

Treasure Hunt 2008

Many intrepid pirates took the opportunity to sail the seven woods around Charnwood, where they could trade clues aplenty, and lead to treasure and a mysterious island and then onwards to a secret free-trade port to pour the pirate sherry.

Jim the cabin boy was the only wretch to locate the missing parrot (which was a grey if you are still with this fable). As Jim-lad was shipwrecked with the bird, it was no surprise that he hid it well. Most scurvy crews managed to drag their hulks to treasure island (number 8. 103 Northern Island (under)). Gold plates, skeletons, cutlasses and pirate clothing were retrieved, but the valuable rings were left for others to find...

The last clues lead the way to real treasure. A thatched tavern with our host, a Johnny Depp-a-like. More serious navigators, the Governors men no doubt, used the exercise to partake in strange and dark ritual called orienteering and navigated through the vast area just for sporting challenge. If they are caught by Captain Hans Sparrow then they be made to walk the plank.

Three ships made it to the port with equal booty, so the contest was decided in best worlds-end means. Simon Ford had been deported and so was declared missing overboard. Tim Cairns and Chris Bosley fought to the death, and the curse of the Black Pearl passes to Chris for the next treasure hunt.

Teams and crew: -

Tim Cairns (Nottingham Sheriff who ran in the wrong pantomime)

James Hornsby (scurvy crew)

Quartermaster Roger Edwards (in charge of home port rations)

Simon Ford (man overboard)

Bruce Bryant (apparently boarded all the ships)

Liz Phillips (Captain of the Droober)

Wyn Sleeman and family (scuppered to home port)

Chris Bosley (Pirate King)

John Marriott (Long John Slither who's transport ran aground)

Rachel Simonetti (Bonney in search of Depp and chips)

Calico Jack (Explorer of The Partings)

Dave Toach (Easy rider)

Mark Foxwell (Blackbeard)

Melt Banana (nearly winners)

Bob Haskins (Captain Caterham)

