

New Year's Day Novelty Event 1st Jan 2013

Thank you all for coming along and contributing to a successful day and enjoying relatively good weather. I hope that the event made you think and gave competitors of different ability levels something to go for.

Obviously not everyone understood the format of the competition! Apologies if it wasn't clear. I have been through the print outs individually to check each person's scores – in some cases I have added points, but more often I subtracted points from the raw score. This was either due to visiting a control which scored 0 as the line was from the wrong Christmas carol or for visiting an extra control before dibbing the correct master control. Some of you are to be complimented on your knowledge of Christmas Carols – well done – there were some perfect score sheets. Control 126, up at the top of the slope was worth 0 from one master control and 30 from the other, so some of you went all the way up the hill for nothing.

Scoring has not been easy – if you are ever organising such an event, I recommend you devise an easier and quicker way to get a result than I did! Apologies if you had to wait around in the pub and if I have missed anyone's extra points.

I'd like to thank Andy Rimes for setting up the controls, Rosie Wych for helping me with the scoring, Bill Vigar for printing the maps, Jeff Pakes for putting out the signs, and Roger and Judy Craddock for acting as organisers, providing you with mince pies and mulled wine afterwards (with the help of Jan Holmes), plus all those of you who collected in controls and tape.