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November 2008



Success for WIM in the CompassSport Trophy Final!

Team members celebrate the news that the club has achieved 3rd place in the Trophy at Sutton Park on October 19th

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Compass Sport Trophy Final 19th October 2008

Although we had three late withdrawals WIM still had a magnificent 42 members take part in the Compass Sport Trophy at Sutton Park nr. Birmingham on Sunday 19 October.

Sutton Park is the largest park in the Birmingham area covering 2400 acres of woodland, heath land, open space and wetlands and has recently been designated a national Nature Reserve. The area is reminiscent of the New Forest and gives a true countryside experience yet is just 10K from the City Centre. It is used extensively for walking, cycling, horse riding, fishing, jogging, kite flying, canoeing, golf, sailing and of course orienteering. The park has over 2 million visitors a year and so it was that we joined a large number of other visitors to the Park for the Compass Sport Trophy.

It is a tribute to the spirit of the Club that 45 members were entered to take part and several travelled to the area for the weekend to stay with friends and relatives, several were highly organised and had booked Travel Lodges early on, a few actually drove up on the day whilst 24 of us stayed at the Premier Inn in Sutton Coldfield where we also enjoyed a meal together on the Saturday evening. This was quite an experience since I am not sure that they had much experience in catering for large numbers since our food arrived in dribs and drabs but for all that was most enjoyable. The less said about Claire in managing to eat 2 steaks the better!!!!!!

After breakfast on Sunday morning we all set off on the short 3 mile journey to Sutton Park and the first task was to put up the Club tent and banner alongside the finishing straight. Then one or two last minute changes to running times and our early starters were off.

The competition is based on a range of colour coded courses from brown to orange and points awarded being 100 for the winner and then each person after that 98, 96, 94 etc. apart from the brown and blue courses where it is 99, 98, 97 etc. There were 11 small clubs taking part in the Trophy and the courses were very tricky in amongst the gorse but in general the terrain was almost flat and made for very fast times. The club tent was the focal point of the day and each club runner finishing was given the usual encouragement. 964 runners from 22 clubs took part in the event which was very well organised by Octavian Droobers. The weather was ideal, being fine albeit a little windy and cool and most club members enjoyed a picnic after their runs with Wilfs being in attendance.

We had some fantastic runs, our 13 best runners to score were Helen Bridle on Blue Women and Sue Hands on the Short Green Veterans both winning their courses and scoring a maximum of 100 points. Nikki Crawford and Keith Henderson 98, Jamie Ranson 93, Kirsty Staunton 92, Chris Branford and Jo Pickering 90, Tom Staunton and Eamon Staunton 84, Steve Horsler 82, Kevin Pickering 80 and Michelle Spillar 78. This gave us a total of 1169 points and a very creditable 3rd position. Well done everyone.

It is important to run as many club members as possible since although some may not count in the top 13 everyone by running to their best ability can reduce the score of rival orienteering clubs.

The Trophy winners were Forth Valley Orienteers with 1233 points and congratulations to Sarum who were second on 1223 points.

Trevor Bridle

Club League 2008

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As most of you know the club league is now in the capable hands of Mike Kite, who took over from Simon Branford ,who in turn provided an exemplary service for many years. Thanks to them both. This league is up to date to Mid October.

- A Compass Sport Cup - Yateley, Jan 13
- B WIM Regional - Avon Water, Feb 17
- C SARUM National - Great Ridge, 9 March
- D QO Galoppen - Blackborough, 16 March
- E SOC District - Millyford Bridge, 16 March
- F WSX Galoppen - Parsons Pleasure, 30 March
- G Sarum Galoppen - Grovely Wood, 13 April
- H BOK Trot Regional - Brierley, 11 May
- I SOC District - Redshoot, 7 Sept
- J WIM Galoppen - Turf Hill & Millersford, 14 Sept
- K Caddihoe Chase Day 1 - Hamptworth, 20 Sept
- L Caddihoe Chase Day 2 - Hamptworth, 21 Sept
- M QO Galoppen - Ramscombe, 28 Sept
- N WSX Dorset Delight - Holmsley, 12 Oct
- O Compass Sport Cup - Sutton Park, 19 Oct

Place	Name	Class	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	Points (best 6)
1	S Hands	W60	98	97	99			80		100	64	80	100	84		100	100	597
2	V Crawford	W65	100	100	100		50						100	100		85	83	585
3	K Henderson	M65		80	96		67			100	63	80	92	100		100	94	582
4	K Staunton	W50	70		97			80		95	59	80	90			100	85	547
5	K Pickering	M50			72		79	76	76	99			100	100		86	68	540
6	P Pickering	M21		88					93		80		87	77		100		525
7	R Hills	M70		100	83		73	77	66		54		91			100		524
8	T Horsler	W40	71	98	84		78	78	71		61	59	83	100	59	63	62	521
9	C Branford	M60	81	68			86	72	65		80	83				100	81	511
9	S Horsler	M40	72	94	79			71	82		77	74	87	83	71	86	64	511
11	R Brightman	M65	70	80	80		89	94	77	73	56	58	76	73		79	77	499
12	M Kite	M60		43	75	71		60	62	67	48	52	83		55	100		458
13	H Pickering	W50	54		77		59	63		55	46	45	77	69		100	50	445
14	J Shucksmith	M55	63	80	69		71		69				64	71		77	66	437
15	C Turner	M45	62	74	68				71		74					87	54	436
16	J Pickering	W20	58		66			72	64				86				83	429
17	J Bland	W65		82				35	47		43	45	76	68	56	80	50	412
17	M Spillar	W21	94			79							86	85			68	412
19	K Crawford	W35		91	83								92	85			59	410
20	M Furlong	M50	51			82		68	68		62	67		60	54			407
21	E Staunton	M50	69	61	62		59	68			61		66			69	70	404
22	D Tilsley	W50	59		62				65		56	56	83	74				399
22	J Warren	M70	49		74		54	54	50	62	40			73		80	56	399
24	J Walmsley	M50	64	61	77				58		57						64	381
25	R Moore	M50		64	76		66	58			44	33				69		377
26	S Lawrence	W70	61	100	95				31		41	45						373
27	D Bland	M65	54	55			65	61	60		44	47	54	43	55	63	56	360
28	B Warren	W70	61		83			30	33		43					77	42	339
29	J Whittingham	M35										62	63	64		94	49	332
30	S Spillar	W55		60	68		43		43			38	69					321
1	F Smith	M10	100	100			100	74			67	100	77			99		576
2	R Whittingham	W10					97	100	48		95	63	87	64		100	46	543
3	K Reynolds	W14	53				59	80			71		68			100	43	431
4	E Reynolds	W18	47				54	64			51		88			52	43	356
5	S Horsler	W10					38	89	66		30	35			53			311
6	M Tavinor	W14	50				67	57				50				85		309
7	K Hodge	W14	53				58				56			66			43	276
8	D Whittingham	M10					73	71			57	46						247
9	N Blowes	W14	39				63	55				85						242
10	C Hodge	W16					42				47			63			27	179
11	T Furlong	M18	77						85									162
12	S Smith	W10					60				25	74						159
13	G Butler	M14	49				57											106
14	W Isaacson	M10		96														96
15	B Fale	M10							35							58		93

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Chairman's Report to the 2008 AGM

This has been another very busy year for Wimborne Orienteers and one of which I'm proud to have been your Chairman.

In the last 12 months the club has held about 15 events ranging from the annual Regional event, run at Avon Water, a recent Galoppen at Turf Hill, the Boxing Day Canter, to informal events, night events, a MTBO event and several informal summer street events. We failed to hold the Furrow Hoppers relay, for reasons I will mention shortly. In addition, and most importantly, jointly with Sarum, we hosted the British Schools Championships weekend. A week after the AGM, WIM came 3rd in the CompassSport Trophy, our best ever result.

We have made more use of Moors Valley this year, which is largely exempt from the FC restrictions, with a couple of informals joining the now traditional Schools Championships in May and the MTBO in June. We may as well use it well whilst we can, because on the horizon looms more projected felling, to say nothing of a proposed MTBO cycle track which will wind its way through the forest and which may cause extra restrictions for our course planners.

The Moors Valley permanent course which was first instituted in 1999 is very well used (we keep running out of maps) and about to be revised. Most of the marker posts are about to be replaced and we will take advantage of this to replan and improve the course. Most months through the year our coaches spend a Saturday coaching novices who sign up at the visitors centre, a facility which is very popular, although it doesn't often bring us in new members.

The administration of the Club League has been taken over in January by Mike Kite who succeeded Simon Branford. The Club League winners for 2007 were Keith Henderson & Nikki Crawford with Terence Furlong and Jo Pickering winning the junior titles. This year Keith Henderson was awarded the Founders trophy. They were awarded their trophies at the club dinner, held here in Canford School in February.

During the year Helen Bridle again represented Great Britain in several events including the European and World Championships, whilst your chairman was in the GB team for the European Trail-O Championships. Kirsty Staunton, Michelle Spillar and Keith Henderson all ran for the England team in the Interland competition. Several members have performed very well either singly or collectively as relay teams at national and regional championship level, but perhaps the most noteworthy individual performance was that of Sue Hands who battled back from breaking her ankle this time last year to take an individual Silver Medal in the Sprint race at this year's World Masters event in Portugal. You may recall that last year, with money from the National Lottery in addition to some of our own funds, the club bought a number of new Sport Ident schools kits. These are now distributed across the county with sets in S Dorset in the care of the Tilsleys, in E Dorset with Kirsty & Keith, and in N Dorset in the care of the Branfords. These are used in many ways, particularly in running small orienteering festivals and mini-leagues between a group of schools in a particular area. Towards the end of the 2007-8 school year we calculated how many children had experienced orienteering using these SI kits during the school year. To our astonishment we realised that the best part of 2500 children in Dorset had taken part in events organised by volunteer coaches from the club.

In the summer we failed to hold the Furrow Hoppers because we couldn't find a suitable area. Well actually we found an area - it was just that the FC initially wouldn't let us use it. It also became apparent that the FC were beginning to apply to the Dorset Forest area the same restrictions which apply to the New Forest, where orienteering has always been restricted during Spring and early summer.

Global warming etc has led to protected wildlife (ground nesting birds, lizards etc) which

live in heathlands, beginning their breeding cycle much earlier than they once did, and so it is becoming increasingly apparent that orienteering in many of our areas is going to have to be restricted to the autumn and winter months, from September to February or early March at the very latest. It would seem that in the South, that will be our main season, whilst in the N of England and Scotland, where environmental pressures appear to be different, there are few major events during the winter months and the main competitive season will run from February through to the early summer.

When we asked the FC why permission had been declined to let us use the Hurn Forest, which isn't heathland and isn't in the New Forest, they had a rethink and revised their policy. Now we are to be allowed to use for orienteering during the summer, those Dorset Forest areas which are not heath, and we have that in writing, so something good came out of the exercise. But in reality, given the undergrowth problems we get in summer, I fear we will have to restrict ourselves to informal events, MTBO events etc, much as we have done in recent seasons. Clearly we will have to look at organising more urban type races for the summer – along the lines of the City of London race which some of us will be running in tomorrow.

The potentially foreshortened season is one of the problems with which your committee, in common with many other clubs, is going to have to grapple with over the next year. The other problems which will concern us are the revised BOF levy structure and the new event structure, which are explained in the latest edition of 'Focus'.

The new levy will be of more immediate effect to us all, because unfortunately it has the effect of reducing the amount of money we pay as a levy on very small events, and larger events, it has the unfortunate effect of increasing the levy payable on those events which have between 100 and 400 competitors, particularly those which attract large junior numbers: in other words, most of our events. Entry fees are going to have to be increased to cover this, I'm afraid.

Over the last few years, your committee has remained fairly constant. This year you may recall we co-opted Hilary Pickering as acting treasurer during Trevor Bridlle's extended holiday down under and she has remained on the committee since his reappearance. However, both Kirsty Staunton and Lynn Branford have expressed the desire to stand down from the committee after several year's service. My thanks for all their hard work. May I end by thanking all those members who have worked so faithfully on behalf of the club over the last 12 months. To our planners, organisers, coaches and controllers, our volunteer officials at all our events, to Mike Kite, who runs the club league, to Barbara Warren, our Waffle editor, to all the committee members and to the club officers, Trevor Bridle and John Warren, whose devotion to duty is quite amazing, my grateful thanks.

Dick Keighley

40th WIM AGM – Canford School – Friday October 10th 2008. A brief summary

27 members were present to hear Dick's report as Chairman. Trevor presented his usual meticulous financial statement. Despite an excess of expenditure of £565-89 the bank balance remained healthy with a general fund of £4296-47. There was a full discussion of the implications of the new levy system. A suggestion that economies could be made by publishing Waffle only on the Internet met with a mixed response. Trevor recommended that Club membership fees for the coming year remain unchanged.

Dick, Trevor and John were re-elected as Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Kirsty Staunton and Lynn Branford are standing down from the committee after several years invaluable service. The committee elected for the coming year are Noel Smith, John Shucksmith, Jo. Pickering, Tamsin Horsler, Chris Branford and Hilary Pickering. The formal meeting was followed by refreshments and a stunning illustrated presentation by John and Di. Tilsley on their adventures in New Zealand.

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Godshill & Millersford

WIM have been very active in these areas recently. Kirsty, Sue and Keith put on a most enjoyable Galloper - Colour Coded event in mid September with good courses and superb summer weather (For a change). There was even a 'Burger Van' for 'apres O' appetites! Early in October Kirsty, Hilary and Sue ran a first rate coaching session for 12 intrepid members anxious to hone their skills before the CompassSport Trophy. There were exercises in using 'Line Features', attack points and corner cutting, both on the open forest and in the woods. The latter proved popular, not least because the trees gave shelter from the driving rain!. We hope to have regular coaching sessions throughout the season.

Adventure Racing – A new challenge

People often ask me what 'Adventure Racing' actually is. I often answer with 'It's an off-road triathlon with navigation, but including kayaking instead of swimming'. People can relate to triathlon as it's constantly in the media. 'AR' is growing in popularity and the larger races are starting to feature more and more on tv. The London Rat Race, a 2 day urban adventure race, which Tom and I recently competed in, will be featured on Transworld sport at 8am on November 23rd, if you are interested. We finished 8th overall, amongst some of the leading UK teams, out of around 250 teams.

But back to the beginning. Tom Staunton and I stumbled across an adventure race that happened to be based at Burgate School, less than 2 miles down the road from home. We often cycled and ran and had kayaked a few times, so weren't too worried. We signed up eager to try. The course consisted of a score event over 5 hours with 3 disciplines; run, bike and kayak, all with navigation. You could choose whether to run or bike first, you were given an allotted kayak 'slot' which you must adhere to, or face penalties. We decided to tackle the run first, as we had an early kayak slot, so just enough time to pick up a couple of checkpoints before the lake. Coming from an orienteering background, we didn't find navigation a problem, as 1:25000 OS maps were used, and controls were on distinct features such as path/bridleway junctions.

What we did notice, turning up at the event centre, and during the race, was the amount of cheery banter flying around, perhaps a direct reflection of people competing in teams rather than individually. This made the whole experience far more enjoyable.

One specific memory of the banter, was as we ran through Fordingbridge towards the forest, with Dad leaning out of the car shouting encouragement, was the comment made by one team as we raced past them. 'One thing we hate more than locals; is fit locals!' After finishing the run and kayak we made our way back to 'transition', only to find that Dad had nipped home and crafted a map board for my bike! 'Everyone else seemed to have one, I thought it would make you faster' - It certainly did!

We had a good ride and raced back to the finish to ensure that we finished within the 5 hours and therefore received no penalty points. Happy but tired, we decided not to stick around for the prize giving, thinking we hadn't done that well, and opted for a long soak in the shower at home instead. To our surprise, the next day, we got a phone call from the organisers saying we'd won the novice category and asking where they should send our prizes!

A few days later, once the aching had stopped, and our waterproof socks (our prizes) had arrived, Tom and I decided we were hooked!

Being the last race in the season, we decided to come back next year to try our hand at all their races. We ended up winning the series!

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This was 2 years ago. Since then we've taken part in a lot of different adventure races in the UK, gaining in experience and fitness as we went. We've raced 3 hour 'sprint' races, 6 hour events, 8 hour events, urban adventure races and 2 day adventure races. We hope to tackle expedition racing next.



People are constantly pushing the boundaries of endurance. The Marathon was once thought to be the limit of man's endurance, then came the Triathlon, more recently the Iron Man. Adventure Racing is the new event athletes can pit themselves against. Expedition adventure races can see athletes push their bodies to the limit over 5 days, covering 500km often in harsh weather and difficult terrain.

Adventure Racing has had such an influence on my life, I intend to bring out a magazine in the new year called 'UK Adventure Sports', which will cover sports such as adventure racing, mountain biking events, trail running and mountain marathons. It is something that's in demand, as more and more people continue to look for adventure in the outdoors. Look out for the magazine in the New Year!

They say variety is the spice of life; the same is true of Adventure Racing. Every race is different; no two races are the same. There are different formats, distances, disciplines and terrain you can choose from. There's a race out there to suit everyone!

If you fancy having a go, visit www.sleepmonsters.co.uk for a calendar of events.

Beware, it's addictive!!!

Paul Pickering

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THE “OMM” THAT NEVER WAS

For most sane individuals “mountain” and “marathon” are words to be shied away from. After ten years absence from this idiocy, I decided with John Walmsley to give it a go this year. Could we at last get to the start line of the “karrimor” now matured into the “OMM “? From the courses available the *medium score* seemed a sensible choice. After all, worse case scenario is a six hour walk in the hills admiring the scenery! But let’s give it a bit more of a shot. Best way to develop stamina is to just go out there and keep moving in hills until you feel you can only just put one foot in front of the other and then do it again another day and another. It helps to have SOC’s Long O and the 'Two Moors Challenge' on Dartmoor and Exmoor as pegs to hang your training on and they, together with a day in the Black mountains of the Brecons, should be reasonable preparation.



John and Keith - Class winners of Two Moors Challenge

Question is always “have we done enough?” I did not think much about weather except to spend a fortune on lightweight wet weather gear.

Forecast for the Lake District is rain with exceedingly strong winds from the south west 50 mph gusting to 80mph on the tops. Whoops! Good job we entered the score. Won’t have to go for the high controls.

The day before, we study the Lakeland Fell map for Scafell and the Langdales. We know the start is at the southern end of Borrowdale by Seathwaite and conjecture as to where the overnight camp will be. My bet is the Langdale valley and Old dungeon Ghyll although that does have a reputation for flooding in heavy rain and John says it’s too civilised with pubs and telephone boxes. Apparently the temptation is to partake of the local brew or phone for replacement dry clothing. Surely not! In the end we were both wrong, the overnight camp was to be at Gatesgarth at the southern end of Buttermere. In the event not many arrived there and the rest is history.

It is 9.13 am we are at the *start* up Ruddy Gill. I kid you not. Our course is shortened to five hours and we hang on to our maps in the wind and dive for shelter to plan the route. Shall we beat it back to the car or give it a whirl? There was really only one choice for first

control which then determined the next so this was arguably bad planning. I notice that Chris Turner and Mark Bentley did the same only faster. You will know that controls have letter symbols. The first, a knoll south west side is aptly given BA and is a 350 metre climb and we could have done with BA's help together with on board refreshments. Two young fellows pass us discussing nephews of 15 and 16 who sit at home playing computer games, listen to radio two and get little exercise and don't know the pleasure of hill running. Well I never, what they are missing! At the moment it's a good calf, thigh and lung workout. John and I cannot match this dialogue. We are too busy getting the oxygen in to let any air out. At last BA materialises. In the wrong place of course; well not where we thought it was. John's altimeter said it was much too high. Trouble is the depression has increased (or has it decreased) so rapidly that the altimeter needs frequent recalibration. I am not good with millibars more a mini-bar man myself. What I do know is it is getting very windy and the rain stings any exposed flesh. Something to do with 50 plus mph wind gusting mostly from behind, we are bowled along to the next control, BH (bloody hell). This is *between two knolls* and a 50 pointer. We pass Raven Crag and Combe Gill on our left. Don't look down. Keep eyes front and ignore the abyss. Wonder what the Ravens live off? The 1:40,000 scale is difficult to read but here everything is bigger, even a knoll is twenty metres high. Cannot miss that even without spectacles, now useless in the conditions. It's cold but we proceed on to control three, a re-entrant. Next time you can hardly detect a re-entrant on the ground don't complain. This one is so deep that from the top the flag way down in the bottom requires binoculars to see. Could do with my bog trotters. Well I did have an uncle who flew in Wellingtons in the early forties.

The weather is getting worse so we decide that we must start moving towards the finish and ignore the distant controls. Trouble is there is a tantalising little 35 pointer down in the valley, so we go for it. What appears a benign descent on a path around Bull Crag turns out to be a malignant slippery rocky challenge and takes for ever. The valley is awash and soon we hear the sirens of emergency vehicles on the roads through Borrowdale. We are above the knees in water on paths adjacent to rivers that have overflowed and decide that our chosen route across a small stream, which would have taken us back onto the fell, is untenable. On the way John has an argument with a tree and comes off worse. Hitting his head he cut his eyebrow and severely bent his glasses. My administrations were inadequate: to the spectacles that is. Well, I am retired! I did a great job with plaster and bandage to his head though and this was seen on Sky News. But I digress. It was only his head so the wooden collision did not affect his navigation and he took us to Tongue Gill, the aforementioned and now uncrossable stream. Others had managed it before us, confirmed by the visible tracks on the other side. Discreet as ever we backtracked rather than risk being taken by the waters down to the river Derwent and eventually some 5k later, Derwent Water. Our return to the road and the wailing vehicles and flashing blue lights was even more difficult as the water levels on flooded paths were rising and the strength of the moving mass increasing. We were in *shortest legal route to the overnight camp* mode by now and found a way by path above the road to the Honister Pass. Fortunately this took us on the fell within sight of the road where we observed bedraggled refugees moving in the opposite direction. They signalled with a movement of the arms that at Heathrow would mean cut your engines and at Newmarket, all bets are off. Dropping down to the road they confirmed that the event was terminated and so we joined them on the trek to the Assembly and start where we had parked what seemed days earlier. Tired and very wet I remarked to John that we could be consoled that we would spend the night in the warmth and comfort of the caravan and that the meal of fish in white wine sauce with choice vegetables, anticipated for Sunday, could be brought forward twenty five hours.(before the move to Greenwich mean time). Spoke too soon again.

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The road into Seathwaite and the car park was well under water as were many of the vehicles unfortunate to have parked on the roadside. We are not leaving this day. On to download and a welcome cup of hot vegetable soup and a meal voucher for Wilfs. We took a rain cheque on the voucher and Wilfs meal and made for the car desperate to get into dry clothes. By now the rain is carried by the howling wind even at this low level and opening any door invites a drenching, so we stay within and snack on snickers through the night.

The storm stopped at precisely 3.25am. The sudden silence was quite deafening. Sometime later we were able to leave the car park field and together with others bundled into a café in Keswick for a fry up breakfast. Yum Yum ! When is the next one?

Keith Henderson

(As far as we know, only 7 WIM members took part in this event (Keith and John, Nikki Crawford and Karen, Chris Turner with Mark Bentley. Tom Staunton made an impressive debut in the Elite class completing the day 1 course despite the weather)

Ode to the OMM (The Original Mountain Marathon formerly known as 'Karrimor')

The forecast is bad, perhaps even extreme
But the OMM is still 'on', so it would seem
Into the sack goes extra clothes
What will happen? Nobody knows!
Let's get started we'll give it a blast!
We know how to navigate and we're even quite fast

Blow, winds, and crack your cheeks
Unleash the flood, stem the leaks
Water, water, everywhere
Lashing our faces and in our hair
Battling on against the storm
We're far too focused to be forlorn

Marsh and cliff, rock and knoll
We tick them off as we traverse the fell
Just keep on moving, the wind is so chill
There's no place to tarry whilst out on the hill
We stay on a bearing into the gloom
For margin of error there's so little room

Another control, another success
But we must go down, heading northwest
The gusts are coming faster and stronger
The race seems to be getting ever longer!
Push on, push on, into the gale
We won't stop now, we just cannot fail

High on the Honister the sirens are wailing
People are approaching, some of them waving
'Abandon your run, the camp's under water'
The race is called off to prevent any slaughter
We tried very hard, we gave it our best
But sadly this OMM is now laid to rest.

(With apologies to the Bard for stealing one of his lines)

John Walmsley



Future Champions!
Grace French discusses tactics with Sophie Smith

Aspiring mappers please!

If you have ever thought 'I wonder how they draw O maps' why not have a go yourself. I would be delighted to run an informal session for either individuals or a small group to practice the basics of mapping. We have permission to map a new area near Bere Regis and I would be very grateful for help surveying this area during the winter. Give me a ring if you are interested on 01425 – 474861

John Warren

Forthcoming Events

November

Saturday	8 th	SARUM Informal/Dorset Schools League/Wessex Night League Cannimore – Nr. Longleat -Warminster GR: ST842438 Starts: 1pm to 3pm and 5pm to 6.30pm Contact: Charlotte Thornton	EMIT
Sunday	9 th	NGOC Regional Badge event – Sallowvallets – Forest of Dean GR: SO607116. Enquiries for late entry contact John Fallows johnfallows@compuserve.com	S/I
Also		GO District Colour Coded event – Waggoners Wells – Liphook Signed off northbound A3. See Go website	S/I
Saturday	15 th	BAOC/WIM Night event – Blandford Camp – Blandford GR:ST930087 See BAO website for details	EMIT
Wednesday	19 th	BAOC Midweek League event – Ocknell Pond – New Forest GR: SU232118. Starts: 10.30 – 1400, Night Score Start 17.00 See BAO website for details	EMIT
Saturday	22 nd	BADO Southern Night Champs – Greenham Common – Newbury GR: SU500645. Pre-entry by 08/11 Contact: Andy McGregor 01189 – 812598	EMIT

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 Sunday 23rd BADO District Colour Coded event – Greenham Common – Newbury
 GR: SU500645. EOD Contact as above EMIT
 Also BOK District Colour Coded/Galoppen – Highmeadow Wood - S/I
 Forest of Dean. GR: SO546136. Contact: Katy Dyer 01179 – 684173
 Saturday 29th WIM Informal Dorset Schools League/ Night League event
 Hurn Forest North – St. Leonards – GR: SU102023 Signed off A31
 Day starts: 1300-1500. Night 1 Hour Score Starts: 1700-1800
 Contact: John Warren 01425 – 474861 S/I
 Sunday 30th SO Regional Badge event – Broadstone Warren – Ashdown Forest
 GR: TQ431324 Pre-entry by 16/11. Jacqui Drake 01273 - 400603

December

- Saturday 6th WSX Day/Night event – Durr Hill – Burley GR: SU202014
 See WSX website for details S/I
 Sunday 7th SOC District Colour Coded event – Wilverley – New Forest
 GR: SU253011 Contact: Steve Pullen 01489 – 788588 EMIT
 Friday 19th WIM Blandford Night Street/Park O GR: ST887059
 Contact: Chris Branford 01258 – 453716
 Friday 26th WIM Boxing Day Canter – Ringwood Forest North. Access at GR
 SU122088 from Somerley Alderholt Road. Mass Start 1 Hour Score
 event. 11am start please arrive in plenty of time to register.
 Contact: Karen French 01202 – 814958. S/I
 Sunday 28th SN Regional Badge event – Long Valley N – Aldershot
 GR:SU852519. Pre-entry by 10/12 See flier for more details
 Organiser: John Brown 01483 – 720903 S/I

January 2009

- Thursday 1st SARUM New Years Day event – Heavens Gate – Longleat
 Watch for details EMIT
 Saturday 3rd WSX Day/Night event - Poole Park GR: ST025913
 Saturday 10th WIM Dorset Schools League/ Night League event – Inside Park S/I
 Blandford GR: ST863052 Contact: Chris Branford 01258 – 453716
 Friday 16th WIM Night League event Sturminster Newton GR: ST787150
 Contact: Chris Branford 01258 – 453716
 Saturday 24th SN British Night Champs – Mytchett – Aldershot GR: SU924563
 Pre-entry by 11/01. Contact: Steve McKinley 01483 – 476914
 Sunday 25th BKO Concorde Chase – Regional Badge event – Yateley & Minley
 Camberley. GR: SU812585. Watch for details.

*****Waffle - Paper or Electronic?*****

A couple of years ago we asked members whether they would be happy to read Waffle on the web rather than receiving a printed copy.

At that time only 2 people indicated that they didn't want a paper copy.

At the AGM Mike Christopher suggested that the club could save a considerable amount of money in printing and postage if people were satisfied with just a computer version.

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