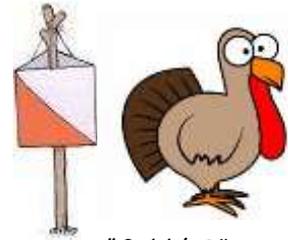


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## DEE COLD-TURKEY TROT 2014



"Gobble?"

So the theme this year was gathering bonus points by returning with ingredients for Hannah's perfect Chrimbo meal. She is currently going through a 'meat is murder' phase (and would have told you that, if anybody had bothered to ask her!), so you should have collected vegetables and not those annoying squeaky turkeys.

My cunning plan was to deprive the DEE speedsters of Turkey Trot glory by giving them lousy maps and lacing the distant controls with toxic turkeys, at minus 50 points a pop. The very generous veggie controls (+50 points for sprout, spud and carrot) were all close to the start and finish and within the grasp of juniors and amblers alike. But somehow the Grinch Olly Williams ruined my event by skipping around all 25 controls, neatly side-stepping the squeaky meat, and finishing bang-on the 45 minute time-limit!

I don't think the efforts of Nigel 'The Bucket' Beasant and other members of the Vegetable Liberation Front made any difference to the final result - Olly was unstoppable this year. But there was some compensation for the planner; the sight of Sian Calow and Richard Hill's happy, shining faces as they proudly brandished their turkeys, crumpling into abject misery when they saw their negative scores made my Christmas!

82 people competed which is an excellent turnout ... however the Membership Secretary will be writing to all non-attendees requesting detailed explanations for their absence.

Big, squeaky hugs and thanks to Robin for printing the maps, Bob for sorting out the 'getting points after the finish' conundrum and doing all the SI, the lady Hateleys and Steve Ingleby for registration / gofering, Ali and Sam for bringing in controls and the entire Harris clan for organising the fab social event!

