

The Black Horse Treasure Hunt 4th December

Our last competitive event of the year took place on 4th December on a nice crisp day.

Martin and Lesley Neal had arranged the start to be at the New House Farm Shop near Faygate, where food and drinks were readily available, including a full English breakfast if so required.

Although seven people had shown interest we only had six turn up on the day, which was disappointing after all the Neal's hard work. One very interesting car that came was a Royale Sabre, which Steve Cherry brought along instead of his MGBGTV8, which was out of action. This car looks very Morgan-like at the front and XK Jaguar at the back, and has a Ford V6 engine producing 140 bhp. Also competing was Peter Mace in his very nice Z-type Magnette, which was navigated by his grandsons.

At 11am five different sheets of questions were handed out, consisting of famous people's faces (although we didn't get Tony Brooks), different makes of cars, capital cities of countries (would you know the capital of Greenland?), which cities trunk roads such as the A5, A6 etc connected, and plans of racing circuits. Once completed these were handed in, and the route instructions and questions to be answered were given.

The Route instructions were very simple and the only questions to be answered on the move were located at junctions. This meant that cars were not dawdling along looking for a clue all the time, which has been a problem in the past. The main clue collections were to be had when we parked up in mainly National Trust car parks.

Although the route was only 40 miles long, everyone seemed to take too much time hunting for answers at the car parks; this resulted in everyone being pretty late at the finish – some people even had to miss out some of the later car parks.

The finish was at the Black Horse pub at Nuthurst, where a special room was set aside for our use, and the food was served up pretty quickly, while Martin and Lesley worked out the results, with Steve and Denise Cherry winning it once more.

Next year we hope more people will come along to this nice relaxing event on the 3rd December 2017.

Results

1st	Steve and Denise Cherry	67
2nd	Tony Gunton and Mark Galbraith	65
3rd	Philip and Rosemary Bayne Powell	63
4th	Peter Mace and Grandsons	59
5th	Sue and Alan Scott	46
6th	Mark and Lucille Roffe	41