



# TVOC Club Minutes: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Meeting held online at 7:30pm.

**Present:** Chris Poole (Chair), John Dalton (Secretary, minutes), Martin Ricketts (Treasurer), Neville Baker (Vice-chair), Heidi Lloyd, Jon Wheatcroft, Andrew Chalmers, Bob Beresford, Pattie Beresford

**Apologies for absence:** Robin Bishop, Marie-Anne Fischer

## 1. Matters Arising from previous Club Meeting

### a) Coaching in TVOC (Chris Poole)

There is a new coaching set up being organised by Liz Yeadon is doing this through SCOA. This will include provision of training for coaches.

Note that Level 1 coaching is aimed at coaching within the safety and security of school grounds. The Level 2 course is more appropriate for TVOC club coaches. New coaches can start on the Level 2 course without doing the Level 1 course first.

The Taylors are still finalising details for the funding for coaching that they have won from SCOA.

### b) Return to Merry Bells for Club Meetings (Chris Poole)

Chris reported very little response from e-News on this matter.

It was thought that sometimes, hybrid meetings do not work too well and that future meetings should be either online, or face-to-face, and not both.

**ACTION:** Chris to re-publish the question in e-News as a separate article.

### c) Clothing (Heidi)

First batch of tops has arrived. A second order has now been placed to ensure that we have sufficient for later demand.

It is proving difficult to predict what people want in advance. The lead time is 6-weeks, too. People expect this to be easy, and for us to stock for all needs! The meeting expressed its gratitude for Heidi's efforts.

The policy for juniors was modified and the following was **AGREED**:

“Juniors who have participated in 3 colour-coded courses in the last 12 months will be eligible for a club top, which can be exchanged for a larger size when out-grown”.

#### **ACTION:**

- Heidi will publicise the new wording via e-News
- It was suggested that Heidi include an update on tops, and ask people to order clothing early in e-News and on the web site.

We have ordered the 50<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary headbands for the Shotover event, and are awaiting the invoice for them.

d) Arrangements for AGM and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7:30pm  
The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner will be held at 8pm at Thame Barns Centre, Church Road, Thame OX9 3AJ.

The AGM will be followed at 8:00pm by the Annual Dinner.

Details for the AGM are available from here: <https://tvoc.org.uk/management-of-the-club/>

Chris has been in contact with Sue Buxton. The venue is confirmed. We will not have a caterer this year. Instead, attendees to the dinner will pre-order fish and chips.



Smarts in Thame will provide the fish and chips. Once they have provided a menu, we can start to take orders via Sue Buxton.

We will bring everything else ourselves, including puddings, drinks and cutlery.

Do we need a guest speaker? One suggestion was proposed.

Two ex-members are planning to come to the Shotover event (Richard Lloyd-Hart and Graham Wheeler). We could invite others to attend. For example. Dave Bradnack.

It was proposed that TVOC pays for founder members to attend.

**ACTIONS:**

- Neville to invite Alan and Janet Rosen
- Neville is inviting other former members

**TVOC ANNUAL DINNER**

SMARTS will be providing the fare, but please bring some 'pudding options' to share, your own cutlery, drinks and glasses.

The food options are:

- Cod and chips - £6.40
- Haddock and chips - £6.40
- Scampi and chips - £6.70
- Chicken and chips - £6.10
- Veggie burger and chips - £5.70
- Mushy peas - £1.60

Please make Sue Buxton (buxtons@wycombeabbey.com) aware of your choice and confirm that you have made payment to the TVOC account;

**TVOC account details:**

Sort code: 20-01-09  
Account no: 80864404

e) Setting of TVOC Club membership fees for 2022

**ACTIONS:**

- John Dalton will coordinate the Club submission to British Orienteering.
- Martin will pay the club membership fee to British Orienteering

**ALL ACTIONS COMPLETED**

f) Stokenchurch Scouts (Heidi).

Heidi advised Stokenchurch Scouts to come to a Saturday Series event.

Heidi mentioned that they have entered the Grimms Dyke hike. They seem happy enough. **ACTION COMPLETE**

g) First Aid Courses (Chris and Marie-Anne)

Chris and Simon Kippin are half-way through their coaching course. They have one more day to complete before being re-qualified as First Aiders.

Marie-Anne is still looking for a course that she can attend.



## 2. Recent Club Successes

Club Champions

- Went out in recent e-News

	Men		Women	
Super Junior	M12- Orange	Sherlock Drew	W12- Orange	
Junior	M14- Light Green	Nathan Taylor	W14- Light Green	
Intermediate	M16-18 Blue	Joel Taylor	W16-18 Green	Carys Sharp
Senior Open	Men Brown	Simon Ross	Women Blue	Tilly Woods
Veteran	M45+ Blue	Richard Sharp	W45+ Green	Rachel Drew
Super-Vet	M60+ Green	Peter Williams	W60+ Short Green	
Ultra-Vet	M70+ Green	Merlyn Vyner	W70+ Short Green	Pattie Beresford
Hyper-Vet	M80+ Short Green	John Thompson	W80+ Short Green	

Johnathan Fairn trophy winner:

- Jenny Thompson

## 3. Past Events

a) Witney. (Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Urban event, Level C, SEOUL)

Went down well as an event. Ran very smoothly. Thanks to everyone involved.

We did have one dibber activation issue. Another learning opportunity. No complaints made on the day.

The Controller suggested we change the way the Finish was laid out. If you have a fly-by finish, you do need to ensure that everyone arrives from the one direction so that they then pass on to the safety control.

Alun Jones provided the following comments:

- The biggest issue from this event was the failure to synchronise one of the Start units. That was a major failing (and a major headache for me!)
- The dibber activation issue is largely caused by the unmonitored Check stage. It would be good to return to having the Check unit carried by someone who ensures everyone Checks, rather than being on a stake unsupervised.
- There has been no planners guide, and to my knowledge never has been. So we can keep on repeating the same mistakes. After Witney I went away and wrote it. Nev should give a copy to each planner appointed (and same with organiser's Checklist).

## 4. Future Events: see <http://tinyurl.com/TVOC-plans>

**NOTE:** The meeting should now be reviewing newly appointed Planners and Controllers for Level C events. (Level B events are reviewed by SCOA).

**SEE APPENDIX FOR FULL DETAILS OF ALL EVENTS CURRENTLY PLANNED**



## 5. Saturday Series (Neville Baker)

A programme of dates has been prepared by Neville. These are dates that don't clash with other TVOC events or major events.

The following dates are provisionally proposed for Saturday Series events. Updates since last meeting in red:

2021

- 27NOV21. Penn Woods. Confirmed.

2022

- 15JAN22. Christmas Common? But this is a shooting estate so might not be possible.
- 19MAR22
- 14MAY22
- 25JUN22
- 09JUL22
- 20AUG22
- 15OCT22. Coombe Hill. Confirmed. Andrew Chalmers. Got permission.
- 19NOV22. Chesham Bois?

**ACTION:** Neville Baker to continue to coordinate the series.

Saturday Series events have generally been coordinated by one person as Organiser and Planner. This can be a lot of work falling on the shoulders of one person. There should be no problem in having multiple people involved if this is preferred. The effort is sometimes not short of a Level C event.

## 6. Summer Series 2022 (Chris Poole)

Chris does have proposed dates 24MAY22-12JUL22. Proposed weekly. Format flexible. Will use controls. Plans to ask for help in January for Organiser/Planners. All low key, for TVOC.

## 7. Oxford Street Series (OSS) (Robin Bishop)

An event coordinated by Nev was planned for October, but injury forced its cancellation. Next events likely to be in 2022.

## 8. Other Mapping Topics

a) Feedback from recent Mappers Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> August (Bob Beresford)

The following were notes provided by Bob:

Decisions/Actions that are ongoing:

1. Mapping programme should be driven by fixtures
  - a. Nettlebed – Martin has the LiDAR data for map update
  - b. Kingswood – Robin to remap with new LiDAR
  - c. Deangarden – Julian to remap with new LiDAR (he now has the data)
  - d. Coombe Hill – Andrew -investigating permissions etc – LiDAR available
  - e. Great Hampden – Bob/Mark – meeting held with Estate Manager, mapping plan agreed for CC 2022
  - f. Hambleden – John F/Mark – all data available – remap to start later in 2021
  - g. Bradenham – Bob/Mark - all data available, priority lower.
  - h. Hodgemoor – Julian – mapping complete
2. Electronic Map store – with John F – review of file names etc to be progressed
3. Safety - Mark – concern when mappers alone in forest – looking at options
4. LiDAR interpretation – Jim (with Mark) - will set up lecture on how to interpret LiDAR contours

Updates:

OCAD now set up centrally. Seems to work well, apart from for John Farren.

LiDAR data: We now have all data for all TVOC areas. Individual mappers have the data they need for the maps they are updating.



A LiDAR interpretation meeting with Jim is planned. A location and date still to be confirmed.

b) Oxford City map

Bob and Pattie are mapping in support of OUOC.

This is underway for their race on 12<sup>th</sup> February. Neville is Controller. Significant enhancements have been made to the map to enable good planning. Map was about 6 years old. Are a lot of new buildings, including a shopping centre. Bob and Pattie looking to meet with OUOC to discuss further this week.

c) The availability of the most recent TVOC maps in a Dropbox location to be centrally available as an archive or library was suggested.

Discussed in Mapper Meeting above

d) Upgrade of OCAD to Cloud version (Martin Ricketts)

**ACTION COMPLETE**

## 9. Officers Reports

a) Chairman:

Nothing further

b) Treasurer:

2020-21 accounts drafted. A small error (£15) was found in the 2019-20 accounts. Accounts to be sent to the auditor this weekend.

c) Secretary:

Nothing further

d) Captain:

Nothing to report

## 10. SCOA Report (Jon Wheatcroft)

No meeting has taken place since the previous TVOC meeting

## 11. Situations Vacant or Becoming Vacant

Role	Previous Holder	Comments
Team Leader, Registration and Results	Alun Jones	Still no progress on finding someone to take this post on. For now, the Registration team are agreeing amongst themselves who is taking a lead for the team for each event. No change.
Team Leader, Finish	Bill Child	Is there anyone on the Finish team that could take this over?  <b>UPDATE:</b> This situation is continuing as-is for now. See below.
Team Leader, Volunteer Pool		Neville suggested a team as a "Volunteer Pool" (with a Team Leader) who will not be needed at every event. That can be deployed for Road Crossings, perhaps Finish etc. Perhaps to include the current Finish team? New members to be allocated to the "Volunteer Pool" team?  Nev believes that this is a good idea. Different events have different requirements. Having a people who can be allocated to where needed would be welcome. The Finish team could be provided from here when needed.  <b>UPDATE:</b> This situation is continuing as-is for now. See above.



## 12. Any Other Business

### a) Covid precautions at events: (Chris Poole)

The Cambridge City event tried to keep social distancing in some places, but struggled in some locations.

The Southern Nights and the Southern Navigators events seemed to have significantly fewer Covid restrictions in place than TVOC events. The New Forest event seemed to have fewer restrictions still.

Are we happy to continue to follow British Orienteering guidelines? It was **AGREED** that we should continue following British Orienteering guidelines as we have been doing, despite the practices of other clubs.

## 13. Date of next meeting:

Confirmed to be at **7:30pm** on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Location of this meeting confirmed as on-line and not at The Merry Bells, Wheatley.

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## APPENDIX 1: Future Events

Changes and additions since the previous meeting are shown in **red**.

### 2021

#### a) Shotover, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021)

**Organiser:** Gary Mills. **Planner:** Simon Ross. **Controller:** Neville Baker, **Mapper:** Martin Ricketts

We have been contacted by Richard Lloyd Hart (who is himself in contact with Graham Wheeler). They are both trying to attend this event.

Neville reported that all fine for the event. Courses planned.

#### **Map:**

Final changes being made. There has been some wind damage recently.

### 2022

Neville reported the following updated list of events being proposed for 2022:

#### b) Hodgemoor tbc. (Sunday 20FEB22, Regional, Level C)

**Organiser:** tbc. **Planner:** Julian Birkinshaw tbc. **Controller:** **Gordon Parker, SLOW**. **Mapper:** Julian Birkinshaw

**Still seeking a car park. Previous field has only been available in the summer. We are seeking other possible areas for parking. Julian Birkinshaw is asking around.**

#### **Map:**

Already complete

#### c) Chiltern Challenge 2022, Whiteleaf and Great Hampden (Sunday 24APR22, National, Level B)

**Organiser:** **Still tbc.** **Planner:** **Still tbc. but one suggestion given to Nev to pursue.** **Controller:** David Frampton, HH. **Mapper:** Mark Thomson and Bob Beresford?

**At the CC 2018 in May, busses were £800 for the coaches. The school hire was £1.50 per car. Plus £100 to use the school toilets. Tom was charged £50 to attend.**

**ACTION:** **Nev to contact Mark Thompson regarding ownership of the field at the top as a possibility for parking.**

#### **Map:**



Mark and Bob are planning to map in Dec / Jan if permission from the estate is forthcoming. Mark and Bob / Pattie have agreed who will do which part. Base map has LiDAR data. So in good shape.

d) Abingdon Urban (Sunday 11SEP22, Regional, Level C?)

**Organiser:** tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** Fiona Bunn

Nothing else happening with this event at the moment.

**Map:**

Already complete

e) Deangarden, Keep Hill and Wycombe Abbey School (Sunday 18DEC22 tbc., Regional, Level C?)

**Organiser:** Sue and Ian Buxton tbc. **Planner:** Nat Skidmore tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** Julian Birkinshaw

Nothing else happening with this event at the moment.

**Map:**

Julian Birkinshaw to remap with new Lidar data. He also has the base map

## 2023

f) Wendover. Chiltern Challenge 2023 (Sunday 26FEB23, Level B)

**Organiser:** tbc. **Planner:** tbc. **Controller:** tbc. **Mapper:** tbc

This event date and location now confirmed.

**Map:**

Jim Prowting tbc.

g) British Individual Championships, Saturday 25MAR23

It should be expected that TVOC helpers will be called on for this event.

h) Hambleden (British Relay Championships with SCOA, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023.)

**Organiser:** Neville Baker **confirmed**. **Planners:** Mark Thompson and Peter Riches **confirmed**. **Controller:** Michael Chopping, RAFO. **Mapper:** Mark Thompson/John Farren.

We have landowner permission, with a contract in place with SCOA.

John Dalton offered to do all the landowner liaison work.

**Map:**

Mark and John Farren have updated the map for 2021. We now have all the LIDAR data for the area. John and Mark will update the map using LIDAR data during 2021.