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# Phot-O Gallery 1 – RIP Bernard



*Bernard Potter helping at the start of the 2011 Wendover Christmas event.*



*Bernard Potter (centre) as a first year M80 at the 2009 JK in Northumberland*

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*Front cover: Holly at the November Classic*

*Back Cover: Robin at the November Classic*

### From the Chair

This is my 36th and last report as Chair, and for once I will keep it short. There is a longer note from me on page 11. It has been an enjoyable and satisfying six years.

What has given me greatest pleasure during that period? These are in no particular order, (and some are related):

- That the club has seen the decline in its membership numbers halted, with numbers now growing strongly.
- Saturday Series maturing into a popular and well attended series of events.
- Watching some of our junior members develop into very accomplished orienteers.
- Our contribution to delivering some major events in the region, especially JK 2013 and the 2015 British Middles.
- Our winning the Club of the Year award.

I claim absolutely no credit for any of the above. Most of these reflect the efforts of many,



*Alun Jones / TVOC Chairman*

many members of the club. Thank you, all of you, for your time and effort to make the above happen – and indeed all the other events and activities that the club has delivered.

Meanwhile, just to emphasise – I am not going anywhere. I will still be around, helping in the Registration or Results tent, and looking out for people to plan or organise future events (for which see page 13). And needless to say, I shall be giving my full support to my successor, as I am sure you will too.

See you soon

***Alun Jones – Outgoing Chairman***

## **Bernard Potter 1929-2016**

It was with sadness and some shock that I learned the news that Bernard Potter had died, after a short illness on 6<sup>th</sup> October. At the age of 87 he still wasn't someone who seemed all that old.

I got to know Bernard some years ago when we started sharing lifts from Aylesbury to orienteering events – mostly in the Sussex/Kent direction but we also travelled twice in one week to the start and end of the 2008 Welsh 6-days. I'd usually be on the short brown course and he would be on short green, so we would both be finished at about the same time. Little did I know that Bernard had twice run the London marathon about 30 years ago, in sub-4hour times that I would not have been able to manage in my 20s! Bernard never really let on about his previous orienteering and running successes, but he did spend a lot of time telling me about his family and what they were up to. He would also insist that I should get a Sat-nav like his daughter had done, because I would get distracted while we were chatting on the way to events and lose where we were on the map. I gave in after about 6 months.

The last time I saw Bernard was at the Wycombe Abbey Saturday event in late August, where he ran the hilly orange course in a respectable time. Just the week before his death he was still organising a monthly walk for a local group. He was as cheerful as always, and didn't let on anything about his illness.

A group of TVOC members attended Bernard's Funeral and wake in Aylesbury, on 28<sup>th</sup> October, to pay our respects. There was a poignant moment when Bernard's EMIT card, which had been having the battery changed, was handed over to his son Martin to be passed on. Hopefully it will keep his memory alive for a long time.

Bernard was a lovely chap – that's the only description that comes to mind. He will be sadly missed.

***Ian Buxton / Newsletter Editor***

# News in Brief

## Annual Dinner and AGM

A reminder for your diaries, the Annual dinner is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Brill Village Hall (as last year). Our guest speaker for the evening is our very own Fiona Bunn! A menu sheet was included with the last newsletter, so if you haven't done so already please make your selection and send your cheque to Sue Jones as soon as possible. If you have any trophies that need returning, please bring them along on the evening.

## Chairman needed

A reminder that Alun Jones will be stepping down as chairman at this year's AGM, after a successful 6-year term. The club does need a chairperson to run properly; the job is not all that taxing and it need not be for a whole 6 years! So if you can spare some time to lead the club forward, please standfor election at the AGM in December.

## Coaching assessors needed

It was mentioned at the recent coaching conference that BOF needs to recruit more tutors and assessors for coaching courses. It is therefore looking for candidates who have either teaching qualifications or that are NVQ assessors. Any ex-teachers or NVQ assessors who perhaps do not want to be coaches but may be able to take on the role of tutor/assessors for the coaching courses , please contact Alun Jones.

## Waddesdon Activity Week

Helpers are needed for this orienteering activity week during February half-term next year – see the main arcticle on page 9 for full details, or contact Yvonne Hodson.

# Membership News

## Membership News

I am delighted to introduce the following new members to the club: Carol Foy, Stefan Peykov, Zlatko Peev and Boryana Peeva, Reynold Chung, Rachel Sullivan, and Yvonne and Timothy Green. I'm sure everyone will look out for them at events, and make them feel very welcome.

Secondly, a reminder that as of 1st November new members can join for rest of this year and whole of next.

**Carol Edwards, Membership Secretary**



*Carol Edwards*  
(photo: Rob Lines)

# 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://trimtexport.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)

Stop press: Just a short note to those who are waiting for new stock, this has been delayed due to a lack of the blue material.



*Peter in club kit*

**Peter Riches**

## SCOA Junior Squad

Well done to all the athletes that represented SCOA at the Junior Inter Regional Championships in Scotland this summer. Special congratulations to Fiona for 3rd place on the W18. It was a long way to go but I think you will all agree that running in Scotland is great!

### Future training sessions:

Saturday 10th December	Henley Gate Pirbright, with SN Junior Squad
Saturday 14 January 2017	TBA. We will be supporting the BKO event at Langley Park on 14 Jan to raise funds for the squad
17-19 February 2017	Sheffield Area (SCJS Training Camp)
Saturday 18 March 2017	Long Valley
Saturday 1 April 2017	TVOC area

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-orienteeing.org.uk](mailto:juniorsquad@scoa-orienteeing.org.uk)) if you want to know more.

**Simon Kippin / SCJS squad manager**

# Schools League

Season 7 of the TVOC schools league is now underway, with Saturday series events at Bradenham and Kingswood making up the first two rounds. There are some 'new faces' among the schools this year as students move up from Y6 to Y7 and secondary school – and one of those newcomers, Sir William Borlase's Grammar School in Marlow has made an impressive start. Last year's winners, Holy Trinity, are hard on their heels in second place. The current leaderboard is shown below. It will be interesting to see whether the lead starts to change when the events move closer to Oxford!

Pos	School	Points
1	Sir William Borlase's Grammar	535
2	Holy Trinity Marlow	280
3	Charlbury Primary School	120
4	Queen Margaret's York	100
5	Little Milton School	50

*Ian Buxton / Schools League co-ordinator*

## 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**

## Bucks “Big O” event at Wendover Woods

Saturday 15th October saw the return of the annual Buckinghamshire “Big-O” Scout orienteering competition to Wendover Woods. This is the Buckinghamshire orienteering competition for all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts in the county.

Jonathan Cunnane was spotted running well in the Scouts class, proudly sporting his TVOC top.

Whilst not quite as big as last year's all-time record event, it still attracted what must have been 600 individuals. The courses were planned again by Roger Williams, formerly of SMOC. Roger was delighted to be able to use this year's Chiltern Challenge map, kindly provided by TVOC, and updated by Mark Thompson and Peter Riches. A rumour circulated the event that Mark Thompson was actually there on the day himself, quietly updating the map before next year's British Middle Distance championships.

Courses consisted of a String course for the Beavers, essentially a "Long White/Yellow" course for the Cubs, a "Long Orange" for Scouts, and a "Light Green" course for the older and more experienced Explorer Scouts and Leaders.

In order to accommodate the 132 Scout teams who had entered, an innovative "butterfly" shaped course was planned for them. This enabled two teams to start each minute, each team heading off down different "loops" of the butterfly.

The support of TVOC was warmly acknowledged at the event. John Dalton, and long-standing TVOC former member Graham Wheeler were acting as coaches at the start, and marshals out in the forest. John and Graham also assisted Roger put out and collect the controls. A large number of Mike Shire's recent "double sided postcard" leaflets were handed to competitors and their parents. Many seemed very keen to know more about orienteering.

An excellent day, very well organised, with good support from TVOC, and about 600 youngsters orienteering. That can't be bad!

<b>Winners</b>	
<b>Cubs</b>	2nd Amersham Common
<b>Scouts</b>	1st Winslow
<b>Explorer Scouts</b>	1st Chesham Bois
<b>Seniors / Leaders</b>	1st Chesham Bios
<b>Overall Group Trophy</b>	3rd Marlow Bridge

**John Dalton**

## 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**

## Waddesdon Activity Week

You may have seen in TVOC meeting minutes that we have agreed to help out at Waddesdon again during their February half term activity week in 2017. The dates are Saturday 11th - Sun 19th February.

Similarly to this year, there will be 3 courses along the various paths around the Manor grounds on all days. In addition, at Waddesdon's request, it is likely that we will offer a 45 minute score event to attract the older children. This will just be available on Sunday 12th, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th perhaps between 11:30 and 12:30. The activity will be available each day between 11am and 3pm. Waddesdon staff will be organising map issue and collection.

I am writing to ask for some help and support during this week to 'meet and greet' and give advice to families and children who want to have a go. We can also have our 'Information' display set up if possible and flyers to hand out. I'm suggesting 2 shifts of 2 hours each per day, so time to have a go yourselves. We will need some extra helpers for the score event as this will have a start/finish further away from the Manor.

I know February seems a long way off, but please, if you can spare some time during that week to come and help, let me know and put it in your diaries. I'd like to spread the help over the week, so first-comers get their pick!

**Yvonne Hodson**

## Saturday Series 2016-17

We continue to see great participation numbers at the Saturday series, with our recent events in Bucks now matching and even beating the levels we see at Oxford events. Thanks to Sue, Ian, Brian, Alun and Robin for organising these events. After our final foray of 2016 coming up at Black Park, I suggest we move back North & West for the start of 2017... which is where you all come in!

I'd like to repeat Mike's successful publicity work from 2016 with a further 'run the Oxford parks' mini-series, possibly in Spring as it warms up. So we could start in the wooded areas while vegetation suits, and it would be nice to use some under utilised areas, so any suggestions most welcome (the below are easiest for parking). I've kept the start of the season more sparse while there are more Level C's happening, but no reason we couldn't



*Nat Skidmore at Kingswood*

put more events on in later Spring.

Jan/Feb - AVAILABLE	March - AVAILABLE	April – AVAILABLE
Sat 02/01 Didcot (C)	Sat 11/03	Sat 15/04
Sat 07/01 HH St Albans*	Sat 18/03	Sat 22/04
Sat 14/01 BKO Langley*	Sat 25/03	Sat 29/04
Sat 21/01		
Sat 28/01 (Conc Chase 29th)*		
Sat 04/02		
Sat 11/02		

*\* still possible dates*

May - AVAILABLE	Jun - AVAILABLE	Jul – AVAILABLE
Sat 06/05)	Sat 03/06	Sat 01/07
Sat 13/05	Sat 10/06	Sat 08/07
Sat 20/05	Sat 17/06	Sat 15/07
Sat 27/05	Sat 24/06	Sat 22/07
		Sat 29/07

## TOP LOCATION SUGGESTIONS:

- Cutteslowe
- University Parks
- Oxford Brookes/Headington Hill
- Hill End
- Brill
- Wittenham Clumps
- Shotover (not too soon after Nov16 event)
- Green Park

or any other offers warmly welcomed

## WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- Let me know you're interested, suggesting a date and area
  - The planner/organiser is responsible for organising the basic logistics for the day (but not the tents or timing), planning the courses, printing the maps and putting out the EMIT controls.
  - Lots of help is available and it's a great opportunity for first time planners and organisers.
- Thank you in advance,

**Sat Series Coordinator, [Nat.skidmore@gmail.com](mailto:Nat.skidmore@gmail.com), 07966 046142**

# Reflections on my time as Chairman

I thought I would jot a few lines on my time as chairman, and particularly looking at the state the club is in.

Firstly I think the club has performed pretty well over the past few years. Each year we put on a good number of events. Our membership numbers are rising again, and TVOC now has substantially the largest membership within SCOA. It's not our *raison d'etre*, but the club is also in financially good health.

The club also has a wealth of experience, spread amongst its members. I like to think that, when orienteers come to a TVOC event, they know they will find an event that is well planned and well organised. Our team structure is also a great asset, ensuring that key organisational roles are handled by people with experience.



*Alun Jones in full 'chairman mode'*

As part of my hand-over notes for my successor, I listed who does what in the club. I was surprised how many names I ended up with – 23. It made me realise how many key people the club depends on. And that does not count the individual members of each team, just the team leaders.

Which brings me onto my next subject – Saturday Series. This has been immensely successful in encouraging new members into the club. But it is only once a month. And with TVOC covering a large area, attending an event could easily involve a 70 or 80 mile round trip. I have long harboured an ambition to have two Saturday Series events each month – one in the Oxford area, one near High Wycombe. Just one stumbling block – resources, or to be more precise, volunteers. It's tough enough to find planners for a dozen events a year plus all the helpers each event requires, let alone for twice that number.

So my ambition remains just that, an ambition. Meanwhile, Nat would be delighted to have volunteers to plan the next few Saturday Series. And please, please do lend a hand when you come to one of our events.

Actually getting people to volunteer for things has been one of the hardest parts of the role. Let me give you an example. Last year we had a survey, which included things that people would like to see the club do. Two items came out strongly – a mechanism for finding lifts from club members to go to events, and training runs. I asked for volunteers to take these forward. Sadly no-one did, so nothing has happened on these fronts.

I fear this is one of the downsides of being a large club. It is quite possible to keep your head down, go to plenty of events, but not put much back into the sport. Please don't let that describe you. And if you are not sure what to volunteer to do, just write to [chairman@tvoc.org.uk](mailto:chairman@tvoc.org.uk).

Summer Series. I am really at a loss as to what to do with this. Numbers are declining, and it takes up a chunk of planning resource. But I have not had the courage to say we should stop it, because we do still get 20-odd people to each event. What do you think we should do? Do

you have any great ideas of how to revitalise the Series?

Finally, remember the club is YOUR club. I hope it is doing what you want it to do. Do feel free to come to Committee meetings and voice your opinion. These meetings are open to all members. The regulars who attend would be thrilled to see some new faces.

***Alun, Chairman (but not for much longer!)***

## **Jonathan Fair Trophy**

The November Classic points are now available, at last, on the BOF website.

The Jonathan Fair Trophy is for the best performance in the November Classic by a member of TVOC aged 40 or over. Previous winners are not eligible. JF Ranking points are calculated by comparing BOF ranking points given for the November Classic (P) with those of the class leader as published the previous week (L) . JF points =  $6000*(P/L)$ . When an older age class winner has a higher score (L) than a younger class, that L is also used for the younger class.

The 2016 winner is Vladimir Kuzetsov

2nd position: Simon Kippin

3rd position: Gary Mills

The trophy is in memory of Jonathan Fair, an ebullient character who loved our sport though he would never claim to be particularly good at it. He was a TVOC secretary in the early days of the club. Evening club meetings were sometimes held at his house, but he used to lead us on training runs first - with his black labrador.

***Roger Baker***

## **TVOC Club Champions**

Here are the results of this year's club championships at Godshill in September – many apologies for the delay!

<b>Class</b>	<b>Male winner</b>	<b>Female winner</b>
<b>Super Junior</b>		Carys Sharp
<b>Senior Open</b>	Roger Thetford	
<b>Veteran</b>	Dave Kingham	Alison Smith
<b>Super-Vet</b>	Richard Steptoe	Yvonne Hodson
<b>Ultra-Vet</b>	Jim Prowting	
<b>Hyper-Vet</b>	Roger Baker	

Trophies will be presented at the Club Dinner in December – hope to see you all there.

***Alison Smith / Club Captain***

# Future major event plans

The chart below sets out TVOC's plans for our bigger events for 2017 and 2018. You can access the chart at any time at <http://tinyurl.com/TVOC-plans>

	A	B	C	D	F	G	H	I	J
1									
2									
3									
47									
48	Mo	02/01/2017	C	Didcot Ladygrove	Martin Ricketts	Ian Pickering	Martin Ricketts	Mark Foxwell, BKO	Subject to permissions
49	Su	26/02/2017	C	Nettlebed	Robin Bishop - tbc	Richard Sharp	Mark Nicholas, RAPS	Dave Rogers-BKQ	
50	Su	09/04/2017	B	Hambleden	Mark Thompson & John Farnet	Jon & Ghis	Mark Thompson & Peter Richards	Terry Smith, SOC	
51	Mo	28/08/2017	C	North Abingdon	Martin Ricketts	Luke McNeill	Fiona Bunn	John Orton, NWO	
52	Sa	09/12/2017	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	John Dalton	Gary Walford	??	
54									
55	Su	21/01/2018	C	RAF Halton East + Woodlands	??	??	Nat Skidmore	??	
56	Su	15/04/2018	B	Great Hampden	Mark Thompson	??	Robin Bishop	Mike Edwards, RAFO	
57	Su	22/05/2018	C	Coombe Hill	??	??	??	??	
58	Mo	27/08/2018	C	Bicester Urban	??	??	??	Charles B-G, SARUM	
59	Su	22/11/2018	C	Stover	??	??	??	??	
60									
61	Fri	19/04/2019	A	RAL	Wheatcrafts	Wheatcrafts	Colin Duckworth		
62	Mo	22/04/2019	A	Erdenham	Neville Baker	Neville Baker	Steve Long		
63									
64									
65	Sa	27/12/2020	A	Hambleden	??	??	Neville Baker?	??	British Night Champs
66	Su	27/12/2020	B	Hambleden	??	??	??	??	Chiltern Challenge

We have planners and organisers in place for all the 2017 events. The planner slots for 2018 are also going fast. So do volunteer now to plan or particularly to organise for 2018.

Just drop an email to [alun.orienteeering@gmail.com](mailto:alun.orienteeering@gmail.com)

**Alun Jones**

# Oxford Street-O series

Currently the season is identical to the last one, with the best four races from eight counting in the league tables. Separate leagues for men and women. The events will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the coming months. The format of the events is still a sixty minute score.

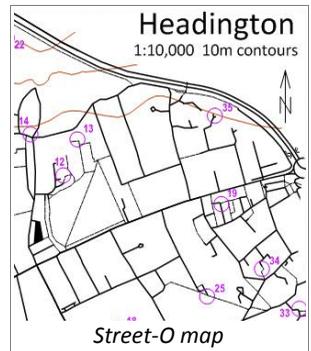
After 2 races so far, we have Roger Thetford in the lead followed by Andy Lawrence of Headington Road Runners and then Neville Baker currently in 3<sup>rd</sup>. For the women, we have Marie-Anne Fischer currently leading, with Fran Harvey and Rose Harvey in joint second place.

The third race of this season will take place in the Abingdon area on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – John Owens is planning this time with the event center at the White Horse pub (189 Ock Street, OX14 5DW).

Further details will appear on the website event page soon:

<http://oss.markandblanka.com/> (Linked off the TVOC website via the QuickLinks bar  
<http://www.tvoc.org.uk> )

Hope to see you all during the season.



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

## Could it be you?

Ladies and Gentlemen,

TVOC is Club of the Year. Well done to all who contributed to our being awarded the title for 2016.

I believe the greatest individual credits for this achievement go to Mike Shires and Alun Jones. Mike for his widely recognised exceptional work as Publicity Officer and to Alun for his chairing of the Club for the past five years, the usual period of office is two to three years. Alun is also the king-pin of the Emit timing system and results processing plus the Key Officials recruiter, ensuring the Club's commitment to putting on a healthy series of events through the year.

Alun is DEFINITELY standing down as Chairman of the Club at our AGM on 4th December!

It is vital that all the success of the Club and the hard work put in by Alun is not allowed to unravel. We need a competent Chair person to take over from Alun and keep the Club running at the high level it is at today.

I understand that Alun will continue in his role with Emit timing and finding Key Officials but NOT as club Chairman.

Could you do this job for the Club - for orienteering?

Quite a few Club members have had a spell in the Chair and they might like to consider another go, maybe for just one year.

We are all volunteers, we all do other things that have call on our time but chairing the Club need not take up too much time, there is always delegation. If you wish to know more about what the job entails have a word with Alun.

The new Chair will have the support of a highly efficient and willing Secretary in John Dalton and the goodwill and support of all members.

If you cannot take on the role of Chair yourself but think another member could do it well, who might be reticent in coming forward, then please encourage them or pass the task on to me.

I write this letter as a long standing member (43 years) who dearly wishes the Club to continue with its current successful phase.

***John Thompson.***

## **Helpers List**

We rely on club members to put on our Saturday series events, and we welcome anyone new who would be able to help. Ever wondered what people are doing on that computer.., want a sneaky look at the map while taking the money..., or getting lost once more control collecting!! Drop me a note and we'd be very grateful for your support.

### **HELPERS LIST**

<https://goo.gl/RL8Q4a>

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Click the link
2. Choose the tab with the right event (you can sign up for more than one!)
3. Put your name down!
4. That's it! No need to save, it does it automatically

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



## THAMES VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

### Saturday Series

events in Oxfordshire/Buckinghamshire

July 2016 to December 2016

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

23rd July 2016	Mike Shires	Oxford Brookes University SP533065 / OX3 0FJ
20th August 2016	Sue Jones	Wycombe Abbey School SU864925 / HP11 1PE
24th Sept 2016	Brian Palmer	Bradenham SU823974 / HP14 4HF
22nd Oct 2016	Alun Jones	Kingswood SU898937 / HP10 8DS
26th Nov 2016	Robin Bishop	Black Park, Slough TQ005832 / SL3 6DT
Dec 2016	tbc	tbc

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 2016/17 events. Contact Nat Skidmore with offers!**  
[nat.skidmore@gmail.com](mailto:nat.skidmore@gmail.com)

# Annual Dinner, Guest Speaker, Prizegiving and AGM

The TVOC Annual Dinner and AGM will be on Saturday 3rd December at Brill Memorial Hall, 19 Church Street, Brill, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP18 9RT (map ref: SP655138). The AGM will be at 6pm. Dinner at 7pm..

The caterer is Jane Varney who has supplied our dinner in the past. The price is £20 per head. For full recipe details see [www.janevarnecatering.co.uk](http://www.janevarnecatering.co.uk)

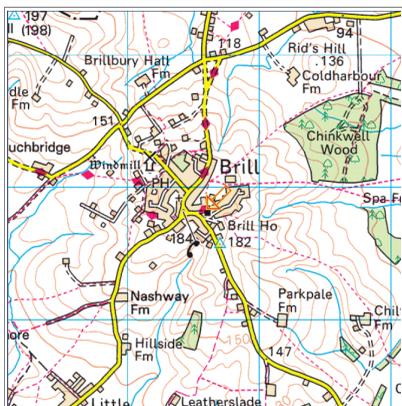
Please send your choice of menu to me at: Wycombe Abbey School, Abbey Way, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1PE with a cheque made out to Thames Valley O.C. to reach me by Friday, 25th Nov, so that Jane can have time to prepare. Special dietary requests – contact me well in advance to arrange.

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Please bring along all your trophies! Also bring your own drinks – glasses supplied. The AGM will start at 6.00 pm followed by the dinner and prizegiving at 7.00 pm (finish approx 9pm)

Following the dinner will be a talk by our guest speaker for the evening , Fiona Bunn!



Menu
<b>Starters</b>
Melon Cocktail, with Florida Grapefruit & Orange
Stuffed Peppers with Goats Cheese on a bed of Rocket Leaves with Balsamic Dressing
... with crusty bread and butter
<b>Main Courses</b>
Beef Madeira -Pieces of Beef with Mushrooms in a Rich Madeira Sauce
Chargrilled Salmon Steak with Marinades of Lemon & Tarragon, Lime & Coriander or ginger and Orange served with a Tangy Citrus Sauce
Potato & Leek Roulade served with a Tangy Orange Marmalade Sauce
<b>Desserts</b>
Blackcurrant Meringue Mousse with a Fruit Coulis
Profiteroles with a Warm Rich Chocolate Sauce, filled with Fresh Cream
<b>Followed by Tea, coffee, mints</b>

**Sue Jones**



*Brill Memorial Hall*

# Minutes of club meeting

## Highlights from meeting held 20 September 2016

The recent club meeting discussed items such as:

- Waddesdon next February half term
- Membership fees
- New EMIT equipment
- Club jackets
- Subsidising entry fees for TVOC members on major competitions
- Permanent course completion badges
- M90 British champion trophy

You can read the full minutes online at  
<http://www.tvoc.org.uk/application/documents/meeting%20minutes/Mins20thSep16.pdf>

The next meeting is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016, 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>

**Key: A** = (Inter-)National, **B**=Regional, **C**=District, **D**=Local CD: Closing date for entries.

### November 2016

Sat 19/11/16	C	OUOC Oxford City Race, Oxford City Centre <a href="http://www.ouoc.org.uk">http://www.ouoc.org.uk</a>
Sun 20/11/16	C	TVOC Regional Event & SCOL3, Shotover Country Park <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a>
Sat 26/11/16	D	TVOC Saturday Series Black Park (TBC), Black Park <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a>
Sun 27/11/16	B	LEI East Midlands Championships at Wakerley, Wakerley Great Wood <a href="http://www.leioc.org.uk">http://www.leioc.org.uk</a>
Sun 27/11/16	C	SAX District Event, Ightham <a href="http://www.saxons-oc.org">http://www.saxons-oc.org</a>
Sun 27/11/16	C	SOS Colour Coded, ESSOL & EA League, Brandon <a href="http://stragglers.info">http://stragglers.info</a>

## December 2016

Sat 03/12/16	D	BKO Winter Saturday Series (Bucklebury Common), Bucklebury Common <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>
Sun 04/12/16	C	SOC Level C & SCOA League, Ashurst wood / Matley <a href="http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk">http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk</a>
Sun 11/12/16	B	SN Trophy event including SCOA Championships, Long Valley North <a href="http://southern navigators.com">http://southern navigators.com</a>
<b>Tue 13/12/16</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>TVOC Oxford Street-O Series, Britannia Inn, Headington</b> <b><a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a></b>
Sat 17/12/16	C	SO Night City Race, Brighton <a href="http://www.southdowns-orienteers.org.uk">http://www.southdowns-orienteers.org.uk</a>
Sun 18/12/16	C	MV SE Families & Veterans Champs, White Downs/West Ranmore <a href="http://www.mvoc.org">http://www.mvoc.org</a>
Mon 26/12/16	C	LOK/HH Boxing Day Score Event, Trent Park <a href="http://www.londonorienteeing.co.uk">http://www.londonorienteeing.co.uk</a>
Sat 31/12/16	D	BKO Winter Saturday Series (Whiteknights), Whiteknights <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>

## January 2017

<b>Mon 02/01/17</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>TVOC Level C Urban Event, Didcot Ladygrove</b> <b><a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a></b>
Sun 08/01/17	B	CHIG Mitre SE League event, Epping East <a href="http://www.chig.org.uk">http://www.chig.org.uk</a>
<b>Wed 11/01/17</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>TVOC Oxford Street-O Series</b> <b><a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a></b>
Sat 14/01/17	D	BKO Winter Saturday Series (Langley Park), Langley Park <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>
Sun 15/01/17	C	BOK SWOA Galoppen, Cannop Ponds <a href="http://www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk">http://www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk</a>
Sun 15/01/17	C	SOC Level C & SCOA League <a href="http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk">http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk</a>
Sun 22/01/17	B	GO SE League event, Woolbeding <a href="http://www.guildfordorienteers.co.uk">http://www.guildfordorienteers.co.uk</a>
Sun 29/01/17	B	BKO Concorde Chase, Hawley and Hornley <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>

## February 2017

Sat 04/02/17	B	CUOC Icenian 2017 <a href="http://www.cuoc.org.uk">http://www.cuoc.org.uk</a>
Sat 04/02/17	D	SN - Saturday Series 6, Pyestock woods <a href="http://southern navigators.com">http://southern navigators.com</a>
Sun 05/02/17	B	MV SE League event, South Ashdown <a href="http://www.mvoc.org">http://www.mvoc.org</a>
Sun 12/02/17	C	SAX District Event, Hindleap <a href="http://www.saxons-oc.org">http://www.saxons-oc.org</a>

<b>February 2017</b>		
Sun 12/02/17	C	SOC Level C & SCOA League, Queen Elizabeth Country Park <a href="http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk">http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk</a>
<b>Wed 15/02/17</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>TVOC Oxford Street-O Series <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a></b>
Sat 18/02/17	D	BKO Winter Saturday Series (Swinley East), Swinley East <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>
Sun 19/02/17	B	HH SE League event, Northaw Great Wood <a href="http://www.happyherts.org.uk/">http://www.happyherts.org.uk/</a>
Sun 19/02/17	C	WIM Winter Warmer, New Forest <a href="http://www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk/">http://www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk/</a>
Sat 25/02/17	A	LOC British Night Championships (UKOL), Great Tower <a href="http://lakeland-orienteering.org.uk">http://lakeland-orienteering.org.uk</a>
Sun 26/02/17	A	LOC Northern Championships (UKOL), Bigland <a href="http://lakeland-orienteering.org.uk">http://lakeland-orienteering.org.uk</a>
Sun 26/02/17	C	MV District event, Polesden and Norbury Park <a href="http://www.mvoc.org">http://www.mvoc.org</a>
<b>Sun 26/02/17</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>TVOC Regional Event &amp; SCOL7, Nettlebed Woods <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a></b>

<b>March 2017</b>		
Sun 05/03/17	B	SARUM Sarum Saunter, Fonthill <a href="http://www.sarumo.org.uk">http://www.sarumo.org.uk</a>
Sun 05/03/17	C	DFOK District event, Brasted Chart <a href="http://www.dfok.co.uk">http://www.dfok.co.uk</a>
Sun 12/03/17	B	BKO CompassSport Cup Heat, Cold Ash <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>
Sun 12/03/17	B	HH CompassSport Cup Heat, Ashridge <a href="http://www.happyherts.org.uk/">http://www.happyherts.org.uk/</a>
Sat 18/03/17	D	SOC Level D - Hasley Hill, Hasley Hill <a href="http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk">http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk</a>
Sun 19/03/17	B	SAX SE League Event, Millbank <a href="http://www.saxons-oc.org">http://www.saxons-oc.org</a>
Sun 19/03/17	C	BADO Colour Coded & SCOA League Event, Harewood Forest <a href="http://www.bado.org.uk">http://www.bado.org.uk</a>
Sat 25/03/17	B	OD Midlands Champs Weekend Urban (UKOL), Rugby <a href="http://www.octavian-droobers.org">http://www.octavian-droobers.org</a>
Sun 26/03/17	A	OD Midlands Championships (UKOL), Bentley Wood <a href="http://www.octavian-droobers.org">http://www.octavian-droobers.org</a>

<b>April 2017 onwards</b>	
Sat 01/04/17	C HH Saturday League & Youth League, Mardley Heath <a href="http://www.happyherts.org.uk/">http://www.happyherts.org.uk/</a>
Sun 02/04/17	C SLOW SE Middle Distance Champs, Wimbledon Common <a href="http://slow.org.uk/">http://slow.org.uk/</a>
Sun 02/04/17	C SOS Colour coded, ESSOL & EA League, Writtle Forest <a href="http://stragglers.info">http://stragglers.info</a>
Sat 08/04/17	D BKO Winter Saturday Series (Bloom Wood) , Bloom Wood <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>
<b>Sun 09/04/17</b>	<b>B TVOC Chiltern Challenge, Hambleden <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a></b>
Fri 14/04/17	A Jan Kjellstrom Orienteering Festival - Sprint (UKOL), Brunel University
Sat 15/04/17	A Jan Kjellstrom Orienteering Festival (UKOL) Middle Distance, Ambersham
Sun 16/04/17	A Jan Kjellstrom Orienteering Festival (UKOL) Long Distance, St Leonards and Holmbush
Mon 17/04/17	A Jan Kjellstrom Orienteering Festival Relays, Pippingford Park
Sun 23/04/17	I World Masters Orienteering Championships 23-29 April
Sat 29/04/17	C SARUM 0007 Weekend - Urban race, Amesbury Town <a href="http://www.sarumo.org.uk">http://www.sarumo.org.uk</a>
Sun 30/04/17	B BOK Trot <a href="http://www.bristolorienteering.org.uk">http://www.bristolorienteering.org.uk</a>
Sat 06/05/17	A LOC British Long Championships (UKOL), High Dam <a href="http://lakeland-orienteering.org.uk">http://lakeland-orienteering.org.uk</a>
Sun 07/05/17	A LOC British Relay Championships, Summer House Knott <a href="http://lakeland-orienteering.org.uk">http://lakeland-orienteering.org.uk</a>
Sat 13/05/17	C SO Southdowns Weekend 1/2. Level C Urban event - Chichester, Chichester <a href="http://www.southdowns-orientees.org.uk">http://www.southdowns-orientees.org.uk</a>
Sun 14/05/17	B SO Southdowns Weekend 2/2. Arundel Estate. SE League / SO Champs, Arundel Estate <a href="http://www.southdowns-orientees.org.uk">http://www.southdowns-orientees.org.uk</a>
Sun 21/05/17	C BKO SCOL9: BKO Level C event, Black Park Country Park <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>
Sat 27/05/17	B HOC Springtime in Shropshire (SinS) 2017 Day 1 (UKOL), Long Mynd <a href="http://www.harlequins.org.uk">http://www.harlequins.org.uk</a>
Sun 28/05/17	B HOC Springtime in Shropshire (SinS) 2017 Day 2 (UKOL) <a href="http://www.harlequins.org.uk">http://www.harlequins.org.uk</a>
Mon 29/05/17	B HOC Springtime in Shropshire (SinS) 2017 Day 3 (UKOL), Brampton Bryan <a href="http://www.harlequins.org.uk">http://www.harlequins.org.uk</a>

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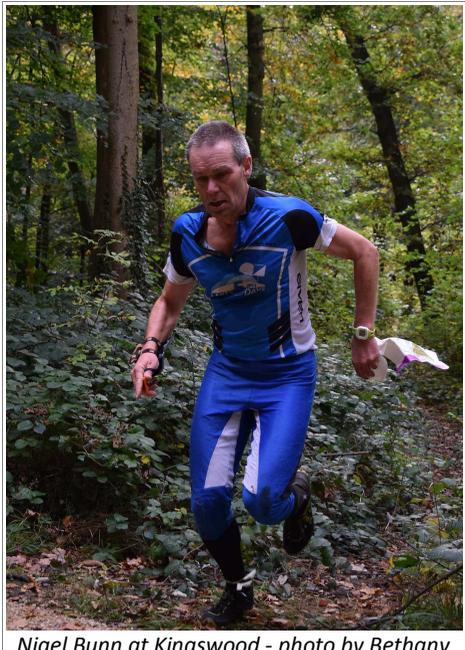
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## Phot-O Gallery 2



*Mark Thompson at Kingswood - photo by Bethany Kippin*



*Nigel Bunn at Kingswood - photo by Bethany Kippin*



*After-event chinwag, Kingswood - photo by Bethany Kippin*

