NORTH EAST LONDON GROUP NELLY NATIONAL TABLE TOP RALLY 1986

RESULTS

Once again we have maintained our record of an increase in entries every year since we started - although admittedly this time by only one! With some 295 entries our event is, by far, the most supported out of all of the National events. We put this down to our careful planning and preparation along with our constant endeavour to lay on an event that YOU, the competitor, let us know you want! In this regard your remarks on the returned results sheets have been noted and, hopefully, will lead to an even better NNTT '87!

There is an increase in the proportion of results sheets returned which is most encouraging to the Organisers. Thanks again to the generous support from our Sponsors and the number of entries received we can still produce an award for some one in four in the Full Competition. As the two E's are keen entrants in the other events they know how nice it is to win something, however small, to satisfy the effort made.

Again the Minor Competition has produced an all clean sheet.
Our congratulations for this go to Jonathan Ellis - who the ladies may wish to note is Unattached! No competitor in the Full Competition had a clean first half, in fact the overall winner had three penalties! This year, in the Full Competition, we have a change in the top position. The winner was Malcolm Price, also unattached, with six penalties. He just 'pipped' Peter Cracknell of Chess Valley on 'furthest clean' basis.

Our Special award of £5 goes to Trevor Crowe - also Unattached! He was 7th in 1985 and 9th this year! As the late award of the game 'Rally round', presented by Saracad Marketing Ltd, is an indoor TT game we have decided it should go to the Group/Club providing the most entries in the Nelly National over the past three years. It therefore finds its way to EMCOS in recognition of their support - which we hope will continue! Propellers MC were only just behind! Who knows we may have something similar next year so keep that support coming in!

The results suggest that this year's route-was similar to last but competitors have indicated it was easier although more penalties have been incurred by 'falling into Nelly's elephant pits' we prepared on the way! 9d was the best concealed and caught over 60%. 14d over 50%, Sections 17 & 19 caused difficulties. Most got the key MASTERMIND but couldn't produce the right answers for 'Enders Endersbee'! Fuller comment will be made as a prelim to the answers etc.

A few have expressed an interest in NAVFOST and, if the support is sufficient, Keith will be running his postal course. If, after reading the answers your interest is stimulated (and you have not indicated this on your returned answer sheet — or you were so lost that you didn't return one!!) please send a note with a SAE to Keith Endersbee, 37, Glenester Close, Hoddesdon, Herts, EN11 9LP as soon as possible.

We have, again, had more requests for more time to answer the questions. even though the route was despatched 2 days ahead of schedule! We will give you another weekend for NN '87 - postal delivery permitting! This will make the results tight, with a possibility of several clean sheets where the date of return will be all important! It is to be hoped that this means of determining the winners of our considerable cash awards will not lead to undue disappointment.

The National Table Top Rally Championship WILL be run in 1987/8 - see details overleaf - and it is anticipated that the Nelly National '87 will be run during the whole of October so BOOK THAT DATE NOW!! The map will be 166 (Luton & Hertford) - near home for us - as this has just been up dated by OS.

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As we are so ahead of our scheduled date for sending out the results - all the engraving etc was produced in record time - these results are being posted before Christmas! In anticipation that you receive them before Christmas may we wish all our supporters a Very Merry Christmas and a Successful Table Top Rally New Year.

Brian Bishop, Andy and Keith Endersbee - Joint Organisers.

NATIONAL TABLE TOP RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Since the publication of the NNTT '86 regulations, giving brief details of the proposed Championship, the various Organisers have met and the Regulations agreed. Cheltenham MC, Eastern Counties MC, Tavern MC & CSMA North East London Group are the promoters - each running one event for the Championship. Only Full (or Experts) will be eligible and they must enterat least three of the competitions to qualify - with best three out of four scores to count. There will be no registration fee - each of the four Organising Clubs will make a per capita payment to the Championship fund to cover the awards and expenses. Registration is automatically recorded upon entry to any one of the four events as the results (with entrants addresses) are passed to the Championship Recorder (Co-ordinator) for collation and publication at intervals and for the final results to be despatched to all contenders. The above is only the brief details - full details will be sent to all NNTT entrants for the FULL COMPETITION by the Championship Co-ordinator, Mr Geoff White, 19, Heath Close, Polstead Heath, Nr Colchester, Essex CO6 5BE in about 6 months time - just before the TT 'Season' starts. To save unsolicited 'bumf' being sent to uninterested parties - there's too much of it these days! - the names and addresses of NNTT '86 MINOR COMPETITION ENTRANTS are NOT being sent to the We know that many of the MINOR entries are not Co-ordinator! interested in progressing to the FULL! However, if it is YOUR intention to enter the FULL in '87 and you would like to have details of the Championship, drop Geoff a line and he will record your interest and send you details in due course.

RESULTS - FULL COMPETITION

WINNER MATCOIM DO	CE IINATO CHED	*6 FENALTIES £50 plus award	
WINNER MALCOLM FRICE UNATTACHED *6 FENALTIES £50 plus award RUNNER-UP PETER CRACKNELL CHESS VALLEY *6 PENALTIES £30 plus award			
3 T Hare		7 £25 plus award 3rd O/all	
	CSMA Unattached		
	CSMA Unattached		
6 Mrs L Cantrill	Unattached	9 £20 plus award Best Non-CSMA	
*7 J Smith	Unattached	10 10% award	
*8 R Crowther(Crow	y)West Essex CC Unattached	10 10% award	
9 T Crowe	Unattached	11 10% award plus Special 85/86	
10 I Oakey	EMCOS	12 Best EMCOS	
11 M Biss	CSMA NE London	13 £10 plus award next best CSMA	
*12 B Peterken	CSMA Unattached	14 10% award	
*13 A Croucher	CSMA Unattached	14 10%award	
*14 R Searby		.14 Best NatWest MC	
*15 P Bird		15 Best Cheltenham MC	
*16 J Shelley			
*17 C Hensman		15 Best Propellers MC	
*18 G Frary	Stort Valley AC	16 Best Stort Valley AC	
*19 T Croucher		16 10% award	
20 R Jones	CSMA Ipswich	17 Best CSMA Ipswich	
*21 N Firth	CSMA Ipswich		
*22 A Turnbull	Otley MC	18 10% award	
*23 G Staples	Natwest MC	19 10% award	
*24 R Norbury	Alwoodley MC	19	
*25 B Blackstock		19	
	NatWest MC	20 20	
*27 P James *28 Mrs B Ward	Unattached	20 £15 plus award Best Lady	
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There were 157 entries in the Full Competition.

EMCOS

=75 L Claydon

77 D McCulloch

=75 J Sharp

78 K Beese

=79 B Lewis

=79 I Wilson

Alwoodley MC

Unattached

Unattached

Natwest MC

Unattached

CSMA Unattached

* indicates that Tie Regulation (a) applies - furthest clean.

The continued support from 'Unattached' members of the CSMA, there were 37 this year, is much appreciated by the Organisers. Naturally we would hope that you will join up with your local Group and so provide sufficient support to put in a 'Block entry' for that Group! Meantime, by way of our thanks we are giving three engraved Ball Point Pens to the next best three CSMA Unattached entrants not receiving any other

101 P Rusted

103 K King

102 F Humphrey

104 N Brookes

Rugby MC

Unattached

Shipley & Dist MC

CSMA Unattached

It has not gone un-noticed that there were 25 completely Unattached entrants this year. Perhaps we may do something similar for them in 1987 - provided their entries are maintained!

RESULTS - MINOR COMPETITION

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NO PENALTIES £10 plus an award plus
WINNER JONATHAN ELLIS
                          UNATTACHED
                      Special Award donated by Rally Navigation Services
                                       4 £5 plus award Second Minor
                     CSMA Unattached
 2 A Jones
                    CSMA Unattached 6 £5 plus award Third Minor CSMA Farnborough 6 OS Road Atlas CSMA NW Centre 7 OS Road Atlas CSMA Unattached 7 OS Road Atlas Unattached 7 OS Road Atlas
 *3 K Eaton
 *4 Mrs A Brookman
 *5 D Preece
 *6 S Lawrie
 *7 J Steele
                                       7 OS Road Atlas
                     CSMA Unattached
 *8 G Cran
                                       8 OS Road Atlas - Best Lady
 *9 Miss C Millar
                     NatWest MC
*10 Mrs L Woodbury CSMA Unattached
                                       8 Engraved Ball Point Pen (HQ)
                                       9 Engraved Ball Point Pen (HQ)
9 Engraved Ball Point Pen (HQ)
                     CSMA Unattached
*11 J Watson
                     CSMA Unattached
*12 J Williams
                     Dolphin MC
*13 B Muttram
                     CSMA Unattached 10
=14 J Lewin
                     CSMA Unattached 10
=14 W Waddilove
                     CSMA Unattached 10
=14 Miss C Carr
                     CSMA Unattached 11
CSMA Unattached 11
=17 H Collins
=17 K Butler
                     CSMA Unattached 11
=17 G Walford
                                      12
                     Propellers MC
=20 S George
                     CSMA Unattached 12
=20 D Kearney
                                                           CSMA Unattached
=22' Miss G FinlaysonGreen Belt MC
                                      =50 W Gadd
                  CSMA Unattached =50 L Townsend
                                                           Unattached
=22 R Simmons
                     Unattached = 50 A Shearing CSMA Unattached = 57 K Wood
                                                           Unattached
=22 G Illingworth
                                                           CSMA Unattached
=25 P Harbord
                                                           CSMA NW London
                     CSMA Unattached =57 G Smith
=25 W Tedman
                     CSMA Unattached =59 Miss L Stinton NatWest MC
=25 S Northrop
                                      =59 M Norman - CSMA-Unattached
                     Unattached
=28 R Baranowski
                                     =59 M White
                                                           Unattached
                     Unattached
=28 A Burge
                     CSMA Unattached =59 Miss K Moore
                                                          Herts County AC
=28 A Sowerbutts
                     CSMA NE London =63 S Dunford
                                                           CSMA Unattached
=28 Mrs I Hicks
                                                           CSMA Unattached
                  Ø NatWest MC
                                      =63 B Tucker
=28 R Waple
=33 Mrs C Hannaford CSMA NE London =65 Mrs I Riddick
                                                           Solway CC
                                      =65 Ms S Powrie
                                                           CSMA Unattached
                     East Fife MC
=33 Miss J Watson
                                                           CSMA Unattached
                     CSMA Unattached =65 Mrs R Irons
    S Savage
                                                           Unattached
                     CSMA Unattached =65 G Barrett
=33 R Wilkinson
                                      =70 Miss J Walters Loughborough CC
=37 S Bentley
                     Unattached
                                      =70 D Ramsay
                                                           CSMA Unattached
=37 A Oliver
                     Propellers MC
                                      72 J Hunter
                                                           CSMA Unattached
                     CSMA Plymouth
=37 A Smith
                                                          Unattached
                                      =73 Mrs L Smyth
                     Propellers MC
=37 B Caro
                                                           CSMA Unattached
                   CSMA Unattached =73 B Blewett
=37 C Tebbs
                                       75 F Cocks
                                                           CSMA Unattached
                     Unattached
=37 A Fraser
                                       76 C Jones
                                                           CSMA Unattached
                     Loughborough CC
=37 J Pickavance
                                                           CSMA NW London
                                       77 D Faulkner
                     CSMA Unattached
=37 K Burgess
=37 Mrs D Saunders CSMA Unattached
                                       78 M Tanner
                                                           Unattached
                                       79 W Dunn
                                                           CSMA Unattached
                     CSMA Unattached
=37 D Froggatt
                     CSMA Unattached =80 Mrs J Bishop
                                                          Unattached
=47 P Smith
                     CSMA Unattached =80 D Batchen
                                                           CSMA Unattached
=47 A Whatmough
                                                           CSMA Unattached
                                       82 L Jaeger
=47 Mrs J Elliot
                     Alwoodley MC
                                                          Unattached
                                       83 F Randall
                     Unattached
=50 Mrs H Medlock
                     CSMA Unattached 84 Mrs J Marchant Unattached
=50 B Greenwood
                                                           CSMA Unattached
                                       85 R Hall
                     CSMA Coventry
=50 S Ariss
                     Mingles
=50 J Dyson
                       Knutsford & Dist MC
Add = 65 Mrs S Lewis
Ø Best NatWest MC = Free Entry NNTT '87
* indicates that tie Regulation (a) applies - furthest clean
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There were 138 entries in the Minor Competition

NELLY NATIONAL 1986 - EXPLANATIONS AND ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS ETC.

It seems that some of you found alternative meanings to the questions at times which in some circumstances we have allowed for in the answers. In general terms our intentions were understood. We will however try to avoid this in future.

We seem to have caught many of you on one or two parts which has opened up the competition. It has been necessary to be rigid on some of the answers where a few of you have been rather careless. Despite Reg. 16 we have allowed a fraction of a mile on this occasion as it would be the normal way in expressing imperial measurements.

We have realised that 4b,c & d create penalties for deviation at one plot therefore consider this inequitable. 4b & 4c are cancelled.

Some of the brighter ones consider, quite rightly, that an intersection on a dual carriageway is a three way junction. The majority overlooked this, as we had, and therefore both are allowed for 19d.

Technically we slipped by referring to the start of Sect 20 as a cross roads, although perhaps it could be regarded as such in the context. Again most of you were with us. Also on this section we did accidentally drive right through a building at $827\frac{1}{2}620$ (we had an archway specially constructed for the Rally).

8c. There are no gates where a cattle grid exists therefore the marking on the map against the wording must refer to the grids.

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5b. White in 5271 is NTR. 6a. Many overlooked the white and took the northern loop. 7a. The loop on the red in 5162 seems to have been missed.

8d. Feel we must be precise to include W. 9d. The killer of the first half. So many accepted, not unreasonably, that the yellow in 6089 goes. Just can't take anything for granted. 10d. Have to take final loop via Walton to pass under the helicopter before it landed.

11b. Picked the wrong spot to leave the old banger. 14a. Main error not taking GL after last junction. Many seem to have missed white at Kingsnordley (14d). All seem to have spotted the clue. SH'E squared. 17. No doubt the 'M's' caused some confusion. As intended this created many penalties.

18. All 'up's and down s' except bridge. 18b. White in 7174 is NTR.

19. Basically a new idea which seems to have misfired. 19c intended to be based on the same count as in the plots. Several found a longer route.

20 an old favourite which seems to have caught many napping after such an arduous task but by no means everyone.

The explanations will doubtless reveal all and cover points not made above. By the way if anyone wishes to have any further assistance, a stamped addressed envelope to Andy will bring forth details.

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Section 1.

TL at Brown, Right yellow via 92, 50 & 49, Peartree, B4371,1a. 4587

yellow Soudley, B4371, Chelmick, 144, 139, 138, Henley, b. 6

TR Hall, The Hough, Touch B4371, Yellow, TL white, TR, c. 167

over Brown, TR A.49, TL over Rly, LC, TL A.49, TL over Rly, d. 6

B4370, 167, TL under Rly.

Answers: 1d. 4992, 4791, 4589, 4593(X Rds), 4694 & 4695.

Section 2.
SH 129; A49; Y to 4896; W to 5099; Hoar Edge; 5094; B4371; 2a. 3
Chatwall Hall; SH 248; SH 113; B4371; 5695; W to 5597; b. 248
SH 172; B4371; Y to 5490; B4378; TC 4 in 5995. c. 5393
Answers: 2a.5098, 5097 & 5094. 2d. 48(2),50,51,57 & 55(2). d. 7

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Section 3
   5998; Cross A458; White to 620000; Y; Cross R; B4378; W loop;
                                                                       3a. 620000
  Y to Cemy; Cross R; Loop to B4376; Y to A458; 6395; 5691;
                                                                        b. 4371;4378;
  5790;5689 and 5085.
                                                                            4376;4368.
  Answers: 3c. (Not 126) 133, 149, 131 & 138. 3d. 60,61,62(2),
  61(2),62,63(3),64(2),63(3),62,61,60,59,58,57(3),56,55,54,53,
                                                                        d. 29
  52,51.
  Section 4
  White; B4365; B4368; Hope Dale; B4368; Y; B; W; B; Burley; White; 4a. 0.4
  SH 175; 172; A49; Y loop; A49; W - Y; SH 118; Over river B4361; d. 18.
  Weir; SH 178; W; Y; W; Nature; 4773; Y; W to Woodlands; to TC.
  Answers: 4a. M & B in 4982. 4d. 4883(2),4582,4783,4883(2),4880,
  4781,4579,4578(2),4975,5174(3),4873,4773,4670.
  Section 5
  B4361; Rt.Y; Bircher; SH 121; SH 88; TL; Eyton; The Broad;
                                                                       5a. 121
B4361, SH's93-101 TR; TR; SO; TL; TR; B4362; B4361; SH 97;
                                                                        b. 88
  TL; SH 175; B4361; TL White; B4361; SH 95; SH 113; W; Y;
                                                                        c. 175
  A49; SH's 75,73,72 & 88; TC 10 The Serpent.
                                                                       .d. 4
  Answers. 5d. 4767,4971,5171 & 5070 (NTR at Church 4967)
  Section 6
  5472(2ETL, 0 Rvr); 5572(0 Rvr); 5571(4 ETL); Wooton; 5874(Via); 6a. 180
  B4214; 5970(ETL); 5969(ETL); 5869(ETL); 5770(3ETL); 5768(Br); 5667(Br); 5368(Br); 5267(Red over Yellow); Wyson; 5267(Yellow under Red); A49; Miss MS; SH 102; TR TC 12.

Answers. 6b. 5768 & 5268: 6d. 5768; 5267; 5165 & 5164.
                                                                       c. 74
                                                                       d. 4
  Section 7
  MS; White loop; A4112; Rt White; Pateshall; Phone; Lever Hill; 7a. Red
  187; Whyle; SH 215; MS; Pound Farm; YWY 5962 SH 112; White b. 15
  loop; A4112; Cemy; White loop; Y; W; A4112; W loop by School; c. 37
 R; B; W loop; MS; 98; MS; SH 97; Y; SH's 101,79 & 85; MS;
                                                                           6.5
 Rt W; B4214; Rt.W; SH 93; 2nd Rt Y; B4204; A4112; Y; W to Hosp;
 A456; Y; As ton Bank; A456; Y Hilltop & PH; W; SH103; Y via
 May Hill: W to TC.
 Answers. 7b.5461;5460(3);5562(2);5764(4);5763(3);5663(2).
           7d.5261;6263;6268;6170;6369;6071.
 Section 8
 B4214; SH355; SO Xrds; Rt Y; W to 6176; L at A4117; W loop to Y.
 SH286; TC in 6080.
                                                                      8a. 3
 Answers. 8a. 6174;6073;5973. 8b. 6074;5876;6276.
                                                                       b. 3
 8c. 6176;6277;6078.
                                                                       c. 3
                                                                       d. 2035 W
 Section 9
 SH187; SH333; 2nd Rt Y; W loop; 196; SH's 174 & 165; SH182;
                                                                    · 9a. 8
 2nd Y Rt; White SSE; 616853\frac{3}{4}; 615853; TR at Boundary; TL Y
                                                                       b. 616853⅔
 by Phone; TR; TR; TL White; Trading Estate - TL, TR, TL, TR, TL,
                                                                       or 615853
 TL, SO, TR, SO, TL, SC Stag X Rds, SO, TR, SO, TL, SO, TL, TR, SC, TL, SO,
                                                                      c. 5
 TR; At Y TR; SH189; TL; TL; SO; TR; SO; TL; TR.
                                                                      d. 89.
 Answers. 9a. 6182;6282;6184(2);6384(2);6485;6387.
 96. Enter from West, South, West, East & North.
 Section 10°
 5587; 5786; 5485; 5486; 5384; 5081; 5684; 5680; 5677; 5776;
 5475; 5574; 5274; 5476; 5677; 5578; 5376; 5279; 5176; 4978;
                                                                      b. 6
 4976; 4876; 4778; 4780; 4877; 4977.
                                                                      c. 78 49
 Answers. 10a. 5587, (NOT 5485), 5280, 5682, 5677, 5377, 5279.
                                                                      d. 25
 10b. 5776,5374,5476,5377,4978,4977.
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Section 11 Whites around Airport; Y - 3 LT's; 8193; 8192; 8293; 8394; 8298; 8499; 8095; 8094; 7994; 7995; 7793; 7992; 7991;8191. Answers. 11a. 127,127,1809) 11c. 8190, 8399. Section 12	11a. 3. b. 773\frac{2}{9}31\frac{1}{2} c. 2 d. 8499
Start halfway above cross going NE; TL;TL;TR;99;PC;White loop; 83;Hoo Fm;108;162;Across A458;155;107;White loop;88;67;W'mill; A458;Y;A458;8383; Answers. 7988(2);8286;8386;8485(2) 12a. 12b.8087,8186,8286. 12d. 8389(2),8488,8287,7988,8387,8386.	b. 3 c. 820 2 850
Section 13 All next key on right on typewriter; LT RT SO HR TL etc. W; 114; 64; 95; 125; TL Y; SO & TR Y; TL W; 79; 52; 87; 95; 8279; 8181; 48; Whites; 8179. Answers. 13b. 8083;8283;8282(2);8382;8481.	13a. $818\frac{1}{2}796\frac{3}{4}$ b. 6 c. 48 d. $843\frac{3}{4}838$
Section 14 Junctions at 7882;7784;7786;7890;7492;7694; Route. 7882;7685; 7887;7890;124;106;84;7392;7594. Answers. 14b.7889(.2);7690 to 7492(3.7);7694(.1). 14c. 83,84,87,88(2)89,90(2). 14d. 7784,7786,7787,7393.	14a. 760945 b. 4 c. 8 d. 4
Section 15 Square Roots. 34;36;41;39;34;37;59;66;53. Route. Y to 34; A442; White via Forge; 7096; W; B4373; W; over river(no bridge Short Yellow; A458; W; A442;*Rt W loop; Comer Wood; A442; White loop; Y, W over river; P; W; TC 7388. (*Add L W loop) Answers. 15b. 7295;7098(2);7197;7588;7487;7388. 15c. 7393;7295;7292(2);7390;7489(2);7587;7686.	15a. 7098); b. 7 c. 9 d. 7286
Section 16 B4364; A458; W; 126; 97; 129; (Chimney); 94; /83; W; 132; 126; 208; 116; 134; 115; 196; 164; 101; MS; Ford; W works (Pawnbr); 109; 146; 94; 102; 132; 47; 131; 155; 163; Six Ashes. Answers. 16c. 6993,6595,6891,7083,7482,7579,7277. 16d. 6994,6794,6887,7083,7383.	b. 208 c. 7 d. 5
Section 17 MASTERMIND. Plots. 671757; 127; 131; 684713; 2 25' 52 20'; 732712; 53; 64; 717657; 42; (B)4204; (B)4197; 78; (B)4197; 754611; 101; 71. Route. 6973; 6669; 7067; 7171; 7269; 7362; 7164; 6864; 7261; 7559; 7664. Answers. 17a. 7063. 17b. 6973;7371;7269;7362;7065;7559. 17c. 6874;6569;7068(2);7165;6965;7261. 17d. 79;72;71;69;76(2).	17a. 1 b. 6 c. 7 d. 6
Section 18 A451; A443; SH's 75, 83, 46, 128, 155,95, 151; Cross A456; TL X Rds; 7174; A4117; W to 7576; Loop 7776 to avoid bridge; 7875; SH's 127 & 64 to TC. Answers. 18d. 36,91,86,131,75,83,46.	18a. N or NNE b. 749\frac{3}{4}7\frac{3}{5}9 c. 7174 d. 7
Section 19 Plots. 8072 (24,25,31,37); 8176 (24,25,35); 8175 (24,28) 8173 (24,27); 8469 (24,5,6,22). Route. A451; B4195; A456; B loop; A451; B4193; A449. Answers. 19b. 7973;8271;8371;8470;8469. 19c. 22,24,28,29,40,44,46.	19a. 58 b. 5 c. 8370 d. 841\frac{1}{4}684\frac{1}{2} or 840\frac{1}{4}686\frac{1}{2}

Section 20

Mark across 1 - 54. Key: 1,10,19,20,11,2,3,12,21,30,29,28,37,46, 20a. 806464844,38,39,48,49,50,51,52,43,42,41,40,31,22,23,32,33,24,15,14, b. 5 13(K),4,5,6,7,8,9,18,17,16,25,34,35,26,27,36,45,44,53,54. c. 2. Route. 8461; W loop; R'about; Y loop; 18; W(Through building); d. 108. 34; 25; Y loop; A443; Y; W loop; 48; Y triangle; PH; PH; 59, 108, 99; A443; 85; 41; 53; W; A443; B4196; TC at Church. Answers. 20b. 8461;8263;8260;7762;8163. 20c. 8462;8261.

Sorry to say there is still evidence of 'joint' entries against our wishes but fortunately no serious effect on the overall results this year.

One or two have suggested that we follow the other National T.T's by marking maps instead of a question sheet. There are several reasons for not doing so. Firstly we wish to retain our original image which also gives some variety to the competitions overall. There is a considerable saving in postages which is ploughed back into the value of the Awards. Entrants time is saved by not having to mark up the route precisely thus giving more opportunity to solve the clues and obtain better results. There is more clarity in the penalties awarded with an answer sheet, particularly where a map is not marked with the corrected route. The results can be produced in far shorter time. It is quicker and easier to mark questions papers than check maps accurately. Finally with the volume handled by Nelly additional accommodation would be needed.

Our thanks to so many who have expressed their pleasure in NN 86, and the encouraging comments. See if we can help the 'also rans' with something a little easier, and of course the longer period.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR CSMA MEMBERS. The Cultivator is run on similar lines to Nelly and can be recommended. Some practice ready for NN 87. Why not give it a trial. It is being run from 16 February to 9 March 1987. Entry forms are new available with a closing date 9 February. Support Ipswich Group in their efforts on your behalf. SAE to BOB THOMAS, 84 THE JOSSELYNS, TRIMLEY ST. MARY, IPSWICH, IP10 OXW, will bring all the necessary details.