

The Enfield Walker 2021

January Catch-up 2

(Newsheet of the Walking Section of Enfield & Haringey AC)

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Virtual ERWL to go ahead

Over 25 people responded to the enquiry about initiating a Virtual ERWL, with all but two expressing a positive view towards the suggestion. There was a vehement objection, that wasn't sent to me, which expressed deep concern about the standard of walking and course accuracy, which is a legitimate view that people are entitled to hold.

However, the ethos of the ERWL since its inception by Martin Oliver 23 years ago, has always be to welcome and engage walkers of all standards and that's why it operates under the B rule. This is not to say that the ERWL is opposed to the A standard, but it should be remembered that it was born out of the need to judge elite and often full-time athletes.

The vagaries of tracking devices are well known, so of course results might well be skewed, but so long as the intent is honest the integrity of the competition remains. As for deliberate cheaters, well they only deceive themselves and when the pandemic is over, all the virtual performances will be judged against times set in real ones.

The series gets underway on 30th/31st January and will be **over 5km**, thus giving participants the opportunity to ease into things and set targets for the year, but thereafter 8km and 5km will be on offer.

Results should be emailed to r.emsley@btopenworld.com

Subject: Virtual ERWL

With Name, club, age category along with the distance and time
before midnight on Monday 1st February

Forthcoming ERWL Virtual fixtures 30th/31st January - 20/21st February - 3rd/4th March - 3rd/4th April

Just in case you have forgotten. This picture from twelve months ago before the bane of 'social distancing,' captures the ethos of the ERWL.



Roll on the time we can resume something like normal service, although if masks may be necessary for a longer period, photographs like these will be a bit boring.

