



Outline Agenda: TVOC Club Meeting - Tuesday 21st July 2026

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Please see a full briefing note about this weekend below the main agenda below.

4. **String Courses at TVOC events (Peter Riches)**
5. **Competitor Code of Conduct (Peter Riches)**
 - See below in the main agenda for more details about this item.
6. **Recent Club Successes**
7. **Juniors Update (Paul Taylor)**
8. **Past Events**
9. **Event Diary (Peter Riches)**
10. **Treasurer's Report (Janusz Holender)**
11. **Other Officers' Reports**
12. **SCOA (Peter Riches)**
13. **Any Other Business**
 - a) Update on plugging gaps in the TVOC teams (Peter Riches)
 - b) Status of TVOC Permanent Orienteering Courses (Peter Riches)

Date of next online meeting: To be confirmed as 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th September 2026



TVOC Club Meeting: Minutes Tuesday 19th May 2026

Meeting to be held online at 7:30pm.

Present:

Apologies for absence: Alun Jones, Chris Poole, Janusz Holender

1. Matters Arising from previous Club Meeting

a) Development Officer: 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 is being progressed by Paul.

Ongoing

b) Development Officer: TVOC Officers and Team Leaders

Hannah Redrup is planning to provide more information about the TVOC officers and team leaders (including photographs), either through the WhatsApp Group, or eNews. This should help to ensure that all club members recognise TVOC's officers and team leaders.

Ongoing

c) Controller Course (Peter Riches)

Peter believes another Controllers Course would be helpful.

ACTION: Peter will discuss with Katy Stubbs.

Ongoing

d) Organiser Course (Peter Riches)

Peter believes that an Organiser Course may help support club members to feel confident taking on the role of Organiser. This will be within club activity.

Ongoing

Peter also intends to take the responsibility for permissions from Organisers. However, he hasn't been able to find a volunteer to take such a role on. **ACTION:** Peter to progress. This will be within club activity.

Ongoing

e) Proposal - free entries for juniors for TVOC events (Alun Jones)

We want to encourage juniors to join TVOC and to come to our events. They are the future lifeblood of the sport, and we need them if we want the club to perform well at YBT and CSC matches. Juniors will also bring their parents to events, many of whom will also then contribute to the club.

Decision:

Free entries for TVOC juniors at TVOC events.

Action: Robin Bishop to look at how this is to be achieved.



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CompassSport Cup weekend (Alun Jones)

On the weekend of 16 and 17 October 2027, TVOC will be hosting two large events. The detail below is primarily for information, but there is a key question highlighted needing a decision.

Saturday 16 October – Bicester Urban

With the CSC Final on the Sunday, there are virtually no other events scheduled on this weekend. We should therefore expect a substantial turnout, maybe 500 competitors. We have therefore classified the event at a National event, to add some prestige to it.

Officials are in place – Jon Wheatcroft as Organiser, Roger Thetford as Planner and Clive Caffell (NGOC) as Controller. The map was drawn some time ago by Mike Hampton (OD) but is being reviewed and updated by Bob Beresford.

With competitors from all over the UK coming for the CompassSport Cup Final, the intention is for start times to be lunchtime to early afternoon to allow people time to travel.

Sunday 17 October – CompassSport Cup Final at Wendover Woods

This event is likely to attract some 800 competitors, or possibly more. The last (2025) CSC Final had almost exactly 1000 competitors. The 2026 Final will have 11 Cup clubs and 14 Trophy Clubs; estimated 885 competitors. The event may be a 'large colour-coded event', but it is a level A event, with timed starts, commentary, and a need that everything works properly.

Officials are in place – Alun Jones and John Dalton as Organisers, Mark Thompson as Planner and Hedley Calderbank (HH) as Controller. Rosie Walklin is updating the map.

As hosts, TVOC is guaranteed a place in the Final even if we do not qualify **provided** that we have fielded a full team in that year's qualifier.

Key question – *We are permitted to defer our place to the following year (2028 Final scheduled to be in or near Leicester) if we wish. Do we want to do so?*

TVOC is a large club. Nevertheless two large events on consecutive days will be a real strain on our resources. We need to ensure we can field event teams for the two days. My view is that it would be better to defer our place to 2028, to ensure we have sufficient manpower on the Sunday. This would also have the advantage that Roger and Nigel, who will be non-competitive at Wendover, can also run competitively. Meanwhile, I hope that we can offer our helpers the opportunity to run on the day in any case. Planner Mark is considering offering a couple of separate courses for helpers and for other non-CompassSport Cup competitors.

Worth also bearing in mind that we might want to consider engaging helpers from other clubs in exchange for a free run – for example asking OD to help at Bicester, and either CSC competitors or other nearby clubs to help at Wendover.

Note that with controls being used in Bicester until late afternoon, we will need to hire in at least some controls for Wendover.



4. String Courses at TVOC events (Peter Riches)

5. Competitor Code of Conduct (Peter Riches)

A number of clubs ask you to sign up to following a competitor code of conduct when you enter an event. Should TVOC do the same?

There are some examples we could adopt:

- The latest BOF newsletter includes a link to a [Code of Conduct](#). This is quite long and goes into a lot of other areas as well as conduct for competitors.
- The BOF newsletter also links to another document, the [Code of Ethics and Behaviour](#). It's not perfect, but it feels nearer to what we might expect people to sign up to when they compete at our events.

Should TVOC require entrants to sign up to one of these? Or should we develop our own code?

6. Recent Club Successes

7. Juniors Update (Paul Taylor)

8. Past Events

- a) Saturday Series, 11th July, Oxford Brookes
- b) Selection Race, 21st June, Wendover Woods
- c) Saturday Series, 13th June, University Parks

9. 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) Any concerns or comments about the current TVOC Event Diary?

Alun Jones provided the following input into the meeting:

- **7 Mar 27 Shotover** - needs an Organiser (OUOC to appoint) and a Controller. I am beginning to worry about this event now. Who will identify the Controller - us or OUOC? If us, can't we appoint one without the Organiser being sorted?
- **23 May 27 Hodgemoor** - needs a Planner and a Controller
- **11 Jul 27 Abingdon Urban (or Harwell Sprint)** - needs an Organiser and a Controller. And it would be good to know what the location will be!
- **20 Feb 28 Chiltern Challenge** - needs all three officials



And should the planning group start firming up plans for 2029 and sketching out 2030? Ideally we should be seeking land permission for CC2030 by now! Time doesn't stand still.

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

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

10. Treasurer's Report (Janusz Holender)

11. Other Officers' Reports

- a) Chairman:
- b) Secretary:
- c) Captain:
- d) Clothing Officer: (Rachel Banham is stepping in as Clothing Officer on an interim basis)

12. SCOA (Peter Riches)

13. Any Other Business

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Note that the meeting is open to all TVOC members.