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Deadline for copy for the next Devon Orienteer will be 5th March 2015.

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to the following new members. I hope that you will be able to find your feet and enjoy your orienteering both in Devon and the father South West.

Jake Belsten	M16	Torquay
Reuben Vasey	M14	Teignmouth
Finley Dennison	M12	Torquay
Finn Heywood	M12	Newton Abbot
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Juliet Muir	W45	Aylesbeare
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Linda Perry	W45	Ottery St Mary

Tom Perry	M10	Ottery St Mary
Ben Perry	M8	Ottery St Mary
Graham Wilding	M60	Bovey Tracey

REPORTS

COMPASS SPORT CUP FINAL

A GREAT DAY OUT.

These sorts of events are the ones you look forward to most, whether like me it is coming back from a long term injury, or whether you consistently compete at events like this. The Army training area near Aldershot created the perfect terrain for the Compass Sport Cup Final and with great organisation from the hosts, Southern Navigators Orienteering Club; it was an ideal day for orienteers of all ages.

The one thing which I found stood out about the terrain was how flat it was. On my M18- course there was only 70m climb; this was beneficial for all runners as it allowed for much shorter split times as runners were able to go much faster. Underfoot we were subject to varying terrain from sandy tracks to clear forest which only enabled people further to have quick and more straight lined route choice.

On my course I found that there was a large difference in leg length throughout the course: my first 4 or 5 were longer legs, whilst the later legs shortened meaning we all had to keep our wits about us as we entered the tank training area. Uniquely this contained “Tank Hides” which the organisers described to be square re-entrants and turned out to quite large holes in the ground!

Off-course, all attendees were treated with the appearance of O-Nosh and other food vans, while constant commentary over the tannoy kept us all updated on runners finishing and out on their course. Even the weather seemed to be fair for the event day, remaining cloudy with some sun most of the day but with the rain holding off.

Overall, it was a brilliant day, supported by great terrain and hosts and I will be looking forward to travelling with the Devon group up to Kendal next year for another successful day. Well done to everyone who took part!

James Dean

AN OLDER PERSONS VIEW

We travelled up to the Farnham area on Friday so that we could be rested for the Sunday event. Saturday we visited Portsmouth and Winchester, making the most of the lovely sunshine. We had plenty of dog walking as well as we stayed close to a large forestry commission forest called Chawton Park Woods, close to the home of Jane Austin. Birch had a wonderful time, off lead, chasing up exciting scents and popping back to make sure that the humans were still around!

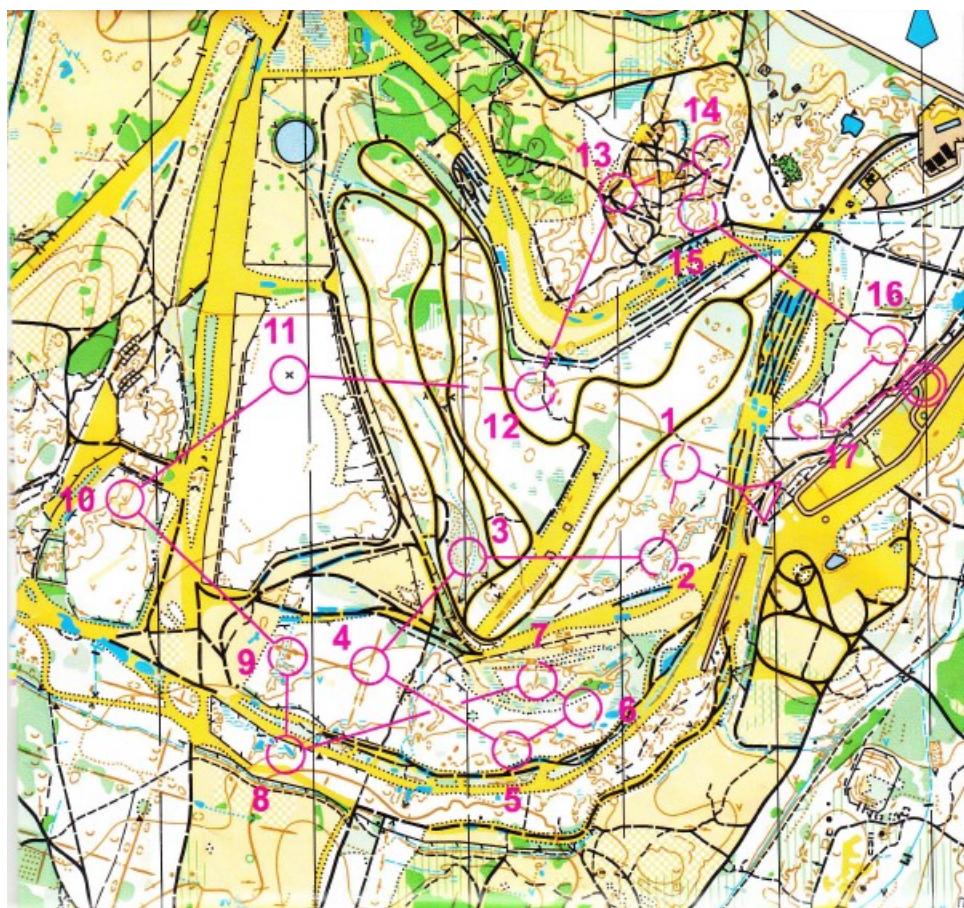
Sunday dawned fine, but cold. We had a quick walk in Chawton Park and then drove on to Aldershot and Long Valley for the Compass Sport Cup Final. The previous time Devon qualified for the final a select few seniors made the journey to the Midlands – fun but, unrewarding. This time there was a large turn out with juniors and older seniors bulking out our entry. We are short of those energetic M/W 21s to give us a full complement of competitors. Just when they reach that age, they head for a better life and prospects in the big world outside Devon. Clubs were parked together which meant that we were able to chat and greet our team mates.

Southern navigators had put a lot of thought into the event and Clive Allen and his daughter in law (the daughter of our own Carol and John Pearce) maintained a lively and informative commentary, updating the scores and keeping the spectators entertained. I ran the Vets Short Green course and made a real hash of it. I think I left my brain in the car with Birch! Some of the controls in the complex areas went well, but the

more straight forward controls I became a headless chicken and refused to believe my compass or the map. How stupid can you get! No wonder Birch has lost all her faith in me.

Although we were not near the top three places, we were not the bottom club and with our experience this year we should do much better next year. Altogether it was a great event, thank you Devon for entering us. It was good to see so many members supporting the club and Devon had some excellent results.

Susan Hateley



Short Green vets Course at Long Valley

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE MEETING ON 4TH DECEMBER 2014

Fixtures

The Dart Valley event has run into a problem as the limitation with crossing the earthbank remains. As such event to be moved to Holne Moor on the Saturday being the final day that the moor can be used before the bird nesting season starts.

The Galoppen date has yet again hit problems with potentially three Galoppens in three weeks . After discussion we agreed to move to the 8th November with starts following after the remembrance day two minutes.

The September club champs will have to be moved off Haytor because of the bracken at that time of year. Agreed that Whitchurch common would be suitable. Either heading for a hall after or putting up tents on site if allowed.

Finance

The account balance has reduced by £300 after paying for club clothing and will continue downwards with £225 for replacement laptop, £522 for Compass sport cup and Knightshayes mapping due to go out. The share of the Long O monies is due from QO but not going to be a lot.

Discussion followed on event fees chargeable for 2015. Steve P had researched other clubs on the internet and handed out a comparison. After discussion it was proposed and agreed that the adult rate be raised by £1 to £8 but the junior be pegged at £2.

Communications

As an interim measure it was agreed that in general we will distribute e-mails using BCC..

Clubmark Review

Apparently BOF are supposed to be reviewing . Alan will check re any guidance and bring to the next meeting.

Constitution

It has been proposed that the presidents and Patrons positions be merged following Nick Vaux's resignation.
Agreed.

AOB

Mapping

Tom Lillicrap advised that John Pearce will map Haldon when position established.

Plym Forest has been checked and very little is runnable East of the tramway. The other side has some better bits but still needs to check the area within the Maristowe estate

Tom advised that Erik is looking at Paradise Copse and White Down north of Ashclyst. These are separate small areas suggested by Ben Chesters.

We have the Lidar map for the rest of Fernworthy and hope to have an April finish target. Alan S advised that the car park field is agreed and planned that one day will finish in the car park.

Tom L advised that the mapping group believes that Burrator is the best bet for the 2017 Caddihoe. Steve P said it was a shame that we presumably could not run it at Caddihoe itself and this view was echoed by many.

Tom is looking at Mamhead as a possible alternative for Haldon.

Club Kit : Most of the last order has now been sold. The next order has three mesh and 3 polyester wanted. The minimum order is ten of one type. After discussion it was agreed that if we have to carry stock we should just carry the polyester as we couldn't afford to have too much tied up in stock

Tamar Triple : Roger Hargreaves is pushing an urban event possibly in Plymouth although Totnes also being considered. If Plymouth there are some issues in linking areas but could be possible..

Nick M advised that he is looking into getting a controllers course run

Steve Perrelle

BIRCH'S TAILS

At the end of last year, my people went to Aldershot for the Compass Sport Final. I was dragged along as well. We went up early and stayed in a Travelodge close to a lovely wood with lots of deer, badgers and foxes! I was rather disappointed that I could not go round the forest at Long Valley as several other non orienteering dogs were being exercised by the general public. However, I was able to see lots of my friends and meet new ones in the assembly area. To make up for leaving me in the car they took me for a walk before we went to Long Valley and again afterwards.

I enjoyed my Christmas novelty event! It was held at Parke and there were a lot of people gathered into a small area around registration. I waited patiently with Roger as we tried to keep warm in the sun and Susan collected a map for us. After a quick reminder to visit only odd or even controls to start with and then to visit the transit control before tackling the other ones the hooter went for the start. Roger kept me on a lead as mass of people rushed past us, I tried to pull Roger so he would go faster but he dug in his heels. When he let me off the lead, I hurried ahead and tried to point out where I wanted to go, but Roger insisted that we went where he wanted! We visited 8 odd controls and then headed to the transition control and then going to 4 even controls It was good to see so many friends, but Roger tried to be very strict with me and tried to

stop me greeting them properly! . I had a great time but my New Year's wish is that I could go orienteering with a much faster person.

2015 and I went to Croydon Hill in Somerset for my first orienteering of the year. I went with Roger round the light Green course. After the start he let me off the lead so I was able to show him the way, I had to wait for him at all the decision points or he would have gone the wrong way. It was a lovely forest in places and I had so much time at my disposal that I was able to explore some extra bits of the woods.

Birch Hateley

FIXTURES DEVON EVENTS

January 2015

24th Night Event Virtuous Lady, Yelverton SX504691
Entry Times: 16.30 until 18.00

February

14th Night Event Plym Woods SX524585
Entry Times: 17.30 until 18.30
14th Come and try It Plym Woods SX524585
Entry Times: 10.30 until 15.00
28th Limited Colour Coded White, Yellow, Orange and Light Green
League Event Holne Moor SX688709
Entry Times: 10.30 until 12.30

May

10th league Event Fire Beacon

June

14th League Event Haldon Hill SX885847

July

19th Devon Relays Knightshayes SS960153

KERNO EVENTS

January

25th League Event Penhale Sands, Perranporth SW769548
Entry Times: 10.30 until 13.30

31st Night League Lanhdrock

February

15th League Event Mount Edgecumbe

March

29th League Event Hustyn Wood

April

25th League Event Hardhead Down

May

19th League Event Inny Foot

QUANTOCK EVENTS

February

1st Galloppen Ramscombe, Taunton ST165377
Start Times: 10.30 until 13.00

7th After Dark Lydeard Hill

28th After dark Cothlestone Hill

March

29th League Event Crowcombe Heathfield

April

12th League Event Copley Wood and Combe Hill

Important Dates for your Diary.

Compass Sport Cup Heat. MARCH 15th 2015.

The event will be held at Fonthill, just off the A303. A full turnout of members would be appreciated to beat BOK and get us to the final again this year.

Yvette Baker Trophy Heat. MARCH 22nd 2015

This event will be held in conjunction with the Wessex galoppen at Rushmore. We need to defend the title we won last year. Please put the date in your diaries so that Devon can get to the final and win the trophy again. This time we hope that it will be presented to us on the day.

Photos taken at the Christmas Event at Parke.



Filling out the forms before entering



Comparing notes after the finish *photos by the editor*



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In the calm before the mass finish and the scrum at download
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