



# Outline Agenda: TVOC Club Meeting - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Recent updates in **red**

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**Present:**

**Apologies for absence:**

## 1. Matters Arising from previous Club Meeting

### a) Policy on DSQ at Level C events as a result of a failed SI unit (Alun Jones)

Alun raised the following question for decision after we had a failed SI unit at Common Wood. The station was, correctly, replaced as soon as the problem was reported. In the results, the control was treated as “Optional” rather than “Mandatory”, so no-one was disqualified by being unable to punch the failed control.

This raises the question as to how we should treat a failed control in the future.

- At level B, the rules require that competitors **must** provide evidence of having been at the control, normally by using the pin punch to punch the map. Boxes need to be provided on the map to be punched, and final details to state that this is what competitors must do at a failed control. The results team must then ask each competitor to show their punched map in order to be reinstated.
- At level D, we would just make the control optional.

What should our policy be at level C? Should we require the same approach as for level B?

### b) Club Support for Event Officials, Mappers and Helpers (Alun Jones)

Following the Common Wood event at Penn, Alun has proposed that the club confirms the arrangements in place for helpers (including event officials and mappers). The following is for discussion and confirmation:

Our events only happen through the hard work and determination of our event officials, mappers and event helpers. In recognition of this, TVOC provides the following:

- Level D: All helpers get a free run at that event
- Level C and Level B: All helpers get a free run at that event. In addition, at the Organiser and Treasurer’s discretion, food vouchers may be made available to helpers and event officials
- Organisers and Planners: Are offered a free run in any future TVOC event (within 12 months) in lieu of not running at the event they organised/planned
- Controllers (Level B and C): Are offered a free run in any future TVOC event (within 12 months) in lieu of not running at the event they controlled
- Mappers: Any mapper making a major update to a map is offered a free run in any future TVOC event (within 12 months) after their map has been used
- Reasonable expenses are reimbursed for Organisers, Planners, Controllers and Mappers for out-of-pocket expenses. This includes travel to the event (potentially multiple times), at the British Orienteering volunteer rate.

### c) Christmas event and social (Paul Eaton)

Paul Eaton previously suggested we consider an annual club night.

Paul apologised that he didn’t have the time to get anything sorted for 2025. However, Paul does have the formations of an idea for 2026 which he thinks will appeal more broadly to members, and should induce some planning interest.



d) Nominations for 2025 British Orienteering Awards

**ACTION:** Peter Riches and John Dalton to progress

e) 2025-26 AGM (Peter Riches)

We need to start thinking about a date, location and an associated event for our next AGM in the May / June 2026 period. Peter has discussed with Ben Green. This is likely to be late May/early June at Thame.

f) Structure of Entry Fees (Peter Riches, Alun Jones and John Dalton)

**ACTION CARRIED OVER:** Robin Bishop offered to do a further analysis of our entries data.

g) Development Officer:

Paul Eaton provided the following proposals to the meeting.

**Proposal 1: TVOC WhatsApp community group**

**Idea:** To create a WhatsApp TVOC Community within which other more specific groups can be created to allow for specific event/interest.

This proposal was **AGREED**

**Proposal 2: Autumn night series on golf courses (Golf-O!)**

**Idea:** To have a level D weekday evening night orienteering series in Autumn (after the clocks change) on golf clubs around the Thames Valley. Night orienteering events are put on at many golf courses around the country. Hannah and Paul want permission to contact golf clubs to investigate the possibility of having the event on their grounds.

This proposal was **AGREED**

h) Request from Compass Point to publicise support of their Compass Point Online service (Peter Riches)

Compass Point have asked if we would be happy to include mention of their web site to our members via our web site and/or through eNews. The general feeling of the meeting was that Compass Point provide a very valuable service to orienteers, and that we should support them in this way. This was **AGREED**. Peter to progress.

i) John Spence proposed to become a LIFE MEMBER of TVOC (Peter Riches)

John is a very long-standing member of TVOC. His contribution to TVOC over many decades has been very significant. Unfortunately, he has had to give up orienteering. However, he still helps organise permission at Brill.

It was proposed that John be elected as a LIFE MEMBER of TVOC, free of charge. This was **AGREED** unanimously.

**ACTION:** John Dalton to liaise with Membership Secretary, Marie-Anne Fischer

## 2. Recent Club Successes

## 3. Juniors Update (Paul Taylor)

## 4. Past Events

a) Saturday Series: Park Wood, 21FEB26

b) Saturday Series: Park Wood, 21FEB26 (with English Universities Orienteering Competition organised by OUOC)



- c) English Universities Orienteering Relay Competition at Oxford Brookes, 22FEB26 (organised by OUOC)
- d) Saturday Series: Hill End, 07MAR26

## 5. Event Diary for 2025, 2026 and into 2027:

See the TVOC web site for all events being publicised by TVOC:  
<https://tvoc.org.uk/events/>

See the following new document for a list of all TVOC events planned:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yE9dOTLr5WVte8rTLBBYlaKaPkAhkG57SiN7TguBd2s>

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

Peter started by commenting that the 2026 programme is now very largely complete. The Mapping and Event Planning group will focus on 2027 at their next meeting. Peter said that he has had some welcome offers of help for planning and organising.

See below that the events tabled for RAF Halton have now been cancelled through failure to get landowner permission.

- a) Chiltern Challenge Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 (Jon Wheacraft)  
Jon provided the following comments:

This is our premier event of the year, one of the South's named National Events. We have a remapped Christmas Common (Mark Thompson) as well as a small new area visited by the longest courses. We have only one finish, but two starts and a map exchange. There is one road crossing *en route* to/from the start of the very longest courses. Assembly/car park is very conveniently located.

Unfortunately, the car park has a maximum capacity of 180. This is sufficient for only about 300 competitors, but we are hoping for nearer 500. So the car park space we have can barely cope with half the entries we seek. We would also like to capitalise on Mark's many hours of mapping and Nev Baker's finely crafted courses.

John Dalton commented that he had been in recent conversation with Mark Thompson and Marie-Anne Fischer about expanding the Helper pool for the Saturday Series and helpers in the TVOC Teams.

**ACTION:** John Dalton to progress further with Marie-Anne,

- b) Any concerns or comments about the current TVOC Event Diary?

Please give additional feedback **DIRECTLY** to Peter Riches.

- c) Feedback from Mapping and Event Planning Group (Peter Riches)
- d) Update on status of Mapping (Bob Beresford)

## 6. Treasurer's Report (Janusz Holender)



## 7. Other Officers' Reports

a) Chairman:

b) Secretary:

John reports that he will be away at the May Club Meeting, and for an early June AGM. John presents his apologies to both meetings.

c) Captain:

d) Clothing Officer: (Rachel Banham is stepping in as Clothing Officer on an interim basis)

## 8. SCOA (Peter Riches)

## 9. Any Other Business

### **Date of next meeting:**

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Note that the meeting is open to all TVOC members.