52nd Rodings Rally - 2008 Epping Forest Outdoor Group

Dear Competitors,

Thank you for taking part in the 52nd Rodings Rally. By Friday 14th November we had received registrations for 80 teams, 10 fewer than last year but sufficient to make it a competitive event!

Competitors in the 10 checkpoint event were required to find nine checkpoints in the forest, and return to the final checkpoint at High Beach Village Hall within 8 hours. 17 teams achieved this within the time limit, congratulations again to Suffoc who nipped round the course in 3 hours and 49 minutes. They were almost an hour ahead of the team who bagged second place – Cam Racers 3.

The 10 checkpoint group trophy (the 3 highest placed teams from the same organisation) was won yet again this year by The Alchemists whose top 3 teams each discovered all 10 checkpoints in a total time of 17 hours and 21 minutes. Only 3 minutes behind were the Cam Racers, and in third position were previous group trophy winners, Rayleigh Rockets.

Requirements for the YHA trophy were changed this year. Previously this trophy was awarded to the 3 highest placed teams in the 10 checkpoint event from a YHA group but we were unable to award this in 2007 due to insufficient teams from a single YHA group. From 2008 this trophy will be awarded to the highest placed 10 checkpoint team from a YHA group. This year the trophy goes to South Middlesex YHA group team 2.

The 5 checkpoint event, where teams were required to locate checkpoints 1, 3, 5 and 6, as well as the village hall, was won this year by Night Crawlers in an amazing 1 hour and 53 minutes. Well done & congratulations, the Vic Halstead 5 checkpoint trophy will be winging its way to you very soon!

The 5 checkpoint group trophy (for the 3 highest placed teams from the same organisation competing in the 5 checkpoint event) goes this year to Essex Stragglers whose 3 teams – Undertakers, Parental Concern and Go West - located 15 checkpoints in 10 hours and 26 minutes.

Finally, the Suffolk Orienteering Club trophy for "Best Endeavour" goes to 'Arlow 'Innit, whose 2 man team found 5 out of 10 checkpoints having lost a pair of glasses at checkpoint 2. Amazingly on Sunday morning this intrepid team managed to find their way back to the site of checkpoint 2 (its inhabitants having long since departed) and located the missing spectacles. Well done!

Trophy winners will be contacted shortly to confirm delivery arrangements.

The solutions to the clues are enclosed with this report.

As stated on the Rodings Rally information sheet sent out with the entry form, 25p out of every each competitor's entry fee received is donated to charity. This year we will be donating at least £60; the specific charity to which the donation is to be sent will be agreed at our AGM in January.

Hope you all had a good time and thanks to those of you who sent your comments after the event. Any feedback – good or bad – is welcome!

We are still awaiting confirmation of the date of Rodings Rally 2009. It is likely to take place either on the weekend of Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th November, or on Saturday 21st / Sunday 22nd November – we will keep you posted on this!

Ann Lowther & Sue Stirling
On behalf of Epping Forest Outdoor Group

LOST PROPERTY

We have remaining one item of lost property – a thermos flask. If you think this belongs to you please email Sue Stirling – susan.stirling@btinternet.com - with a brief description, or ring 01508 570146.

Ten Checkpoint Event

No.	Team NAME	Team	Yha	Chkpoints	start	end	Hours	Mins
1)36	Suffoc		N	10	9:44	1:33	3	49
2)39	Cam Racers 3	3	N	10	9:40	2:27	4	47
3)62 (Carabids Of Fire		N	10	10:30	3:30	5	0
4)60 1	The Alchemists 4	4	N	10	10:24	3:25	5	1
5)50	The Alchemists 3	3	N	10	10:6	3:28	5	22
6) 11	Dartford Scouts 2	2	N	10	8:56	2:20	5	24
7)6	TV Addicts		N	10	8:44	2:31	5	47
8)29	Cam Racers 2	2	N	10	9:18	3:22	6	4
9)47	Uberrimae Fidel		N	10	10:0	4:14	6	14
10) 24	Rayleigh Rockets 3	3	N	10	9:14	3:40	6	26
11) 19	Cam Racers 1	1	N	10	8:58	3:31	6	33
12) 45	S. Middlesex YHA group 2	2	Υ	10	9:58	4:31	6	33
13) 4	Rayleigh Rockets 1	1	N	10	8:32	3:15	6	38
14) 70	The Alchemists 5	5	N	10	10:40	5:38	6	58
15) 14	Rayleigh Rockets 2	2	N	10	8:50	3:55	7	5
16) 55	S. Middlesex YHA group 3	3	Υ	10	10:18	5:32	7	14
17) 51	Cyclopaths		N	10	9:54	5:45	7	51
18) 17	Sulsar 1	1	N	9	9:4	4:20	7	16
19) 59	Sulsar 4	4	N	9	10:34	6:02	7	28
20) 34	Rayleigh Rockets 4	4	N	9	9:34	5:23	7	49
21) 78	Peter Huzan		N	9	11:6	7:01	7	55
22) 28	Bedford Outdoor Group 3	3	Υ	8	9:20	4:39	7	19
23) 15	Local Yokel		N	8	8:54	4:39	7	45
24) 18	Bedford Outdoor Group 2	2	Υ	8	9:2	4:51	7	49
25) 3	Thurrock Nomads A	1	N	8	8:30	4:22	7	52
26) 40	The Alchemists 2	2	N	8	9:50	5:44	7	54
27) 54	The Random 4	2	N	8	10:20	6:20	8	0
28) 57	The other Felixstowe 2		N	7	10:14	5:45	7	31
29) 9	Marys Big Lambs		N	7	8:40	4:19	7	39
30) 13	Thurrock Nomads B	2	N	6	8:52	4:25	7	33
31) 67	Arlow 'Innit (Harlow YHA Group)) 1	Υ	5	10:38	6:10	7	32

No.	Team NAME	Team	Yha	Chkpoints	start	end	Hours	Mins
32) 30	The Alchemists 1	1	N	4	9:32	4:49	7	17
33) 5	Wessex Raiders		N	3	8:36	11:20	2	44
34) 25	Springfield Striders		N	10	9:10	5:25	8	15
35) 23	NDMR		N	9	9:8	5:40	8	32
36) 69	Stav in the dark		N	7	10:44	7:20	8	36
37) 31	Black Abbotts		N	6	9:24	5:27	8	3
38) 33	Testudae		N	6	9:30	5:35	8	5
39) 77	Two Tykes, scummer & skate		N	6	11:0	7:42	8	42
40) 53	Grave Lark		N	2	9:46	6:41	8	55

Five Checkpoint Event (Vic Halstead Trophy)

No.	. Team NAME	Team	Yha	Chkpoints	start	end	Hours	Mins
1)58	Night Crawlers (Claire Harrison)	2	N	5	10:26	12:19	1	53
2)66	Orion Orienteers		N	5	10:16	1:10	2	54
3)37	Undertakers (Essex Stragglers)	2	N	5	9:38	12:50	3	12
4)48	The Lost Boys (Claire Harrison)	1	N	5	10:2	1:15	3	13
5)26	Parental Concern (Essex Stragglers)	1	N	5	9:16	0:47	3	31
6)65	DM thing 1 & Thing 2 (Danbury Mission	on) 4	N	5	10:28	2:3	3	35
7)56	Go West (Essex Stragglers)	3	N	5	10:22	2:05	3	43
8)49	The Homing Pigeons		N	5	10:4	2:12	4	8
9)52	East Barnet School staff	3	N	5	10:8	2:45	4	37
10) 2	East Barnet School staff	1	N	5	8:34	1:37	5	3
11) 32	2 E. Barnet School Students	3	N	5	9:28	2:40	5	12
12) 42	2 East Barnet School staff	2	N	5	9:52	3:6	5	14
13) 76	Greene Kings		N	5	10:58	4:16	5	18
14) 35	5 S. Middlesex YHA group	1	Υ	5	9:36	2:59	5	23
15) 4°	1 DM Strategy (Danbury Mission)	3	N	5	9:42	3:33	5	51
16) 8 ⁻	1 COPSE 3 (Croydon YHA Group)	3	Υ	5	11:4	5:16	6	12
17) 8	Bedford Outdoor Group	1	Υ	5	8:42	3:0	6	18
18) 27	7 DM Speedy (Danbury Mission)	2	N	5	9:22	4:0	6	38
19) 7	DM Sporty (Danbury Mission)	1	N	5	8:38	3:31	6	53
20) 7	1 COPSE 2 (Croydon YHA Group"	2	Υ	5	10:46	5:52	7	6
21) 75	5 DM Once Again (Danbury Mission)	5	N	4	10:56	3:27	4	31
22) 10) Woodland Wanderers		N	4	8:46	1:39	4	53

No. Team NAME	Team	Yha	Chkpa	oints	start	end	Hours	Mins
23) 38 PKJ Strollers		N	4		9:48	3:46	5	58
24) 72 Mark Redgrave		N	3		11:8	3:35	4	27
25) 20 Habs Staff		N	3		9:0	2:15	5	15
26) 43 SJA 368Q		N	3		9:56	3:29	5	33
27) 22 E. Barnet School Students	2	N	3		9:6	3:04	5	58
28) 12 E. Barnet School Students	1	N	3		8:48	4:04	7	16
29) 61 COPSE 1Croydon YHA Grou	ıp 1	Υ	4		10:12	6:52	8	40
30) 82 Teresa Green		N	1		11:12	7:22	8	10
31) 79 Rodriques & Lo		N	1		11:2	7:22	8	20

Best Groups (Ten Checkpoint Teams)

GROUP NAME	Yha	Total Chkpoints	Total Hours	Total Mins
The Alchemists	N	30	17	21
Cam Racers	N	30	17	24
Rayleigh Rockets	N	30	20	9

Best Five Chkpoint Groups (Suffolk Trophy)

GROUP NAME	Total Chkpoints	Total Hours	Total Mins
Essex Stragglers	15	10	26
East Barnet School staff	15	14	54
Danbury Mission	15	16	4
E. Barnet School Students	11	18	2

Best YHA Teams

45	S. Middlesex YHA group 2	2	Υ	10	9:58	4:31	6	33
55	S. Middlesex YHA group 3	3	Υ	10	10:18	5:32	7	14
28	Bedford Outdoor Group 3	3	Υ	8	9:20	4:39	7	19