



16th New Year Cracker

Eggerslack Woods

Sunday 1st Jan 2017

Venue: Car Parking will be on public (pay and display) car parks within Grange over Sands, of which there are several. The closest car park to assembly is at SD407779, nearest postcode LA11 6AZ. The route to assembly/start/finish will be signed from the NE end of this car park. When full, there are other car parks within several hundred meters and some on-street parking. Assembly will be at SD406785. Please note there is no car parking at assembly. (See map below). This is a mass start event so please allow enough time to walk to assembly and register. Those who have pre-entered should collect a map from Registration. Pre-entry is recommended to guarantee a map and to save time on the day.

Terrain: Most of the course is within the wood. There is a lot of limestone on and off paths, which can be very slippery if wet. Part of the adjacent open grazed fell is also used. There is a complex path network and many rock features.

Courses: There is one Christmas themed score course for all. Please read the instructions for control order carefully. Novices may opt to treat the course as a normal score event.

This is a 60 minute score themed on the first six days of Christmas. Controls are grouped into 6 groups (one for each day) called Partridge, Turtle Doves, French Hens etc. Each day group has one starting control worth zero points, and a number of scoring controls, worth a total of around 70 points. To activate a group you must first dib at the starting control for that group. You can then score at as many of the scoring controls as you like within that group before moving onto another group by dibbing a different starting control.

You **will not score** if you haven't already dibbed the correct starting control for the group you are on.
You **will not score** by going back to a group already visited later on.

e.g. go to Calling Birds starting control (marked CB on the map) followed by up to 4 CB scoring controls marked as CB1, CB2 etc. (each worth 18 points), then go to Geese-a-laying starting control (GL) followed by up to 6 GL scoring controls (each worth 12 points) etc.

There is a maximum of 426 points to collect. Lateness penalties increase the later you are:

Up to 5 minutes late 5 points per minute (or part thereof)

6-10 minutes late 10 points per minute (or part thereof)

11-15 minutes late 20 points per minute (or part thereof)

Over 15 minutes late all points lost

Day of Christmas	Gift name	Abbreviated to	No. of scoring controls	Points each	Total points
1st	Partridge in a pear tree	PP	1	70	70
2nd	Turtle Doves	TD	2	35	70
3rd	French Hens	FH	3	24	72
4th	Calling Birds	CB	4	18	72
5th	Gold Rings	GR	5	14	70
6th	Geese-a-laying	GL	6	12	72

Novices may opt to run the course as a conventional score course, with all controls worth 10 points each and taken in any order. Anyone doing so cannot qualify for their corresponding age class prize, but may win the Novices prize. Prizes also for M/W Open, M/W 14-, M/W 18- and M/W 60+

Map: - Scale 1:7,500 5m contours.

Sportident punching used - £1 hire charge if you do not own your own. A fee of £30 will be charged for the loss of a hired SI card.

Entries: Pre-entries via **Fabian4** are preferred. Entries will remain open as long as there are maps available. Entry on the day will be available also, dependant on map supply.

Entry Fees: Pre-entry or EOD: Adults £7, Juniors £3.

Registration: 11.45 – 12.45

Start: There will be one mass start for all runners at 1pm. Be ready to proceed a short walk to the start at 12.45. Late starters may be allowed at the discretion of the organiser. Courses close at 2.30pm

Dogs: OK as long as on a lead.

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