

DEVON ORIENTEER

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The Devon Members at the Yvette Baker Trophy Final, Courtesy Steve Perrelle



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Deadline for copy for the next Devon Orienteer will be 27th August 2015

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

It was but a year ago, and after a few days delay, that we celebrated the junior team's win in the national Yvette Baker Trophy competition. A software glitch declared BOK winners on the day but that was later amended in DEVON's favour. At the time, I said that the team would have to return next year and win again to receive the plaudits on the day.

I am pleased to say that in 2015 on the first weekend in July they travelled to Nottingham and achieved this very result! Our second team gained a very creditable 6th place out of 15 teams which demonstrates the talents across the whole group. Congratulations to all those who competed. This was the result on the day but is built on all the training they have undertaken during the year. Thanks also to the coaches and their team of helpers for their invaluable part in this success.

The weekend before the Yvette Baker Trophy the East Devon juniors were in action at the nearby Harvester competition. They were successful in winning the Junior trophy and, in fact, they were the fastest team in the five leg B class.

The final good news with the juniors is that Flurry Grierson M14 has been selected to run for England in the Home internationals taking place in Northern Ireland this Autumn. Congratulations Flurry.

A bit of balance now from the seniors. Jamie Parkinson, M21, has been selected in this Autumn's British Orienteering development competitions. This means Jamie will be running in the Antwerp International Sprint Meeting in Belgium on the 5th & 6th September. We will miss him at Fernworthy but congratulations.

It is getting quite challenging in finding a Devon area that can be used for a long distance event in the Tamar Triple in May 2016. Planned or actual forestry work is putting Haldon, Cookworthy and probably Plym Forest out of use. A large area of woodland bought by Woodland Trust south of the River Teign east of Fingle Bridge may have longer term possibilities for orienteering but we do not know if bird nesting will restrict use for say a Spring event.

In early September (5th and 6th) we have our prestigious event in the form of the Caddihoe Chase at Fernworthy. Two days to explore the full forest with we hope many happy visitors from elsewhere in the country. Alan Simpson is the organiser and will welcome offers of help.

Many club members will soon be making the long journey north to Scotland for the world championships (as spectators) and the Scottish 6 Day as competitors. I wish everyone a good journey as we travel on those busy motorways in between and sufficient time to recover before the first event.

Nicholas Maxwell

Access officer required

I have looked after the land access for the club for about five and a half years but need to pass this on owing to a new commitment. This does not mean agreeing access for all areas as other people do some of the areas. I can also retain the access responsibility for areas where I know landowners local to me. The job involves maintaining the access records, liaising with the fixtures secretary on available areas, coordinating permissions with other access personnel and agreeing permission and access charges where not defined with the listed contacts. The job is done from home and most contact is by email with the occasional letter.

Please contact me, Nicholas Maxwell if you would like further information and could take this role on.

Club Kit

The club has a variety of sizes and styles of club orienteering tops in stock. Contact Vivienne Maxwell if you want one

AGM and Club Championships 27th September 2015 date for diary

The Club Championships will be held at Whitchurch Common (parking/assembly to south of area) on 27th September 2015 with a score type format. Starts 11am to 11.15am. Full details on website.

Following the event there will be a lunch (around 1pm) and AGM (2pm start) at the Memorial Hall in nearby Walkhampton. The hall with adjacent parking is on the left on the road to Dousland if travelling from the centre of the village.

Club committee

We are looking for new people willing to serve on the committee to deal with the day to day challenges and help shape the direction of the club. Please speak to Nicholas Maxwell, Steve Perrelle or any current committee member.

VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR

Ruth and I have taken on a new role for the club as volunteer co-ordinator. We decided that sharing this job might make it easier as we find out exactly what is involved. Orienteering as a sport is dependent on volunteers and some people in the club give a great deal of time. Over the next few months we will be compiling a list of jobs/tasks and asking everyone to identify where their strengths are and how much help they can offer. In the meantime if want to let us know where you would like to help, either send us an email or stop us for a chat at an event or just stop us and introduce yourself. Our job is going to be much easier if we can put faces to names. (See photo on the back page).

Helen Taylor



The Volunteer Co-ordinators Ruth Chesters (left) and Helen Taylor (right)

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members, we hope that you will enjoy your orienteering.

Jonathon Ingham	M35	Plymouth
Samuel Ingham	M8	Plymouth
Nicholas Slater	M50	Exeter
Maria Slater	W45	Exeter
James Slater	M12	Exeter

Returning members

John Seers	M40	Exeter
Damian Wilson	M45	Tiverton

Corrections to membership list:

Alan Simpson's email address alanjsimpson16@gmail.com

“TO TRAVEL HOPEFULLY IS A BETTER THING THAN TO ARRIVE”

Clearly Robert Louis Stevenson knew very little when he said that but, to be fair, when we headed off to the finals of the Yvette Baker in Nottingham we did so with feet firmly fixed on the ground. A lot of our “experienced runners” couldn’t be there, we had already lost to BOK in the regionals when we had our full team out and so on. Expectations were not too high but that wouldn’t stop us having a go.



The 18 runners from Torquay and 8 from East Devon met up at a Scout HQ in Nottingham and it had already been decided that in the evening we would be heading out for a carvery. A good way to build up team morale and also the calories but just what was needed. Being right alongside the University where the event was taking place we could afford to let them stay up a bit as there was no need for an early start in the morning and it was good to see all mixing well.

After a very quiet night, breakfast and a clear up we had the 1 mile journey to the event. Surprisingly the event was using a sprint map of the university but although it looked deceptively easy that didn’t prove to be the case when actually out running. We had the usual mix of results with some good runs and some having made mistakes of all sizes. What was good was that we had no idea at all of who was winning overall as no up to date results were posted. For many a top 3 position was hoped for but not much more.

Imagine our surprise when BOK were announced in 3rd place.... this changed to anticipation when LOC were in second by a single point and big smiles (to say the least) when Devon were called up to take the Trophy by a big 8 pt margin.

The journey back seemed far shorter as you can imagine.

Looking at the results it can be seen that this was very much a team effort. Our second set of nine runners were impressively placed in 6th place ahead of ten of the other finalists. From an adults point of view it should be put in writing that all our runners were a credit to the club throughout the whole weekend and in all ways they should be congratulated.

1st Devon 877 :

Oli O’Brien 1st Or, Hugo Twigger 2nd Or, Grey Grierson 2nd Gn
 Louise Naylor 2nd Yell, Tom Snow 3rd Or, Flurry Grierson 4th Lt Gn
 Jack Forrest 4th Yell, Matt Birdsall 6th Lt Gn, Harry Fox 8th Lt Gn

2nd LOC 869

3rd BOK 868

4th OD 861

5th LEI 848

6th Devon 825

Reuben Vasey 4th Or, Obbie Fox 5th Or, Will Matthews 8th Yell

Frankie Perren Smart 8th Lt Gn, James Condon 10th Lt Gn,

Harry Jamieson 11th Lt Gn Meg Somers 11th Lt Gn, Sean Rowe 13th Gn, Sam Johnson 14th.

Steve Perrelle



Getting in the mood for the Yvette Baker Trophy run!

STEPPING ASIDE

The years take their toll. I had intended to emulate the M90 at the 2004 World Masters at Asiago, Italy, who ran up the steps to the stage to collect his winner's medal. But, best laid plans and all that, it is not to be; doctor's orders.

A great deal of water has gone under the bridge since I was the founding chairman of the Club in 1979. That was the year of our JK, with the then one-day individual being at Fernworthy. You could also say that a lot of water has gone over the bridge at Fernworthy. This is the bridge across the stream on the track from near today's car park across to the farm, the ruins of which can be seen by the lake edge on the map segment in the Club News mailing. In the severe drought years before SWW brought the huge Roadford reservoir into service, the water level at Fernworthy could, very occasionally, fall well below the bridge, as in the picture.



I recall that, in the planning of a club event a long while back during one of these droughts, it was suggested that the last leg of the brown course should go from the farm along the exposed track to the car park. I thought I had better check it out and went to have a look, to find quite a crowd of locals come to view the bridge. Such a press, in fact, that Devon Highways had put up a notice to say the bridge walls were unsafe and work was being carried out on them. They were actually re-pointing the cement work!

The segment of the new map of Fernworthy in the Club News is most encouraging. It shows some good orienteering forest terrain. I was the Fernworthy mapper for JK79. A massive felling programme of the post-1919 plantings had been going on for a year or two but there were still enough of the cathedral scale trees remaining to impress the competitors. In the twenty or so years following the event the felling reduced the area to not much better than club event status. But, if you wait around long enough, the dark green becomes light green and the light green turns to white. It is good to see that the cycle of felling, planting and growing seems to have stabilised and Fernworthy is usable for the Caddihoe.

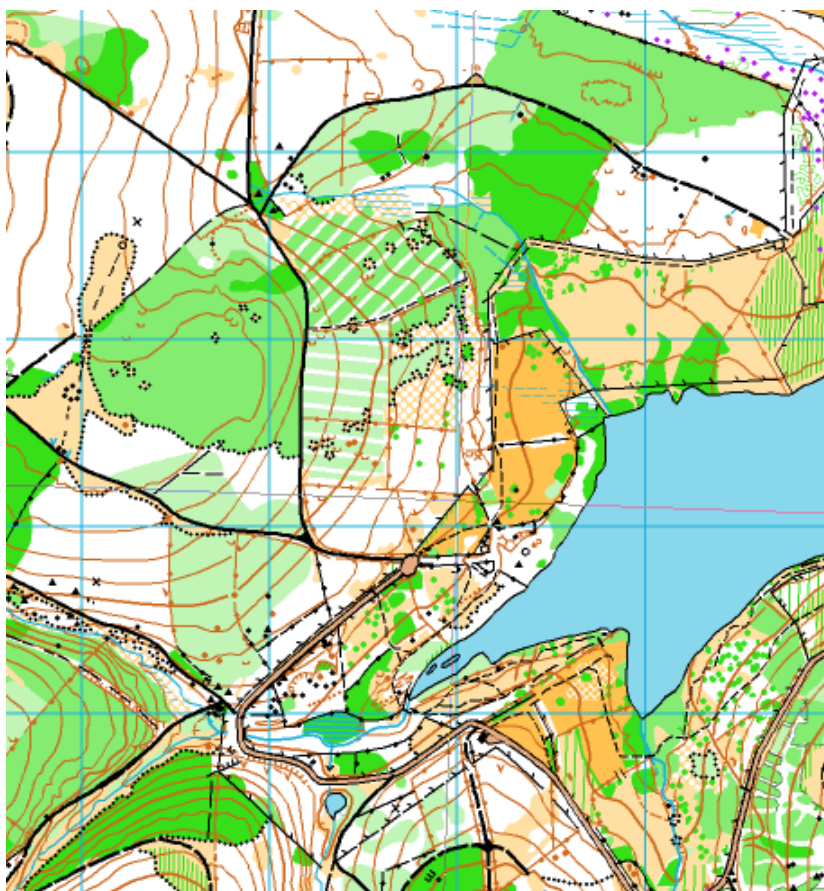
In the map segment there are changes from my original which catch my eye. There are a couple of boulders near the pond next to road round the lake that I sat on at a break in surveying and contemplated that this was the most perfect spot in the whole forest. They are now marked as brown dot knolls. This must be the result of some 40 years of coniferous leaf fall covering them up. In another patch of white, there is a single prominent boulder. In JK79 the area was not white but more complicated. Peter King, the Planner, used the boulder for an M21E control. The Controller, Peter Robson (SOC), said it was in the wrong place, some critical 15m adrift. We tried to move it but we didn't have the skills of Stonehenge Man. So we covered it with brashings and built a passable boulder from smaller stones and moss in the mapped position. No-one commented; perhaps their attention was concentrated on the control trestle with flag and punches next to it. As far as I can tell, the new map shows the original boulder, presumably brashing free, in its proper position.

With these reminiscences of very many from nearly 40 years of hugely enjoyable and rewarding experience with Devon Orienteering Club, I now have to step aside from active membership. I hope you will allow me to continue as Honorary Member and keep me on the Club News circulation so that I can keep track of how the youngsters, such as

Ruth Chesters and Mike Wimpenny, are coming on. And may they and the younger youngsters, in turn in the years to come, be able to reflect, as I do, that orienteering is one extra-special sport and Devon is one extra-special Club.

Brian Parker

DEVON ORIENTEERING CLUB
Invites
You to the Caddihoe Chase
& Southwest Championships, 2015
At Fernworthy, Dartmoor on 5th/6th September



This is our premier Level B event which takes place every other year in September. It has the unusual feature of the “Chasing Start” on the Sunday. Relative newcomers who have got used to regular club events can be rather daunted by a “big one” like this. But don’t be. Please make up your mind to get involved. Everything should be rather better than usual:-

- A newly updated map
- Courses subjected to greater scrutiny by an outside Controller
- Free String course for toddlers
- Ultrasport selling all clothing and equipment you could possibly need (but not DEVON O tops)
- A burger van

The atmosphere of runners approaching the Finish in view of spectators in a lake-side finish, particularly on Sunday when the first finisher on a course is the WINNER

On-line entry via www.fabian4.co.uk, which is not difficult, and is now open.

Unfortunately entry fees are also a bit bigger than usual.

And I do please need a good turn out from club members offering to do the usual bunch of jobs.

Puzzle:- from where was the photo taken?

Alan Simpson – Organiser – alanjsimpson16@gmail.com (correct email)

SUMMARY OF THE DEVON ORIENTEERING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 10TH JUNE 2015

Fixtures

- a. Caddihoe Chase SW lakes have agreed use of fields.
- b. Club champs in Pew Tor area. NM will check availability of a hall for lunch and AGM in area..
- c. SWOA 50th anniversary CATI event at Killerton; controller needed
- d. Plymouth Urban : Steve Edmonds is planning. Roger Hargreaves will be looking for help in finishing the map after he has completed the basics
- e. Tamar Triple. Plym woods are very questionable as the timing of felling works still not clear. Only alternatives in Devon due to bird nesting appear to be Fernworthy or Cookworthy if the 2016 planned work had not started. Cookworthy position to be checked.
- f. Haldon SP to visit and see what position is and advise TG

3 Finance

Little change since last meeting.

The fall off of senior attendees at events was noted. Although nothing major at this stage should be monitored as could point towards a longer term problem. GD wonders whether we use all our memberships skills properly as there are experienced Orienteers who are not being asked to help. Pointed out that this is part of the Volunteer Co-ordinators role.

Erik P used the opportunity to push the SWOA anniversary event in November stressing perhaps it should be called a Birthday event, landowners, schools friends and all could and should be invited and also running clubs. Would need follow up events to make this work.

4) Communication

Mailchimp : 2 mailings already with 1 ready to go. 39 signed up so far which is a bit low and will be worked on. Mailchimp to be restricted to members at the present time

Agreed that a notice board at events showing what is happening would make sense.

6) East Devon coaching

A meeting is planned with some of the existing coaches / helpers to ensure the continuity of training in the future

7) Other items

The question of whether we have enough events was raised. Could look at what Cornwall do with their summer series where smaller events are run by very small teams of helpers. Minuted to discuss in detail at next meeting..

Clubmark Renewal agreed that Alan S would head up.

Volunteer Co-ordinator

Helen Taylor has volunteered and will be asking another person to also undertake the role with her..
Child Safety Co-ordinator: 2 people need to attend course.. Helen Taylor and Steve Perrelle are willing.

Constitution

Some amendments are needed to the constitution for voting on at the AGM. Approved.

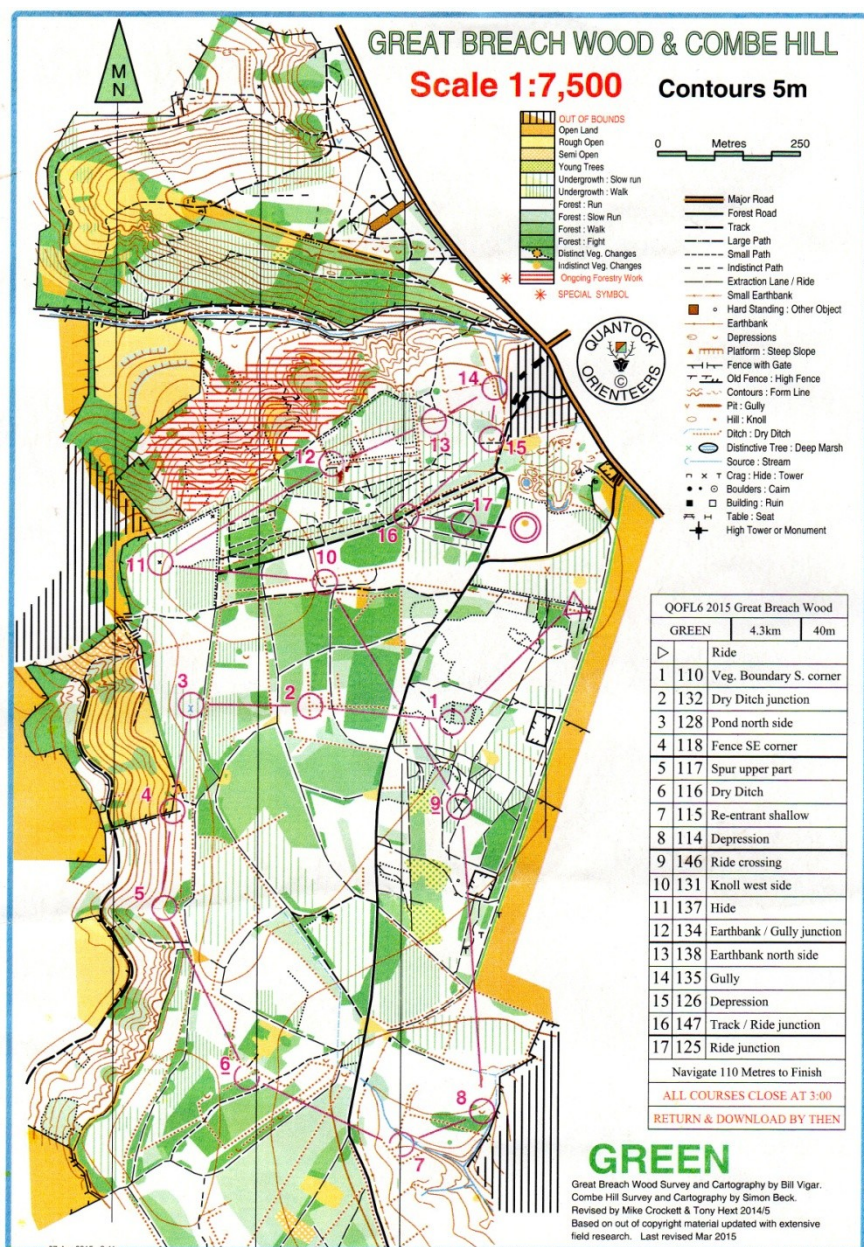
Steve Perrelle Secretary

Next Meeting September 9th 2015 at 7.30

BIRCH'S TAILS – July 2015

What a mean lot – I have not been orienteering properly since I last wrote my piece (March). Instead we have been away to a place called Stafford. At least here I was able to go onto Cannock Chase and do plenty of exploring. On the second day Susan took me to a nice visitors centre and we had a good walk to another centre on the Chase and then back in the morning. While we were walking I noticed some posts with red and white flags on them. Susan took

a long time to cotton onto the fact that there was a permanent course at the Birches Valley Centre. After a long while and lots of hints she tried to get a map, but was not successful. We went back on the third day and managed to get hold of some maps, so the morning saw us doing a light green course, it was more a long orange but there we one or two controls that needed some navigation. It took ages to do as Susan was so slow; however, it took us both into a part of the forest we had not visited before. In the afternoon Susan consolidated the yellow and orange course to make a score event for us. I thoroughly enjoyed my days in the forest and on day three we managed to visit 28 controls!



At last, a proper orienteering course. We went to the QO's event at Great Breach Wood and I persuaded Roger to take me on the green course. We hurried to the start leaving that laggard Susan to get herself organised and were lucky enough not to have to wait very long before we started. Roger tried to find a small path but ended up coming out on a track, rather than the path, he relocated quickly with my help and I was able to guide him into the control. We then made for the track and followed a path to the gully and went straight into the control on the gully junction. We headed for the ride and found the runnable forest and made our way into the 3rd control, a pond. We went back to a ride and followed it south until we came to a junction. Roger took the wrong exit, but realised what he had done

and made his way along a ditch and then into the control, we then contoured around to the spur and control 5. We made our way onto the path and followed a gully to number six. We made our way to the forest road and then followed the stream to the control. We followed the ditch across the stream and made our way around the field and onto the depression at no 8, before heading to the track junction by the field corner. Using the paths and rides we went past the pheasant pen and onto the correct ride crossing at 9. We went out onto the forest road and used the ride past no 2 to get to the knoll at 10. Back to the track and then across to 11, before heading to the most jungle bit with a narrow path through brambles that were head high for me! We found no. 12 easily in a nice clear patch, we continued to follow the path through the brambles and then headed to the bank and no. 13. From here we went downhill to the gully and stream for 14 before climbing back up to the forest road and into the depression for 15. We used tracks to nos 16 and 17 before heading to the finish. It was great to be out in the forest again and helping Roger get to the right place!

Oh dear – we are back to me being left in the car whilst my mean bosses go and enjoy themselves in the forest! At the British Championships held in the Forest of Dean, I was parked in the shade after a very nice man asked if we would like to go to the far end of the field under some trees. After a walk around the Event Village, greeting my special friends at Ultrasport and around the place where they collected their competition numbers, we retired to the car while they prepared themselves for the completion. After a long wait, Susan returned to the car and after changing and collecting her camera, we went to the Assembly area and met Roger as he was returning from his run. We left Susan in disgust as she headed to take some photos. Roger was so good, we went back to the car while he changed and then had a walk through the arboretum. When Susan returned they had lunch sitting at the tables provided by O-nosh. Next day, as they were not involved in the relays, we went for a walk in New Beechenhurst and visited some of their control sites. It was so good to get into the forest.

We had a busy two weeks; we went to Day 1 of the Triple Gloucester, after driving up on the day instead of the day before. We had a short walk around Cannop Ponds and then drove into the event centre in a disused industrial area. They went off and competed leaving me to “guard the car”. I never got to see the area as it started to rain and I do not like getting myself wet.

The following weekend we drove to Beaconsfield on the Friday. I was able to exercise them in Burnham Beeches both on the Friday and Saturday before going to Aldershot to take part in the British Sprint Championships. It was lovely to see all those in Ultrasport again – in fact I slipped my lead and rushed around to Ian and around my bosses – great fun! They were both in the B final – but they seemed to enjoy themselves. We met up with Jill and Roger Green, the only other competitors from Devon. Next day we went back to Burnham Beeches before heading past High Wycombe to the British Middle Distance Championships. I was kept under control and not even allowed to greet my friends. My folks are getting boring! I was prevented from making more than a few more friends. After the event we went to another wood – Penn Wood and I was given plenty of exercise.

At long last! A proper orienteering event to Mutters Moor and I was allowed to go out and go orienteering. I was glad that Roger took me, as he is so much better than Susan, but he is not as good as I would be if I was allowed to read the map. I have difficulty in holding the map so I can read it, a problem I will have to solve if I am to get better times. Roger took me on the green course, it was nicely planned and took us into parts I had not visited before and it avoided the worst of the gorse. It took Roger ages to find some of the controls, but that gave me more time to explore.

Birch Hateley

FIXTURES

DEVON

5th and 6th September Caddihoe Chase Fernworthy SX659839
Pre entries at Fabian 4

Organiser Alan Simpson who will need lots of help. Please volunteer, you will be able to run as well!

27th September Club Championships Whitchurch Common

Organiser Alison Reynolds.

KERNO

25 th July	Summer series	Tehidy, Redruth.	Start times 16.00 – 17.00
15 th August	Summer series	Camborne College.	Start times 16.00 – 17.00
22 nd August	Summer series	Lanhydrock.	Start times 16.00 – 17.00
13 th September	Forest league	Davidstowe	Start times 11.00 – 13.30

QO

3rd & 4th October QO Long O Quantocks

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