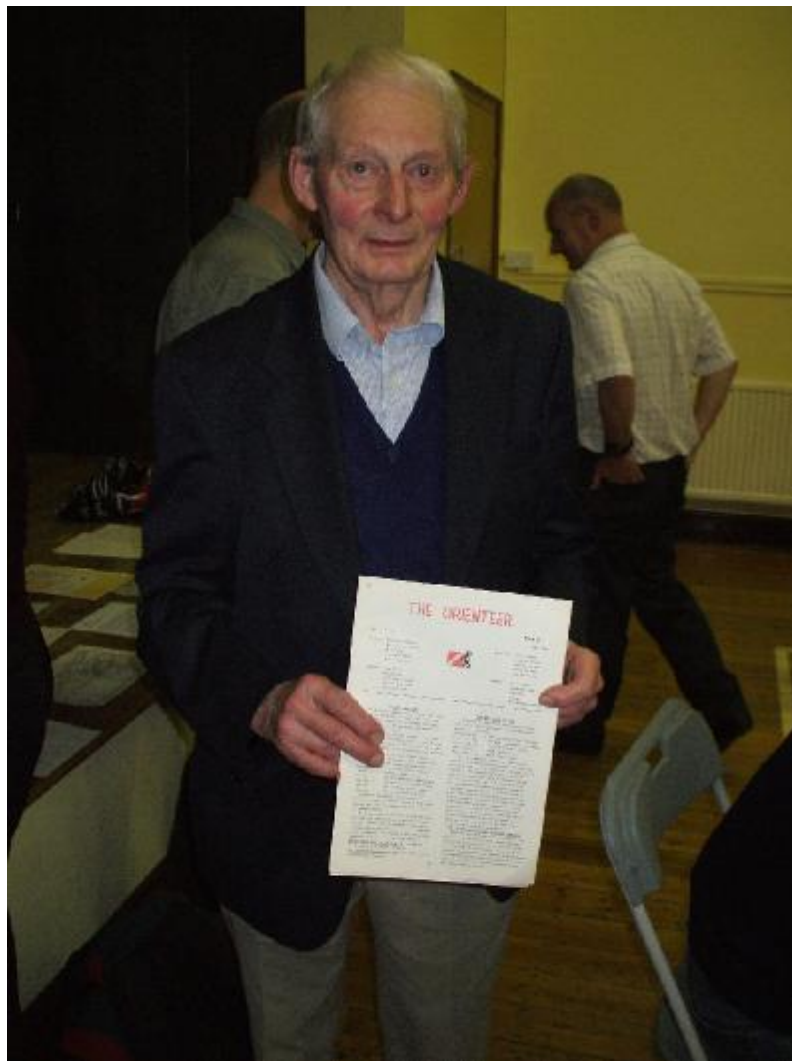


# *Berkshire Orienteers*



## *Newsletter*

*March 2008*



Darrell Cruickshank at the BKO AGM and 40th Anniversary Dinner. Darrell was a founder member of Reading Orienteering Club which later became Berkshire Orienteers.

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## **BKO E-mail Group**

Please note there is a very useful BKO members e-mail group. To join the group you have to ask to subscribe to the group by e-mail to [bko-mailing-list@bko.org.uk](mailto:bko-mailing-list@bko.org.uk)

Any message to this one address goes automatically to all current members of that group. You can leave the group by sending a message to that address that you wish to unsubscribe.

If you have changed your e-mail address or if the Club does not have your e-mail address then please send details to either Alan Springett, Membership Secretary, or to Reg Parker, BKO Secretary.

## **Coming soon (honestly): New Club Kit!**

A new design for a Berkshire Orienteers club O-top has been selected and will very soon be available for purchase. Watch out for members of your committee sporting the new look a the JK!

**Sue Wilkes is responsible for the sale of Club Kit and can be contacted on 01635-522-356 or you could contact Sue at events?**

## **Berkshire Orienteers Club AGM and 40th Anniversary Dinner**

This was held at Hurst Village Hall on the evening of Friday 29th February 2009. There was a splendid turnout of nearly 50 people who enjoyed a hearty meal before the official business of the AGM started.



BKO Chairman Eric Harper presenting "Jim's Jug" to Dana Straka winner of the W21S at the Concorde Chase.

### **Chairman's report**

After hosting 3 major events in 2006, 2007 was a relatively quiet year for the club. The 2007 Concorde Chase was held at Hawley on Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. Stefan Stasiuk planned and Alain and Rachel Wilkes organised. We used Hawley again for a District event in October with Liz Yeadon planning and Ken Ricketts organising. We decided against putting on a District event in the spring

This year's Concorde Chase was held on January 27<sup>th</sup> at Burghfield Common. Katy Stubbs planned and I organised the event. Burghfield is an area we haven't used for a few

years and we had the area remapped for the event. Unfortunately the quarrying work has expanded which makes joining Benyons up with the rest of the map quite problematical. We managed to find new parking at the north of the map and Katy planned some excellent courses that avoided going into Benyons.

The Saturday events that we put on once a month in the winter months are proving extremely popular both with the people who attend and group of people who put them on. The Summer Wednesday evening training events attract a small but committed number of people. Thanks to all those who put on these events. We do need people to volunteer to plan these.



Members examining some of the archive material brought by Darrell dating back to the start of orienteering in the area.

Orienteering is achieving a higher focus in schools these days with a large number of requests from schools to have their sites mapped and from teachers to attend courses to learn how to bring Orienteering into school. These requests are usually handled by Denise in her capacity as Regional Development Officer but there has been considerable involve-

ment from BKO club members as well. Tim Booth and Denise have mapped a significant number of schools. A couple of years ago Orienteering was a demonstration sport at the Berkshire Youth Games. This year it has been chosen as one of the main sports. This has brought an added impetus to the take up of the sport in primary schools. The final will be at Bulmershe School on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Representatives from each School Sports Partnership are being chosen at Festivals across the unitary authorities. Wokingham recently held a Festival at Cantley Park at which 12 schools comprising 144 children attended. The event was put on by Denise with help from about 8 club members. The children had a great time and there were lots of positive comments.

Last year saw the launch of 2 new Permanent Courses. A new course was set up in Langley Park near Slough. We had been approached by 'The Friends of Langley Park' who were keen to get more people coming to the Park and had money available from sponsorship. So we designed the course using a map provided by Andrew Chalmers of TVOC and 'The Friends' installed the posts themselves. They held a opening event in the summer and we have since used the area at our Saturday event in December.

As part of our ongoing links with Bracknell Forest Council we launched a new Permanent Course at Pope's Meadow in September.

Looking forward; in April we are holding a District event at Swinley East. This is being planned by Keith McCarthy and organised by Brian Burt, and in October we will holding a District event at Benyons. The usual Saturday and Summer events will carry on as planned.

The major event of the year is undoubtedly the British Schools Championships at Hawley in November. Tim Booth and Liz Yeadon are planning and Richard Baldwin is organising. Next January we are hosting the Concorde Chase at Yateley and Minley.

### **Finances / Equipment**

The club's finances are in a very healthy state. We now have 80 EMIT controls and have bought 60 new kites and have upgraded our copy of OCAD to OCAD 9. The club will shortly be introducing new 'O' Tops.

### **Maps**

We currently have up to date maps of Cold Ash and Hawley and Burghfield.

In 2010 we plan to use Upper Star Posts for the Concorde Chase so will be getting that remapped next year. The Concorde chase at Yateley will use the map produced for this year's Compass Sport Cup match run by BAOB

We use Swinley quite extensively for both Saturday and Summer events. Swinley East is being remapped at the moment and will be used for the District event in April.

### **Club Mark**

The Club obtained Club Mark in March last year. The award was presented at the British Championships in May. Thanks to Denise for coordinating all the work and all the people

who went on the courses.

**Thanks to:**

All the committee members and the officials who put on the events this year and to all the helpers who willingly give up their time to help. It was good to see new people coming forward to plan and organise events. Liz, having got a taste for planning at one of the Army's Wednesday events planned the District event at Hawley. It was also Ken Rickett's first time as an organiser. Both the planner, Keith McCarthy, and organiser, Brian Burt, for this April's event at Swinley are also first timers.

Thanks also to:

- I Lynne Moore for doing the entries for the Concorde Chase.
- I Andrew Graham for producing the newsletter. Andrew took over during the year from Alan Yeadon who had done an excellent job for many years.
- I Reg and Anne Parker and Di and Glenn Wass for their work in coordinating and organising all the Saturday events
- I Neil Frankum for coordinating the relay entries
- I Liz Yeadon for coordinating the Summer training events.

Lastly, I apologise to anyone I have left out of the report, or for any event that we held that I have omitted – in previous years I have been known to forget events that have happened.

**Eric Harper**

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Before his report, Eric gave a short history of Reading Orienteering Club and latterly Berkshire Orienteers. Hopefully we can put an expanded version of this, with copies of some of the fascinating memorabilia that Darrell Cruickshank brought along for the evening, in a future Newsletter.

After his report Eric announced the 2007 awards. The Derek Harding Award went to the Moore Family (who should have received it last year but for the award mysteriously mislaying itself) and "Jim's Jug" to Dana Straka who was present on the night to receive her award to much applause.

## **Travel & Trek**

Many orienteers like the great outdoors and if you want to experience some wonderful adventure holidays in exotic places then visit the website of former Army Orienteer Terry Crosby: <http://www.travelandtrek.com/>

## SCOA News

1. BOF Insurance: British Orienteering now provide public liability insurance instead of the previous civil liability insurance. Clubs are no longer required to collect contact details for non-members and are no longer required to charge an additional fee per non-member. Clubs must retain a list of all participants at events and in addition hold a list of volunteer helpers. This list should include adults shadowing juniors or any multiple entrants e.g. pairs running together if their names do not appear on the results list. The list must be kept for 5 years. Details are on the BO website under downloads/documents/insuranceFAQ.pdf

2. Finance: Current account £3794.48 Savings account £5841.54. £3000 was received from JK 2007.

3. Annual Coaching Conference; Lilleshall 1-3rd February 2008. Dave Rogers BKO and Colin Hicks SOC attended this course.

4. Fixtures: Seven SCOA league events have taken place with four more scheduled. Ten events planned for next season including a double weekend on the IOW. Southern Champs will be in SCOA in 2009. Perhaps TVOC will run it? BKO did it in 2006 and SOC heavily committed in 2009!

5. EU Habit Regulations: Most of the European protected species (EPS) are found in orienteering areas. It's now an offence to 'deliberately disturb animals of an EPS'. There may be increased reluctance by landowners or their agents to permit orienteering! Organisers and planners will need to be aware of which animals are found in their areas and minimise disturbance at critical times. In particular the presence and location of the following is important:- dormice, Great crested newt, smooth snake, sand lizard, otters and 16 species of bat.

6. Technical officers report: Terry Smith (SOC) attended Rules Group Meeting on 24th November 2007. New guide lines for British Sprint Champs, Middle race Champs and JK sprint guidelines are being proposed and revised and would be endorsed in mid 2008. IOF council would consider that the removal of split times in the event of a problem control. The rule to be put forward is "results must be based on a competitors ' times for the whole course; it is not permitted to publish results based on only part of the course". Revised definitions of event officials were discussed. Regions needed to encourage members to qualify for all three grades of controller.

7. BOC 2009 Progress report: **Day 1** would be at Hampton Ridge. Area has been mapped. A car parking area and finish area has been found near SU 168 142. Planners would be Tim Sands (BAOC/SOC) and Charles Bromley-Gardner (BAOC). SOC have agreed to take on Day 1 organisation with David Bonser as Organiser. **Day 2** relay event Beaulieu and Dibden. Motor museum car park would be used. Assembly area/change over area would be on a large flat field 300m from car park.

Planners would be Ian and Caroline Moran.

Event co-ordinator Jerry Newcombe with Di and Terry Smith as Organisers.

Entries - Moores from BKO; Prizes co-ordinator - Dave Watkins. Equipment - BAOB.

First Aid - SARUM to be approached. Treasurer - Mike Broderick (BADO).

Commentary - Chris Poole and Mick Lucking to be approached. Webmaster - Steve Stone (TVOC).

BKO would be probably involved with Start on Day 1 and Download on Day 2.

BADO plus BAOB prepared to do car parking. Trail-O - Dick Keighley (WIM) to be approached.

**Alan and Liz Yeadon**

## **Berkshire Orienteers events**

### Saturday Events

Here are the details for the last couple of Saturday events before the summer.

This series offers courses from White to Light Green. We use e-mit and publish results on the BKO web site. Anyone is welcome and if you know of any newcomers who might like to have a go these events are ideal.

**15 Mar:** Bloom Wood SU 861895 (Enter parking at SU 856891, down (+TVOC?) narrow lane, past the 3 Horseshoes pub)

**10 May:** Rushall Wood SU 576735

All these events are organised by Reg and Anne Parker. Registration is from 10:00 with starts from 10:30 - 11:30am.

### Summer evening runs

As last year there will be a series of training events during the summer months some shared with Southern Navigators. Most events start at 6:30pm and end around 8:00pm when controls start to be collected in. The format for each evening will be a series of loops with one of Orange standard, which gives a series of short races which we hope will present a challenge to all. Different lengths will usually be available - mainly by doing different loops. We will adjourn to the local pub- details at the event if not listed.

The programme is not yet finalised and more details will be provided in the next newsletter. Here are the dates for May:

**7 May** Star Posts SU 876662 (The Look Out)  
(Golden Retriever after - SU854660)

**14 May** Bagshot (SN) SU900617 (Note 6:30 -7:00 starts)

**21 May** Bloom Wood SU861888  
(Three Horseshoes after - SU 855891)

**28 May** Ashley Hill SU826816  
(Dewdrop Inn after - SU822814)

### Future events

**27 April** Swinley East BKO District event and SCOA League (SU904660)

**28 Sept** Benyons BKO District event and SCOA League

## Concorde Chase, Burghfield Common BKO Regional Event

BKO held their annual Regional (Badge) event at Burghfield Common on 27<sup>th</sup> January. Eric Harper (the organiser) had found a new parking field at the north end of the area which meant that I could plan courses which took competitors (especially the shortest courses) into areas they have not had the chance to run in previously.

The first decision was whether to use Benyon's Inclosure or not. New quarrying in the middle of the map meant that any courses that went down to Benyon's would have around 1km of dead running. I test planned M21L courses both in the full area and excluding Benyon's and sent them to the controller for his view and we decided to exclude Benyon's Inclosure from the map. The M21L course would need two maps, but that was OK as the printer confirmed he could print double sided on waterproof paper. The courses were then planned to try to use the better parts of the wood, without too many road crossings. The two shortest junior courses stayed in the one area next to the parking field and the other two having only one, manned road crossing.



Burghfield does have some very wet areas and the weeks of rain before the event gave the controller (Roger Baker) and I some worries about streams. A footbridge of logs which appeared in one area was added to the map to give one crossing for the technical courses. Fortunately the final week leading up to the event stayed dry and when I checked all the streams on the Thursday before the event they seemed OK.

On the day of the event the weather was warm and sunny and nearly everyone was happy. The junior courses had to use paths and tracks and some of those were still very wet, one at least turned into an ankle deep bog, so many of the younger competitors came back rather muddy. But the competitors who took straight-line routes on the longer courses had the biggest obstacle, a small ditch (on the map) which turned out to be 3-4m wide and over head height deep in places. At least two competitors had an unexpected swim, but all seemed to take it pretty well. Needless to say, I have recommended the map be amended for future events.

Thanks to everyone who helped me, especially Dave who hung more than 50% of the controls as well as those who checked controls before the start or collected controls at the end. From the club's point of view the event was a success; not sure exactly how many ran but I think it was close to 800 including colour-coded and EOD.

**Katy Stubbs**

## Some Local Fixtures March - June 2008

Every effort is made to make this information as accurate and up to date as possible. However, to be on the safe side, please check that the event has not been cancelled or arrangements have not changed by looking at the appropriate website before leaving home.

<b>MARCH 2008</b>	
<b>Saturday 8th</b>	<b>NGOC C5 Local Event &amp; Mini League.</b> Moseley Green, Lydney, Glos. <b>SO666061.</b> John Coleman, 0159 452 8151. £4.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. O,g,b. Starts Regn. 11.30-12.30. Dibber Hire £1.00. <a href="http://www.ngoc.org.uk">www.ngoc.org.uk</a>
<b>Sunday 9th</b>	<b>SARUM C2 NATIONAL EVENT &amp; FCC.</b> Great Ridge, Hindon, Salisbury. <b>ST930360.</b> Organiser: John Parfitt, 01985216371 <a href="mailto:Jarum@aol.com">Jarum@aol.com</a>
<b>Saturday 15th</b>	<b>BKO Saturday Event, Bloom Wood, Nr Marlow SU861895</b>
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	<b>SOC C4 District Event &amp; SCOA League Event.</b> Millyford Bridge, New Forest. <b>SU268078.</b> Timothy Angel, 01590 623187. <a href="mailto:tim.angel@tiscali.co.uk">tim.angel@tiscali.co.uk</a> Entry limited to 400. Parking £1.00. <a href="http://www.southampton-orienteers.org.uk">www.southampton-orienteers.org.uk</a>
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	<b>CHIG C4 District Event.</b> Epping NW, Epping. <b>TQ411981</b> Paul Corney, 020 8531 9168. <a href="mailto:paulcorney@tiscali.co.uk">paulcorney@tiscali.co.uk</a> Entry limited to 400. <a href="http://www.chig.org.uk">www.chig.org.uk</a>
<b>Friday 21st – Monday 24th</b>	<b>JAN KJELLSTROM ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL</b> <b>21st - JK Weekend – C3S Sprint Race.</b> University of Surrey, Guildford. <b>TQ985502.</b> <b>22nd - JK Weekend - DAY 1 C1 INDIVIDUAL RACE.</b> Leith Hill, Dorking. <b>TQ140430</b> <b>23rd - JK Weekend - DAY 2 C1 INDIVIDUAL RACES.</b> Ashdown Forest, Crowborough. <b>TQ434323</b> <b>24th - JK Weekend - Relays.</b> Eridge Park, Tunbridge Wells. <b>TQ560360</b>  Mike Elliot (Event Coordinator), 01372 273106. <a href="mailto:mike.elliott@bigfoot.com">mike.elliott@bigfoot.com</a> Postal entries: Phil Basford, 168a Bellegrave Road, Welling, Kent, DA16 3RD. <a href="mailto:entries@jk2008.org.uk">entries@jk2008.org.uk</a> . Online entries at <a href="http://www.fabian4.co.uk">www.fabian4.co.uk</a> . Various closing dates and fees - see website: <a href="http://www.jk2008.org.uk">www.jk2008.org.uk</a>

<p><b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup></b></p>	<p><b>JK TRAIL ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008</b>  <b>22nd - JK T1 Trail O Day 1.</b> Newlands Corner, Guildford.  <b><u>TQ043494.</u></b>  <b>23rd - JK T1 Trail O Day 2.</b> Hindleap Warren, Crowborough.  <b><u>TQ415325.</u></b>                  Organiser: Anne Braggins. <a href="mailto:anne@trailo.org">anne@trailo.org</a>                  Lim EOD <a href="http://www.JK2008.org.uk">www.JK2008.org.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday 30th</b></p>	<p><b>WAOC C4 District Event.</b> Ampthill Park, Ampthill. <b><u>TL024382.</u></b>                  Ursula Oxborough, 01223-357199. <a href="mailto:uoxb00@esc.cam.ac.uk">uoxb00@esc.cam.ac.uk</a>                  £7.00/£2.00. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs allowed in car park on lead. <a href="http://www.waoc.org.uk">www.waoc.org.uk</a></p>
<p><b>APRIL 2008</b></p>	
<p><b>Sunday 6th</b></p>	<p><b>BADO Harearound C3 Regional Event.</b> Butterwood, Hook.  <b><u>SU715524.</u></b>                  Organiser: John Harrison, 0118 970 1096.  <a href="mailto:john.harrison@silchester.org">john.harrison@silchester.org</a> Entries: Tony Ludford, 12 Oakley Lane, Oakley, Basingstoke, Hants, RG23 7JZ.  <a href="mailto:tonyludford@tiscali.co.uk">tonyludford@tiscali.co.uk</a> CD: 22/03/08. Lim EOD EPS-Emit. String course. Lim CC courses - White, Yellow, Orange, Light Green No dogs. Online entries at <a href="http://www.ntrees.co.uk">www.ntrees.co.uk</a>. <a href="http://www.bado.org.uk">www.bado.org.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Saturday 12th</b></p>	<p><b>TVOC C5 Local Saturday Series Event.</b> Shotover Country Park, Oxford. <b><u>SP564062.</u></b>                  John Thompson, 01235 529308. <a href="mailto:john.thompson.ab@talk21.com">john.thompson.ab@talk21.com</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday 13th</b></p>	<p><b>SARUM C4 District Event &amp; Galoppen.</b> Grovely Woods, West, Dinton. <b><u>SU315344.</u></b>                  Jan Belza, 01980 652249. <a href="mailto:janbelza@tiscali.co.uk">janbelza@tiscali.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.sarumo.org.uk">www.sarumo.org.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Saturday 19th- Sunday 20th</b></p>	<p><b>BRITISH ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>  <b>19th - BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008 - INDIVIDUAL.</b> Culbin East, Forres.  <b>20th - British Championships 2008 - Relays.</b> Culbin East, Forres.  <b><u>NH998610.</u></b>                  Co-ordinator: Jon Musgrave, 013398 84447, <a href="mailto:jon@big-jon.demon.co.uk">jon@big-jon.demon.co.uk</a> OEntries <a href="http://www.oentries.com/">www.oentries.com/</a> <a href="http://www.boc2008.co.uk/">www.boc2008.co.uk/</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday 27th</b></p>	<p><b>BKO C4 District &amp; SCOA League Event.</b> Swinley East, Bracknell.  <b><u>SU904660</u></b>                  Liz Yeadon, 01672 563840. EPS-Emit. String course. Courses: White to Brown. Courses close at 15:00. Registration 09:30 - 12:00. Starts 10:00 - 12:30. Event signed at entrance from A332.</p>

<b>MAY 2008</b>	
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>TVOC R2N Harvester 2008.</b> Neville Baker, <a href="mailto:baker@physchem.ox.ac.uk">baker@physchem.ox.ac.uk</a> , <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">www.tvoc.org.uk</a>
<b>Sunday 17th</b>	<b>JOK O3S Chasing Sprint</b> , Hambleden, Henley on Thames. Pauline Sinclair, 01965 779471 <a href="mailto:pauline.Sinclair@physics.org">pauline.Sinclair@physics.org</a> <a href="http://www.jok.org.uk">www.jok.org.uk</a>

<b>JUNE 2008</b>	
<b>Sunday 1st</b>	<b>BADO C4 District Event &amp; SCOA League.</b> Chawton Park, Alton. <b>SU670373.</b> Mike Broderick, 01256 351624. <a href="mailto:wbroderick@lineone.net">wbroderick@lineone.net</a> EPS-Emit. String course. Punching start. <a href="http://www.bado.org.uk">www.bado.org.uk</a>
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	<b>TVOC C4 District &amp; SCOA League Event.</b> nr. Wendover, Wendover. Paul Greenough, 01494 674766. <a href="mailto:paul-greenough@supanet.com">paul-greenough@supanet.com</a> Fees TBA. EPS-Emit. String course. <a href="http://www.tvoc.org.uk">www.tvoc.org.uk</a>

## Junior Squad News

The South Central Junior Squad will be holding Saturday training days as follows:

- Saturday, 9th February 2008 - Swinley East [coach: Dave Rogers]
- Saturday, 15th March 2008 - Windmill Hill [coach: Tim Booth]
- Friday, 11th to Sunday, 13th April 2008 - squad trip to Lake District for BOF training day and Hampsfell regional event
- May 2008 - Saturday training to be advised
- Early June 2008 - Saturday training to be advised
- Friday 27th to Sunday 29th June 2008, Junior Interregional Championships, Richmond and Warcop

We welcome all SCOA juniors of about Orange standard and above and aged 10 or so to 18 years to join us at the Saturday training days. We meet at 1015 hrs and finish about 1500 hrs. You need to bring your lunch, a drink, £1 to cover map and access costs, and your orienteering kit. Please contact Dave Rogers [SCJS Squad Manager, Tel: 01344 628 623, Mobile: 07799 075 236, E-mail: [rogersda@pbworld.com](mailto:rogersda@pbworld.com) ] if you want to know more or will be coming along. You can also visit the squad's website at: [www.scjs.org.uk](http://www.scjs.org.uk)

## Membership Renewal

Everyone should have received membership renewal documents from BOF before Christmas. Please don't forget to return these and so renew your membership. If you have not renewed then this will be the last edition of this newsletter that you will receive.