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Wilf Taylor, Planner of Compass Sport Cup heat, on the run in at the Scottish 6 Days 2013



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Deadline for copy for the next Devon Orienteer will be 4th May 2014.

CHAIRMAN'S THOUGHTS *WHERE WE RUN*

What a winter; or was it a very long autumn?

The national storm damage we know about and orienteering has not gone unscathed. There are lots of horizontal trees in Haldon forest and it will be at least the autumn before these are removed. This will mean finding an alternative venue for our June event which we hope will be at Woodbury Common.

I listened to the radio 4 news recently and an item on damage at National Trust properties. I was shocked when Killerton was referred to as having suffered the worst damage with a loss of 500 trees.

Orienteers like trees but preferably in the vertical alignment although the odd rootstock is acceptable.

This was the year when we finally lost Wheal Florence – it is now fenced off – and this will be more permanent than a few trees falling down when it is covered with 21st century mineral waste.

It is not all bad news as Fernworthy is remapped and good reports come back on the state of the forest. Book your place at the Tamar Triple.

Planning our courses

Elsewhere in the magazine you will read of the planning course we are running on Saturday 17th May. If you would like to learn how to plan courses for an event or if you are already planning events and you have not been on a course then make sure you book your place. We always need more people willing to plan events so please do come along.

There will also be a new controllers course in the autumn

Compass Sport cup success

We had a literally brilliant day at Hay Tor where we hosted the Compass Sport Cup match. The special ingredient was bright sunshine so much so that more people socialised outside rather than in the lounge of the Moorland Hotel. Thanks to Jill Green, Wilf Taylor and all helpers for this successful event. As a club we go through to the final so keep 8th November free for our coach trip to Long valley near Aldershot. Wilf Taylor has lots of experience of the area he can share.

Winter has now passed and we can now enjoy Spring and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Welsh JK next month. Perhaps Tess and Ellie Stone who became Welsh Champion, and second respectively, at Merthyr Mawr recently, can pass on the secrets to success. Congratulations to both.

Nicholas Maxwell

WELCOME

Welcome to all new members. I hope that you all will enjoy the sport as much as many of the other members.

John Hopkins	Sidmouth	M65
Ian Smith	Ivybridge	M55
Nick Murns	Brayshop	M45
Jane Woodfin	Iminster	W40
Harry Woodfin		M12
Jack Woodfin		M10
Alison Tottenham	Honiton	W60
Chris Jones	Plympton	M21
Oliver Godley	Maidencombe	M12
Harry Fox	Newton Abbot	M14
Obbie Fox		M12

CALLING ALL JUNIOR RUNNERS

The preliminary round of the **Yvette Baker competition** is being held in Devon on:
Sunday 4th May 2014 on Mutters Moor.

A chance to show what you are capable of against Junior runners from across the South West.
If you would like to take part please get in touch with either

Tess Stone (plum.pebble@googlemail.com) or
Steve Perrelle (steveperrelle@blueyonder.co.uk)

Last year we were national Runners up. Let's see this year if we can go one better.



The Successful DEVON Team 2013.



DEVON ORIENTEERING CLUB

Planning colour coded events course

Saturday 17th May 2014 9:30am

Killerton (north of Exeter)

The course (presenters Jill and Roger Green)

The course will look at:

- the role of the planner
- technical difficulty
- choosing control sites
- course lengths
- what should be in the various colour coded courses
- and lots of other matters that support good courses and best practice at an event

PLUS

- introduction to the use of OCAD in course planning

There will be opportunity to ask questions.

Most of the course will be classroom based but some time will be spent visiting control sites on the estate.

Who is it for?

- People with some orienteering experience who would like to plan courses.
- Anyone who has done some planning who would appreciate a structured course or the opportunity to catch up on best practice

Timings

Provisional timings are:

Start 0930

Finish 1600

Housekeeping

Coffee and tea will be provided but bring a packed lunch

National Trust members please bring your cards as this enables the Trust to claim money

Cost

Free to Devon members and nominal cost (up to £5) to other SW clubs

Booking

Please e mail Nicholas Maxwell (nmaxwell.binnlodge@btopenworld.com) or phone 01752 739040 to reserve a place. To help with organization please book by 3rd May 2014 as the room has limits on numbers.

BIRCH'S TALES

My miserable pair have hardly taken me for any orienteering events this year. They said that the weather was too bad or that I would not be an asset out in the terrain. Any one that knows me would refute that statement. I am so much better at finding my way and reading the map than either of them and I am so much quicker that I can positively win all the events that I enter if it were not for my slow coach bosses!

I was able to help Roger in January at Lanhydrock when KERNO held one of their events. We did the green course and had great fun, but I was grateful to Roger for getting me over the Ha ha into the wood at the southern part of the course and then over a couple of fences in the north eastern part of the parkland. Later

we had a night away when they went to the NWO galoppen in West Wood. I was taken to Savernake Forest before going to the event and I saw my first deer! It was very exciting! February saw them at a couple of events, I watched them put on O gear and check compasses and dibbers before travelling in the car to Haytor. I had got all excited, I would see my friends and get a chance to enjoy the orienteering, but no such luck. Roger gave me a walk on the opposite side of the road to the competition and then bundled me back into the car to sit and wait for them to compete. It was so boring. An event organised by Devon and I was not allowed to take part. I did get to go out into the terrain after Roger had finished while we waited for that real slow coach Susan to finish her run. She was last out and so slow everybody else had just about gone home!



March brought some relief! Susan insisted going to the River Dart Country Park event. The weather forecast suggested that the rain would hold off until after we had competed. I was allowed into the area and thoroughly enjoyed myself. Roger and I did the green course. From the start I pulled him to number 1 and then along tracks into the woodland area where we left the track and made our way directly to the re-entrant for number 2. Roger thought I might have some difficulty getting over the fence into and out of the field, so we went round and climbed up to number 3, around the outside of the field to the path and then through the woods to the platform at number 4. Back out onto the track and down to number 5, through the gate and a

long up hill to the recently felled open area on the spur for the boulder (6). We took a compass bearing to 7 and then a track run towards number 8 before going back to the gate (9) to get back into the other part of the wood. We took the path up the hill towards number 10 which we dropped down to before going back around the field and climbing up to 11. I then had a good gallop towards the parkland and controls 12 and 13 before dragging Roger to the finish. It was a really good course and I enjoyed it. The planner had even given me a food break near control 3 as there was a pile of food for the deer and a piece of cloth that I enjoyed eating.

Birch Hateley

SUMMARY OF DEVON ORIENTEERING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT CHUDLEIGH TOWN HALL ON 26TH FEBRUARY 2014

Compass sport cup

Agreed it was an excellent day. Only negative comment was that in places the vegetation was at odds with the map.. Thanks to all who helped with organisation. Now just the finals to go to.

Fixtures

The proposed fixtures were agreed. Could be problems with Haldon in June due to storm damage which is being assessed by the planner

Finance

i) Andy R had provided up to date figures and needed to add nothing to them. Steve P proposed that Alan S should go ahead to purchase replacement printer and approval was given to do so.

ii) After discussion a £50 donation will be forwarded to Devon Air Ambulance as an acknowledgement for their help at the CSC.

Courses

The planners course is set for May and the controllers course run by Graham Pring for late September. Consideration was given to possible candidates. Nick M was happy for people to complete the course first and get the relevant experience afterwards.

Training

The issue was raised of whether we as a club should have a more structured approach to training. Should we have a certain minimum number each year and how should it be organised. Agreed to have a co-ordinator with a minimum of 4 events each year run by different coaches so not too onerous on any one person. The next training event is on Saturday 12th April at Venford reservoir headed up by SP who has three other coaches lined up to help.

To get things going Steve P volunteered to be the co-ordinator for the next 12 months and would see how it goes. Would tie some in with night events and spread throughout the county.

Publicity

Bryan S reminded the committee that we had agreed that our target audience are younger adult runners and families and we were going to electronically push the May / June events with running clubs, hashing groups etc.

Bryan had produced a general flyer suitable to be passed out to the public explaining Orienteering and pushing them towards the Web site. Agreed that fitted the bill for general use. The flyer sent to running clubs and similar needed different photos more relevant to the target audience..

Permenent courses

Again to be sorted by a coordinator with individuals taking on the various courses to share the load.

The following courses had volunteers: Haldon Wilf T, Cookworthy Steve P, Parke Graham D, Central Park Nick M and volunteers being looked for to cover the others .

Where Knightshayes is concerned we will continue to support as this is an area which could be used by the club for smaller events. Alan S is happy to look after this course.

The situation seemed to be falling into place and the question of who the co-ordinator should be was carried forward to the next meeting.

Night Events

The question of night events was raised. The numbers suggest that these events are really only supported by a small core of enthusiasts and as such we are limited as to how much support could be given by the club.

It was accepted that it would be nice if night events could cover all areas of the county but agreed that the Night O people should be left to decide what they wanted to do as they were the ones actually running the events.

Steve Perrell

DEVON EVENTS

May
4th Devon League + **YVETTE BAKER HEAT** Mutters Moor

24th **TAMAR TRIPLE Day 1** Fernworthy

June
8th Devon League (Venue to be confirmed)

July
20th Devon Relays Hound Tor

KERNO

March
23rd Forest League Polly Joke SW780594

30th Forest League Hustyn Woods SW 984691

April
27th Forest League Davidstow SX153846

May
25th Tamar Triple **SW Middle Distance Championships**
Inny Foot

25th Tamar Triple Urban Event Tavistock
26th Tamar Triple Cookworthy

June
14th Summer Series Tehidy
28th Summer Series Holywell Dunes

QO EVENTS

March
22nd QOAD Culm Davy ST102073

30th QOFL Priors Park ST219161

April
27th QOFL Blackborough ST126373

May
18th QOFL Kiingscliff Wood ST270320