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*Oxford University Parks - Saturday Series*



*Orienteers at University Parks*



*Nat Skidmore at University Parks*

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## Thames Valley Orienteering Club Newsletter July 2017 Issue 240

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*Front cover: Summer series event at Wycombe Abbey School - start  
Back Cover: Summer series event at Wycombe Abbey School – BBQ afterwards!*

### From the Chair

It's holiday time in the orienteering world at the moment but, looking ahead, the British Sprint and Middle Championships are two of the early events this Autumn. TVOC is heavily involved in the Middle Championships, with the mappers and planners coming from our club, as well as the team leaders for the car parking, enquiries, road crossings, finish, download, and results teams.

The Middle Championships are on Sunday 1st October, at Wendover Woods. ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME TO TAKE PART. Just because it's a British Championship event does not mean that newcomers are excluded. Everyone is welcome. If you've not been to a major event before, this is your chance. And as it's a Middle race not a classic distance race, the course lengths will be shorter than usual for each age group.

If you are coming, then please also email Alun Jones, who is co-ordinating the TVOC



Carol Edwards at Winchester

volunteers, and let him know which of the above teams you would like to help in for a few hours on the day, and whether you want to help early and run late, or run first and help later. All helpers will receive a £6 voucher to use at the food (and possibly equipment) traders on the day. Alun's email is [alun.orienteeing@gmail.com](mailto:alun.orienteeing@gmail.com)

Book your run via <http://www.britishmiddlechamps.org.uk/> Remember to check the 'helper' box, and your start time will be sorted for you once you agree which helping shift you are doing.

All the jobs will be very small and straightforward...but necessary for the smooth, safe, and fair running of the event. Orienteering events are run by volunteers, and while we can enjoy taking part in many events that others are staging, it is important that we all take the opportunity to help out when it's our own club asking for volunteers.

On the day before the British Middle Championships is the British Sprint Championships, in Milton Keynes. You are not being asked to help at this event so you can go along and just enjoy the orienteering. Again ALL are welcome, whatever experience or standard. It's a two stage sprint event, using a park and adjacent housing estate in Milton Keynes. Sprints can be great fun: much bigger map scale with masses of interesting detail, very short courses, no brambles, very little climb if any, and lots of decision-making about left or right around blocks of buildings, flowerbeds, playground equipment etc etc. And if you don't do so well in the morning race, you can learn from it and put your learning into practice in the afternoon race. Details are here: <http://www.britishsprintchamps.org.uk/>

A brief note about my move: as many of you know, I am stepping down as TVOC Chair and Membership Secretary as I have moved to Cumbria. If there is anyone who would like to think about taking on one of those roles, please see me at an event or get in touch – contact details at the back of the magazine. Many thanks.

*Carol Edwards / TVOC chair*

## News in very Brief

### TVOC International Success

Inara Gipsle (W65) was 3rd overall at Tyrol 5days, July 2017

### New permanent course

A new permanent orienteering course will be officially opened at the Chiltern Open Air Museum on Sunday 17th September

## Membership News

I am delighted to introduce the following new members to the club: Mark, Samantha, Liam, and Oliver Moss. I'm sure everyone will look out for them at events, and make them feel welcome.

**Carol Edwards, Membership Secretary**



*Carol Edwards*  
(photo: Rob Lines)

# Letter to the Editor

I was aware early in the year that Carol Edwards was intending to move back up north. Nevertheless it was quite a shock to hear recently that she had already moved.

Carol has been a long-standing and committed member of TVOC and, particularly in the last few years, has done a huge amount for the club. I am sure I speak for the entire club in thanking Carol for her contribution to TVOC, and indeed to the entire sport, over the past years.

We will all be very sad to see Carol go. But it will also leave a big hole in our organisation. Just as a reminder, Carol is not only Chair of TVOC; she is also Membership Secretary, a club coach, a prolific planner, a controller, and an ever-present smiley-faced helper at most of our events. She will be sorely missed. My article on page 12 asks you to volunteer for one of these key roles.

But meantime, I am sure all members will join me in wishing Carol all the very best for her new life in the northern Lakes. We will miss you, Carol.

## **Alun Jones / Carol's predecessor as Chair**

*PS Don't be surprised if you bump into Carol at some events 'down South'. Carol will be in the area quite often, to visit her family and for work reasons, and I am sure she will aim to fit in some orienteering with us if she can. And she has kindly agreed to control our level C event at Halton and Wendover next January.*

# SCOA Junior Squad

Future training sessions and events over the summer and autumn are being planned. Currently, we have the following scheduled:

Saturday 26 August 2017	Helping at the TVOC Urban Event (Abingdon)
23/24 September 2017	Junior Inter Regional Champs - Winterfold and Black Heath

We welcome all SCOA juniors of about Orange standard and above and aged 10 or so to 18 years to join us at the Saturday training days. We meet at 1015 hrs and finish about 1500 hrs. You need to bring your lunch, a drink, £1 to cover map and access costs, and your orienteering kit. Please contact Simon Kippin ([juniorsquad@scoa-orienteering.org.uk](mailto:juniorsquad@scoa-orienteering.org.uk)) if you want to know more.

**Simon Kippin / SCJS squad manager**



*Simon at JK Relay  
(photo: Wendy Carlyle)*

# Saturday Series 2016-17

If you have recently joined the club having been to these events, firstly a warm welcome and secondly do please say hi – it's great to put faces to the names! (I'm the one normally entertaining a 1yo, or comparing splits to see where I lost those precious minutes to Ben or Alun!).

Our next event is **Saturday 19th August** at **Wycombe Abbey School in High Wycombe**. A nice area, with a mix of buildings, parkland and woodland all on the side of a steep hill. We'll continue to offer discounted entry for helpers, so do please drop me a note or sign up here <http://goo.gl/RL8Q4a>

## Event Calendar

It has been a challenge, but we now have an almost complete calendar for the year – see page 17 for the full list. We are exploring an event with the Scouts/Cubs in September (but open to all), but that's tentative so please let me know if you might be able to provide a backup (16th Sept ideally). December 2017 is an option too – we left the month vacant last year but a low key event in early December is a possibility.

I'm now also looking for planners from January 2018 onwards, so don't hold back.

Please click on the series calendar at <http://goo.gl/zTvdvj> or drop me a note if you would be able to plan an event – lots of help is available and no experience is necessary.

Many thanks and happy orienteering in 2017

***Nat Skidmore / Saturday Series Co-ordinator***

## Club Tops and Jackets

The stock of jackets is now much diminished but I still have a few at £45 and in a range of sizes. Use the Trimtex guide to assess your size, check with me to make sure I have one, then I will ask you to pay the club direct. Junior sizes work on height, but this link may help: <http://trimtexsport.com/measurements-table/>

As to running tops I have a few left and will be making a fresh order, so if you want one, please email me with your size and whether short or long sleeved. These are still priced at £25.

To remind members, the club will supply shirts free of charge to juniors, after they have completed 2 colour coded courses on their own.

Any questions, then best way is by email: [petercriches@gmail.com](mailto:petercriches@gmail.com)



*Peter in club kit*

**Peter Riches**

# Colour-coded award badges

Are you eligible for a colour badge? You can qualify for a colour award badge by successfully achieving the 'standard' for that colour course (at a level C event or above) on 3 separate occasions. For yellow, orange, red, light green, green, blue & brown courses the standard is generally set by either the winner's time +50%, or the top 50% of those who started the course, whichever gives the most qualifiers. The white standard is achieved by all who complete the white course.

If you believe you are eligible for a colour badge, collect together the relevant results and contact Roger Baker who maintains the TVOC stock.

*email: rogerhbaker@btinternet.com phone: 01235 520447  
post: Ludwell, Faringdon Road, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 1BQ*



*Yellow & Orange badges*

**Roger Baker**

## TVOC Club Championships - 29 October

This year's TVOC Club Champs will be held at the BADO event at Pamber Forest and Silchester Common, near Aldermaston, on Sunday 29 October. See <http://www.bado.org.uk/20171029Flier.pdf> for advance details. Entries via Fabian4 will open on 1 August. If you want to be eligible for the club champs, please enter the appropriate course for your age class as listed below (running up is allowed, of course).

Super Junior	M12- Orange	W12- Orange
Junior	M14- Light Green	W14- Light Green
Intermediate	M16-18 Blue	W16-18 Green
Senior Open	Men's Open Brown	Women's Open Blue
Veteran	M45+ Blue	W45+ Green
Super-Vet	M60+ Green	W60+ Short Green
Ultra-Vet	M70+ Green	W70+ Short Green
Hyper-Vet	M80+ Short Green	W80+ Short Green

Hope to see you all there!

**Alison Smith, TVOC Club Captain**

# Schools League

Following the final event of the season at Oxford University Parks, the Schools League results for 2016-17 are as below. Sir William Borlase's Grammar School were the outright winners, with Holy Trinity school in Marlow coming second. Clifton Hampden Primary School were a very close third, and it will be interesting to see how they get on next year. The overall individual winning score was by Joel Taylor, with 700 points – congratulations! Certificates and medals were sent out to schools in the latter part of July, hopefully in time for end-of-term assembly.

Pos	School	Points
1	Sir William Borlase's Grammar	1465
2	Holy Trinity Marlow	990
3	Clifton Hampden Primary School	965
4	Charlbury Primary School	480
5	Westbrook Hay School	200

*Ian Buxton / Schools League co-ordinator*

## Orienteering as a spectator sport

I guess most orienteers' first reaction will be that there is no way that orienteering could be a spectator sport: people disappear off into the forest and then eventually re-emerge about an hour later muddy and scratched and even then you don't know their result as you have to wait for all the other runners to finish. However international events, especially in Scandinavia are really trying to make the most of spectator opportunities with live split times, GPS tracking, forest cameras, running cameramen and filming from drones. The big relays are most popular. For example 260,000 Finns watched the live broadcast of the Jukola relay through the night (that's 5% of the population of Finland) and 40,000 people were at the event competing or spectating. To give you an idea of the sort of coverage to expect, videos of the recent World Orienteering Championships (WOC) mixed sprint and forest relays in Estonia can be viewed at:

WOC Mixed sprint relay: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=weDMz-6j1Zg>

WOC Forest relay highlights : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MM4iDgtNEkg>

Clearly if you know the results already it loses some of the suspense but it is still instructive to see what it is like for the elite orienteers to run at an international event and the increased possibilities for spectating. GPS tracking shows how even some of the best orienteers make mistakes in complex areas although usually they correct quicker than you or I might.

This July the Bunn family went out to Tampere in Finland to watch Fiona and the rest of the GB Junior team compete at the Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC). It was also well organised so that spectators like us could compete in the Fin5 events on the same days. In the assembly fields we joined other British spectators clustering round tablets and smartphones watching the live GPS tracking (which we could have done from the comfort of a

sofa at home!), however there was also a large screen with film from the forest, commentary and interviews with runners who had finished. The Sprint, Middle Final and Relay events also had spectator run-throughs so you could see the runners part way round their courses as well as at the finish. Watching the GPS tracking was rather nerve-racking since you could see every small mistake. It did, however, give us warning when any British runners were approaching the run-throughs or finish so we could get ready to cheer them in. Although next year we need a British equivalent to the massive, noisy cowbell that greeted every Swiss runner! Overall it was a great atmosphere.



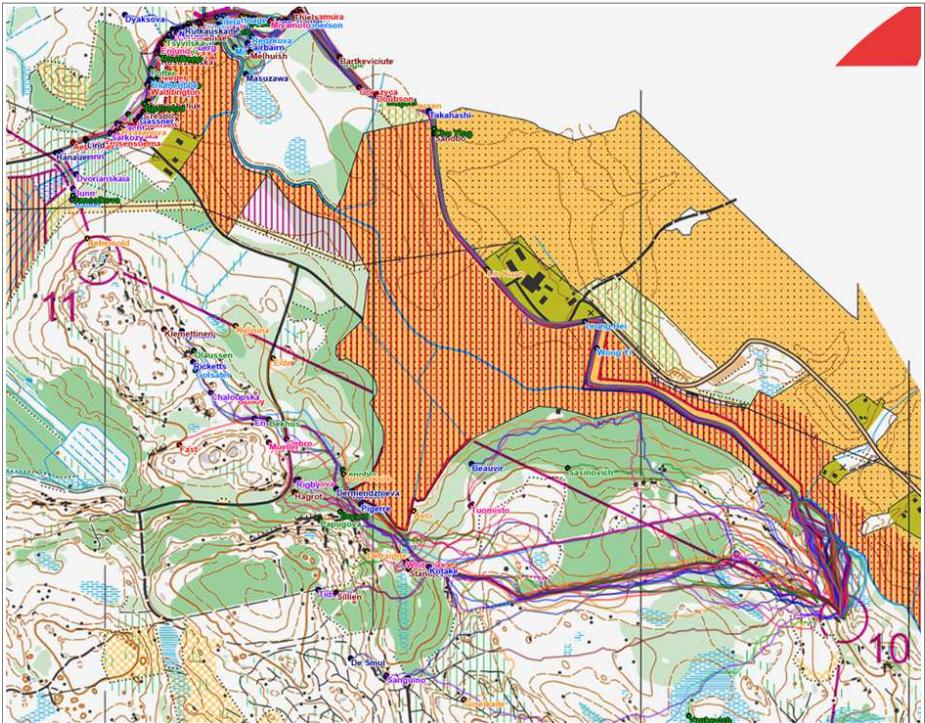
*Fiona Bunn emerging from the forest at the end of the JWOC Long race - photo supplied by Nigel Bunn*

As many of you will have seen from the news reports on the British Orienteering website, there was a mixture of good results and disappointments for the British team: but that is orienteering ! Full results can be seen at the JWOC website <http://www.jwoc2017.fi/result-service>. Despite being unwell at the beginning of the week Fiona ran well in the Middle Distance Qualification race to qualify for the A final but unfortunately wasn't well enough to run the Middle Final. She mispunched in the Sprint but had a good race in the Long, finishing 14th. In the Relay she brought the GB team back in 12th on 1st Leg (they finally finished 17th).

The GPS tracking of these big events allows plenty of useful post-event analysis which may help with your orienteering, especially regarding route choice (eg see <http://news.worldofoc.com/2017/07/12/woc-2017-analysis-summary-of-all-races/> for analysis of the WOC races and other related articles about JWOC and WOC on the WorldofO website).

The link to the GPS tracking tool is <https://www.tulospalvelu.fi/gps/>. Scroll down and you will see links to all the JWOC and WOC races and well as other events. Clicking on one of the event links allows you to view the tracking that you could have seen live. Just press

the Play button at the bottom left and slide the slider to advance forward. You can change the speed next to the play button. Also zoom in or out or pan as usual with the mouse. This shows the real time situation but if you toggle top right to SYNC, it starts all the runners at the same time so it makes it easier to compare routes. It's a nice bit of software. On the competitors menu you can select individual competitors rather than all of them. Clicking on the spanner allows you to change options such as the length of the tail shown (defaults at 1 minute). You can right click on a control point and do "mass start from here" which is good for analysing individual legs: have a play and try to imagine what you would have done ! This sort of armchair studying may help your orienteering especially when you run in more complex areas. On the JWOC Womens Long the route choice from control 10-11 was interesting: around the path or straight ? The equivalent leg on the JWOC Mens Long had even more options.



*GPS tracking for Leg 10-11 on JWOC Womens Long - image supplied by Nigel Bunn*

Next time there is a big international event, have a look on the WorldofO website where there will probably be a preview article with all the links to coverage of the event.

**Nigel Bunn**

# Chiltern Orienteering Weekend

## Saturday 2 December – Southern Night Champs

## Sunday 3 December – level C

A quick reminder about these two events, which take place at Penn Wood and Common Wood on the first weekend in December.

This is two back-to-back events, on the Saturday evening and Sunday morning. So it really is going to strain our resources. Now TVOC is a big club, with a lot of members, and we really will need most of you to help. So please do put the date in your calendar now. The more people we have available to help, the easier it will be for everyone involved.

I also need some help from you on a couple of other areas:

- Ideas for the weekend name. I have come up with the Chiltern Orienteering Weekend – adequate but not hugely imaginative. So suggestions, please.
  - Perpetual trophies. There are perpetual trophies for all age groups from M/W16 through to M/W75. I will need someone to take on the role of:
  - Contacting the existing trophyholders before the event and ensuring the trophies arrive at the event for this year's prizegiving
  - Sorting the trophies out ready for the prizegiving
- Volunteers please!

**Alun Jones / Weekend Organiser**

## Permanent Course Certificates

Along with Instructions on the back of TVOC Permanent Course maps there is the offer of an attractive certificate to commemorate achievement if the secret codes that have been discovered are sent to me. This gives me the opportunity of including publicity material along with the certificate and making suggestions for further involvement in a personal letter.

Thanks to Mike Shires (design) and John Farren (production) I now have new certificates as illustrated here.



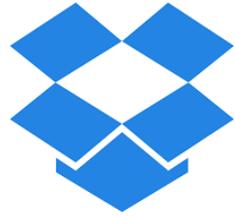
## TVOC Permanent courses:

you can download maps from the TVOC website, using  
username **maps** password **tvocmaps**

**Roger Baker**

# TVOC shared drive

If you are planning to organise or plan a TVOC event, one of the first things you will want is contact details for the landowner and where competitors can park. Finding this out is often not easy - it's usually a case of contacting various people in the club until you find the person who knows the answer, probably the person who last held an event in that area.



To make life easier we are creating a folder containing a document for each area to provide just this information, together with an up-to-date OCAD map of each area. You can access the folder here - <https://tinyurl.com/tvocareas>. In there, you will find a series of sub-folders, one for each area, which will contain the information document plus the latest OCAD file. Most areas don't have these documents yet, but have a look at the University Parks sub-folder to see what to expect. We will be creating these documents over the next few months. So if you have recently organised an event, or are just about to do so, please do volunteer to write one of these short notes describing the area where your event is (or was).

It is also really helpful to be able to access documents about past events, such as flyers or Risk Assessments. You still have to think through what your own document needs to include, but having a look at the previous event's documents is always a useful starting point. Some of you may be aware that all this information is already on a shared drive. Again you access this material at <https://tinyurl.com/tvoc-olddocs>

**Alun Jones**

## TVOC needs you!

I usually write a note in each T'Voice setting out which future major events we are holding and where we need an organiser or planner. However for this issue, I am going to widen the request quite a bit.

You will have seen my letter on page 5 about Carol Edwards' departure. Carol did a huge amount for the club, so she will be a BIG loss.

First off, we are going to need someone to take over as Chair, and someone else at Membership Secretary. Actually the Membership Secretary role is probably the more urgent to fill. The club can muddle along for a few months without a Chair; but we do need a new Membership Secretary urgently to deal with requests by people to join. So please think long and hard as to whether you could take on one of these roles. And if you are one of our younger members, please do not hold back from applying; it would be great to bring some youthful enthusiasm on board. Neither role should be very time-consuming, but both do require a bit of initiative and some forward-planning. Needless to say, there is plenty of help and support available.

Carol was also a coach. We have a small handful of coaches in the club – off-hand I can name Simon, Chris, Roger, Ian (and Heather, although her first club is SLOW). Apologies if I have

missed anyone. Let me know if you would be willing to train up as a coach, so you can support club members and newcomers to improve their orienteering.

Carol was also a controller. Indeed, despite now living some 300 miles away, she has agreed to control our event at Halton and Wendover next January. Just a few years ago, TVOC had more than a dozen controllers. However several have retired from controlling due to increasing age, and some have moved away from the area. We now have only six controllers. And there is a similar shortage of controllers in other SCOA clubs. Katy Stubbs, SCOA Technical Officer, is organising a one day controller training course this Autumn. If you have planned at least three events, including one at level C and one in the last five years then please volunteer to become a controller.

Meanwhile back to what I usually write in T'Voice about our future major events. We have planners and organisers lined up for our events rough to next April. However we have three events for the middle and latter parts of 2018 where we currently have neither organiser nor planner

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2		Date	Level	Where?	Map update	Organiser	Planner	Controller	Comments
3		Note location of events is subject to obtaining appropriate permissions							
47		<b>2017</b>							
51	Mo	28/08/2017	C	North Abingdon	Martin Ricketts	Luke McNeill	Fiona Bunn	John Orton, NWO	
52	Sa	02/12/2017	B	Common Wood & Penn Wood	Bob Beresford	Alun Jones	Neville Baker	Mike Pemberton, BKO	Southern Night Champs.
53	Su	03/12/2017	C	Common Wood & Penn Wood	Bob Beresford	Alun Jones	Gary Walford	David Frampton, HH	
54		<b>2018</b>							
55	Su	21/01/2018	C	RAF Halton East + Wendover	??	Dougie Cochrane	Nat Skidmore	Carol Edwards, BL	
56	Su	15/04/2018	B	Great Hampden	Mark Thompson	John Dalton	Robin Bishop	Mike Edwards, RAFO	
57	Su	??/06/2018	C	Coombe Hill	??	??	??	Mike Bennett, HH ?	
58	Mo	27/08/2018	C	Thame Urban	??	??	??	Charles B-G, SARUM	
59	Su	??/11/2018	C	Shotover	??	??	??	??	
60		<b>2019</b>							
61	Fr	19/04/2019	A	RAL		Wheatcrofts	Colin Duckworth		
62	Mo	22/04/2019	A	Bradenham		Neville Baker	Steve Long		
63		<b>2020</b>							
64									
65	Sa	??/??/2020	A	Hambleden	??	??	Neville Baker?	??	British Night Champs
66	Su	??/??/2020	B	Hambleden	??	??	Carol Edwards	??	Chiltern Challenge
67									

Have a look at <http://tinyurl.com/TVOC-plans> to see the details. As you will see, those three events are:

- Coombe Hill – date not finalised, but probably late May or early June
- Thame Urban – Monday 27th August
- Shotover – date not finalised, but some time in November

I really do want to get names in the frame for these events. So please think about whether you could take on one of these roles. To be an organiser or planner, you will need to have attended an event safety course – but we can sort that out for you. In addition

- For organisers I, or another experienced organiser, can mentor you. There is a checklist on the TVOC website of the various tasks to be done, and we can run you through what is involved, and be available to advise if any issues crop up.
- For planners, you really need to have planned a couple of Saturday Series or Summer Series events, so you have a grounding in event planning. The club has plenty of experienced planners who can also give advice if you need it.

So please do come forward and volunteer. Just drop an email to [alun.orienteeing@gmail.com](mailto:alun.orienteeing@gmail.com), or phone me on 07967 605307

*Alun Jones*

## **Summer Series 2017 – Final Results**

This year's Summer Series comprised eight different events, varying from traditional three-course options, score events, dumbbell score (that was new one on me) and events in the semi-dark due to overcast skies and tree cover. We have been running in hilly Chiltern woodland, open parkland and the faster semi urban feel of Wycombe Abbey. The biggest thanks for these events goes to those who helped and organised them. The true camaraderie of orienteers was shown at one event when one participant's injury meant many changed their plans, and ensured the person was correctly treated and supported, including getting other people's cars to where they finally needed to be.

With the top 4 scores counting, Ed Nicholas won the series with 200 points, Ben Green was next at 189 with Jon Marsden hot on his heels at 176. Overall we had 35 different runners on the A course. David Saunders was top on the B with 200 points, then Mark Thompson with 187 and Peter Riches just behind at 183. The C course had Kathy Klaka and Steve Stone tying on 50.

Overall we had over 60 different scoring runners over the season, with Ben only missing 1 event. The lowest turnout was 7, the maximum 22, with an average of 15 runners at events. If we discount the outlier of 7 then the average comes up to 17.

Now looking forward to what we can do in 2018.

*Chris Poole / Summer Series Co-ordinator*

## **British Sprints and Middles**

A quick reminder that both the British Sprint and Middle Distance Championships are being held close to us this year.

Sprints are at Campbell Park, Milton Keynes on Saturday 30th September. Middles are at Wendover Woods on Sunday 1st October.

First closing is on Tuesday 15th August. Why not go ahead and enter now, so you don't miss out on the opportunity for reduced price entries. And note that entries are through Slentries; if you use Fabian4 as your main source of information of forthcoming events, you can easily miss this important event.

More information on the events available at <https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/page/147>

You may recall reading in the last edition of T'Voice that we have been asked to provide helpers for the Middles, ie on the Sunday. Specifically TVOC have been asked to man Car Parking, Enquiries, Road Crossings and Finish / Download / Results, along with Control Collection. I now have 17 volunteers, but we need a load more.

Regardless of what event team you are in, please let me know that you will help at the Middles, and which of those teams you would be willing to do a shift at. You will get a run, and you will get a £6 voucher to spend at one of the traders present. TVOC will also receive a share of the event surplus - in proportion to the number of helpers we provide. And you will get the pleasure of knowing you are supporting your club colleagues, and indeed the entire sport, by making sure this event actually goes ahead.

So do go ahead and enter now, and drop me a line to say what helper job you would prefer. Just enter in the normal way but mention under 'Special Requests / Further Information' that you are a helper, and put down Helper as your start time preference. And if for any reason you don't want to run, then do please still volunteer to help in any case. It will be a great opportunity to see a major event in action., and we need as many people as we can get.

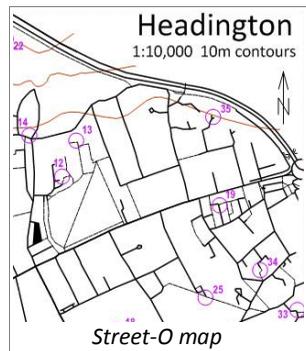
***Alun Jones / Volunteer Coordinator, British Middles***

## **TVOC Street-O series**

The final event of the season was held in the Botley area of Oxford on 30<sup>th</sup> May, based at Heather Walton's house, with Heather providing some lovely food afterwards. With something of a change to the usual Botley style, there was a great deal more control choice inside the ring-road, making it quite a tough decision which way to go out of the start. In the end there was no change in the overall standings, which remained as: Nigel Bunn 1<sup>st</sup>, Marcin Krzysztofik 2<sup>nd</sup> and Robin Bishop 3<sup>rd</sup> in the men's competition; Sarah Gales 1<sup>st</sup>, Carol Edwards 2<sup>nd</sup> and Marie-Anne Fischer 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Women's competition.

Full details are on the event website.  
<http://oss.markandblanka.com/>

Planners are needed for 2018. Other locations outside Oxford can be proposed, for example, Beaconsfield or High Wycombe. Perhaps the series could be renamed the "TVOC Street Series" for next year!



***Robin Bishop / Street Series Co-ordinator***

# Abingdon Urban Race

Our next major event is the Abingdon Urban Race on Monday 28th August. That is Bank Holiday Monday.

Abingdon is a brand new area for TVOC's Urban events, although there have been one or two Oxford Street Series events there. It looks a really good area, with lots of modern complex housing estates, some bits of greenery, and who knows what else. With one of the country's elite internationals doing the planning, it should be a cracking event.

The event flyer, and a link to the entry system, is now available on the TVOC website at <http://www.tvoc.org.uk>. Just follow the link from News Headlines – it's at the top right of the home page.

Being the holiday season, quite a few of our regulars will be away that day, so if you are available to help, we would really appreciate your assistance. We are, as usual, offering a helper discount of 50% of the pre-entry price. The helper code is tvoc17 Just use that when you enter on Fabian4 - stage 3 of the entry process has a field for the helper code, and a 'button' to press to enable the helper facility.

Please also let your team leader know you are going and are available to help, so he can plan accordingly. If you are not a member of an event team, then please email me at [luke.mcneill@btinternet.com](mailto:luke.mcneill@btinternet.com), and I will find a suitable job for you.

See you at Abingdon if not before.

**Luke McNeill / Organiser**



*Saturday Series event at Headington Parks / Oxford Brookes*



## THAMES VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

# Saturday Series

events in Oxfordshire/Buckinghamshire  
August 2017 to December 2017

Do you enjoy challenge, excitement, maps, just being out in the countryside? Then come and try Orienteering – an adventure sport for all – at this series of Saturday morning events organised by TVOC. These events are specially designed for juniors, school and youth groups, and adult newcomers, in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. Courses on offer will be easy to moderate and a 5km course for experienced orienteers.

Registration: 10.00-11.30 a.m. Starts: 10.30 -12.00; courses close 13.00. Cost : £6 seniors (£4, BOF or TVOC), £2 juniors per map.

Come prepared wearing suitable outdoor clothing. No equipment needed though a compass may help.

*The fixture list below is very provisional as permissions have yet to be sought. Check website nearer the time for details of any alterations.*

### Saturday Series fixtures – check [www.tvoc.org.uk/saturdayseries.html](http://www.tvoc.org.uk/saturdayseries.html) for any changes

6th May 2017	Martin Ricketts	Brill Common
27th May 2017	Carol Edwards	Cotteslowe Park, Oxford
17th June 2017	Ben Green	University Parks, Oxford
22nd July 2017	Neville Baker	Oxford Brookes University & Headington Hill Park
19th August 2017	Sue & Ian Buxton	Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe HP11 1PE
16th September 2017	Ben Green	Hill End, West of Oxford.
28th October 2017	Mike Shires	Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury
18th November 2017	Mark Thompson	Kings Wood, High Wycombe
Early December	TBC	Organiser sought – low key event, anywhere!

Future events will appear on the website shortly, subject to volunteers willing to plan them!

The TVOC Schools league will run alongside the 10 events from September to June each year. Further details: [www.tvoc.org.uk](http://www.tvoc.org.uk) contact Nat Skidmore - [nat.skidmore@gmail.com](mailto:nat.skidmore@gmail.com)

**Competitors take part at their own risk.**

**PLEASE CHECK WITH THE WEB SITE BEFORE SETTING OFF!**

**WANTED! Planners for 2018 events. Contact Nat Skidmore with offers!**  
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# UK Urban League and SEOUL event North Abingdon Urban Race

Monday 28th August 2017

Emit Electronic Timing      Ranking Event  
in aid of South Central Junior Squad

Location:	Abingdon, a town to the south of Oxford. Parking is less than 10minutes from the A34.
Parking:	Pay-and-display car parks in Abingdon.
Assembly:	Abbey Meadows, Abingdon. A short walk from all car parks.
Terrain:	Abingdon is an ancient market town, laying claim to be the oldest continuously inhabited town in the UK. The mapped area slopes very gently from north to south and encompasses housing estates, urban development, car parks and a small area of parkland. There will be one timed road crossing for all courses.
Map:	Pre-printed on A3 waterproof paper, scale 1:5000. New map drawn in Summer 2017 by Martin Ricketts, TVOC.
Courses:	M/W in the following classes, Open, Vets (40+), Super Vets (55+), Ultra Vets (65+), HyperVets (75+), Junior (16-), Young Junior (12-). Due to road crossings those below 16 must run the junior courses. Beginners welcome. String course to be confirmed.
Starts:	From 10.00 to 12.00. Courses close at 2pm. The Start is 5-10minutes from registration.
Entries:	Pre-entry preferred, via <a href="http://www.fabian4.co.uk">www.fabian4.co.uk</a> Closing date Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August, when map numbers will be determined. Limited entry after that date and on the day, subject to availability of maps. Entry on Day registration from 9:45 to 11:00.
Fees:	Seniors £10 (£12 non-BOF), juniors £4 up to 20th August. Seniors £12 (£14 non-BOF), juniors £5 after 20th August and on the day, and subject to map availability. Special discount price of £6 for Senior beginners running junior courses. Emit card hire: £1.50 per card – seniors and juniors.
Dogs:	<b>No dogs in the assembly area, but permitted on the courses. Please contact organiser in advance if you intend to bring a dog.</b>
Organiser:	Luke McNeill, <a href="mailto:luke.mcneill@btinternet.com">luke.mcneill@btinternet.com</a>
Planner:	Fiona Bunn
Controller:	John Orton, NWO

The personal data you give will be used by the event organisers and their agents only for the purpose of processing and publishing the event entries and results, for conducting safety checks and to validate British Orienteering insurance cover. Submission of an entry for the event will indicate your acceptance of this procedure.

[www.tvoc.org.uk](http://www.tvoc.org.uk)

**Orienteering is an adventure sport  
All competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for  
their own safety.**

# Minutes of club meeting

## Highlights from meeting held 18 July 2017

The recent club meeting discussed items such as:

- Club development plans / committee
- Chair / Membership secretary posts
- Summer Series / Saturday Series events
- Event entry fees / pricing
- AGM / Date / Speaker (proposed Sat 18 November, Brill Village Hall)

You can read the full minutes online at

<http://www.tvoc.org.uk/application/documents/meeting%20minutes/Mins18thJul17.pdf>

The next meeting is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 8pm at the Merry Bells, Wheatley

*John Dalton, Club Secretary*

## Fixtures

This information is not guaranteed to be correct or complete. Please check on web site or phone numbers given before travelling. If no details are given, consider the event as doubtful. See also <http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/page/event> or the event aggregation site at <http://oevents.info>

the new British Orienteering web site refers to the following new naming for event levels. It is understood that this has been done to be more welcoming to newcomers.

“A” = “Major” “B” = “National” “C” = “Regional” “D” = “Local”

**Key:** I=International, M=Major, N=National, R=Regional, L=Local. CD: Closing date (entries)

### August 2017

Sat 12/08/17	L	BKO Summer Park Event and Club Picnic, Sandhurst Memorial Park and Shepherds Meadow <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>
Sat 19/08/17	L	<b>TVOC Saturday Series Wycombe Abbey, Wycombe Abbey School</b> <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a>
Sun 20/08/17	R	LOG EM Urban League, Lincoln City <a href="http://www.logonline.org.uk">http://www.logonline.org.uk</a>
Sun 20/08/17	R	SN Urban event, Farnborough <a href="http://southernnavigator.com">http://southernnavigator.com</a>
Fri 25/08/17	I	World Cup Round 3 25-27 Aug
Sun 27/08/17	R	MV Urban event, Epsom & Horton <a href="http://www.mvoc.org">http://www.mvoc.org</a>
Mon 28/08/17	R	<b>TVOC Urban Event, North Abingdon</b> <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a>

## September 2017

Sat 02/09/17	N	KERNO Caddihoe Day 1 (UKOL) and South West Middle Distance Championships, Hayle Towans <a href="http://www.cornwallorienteeing.org.uk">http://www.cornwallorienteeing.org.uk</a>
Sun 03/09/17	N	KERNO Caddihoe Day 2 (UKOL) and South West Long Distance Championships, Hayle Towns <a href="http://www.cornwallorienteeing.org.uk">http://www.cornwallorienteeing.org.uk</a>
Sun 03/09/17	R	SO SE Sprint Champs - Sussex University, Falmer, Sussex University <a href="http://www.southdowns-orienteeers.org.uk">http://www.southdowns-orienteeers.org.uk</a>
Fri 08/09/17	R	SLOW London weekend race 1, Wapping <a href="http://slow.org.uk/">http://slow.org.uk/</a>
Sat 09/09/17	N	SLOW City of London Race <a href="http://slow.org.uk/">http://slow.org.uk/</a>
Sun 10/09/17	N	COBOC Peter Palmer Junior Team Relay <a href="http://www.coboc.org.uk">http://www.coboc.org.uk</a>
Sun 10/09/17	R	LOK Ultrasprint, Victoria Park <a href="http://www.londonorienteeing.co.uk">http://www.londonorienteeing.co.uk</a>
<b>Sat 16/09/17</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>TVOC Saturday Series, Cutteslowe Park <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a></b>
Sun 17/09/17	R	BOK Local Event (ASO), Ashton Court <a href="http://www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk">http://www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk</a>
Sun 17/09/17	R	NWO Urban Event, Haydon Wick <a href="http://northwilts.org.uk">http://northwilts.org.uk</a>
Sat 23/09/17	L	BKO Winter Saturday Series (Bensons Enclosure), Benyons Enclosure <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>
Sat 23/09/17	N	SN Junior Inter Regional Championships Individual , Winterfold <a href="http://southern navigators.com">http://southern navigators.com</a>
Sun 24/09/17	N	GO Junior Inter Regional Championships Relays, Blackheath <a href="http://www.guildfordorienteeers.co.uk">http://www.guildfordorienteeers.co.uk</a>
Sun 24/09/17	R	WIM Galoppen, Ibsley Common, New Forest TBC <a href="http://www.wimborne-orienteeers.org.uk/">http://www.wimborne-orienteeers.org.uk/</a>
Fri 29/09/17	I	Junior European Cup 29 Sept - 1 Oct, Furstenfeld
Sat 30/09/17	M	British Sprint Championships (UKOL), Campbell Park

## October 2017

Sun 01/10/17	M	British Middle Distance Championships (UKOL), Wendover Woods
Sat 07/10/17	R	BOK Regional Event (ASO), Durdham Down <a href="http://www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk">http://www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk</a>
Sun 08/10/17	N	SAX Urban event, Whitstable <a href="http://www.saxons-oc.org">http://www.saxons-oc.org</a>
Sun 08/10/17	R	SARUM Sarum Galoppen & SCOA League event, Foxbury <a href="http://www.sarumo.org.uk">http://www.sarumo.org.uk</a>
Sat 14/10/17	L	SOC Level D - Busketts (N), Busketts Lawn <a href="http://southampton-orienteeers.org.uk">http://southampton-orienteeers.org.uk</a>

<b>October 2017</b>		
Sun 15/10/17	R	SO - level C (incorporating SO champs) - Devils Dyke, north of Brighton & Hove, Devils Dyke <a href="http://www.southdowns-orienteers.org.uk">http://www.southdowns-orienteers.org.uk</a>
Sat 21/10/17	L	BKO Winter Saturday Series (Snelsmore Common), Snelsmore common <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>
<b>Sat 21/10/17</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>TVOC Saturday Series Waddesdon Manor, Waddesdon Manor National Trust <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a></b>
Sun 22/10/17	R	MV Mole Valley District Event, Epsom Downs <a href="http://www.mvoc.org">http://www.mvoc.org</a>
Sat 28/10/17	N	CUOC Cambridge City Race 2017 <a href="http://www.cuoc.org.uk">http://www.cuoc.org.uk</a>
Sun 29/10/17	R	BADO - SCOL2 League Event, Pamber Forest <a href="http://www.bado.org.uk">http://www.bado.org.uk</a> <b>(TVOC Championships)</b>

<b>November 2017</b>		
Sat 04/11/17	N	SOC Southern Champs Weekend Urban Race (UKOL), Southampton City Centre <a href="http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk">http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk</a>
Sun 05/11/17	M	SOC November Classic and Southern Championships (UKOL), Highland Water <a href="http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk">http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk</a>
Sat 11/11/17	R	BOK Regional Event (ASO), Blaise Castle <a href="http://www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk">http://www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk</a>
Sat 11/11/17	R	MV Mole Valley Night Event, Holmbush <a href="http://www.mvoc.org">http://www.mvoc.org</a>
Sun 12/11/17	R	BKO SCOL Level C event (Bucklebury Common), Bucklebury Common <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>
<b>Sat 18/11/17</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>TVOC Saturday Series Kings Wood, Kings Wood <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a></b>
Sun 19/11/17	N	BOK British Schools Orienteering Championships, Forest of Dean <a href="http://www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk">http://www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk</a>
Sun 19/11/17	N	CHIG SEL event, Wormley Woods <a href="http://www.chig.org.uk">http://www.chig.org.uk</a>
Sun 26/11/17	N	SLOW SE League event, tbc <a href="http://slow.org.uk/">http://slow.org.uk/</a>

<b>December 2017 onwards</b>		
Sat 02/12/17	N	TVOC Southern Night Championships, Penn and Common Wood <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a>
Sun 03/12/17	R	TVOC Level C Regional Event, Penn and Common Wood <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a>
Sun 21/01/18	L	TVOC Level C Regional Event, RAF Halton & Wendover Woods <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a>

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## Phot-O Gallery 2



*Cutteslowe Park Saturday Series Event*



*Mark Thompson being asked for help at Oxford University Parks*

