

Chairman's Report

Event Summary

In 2013/14 we put on 17 events plus the JIRC's last September.

Event	Seniors	Juniors
JIRCS 28/9/13		376
Wootton Hill 19/9/13	4	31
Gorley Evening Event 7/10/13	21	33
Godshill Galloper 27/10/13	197	42
Southern Nights 7/12/13	87	10
Boxing Day Canter 2013	167	52
Hurn 3 in 1 18/1/14	40	29
Rockford Common 01/02/14	32	45
Wimborne Night Event 3/2/14	29	2
Port Regis Schools Event 22/02/14	27	29
Winter Warmer 16/3/14	205	38
Poundbury Evening Event 7/4/14	26	6
Dorset Schools Championships 9/5/14		96
Canford Summer Event and BBQ 24/8/14	42	14
Wimborne Town Urban Event 21/6/14	87	14
Avon Heath Evening Event 9/6/14	28	6
Stonebarrow Informal Event June 14		11
Port Regis Farrow Hoppers 13/07/14	37	7

Total Competitors Excluding JIRC's 2013	1029	465
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In total we put on orienteering for 1494 runners over 17 events with a total income of £9185 from entry fees. Of these 1494 runners we had 465 junior runs. This compares to last year when we had 1563 runners with 517 junior runs over 21 events.

It is not by luck that these events all run smoothly and produce high quality of orienteering events. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have contributed to the success by carrying out mapping, planning, organising, car parking duties to registration/entry, computing and control placing and collecting.

I would urge everyone who takes part in any event, whether it be a Wimborne event or one put on by another club to take 5 secs at the end of your run, regardless of how you feel, to just say thank you to the volunteers. Without them, there would be no orienteering for you to enjoy (or not if you had a complete nightmare and spent too much time thrashing around in the undergrowth).

We need to be conscious of the fact that we need to increase the number of volunteers, so please encourage people to join in.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their input and efforts over the past year. Collectively they have ensured that the club runs smoothly and that everyone is kept informed via the web site, managed by Dick, Waffle managed by Mike or the weekly email sent out by Chris.

One particular committee member I would like to thank is Trevor Bridle. Trevor has served Wimborne Orienteers for many years in various roles including that of Treasurer, a role he handed over to Karen a few years ago. Since then Trevor has remained on the committee as social organiser and club captain. Trevor has indicated he would like to stand down from the committee, although he has confirmed that he will continue in the role of social organiser.

Wimborne Orienteers Winners for the 2013/14 Season

Trophy	2013/14 Season Winner
Founders Trophy	Sue Hands
Club League Men	Chris Branford
Club League Women	Sue Hands
Club League Junior Men	Darren Whittingham
Club League Junior Women	Elizabeth Horsler
Summer League Men	Chris Branford
Summer League Women	Wendy Bullen
Summer League Juniors	Darren Whittingham
Wessex Night League - Men	Chris Branford
Wessex Night League - Women	Jane Morgan SOC
Furrow Hoppers Relay Trophy	WSX

Representative Honours

Becky Whittingham and Fraser Smith represented the South West Junior Squad at the recent Junior Inter Regional Championships in the Lake District - the team came 4th out of 12 regions. Sarah Horsler has recently been invited to join the Squad.

Sally Calland is the Women's Open Class winner of the UK Urban League and Becca Ellis is 4th in the same class.

Sue Hands represented England in the Veteran Home International in the Forest of Dean and the England team won

Emily Benham won two medals in the MTBO World Championships in Poland to gain her the overall title of World Champion

Barbara Warren - W80 British Champion at the 2014 British Middle Distance Champs

JK 2014 – South Wales

In the Sprint event at Swansea University top 10 places went to
Becca Ellis Women's Open 3rd
Sally Calland W35 4th

We then had two days of Long events on Merthyr Common.

Best result of the weekend must go to Barbara Warren in W80 who was 3rd overall in her class for the two days

Other top 10 places for the two days were
Jo Pickering W21S 10th
Lynn Branford W60S 6th
Sue Hands W65L 4th

Finally in the Relays our results were
Men's Short 38/59 Simon Branford, Eamon Staunton, Lewis Wright

Women's Short 10/47 Sally Calland, Kirsty Staunton, Jo Pickering
210+ 5/36 Chris Branford, Sue Hands, Keith Henderson

British Championships

The British Championships were held on the 31 May in the northeast of England on some very difficult terrain.

Three of our members competed in the Individual events on Saturday.

Their results were -

Sally Calland 5th W35L

Sue Hands 7th W65L

Keith Henderson 8th M70L

The intrepid WIMites also entered as a team of 3 in the Ad Hoc and in finished a very creditable 18th out of over 40 teams.

Harvester Relays

Harvester – we again entered a team in this event at Winterfold and Pitch Hill but unfortunately it was not our finest hour!

South West Sprint Championships

An excellent day at the South West Sprint Championships at Bournemouth University today with 9 WIM Champions

W16 – Becky Whittingham

W35 – Sally Calland

W50 – Kath Pike

W55 – Di Tilsley

W60 – Lynn Branford

W65 – Sue Hands

M12 – Darren Whittingham

M60 – Kevin Pickering

M65 – Chris Branford

Dorset Coast Path Relay

We participated in the last running of the Dorset Coast Path Relays at the end of August when an unsuccessful attempt was made on the record.

Euro City Tour

At present Kirsty Staunton is 2nd Super Veteran Women (55+) in the Euro City Tour with only one race to go in Barcelona in November.

Compass Sport Trophy

In February we once again achieved our first target of the year when we qualified for the Compass Sport Trophy Final. We did this in style winning convincingly. We managed to have almost every counter gaining either 100 or 99 points (first or second) in the Trophy Competition

and our non-counters did a superb job in blocking off many of the higher points available to the other clubs so reducing their scores.

We had over 50 club members competing and the scores were –

WIM	1291
BADO	1260
NWO	1181
GO	1139
WSX	1137

The final is being held on 14 December in Long Valley North.

Marathon des Sables

Helen Bridle competed in the Marathon des Sables – was 20th Lady and overall 301st – a fantastic achievement out of a field of 1029 with 917 finishers.

South West Galloper Series

Darren Whittingham and Becky Whittingham won the Junior Men and Junior Women in the South West Galloper Series.

Report on the extended Wimborne Club - aka the Signals

Much injury, military training and operational commitments has meant the Royal Corps of Signals team has been thin on the ground this year. That said, they still managed to come third as a team in the Inter Corps competition this time last year. There have been some excellent individual results though;

Andy McNally - 4th in MO London City Race. Well within the top fifteen of the JKs and Lakes5Days.

Sally Calland - 4th in WO London City Race. Won the Nopesport UK Urban league. Has climbed up the BOF rankings by over 200 places in the year. Retained her Corps title and came 2nd in the Army, also represented the Combined Services.

Mark Bentley - not spent much time O'ing due to work commitments. He did represent the Corps, Army and Combined Services this year.

Steve Mallison - struggling with injury, but has represented the Royal Signals and Combined Services this year.

Sally