Alison Sloman. **At this very moment** she is updating the map, ready for **you**.

Time: Please aim to arrive between 9.15 and 10.15. Registration will be open from 9.30 until 10.30. Mass-Start at 11am.

Entry: No pre-entry. £3 seniors, £1 juniors, including dibber-hire.

Format: Score Event, 1 map pre-printed with 30 controls.

M/W 16 and older: 1 hour time limit.

M/W 14 and younger: 45 mins time limit.

Controls with different values, from 10 to 20 points, to be indicated on the description sheets. The crossing-point (see below) has value 0.

Road-Crossing: Important: There is a small road running E-W across Highgate Common, to the north of the Start/Finish. This road will be Out-Of-Bounds other than at a single road-crossing, which will be manned by Babs Ford! There will be a control on the north side of the road, which **must be punched every time you cross the road**. There will be a penalty of 100 points for a competitor who crosses the road, and fails to punch at the crossing-point.

Bonuses and Penalties: In our Club Championships we aim to give every member an equal opportunity to win the Bert Pardoe Trophy, using the handicap factors worked out from previous events. The handicaps can be found on the website at <http://www.harlequins.org.uk/BertPardoeHcaps.pdf>. For this reason, there will be adjustments to the total points obtained:

- a) M/W14- running for 45 minutes. These scores will be increased by 33%.
- b) Any competitor who visits **every** control within the hour will receive a bonus, depending on how early they return. These bonuses will be displayed at registration.
- c) The penalty for exceeding the time limits will be 20 points per minute or part-minute.

Safety: All competitors take part at their own risk, and are responsible for their own safety. First-Aid will be at the Finish.

- a) Take care if you cross the road. Remember to punch!
- b) Highgate Common is very popular with dog-walkers, and, occasionally, horse-riders.

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