



# DEVON ORIENTEER

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DEVON ORIENTEERING CLUB

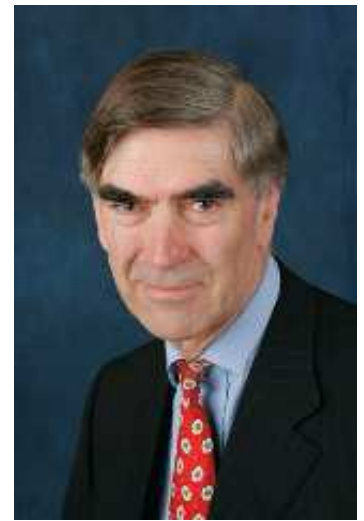
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## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

by John Dyson

In the last issue I explained the need to fill some key posts on your committee. I'm delighted to report that Tessa Stone has taken the role of Club Captain – ensuring a maximum turnout for the Compass Sport Cup round early next year, and organising our relay teams at the JK and British Championships. Not content with that, Tess is using her coaching prowess to build up schools activity in East Devon, and may well attract support from British Orienteering for her Community-O role in an unlikely part of the country.



Talking of schools, Torbay Boys Grammar School has done it again, winning both the top classes in the British Schools Score Champs held at Beaulieu recently. Well done! Steve Perrelle has brought on new talent to follow the lead of previous years, not an easy path to follow. We wish all Club Juniors well for the first round of the Yvette Baker Trophy, taking place on home ground – Holne Moor – on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

This year's Caddihoe Chase at Burrator was a creditable success in spite of foul weather, and justifiably attracted thanks from many quarters – some knowledgeable competitors had flown down from Scotland for it, as it was included in the new Masters Cup series. On behalf of the Club I wish to thank Tom Lillicrap (planner), Alan Simpson (organiser) and John Pearce (mapper) for their work before and during the event.

Another new face on your committee is Andy Reynolds, who has taken over the Treasurer's role. This has allowed Nicholas Maxwell to move across to cover the important Fixtures Secretary position, dovetailing well with his current access responsibilities. Nicholas has previous experience of this work from his time with MDOC.

I have recently been persuaded to take on the chairmanship of the regional association, SWOA. So you will now have two chairman's chats from me to browse: if you want to know what happened at the Compass Sport Cup final or the Club and Association conference in Sheffield recently, read SINS or the report on the BOF website. I shall try not to repeat myself in the two publications!

## **WELCOME TO OUR CLUB**

*There are several new members to our club this issue, but details are not included in the online issue. Website manager.*

## **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Mike Wareham 1927 -2011

Mike was a club member for many years until 1996.

The club extends its sincerest sympathy to his widow Ann who remained a club member until 2008.

## **British Schools Score Championships**

### **Lower Secondary Boys**

*(Best 6 scores to count from at least 2 year groups)*

Pos	School	Sum Score	(sum time)	Counters
1	Torquay Boys Grammar School	1290	(251:23)	6
2	Kenilworth School	1125	(257:42)	6
3	King Henry VIII Senior School	1110	(267:10)	6

out of 23 schools

The six highest scorers were:

Sean Rowe, Dominic Cook, Jake Belsten , Paris Ward , Dominic Clarke , Toby Bate

### **Upper Secondary Boys**

*(Best 6 scores to count)*

Pos	School	Sum Score	(sum time)	Counters
1	Torquay Boys Grammar School	1785	(298:32)	6
2	Nottingham High School	1720	(315:32)	6
3	Kenilworth School	1690	(294:37)	6

out of 19 schools

The six highest scorers were

Will Fordyce , Josh Owen, Oliver Reynolds , Sam Head, Chris Garrett,  
and Ed Gow Smith

In an email Tess Stone, our recently appointed Club Captain, writes:

“Steve's experience at this event shows, he had the boys very well prepared indeed for the event.

I tried to get teams from a number of schools to go but the King were the only ones to pull it out of the bag and support a team! It was the first time I had gone.”

What a splendid achievement by some of our Club's younger members. We should all congratulate them.

Tess also deserves congratulations for encouraging Colyton GS to take up orienteering.  
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## **Caddihoe Chase 2011**

**by Jamie Parkinson**

After having whet my appetite for the ‘jewel in our crown’ at the Norsworthy Bridge event in January, I was looking forward to another two days on Burrator for the Caddihoe. However huddled under a tree by the start in one of the many torrential rain showers on the first day I wasn't so sure! Thankfully a break in the weather coincided with my start time...

Right from the start the courses were tricky, and after losing time on 3 of the first 4 controls in the technical woods around Narrator Brook I realised I had to slow down or get completely lost! Once out on the open moor I was able to stretch my legs a bit, letting my compass do most of the hard work and using the walls (mercifully remapped as black so I could see them on the map!) for navigation. After finding a few pits and depressions cleanly, it was back into the forest on the Meavy side where the mistakes started to creep back in. A poor route choice through some thick undergrowth was followed by a visit to three different boulder clusters before finding the one with my control, dropping half a minute on each leg. Trying to make up for lost time I pushed hard at the end, particularly on the all important run in split where the fence posed an interesting additional challenge! Looking at the results when I came in I was more than a little surprised to see myself at the top given the many mistakes and hesitations – it seems everyone else just made bigger ones.

Going into my first ever chasing start as the first runner on my course I was more than a little wary, knowing that the other runners where quicker than me but had just made more

mistakes the previous day. After getting caught out by some fight at the first control I wasn't surprised to be caught by a faster M18 5 minutes later. Desperately trying to hang onto him across the moor he gradually pulled away and once we entered the woods I never saw him again until the prize giving! One poor route choice later and I was caught by another runner. Together we ran walked to the top of Leather Tor, before taking slightly different routes along the side of the hill where I started to fall behind once more, only to reach the control at the same time as he overshot it. The descent to the finish saw the same thing happen again, and in the end I held onto second place by three minutes. So despite being beaten by an M18 I took home the Caddihoe Chase M20 trophy to go with the SW title from the first day.

Whilst the weather never abated, it didn't seem to dampen the spirits of the volunteers and competitors on what was a great weekend of orienteering. I just wonder how Alan is going to dry all those tents!

## CADDIHOE CHAMPIONS 2011

M10	Wif Thompson	BOK
M12	Zac Hudd	BOK
M14	Mike Hallett	BOK
M16	Matthew Elkington	BOK
M18	Ben Mitchell	SBOC
M20	Jamie Parkinson	DEVON
M21	Mark Bown	BOK
M35	Geoff Ellis	RAFO
M40	Roget Thetford	TVOC
M45	Steve Hinshelwood	WAOC
M50	Mark Saunders	BOK
M55	Colin Dickson	BAOC
M60	John Britton	MDOC
M65	Jim Prowting	TVOC
M70	Tony Noott	BOK
M75	John Thompson	TVOC
M80	Richard Aman	WSX
W10	Rachel Potter	BOK
W12	Lucy Tonge	BOK
W14	Chloe Potter	BOK
W16	Lisa White	SARUM
W18	Lucy Butt	SARUM
W20	Elizabeth Reynolds	WIM
W21	Grace Crane	BOK
W35	Helen Pearce	HH
W40	Lesley Ross	OD
W45	Caroline Moran	SOC
W50	Ella Bowles	DEVON

W55	Janet Rosen	HH
W60	Liz Godfree	DVO
W65	Jill Green	DEVON
W70	Vikki Crawford	WIM
W75	Ursula Oxburgh	WAOC
W80	Anne Donnell	BOK

All club members will wish to congratulate Jamie Parkinson, Ella Bowles and Jill Green on their championship performances

### **SWOA CHAMPIONS 2011**

M10	Ben Narbett	BOK	W10	Rachel Potter	BOK
M12	Eddie Narbett	BOK	W12	Lucy Tonge	BOK
M14	Mike Hallett	BOK	W14	Chloe Potter	BOK
M16	Adam Potter	BOK	W16	Lisa White	SARUM
M18	Jack Benham	SARUM	W18	Lucy Butt	SARUM
M20	Jamie Parkinson	DEVON	W20	Elizabeth Reynolds	WIM
M35	Gavin Henderson	KERNO	W21	Grace Crane	BOK
M21	Mark Bown	BOK	W35	no competitors	
M40	Peter Ward	NGOC	W40	Jane Stagg	BOK
M45	Phil Newall	KERNO	W45	Jackie Butt	SARUM
M50	Mark Saunders	BOK	W50	Ella Bowles	DEVON
M55	Rob Parkinson	DEVON	W55	Di Tilsley	WIM
M60	Steve Beech	KERNO	W60	Sue Hands	WIM
M65	David Palmer	BOK	W65	Jill Green	DEVON
M70	Tony Noott	BOK	W70	Vikki Crawford	WIM
M75	David Parkin	BOK	W75	Barbara Warren	WIM
M80	Richard Aman	WSX	W80	Anne Donnell	BOK
M85	Denis Hamment	BOK	W85	no competitors	

As before all club members will wish to congratulate Jamie & Rob Parkinson, Ella Bowles and Jill Green on their championship performances.

### **DEVON & CORNWALL 4X4 RESPONSE**

Devon & Cornwall 4x4 Response is a group of unpaid volunteer 4x4 drivers who are willing to put their specialist vehicles and skills at the disposal of the Emergency Services, and other public bodies, for emergency logistical support. We are available to transport emergency staff or supplies and also civilians in severe weather or other contingencies.

Originally Devon and Cornwall 4x4 Response was part of the Wessex 4x4 Response Association. As the membership and local activity grew the decision was taken by the

members to form a separate group in its own right so as to better serve the community and Emergency Services within the Devon and Cornwall area.

Please see the links above for information about our most recent activities and the locations of regional monthly meetings.

## THE BIG FREEZE 2010

Request for Logistical Support from Devon and Cornwall Constabulary

**23 December 2009** 5 members to police stations, various locations

**24 December 2009** 1 member 04.30am call out

**6 January 2010** 7 members to police stations, various locations

**12 January 2010** 6 members to police stations, various locations

Request	for	Logistical	Support	from	other	Agencies
<b>Between</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>2010</b>

We had 24 members active, plus three who enrolled immediately to work in Truro area totalling 27 members.

There were over 100 callouts, resulting in multiple journeys taking nurses and carers to their patients and clients throughout Devon and Cornwall. Logistical support was provided for adult and community services within Devon and Cornwall e.g. staff to care homes. During this time we also helped patients and staff reach Barnstaple, Bideford, Derriford, Royal Cornwall and Royal Devon & Exeter Hospitals and delivered emergency medication to isolated rural addresses.

We provided assistance to South West Ambulance Service Trust.

The first calls on 5 January were to take staff to the Royal Cornwall Hospital in Truro.

Four members from Plymouth undertook the operation and three stayed overnight to work from 0600am the next day. These four members alone covered almost 900 miles between them. The active territory ranged from Penzance to Barnstaple and Bideford then across to Torbay.

There were over 20 new member enquiries, three of whom enrolled immediately to work in Truro area as previously mentioned.

One of these new members spent some time taking the Chairman of Cornwall County Council out to visit vulnerable people.

We also helped to free stranded motorists on the A38/A380 Haldon Hill, moving countless stranded vehicles and lorries including a stranded petrol tanker. Our Big Freeze activities have been covered by BBC Spotlight, ITV Westcountry News and Radio Cornwall.  
Dave Harris

Chairman Devon and Cornwall 4x4 Response

*2010 has already been a busy year for us and more details will follow soon*

# **A TRIP TO POUNDLAND**

**by Roger Green**

Not actually the discount store but Poundsbury, Dorchester. The SouthWest Sprint Championships were held here and organised by Wimborne OC. There were no complaints as the event was well organised but unfortunately it was poorly attended, only attracting about 110 competitors. Jill and I plus Erik Peckett were the only competitors from DEVON. Why was that? It was 55 miles from Exeter and 100 miles from Plymouth. There must be something about the format which makes such an event un-attractive to a lot of orienteers.

It is called a 'Sprint' event. This does not mean you have to be a Usain Bolt with a map. You can do it any way you like as in a conventional cross country event. Personally I was quite interested in going because of the venue, having heard so much about Prince Charles exercising his wealth and his views on architecture.

If you do not know, Poundsbury is a new residential development where the architecture is best and politely described as 'traditional' in that the houses are arranged not in roads with gardens back and front but they are arranged at odd angles to each other in varying shapes and styles. All the houses have no front gardens and front doors open directly on to the street. Looking at the map the gardens are completely enclosed and must be very small, so gardeners need not apply for one of these properties. This makes the area very suitable for an orienteering event. There are many lanes and alleys and many small 'prominent trees' which make suitable control sites.

But I digress. Perhaps the event should be described as 'urban' and forget the 'Sprint' bit.

The courses are very short, the winners taking anything from about 10 to 15 minutes. However they may have 20 controls to find. There has to be a lot of continuous quick thinking and it is important not to lose your place on the map. A compass is hardly ever used. One good thing about this format is that there are no brambles, brashings, mud, swamps etc. It is all jolly nice tarmac, gravel or manicured grass. It is also 'pramable'. I saw one lady pushing her toddler along in a pram at a great rate of speed.

Reading the map is difficult as ordinary purple lines do not show up very well against the grey colour used for buildings. There is nowhere to 'park' the control number against a light coloured area big enough to accommodate the number. I think further research is needed to improve the legibility of course marking on the maps used for Sprint events.

There is usually a race in the morning, sometimes called the Prologue and a Final in the afternoon.

So you spend 15 minutes running then wait for two hours whilst the results are computed and the Start times for the afternoon race are calculated. You then have another 15 minute run. You then wait for the prize giving and go home. You have spent about 4 hours at the

venue and only run for half an hour. You may have driven 50 or more miles each way to get to the venue. Is this good value for money?

The order of starting in the Final race is basically the slowest on each course in the Prologue starts first, the second slowest starts one minute later and so on until the winners in the Prologue start last of all.

The results only include the times in the Final. So what is the point of the Prologue? All it does is establish a Start List for the Final race. All one's efforts in the Prologue are discounted and worth nothing. Is it just a warm up event? Why not aggregate the scores of both events?

Whilst this type of event is very interesting, and there are some amazing venues like Oxford Universities, City of London and Venice, its format leaves a lot to be desired. Perhaps the courses should be longer but this would mean maps would have to be larger to avoid courses which were very convoluted and difficult to decipher on the map. For instance, the M65 course at the Venice race was 4.6 km long, not very convoluted and easy to read the course. But it was an A3 1:7500 map. This is not really a sprint event but such a format might be more popular.

So Sprint events are interesting and slightly different to ordinary orienteering events. They are suitable for those older competitors who find the terrain used for cross country events rather arduous.

However, running around streets is hardly the 'Great Outdoors'. Probably most orienteers prefer to be out in the countryside, moorland or fell. Running around in the Great Outdoors with a map is just a bonus.

## **Editor's Apologia**

### **"WAT AN R SIAM"**

(a dirge to be sung *bass cleff dolce* to the music of *Confutatis* in the Verdi *Requiem*)

A few weeks ago the Editor received an email from BT stating that I had not made use of them recently and wished me to confirm my existence. This grotty geriatric was fooled by the correct BT logo and responded. The next morning the chairman of Dartmouth Probus telephoned to say he had received an email stating I had been mugged in Spain and needed help. I gather that almost everyone in my email address book received the same email. One friend, Chairman of the Dartmouth Museum Trust of which I was treasurer for some years, pursued it and noticed that my address in the printout of my email in his reply to me had changed, adding significantly to his suspicions. He continued with his emails to mike.hosford and as payment arrangements were being finalised he asked 3 questions requiring me to confirm my identity. There was, of course, no reply.



Only yesterday I saw the same “BT” email in my inbox, but was only just bright enough not to be fooled again.

Anyway, I apologise to all who received the spurious email of my travails in Spain.

Although my son, Jeremy, who is a senior service engineer with Ericsson and stayed with me with his sons during their half term, does not agree with me (and he clearly knows 10<sup>6</sup> more about computers than I do) I have a strong feeling that the b—r who hacked into my computer has left something in it. My sending and receiving of emails via Outlook Express and Microsoft Outlook often fails because a different password has been inserted, and keeps on being inserted. 5 minutes after Desktop Help has confirmed my new password Outlook etc are unable to recognise my password. If absolutely necessary I will have to transfer all my files from my C drive to my much larger D drive before removing Windows XP from the computer and then reinstalling it - sometime after Christmas, perhaps!

However, I can send & receive using BT Yahoo! Mail on the internet at all times, but the filing system is very poor. First thing in the morning I can receive emails on Microsoft Outlook and on Outlook Express. Shortly after the bug takes over and I can send/receive nothing.

### **Minutes of the Devon Orienteering Club Committee Meeting Held at Chudleigh Town Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**Present : John Dyson (chairman), Nick Maxwell, Alan Simpson, Roger Green , Steve Perrelle, Wilf Taylor, Tess Stone, Nick Hockey**

**Apologies :** Graham Dugdale

The minutes of the previous meeting (23/6/11) were approved.

#### **FIXTURES SECRETARY**

#### **ACTION**

After the excellent job done by Jill Green, no replacement had yet been found. Several options were discussed including :

- Nick Maxwell would consider taking on the job  
(which fits well with Permissions Officer)  
if a replacement as Treasurer could be found.

John D. would speak to a possible candidate.

John D.

A specific email could be sent to whole club membership.

#### **MAJOR EVENTS**

##### **Caddihoe Chase 17-18/9/11 Burrator**

Entries at 8/9 were approx 350, a little down on the number hoped for.

Otherwise Alan S. reported that preparations were on target.

Alan S.

The helpers list to be firmed up.

### **Tamar Quadruple May 2012**

Alan S. & John D. to meet Mr Caldwell at Barnstaple re-Braunton Burrows on 12/9.

John D.  
& Alan S

It was noted that BAOC has copyright to original map and that the Army were supportive. (ref. Charles Bromley-Gardner)

John D.

### **Holne Moor galloper 13/11/11**

To include a round of Yvette Baker trophy.

Nick M.

Jill Green will handle YB entries.

John D. (Organiser) will prepare flier for event. Ben Chesters is Planner.

Access has been resolved with DNP, waiting formal permission letter.

### **OTHER FIXTURES**

Venue for Dec 4<sup>th</sup> event was queried. It is Princetown.

All versions of fixtures list to be checked.

Saltram New Year event Mon Jan 2nd.

Jill Green is speaking to Nat Trust about using the map (prepared by Lew Bean for NT permanent O-course).

Then, if OK, Nick M. to finalise permission.

Nick M.

Compass Sport Cup Haytor 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012.

Jill Green has explored the possibility of using

HF Holidays house car park, as the roadside car parks are not large enough for the expected numbers.

Wilf T.

### **MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION**

Graham D. had circulated a draft of proposed structured "Benefits of Membership" section for website.

Some aspects and possible additions to be further discussed.

Tess S. asked that the 'Guide for New Members' should take an easy to follow, stepwise approach.

John D. would contact Lew Bean re- development of website.

John D.

The benefits of Associate/Group membership were queried, for eg. Schools – it gives the Devon OC a contact.

The school gets a membership list, the Newsletter,

and their members can represent the Club at local events

and Yvette Baker Trophy. Believed not at British Champs or JK

– Nick H. to check with BO office.

Nick H.

Tess S. proposed that there should be a 'Family Entry' available for local events.

The meeting agreed that family groups on Yellow & Orange only, which covers potential new members, should be charged £3 per adult & £1 per child. Plus £1 dibber hire if required.

Also that a second course should be available to these competitors for a charge of £1 to cover the map cost.  
This to be communicated to event organisers  
– Nick H. to arrange with Graham D.

Nick H. /  
Graham D.

## **COACHING**

Wilf T. will be away Oct./Nov, picking up programme again in Dec.  
Steve P. is continuing with Junior coaching in South Devon.  
Tess S. has a Junior club at Colyton, and is expanding catchment and hopes to build to an event on a Sidmouth area map.  
Tess will talk to Caroline Gay of BO re- Active Devon.  
BOF Youth Leader Award for 14 yrs+ to be considered.  
Steve P. is already doing on informal basis in Torquay.

Wilf T.  
Steve P.  
Tess S.  
  
Tess S. /  
Steve P.

## **OTHER ITEMS RAISED**

AGM unfinished business :

- John D. will organise certificates for Devon League winners

John D.

Policy on e-mailings to club membership :

Care to be taken not to circulate large files.

OK for MBO events, some Adventure events,  
but should check for clashes with Devon OC events  
and look for the advantage to the Club.

Nick H.

East Devon kit – agreed to spend £320 on shed at Greens’  
new house to store this kit.

Roger G.

Mileage rate for event officials to stay at current rate of 25p/mile

## **Next Meeting**

Thurs 27/10/11 at Chudleigh Town Hall 7.30pm,  
then 8/12/2011

Nick H.

**Next issue of Devon Orienteer**

**Mid-December**

**Press deadline: Thursday 8 December**

**(with, I hope, an article on League 2 event at Princetown)**

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**Updated fixture information and results always available on our club  
website**

**[www.devonorienteering.co.uk](http://www.devonorienteering.co.uk)**

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 13 Nov	1000 1230	Devon Gallopers	Holne Moor Vennford	SX 694 703	John Dyson 01395 512416
Sat'day 19 Nov	1800 1900	Night League 1	King Tor	SX 561749	TBA
Sunday 20 Nov	1030 1300	Forest League 11	Smugglers Cove	SX 096 515	KERNO No contact published
Sunday 4 Dec	1000 1230	League 2	Hound Tor	SX 740 793	Hana Skukova 01803 403 696
Sat'day 10 Dec	1800 1900	Night League 2	Five Tors	SX 531 751	TBA
Sunday 11 Dec	1030 1300	Forest League 12	Idless	SW 820 478	KERNO No contact published
Saturday 17 Dec	1030 1300	*EXTRA* Long / short options	Royal Cornwall Showground	SW 969 723	KERNO No contact published

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Monday 2 Jan	Mass start 100	New Year Novelty	Saltram House	SX 521 555	Anthony Dew 01752 301238
Saturday 7 Jan	1030 1300	*EXTRA* Long / short options	Trelissick	SW 828 397	KERNO No contact published
Saturday 28 Jan	1800 1900	Night League 3	Smallhanger Waste	SX 563 592	Steve Edmonds 01752 406519
Sunday 19 Feb	1000 1230	Compass Sport Cup	Haytor	SX 759 767	Wilf Taylor 01626 859365

NOTE! All events will use Sport Ident (SI) electronic punching (unless advertised).

Bring your own 'dibber' or buy / hire one at the event.

Please check the club's website for any late changes before travelling.

*Orienteering takes place over terrain that is sometimes rough and may be overgrown with vegetation. Weather conditions may be adverse. Competitors take part at their own risk.*

**All Devon League events have courses suitable for novices: most have string courses.**

If you click on a blue symbol in the fixtures on the KERNO website a map appears