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The Thames Valley Orienteering Club Newsletter

# Phot-O Gallery 1



Waddesdon event props! Photos by Mike Shires



Another of Mike's scary controls at Waddesdon



Competitor on their last legs???

Saturday 2 December  
Southern Night Championships

**CHILTERN'S  
NIGHT  
& DAY  
ORIENTEERING**

Thames Valley Orienteering Club  
**ENTRIES NOW OPEN  
VIA FABIAN4**

Sunday 3 December  
Regional event, SODA League

**PENN WOOD & COMMON WOOD, HIGH WYCOMBE**

Mike Shires' flyer for the 'Chilterns Night & Day' events



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## Thames Valley Orienteering Club Newsletter (late) November 2017 Issue 242

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*Front cover: Spooky start at Waddesdon Hallowe'en Event : photo by Mike Shires  
Back Cover: Juniors' control-pick training map from Stockholm!!!*

## AGM report from the chair...

It's time to look back over 2017, and what the club's been up to. We've been very busy this year, organising a varied programme of events.

There was our usual Level B event, the Chiltern Challenge, but we're also running another Level B event in December: the Southern Night Championships.

We've run 4 level C events – two of which were urbans.

We run three very different series of events, and this year we're put on:

- 11 Saturday Series events
- 9 Street-O events, and
- 7 Summer Evening Series events.

And in addition to this TVOC stepped in, late in the day, to save the 2017 British Middle Championships; providing mappers, planners, organisers, and most of the on-the-day helpers.

That's a total of 34 events from quite small-scale to extremely large-scale. And we need to pat



*Carol Edwards at Winchester*

ourselves on the back for making all of these happen successfully.

This year, it involved 35 different club members in key roles, either in the Planning, Organising, Mapping or Controlling roles; or in a co-ordination role. In addition, there are the other club members who turn out as helpers at our events.

And we've got perfect opportunities for people new to planning and organising to have a go at the relatively newcomer-friendly roles of planning and organising the Street-O events and the Saturday Series events. This allows them to get experience and confidence at that level before moving through to larger roles.

Looking at TVOC achievements this year – we've had a smattering of wins and some high placings at the JK and at the British Championships, a near miss at getting to the Compass Sport Final, an overall club placing of 4th in the UK Orienteering league, and some international selections and good performances for Fiona, David, and Bethany. We've got younger juniors coming in behind them, with national high placings from Carys Sharp, and Joel and Nathan Taylor. May 2018 bring even more success for the club and for individuals within it.

Finally, thank you to Sue Buxton for organising the club dinner again this year. And good luck to the club's newly elected chairman, Neville Baker.

### **Carol Edwards / Outgoing TVOC chair**

*(A unanimous vote of thanks was given at the AGM to Carol, for her excellent work as both TVOC Chair and membership secretary. Best wishes in your new Lake District home! - Ed)*

## **News in Brief**

### **Southern Championships**

The Southern Championships were held at the November classic last weekend in the New Forest. Roger Thetford was 1st M55 and gained a walking stick trophy. John Thompson was 3rd M80.

### **CompassSport Cup**

Advance warning that the Compass Sport Cup first round match will be on March 11<sup>th</sup> 2018. The nearest venue for us is the Crawley one – Balcombe. For those who are not familiar – the Compass Sport Cup is an annual inter-club competition. Generally, the more people who take part from your club, the better your chances of winning, so we always try to encourage as many as possible to come along. I'll send more information on how to enter early next year.

*Alison Smith / club captain*

### **Jonathan Fairn Trophy**

This is decided by a complicated scoring system involving ranking points at the November classic, and excludes previous winners. This year the winner with 944.6 points was Julian Birkinshaw. 2nd: 889.9 Richard Steptoe, 3rd: 889.3 John Farren, 4th: 889.2

Richard Sharp, 5th: 888.3 Alison Smith. A clear winner but what a close competition at the top for the minor places! *Roger Baker / keeper of the spreadsheet*

## UK Orienteering League

TVOC has had some good results in the UK Orienteering League 2017. David Bunn (M16), John Thompson (M80) and Roger Baker (M85) all won their class. TVOC came 4th in the Club League. Carol Edwards would have added to our tally, but sadly her transfer to her new club 'up north' happened at just the wrong time! *Yvonne Hodson*

## Membership News

Our new membership secretary was elected at the AGM as Marie-Anne Fischer, so she will be writing this section next time. Suffice to say that now is the time to renew your membership if you haven't done so already. New members might also like to know that joining at the start of November gives you effectively 14 months for the price of 12, as membership renewal is always at the end of December.

## Stockholm Junior Tour 2017

David Bunn and Bethany Kippin answered questions from Fiona Bunn, TVOC Junior Rep

### 1. David, how did you get selected for the tour?

Nick Barrable, who organises the tour, looked at various high-level competitions in the early season, such as the Northern Champs, Midland Champs, British Champs and JK. The system is usually that in your four best results, you need to average less than 125% of the winner's time. The details of the selection races and policy for future years will be on the JROS website.

### 2. David, what previous tours, training camps and international competitions have you done?

I have been lucky to go through all the JROS camps, from Lagganlia and Hawkshead to Deeside, Stockholm and Badaguish, where this year I was selected for the British Talent Squad. I will go to my first British Talent Squad weekend in November in Edinburgh. I have also run for England 4 times and won 1 Junior Home International and 2 Interlands.

### 3. David, outline a typical day at the camp.

We got up at a reasonable time to take the 9 o'clock bus to wherever we were training that day, sometimes taking a few more trains or buses, but never travelling for more than 90 minutes in total. Usually, we did a few training loops in very physically and technically challenging terrain in the morning, before having lunch, training again in the afternoon and returning to our accommodation (the OK Ravinen club hut) at about 5.



*Bilberry picking in the forest by the OK Ravinen club hut*

**4. David, apart from training, what else did you do? (eg. Races, free time etc.)**

Most days, after training we swam in the lake by our accommodation, messing about on the pontoon and cooling off before heading back to the club hut for a well-earned sauna. We also competed in a few races, which were really good fun, although sometimes very humbling as well (it takes time to compete with the technical gods that are the Swedish M70s!). There was a super-fast relay race towards the end, where we finally excelled, winning 3 out of 4 classes without having to take much care over the very easy navigation!

**5. Bethany, how was Stockholm different to your experiences of other junior training camps?**

Stockholm was a completely different format to other junior training camps. We were much more independent and coaching was more open-ended, allowing us to gain what we wanted out of the camp and set our own goals. It was also more full-on – there were higher expectations of us physically, with the tour including a 3000m track time trial, group runs and a park run. Taking public transport was certainly different to the usual minibus journey as well; thrown in at the deep end, our navigation practice started at the airport where we all had to find our way to the club hut with Nick's instructions to help us, but the Swedish public transport system was surprisingly easy to use!



*(Nearly) all the GB juniors at Stockholm 2017*

**6. Bethany, describe the best area/orienteering exercise that you did.**

There were so many amazing areas we went to that it is impossible to pick out the best and

I'm sure everyone who went would have a different opinion! Personally, I really enjoyed the trains exercise near Saltsjobaden, where we were in groups of three and set off at 20 second intervals for several controls at a time. I really enjoy this kind of high pressure, high pace exercise as it places an emphasis on having clear plans and not being distracted by people around you. The area was runnable and varied, for example with some areas of open forest, a more complex rocky slope and even a marsh which took several attempts to cross without completely submerging ourselves! Hemfosa (for the middle distance) was also a really fun area and I really enjoyed the course, which was fast and required careful concentration.

**7. David, what are the 3 most important things you learnt from Stockholm?**

- I am capable of more than I thought – In the 12 days I ran around 200km, much more than I ever thought I could do, so I came back with much better endurance (mental and physical!)
- I still have a long way to go in terms of navigation – the Swedish terrain makes me look like a headless chicken attempting a black course at the moment.
- When you don't know where you are, STOP!

**8. What was your favourite part of the tour?**

When Stanley Heap took a "route choice" which involved swimming across 2 lakes. Enough said.

**9. What would you say to juniors who haven't been on a tour yet, or are aiming to go to Stockholm?**

Be as organised as you can be, making sure you plan ahead as to which selection races you need to compete in, using the JROS website, in order to give yourself the best shot of being selected for a tour. Then just keep your fingers crossed and if you do get selected, you are guaranteed to make huge progress and have a great time, provided you have the right attitude. Just try to give everything your best and the coaches will help you massively. Good Luck!

*(for some of the maps Bethany and David used in Stockholm, see inside the back cover)*

**A summary of the tour activities:**

Day	Activity
1	Arrive at Arlanda 6.1km group run around the lake by the clubhut for those already arrived
2	Training at Plock 3000m track time trial 6.5km+ urban hash
3	Training at Orminge Girls' weightlifting session at Crossfit Eken Sommarserien event at Harsfjarden
4	Training at Hojden Vastra (with Gustav Bergman!)

	Boys' weightlifting session at Crossfit Eken
	Microsprint pairs relay by clubhut
5	Park run at Hagaparken
	Sprint training at Hagaparken
	Race by clubhut using Oxbridge varsity match relay courses
6	Training at Velamsund
7	Training at Svartvik (with Josh Beech)
	OK Ravinen outdoor strength training
8	Training near Saltjobaden
	OK Ravinen 'Testbana' time trial
9	Luffarligan event from clubhut
	Melkers Minne relay
10	Training at Brunn
	OK Ravinen technical training by clubhut
11	Sprint relay at Sickla
	Adrenalin training at Gronalund themepark!
12	Long distance race at Hemfosa-dubbeln
13	Middle distance race at Hemfosa
	Leave from Arlanda

***Fiona, Bethany and David (TVOC Juniors)***

## **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**

# SCOA Junior Squad

The SCOA Junior Squad attended the annual Junior Inter-Regional Championships (JIRCs) on 23/24 Sep 17 at Winterfold and Blackheath in the Surrey Hills. The competition was made up of an individual race and a relay race with overnight accommodation situated on the gym floor at Cranleigh school - fun for the athletes; not so great for the adults! The squad performed really well, considering the tough courses and M/W12 athletes running M/W14 courses. We improved on our position from last year, with David and Fiona Bunn both making it onto the podium:

- Individuals: 7th
- Relays: 9th
- Overall: 8th

Future training sessions and events are being planned. Fiona Bunn will be leading some of the sessions as part of her coaching qualification:



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

16 Dec 17:	Mychett (with East Midland Junior Squad). Overnight accommodation provided as training is near the Ash Ranges event on 17 Dec.
13 Jan 18:	New Forest
Feb 18	TBD
24 Mar 18	TBD

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-orienteing.org.uk) if you want to know more.



*SCOA Junior Squad at JIRCs – photo by Simon Kippin*

**Simon Kippin / SCJS  
squad manager**

# 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)



*Peter in club kit*

**Peter Riches**

# Club Champions

Somewhat belatedly, here are the club champions from the event at Pamber Forest on the 29th October. Congratulations to all ! Trophies were presented at the club dinner on November 18th.

Super Junior Men: M12-	Joel Taylor
Junior Women: W14-	Carys Sharp
Senior Open	David Bunn
Women's Open	Bethany Kippin
Veteran Men M45+	Nigel Bunn
Veteran Women W45+	Boryana Peeva
Super-Vet M60+	Neville Baker
Ultra-Vet W70+	Yvonne Hodson
Hyper-Vet M80+	John Farren

**Alison Smith / club captain**

# Storm Brian and Waddesdon - the event that almost wasn't!

If I was ever to get a satnav, I've always quite fancied having Brian Blessed's voice providing the directions, for the amusement value. However, for a week in October, Brian was my least favourite name. The reason? Storm Brian's efforts to thwart the recent Waddesdon Manor event!

TVOC has developed an excellent relationship with the staff at Waddesdon Manor over the past couple of years. This has included Andrew Chalmers' excellent new map; Yvonne and Andrew's Spring half term orienteering weeks in 2016 and 2017, with up to 3,000 people taking part each week, and our inaugural Saturday Series races at Waddesdon Manor in February 2016.

When an organiser was required for the Saturday Series event there recently, I jumped at the chance, knowing the estate well and living fairly locally. I had no idea then that the event would present an unusual set of challenges!

I decided fairly early on to make it a Halloween themed event, and set about sourcing some props and decorations for the control sites. My initial ambitions for a few cobwebs and the odd hanging decoration grew rather more grand and ghoulish when I realised the extent of props that were available!

I set about promoting the event as a Spooky orienteering race, shamelessly plagiarising the Spooky Sprint (a charity fun run) that was planned at Waddesdon on the same day. The Facebook event I created was a joint event, managed by us and Waddesdon's marketing staff. This resulted in almost 400 people expressing an interest in the event – around four times the number we normally get. That in itself presented a dilemma in terms of numbers of maps to order.

The courses were planned in reasonable time and maps sent to the printer a couple of weeks before the event. Many competitors will have noticed a non-ISOM symbol creep onto the legend... a "spooky grave"! The Waddesdon Manor staff were very kind in allowing all competitors to use the shuttle buses up to the manor, thus allowing the Start to be on the main lawns and enabling the shorter courses to visit the formal gardens around the manor.

A week before the event, the weather became an issue, with Storm Brian threatening my plans - not only the props I had planned, but the whole event itself. Waddesdon Manor closes to the public when wind speeds exceed 45mph, due to the exposed hilltop location and the risk of falling trees and branches. During the week prior to the event I nervously studied the weather forecast with increasing trepidation. Storm Brian was fluctuating between 40mph and 50mph wind speed and threatening to spread his destructive tendencies to my well laid plans. On the Thursday afternoon, with two days to go, I had the dreaded call I was half expecting. Not from Brian, but it might as well have been. Waddesdon Manor asked us to postpone the event. My initial thought was what a disaster! However, several other dates were suggested, one being the following day, Sunday 22nd October. Following a quick flurry of emails and telephone calls, to see if many of the volunteers were still available, this date was agreed.

I've been Publicity Officer since 2012, but the following two days were probably the most intensive two days' of promotion I've done so far. Given the huge interest in the event, it was an almost impossible task to publicise the date change with little more than a days' notice. But, with some extensive Facebook promotion, notices on both TVOC's and Waddesdon's websites, extensive radio coverage on air in Aylesbury by Mix96, who picked up on the date change, and the laborious altering of around 40 website listings, the message started to filter through. I even had messages from people who had wanted to come but couldn't make the

original date, but could now come on the Sunday. All was looking quite positive. I was very grateful to Yvonne too, for being at Waddesdon Manor on Saturday morning, to explain to any orienteers who turned up that the event was now on the following day.

My plans to set up the event altered somewhat too. On Saturday, I put out most of the controls, in a battle against Brian around a fairly deserted Waddesdon estate, as it had indeed closed to the public due to high winds. That left me early Sunday morning to put out the Halloween theming - several temporary graves, life sized animated zombies, witches and skeletons; a gory chopshop scene (apologies if this caused any lasting nightmares...), an animated coffin and several motion activated sound units, which let off spooky or scary noises when controls were approached.

I particularly enjoyed seeing people's reactions to the animated giant spider attached to the Start control, which was motion activated and let off a screaming noise each time someone started. I must admit though, its red flashing eyes were mistaken by many to be the Emit unit flashing red... apologies for any confusion! If I plan another Halloween event there, I must also remember to avoid having a life sized animated witch on the main lawn by the Start, as it simply attracted all the non-orienteering visitors over to the Start as soon as they got off the buses!

So how many people did we attract? We had around 165 runs and a total of 305 runners, as many went around in pairs and groups, making it one of the most popular Saturday Series events; it generated a record profit and also £80 in compass sales. Importantly, we had around 90 IND entries, which is above average for newcomers and an excellent result. I was delighted with the attendance, given the very late date change.

Many thanks indeed to all the volunteers who helped at the event and changed their plans for the Sunday. Coupled with lots of great feedback at the event and afterwards on Facebook (especially about the Halloween props), it made it all worthwhile. If you're tempted to organise and plan a Saturday Series event, it's definitely worth doing and plenty of help is available - just get in touch with Nat Skidmore, Series Coordinator.

Who said organising a Saturday event was easy? Well, it certainly can be, but this year's event at Waddesdon Manor threw up a unique set of challenges which made it all the more rewarding, given the end result. Maybe the name Brian isn't that bad after all...

**Mike Shires**

## **Oxfordshire Cub Scouts at the Saturday Series**

Marcus Goodwin, responsible for Oxfordshire-wide Cub Scout activities, made contact with us some months ago. He really wanted us to organise an event exclusively for Oxfordshire Cubs to attend at Hill End. Cubs are aged between about 7½-8 and 10½. After much discussion and persuasion, we managed to convince Marcus that a more practical option was for the Oxfordshire Cubs to come along to one of the TVOC Saturday Series of events.

We agreed to run a Saturday Series event on the 16th September at Cutteslowe, a venue that was convenient for them, both date- and location-wise. Ben Green very kindly offered to take on the planning and organising role. We agreed that we would provide a special Cubs course. This needed to be a long course (3km), that showed technical progression. The length was important to give the Cubs a decent experience without putting pressure later to organise lots of second runs afterwards.

Ben planned a course where the first third was TD1 (White) standard. It progressed to TD2 (Yellow) standard. Towards the end were some TD3 (Orange) standard controls. The idea was to settle the Cubs in to their course early, but enable them to try progressively more tricky legs, and think more toward the end of the course.

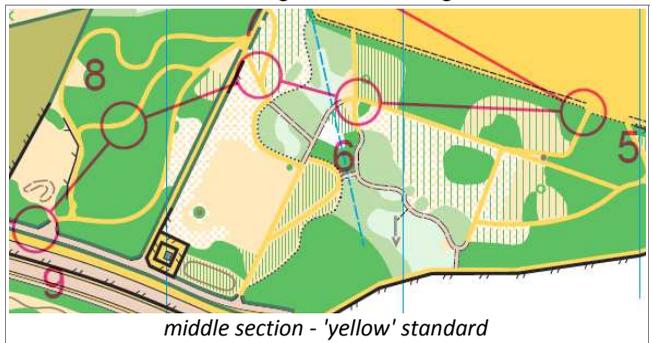


*first few legs - 'white' standard*

I have seen Cubs go out in groups of fours and fives in the past (and given only one map per group). This is a mistake, as one Cub will take the map whilst the others learn nothing. So my policy was to have them run in pairs (or threes only when necessary). We would also provide a map each to every single Cub.

An 8:30pm call from Ben the night before the event was somewhat un-nerving. “We had a problem”! My immediate thoughts were that the maps had not arrived. Fortunately, the issue was solvable. Between us, we had mislaid the Start and Finish banners. My grateful thanks to both Luke McNeill and Jon Wheatcroft for sorting that out overnight.

At Cutteslowe, the Cubs set their own tent up slightly separate to the TVOC infrastructure. This, and because the Cubs were pre-entered, meant we were able to keep the cubs apart from the TVOC event, allowing the Saturday Series event to continue largely unimpeded.



*middle section - 'yellow' standard*

We arranged for some of the Cubs leaders to patrol the Cubs course. This works extremely well with youngsters. They are always very keen to get started, but can then run into problems. With half a dozen leaders (in Leader uniform and hi-viz jackets) patrolling the trickier sections of the course, they can keep an eye on what is happening on the course and can step in to help out if necessary.

## How did the event go?

We had 77 pre-entries from the Cubs. With a few no-shows, and a few EODs, this was about the number that turned up. I was delighted we had so many. Despite my advice for the cubs

to arrive throughout the morning, they all arrived at once. Early! I ended up briefing them all as a single group, which was actually quite convenient!

We handed out a map to each Cub, and an EMIT card to each pair. Once I was confident that they had understood the basics, we sent them down to the Start, where Ben and Ian Buxton were officiating. Off they went at minute intervals.

And then a long and nervous wait! The first cubs group came back after about 45 minutes. Though quick, they had been rather “selective” about the controls they chose to visit! Another long wait. And then, with increasing frequency and relief, bulk of the group started to finish.

Ali Kempson took the brunt of the return at Download, but coped magnificently. Her idea of giving each Cub their own results slip was perfect. Nat (and I later on) managed to sort out a few silly mistakes that were made. (For example, not punching

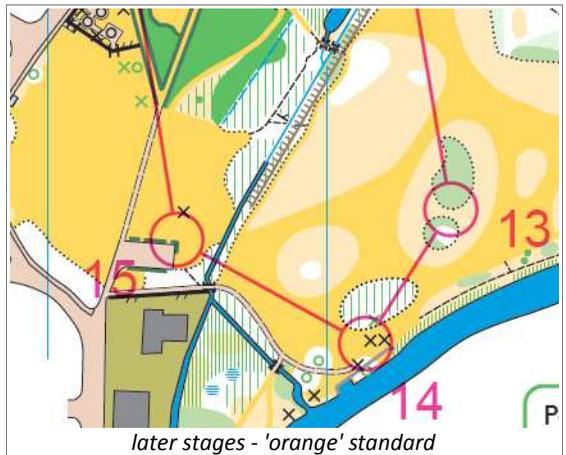
twice on the bridge at one control: once when going over, once when returning). In the end, only 4 groups were reported as not completing the course fully.

Gary Mills managed to hand out one of Mike Shires’ postcards to every single Cub (and many parents), advertising all our forthcoming events.

The feedback from everyone was excellent. The Cubs all seemed very enthused when they got back. Many of them wanted to go out on another course immediately. The marshals were kept busy out on the course, but also enjoyed the experience. And lots was learnt.

From our perspective:

- Always, always, always persuade Cubs groups to come to one of our events (rather than try and set something specifically up for them).
- Plan a separate course for the Cubs. A 3k course was about right. A progression from TD1 to TD2 towards TD3 worked very well (but don’t make it any more difficult)
- Pre-enter the group and have EMIT cards ready for them when they arrive
- Try and encourage the Cubs to arrive throughout the whole morning. But don’t be surprised if they all come at once. Early!
- Keep the Cubs a little separate from the TVOC set-up to give each other space
- Involve Cub Leaders to patrol the course to keep an eye on the tricky transition areas
- Give every Cub their own map
- Batch up the Cubs into groups for a comprehensive briefing before they start
- Give each Cub their own print-out at download - Along with publicity about our future events



- Engage with them, and find out how they did at the end

I would like to thank everyone involved. Marcus himself was very grateful indeed to TVOC, and thought that the whole event went extremely well under our control. So much so, he is already talking about next year's event. Marcus believes he can re-open doors for us to run a similar event at Youlbury, perhaps before the summer next year. And he might also want to involve the Oxfordshire Scouts next time, too!

*John Dalton*

## **Your club needs you!**

Not long now to the Chilterns Night & Day. Entries are coming in well.

A quick reminder about this event. On the evening of Saturday 2nd December, we are hosting the Southern Night Championships at Penn and Common Woods. The following morning, we are holding a level C and SCOA League event at the same location. The two events will also form the British Army's Inter Corps Championships. And Happy Herts, our neighbouring club, are using the level C event as their Club Championships.

As mentioned in previous editions of T'Voice, putting on what is effectively two events on successive days will be quite a stretch. We will also need to man a road crossing between the two competition areas, and to marshal a road crossing in Penn Street on the way to the Start and back from the Finish. So we really will need lots of helpers.

I am glad to say that many of our stalwarts have stepped forward as usual. But I could do with a few more people to plug some gaps, especially on the Saturday night. In particular I need someone to help with collecting and sorting the Night Champs trophies ready for the presentation, and someone to produce teas and coffees in the Village Hall for helpers (competitors can buy theirs from Tom's!).

As mentioned above, it's going to be a pretty big weekend, with a lot of competitors. So I am really hoping that most of our club members, especially our newer ones, will feel they want to be involved.

**So please let me know if you can lend a hand** – contact details below. I would particularly value offers of help for the Saturday evening from those of you who live in the High Wycombe / Amersham / Beaconsfield area.

As usual, volunteers benefit from reduced price entry for the event – Fabian4 discount code tvoc17. You can help on the Saturday evening and use the discount for the Sunday entry if you wish. In addition, all helpers will receive a £5 voucher to spend at Tom's café over the weekend.

Phone 07967 605307 or 01494 816946 / Email [alun.orienteeing@gmail.com](mailto:alun.orienteeing@gmail.com)

***Alun Jones / Chilterns Night & Day 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**

# Saturday Series 2016-17 Review

## Key highlights:

- Participation up 25% over previous year
- Average attendance now 140
- We have fewer events with low turnout
- Christmas Common attracted 188 runs. Brill attracted 178.
- The Oxford Parks publicity (and all publicity) from Mike Shires was excellent
- We are now giving a discount of a further £2 (cost of £2) for helpers to run
- The series in total has made a surplus of over £2,000



*Bradenham Saturday Series, Sept 2016 (photo Nat Skidmore)*

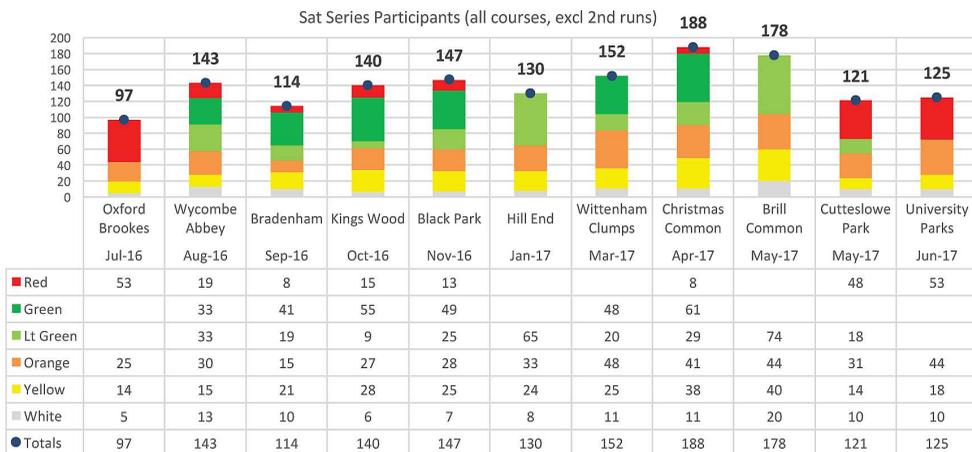
## Participation

- Average event participation up 25% year on year, from 122 to 140 entries per event, with attendance now consistently high
- Better Oxford park participation has helped, benefitting from strong 'Run the Oxford Parks' publicity campaign
- Christmas Common, a new location for the series, was our most popular event with 188

entries. A return to Black Park was our 4<sup>th</sup> most popular with 147 entries

## Volunteers

- Finding planners and helpers to volunteer before the day remains a struggle but is definitely improving
- Implemented an online helpers' list for volunteers to sign up to show their availability
- Introduced £2 rate for helpers since Hill End, an investment of circa £250-£300 per full year in subsidies to our volunteers



## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- Attendance and revenue remain strong, with family groups behind our participation growth, which improves the the mix of entry fees
- Entry fees held flat at £6/£4/£2 (family, member, junior)
- Two significant new investments this year:
  - o Started hiring toilets for remote events, based on the large number of families attending and distress when no toilets are available. This represents a significant expenses of £180 per time, which was two events in this season. They were well used on both occasions
  - o Helper discount of £2, representing £250-£300 per full year in subsidies to our volunteers
- Our largest event at Christmas Common returned a single digit loss, based on toilet and access fees, but was hugely popular
- Now also selling compasses for £4 at events (~15 per event), at cost price. Invested in c.15 more loan compasses to club stocks
- Overall returned £2,062 in profit before marketing, sundries and equipment depreciation
- Financial sustainability remains healthy, with a gross margin of 33%

Event		Entries										Finances										
Date	Month/Year	Location	Organiser	White	Yellow	Orange	Light Green	Green	Red	Teal	Comments	Cash Income	Map expenses	Other expenses From cash	Levy paid from cash	Net cash (to be paid) (i)	Levy paid by Martin	Other centrally paid expenses (eg access)	Net income	GM%		
23/07/16	Jul-16	Oxford Brookes	Mike Shires	5	14	25			53	97	Levies paid centrally for first 4 fixtures	£411.00	-£97.56	£-	£313.44	-£95.00			£218.44	53%		
20/08/16	Aug-16	Wycombe Abbey	Sue Jones	13	15	30	33	33	19	143		£605.90	-£145.85	£-	£460.05	-£145.00			£315.05	52%		
24/09/16	Sep-16	Bradsham	Brian Palmer	30	11	15	19	41	8	114	£180 toilet hire (new for series)	£486.00	-£137.88	-£180.00	£168.00	-£117.50			£115.50	11%		
22/10/16	Oct-16	Kings Wood	Alan Jones	6	28	27	9	55	15	140	£50 school donation	£474.00	-£132.60	-£55.00		£286.40	-£132.50		£153.90	32%		
20/11/16	Nov-16	Black Park	Robin Bishop	7	25	28	25	49	13	147	£2 discount for Park Runners incentive	£556.14	-£180.25		-£145.00	£230.89			£230.89	42%		
21/01/17	Jan-17	Hill End	John Owens	8	24	33	65			130	£60 access fee, £2 helpers disc starts	£545.00	-£92.40	-£113.07	-£162.00	£179.53			£179.53	33%		
11/03/17	Mar-17	Wittenham Clumps	Tom Venn	11	25	48	20	48		152	Many new comers, compass expenses	£545.00	-£96.69	-£86.18	-£183.00	£290.13			£290.13	44%		
01/04/17	Apr-17	Christmas Common	Seamus Curran	11	38	41	29	61	8	188	£170 access fee and £380 toilet hire	£741.00	-£175.30	-£350.25	£217.50	-£2.05			-£2.05	0%		
08/05/17	May-17	Ball Common	Martin Giddets	30	40	44	74			178	Mapping expenses Brill & Cull	£660.00	-£148.64	-£172.43	-£192.00	£146.93			£146.93	22%		
27/05/17	May-17	Cuttleshaw Park	Carol Edwards	30	14	31	38			48	£60 access fee	£516.00	-£148.68	-£76.50	-£145.50	£145.32			£145.32	28%		
17/06/17	Jun-17	University Parks	Ben Green	10	18	44			53	125		£375.50	-£68.50	-£22.00	-£151.50	£333.50			£333.50	56%		
												<b>£6,226.44</b>	<b>-£1,424.15</b>	<b>-£1,053.43</b>	<b>-£1,196.50</b>	<b>£2,552.36</b>	<b>-£490.00</b>			<b>£-</b>	<b>£2,062.36</b>	<b>33%</b>

### Financial summary for each event

#### Saturday Series Financial Summary, 11 events (Jul16 - Jun17)

<b>Total Sales (entries, compasses)</b>	<b>£6,226.44</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£(3,674.08)</b>
Map expenses	£(1,424.15)
British Orienteering levies	£(1,196.50)
All other expenses (paid by series cash)	£(1,053.43)
<b>Event income</b>	<b>£2,552.36</b>
<i>Equipment purchases (laminator, pouches) excl from income statement</i>	<i>£(62.40)</i>
<i>Total deposits to TVOC account</i>	<i>£2,489.96</i>
Centrally paid expenses (levies (first 4 events))	£(490.00)
<b>Gross income before marketing</b>	<b>£2,062.36</b>
Gross income margin	33%

## Nat Skidmore / Saturday Series Co-ordinator

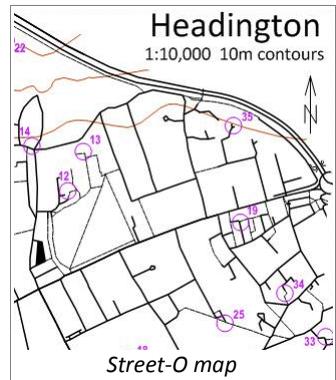
# TVOC Street-O series

An early reminder for the November event in the Oxford Street-O series. The event is on Tue 28th November.

The incorrectly posted original date (14th Nov) on the OSS website has been updated to reflect the correct date.

The event is located around the City Centre, running between The Plain Roundabout, the GrandPont area and with the event centre around the Jericho area. Final details to appear shortly on the OSS website.

- Tue November 28 : Oxford (Ben Green)
- Tue December 12 : Marston / Headington (Marcyn Krzysztofik)
- Tue January 23: Thame (Jon Harvey)



Wed February 21: TBA  
 Wed March 14: Oxford (Bill Child)  
 Wed April 18: Botley: (Heather Walton)

## Robin Bishop / Street Series Co-ordinator

# Future events

Without trying to sound too melodramatic, things are starting to get critical for our events next year. I have an Organiser and Planner for our level C event in January, and for the Chiltern Challenge in April. But the major events in the rest of the year are now at risk of being cancelled. Have a look at <http://tinyurl.com/TVOC-plans> to see the details.

	Date	Level	Where?	Map update	Organiser	Planner	Controller	Comments
Note location of events is subject to obtaining appropriate permissions								
	2017							
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	2018							
55	Sa 20/01/2018	C	RAF Halton East + Wendover	Martin Ricketts	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 21/05/2018	C	Coombe Hill	Martin Ricketts	??	Chris Poole	Mike Bennett, HH ?	
58	Su 06/09/2018	C	Thame Urban	Mike Shires	??	Ben Green	Charles B-G, SARUM	
59	Su 02 or 09/12/2018	C	Shotover	??	??	??	??	

To be an organiser or planner, you will need to have attended an event safety course – but we can sort that out for you.

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

**Alun Jones**

# Saturday Series 2017-18

**NEXT EVENT: CHESHAM BOIS [SAT 30th DEC]  
would you be able to help?**

We've had a hugely successful Saturday series so far this year, no more so than at the spooky Halloween event at Waddesdon in October. Mike Shires' courses and superb seasonal props made for a very memorable event, and one of our strongest attendances for some time.

We have just one more event to come in 2017, in the Buckinghamshire area – details on our events page. Chesham Bois will be a new area for the Saturday series, but frequently ventured into for the Summer series. We're just finalising permissions, so still officially provisional. If you are able to help at any event and would like to claim your discounted £2 entry, please sign up here at [goo.gl/RL8Q4a](http://goo.gl/RL8Q4a)

We have an exciting calendar coming together now for 2018, with some areas not used for a while as well as long standing favourites. A taste of where we'll be is shown below (exact dates are being confirmed as we secure permissions, so please see the website for the latest).

30th Dec 17	Chesham Bois (TBC)
20th Jan 18	RAF Halton, nr Wendover (full level C with Sat series courses too)
10th Feb 18	Brill Common
3rd Mar 18	Bradenham, nr High Wycombe
Apr 18	Shotover, Oxford
May 18	Wendover Woods
Jun 18	Oxford University Parks
Jul 18	Cotteslowe Park (Oxford) or Oxford Brookes University

I'm always looking for volunteers to plan our events, so if you are interested please let me know. Plenty of support is available and no previous experience is required.

Finally my sincere thanks to all of the planners, organisers and event volunteers who have put on events this year – without your support we wouldn't have a Saturday series.

Many thanks and Happy Orienteering,

Nat.skidmore@gmail.com / 07966 046142

***Nat Skidmore / Saturday Series Coordinator***



## THAMES VALLEY ORIENTEERING CLUB

### Saturday Series

events in Oxfordshire/Buckinghamshire  
August 2017 to July 2018

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

19th August 2017	Sue & Ian Buxton	Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe HP11 1PE
16th September 2017	Ben Green	Cuttleslowe Park, Oxford
28th October 2017	Mike Shires	Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury
18th November 2017	Mark Thompson	Kings Wood, High Wycombe
30th December	TBC	Chesham Bois (TBC)
20th January	Nat Skidmore	RAF Halton
10th February	TBC	Brill Common
3rd March	TBC	Bradenham, nr High Wycombe

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!  
[nat.skidmore@gmail.com](mailto:nat.skidmore@gmail.com)**



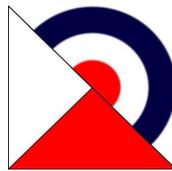
Thames Valley  
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# RAF Halton Urban Race

## SEOUL and Level C event

### Saturday 20th January 2018

#### Emit Electronic Timing



Royal Air Force  
Orienteering  
RAFO

Location:	RAF Halton, situated 2km north east of Wendover.
Parking:	Signed from junction of B4009 and Chestnut Avenue. Nearest post code: HP22 5PG. Hard-standing off Chestnut Avenue, overflow parking 300m walk.
Terrain:	Courses take in the complex buildings of the RAF base, the landscaped grounds of the spectacular Halton House (built by the Rothschild family), the foot of the Wendover Woods escarpment and the intricate streets of the Princess Mary Gate Estate. Junior classes (Newcomers, MW-12 and MW-16) are all away from public roads in parkland.
Map:	Pre-printed on A3 waterproof paper, scale 1:5000. Updated and expanded to include the Princess Mary Gate Estate in Autumn 2017 by Martin Ricketts, TVOC.
Courses:	M/W: Open, Vets (40+), Super Vets (55+), Ultra Vets (65+), Hyper Vets (75+), Junior (16-), Young Junior (12-), plus Junior Newcomer class. Sorry, there is no String Course. Due to road crossings, those under 16 on the day of competition must run one of the junior classes. Beginners welcome.
Starts:	From 10.00 to 12.00. Courses close at 2pm. The Start and Finish are close to parking / registration.
Entries:	Pre-entry preferred, via <a href="http://www.fabian4.co.uk">www.fabian4.co.uk</a> Closing date Sunday 14th January 2018, 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 11:30.
Fees:	Seniors: £8 up to Sunday 14th January. £10 after that date and on the day. Emit card hire: £1.50 per card. Juniors and Students: £3 including Emit card hire. Pairs, Groups, or Seniors running a Junior class: £6 including Emit card hire.
Facilities:	Changing Rooms, Toilets, Showers, Ultrasport (Catering TBC)
Organiser:	Dougie Cochran 07909 725270 <a href="mailto:douglascochran@hotmail.com">douglascochran@hotmail.com</a>
Planner:	Nat Skidmore, TVOC
Controller:	Carol Edwards, BL

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 / security 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)

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Thames Valley  
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# Chilterns Night & Day

**Southern Night Championships and  
SCOA League event – SCOL4**

**Penn Wood and Common Wood  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> / Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017  
Emit Electronic Timing**

Terrain	<p><b>Penn Wood</b> is one of the largest ancient woodlands in the Chilterns. <b>Common Wood</b> is semi-natural ancient woodland.</p> <p>Penn Wood is generally flat whilst Common Wood is gently sloping. Both woods are very varied with a mixture of conifer, beech and oak, and some open areas. There are many pits / depressions as a result of ancient clay and flint workings.</p> <p>The area was previously used for the Chiltern Challenge in 2015.</p>
Location	At Penn Street, which is just off the A404 between High Wycombe and Amersham. Penn Street is signposted at SU924965, HP7 0QW.
Parking	At commercial premises at SU923956, adjacent to the Hit or Miss pub, Penn Street, HP7 0PX. <b>Parking is limited, so please share transport.</b>
Public transport	Train to High Wycombe or Amersham, then 20 minutes by Carousel Bus number 1 (broadly an hourly service), alighting at junction of Penn Street with the A404 (at SU924965), then 800m walk.
Map	Shorter courses will run in Penn Wood only using a 1:7500 map. Longer courses will include the adjacent Common Wood and use a 1:10,000 map. Both will be of A3 size. 5m contours. Map updated 2017 by Bob Beresford.
Entry	Online at <a href="http://www.fabian4.co.uk">www.fabian4.co.uk</a> Closing date Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November. For the Sunday SCOA League event only, late entry after that date and on the day will also be available, subject to map availability.
Fees	<p><b>Southern Nights</b> – Seniors £12* (£14 non BOF), Juniors £5*.</p> <p><b>Sunday</b> pre-entry – Seniors £10* (£12 non BOF), Juniors £4*. Late entry and on the day – Seniors £12 (£14 non BOF), Juniors £5. Seniors on White, Yellow, Orange courses – £6 pre-entry and on day.</p> <p>Emit card hire £1.50 per card per day. Lost cards charged at £45.</p> <p>* Pre-enter for both events for £20 (Senior BOF) or £8 (Juniors).</p>
Dogs	<p><b>Southern Nights</b> – Dogs in car park only and must be on lead at all times. <b>Sunday</b> – Well behaved dogs permitted in woods and in car park on lead.</p>
Facilities	First Aid, squash, toilets. Tom's burger van, Ultrasport.
Organiser	Alun Jones, TVOC Tel 01494 816946, 07967 605307 9am to 9pm. Email <a href="mailto:alun.orienteeing@gmail.com">alun.orienteeing@gmail.com</a>

## Southern Night Championships Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> evening

Eligibility	To be eligible for the Southern Night Championships, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• be a member of British Orienteering and have SCOA, SEOA or SWOA as your nominated Association on your 2017 British Orienteering membership.</li><li>• enter an appropriate <b>AGE CLASS</b> - either your own age class or be 'running up'. Note that British Orienteering Rules permit Women to be competitive in Men's classes, but not vice versa.</li></ul>
Courses	All age classes from M/W16 through to M/W75. Long Orange course also available for novice Night orienteers. <b>Note</b> - This event is not recommended for complete beginners to orienteering.  The organiser reserves the right to refuse entry to any competitor who is M/W14 or below. Any such entrants may be asked to provide evidence of competence on TD5 courses and in night orienteering. If you are in any doubt of your competence, please contact Alun on <a href="mailto:alun.orienteeing@gmail.com">alun.orienteeing@gmail.com</a> .
Safety	A backup lamp and whistle are compulsory and will be checked. Depending on conditions, you may be required to carry a hooded waterproof jacket. Carrying a mobile phone is strongly recommended.
Starts	From 5pm to 7pm. Start and Finish are 300m from car park.
Planner	Neville Baker, TVOC
Controller	Mike Pemberton, BKO

## SCOL4 Colour Coded event Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> morning

Courses	White, Yellow, Orange, Long Orange, Light Green, Short Green, Green, Blue, Brown. Free string course. Beginners welcome.
Starts	From 10:00 to 12:00. Start and Finish are 300m from car park.
Planner	Gary Walford, TVOC
Controller	David Frampton, HH

### Please take careful note of the following:

1. Orienteering is an adventure sport. All competitors take part at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety.
2. Please check website for last minute cancellation in case of inclement weather. In the event of cancellation, some or all of your entry fee may be retained.
3. The personal data you give will be used by the event organisers & 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.

# Minutes of club meeting

## Highlights from meeting held 19 September 2017

The recent club meeting discussed items such as:

- Planner/Organiser information & documentation
- review of timing systems
- Club membership fees (to remain unchanged)
- Equipment purchases
- AGM / Date / Speaker ( Sat 18 November, Brill Village Hall)

You can read the full minutes online at

<http://www.tvoc.org.uk/application/documents/meeting%20minutes/Mins19thSep17.pdf>

The next meeting is on Tuesday 21 November 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)

### November 2017

Sun 26/11/17	R	SO - level C - Stanmer and Coldean, Brighton, Stanmer and Coldean <a href="http://www.southdowns-orienteers.org.uk">http://www.southdowns-orienteers.org.uk</a>
Sun 26/11/17	R	SOS Hylands Park, SOS Colour Coded & ESSOL, Hylands Park <a href="http://stragglers.info">http://stragglers.info</a>
Tue 28/11/17	L	TVOC Oxford Street-O Series <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a>

### December 2017

Sat 02/12/17	L	SN - Saturday Series 4, Wisley Common <a href="https://www.southern navigators.com/">https://www.southern navigators.com/</a>
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## December 2017

Sat 02/12/17	N	<b>TVOC Southern Night Championships, Penn and Common Wood</b> <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a>
Sun 03/12/17	R	BOK Galoppen (and ASO), Brierley <a href="http://www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk">http://www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk</a>
<b>Sun 03/12/17</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>TVOC SCOL4 TVOC Level C &amp; Regional Event, Penn and Common Wood</b> <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a>
Sat 09/12/17	L	BKO Winter Saturday Series (Bramshill Plantation), Bramshill Plantation <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>
Sun 10/12/17	N	DVO East Midlands Championships at Eyam Moor, Eyam Moor & Bretton Clough <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk/">http://www.dvo.org.uk/</a>
Sun 10/12/17	R	MV South East Families & Veterans, St Leonards <a href="http://www.mvoc.org">http://www.mvoc.org</a>
Sun 10/12/17	R	SOC SCOL5 SOC Level C, Islands Thorn <a href="http://southampton-orienteeers.org.uk">http://southampton-orienteeers.org.uk</a>
Sat 16/12/17	R	SO - Brighton City Race (night mass-start event), central Brighton <a href="http://www.southdowns-orienteeers.org.uk">http://www.southdowns-orienteeers.org.uk</a>
Sun 17/12/17	L	WIGHTO Borthwood Copse, Borthwood Copse <a href="http://wight-orienteeers.co.uk">http://wight-orienteeers.co.uk</a>
Sun 17/12/17	N	SN Regional Event, Ash Ranges <a href="https://www.southernnavigator.com/">https://www.southernnavigator.com/</a>
Sun 31/12/17	R	GO Guildford City Race, Guildford <a href="http://www.guildfordorienteeers.co.uk">http://www.guildfordorienteeers.co.uk</a>

## January 2017

Mon 01/01/18	R	DVO East Midlands Urban League 2018, Buxton <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk/">http://www.dvo.org.uk/</a>
Sat 06/01/18	R	HH Saturday League, Sherrards Park Wood <a href="https://www.herts-orienteeing.club/">https://www.herts-orienteeing.club/</a>
Sun 07/01/18	R	SAX Sunday League, Ightham <a href="http://www.saxons-oc.org">http://www.saxons-oc.org</a>
Sun 07/01/18	R	SOC SCOL6 SOC Level C - TBC, TBC <a href="http://southampton-orienteeers.org.uk">http://southampton-orienteeers.org.uk</a>
Thu 11/01/18	L	SOC Wessex Night League Event <a href="http://southampton-orienteeers.org.uk">http://southampton-orienteeers.org.uk</a>
Sun 14/01/18	N	DFOK SE League event, Westerham <a href="http://www.dfok.co.uk">http://www.dfok.co.uk</a>
Sun 14/01/18	R	BOK Regional Event (ASO), Headless Hill & Highmeadow <a href="http://www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk">http://www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk</a>
Mon 15/01/18	L	BADO Basingstoke Night O (Wessex Night League), Basingstoke <a href="http://www.bado.org.uk">http://www.bado.org.uk</a>
<b>Sat 20/01/18</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>TVOC RAF Halton Urban (C) (SEOUL), RAF Halton &amp; Wendover Woods</b> <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a>
Sun 21/01/18	R	NWO Galoppen, West Woods <a href="http://northwilts.org.uk">http://northwilts.org.uk</a>

## January 2017

Sun 21/01/18	R	SLOW District Event, Richmond Park <a href="http://slow.org.uk/">http://slow.org.uk/</a>
<b>Tue 23/01/18</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>TVOC Oxford Street-O Series <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a></b>
Sat 27/01/18	L	SN - Saturday Series 5, TBC <a href="https://www.southern navigators.com/">https://www.southern navigators.com/</a>
Sun 28/01/18	N	BKO Concorde Chase, Star Posts <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>
Sun 28/01/18	R	SOS Baddow Ridge, SOS Colour coded and ESSOL, Baddow Ridge <a href="http://stragglers.info">http://stragglers.info</a>

## February 2017

Sat 03/02/18	R	GO SE Middle Distance Champs , Chapel Common <a href="http://www.guildfordorienteers.co.uk">http://www.guildfordorienteers.co.uk</a>
Sat 03/02/18	R	NGOC Triple Gloucester Weekend - Middle Distance, Mallards Pike <a href="http://www.ngoc.org.uk">http://www.ngoc.org.uk</a>
Sat 03/02/18	R	NGOC Triple Gloucester Weekend - Night Sprint, Chepstow <a href="http://www.ngoc.org.uk">http://www.ngoc.org.uk</a>
Sun 04/02/18	R	LOG East Midlands League 2018, Lincoln South Common <a href="http://www.logonline.org.uk">http://www.logonline.org.uk</a>
Sun 04/02/18	R	NGOC Triple Gloucester Weekend - Long Distance Galoppen, Mallards Pike <a href="http://www.ngoc.org.uk">http://www.ngoc.org.uk</a>
Sun 04/02/18	R	SAX Sunday League , Knole Park <a href="http://www.saxons-oc.org">http://www.saxons-oc.org</a>
Sun 11/02/18	N	MV SE League event, South Ashdown <a href="http://www.mvoc.org">http://www.mvoc.org</a>
Sun 11/02/18	R	NOC East Midlands League 2018, Bestwood Country Park <a href="http://www.noc-uk.org">http://www.noc-uk.org</a>
Sun 11/02/18	R	WAOC High Ash, High Ash <a href="http://www.waoc.org.uk">http://www.waoc.org.uk</a>
Sun 11/02/18	R	WSX Wessex Galoppen, Holmsley Walk and Dur Hill Down <a href="http://www.wessex-oc.org">http://www.wessex-oc.org</a>
Sat 17/02/18	L	BKO Winter Saturday Series <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>
Sun 18/02/18	R	SLOW Holmwood Common Regional, Holmwood Common <a href="http://slow.org.uk/">http://slow.org.uk/</a>
Sun 18/02/18	R	WIM Galoppen, Setthorns TBC <a href="http://www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk/">http://www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk/</a>
Sat 24/02/18	L	SN - Saturday Series 6, TBC <a href="https://www.southern navigators.com/">https://www.southern navigators.com/</a>
Sat 24/02/18	M	SWOC British Night Championships (UKOL), Merthyr Mawr Warren and Woods <a href="http://www.swoc.org.uk">http://www.swoc.org.uk</a>
Sun 25/02/18	N	HH SE League event, Egypt Woods & Burnham Beeches <a href="https://www.herts-orienteeing.club/">https://www.herts-orienteeing.club/</a>

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Sat 03/03/18	L	BKO Winter Saturday Series , TBC <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>
Sat 03/03/18	R	OUOC BUCS - British Universities & Colleges Sport Championships - Individual, Bradenham <a href="http://www.ouoc.org.uk">http://www.ouoc.org.uk</a>
Sun 04/03/18	N	SARUM Sarum Saunter, Great Ridge <a href="http://www.sarumo.org.uk">http://www.sarumo.org.uk</a>
Sun 04/03/18	R	CHIG Level C / SWELLevent, Epping South <a href="http://www.chig.org.uk">http://www.chig.org.uk</a>
Sun 04/03/18	R	DVO East Midlands League 2018, Linacre <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk/">http://www.dvo.org.uk/</a>
Sun 04/03/18	R	OUOC BUCS - British Universities & Colleges Sport Championships - Relay, Shotover Country Park <a href="http://www.ouoc.org.uk">http://www.ouoc.org.uk</a>
Sun 04/03/18	R	SMOC EAL event, Aspley Heath <a href="http://www.smoc.info">http://www.smoc.info</a>
Sat 10/03/18	I	Interland 10-11 March
Sun 11/03/18	N	DFOK Compass Sport Cup Heat, Balcombe <a href="http://www.dfok.co.uk">http://www.dfok.co.uk</a>
<b>Wed 14/03/18</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>TVOC Oxford Street-O Series <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a></b>
Sat 17/03/18	N	LEI Midlands Championships Weekend Middle Distance Event(UKOL), Irchester Country Park <a href="http://www.leioc.org.uk">http://www.leioc.org.uk</a>
Sun 18/03/18	M	LEI Midlands Championships (UKOL), Belvoir Castle and Estate <a href="http://www.leioc.org.uk">http://www.leioc.org.uk</a>
Sat 24/03/18	R	JOK Chasing Sprint, Delamere Forest <a href="http://www.jok.org.uk/">http://www.jok.org.uk/</a>
Sat 24/03/18	R	SOC 50th Anniversary Event <a href="http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk">http://southampton-orienteers.org.uk</a>
Sun 25/03/18	N	SOS EA Championship, ESSOL & SOS Colour coded, Writtle, Writtle <a href="http://stragglers.info">http://stragglers.info</a>
Sun 25/03/18	R	SO District Event, Arundel Estate <a href="http://www.southdowns-orienteers.org.uk">http://www.southdowns-orienteers.org.uk</a>
Fri 30/03/18	M	Jan Kjellstrom Orienteering Festival - Sprint (UKOL), MOD Stafford
Sat 31/03/18	M	Jan Kjellstrom Orienteering Festival Individual 1 (UKOL), Brereton Spurs
Sun 01/04/18	M	Jan Kjellstrom Orienteering Festival Individual 2 (UKOL), Beaudesert/Brereton Hayes
Mon 02/04/18	M	Jan Kjellstrom Orienteering Festival Relays, Beaudesert
Sun 08/04/18	R	BADO SCOL7 BADO - League Event, Butterwood <a href="http://www.bado.org.uk">http://www.bado.org.uk</a>
Sun 08/04/18	R	LOK ? event, Hampstead Heath <a href="http://www.londonorienteeing.co.uk">http://www.londonorienteeing.co.uk</a>
Sun 08/04/18	R	QO Galoppen, Dunster Deer Park <a href="http://www.quantockorienteers.co.uk">http://www.quantockorienteers.co.uk</a>
Sun 08/04/18	R	WAOC Urban event <a href="http://www.waoc.org.uk">http://www.waoc.org.uk</a>
Sat 14/04/18	R	NOR UEA Sprint event, UEA <a href="http://www.norfolkoc.co.uk">http://www.norfolkoc.co.uk</a>

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<b>Sun 15/04/18</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>TVOC Chiltern Challenge Regional Event Level B, Great Hampden and Whiteleaf <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a></b>
Sat 21/04/18	L	BKO Winter Saturday Series , TBC <a href="http://www.bko.org.uk">http://www.bko.org.uk</a>
Sun 22/04/18	M	EBOR Northern Championships (UKOL), Wass <a href="http://www.eborienteers.org.uk">http://www.eborienteers.org.uk</a>
Sun 22/04/18	R	SAX SE League & Sunday League, Eridge Park <a href="http://www.saxons-oc.org">http://www.saxons-oc.org</a>
Sat 28/04/18	I	Tio Mila 28-29 April
Sat 05/05/18	I	European Orienteering Championships 5-13 May, World Cup Round 1, Lugano
Sat 05/05/18	L	OUOC Oxford Urban Race, Blackbird Leys <a href="http://www.ouoc.org.uk">http://www.ouoc.org.uk</a>
Sun 13/05/18	N	SO 'Sunny Sussex' Weekend & SE League, Worthlodge Forest <a href="http://www.southdowns-orienteers.org.uk">http://www.southdowns-orienteers.org.uk</a>
Sat 19/05/18	M	MAROC British Orienteering Championships (UKOL), Balmoral <a href="http://www.marocscotland.org.uk">http://www.marocscotland.org.uk</a>
Sun 20/05/18	M	MAROC British Relay Championships, Torphantrick <a href="http://www.marocscotland.org.uk">http://www.marocscotland.org.uk</a>
Sun 10/06/18	N	SAX Urban Event, Canterbury <a href="http://www.saxons-oc.org">http://www.saxons-oc.org</a>
Sat 16/06/18	I	Jukola Relay 16-17 Jun
Sun 24/06/18	N	SO Harvester Relays, Tilgate Forest <a href="http://www.southdowns-orienteers.org.uk">http://www.southdowns-orienteers.org.uk</a>
Thu 28/06/18	I	European Youth Orienteering Championships 28 Jun-1 Jul
Sun 01/07/18	N	HOC Yvette Baker Trophy Final, Arrow Valley Park <a href="http://www.harlequins.org.uk">http://www.harlequins.org.uk</a>
Sat 07/07/18	I	World Masters Orienteering Championships 7-13 Jul
Sun 08/07/18	I	Junior World Orienteering Championships 8-14 July
Tue 17/07/18	I	World University Championships 17-21 July
Sun 22/07/18	I	O-Ringen 22-27 Jul (World Cup)
Sat 04/08/18	I	World Orienteering Championships 4-11 Aug/World Cup Round 2, Riga
<b>Sun 09/09/18</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>TVOC Thame Urban Event <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">http://www.tvoc.org.uk</a></b>

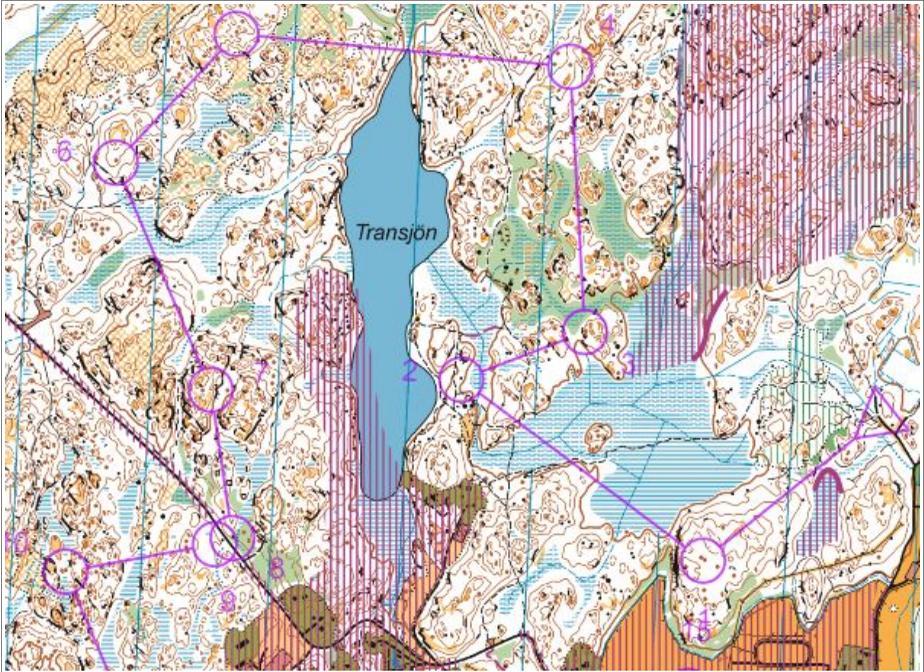
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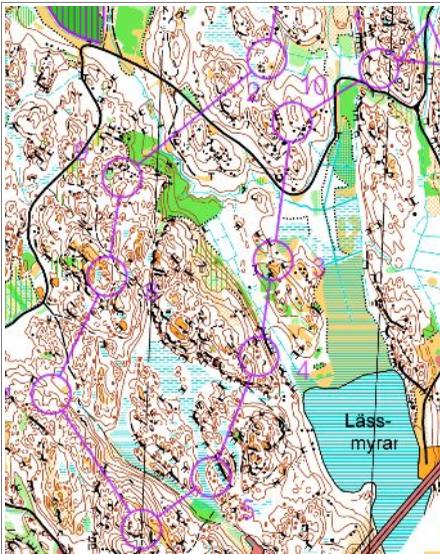
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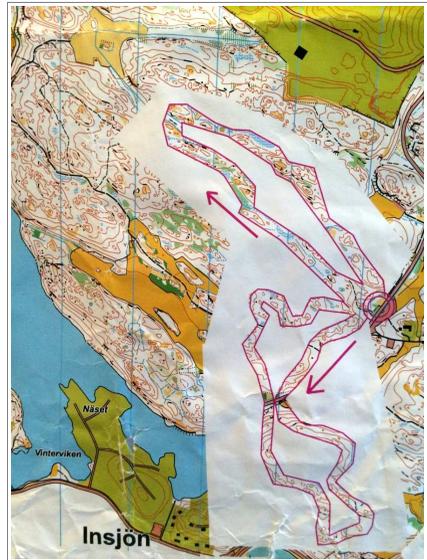
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*Extract of David Bunn's H18E long course map from Stockholm*



*Extract of Bethany's D18E middle race map*



*Corridor course near Saltjobaden*

