

Berkshire Orienteers

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BKO Kit

Have you been spotted in a BKO O-top?

These stylish tops come in both short and long sleeve versions to cater for all weathers. They are available in various sizes and cost £20 - a price subsidised by the club.

Our kit is held by **Fiona Clough**. If you are interested but want to check to see which size is best for you please e-mail Fiona on **ladybiker729@aol.com** and she will arrange to meet you at an event with different sizes for you to try. Or she can post one to you.

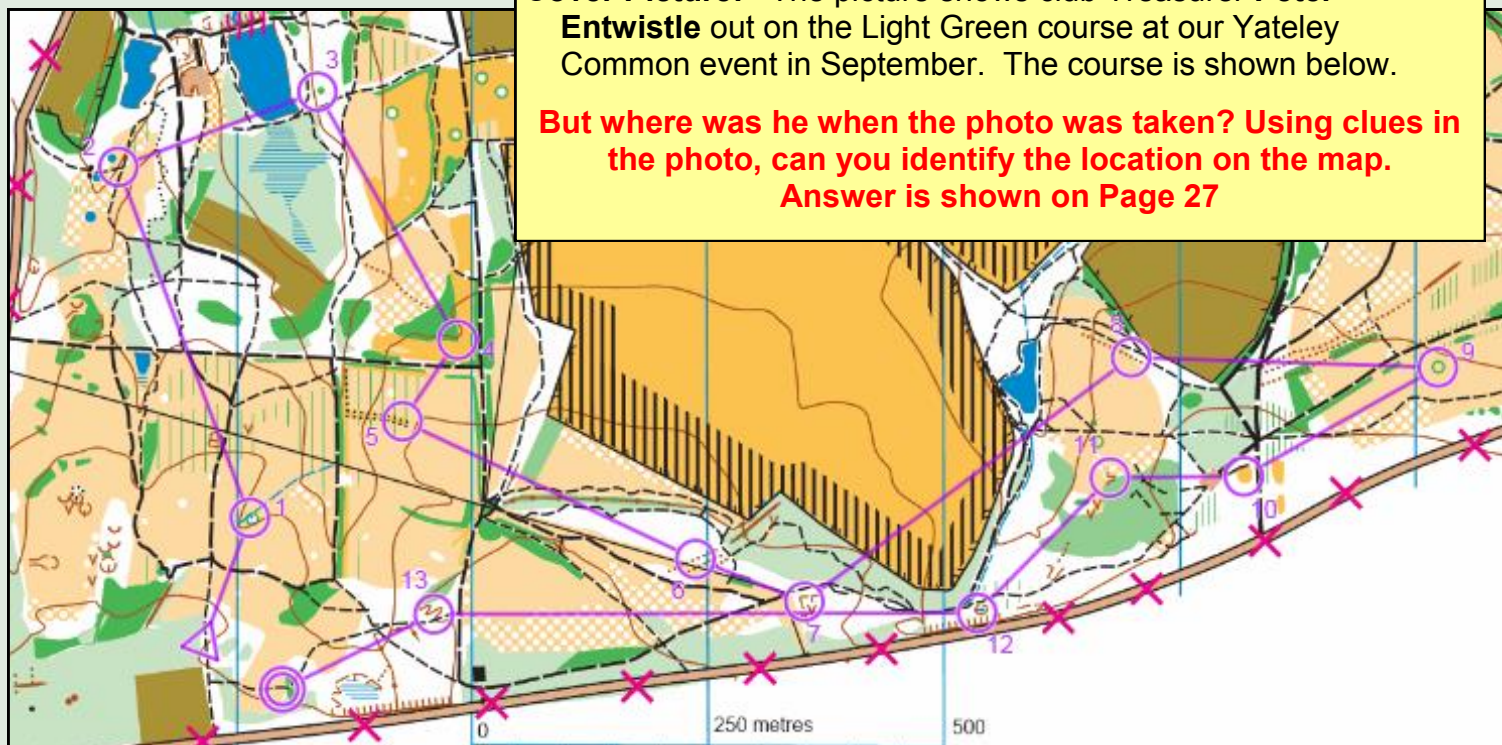


Ideal Christmas presents!

Can you identify the 8 BKO members modelling their BKO O-kit? Answer is shown on Page 27

Cover Picture: The picture shows club Treasurer **Peter Entwistle** out on the Light Green course at our Yateley Common event in September. The course is shown below.

But where was he when the photo was taken? Using clues in the photo, can you identify the location on the map. Answer is shown on Page 27



Editorial

Another bumper issue and I have had to extend the number of pages to 28. Despite this, there is not much room for my thoughts - no empty spaces to be filled! My thanks to the various willing contributors who make my task as Editor relatively easy.

I am writing this on the weekend of the BADO Hatch Warren event and the SOC November Classic. These are my first competitive events for 3 months and it is a pleasure to return to competitive events. What an enjoyable weekend it has been with a complex urban event on Saturday and high quality forest/heath terrain in the New Forest on Sunday. Very different experiences but both quality orienteering. I am now looking forward to the coming winter with other great challenges. I hope you also can enjoy the coming events.



Finally, **Happy Christmas** to you all ! David Jukes

Club Notes

Keeping you informed about the club and its members

Southern England Orienteering Urban League (SEOUL)

As we are nearing the end of the 2015 urban league series, things are beginning to get resolved but there remain some close contests for BKO members in the regional SEOUL - BKO attendance at the national BML League events has been limited. In the Men Open class, following the recent event at Hatch Warren, **Mark Saunders** has just lost the top spot but could slip further as three others are closing fast. Mark has already completed the maximum number of scoring events (7 from 16) so can only marginally improve his score in the 3 remaining events. Two of the next 3 challengers can all increase their score as they have not yet competed in 7 events. After competing at both Canterbury and St Albans, **Derick Mercer** rose to 4th in Veteran Men but has slipped back to 6th following the Hatch Warren event - a return to a top 3 place seems unlikely. **Fiona Clough** has slipped to 3rd in Veteran Women but should be able to maintain that spot. Having attended both Cambridge and St Albans, **Sally Collins** had maintained her 3rd position in Supervet Women but has just slipped to 4th following Hatch Warren. However **Susan Wilkes** has risen to 9th and has the potential to rise further. Perhaps the most intriguing class has been the Ultravet Men where we had **Richard Rae** in 2nd place and **Martin Wilson** in 3rd. However a good result (2nd) at Hatch Warren has brought Martin to the top spot - it is though very close between him and the second person. In the Ultravet Women, **Denise Harper** had a win in Canterbury and has now risen to 4th position - a 3rd place is still just possible.

City Race Euro Tour

For the very keen, this year there is a 6 race Euro City Race series. The races are in Antwerp, London, Porto,



Fiona, 3rd, and on the podium at Krakow

Krakow, Barcelona and Seville from September to November. With a good BKO turnout at the London race on 10th September there appears to be good participation in the Euro Tour. Best performance at London was **Martin Wilson's** 4th in the M65 class. However it needs competitors to attend other races to have a chance of performing well in the Euro Tour overall.

In fact, three BKO members also travelled to Krakow for the race in Poland on the 11th October - **Derick Mercer, Fiona Clough** and **Nigel Hoults**. The outstanding performance was Fiona's 3rd place in the W50 class. This gave her a place on the podium - congratulations to her. Overall, with her two results in the 'Euro Tour', she is lying 6th in the class. Interestingly, all the 5 people above her are British and have already competed in 3 races to Fiona's 2. She has now missed the Barcelona race but I wonder if she fancies a trip to the final event in Seville on the 14th/15th November!

For more details, see: <http://cityracetour.org/>

British Schools Score Championships

Congratulations to **St Andrew's School**, Pangbourne, for an excellent performance in the British Schools Score Championships 2015 on the 10th October. They came away as the Champions in the 'Middle, Prep Girls' category but were beaten into second place in the 'Middle, Prep Boys' category. Individually, the children won two bronze and four silver individual medals in their age classes. They are now preparing to tackle the British Schools Championships taking place on Sunday 15th November 2015 at Sandringham County Park, Norfolk.

Committee News / Discussions

The club's Committee met in late September but attendance was down due to a number of different factors. Those who were present discussed the following matters:

- *Map printing*: It was agreed that we needed to be more efficient at estimating requirements for maps (and control descriptions) for our events - especially the Saturday series. One issue is that the attendance or absence of school groups can cause major variation in requirements. We will try to get those which attend intermittently to inform us in advance of numbers and, if possible, names. This would also have the additional benefit of reducing the time taken at registration to enter details. We will make greater use of BML for map printing with planners consulting **Eric Harper** and **Fiona Clough** as to the numbers to be ordered. Overall we will try to have a bigger reserve in future.
- *Photographic Policy*: **David Jukes** had circulated a draft set of Guidelines for consideration by the Committee and for possible adoption. It was agreed that these should be trialled for six months. *See additional information in box on next page.*
- *Small events*: The Committee wants to try and use a larger number of areas for our introductory events. One problem has been that our Winter Saturday event series has become popular with regular orienteers but these tend to expect (or have been provided with) longer courses e.g. short blue. This then means that we use our larger areas more regularly. There are other areas which have fallen out of use but which can provide good introductory courses (e.g. white, yellow and orange). There is also a debate as to how the Summer Urban Park series could be developed so as to attract more newcomers. The Committee will return to these issues at its next meeting.
- *Weekend Coaching Trip*: It has been suggested that the club could provide a weekend trip to either the Lake District or South Wales. Coaching activities would be available on the Saturday and attendance at an event in the area would be available for the Sunday. **Mark Foxwell** is exploring options.
- *Winter Wednesday Training*: Another suggestion under consideration by **Mark** is the possibility of some night training during the winter involving 'Street O'. Further information awaited.

Regional SCOA News

- *JK 2019* – The SCOA region will be hosting the JK Orienteering Festival over the Easter weekend in 2019. Key officials need to be identified. Current proposed areas are: Good Friday (Sprint) - Rutherford Appleton Laboratories, Harwell; Saturday (Middle) - Bradenham Woods; Easter Sunday (Long) - Cold Ash with BKO having the main responsibility for the day; Easter Monday (Relay) - Yet to be determined.
- *SCOA Junior Squad* – The Junior Squad is now being run by Laurence Townley (SN) & Simon Kippin (TVOC) and would welcome further juniors to boost squad members.
- *SCOA League* - As BKO members will have seen, the regional association is conducting a survey of members to identify options for updating the SCOA League and other SCOA Championship events. *Further details on page 7.*



Berkshire Orienteers - Guidelines for the Use of Images of Children/Young People under the age of 18

As many members will be aware, I have for 2-3 years been regularly taking photographs of competitors and officials at BKO events. A selection of photographs are then put on a Flickr page for general use and a smaller selection added to Facebook, used on the club website or published in this Newsletter. I have done this using my own ideas of what is appropriate and alert to the need to protect the privacy of children and young people. I have attempted to balance this need with a desire to show that the sport is suitable for children and families and not just for mature adults. I have therefore used a careful selection for websites or publication (*see for example the top image on the back cover*). I have though never named a child without the parent's permission.

British Orienteering (BOF) is in the process of updating its own "Guidelines for the Use of Images of Children/Young People under the age of 18" and so I felt it important that my photography (and that of any other person at a BKO event) should be subject to a more formal set of BKO guidelines based on the BOF document. These were presented to the Committee in September and it agreed to trial it for a period of about 6 months.

The Guidelines are available on the BKO website and I would encourage you to take a look. They provide for general permission to take photographs ('images') in the main arena/start/finish but in this case certain general rules apply. Failure to comply with the general requirements would allow event officials to ask for the photography to stop. In addition, there is a new category of '**BKO Registered Photographer**' for anyone wishing to go into the competition area and take action photographs - the sort of thing I have been doing. An application has to be submitted to become 'registered' and contact details of any Registered Photographer will be available at the event. The Registered Photographer will also have to follow the general rules but will be able to use appropriate images for publicity purposes on the web or elsewhere. A final element in the Guidelines allows for any parent or carer to request that images of their child should not be taken and/or used. A form will be available for submission to event officials at an event.

Although the BOF draft guidelines have been used as the basis for the provisional BKO version, we have not been as restrictive as the BOF version. In particular, the draft national version states "*Parents/carers and children must provide written consent for children's images to be taken and used*". This was considered too onerous and impossible to achieve or police but the Committee will consider any comments regarding this particular provision. In future there should be a statement on publicity for any BKO event indicating that photography may take place subject to compliance with our Guidelines - attendance at the event will then be regarded as 'consent'. I should add that it remains a rule that no child or young person will be named without parental permission.

Please look at our provisional guidelines and the Committee will appreciate your comments.

David Jukes

Membership Memo

Ian Hudson - Membership Secretary

No new members to mention since the last newsletter. So all I want to do here is remind the bill payers, that if you don't use a direct debit to renew with British Orienteering, manual renewals for 2016 can be done on the British Orienteering website from early November. See: <https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/>

So renew for 2016 and keep me employed updating our records!

Happy 90th Birthday Darrell !




In January, we reported that Darrell was the UK's oldest ranked orienteer. That is no longer true but he remains M90 Class Leader!



**British Middle
Distance M90
Champion 2015**

Age 90 + (M/W90) ☒

Pos. 	Name	Club	YOB	M/F	Points	Contributing scores 
1 (4599 +17)	Darrell Cruickshank	BKO	1925	M	1161	149, 82, 331, 228, 287, 84
2 (5285 +9)	Ron Ley	SARUM	1923	M	443	115, 328

Darrell Cruickshank reached his 90th birthday in late October. You will have read in the January Newsletter that Darrell was one of the founding members of Reading OC back in 1968. This year he has been travelling to numerous events and even saw him gain a British Championship medal!



Have you completed the SCOA Questionnaire yet?

The South Central Orienteering Association (SCOA) Regional Committee is undertaking a review of the way in which the region supports and encourages participation by the staging of specific regional competitions – in particular, events run with the SCOA branding, i.e. the various SCOA championships and the SCOA League. As attendance at these events has been low in recent years, we would like to find out whether competitors in the region are interested in their continuation and if so, what changes might be needed to make the events more attractive.

An on-line questionnaire has been established and is available **until 30th November 2015**. The questionnaire can be accessed at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCOA-Survey>

The questionnaire is short and should take about 10 minutes to complete. The questionnaire is anonymous and only some background information is collected to aid analysis of the responses.

Know Your Club Members — Denise Harper

It was rather a surprise when, checking the list of previous contributors to this item, your Editor realised that neither Denise nor Eric had been interviewed and given us answers to the 'Know Your Club Members' questions. So this is correcting that oversight - at least partially.

Age/Class?

- Now a 1st year W65.

Hometown?

- I was born in Chepstow, Monmouth (or Gwent as it is now) but have lived in Reading for the last 30 years, and by coincidence lived in West Berks for about 10 years as a child.

How did you start orienteering?

- That was down to my dear old Auntie Joyce, whose name would elicit sighs of despair from organisers/controllers, as she would invariably be out for some time after course closing time. She lived near Ringwood, and in her 60's attended a local evening orienteering class run by John and Barbara Warren of Wimborne Orienteers. She became very enthused and used to regale us with stories such as losing her shoe (permanently) in a New Forest bog. When I saw a map of one of her events, I was fascinated, and when she stayed with us to go to the Concorde Chase, I went with her. We completed the Yellow, with me navigating, and I was hooked. Joyce was delighted, as it was her first event that she was not DNF. That was at Benyon's Inclosure in 1988; the rest, as they say, is history.

Clubs?

- Only BKO, or ROC as it was when we joined as a family, but I have also been a member of WOA (Welsh Orienteering Association) at the same time as SCOA.

Best achievement/success?

- Without doubt, my bronze medal in W65 in the Sprint Race at this year's World Masters Mountain Bike



Denise with her 2015 World Masters Mountain Bike Orienteering Championships W65 bronze medal

Orienteering Championships in Portugal. I also won W60 in every day of the 5 Day MTBO event in Fountainebleau in 2012. At home, nothing exceptional. My best achievement was to win W55S at the British Championships at Penhale. I was also a member of the winning BKO team at the Harvester Trophy Relays at Brampton Bryan in 1995, and I have been Southern Night Champion on a number of occasions.

Most enjoyed event?

- This would have to be Grimsel, Day 4 of the Swiss 6 Day in 1999. The event was held on the mountains above the Grimsel Pass, and there had been exceptionally heavy snowfalls during the winter, so much of the terrain was still snow covered. Red flags really stand out clearly against the snow, and it's very easy to follow everyone's footprints! But the reason this stays in the memory is the spectacular scenery of towering mountains and glaciers against a blue sky. I just had to keep stopping to gaze at it in all its awe and wonder (that's my excuse).

Worst event/most embarrassing orienteering moment/biggest goof?

- When I 'won' W40 in a National Event at Mynydd Cribau. I lost a lot of time after escorting our son, Alan, who was only about 7 or 8, to a safe route back to the Finish, after I came across him in a distressed state out on his course. I decided to miss out a chunk of controls and run an abbreviated route, and reported at the Finish that I had retired. Imagine my embarrassment when results were published in Compass Sport for all to see (as they were then – no internet) and I received a letter of congratulations from the organiser asking what size I was for my winners T-shirt. Of course, I had to point out I hadn't completed the course, results had to be republished, and Ranking Point calculations all re-submitted as a consequence.

International experience?

- Representing my country (Wales), I have been a member of the Welsh Veterans Team, running at 3 VHIs, two in Scotland, and one in N. Ireland. I am also the oldest member of the GB MTBO team, and have represented GB at two World MTBO Masters, both in Portugal. I have also orienteered in France (foot and MTBO), Switzerland, and of course Sweden for the O Ringen. I love the experience of being part of a team, especially abroad, and the relaxed vibe of the après O at the events, with the picnic tables, beer tents etc making it all very sociable. Good weather definitely helps!

Biggest cheat?

- Very boring – nothing, other than occasionally following people, which never ends well, so I don't do it anymore – plus I can't keep up with most of them.

What have you put back into the sport?

- From early days, we always helped at events, and I soon joined the BKO Committee, initially taking responsibility for organising the Wednesday summer training events. As a coach I spent many years assisting with planning and running sessions with the SCOA Junior Squad and later as a coach/tutor, delivering numerous coaching courses and helping to develop the current Teaching Orienteering courses. After working with West Berks to map schools and provide very successful after-school orienteering clubs, it became obvious that more local orienteering was needed as the next step, so I revived the idea of local Saturday events, which with considerable support from Anne and Reg Parker to set them up, have morphed into the very popular series that we enjoy now. I could never have imagined an attendance of 150 + as we had recently at Yateley Common, when back then, we struggled to get 15-20.



Denise with medallists at the 2014 Berkshire School Games

I have organised orienteering to be part of the Berkshire School Games for the last 8 years, during which time, with BKO's fantastic support, we have provided very high quality competitive experiences to thousands of children, and have become very highly regarded by Berkshire Sport and the School Sport Partnerships. As a Development Officer, I was exceedingly fortunate to develop exceptionally good links with Bracknell Forest, which have continued to be of great benefit to the club, and even provided us with our first £5,000 worth of orienteering equipment as part of a Big Lottery grant which also paid for schools orienteering development and the installation of 3 POCs in Bracknell parks. Eric and I enjoyed planning, too, and I planned all the junior and colour coded courses at JK 2013 at Cold Ash. However, I don't quite have the stamina now to attempt anything like that again, so we're starting to wind down a bit now we're getting older.

Other activities/interests?

- Walking, cycling, days out, travelling, especially now we're both retired and are no longer restricted to school holidays. Keeping up with the young grandson, supervising Eric's DIY and gardening – all the usual stuff.

Employment?

- I'm now retired, but was originally a teacher. However, I managed to evade the classroom for most of my career, working at Ufton Court as teacher in charge, managing and delivering the programmes to visiting schools, then more recently as SCOA Development Officer for British Orienteering, and a School Sports Coordinator for Bracknell Forest.



What training do you do?

- None specifically, other than trying to keep fit generally by walking/cycling. I used to run regularly in my 40's, but increasing arthritis in my knees forced me to give up in my early 50's as the pain became too great to make it possible. Last year I had knee replacement surgery - both knees - and have been able to return to orienteering after quite a lull, as I'm now pain free (apart from the muscles, which still protest). However, I've been told not to run, jump or twist, though I do ignore advice and try to run these days, but only at events.

What is the best thing about orienteering?

- Of course there's the challenge, the maps, which I love, and being outdoors exploring places we wouldn't otherwise go, or even know about. But the best thing has been the friendships, and an introduction to a tremendous sport which has also given me a way into employment, both directly and indirectly, as all my jobs in the last 25 years have been orienteering related. Orienteering has literally been life changing for us as a family.

What is the worst thing about orienteering?

- The 3 BRs: brashings; brambles; bracken. I find it very difficult to cope with rough stuff as my knees don't bend or lift very well. Also controls at the bottom of deep pits/depressions. Legs involving having to cross entrenched streams, ditches or fences with no crossing points – planners please note!

Orienteering ambition?

- Nothing spectacular. Mainly to participate in the sport for as long as possible. Now I'm pain free, I am enjoying urban races this year– even though I'm not meant to run – and hope to do more of them next year. I'd like to get back into the top 50 in W65 rankings. I was in the top 20 in my 40's but those days are long gone...

What have you done that no one else is likely to/will have done?

- I think I can say with confidence that no-one else I know will have been awarded the Ellen Phoebe Wright prize. It's a bit of a joke between Eric and me – ask him what it's all about if you're interested...

The Berkshire School Games Orienteering 2015 Denise Harper

This year, as last, BKO again supported the delivery of school orienteering competitions throughout the county, culminating with the county final, held once again at Wellington College as part of the Sainsbury's School Games.

This year, building on previous successes and popularity, we smashed our schools participation record in this competition. 2015 turned out to be our most successful games so far in terms of attendance, with teams competing from 7 of the 8 Berkshire School Sport Partnerships, the only non participant being Reading.

BKO supported qualifying competitions in West Berkshire, (two events, one each for East and West), Bracknell, Slough, and Ascot & Maidenhead. For the first time in a number of years, Wokingham decided to enter the competition, but wanted to run their selection themselves. I worked with them to come up with a simple to organise competition format. We decided on a star relay, which was held at Ashenbury Park, and I provided training for the park staff to enable them to run their event which attracted 5 schools entries. Windsor organised their own competition to provide 7 teams to battle it out for the county championship.

These competitions were held from during April and May, both on school and park sites, and needless to say, involved a great deal of assistance from the BKO volunteer team to run them, as each competition involves running a mini event with 12 team members from each school, running as 6 pairs at minute intervals. However, after years of practice, we are pretty efficient with our delivery, hence the demand for our services.

Arriving to set up on the morning of the (afternoon) competition immediately presented us with challenges caused by clashes between orienteering, and cycling and rugby, both of whom were encroaching on the space designated for our use on the playing field. The cycling was supposed to move to a completely different site in the afternoon, but were very reluctant to do so, so we had to get them to agree at least to shorten their course, which still meant issues as their vans were blocking the view of the route to our first control.

The rugby pitches had apparently been marked incorrectly, resulting in play taking place on an area crossed by the route to another of our controls, so in the end we had to move this control to a 'safe' area in the same direction, but in the middle of the field – and – cardinal sin – not on any mapped feature. However if anything, this made it easier, as it was then closer to the previous control. Fortunately we were given the services of a number of event volunteers who acted as marshals to direct the children round these newly created diversions.

On the day of the final, unfortunately Slough was unable to attend, leaving 6



**Pat Wills helping
at the Start**



**A final dash to
the Finish**

teams to compete for the Berkshire title. Planning of the final course had caused Eric and me some concerns, as over the last 18 months the woodland area has become much less useable but a new path in another section of the woods gave a few extra choices.

As usual, the competition was intense, and it was quite entertaining for us, watching from the pavilion as the 'headless chickens' ran back and forth across the field. BKO once again ran a very slick performance which was greatly appreciated by all, with results declared within minutes of the last competitors finishing.



The results of the competition are shown below, with newcomers St Finian's taking the title in a convincing manner for West Berkshire.

Position	School Sport Partnership	School	Score
1	West Berks 2	St Finian's	23
2	Wokingham	Nine Mile Ride	41
2	Bracknell	Ascot Heath Jnrs	41
4	Ascot & Maidenhead	Oldfield	59
5	Windsor	St Edward's	81
6	West Berks 1	Yattendon	87

Some interesting statistics:

Schools taking part in competitions run by BKO:

SSP	School teams	Participants
West Berks 1	12	144
West Berks 2	11	132
Bracknell	7	84
Ascot & Maidenhead	7	84
Slough	7	84
Total	44	528
<i>Total 2014</i>	33	384

So this year, with the competitions held by Wokingham and Windsor, about 600 children from at least 50 schools took part in qualifying events across the county, with 72 of these competing in the final – a good 30% increase on last year.

We have already been asked to provide orienteering competition again in 2016 if the funding allows, as the Sainsbury Games project was originally set to last for just 3 years. Bracknell, West Berks, and Slough have all already requested their competition dates for next year, so we look set to continue again.

Finally, my grateful thanks go to all the willing volunteers, without whom none of this would be possible. With more demand expected next year, I'm always willing to hear from any one with a few hours to spare on 'match days', as the greater the pool of helpers, the less the demand falls to the same people all the time. Dates already booked are:

- **April 25th (Slough),**
- **April 26th (West Berks),**
- **April 29th (Bracknell),**

with the 2nd West Berks competition likely to be in early May.

Please bear these dates in mind, for as you can see, the end of April will be very busy, so all offers of help then will be greatly appreciated.

Event Summary

This listing shows a selection of forthcoming events — most of the local events and some of the more important ones from further afield. For a full listing, look at the British Orienteering web site.

Date	Name	Level	Club	Venue	Town
Sat 14 Nov	TVOC Saturday Series Brill Common	Level D	TVOC	Brill Common	Oxford
Sun 15 Nov	SARUM Galoppen (celebrating 50 yrs of SWOA!) & SCOA League	Level C	SARUM	Foxbury Woods, nr West Wellow, Hants	West Wellow, Hants
Sat 21 Nov	Southern Night Champs	Level C	LOK	Holmbury	Dorking
Sat 21 Nov	Level B event Bradgate and Swithland	Level B	LEI	Bradgate & Swithland	Leicester
Sun 22 Nov	OK Nuts Trophy	Level B	SLOW	Winterfold	Cranleigh
Sat 28 Nov	BKO Winter Saturday Series	Level D	BKO	Black Park Country Park	Slough
Sun 29 Nov	SO level C, Broadstone Warren, Forest Row. (event 8 of SO championships 2015)	Level C	SO	Broadstone Warren	Forest Row, south of East Grinstead
Sun 29 Nov	BOK SWOA Galoppen	Level C	BOK	New Beechenhurst	Forest of Dean
Sun 29 Nov	East Midlands Championships	Level B	DVO	Birchen Edge & Gardoms Edge - DVO	Matlock
Sat 5 Dec	TVOC Saturday Series Big Wood	Level D	TVOC	Big Wood S Oxley	Watford
Sun 6 Dec	SOC Level C & SCOA League	Level C	SOC	Kings Garn Gutter	Lyndhurst
Sun 13 Dec	TVOC Regional Event & SCOA League BKO Championships	Level C	TVOC	Bradenham	High Wycombe
Sun 13 Dec	MV SE Families & Veterans Champs	Level C	MV	Sheepleas & Effingham	tbc

Date	Name	Level	Club	Venue	Town
Tue 15 Dec	Oxford Street-O Series	Level D	TVOC	The Black Horse pub	Kidlington
Sun 20 Dec	SN Trophy Event	Level B	SN	Ash Ranges	Ash Aldershot
Sat 26 Dec	LOK/HH Boxing Day	Level C	LOK	Trent Park	Cockfosters
Sun 3 Jan	TVOC Urban Event	Level C	TVOC	RAF Halton	Wendover
Sat 9 Jan	SN - Saturday Series 5	Level D	SN	Long Valley South	Aldershot
Sun 10 Jan	GO SE League event	Level B	GO	Blackheath	South East
Sun 10 Jan	BOK & ASO Orienteering	Level C	BOK	Stockhill	Wells
Sun 10 Jan	GO SE League event	Level B	GO	Blackheath	South East
Tue 12 Jan	Oxford Street-O Series	Level D	TVOC		Oxford
Thu 14 Jan	SOC Wessex Night	Level D	SOC	Eastleigh	Eastleigh
Sat 16 Jan	BKO/BADO Winter	Level D	BKO	Snelsmore Common	Newbury
Sun 17 Jan	CHIG South East League	Level B	CHIG	Epping North	Epping



Advance Notice

Concorde Chase 2016

Sunday 3rd January - Barossa

Barossa is the military training area used by the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst. Runnable forest with areas of heathland, well contoured in places.

Newsletter Distribution:

Our thanks to those who have indicated that they will be happy to only have the newsletter as a pdf file sent by e-mail as this does save the club money. If you are willing to only receive the newsletter by e-mail as a pdf file, please let me know and I will add your name to the list.

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Know your sport: BKO's Event Locations

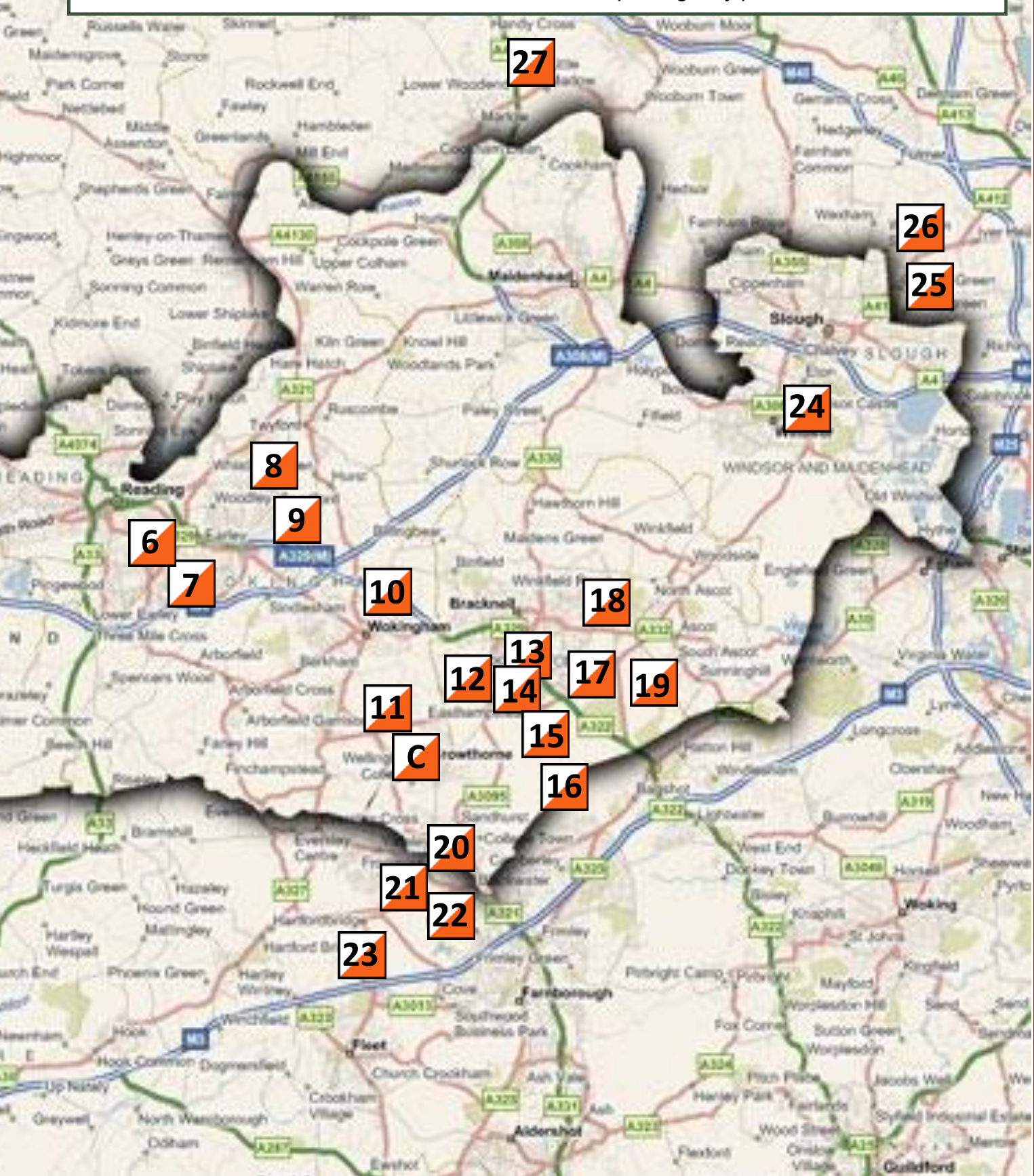
1	Cold Ash: Large area of varied woodland. High quality; can be used for national/international events
2	Bucklebury Common: Deciduous woodland and heath.
3	Rushall Woods: Large area of mixed woodland
4	Benyons Enclosure: Small area of mature woodland.
5	Burghfield Common: Mixed woodland and heath.
6	Whiteknights Park: University campus with undulating parkland and small wood; used for JK2013 Sprint event.
7	Lower Earley: Extensive housing estate with complex path network.
8	Woodley (East) (with Ashenbury Park): Combined parkland and modern urban estate.

17	Swinley West: Mature pine forest
18	Lily Hill Park: Varied parkland (<i>with permanent course</i>).
19	Swinley East: Mature pine forest.
20	Sandhurst Memorial Park: Parkland
21	Yateley Common: Small area of heathland
22	Hawley and Hornley: Mixed heathland with areas of mature woodland; army training area.
23	Yateley Heath and Minley Woods: Mature woodland but becoming limited due to gravel extraction; part army training area.
24	Windsor and Eton: Historic urban area with meadows by River Thames.

9	Dinton Pastures: Country park with numerous lakes and Riven Loddon (<i>with permanent course</i>).
10	Cantley Park: Small park with playing fields and adjacent urban estate.
11	Gorrick Plantation: Small block of Forestry Commission woodland; not used recently.
12	Great Hollands: Complex urban estate
13	Wildridings and Easthampstead: Complex urban estate
14	Birch Hill: Complex urban estate
15	Star Posts (including The Lookout): Major extensive forest with areas of complex contours. High quality; can be used for national/international events.
16	Barossa: Mixed woodland and heathland; army training area; suitable for major events

25	Langley Park: Small well maintained country park (<i>with permanent course</i>).
26	Black Park: Country park with large area of woodland (<i>with permanent course</i>).
27	Bloom Wood: Undulating woodland
A	Snelsmore Common: Country estate with meadowland and some woodland (<i>BADO area - occasional BKO use</i>)
B	Greenham Common: Former air base; flat heathland with small areas of woodland (<i>BADO area - occasional BKO use</i>)
C	Wellington College: Historic public school buildings with extensive partially wooded grounds (<i>primary user: SN</i>)

As the club's name suggests, Berkshire Orienteers stages events primarily within the boundaries of the 'Royal County of Berkshire'. However orienteering clubs tend to operate a flexible policy with boundaries and local agreements often providing for joint or shared use of areas. This map shows those areas which have been used for BKO events in the last few years. Some other areas have been used in earlier years and may well be used again. However negotiations with the land owners can be tricky and, although an area may appear suitable, issues linked to environmental concerns or car parking may prevent its actual use.



From the Archives

Concorde Chase 1987

A chance comment from **Nigel Hoult** about some missing results from his first orienteering event led to **Bryce Gibson** entering his loft and getting down a file dating from February 1987. Bryce was the organiser of the 1987 Concorde Chase at Bucklebury. With our return to Bucklebury this November, it seemed appropriate to extract some additional documents and share them - these are shown on these four pages.

Now what other treasures has Bryce got hidden in his loft?

CONCORDE CHASE 87

A BADGE & PETER DOMINIC RANKING EVENT

READING ORIENTEERING CLUB

Date: Sunday 22nd February 1987
Venue: Upper Bucklebury, near Newbury, Berkshire
Map: 1:15000 surveyed and drawn 1986
Terrain: Very varied from flat heathland and marshy thickets to mixed undulating beech forest. Mainly natural woodland but some conifer and open pasture.
Car Park: MR 551686. Car park must be approached from A4 at Thatcham as signposted. Also signposted from M4/A34 Junction 13 adjacent Chieveley Service Area.
Facilities: Limited toilets, please use local facilities at Newbury, Thatcham or Chieveley Service Area.
Start Times: 10.00 to 13.00
Courses: All 'A' class badge courses plus 'B' classes for M/W 11 to 55. Also yellow, orange and red colour coded courses.
Prizes: Pre-entries for badge courses on BOF standard entry form with two 9" x 6" stamped addressed envelopes and entry fee (cheques payable to Reading OC) to:

E. Amos, 21 Aldworth Close, Crowthorne Road, Bracknell, Berks. RG12 4AW.
Pre-entries to arrive not later than 2nd February 1987.

Entry Fees: Pre-entry M/W 17 and below £1.00, M/W 19 and above £2.50. Limited EOB for badge courses with 50p surcharge, until over-printed maps used up. EOB only for colour coded courses - seniors £1.00, juniors 50p.

Officials: Controller John Thompson (TVOC)
Planners Mick Aspray and Tony Vickers (ROC)
Organisers Bryce and Janet Gibson (Not for entries)
16, Fernbrook Rd, Caversham, Reading, Berks. RG4 7HG.
Telephone Reading (0734) 472220.

BOF STANDARD ENTRY FORM. EXACT COPY ACCEPTABLE. PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS THROUGHOUT.

ENTRY FOR CONCORDE CHASE 87 (EVENT) ON 22nd FEB. 1987



NAME AND ADDRESS:-

TELEPHONE NUMBER (IN

BOF Number Forename Surname

Event flier

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED TO ENCLOSE:-

1. TWO SUITABLE SACs
 2. A CHEQUE/PO MADE PAYABLE TO READING O C
- COMPETITORS TAKE PART AT THEIR OWN RISK

Final details

CONCORDE CHASE 87

A Badge Event organised by Reading Orienteering Club at Upper Bucklebury, near Newbury, Berkshire, on Sunday, 22 February, 1987.

FINAL DETAILS

Controller: John Thompson (TVOC)
Planners: Mick Aspray and Tony Vickers (ROC)
Organisers: Bryce and Janet Gibson (ROC)
16 Fernbrook Road, Caversham, READING, RG4 7HG
Tel: Reading (0734) 472220
Elaine Amos (ROC)
21 Aldworth Close, Crowthorne Road, BRACKNELL, Berkshire, RG12 4AW
Tel: Bracknell (0344) 429361

Badge Entry Queries:

Introduction

Welcome to Bucklebury. Some of you may remember Nigel Wilkins 1974 map, but to most of you this will be a 'new' area - we hope you will be pleasantly surprised.

The competition area, car park and access are all privately owned, including Bucklebury Common for which we have been given special permission for this event.

Please respect other users of the Common, the residents of Upper Bucklebury and particularly all out of bounds areas, maintaining goodwill for this and possible future events.

The car park and event field must be approached from the A4 at Thatcham (MR522674), follow 'O' signs for approx. 4km. It is also 'O' signed from the M4/A34 Junction 13, a distance of approx. 14km along the A34 and A4.

A rutted track (take care) leads to the car park field from MR548687 in Upper Bucklebury. Please take special care at the car park entrance and also in the parking area to avoid unnecessary damage to the field, which belongs to the parish and is used for recreational purposes. Please observe the one-way system into and out of the car park and avoid leaving before 12 noon.

Take special care on roads and tracks to and from the car park which pass through the competition area. Car parking is restricted - only park as directed and share transport where possible.

The car park is not suitable for vehicles larger than mini-buses - please contact the organisers before 18 February if you intend using a larger vehicle.

Terrain

Very varied from flat heathland and marshy thickets to mixed undulating beech forest. Mainly natural woodland but some conifer and open pasture. All courses will experience this and a considerable variety of terrain.

READING ORIENTEERING CLUB

CONCORDE CHASE

BUCKLEBURY 22nd FEB 1987



Name
Position
Class

CONTROLLER - JOHN THOMPSON (TVOC)
PLANNERS - MICK ASPRAY & TONY VICKERS
ORGANISERS - BRYCE & JANET GIBSON

Certificate

Compass chase attracts 1,000

FOOLS threatened to ruin an orienteering chase on Bucklebury Common on Sunday — but in the end more than 1,000 competitors were able to complete the course.

It was not until the first competitors set off in Reading Orienteering Club's "Concorde Chase" that organisers discovered nine markers had been torn up and thrown away.

The course markers had been found intact when organisers made a check an hour before the start of the race. But the race had only just begun when the vandalism was discovered and the markers were quickly replaced.

A total of 1,250 competitors, divided into 28 age classes, raced over 17 courses of varying difficulty, designed by Major Tony Vickers and Staff Sergeant Mike Aspray, of the School of Military Survey, Hermitage.

The winner of the men's

open was Mr Tim Tett of the South Yorkshire Orienteering Club, who covered the 11.8km in a time of 75 minutes 54 seconds, while Mrs Alice Bedwell from Bristol won the 8.1km women's race in a time of 52 minutes 55 seconds.

Sunday's "Concorde Chase" was the tenth annual work-out for orienteers on Bucklebury Common, and with its emphasis on fun for all age groups as hard as possible, its every year

BKO Members (?) Spotted in the Results

M21A		
117	Wilson, P	MDDXO
M21B		
55	Booth, T	ROC
M35A		
3	Cooper, I	ROC
M35B		
1	Wass, G	ROC
M40A		
3	Rae, R	BOK
M45A		
2	Bennett, P	ROC
Red		
14	Burt, B	MV
54	Hoult, N	IND

Local newspaper report



Planner's Comments - West Start Courses

Crossed by seven roads and covered with an abundance of 'out of bounds' areas, Bucklebury Common proved to be quite a challenge.

The area was effectively divided in two by the village of Upper Bucklebury and it was obvious from an early point that the crux of the problem was getting the longer courses from one side of the village to the other.

There were several possible car parks but Hocketts Field was chosen because of its size and central location. It meant that the longer courses could start on the west side of the village, without too long a walk, and only have to pass through the narrow 'neck' once.

Despite a determined effort by vandals on the morning of the event everything seemed to go quite smoothly on the day, with most people enjoying the courses, if not finding them a little on the physical side.

I would like to thank John Thompson whose advice, encouragement and dedication was a godsend.

Mick Aspray

Mapping Comments and Planners Comments - East Start and Colour Coded Courses

The options for junior courses were limited by the car park/finish location to avoid a crossing of the main ridge road. The terrain south of the ridge was scenic on the map, but safety must come first. At least Carbins Wood had more than the areas further north and west.

I hope the courses were about right. My son Ben (M15 now) has to take part in devising most of the junior ones. I just eliminated a couple of dog-legs, and a few more.

As for the map, I had fewer complaints than I expected. I believe 1:10,000 is a better scale for Bucklebury but it would have been a bit large. I will recommend we make two maps at the larger scale, hopefully adding some nice forest blocks south of the ridge.

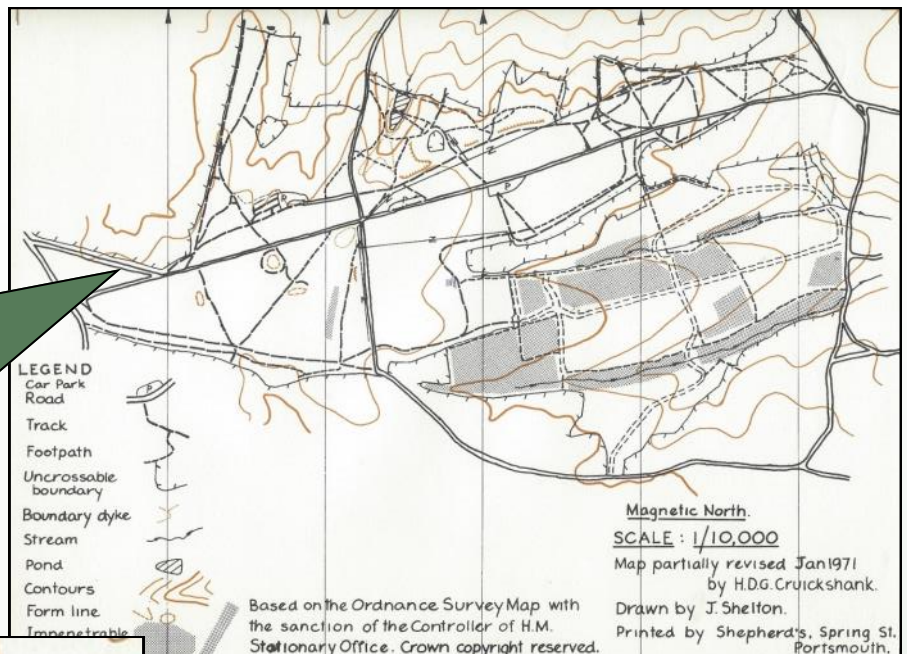
Planners' and
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From the Archives

A selection of former maps of Bucklebury Common.

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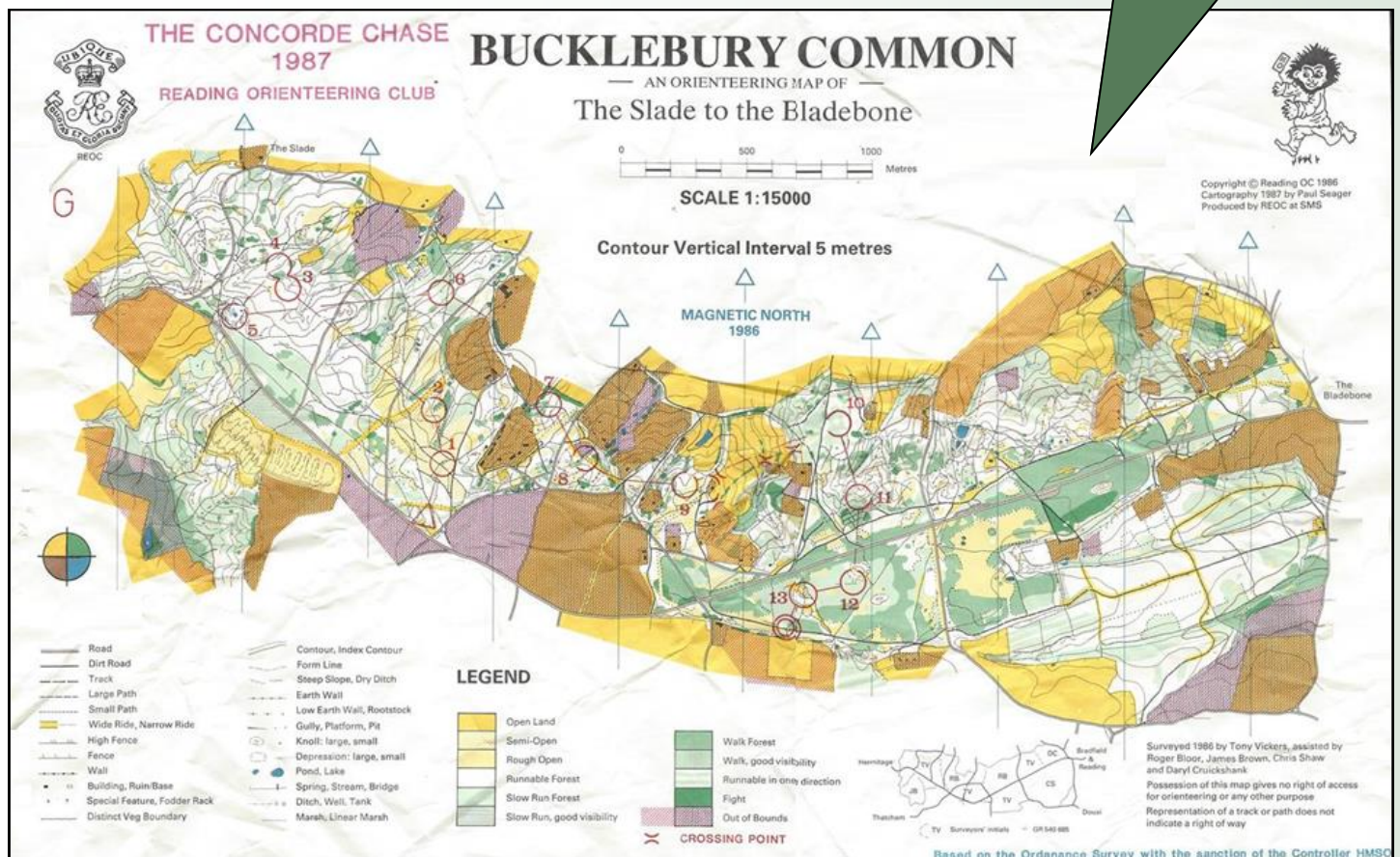
The first map in the archive is a two-colour one used at one of Reading OC's first events. The map does however state that it was 'partially revised' suggesting an earlier map existed. Note that the revision was done by one 'H. D. G. Cruickshank'.



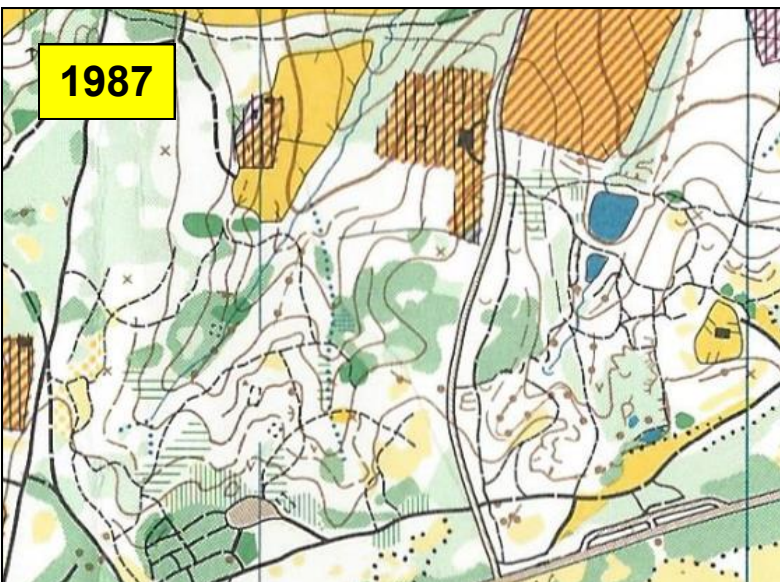
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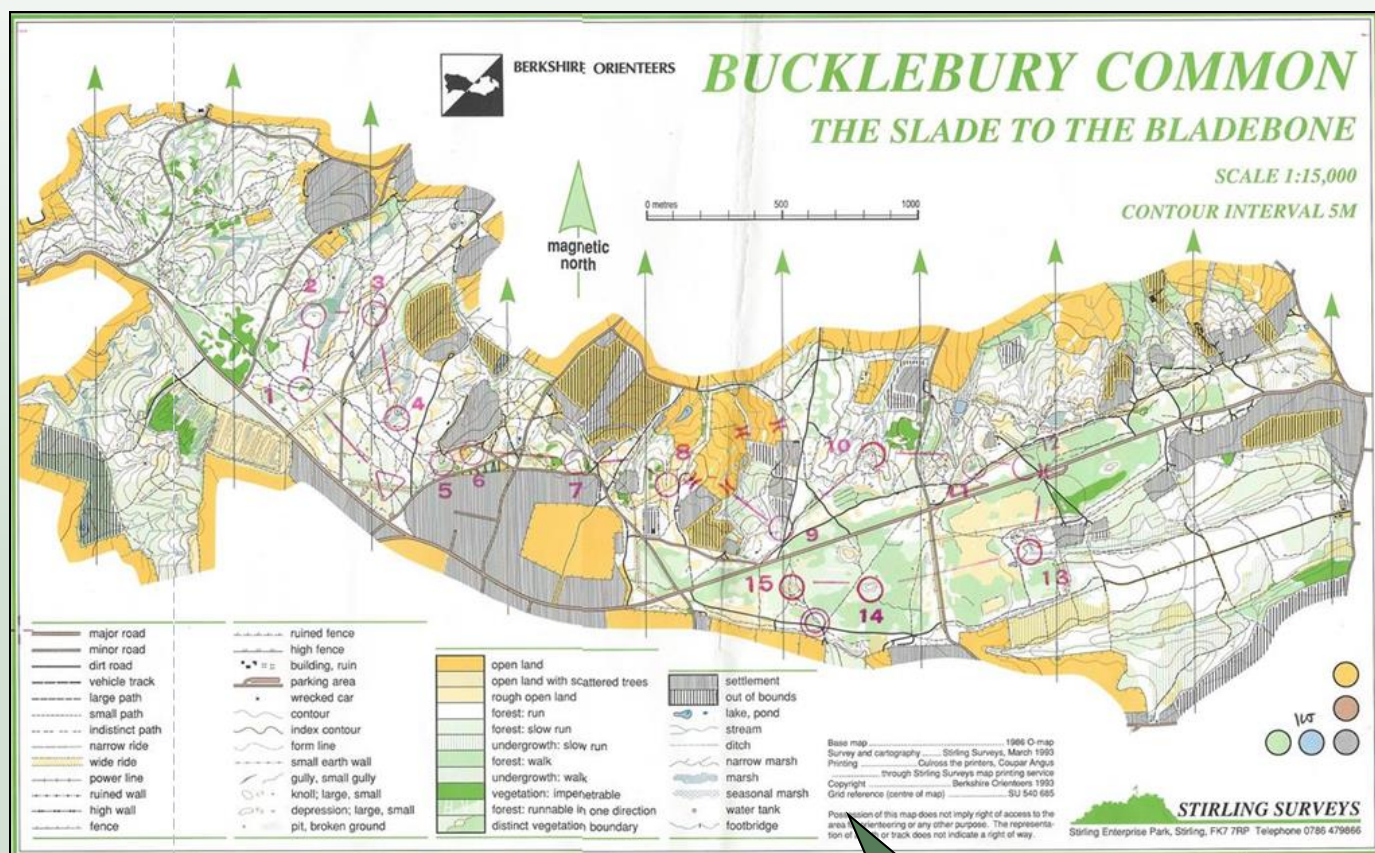
This map was produced at a scale of 1:15,000 for the Concorde Chase in 1987. For more details see the previous two pages. The map appears to have been a joint production between the Royal Engineers School of Military Survey (SMS) at Hermitage and Reading Orienteering Club.



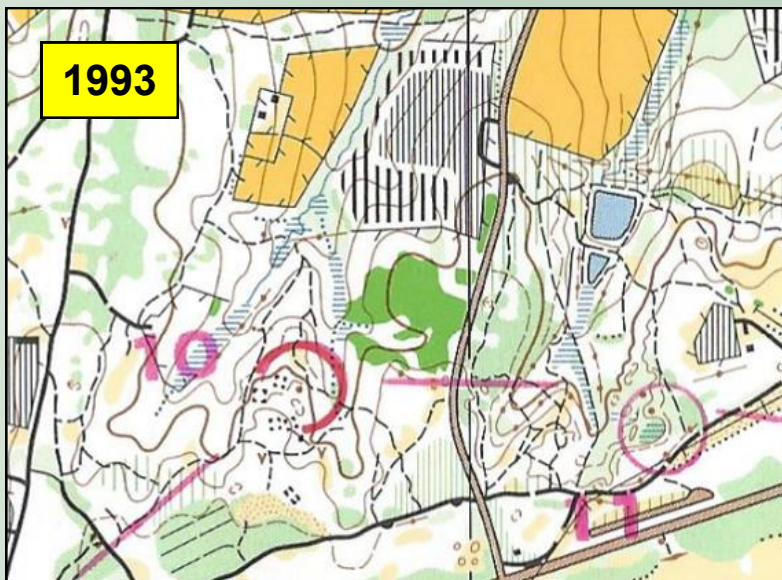
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For all 3 maps shown on these pages, an extract has been enlarged of exactly the same area. If you also have a copy of the new 2015 map you will be able to make a comparison and assess the changes to the terrain over 45 years and/or how mapping techniques have changed.



1993



1993:

An updated map, also at 1:15,000, was prepared for the 1993 JK Trophy event held that Easter and which was hosted by the South Central Orienteering Association. This time professional mappers were employed - Stirling Surveys. Other areas used that year for the JK were Woolmer & Longmoor, Long Valley and, for the relay, Highclere.

Orienteering in Florida Fiona Clough



Early in 2014 Derick and I decided that 2015 would be the year we would go to Florida and have 3 weeks away. Whenever we go away for a non-orienteering holiday I always check to see whether there is an event on near to where we are staying and this trip was no different.

I found the Florida Orienteering clubs website (floridaorienteering.org) and had a look at their permanent courses. Two were near to where we planned to stay for the first 2 weeks – Moss Park and Kelly Park – but then I noticed that they had an event scheduled for the weekend after we arrived - 13th June. Looked up the location and discovered it was around an hour and a half's drive from where we were staying.

I emailed the contact on the website to enquire whether full leg covering was required and what timing devices would be in use. His response was a little strange to say the least 'I do not think the shiggy will be bad enough to resort to long pants' – shiggy??? Bridget Jones knickers!!!!

I then received a further email from the planner Bob Putnam who suggested that lower leg covering might be useful and directed me to google 'Saw Palmetto'. He also warned that the temperatures would be 80 to 90 degrees F and 100% humidity so to bring plenty of water, bug spray and lunch.

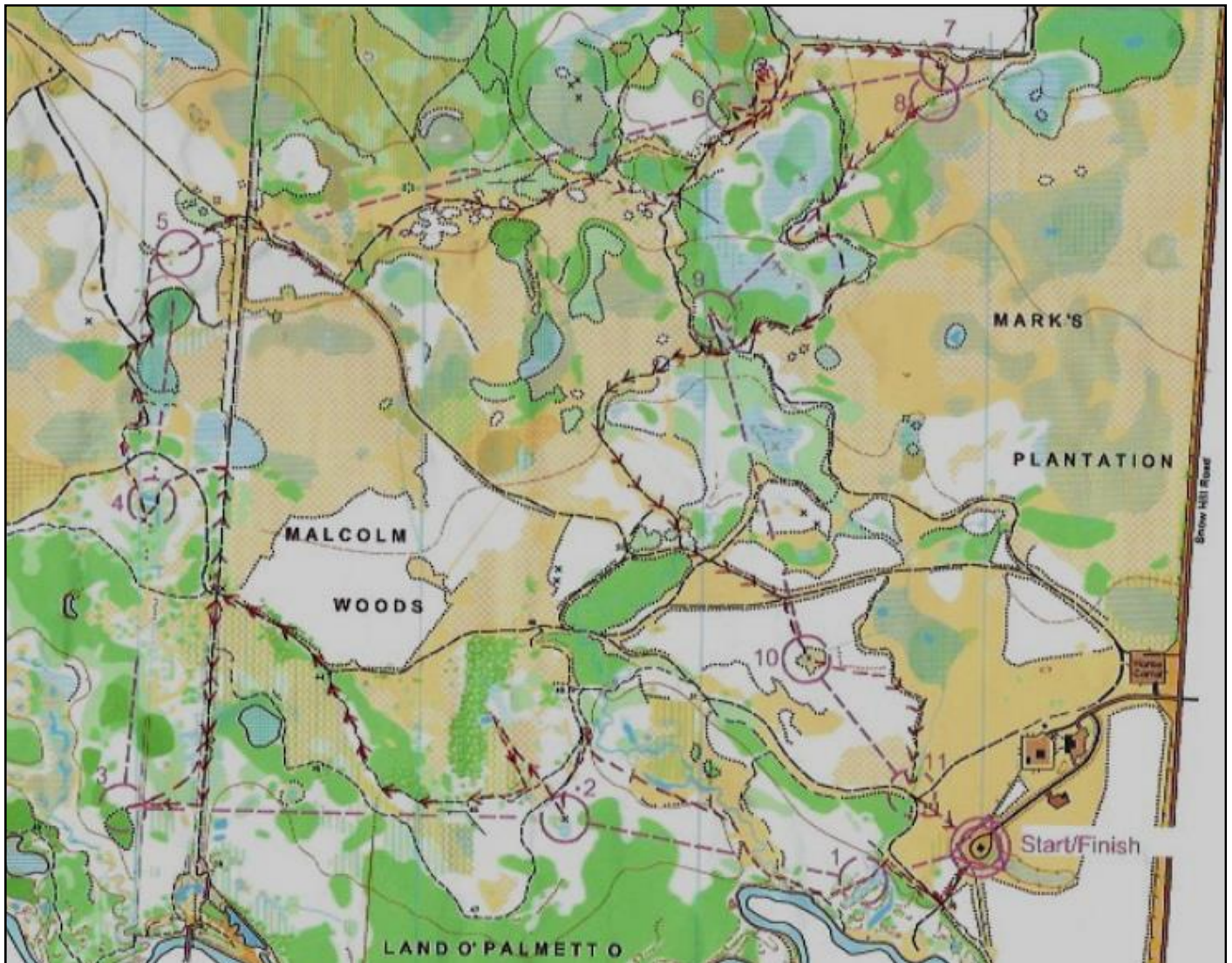


Fiona and Derick about to set out on their Florida orienteering experience

We recovered well from the flight out to the Florida and as the date approached for the event I began to feel apprehensive as we had absolutely no idea what the terrain would be like so we decided to take a drive out to Kelly Park and have a run around the permanent course. So the day before the event we drove to Kelly Park, parked in a huge and pretty deserted car park, got kitted up then – where is the start??? After a short period of milling about the car park we eventually realised that we had to go out of the park, cross the road and climb over a fence marked 'No Trespassers' and go up a path a short distance.

To cut to the chase, we both had a hard and interesting jog around strange Floridian woodland and emerged the worse for wear and covered in spider's webs (and in my case with the associated HUGE spider still along for the ride).

By the time we made it back to the car park it was full of happy Americans setting up barbeques and wandering around with huge inflatable inner tubes. The guidebook had said to take swimwear so we donned



our costumes and followed the Americans to find a lovely swimming hole!!! Not as we would have expected – lifeguards and no alligators!

On the day of the Florida Orienteering event at Little-Big Econ State Forest East we made an early start and arrived around 10.15am. The weather was brilliant sunshine and the humidity was already high. The event was based at a lovely covered picnic area. I met Ray (who had mentioned my underwear and warned me of shiggy) and Bob the planner. There followed a short discussion on course lengths and technical difficulty (not sure that is what they would call that in the US but....) and Derick decided to do the Blue course (6.9km) and I did the Red (5.6km). There was an interesting map note – ‘Gator at control 41’.

I decided to get on with it leaving Derick jogging around warming up.

Control 1 – Straightforward, attack point was the gap in the dark green bit. **Control 2** – my plan was to hit the denser undergrowth on the other side of the creek and follow it around. This plan did not work well. I struggled to jump across the creek, which looked deep and full of gators (!) but finally got across without being dragged in and digested. The undergrowth was less distinct than I thought so I blundered about on the edge of the clearing for a bit (Derick jogged past me at this point). Finally I made it to the path to the North of Control 2 and then went North where there was a gathering of other runners all looking at their maps in that reassuring bewildered way. Unbeknown to me – this was the infamous Control number 41 of the ‘Gator’fame. I eventually relocated and then headed South locating Derick who was also looking for the same control – he led me into it.

For **Control 3** I decided to head North West – missed the track and found myself fighting through more spider’s webs and sharp painful palm trees until I located a pond. The pond enabled me to relocate with some accuracy and I fought my way back to the path then made the executive decision to take paths as much as possible for the rest of the course. Then I followed the curved path to the junction with the North/South path, turned left and started counting my paces (Derick jogged past me going the other way), my attack point was the pond on the left – turned right and went straight to Control 3.

Control 4 – my brain died – went up to the main cross roads and for some reason went straight on – realised my error when I got to the big boggy area. I couldn’t be bothered to turn round so I wandered off through the bushes on a compass bearing and went straight to the control!!!!

Control 5 – I followed the winding track northwards, tracked around the veg boundary and then took a compass bearing towards the thickets.

5 to 6 - I took the path route but it was a bit exposed and sweltering hot. Attack point was the boggy bit on the left – missed that and wandered about in the white forest bit until I realised, relocated, backtracked and found the control.



Getting to Control 7 was a piece of cake. I followed the fence to the small bit of wood then looped around it and checked the control. Collected a Floridian orienteer named Will at this point who was my bodyguard for the next few controls.

Control 8 - compass bearing to the veg boundary then found the thicket.

To get to **Control 9** I planned to follow the path around the large bog and use the path junction as the attack point. As I reached the veg boundary into the big area of bog I could hear voices calling out to each other then Derick popped out of the undergrowth and asked whether I knew where we were. I did but clearly he didn’t. I helped him to relocate and then we both (together with Will) followed the veg boundary to the path and then in to the control.

My attack point for **Control 10** was the path ‘Y’ junction so I decided to run around the path. Further but I was hot, tired and carrying about a dozen spiders of various sizes (all degrees of BIG) so I stuck with the plan. When I got to the attack point I could see a lovely little dingy dell of sunshine in the woods and there was control 10.

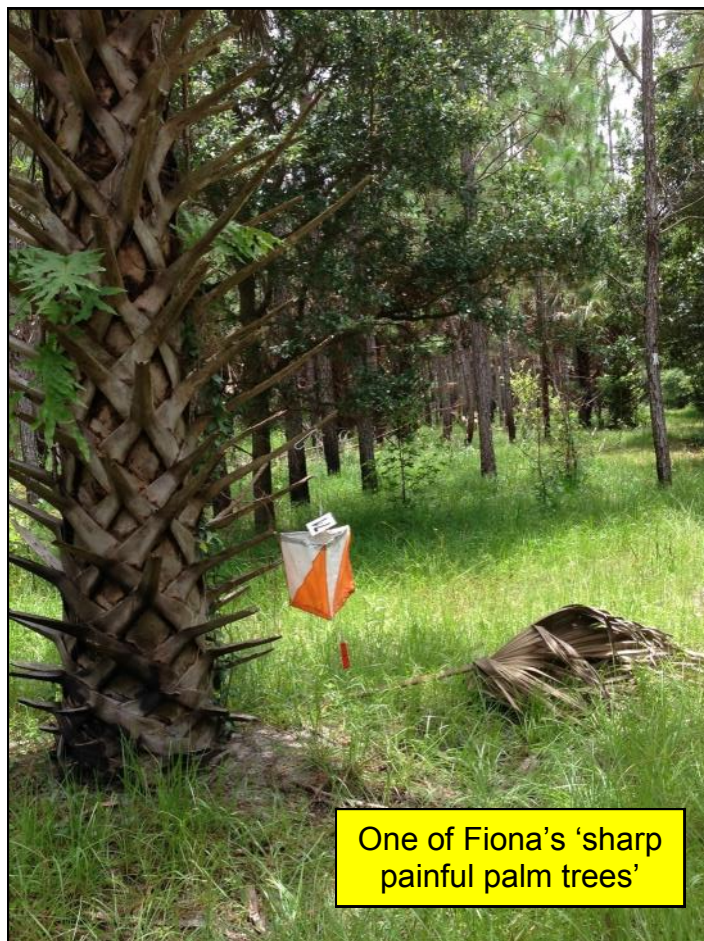
To get out of 10 I followed the gully to the East, got on the path and followed that to **Control 11** and from there to the finish was a short run through some grassland (think Little House on the Prairie).

Results: I was 1st out of 6 on the Red in 112.07 having run 9.33km, Derick was 4th out of 12 on the Blue in 134.16. Timing was manual and the controls had pin punches so I have no split times. I also found out that the Red and the Blue were identical up until control number 9 then the Blue course had a few extra controls before coming back round to the finish.

I got back to the car, stretched, changed, met lots of people who had been out in the woods with me and had some lunch. Eventually Derick limped in to the finish looking like he had been standing in a dirty shower for 2 hours.

I had a lovely time chatting with other runners discussing our respective routes to various controls etc. but Derick didn't join me for lunch. When I went back to the car I found him lying on the back seat with the air-con on full blast with his left foot elevated. It transpired that he fell in a hole and twisted his ankle on the way to control number 3 but carried on, as it didn't seem too bad. The further he got the worse the ankle got until by the time he finished it was a huge black egg on the side of his foot.

To conclude, we had a brilliant time experiencing Orienteering Florida style. The heat was stifling and I will try to remember that when we are running in rain, sleet and snow (as forecast for this winter). The spiders' webs and gators made it even more fun than usual.



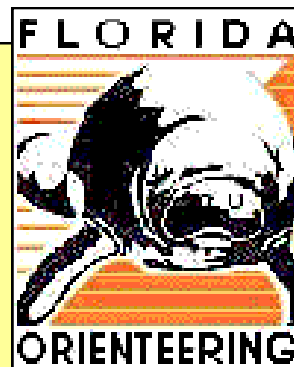
One of Fiona's 'sharp painful palm trees'

From the Florida OC web site commentary on the event:

We emerge drenched in superlatives!

- Best weather: 96F, high humidity, Heat Index over 100 all day, relentless sunshine.
- Furthest Travelers: Fiona and Derick all the way from England.
- Shortest blue course in a while (6.9km) in deference to the (superlative) weather.
- Oddest Map Note: "Gator at #41".
- Probably the most sweat-drenched clothes on all competitors.
- Probably the most competitors retired early due to the heat/humidity.
- Most US Team members at a single local FLO event = 2. (See the Tracy/Missy note below)
- Most number of staged surprise Marriage Proposals = 1.
- Best deadpan one-liner response to the question put to the Woman Proposed To, when she was congratulated at the finish line by yours truly: "For what?" Yours truly not often caught at a loss for words. Tension quickly relieved with a smile. Whew!

Congratulations to both Fiona Clough and Derick Mercer, who came all the way from England for their first try at orienteering-Florida-style. I didn't actually ask them if they'd run in 105 Heat Index before, but I figure this might have been their first such exposure. Good News: they both survived, and thrived. Thus, the "Congratulations!"



Taken from: <http://floridaorienteering.org/results/2015-06-lbe.htm>

My First London City Race

By Terry Hosking

*Terry is a regular orienteer attending most BKO events but not usually travelling far to more distant events. He was however tempted to have a go at the **London City Race** in September. Here he recounts his feelings as he takes on this new challenge.*

Train ticket, done; change of clothes, done; jumped in my car off to Ascot to join Derick and Fiona, fellow Orienteers; had to get petrol quick, made it to the station in good time, and relax.

Train to London much quicker with company; next train at Clapham Junction, no waiting, straight on to Wapping; just followed everyone else to the sports hall.

Very daunting, hundreds of people, very intimidating for my first time, followed Derick to Registration; he even knew my start number!

Over an hour before our start; Fiona was off much sooner; sitting around chatting, the time went quick; Derick went off to the start, I was off 4 minutes after him; quickly ate a banana, should have eaten it sooner.

Dropped my bag in the hall; mental check: compass? whistle? (I know it's a habit) control description holder? GPS watch? dibber? glasses? Let's go!

Followed tape to the start, ran for a bit of warm-up and to shake some early nerves; start was further than I thought.

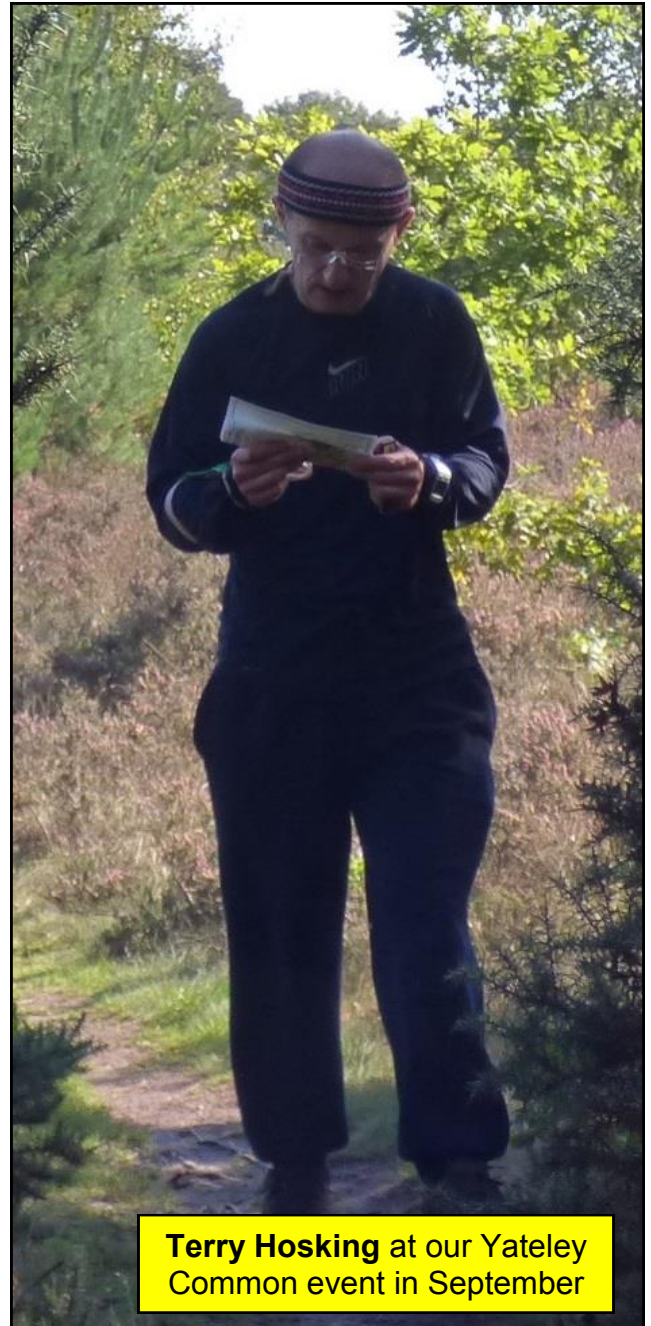
Lots of runners of all abilities, ages and nationalities waiting for their start time; some initial advice from Derick and I'm all set.

Clock shows my start time, my name is called; just me and one other in the first start box. Beep - step into 3 minute box; pick up my control descriptions, putting it into my holder and attaching it to my arm makes time fly too fast. Beep - 2 minute box; maps on the floor for information, no idea what I'm looking at, I'm looking but nothing is sinking in; starter is saying something about an out of bounds area that is marked but you can go through, I can barely remember my own name at this point, my mind is blank. Beep - more instructions, "don't go on the beep behind you, go on the one in front", what? Beep - not yet. Beep - GO.

GPS watch started; I'm Course 7, grab my map and my hardest part is locating the Start Triangle on the map as I slowly walk forward.

Control 1: just round the corner, let's go; adrenalin rush; run to the left of the hill then see the far exit, to the street and round the corner; control is hanging so have to use both hands.

Control 2: not far, this is good; up the steps would have been easier but I ran up the switch back



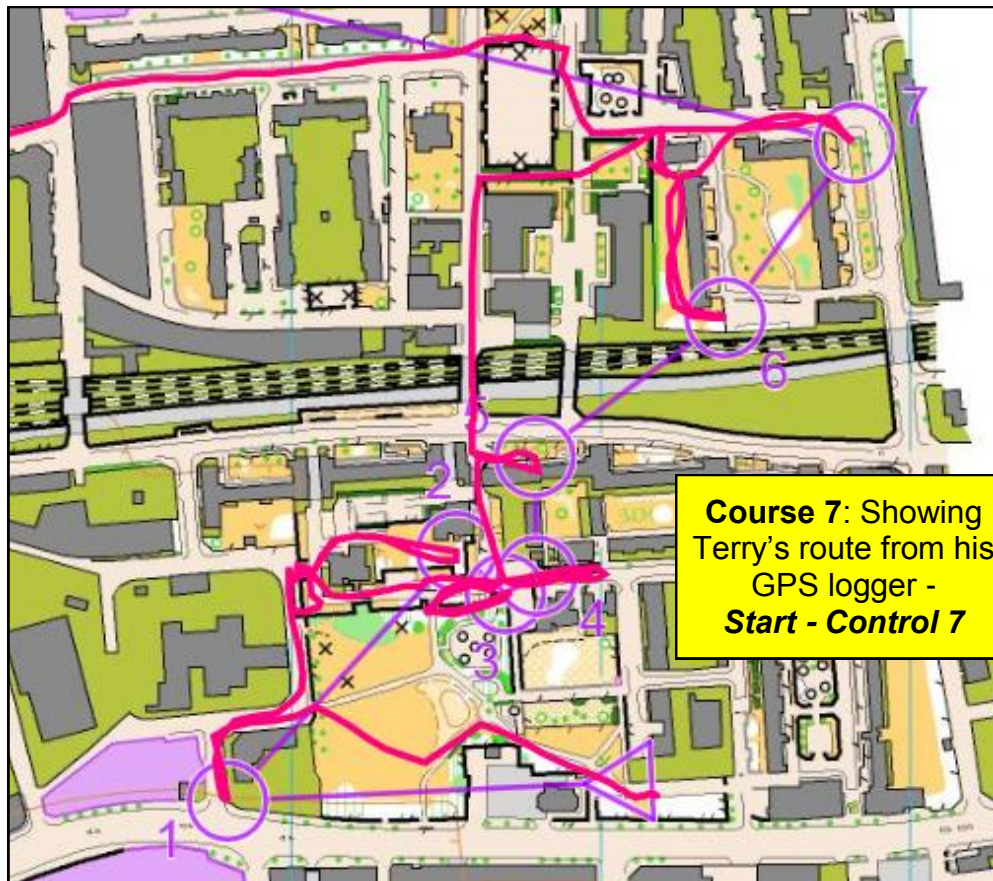
Terry Hosking at our Yateley Common event in September

slope. Doh!, easy.

Control 3: went to go back down steps which would have been a good move but nope, not paying enough attention to the control description I am above it, a quick look over the railing, ran to the metal steps, very grippy under foot easy to trip, into the corner. Done.

Control 4: back up the steps; lots of others about but kept my concentration; down and under a carpark gate; I think: "easy!".

Control 5: I knew where it was and still full of adrenalin; I run in through an open gate and down a little muddy bank, simple.



Control 6: over the road, no traffic; notice some builder doing nothing, probably thinking what the hell is going on; running up the street I am looking for a way into the area I need to get to, passed some football cage thing; yep, all good; little grass area round the corner behind some flats; it's round the back - hope I got the right side; not heeding my descriptions still on more speed less brain; at the fence. Done.

Control 7: back round the flats; this has clearly lost me time; control - easy.

Control 8: here we go, this will tire me out; quick thinking, how simple do I keep it, straight up and along or zig zag a bit? I'm not a fast runner, let's keep it as close to the line 7 to 8 as possible; round to the top of the football cage; may as well run along the avenue of trees – I've got time to notice trees? Little zig zag and straight on till I see a nice wide row of trees along some off street route; nice, hoarding ahead, blocked? Hope not, not! Sweet; left and a few people sitting having a coffee; a nice fountain with some metal animals; ran on the low wall like a child would, thought of slapping the animal on the backside, didn't; right, left and see a little sneaky way through some buildings, nice! Busy road, lots of noisy traffic; careful - out of bounds area; cross just right, no waiting to cross; bus has stopped, all good; I see Derick, must be coming from 8, must be going well; hold it together, narrow pavement, dodging passed people trying to count streets till my left; fellow runner meets me, slightly distracting as we both dive into the control 8.

Control 9: back track to same road; lots of building work going on but all I notice is builders standing around; I think I shouted "excuse me" to some pedestrians; back to busy road, all clear to cross; still not paying enough attention to descriptions, I hope for the best and head into a cul-de-sac. Boom - 9 done. Guy sitting on the floor, random.

Control 10: On my way out, runner says " good idea to have the map round the right way"; a long leg to 10, all I can see is Out of Bounds; decision to be made, but what? Only two places I can see are crossing points, or are they underpasses? I head for the wide one, zig zag down the slope under road to the Tower of London but no time for sightseeing; weave through tourists; another underpass - and another? Up some steps – dam! I'm on the wrong side of the road, down and up other side, correct side; my running is getting laboured now; slight left bend in road

then a right; slight hesitation at a junction and over the road and onto where 10 hopefully is located; enough people to follow, lead me to 10.

Control 11: Down some steps, along the lovely water in the sunshine with trees; hang on, water on my right, should be on my left; way too far to keep going and I can't leap that far over the water. Control should be round this corner, done.

Control 12: seconds to find this one then off through the gap.

Control 13: Straight forward to 13; the only bit of shade so far, very welcome; control on bridge but not mine, 13 is a bit further - by a bush.

Control 14: Before I get there, which corner is it? and if I'm wrong I would have to run back round; I run towards a dead end then back round, I see something in the corner and go right in, no control! Luckily I can just go under this gantry and see people up some stairs; got to be my control – yes!

Control 15: Get down stairs somewhere and head for 15; see people diving into a corner, must be and not other side of the wall, done. Lady standing with map open - before I go I ask if all is ok, affirmative, so off I go.

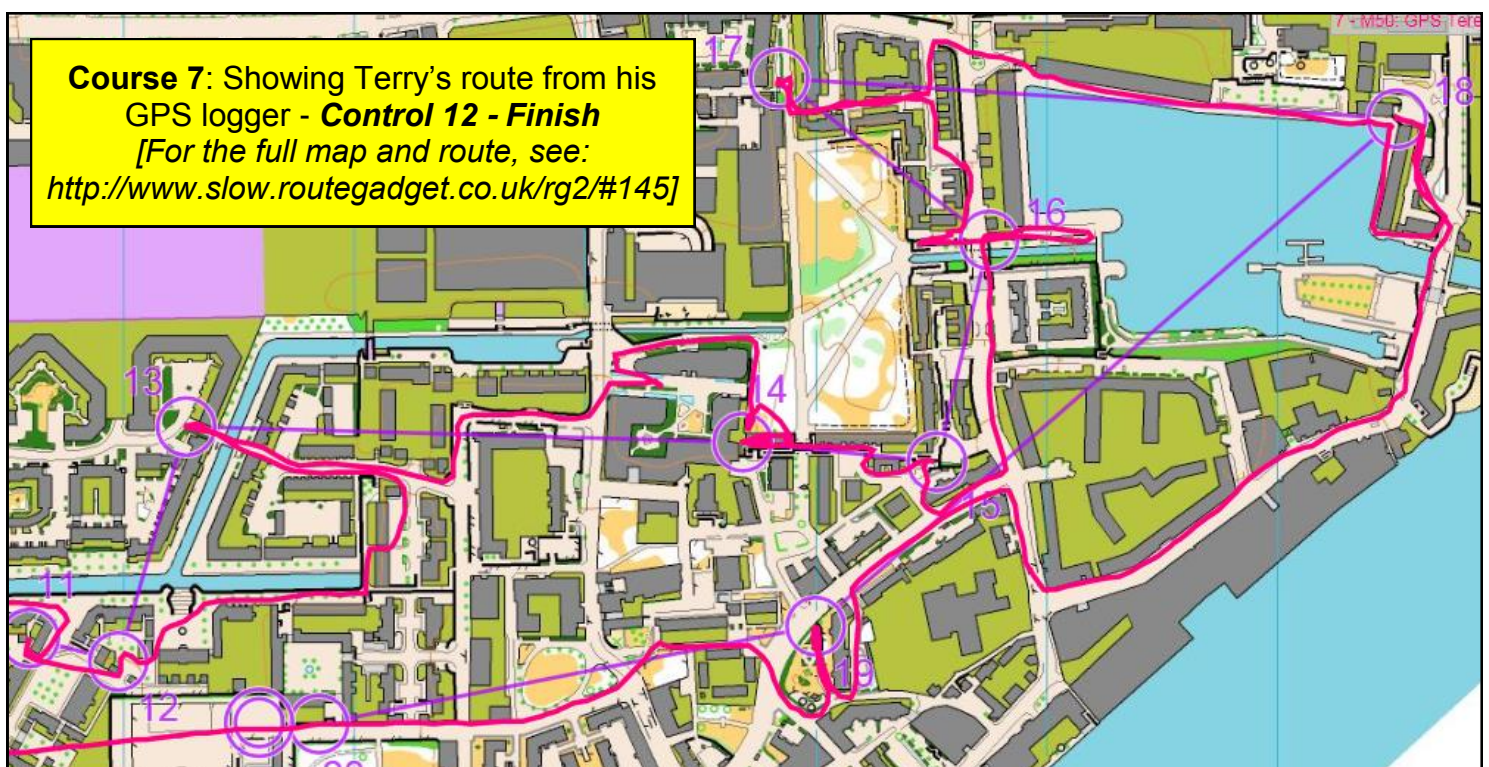
Control 16: Over bridge; right, look over rail to see if I'm right, yes, run along to end of railing; glimpse of beautiful docks but no time to enjoy the vista; get control and take shorter route up zig zag steps to street; **yes there is a better route to 17 but my mind is set.**

Control 17: Street - gap in wall, through some buildings, up steps, no control; yes, it is under a tree.

Control 18: Back same route to the docks; little steps to waterside and row of trees; run along raised step towards corner where I hope my control is behind a bush, no! It is the other side; there is a gap between the wall and building but too small to squeeze through, round I go.

Control 19: long run along pretty simple route, right, left; control description tells me to duck into some flats into a small garden.

Control 20: keep it as straight as I can; I approach a control but it isn't mine; I get 20 and I'm out of energy at the Finish feeling sick and ready to pass out, I remember to stop my stop watch.





Dick Rae
(Photo: Rowan Purkis, SAX)

Canterbury Urban Event
27 September 2015



Fiona Clough
(Photo: Rowan Purkis, SAX)



Answers to Page 2 Questions

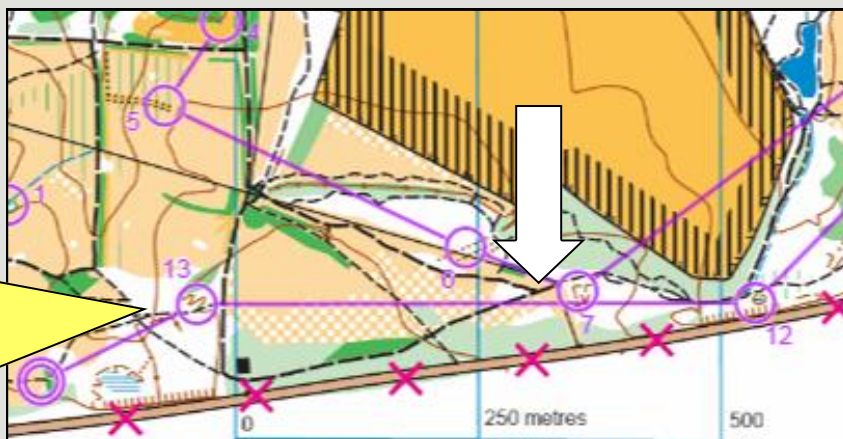
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The photographs used were the following BKO members:

- 1 - Fiona Clough; 2 - Eoin Sharkey; 3 - David Jukes;
4 - Ian Cooper; 5 - Catherine Springett; 6: Derick Mercer;
7 - Brian Sewell; 8 - Darrell Cruickshank

Cover Picture Question:

Peter was photographed approaching the fork in the path between controls 12 and 13 marked with the arrow on the right. If you had difficulty with this, the shadows were a clue as the event was late morning so the sun was nearly due south.





A member of St Andrew's School tackles a course



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Lynne Moore on the Short Blue course



Helpful guidance for juniors on the White and Yellow courses where they diverge .



Also on the Short Blue course was **Andrew Tyrrell**, here seen taking a direct route between controls 3 and 4.