

King's Heath NSL- 24 January 2019 Results

HARLEQUINS TEAM VICTORIOUS!!

After a hard run around the King's Heath area in Birmingham, a team of Harlequins (imaginatively called 'the Harlequins') romped home to victory at the Red Lion pub quiz. The HOC team took an early lead by playing their joker in round one (doubling their score of 10 correctly answered general knowledge questions) while COBOC's James Thomas was eagerly completing the picture quiz which involved identifying Doctor Who's opponents. Peter Langmaid completed the word search and picked up extra points for identifying 'lasagne' as the bonus word and then the team settled in for the long slog to the finish.

However, the eagerly awaited 'orienteering control card symbols' round didn't appear and by the time the final round started, the Harlequins, now down to a rump of Peter Langmaid, Ian Gamlen, Adrian Bailey and John Leeson (with support from Peter & Julie Evans), were just 3 points in the lead. The final round was an 'all or nothing' affair with any wrong answer out of the 10 questions leading to all points from that round being forfeited. After a lot of discussion, the team decided to scrub out Ian Gamlen's answer of Charles II being the last Stuart monarch (it was Anne) and came through to take the coveted £25 voucher.

And, oh yes, there was also some orienteering!

Night Street League Results

And here they are...

Name	Club	Class	Points	Time	Score
Dave Aldridge	HOC	M40	420	63:12	388
Adrian Pickles	WRE	M60	380	61:46	362
Ben Rauffet	HOC	M21	360	58:16	360
Richard Pryce	Ind	M21	330	58:35	330
Peter Langmaid	HOC	M50	300	58:49	300
Andy White	HOC	M60	280	58:17	280
Ian Gamlen	COBOC	M50	270	59:30	270
Robert Rose	HOC	M35	310	65:30	255
Adrian Bailey	HOC	M50	290	64:09	248
Peter Evans	HOC	M50	290	65:29	235
Peter Rose	HOC	M40	230	58:09	230
Clive Caffall	NGOC	M55	230	61:39	213
Marian White	HOC	W55	200	58:17	200
James Thomas	COBOC	M21	210	61:10	198
Andy Hemsted	HOC	M70	180	50:23	180
Robert Vickers	HOC	M70	190	62:47	162
Julie Evans & Rebecca	HOC/ IND	W50	180	61:51	161
Colin Palmer	HOC	M75	120	55:46	120

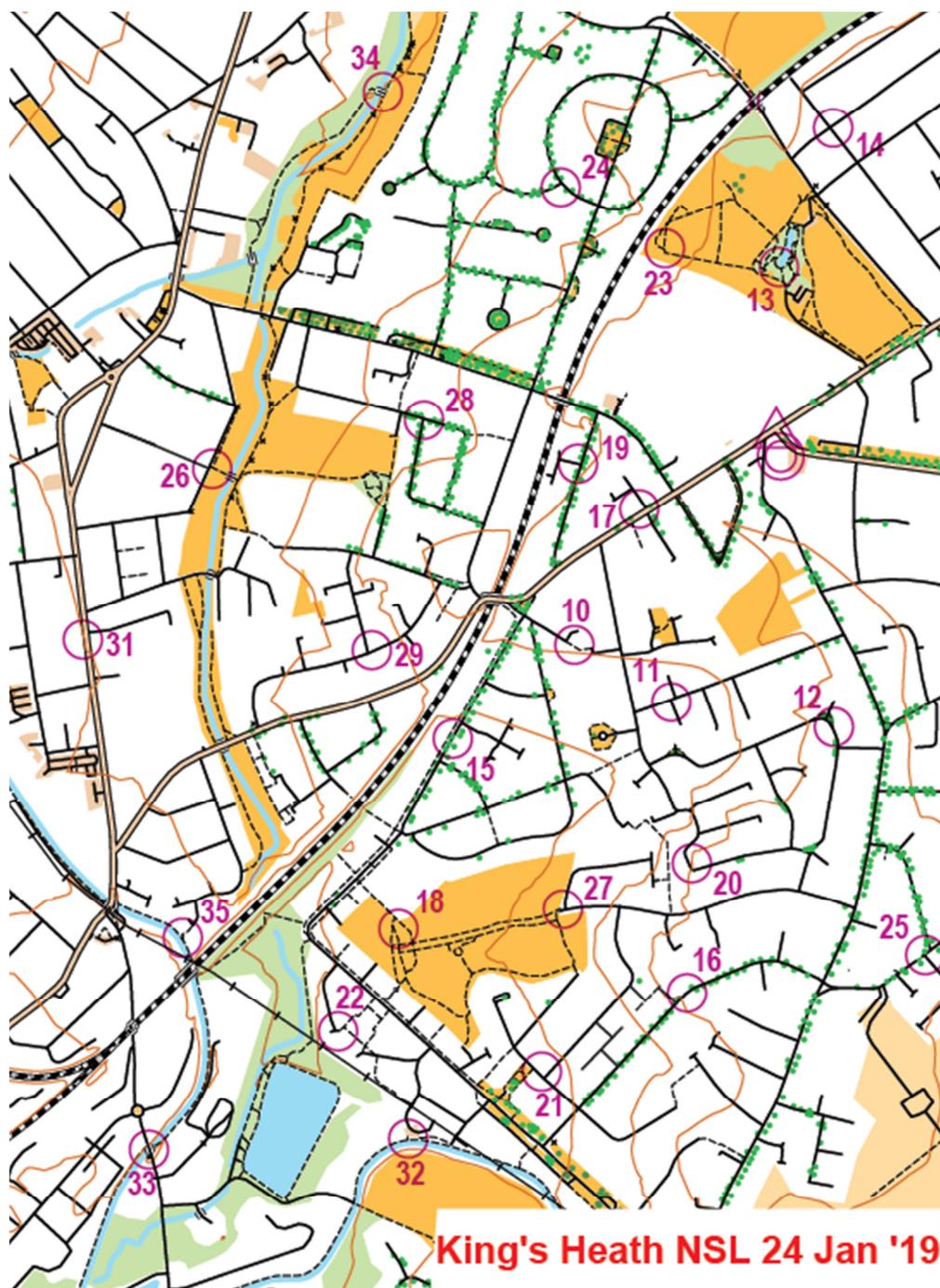
A total of 19 runners took to the streets of King's Heath after a mass start in the car park of the Red Lion pub on Vicarage Road. It sounds like many underestimated the climb back to the finish from the high scoring controls in the area around the canal and Lifford Lake where a complex network of paths and lanes allowed four of the five 30 point controls to be visited efficiently.

Run of the night came from Dave Aldridge, who cleared all but three 10 point controls, running an amazing 13km in the process. When I set the controls, I thought that a total of around 350 (out of 450 points available) would win and did wonder if I'd set too many control sites

A mere 12 seconds separated Adrian Pickles and Ben Rauffet for second spot and newcomer, Ian Pryce had a great run to come fourth.

The hilly terrain and non-linear routes caught out a number of runners with a majority going overtime.

The most sustainable competitors were Clive Caffall and Colin Palmer who used a combination of train/bus and train/folding bike to get to the event- well done!



I was quite impressed with King's Heath as a venue for an urban event. It may be possible in future to move slightly further west to take in some of the Bournville Estate- maybe one for next year.

Provided we find a pub with a quiz evening again!