

KNC20 Hargate Forest – Thursday 12 February 2009 – Report and Results

The day started well with a clear blue sky and sunshine but as it started getting dark the cloud rolled in, the snow began to fall, and the job of hanging controls was made all the more 'interesting'. Despite the deteriorating conditions, 32 cheerful people turned up ready for the evening's event.

Hargate is a fairly compact area so I planned two loops using a double sided map. Each map had a set of 10 controls (40-49 and 50-59) plus a compulsory transition control (70). The object being to get as many controls on one map, punch the transition control, then repeat the process on the second map, reaching the finish within 60 minutes. Splitting the competitors into two groups – one starting on map A, the other on map B – worked well and ensured that people didn't just follow each other round.

Jonathon Crickmore and Neil Speers managed to get them all in 44:12 and 56:07 respectively. Jonathon started on map A, his winning route was: S-44-47-45-43-41-49-46-42-48-40-70-53-56-57-59-51-58-55-52-54-50-F. Neil started on map B, his route was S-53-56-57-59-51-58-55-52-54-50-70-44-47-45-43-41-49-46-42-48-40-F. Sheralee Bailey was First Lady with 18 controls.

Many thanks to Jillian Holford, Sean Cronin, Dave Cave-Ayland, Jerry Purkis and James Davis for going back out afterwards and collecting controls in blizzard conditions.

Sincere apologies to all those who turned up at the Nevill Crest and Gun expecting to eat. I'm really annoyed with the pub for messing up our booking, especially as I went there in person to make the booking and confirmed the details with the manager over the phone. I have written to the manager to express my dissatisfaction. 14 of us managed to get a late dinner at Pizza Express in Tunbridge Wells High Street so thanks to them for accommodating us at very short notice.

Next week's event is the Tonbridge South Street O on Thursday 19 February. More information from Jerry Purkis and full details on the Saxons website in due course.

Simon Holford

Results

| # | Name | Age | Club | Time | Controls | Penalty | Score | KNC Points |
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| 1 | Johnathon Crickmore | M16 | SO | 44:12 | 21 | 0 | 21 | 40 |
| 2 | Neil Speers | M40 | DFOK | 56:07 | 21 | 0 | 21 | 38 |
| 3 | Alan Hicking | M45 | SAX | 57:22 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 36 |
| 4 | Neil Crickmore | M40 | SO | 58:52 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 35 |
| 5 | Sheralee Bailey | W35 | DFOK | 55:22 | 18 | 0 | 18 | 34 |
| 6 | Ian Ditchfield | M50 | MV | 56:18 | 18 | 0 | 18 | 33 |
| 7 | Becky Kingdon | W21 | SAX | 58:19 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 32 |
| 8 | Anne Straube | W21 | SLOW | 61:00 | 18 | 1 | 17 | 31 |
| 9 | Steve Waite | M60 | SAX | 55:26 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 30 |
| 10 | Jerry Purkis | M50 | SAX | 58:10 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 29 |
| 11 | Sarah Howes | W45 | SAX | 58:23 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 28 |
| 12 | James Davis | M35 | SAX | 58:25 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 27 |
| 13 | Mike Elliot | M55 | MV | 60:02 | 16 | 1 | 15 | 26 |
| 14 | Gordon Wilson | M55 | DFOK | 62:19 | 18 | 3 | 15 | 25 |
| 15 | Sue Crickmore | W45 | SO | 59:54 | 14 | 0 | 14 | 24 |
| 16 | Nick Gallavin | M21 | SAX | 60:38 | 15 | 1 | 14 | 23 |
| 17 | Sean Cronin | M40 | DFOK | 49:32 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 22 |

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| 18 | Clare Howes | W18 | SO | 55:53 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 21 |
| 19 | Mike Handley | M35 | SAX | 56:09 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 20 |
| 20 | Philip Craven | M55 | DFOK | 58:28 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 19 |
| 21 | Tony Hufflett | M40 | SO | 59:14 | 12 | 0 | 12 | 18 |
| 22 | Jillian Holford | W35 | SAX | 62:02 | 14 | 3 | 11 | 17 |
| 23 | Rowan Purkis | W50 | SAX | 56:56 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 16 |
| 24 | Dave Cave-Ayland | M55 | DFOK | 57:45 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 15 |
| 25 | Peter Martin | M60 | SAX | 61:39 | 12 | 2 | 10 | 14 |
| 26 | Andrew Pitcher | M45 | DFOK | 56:20 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 13 |
| 27 | Barney Mayhew | M45 | NONE | 57:47 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 12 |
| 28 | Martin Brice | M55 | SAX | 59:44 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 11 |
| 29 | Pete Bell | M21 | SAX | 52:27 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 10 |
| 30 | Fiona Wilson | W45 | SAX | 56:42 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 9 |
| 31 | Simon Virgo | M50 | SAX | 57:51 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 8 |
| 32 | Anita Kingdon | W55 | SAX | 62:28 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 7 |

Forthcoming productions:

February

Thu 19 KNC21 - Tonbridge South Street O – Jerry Purkis

Thu 26 KNC22 - Blean – Nick Barrable

March

Thu 5 KNC23 - East Grinstead Street O – Bridget Hooper (Southdowns)

Thu 12 KNC24 - Brede – Anita Kingdon

Thu 19 KNC25 - Southborough Street O – Peter Martin

Thu 26 KNC26 – ***FINALE*** - Hemsted Forest – Fiona Wilson & Mike Solomon