

# DEVON ORIENTEER

No 156

July 2013.



The Devon Yvette Baker Team at the Final on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013

*Photo by Peter Hudd (BOK)*



## CLUB OFFICIALS

Patron	Sir John Cave Bt, DL
President	Major General N. F. Vaux CB DSO

### Committee

Chairman	John Dyson	
Secretary	Nick Hockey	
Treasurer	Andy Reynolds	
Club Captain	Tessa Stone	
Development	Alan Simpson	
Committee Members	Graham Dugdale	Membership Secretary
	Kit Grierson	Juniors
	Nicholas Maxwell	Fixtures, Access & Permissions
	Bryan Smith	Publicity & New Website
	Wilf Taylor	Coaching

### Other officials

A. & P. East Devon	John Dyson
Child Welfare	Helen Taylor
Club Clothing	Vivienne Maxwell
Equipment	Alan Simpson
Mapping	Roger Green
Newsletter Editor	Susan Hateley ( <a href="mailto:susan@susanhateley.wanadoo.co.uk">susan@susanhateley.wanadoo.co.uk</a> )
SI Manager	Eleanor Taylor
SWOA Representative	John Dyson
Web Manager	Lew Bean

**Deadline for copy for the next Devon Orienteer will be 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013.**

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

What a sporting weekend we've just had. As if Andy Murray winning Wimbledon and the British Lions demolishing the Australians in Sydney wasn't enough, Devon Orienteering Club showed that they have the greatest depth of good junior orienteers in the country. Well done, boys and girls!

First, the results of the Yvette Baker Trophy :

Octavian Droobers	881
Devon OC	879
Bristol OK	870
Lakeland OC	857
Leicester OC	842
Powys OC	826
Happy Herts	819
Nottingham OC	796
S O S	788
Cleveland OK	772
Humberside & Lincolnshire O	746
Southdown Orienteers	682

Second and Third team results:

Devon OC (2)	814
OD (2)	794
Devon OC (3)	762
LOC (2)	743
LEI (2)	736

Second, the nine scoring members of our team:

Dulcie Grierson	1 <sup>st</sup> , Girls Light Green
Frankie Perren Smart	2 <sup>nd</sup> , Girls Yellow
Flurrie Grierson	2 <sup>nd</sup> , Boys Orange
Sean Rowe	2 <sup>nd</sup> , Boys Light Green
James Dean	3 <sup>rd</sup> , Boys Light Green
Emily Keenan	3 <sup>rd</sup> , Girls Green
Sam Kneath	5 <sup>th</sup> , Boys Yellow
Ben Stevens	6 <sup>th</sup> , Boys Yellow
Suki Hannan	6 <sup>th</sup> , Girls Yellow

Octavian Droobers won the trophy for the sixth time – old hands, you might say, and they were running on a relatively local area. But they were pushed very close by Devon, and the positions of our other “teams” showed that we had more strength in depth than any other club.

Congratulations and thanks to Tessa Stone and Steve Perrelle for their continuing efforts to develop juniors in East Devon and Torbay. This result, including another close match with Bristol OK, reinforces the argument that we are doing something right in the West Country.

John Dyson

## WANTED

### Your Committee Needs You!

At this year's AGM on Sept 1st, there will be a number of retirements from the Committee, some incumbents having done their permitted 3 year term.

Could you help ??

#### Wanted :

##### - Fixtures Secretary    Duties :

- register events on BOF system
- liaise with SWOA fixtures to fix events in the calendar and avoid clashes
- find people to take on club official roles
- maintain fixtures pages on club website
- circulate event documentation to club officials
- liaise with Access officer/ team to obtain permissions.

##### -Access Officer

Nicholas Maxwell has proposed a model going forward which would be to divide up access as follows :

Access team - a number of people who will have contacts with landowners and other interested bodies and arrange permission for one or two events per year.

Nicholas Maxwell can retain cover for West Devon/Plymouth.

John Dyson can continue to cover access for East Devon.

So, 1 or 2 volunteers are required to cover access for mid-Devon and Exeter areas.

It is not envisaged that the access officer would need to attend committee meetings but would brief the fixtures secretary

##### -Secretary    Duties :

- mainly minutes of meetings and forwarding correspondence

Nick Hockey                      Telephone 01363 866588

e-mail : [hockey.house@btinternet.com](mailto:hockey.house@btinternet.com)

## **CLUB KIT**

I hope you all like the new club kit. For those that did not order a top and wish they had, please send an order to me (without any money at this stage) and when we get enough interest we will put in another order. See the website for details which will shortly be updated. Final prices will be confirmed when we get nearer the order date and know the euro exchange rate.

The long sleeved version will be 5 euros more. Because Trimtex did not make this clear with our first order they did not pass the additional cost on to us. However, they will do so for future orders and this will mean that the long sleeve version will cost slightly more.

Vivienne Maxwell

## **INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS**

### **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013**

#### **– WHEAL FLORENCE 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013**

The Club Championships this year are around the Wheal Florence mining strip north of Plymouth. We will use the 1:2500 map prepared by Jim Prowting. Apologies to east Devon members for holding the Championships on the west side in two consecutive years. The reason it is here is that this is almost certainly the last time we will be able to use the area before the mining company take full control.

Since we were there for Tamar Triple 2012 the archaeologists have moved into the Wheal Florence mining strip to dig their trenches (which they fill in) so you will have to ignore the newly gravelled strips but plenty of the strip is untouched. Some controls will extend outside the strip making use of the 1:10000 Smallhanger Waste map.

Please double check nearer the time that the event will be going ahead as there is a remote possibility permission could be withdrawn. Parking will be by the roadside east of the road.

### **CADDIHOE CHASE 2014**

#### **– SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 15<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **VIRTUOUS LADY**

Our bi annual event will soon be with us and we will have the chance to test Erik Peckett's new map using LIDAR technology (radar under the trees). We hope to attract more people eager to sample the new map technology.

As this is a bigger event we will need help from many club members. If you are a helper you can stay for free in Buckland Monachorum village hall. Just email me to let me know.

Nicholas Maxwell      Organiser

## **REPORTS**

### **THE HARVESTER RELAY**

The Harvester - a major night orienteering event, was held on the 31st June at Longmoor near Aldershot. East Devon entered an all Junior Team that comprised Kit and Grey Grierson from Ottery, Joss Knight from Talaton, Jonty Eaton Hart from Payhembury and Ellie Stone from Colyton.



Jonty and Kit in their "Night Vision War Paint"

*Photo courtesy Tess Stone*



The race started at 2am in the morning and Grey led off and completed his 7.5km course in 1 hour 20mins. Joss was next and had an excellent run completing his 6km in 53 mins. Jonty was next in line and he completed his 5km in 47 mins - although he had problems finding his first control had a really good run. Ellie was next and although it was just about light, she had very thick 'dewy' fog to contend with and as a result found a couple of controls challenging - she completed her 6km in 64 mins. Last one out was Kit Grierson who had a mostly clean 8km course which he completed in a creditable 65 mins.

East Devon Juniors came 7th out of 34 competing teams but were 3rd Junior Team overall - a great achievement all round!

A special mention must go to Kit and Greys younger brother, Flurry, who stayed up all night to cheer and support each runner!

The Juniors like to wear "war paint" so Dad Peter Greison helped with that to make sure they stood out in the night!

Tess Stone      Devon Orienteering Coach

### **YVETTE BAKER TROPHY**

A group of Juniors represented Devon Orienteering Club at The National Orienteering Club Competition called The Yvette Baker Competition, last Sunday, held near Grantham in Lincolnshire.

In blistering heat, they took on 12 other Clubs in Belton Park in an area of mixed woodland and rough open land. The last time that The Devon Juniors reached the Finals was 18 months ago when they came =5th This year with strong teams competing from Bristol, the Lakes and the Midlands, Devon had strength in depth, a good team spirit and some excellent performances all round. As a result they came 2nd, with 879 points, only 2 points behind Octavian Droobers, who came 1st with 881 points (a Warwickshire based Club, who have won 6 out of the last 8 years Yvette Baker competitions). We were 9 points ahead of Bristol Orienteering Club in 3rd place, (who knocked us out a regional level last year and also went on to win the Final competition!)

The Juniors from 7 different schools have been training hard for this event and the result was an outstanding achievement for them and the Club.

Juniors involved were 11-18 years old

#### **TEAM LIST and their school:**

Sam Kneath - Torbay BGS	Dominic Walker - Kings Ottery
James Nicholson - Colyton GS	Ben Stevens - TBGS
Max Ward Weavin - Colyton GS	Frankie Perren Smart TorbayGGS
Meg Somers - Kings Ottery	Suki Hannan - Colyton GS
Chris Garrett - Torbay BGS	Noah Le Caz - Torbay BGS
Hugo Twigger - Torbay BGS	Oscar Devine Wright - Uffculme School
James Condon - Torbay BGS	Matt Birdsall - Torbay BGS
Harry Jamieson - Torbay BGS	Aimee Gegg - Colyton GS
Will Stokes - Colyton GS	Alfie Devine Wright - Uffculme School
Nikki Perree - King Ottery	Flurry Greirson - Clyst Hydon Primary
Oliver O'Brien - Torbay BGS	Dulcie Greirson - Kings Ottery
Jonty Eaton Hart - Colyton GS	Dominic Cook - Trbay BGS
James Dean - Torbay BGS	Sean Rowe - Torbay BGS
Sam Peat - Torbay BGS	Oscar Stubbs - Torbay BGS
Dominic Clarke - Torbay BGS	Emily Keenan - Sidmouth College
Ed Gow Smith - Torbay BGS	Ellie Stone - Woodroffe School Lyme Regis

Tess Stone      Club Coach and Team Captain.

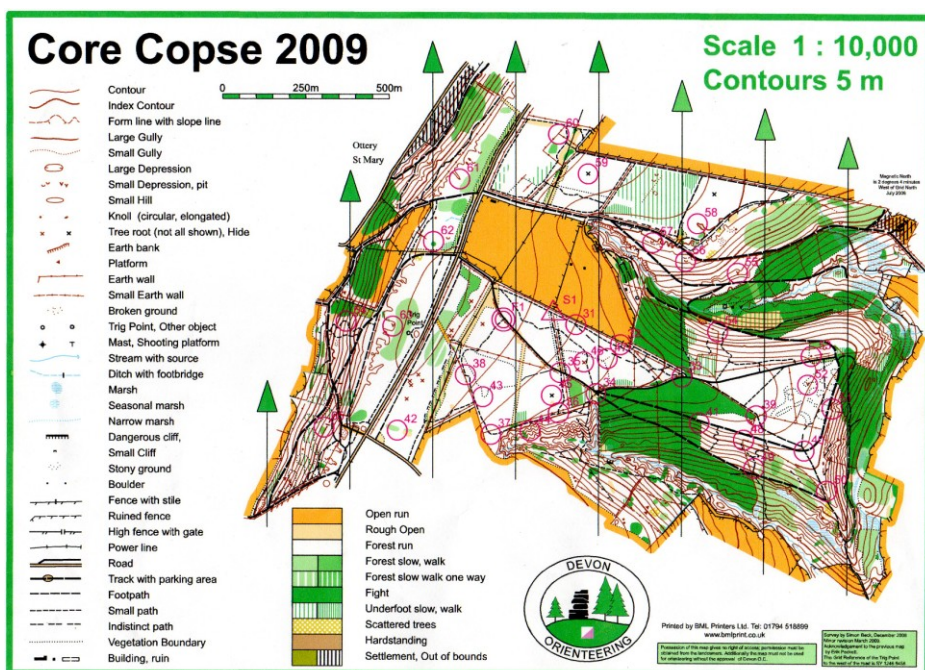


Dulsie Grierson receiving her prize for winning the Light green course at the Yvette Baker final. *Photo courtesy Tess Stone*

## DOGGY TAILS CONTINUED

At the British Championships I had a wonderful visit to the training event. We travelled up from Devon to Guildford and parked on the edge of a playing field. After registering we had a walk through a housing estate to a wood. Here I was in charge of Roger. We let Susan go in one direction and we went in the other. It was wonderful, I was allowed to wander free and as it was an unknown place I stuck reasonably close to the master. The weather was glorious and we made the most of the area. The rest of the weekend was rather a letdown as I was confined to the assembly area. Still I did meet some friends! We were staying in a self catering cottage on the edge of Leith Hill and close to Holmbury Hill which was the site of the Relays. After the events we were able to walk all over Holmbury Hill and I was able to pick up on the scent of lots of people close to the control sites. There was very little in the way of elephant tracks which surprised me.

We went to Buller's Hill where my special friend Carol was organising. Roger and I left Susan with my other special friend, Val to do registration while I went around my first green course with Roger. He let me off the lead and so while he was making his way to control 2. I took a side trip and using my nose, found a nice deer skull. It was so good that I had to show it off to Roger, but he ignored it and told me to bring it. For once I obeyed an instruction and duly carried it around for the next few controls, it started to get rather heavy and I was unable to make the most of the wonderful smells around, so reluctantly I abandoned the skull for someone else. It was a very good course and I was



able to walk along beside Roger as he jogged and still find time to make several side trips. Roger was much more precise than the mistress. We only had to look for one control, so much better than the headless chicken mode Susan seems to go into on most events!

Since then I have had a few more days sitting in the car while they went out into the forest or over Davidstow Airfield. But on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, my luck changed! We went out to Core Copse and started to put out control flags and stakes for the event I have been helping to plan! Roger and I took 10 control stakes, flags and a map. We devised a route to avoid walking too far and carrying

the heavy things for the minimum time. I had a wonderful time exploring odd areas and finding exotic things to eat. We retired relatively early and the mean humans woke me from my beauty sleep for a walk and breakfast before driving back down to Core Copse. (It was especially galling as the humans had been offered accommodation in the area!) I helped Susan put out boxes on 10 controls, then put out the start and finish controls before putting out some funny faces on the white and yellow courses. We then went back to the car and thence to the assembly field to meet all my friends. I wanted to go out and explore some more, but my people were boring and wanted a rest. Later we went to collect some of the controls; this meant that I managed to visit all the controls except one (no. 42) over the weekend. It was lovely as I was able to meet other dogs and Robin Carter as well as finding some unusual food (a tee shirt which had to go down in one as I was unable to tear it up!). I did feel that they should have put at least one more control on the white and yellow run in after their final control!



Me on the beach at Westward Ho!

I thought you would like to see the person that writes your Doggy Tails!

Birch Hateley

### **EDITORIAL**

Congratulations to the Yvette Baker competitors, you all did yourselves and the club proud. You certainly justified your journey to the final.

It is also pleasing to see the juniors from East Devon taking part in the Harvester Relay and doing so well. All the club coaches are to be congratulated on the way they have inspired the juniors to take up the challenge of orienteering and strive to do so well.

The summer has arrived and it is so good to see the sun and feel the warmth after all those wet dull months during the winter and spring. Let us hope that it will last through the months of August and September.

38 Devon members will be heading to the Moray coast to take part in the Scottish 6 Days. This event always has a holiday atmosphere with challenging orienteering and fierce competition between competitors. Moray has some lovely areas. Culbin, Lossie and Roseisle are areas of sand dunes covered in pine forests and they can provide some interesting route choices. The other areas are moraine areas, caused by the flow of ice over the region in the last ice age. I hope you all will have a safe journey up to Scotland and will enjoy the event. 2015 will see the Scottish 6 Days paired with the World Orienteering Championships, it should be quite an event!

The next Devon Orienteer will be in September. Please let me have reports of your orienteering events over the summer.

Susan Hateley

## **ADDENDUM**

Alan Simpson's Telephone number should read: 01364 654167, not as in the Devon Orienteering Membership list.

## **FIXTURES**

### **DEVON EVENTS**

July

- 21<sup>st</sup> Devon Relays at Killerton  
Teams of 4 Seniors to complete runs on 3 maps twice.  
Junior/Family relay, teams of 3 to run 3 maps once  
Organiser: Matt Atkins. Pre entries needed for maps.

September

- 1<sup>st</sup> Provisional  
Wheal Florence (Devon Championships) SX563593  
See note from Nicholas Maxwell earlier in newsletter.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Caddihoe Chase. Virtuous Lady SX684691  
SW Classic Distance Championship
- 15<sup>th</sup> Caddihoe Chase Virtuous Lady SX684691  
Chasing start with start times dependent on Day 1 time.
- Pre entries via Fabian 4 ([www.fabian4.co.uk](http://www.fabian4.co.uk)). Reduced prices for entries before 27<sup>th</sup> August.  
Organiser: Nicholas Maxwell

October

- 13<sup>th</sup> Devon Galoppen. Holne Moor near Hexworthy. SX686713  
Organiser: Eleanor Taylor.

### **KERNO EVENTS**

August

- 11<sup>th</sup> Summer Series 6 Truro School SW832445
- 18<sup>th</sup> Summer Series 7 Tremough SW769349
- 25<sup>th</sup> Summer Series 8 Lanhydrock SX 087641
- September
- 8<sup>th</sup> Summer Series 9 Holywell Dunes SW 766587

October

- 6<sup>th</sup> Forest League 1 Hayle Towans SW 581405

### **QO EVENTS**

September

- 28<sup>th</sup> QO Long O Day 1  
Quantock Forest North ST 151378  
Organiser: Mark Maynard Tel.01823 251262
- 29<sup>th</sup> QO Long O Day 2  
Dunkery and Horner Woods SS912446  
Organiser: Roger Craddock Tel 01823 375850