



January 2016





Orienteering in DORSET January – March 2016

Looking for a local club?

Wimborne Orienteers covers most of the Dorset area outside Poole & Bournemouth. www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk

Wessex Orienteering Club covers the Poole, Bournemouth & Christchurch area www.wessex-oc.org

Sarum Orienteering Club covers the South Wiltshire (Salisbury) area and North West Hampshire (Fordingbridge/Romsey) area. <u>http://www.sarumo.org.uk//</u>

LOCAL ORIENTEERING EVENTS OPEN TO ALL – January – March 2016 WSX organise a weekly training session at Bournemouth University on Tuesdays – meet at the University Sports Centre at 5.45pm ready to run at 6pm. Changing rooms and showers available. Thursday 14th January: Southampton Orienteering Club Night Event at Fleming Park, Eastleigh. See www.socweb.org for details. Email organiser to reserve a map. Wessex Night League event. Hi-viz clothing mandatory

Saturday 16th January: Wimborne Orienteers Coaching and Informal Event at Hurn Forest, St Ives. Meet at 1.30pm for afternoon of activities followed by Informal event. Ideal for beginners and juniors and all welcome. See <u>www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk</u> for details.

Sunday 17th January: Southampton Orienteering Club event at Busketts Lawn, New Forest. See <u>www.socweb.org</u> for details.

Tuesday 19th January: SOC/BAOC Night Event at Marchwood, New Forest. See <u>www.socweb.org</u> for details. Email organiser to reserve a map. Wessex Night League event. Hi-viz clothing mandatory

Saturday 23rd January: Basingstoke and District Orienteers event at Blackwood Forest north of Winchester. See <u>www.bado.org.uk</u> for details

Sunday 24th January: North Wilts Orienteers Galoppen event at West Woods south west of Marlborough. See <u>www.northwilts.org.uk</u> for details. Limited entry for this event due to parking problems and also no entry on day.

Thursday 28th January: Southampton Orienteering Club Night Event at Woolston, Southampton. See <u>www.socweb.org</u> for details. Email organiser to reserve a map. Wessex Night League event. Hi-viz clothing mandatory

Monday 1st February: Wimborne and Wessex Monthly Club Evening at Potterne Park, Verwood. Wessex Night League event. See <u>http://www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk</u> E-mail organiser to reserve a map. Hi-viz clothing mandatory for this event

Saturday 6th February: SARUM Informal event at Stonedown. Afternoon event followed by Wessex Night League event. Suitable for all ages and abilities. See <u>http://sarumo.org.uk/</u> for further details. Ring organiser to reserve a map for night event. Hi –viz clothing mandatory for night event

Saturday 13th February: Wessex Orienteering Club Informal at Upton Country Park, Poole. Afternoon event followed by Wessex Night League. See <u>www.wessex-oc.org</u> for details. Email organiser to reserve a map. Hi-viz clothing mandatory for night event

Sunday 14th February: Wessex Orienteering Club Galoppen Event at Bisterne Close, New Forest. Suitable for all ages and abilities. See <u>www.wessex-oc.org</u> for details

Sunday 21st February: Wimborne Orienteers Regional event at Turf Hill and Millersford, New Forest. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Preferred method of entry via Fabian on line but limited entries on the day. See <u>http://www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk</u> for details

Sunday 28th February: Southampton Orienteering Club event at Bratley, New Forest. See www.socweb.org for details.

Monday 29th February: Wimborne and Wessex Monthly Club Evening on Brownsea Island. Wessex Night League event. See <u>www.wessex-oc.org</u> for details You must E-mail organiser to reserve a map and a place on the boat and food . Hi-viz clothing mandatory for this event

Saturday 5th March: Southampton Orienteering Club Night Event at Southsea Common. See <u>www.socweb.org</u> for details. Email organiser to reserve a map. Wessex Night League event. Hi-viz clothing mandatory

Sunday 13th March: Round 1 of the Compass Sport Trophy and Cup Competitions for all clubs. Southampton Orienteering Club are hosting this competition at Denny Lodge in New Forest. All club members of all ages and abilities are encouraged to represent their club. Further details nearer date

WIM Club Champs 2015

Happy New Year!

The 2015 Wimborne Club League season concluded with the SOC event at Kings Garn Gutter on 6 December. Final placings are on the club website.

Congratulations to our four champions - **Richard Brightman**, **Sue Hands**, **Sarah Horsler** and **Darren Whittingham** - and to all 91 WIM members who appear in our league tables - an increase of 12 on 2014.

Martin Cross was the Senior Men's early leader with Richard Brightman, Steven Horsler, Kevin Pickering, John Shucksmith and Chris Turner in the chasing pack. In April, Richard took the lead and held on to it for the rest of the year despite a serious late challenge from Chris Branford. Going into the last event it was still mathematically possible for Chris to overtake Richard, but only if he won Green and Richard scored less than 83 points. It was highly unlikely! The final order was Richard first followed by Chris Branford second, Roger Hills third and Martin fourth.

The Women's competition was dominated by Sue Hands, Wendy Bullen and Tamsin Horsler throughout almost the whole year. By May, however, Sue had already scored a maximum 600 points from 6 wins on Short Green and the battle had effectively been won. The final order was Sue first, Wendy second, Tamsin third and Gillian Cross fourth, just ahead of Karen French.

Darren Whittingham (M12) was once again the Junior Boys winner, running Orange courses with skill and determination. However, this year saw a new challenger in Harry Bracher-Howard (M10) on Yellow, who finished second 27 points behind Darren. With Fraser Smith, Robert Munday and Monty Bracher-Howard also competing, 2016 could be very interesting.

The Junior Girls competition turned into another battle royal between Sarah and Elizabeth Horsler, and concluded with another close finish. Sarah ultimately gained first place with 594 points and Elizabeth came second with 590 - two impressively high scores! Becky Whittingham was third and Grace French fourth.

The 2016 Club League season has arrived, starting with the SOC SCOA League event at Busketts Lawn on Sunday 17 January. Club League rules are very similar to 2015 and the initial list of qualifying League events is published on the Waffle site. I'll be happy to answer any queries.

We look forward to seeing you. Good luck, everyone!

Mike Kite, Club League Organiser

WIMBORNE CLUB LEAGUE 2015

- A WIM Galoppen, Moors Valley, 11 January
- B SOC SCOA League, Busketts Lawn, 18 January
- C NGOC Galoppen, Cooper's Hill, 18 January
- D BKO Concorde Chase, Cold Ash, 25 January
- E QO Galoppen, Ashley Combe, 1 February
- F WIM Winter Warmer, Hale Purlieu, 15 February
- G Sarum Saunter, Sidbury Hill, 8 March
- H WSX Galoppen, Rushmore, 22 March
- Sarum SCOA League, Hamptworth, 12 April

- J Caddihoe Day 1, Fernworthy, 5 Sept
- K WIM Galoppen, Ibsley Common, 20 Sept
- L KERNO Galoppen, Hayle Towans, 11 Oct
- M WSX Dorset Delight, Wareham Forest, 25 Oct
- N SOC November Classic, Burley, 1 Nov
- O Devon Galoppen, Haytor, 8 Nov
- P Sarum Galoppen, Foxbury, 15 Nov
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- R SOC SCOA League, Kings Garn Gutter, 6 Dec

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Sun 17 January	SOC SCOA League	Busketts Lawn, New Forest	SOC
Sun 24 January	NWO SW Galoppen	West Woods, Marlborough	NWO
Sun 31 January	BKO Concorde Chase	Barossa, Camberley	BKO
Sun 7 February	BOK Trot Regional	Brierley, Forest of Dean	BOK
Sun 14 February	Wessex SW Galoppen	Bisterne Close, Burley	WSX
Sun 21 February	WIM Winter Warmer Regional	Turf Hill & Millersford, New Forest	WIM
Sun 28 February	QO SW Galoppen	St Audries, Quantoxhead	QO
Sun 20 March	Sarum Saunter Regional	Grovely East, Wilton	SARUM
Sun 10 April	NGOC SW Galoppen	Danby Lodge, Blakeney, Forest of Dean	NGOC
Sun 29 May	Tamar Triple Day 2	Bodmin Moor	DEVON
Mon 30 May	Tamar Triple Day 3	Mount Edgcumbe, Torpoint	KERNO
Sun 18 September	WIM SW Galoppen	tba	WIM
Sat 1 October	Caddihoe Day 1	Aggelestone Heath, Studland	WSX
Sun 9 October	Sarum SW Galoppen & SCOA League	Collingbourne Woods, Ludgershall	SARUM
Sun 30 October	KERNO SW Galoppen	tba	KERNO
Sun 6 November	SOC November Classic	Ashurst	SOC
Sun 27 November	QO SW Galoppen	tba	QO

List subject to alteration as events are changed, added or cancelled.

SWOA 50th Birthday Celebration

at Moors Valley Country Park on Saturday 21 November 2015



Chris Branford writes:

On Saturday we had a very successful 50th Birthday Party at Moors Valley Country Park with just under a 100 runs and cycles (many of these were juniors accompanied by all the family).

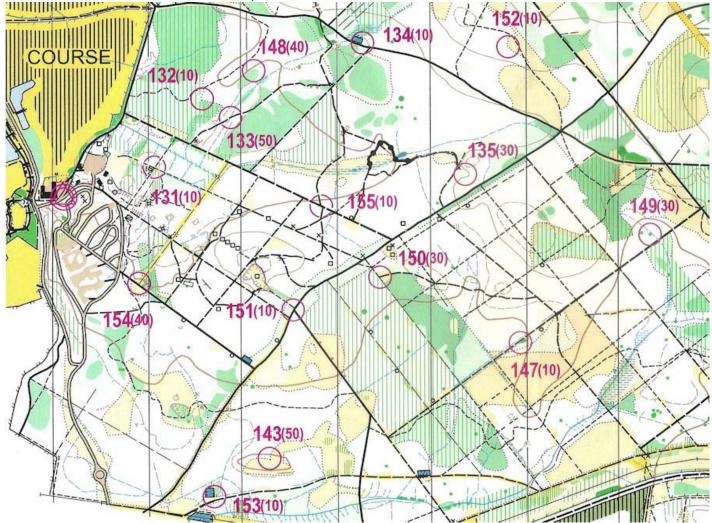
Particular thanks must go to Trevor Bridle and Becca Ellis for planning both the day and night courses and to all the WIM and WSX members who helped out on the day to make it such a successful event.

The highlight of the event was the official cutting of the cake by a representative of both clubs. So well done everyone.





Below: SW part of the Foot-O 60-minute Score course



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Lakes in a Day

by Joanne Pickering

Do you ever get that feeling of wanting to up your game and push yourself further? Of course you do, you are an orienteer! Well this was the case with my 2015 challenge.

Last year I completed my first ever marathon distance (an off-road trail marathon with 1200m ascent) where I had agonising knee pain for the last 12 miles. I admitted the distance was tough so I laughed to myself when I decided that I wanted to do an ultra marathon distance! But having a tendency of throwing myself in the deep end, a normal ultra marathon just wouldn't do. How about 'Lakes in a Day'? This was a point to point navigational course the length of the Lake District, from North to South, with over 4000 metres of climb within a 24 hour time limit!! Yes that was the one! Luckily 2 of my colleagues, who were crazy enough to sign up to the challenge as well, gave me the motivation to train with them at lunchtimes and complete the course as a three.

So the training began and I took to the hills of the Brecons for most of my long training runs. This included the Rogue Runs Long O weekend for some navigational practice across the fells. The big day soon came about and I knew I definitely hadn't done enough training but it would be a fun experience nonetheless!

We went to register the night before at Cartmel School, the finish location, and realisation soon hit us as to what we were in for. An early 5am start and a bumpy hour and half long car journey saw us standing on the start line at 8am and we were ready for the off. Looking around at the 300 other competitors on the start line, everyone seemed like they knew what they were in for so it was certainly going to be a challenge for me.



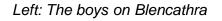
The buzzer went and we headed out of Caldbeck for a gentle 3km run to get us to the first climb of the day. Luckily the navigation wasn't an issue yet as you could just follow the ant trail of people in the distance in front of you. I had already stopped to take a picture and knew the scenery would get me through this. First gentle climb over and down to a river crossing which meant wet feet within the first hour. Great, this was going to be a long day! The next climb was tough due to the tussocky terrain and not knowing where your ankles would go with every step but the views from the top made it all worthwhile. We had perfect weather all day, cloudy but good visibility, no rain and good temperature which as all of you know is rare in the Lake District.



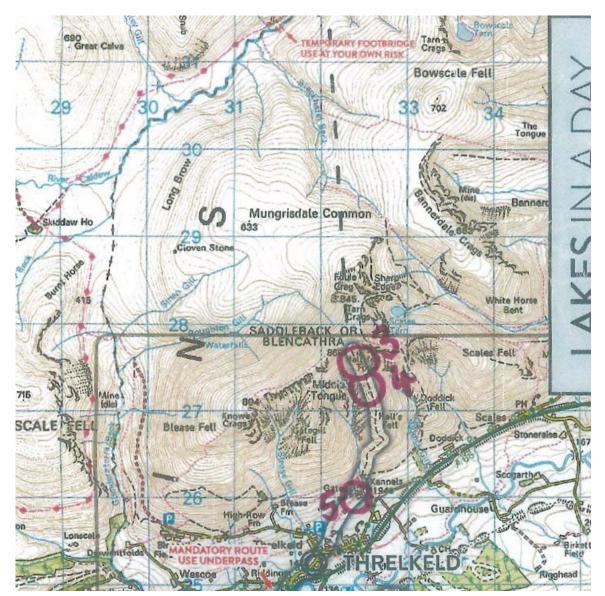
Rock climbing on Blencathra







Right: Relief off Blencathra just before Feed 1



Map 1 - Blencathra

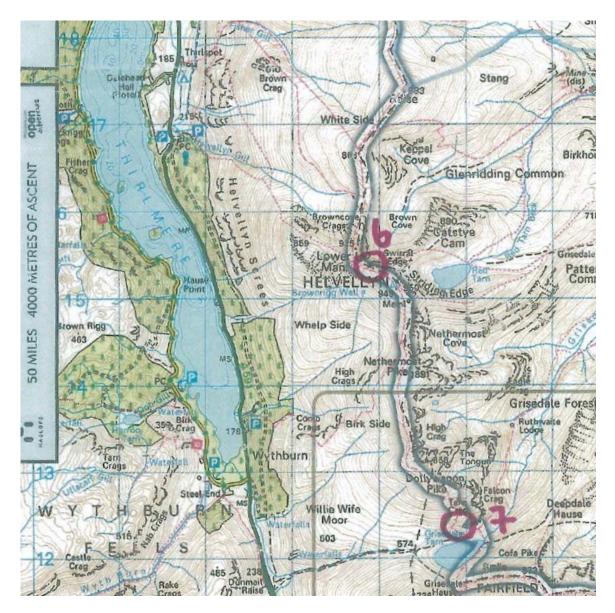
We soon reached the top of Blencathra, the trickiest downhill section of the route with shear rock faces and three points of contact advised (see background picture). Although fun, I didn't know rock climbing would be an element of the race! That brought us down into Threlkeld, the first feed station, marked at 16km. It was a quick stop and at this point I was feeling good after stuffing my face with fresh fruit. A nice 3km flat stretch out of the feed station let us stretch our legs, fooling us before the worse climb of the event. Up to Clough Head, part of the Bob Graham route saw a 2km, 700m uphill climb. Cramp set in here and this was the first time I thought 'man this is really tough!' After numerous false summits and climbing continuously for over an hour, I finally made it to the top and the first sense of achievement hit me. Still a long way to go, we continued along the ridge able to do some running again.



Above: Climbing up to Helvellyn

Below: A nice descent to Grisedale Tarn





Map 2 - Helvellyn

Another tough climb brought us up to the top of Helvellyn, where I was really feeling it here. As a surprise, one of our other colleagues, who was staying up in the Lakes with us, had walked up to the summit and been waiting 2 hours for us in the cold. A quick hello and picture put a smile back on my face. Then a long downhill slog section brought us all the way down into Ambleside, the second feed station, where Mum, Dad and my Grandad were patiently waiting for us and cheered us in. We hit this at 5.30pm so filled up on pasta, pizza and fruit while being able to change into new socks and shoes. This was by far the best feeling of the event after running in wet shoes for over 8 hours!



Feed station 2 at Ambleside

Feeling refreshed and with full bellies we realised we were only half way, however organisers had warned us the second half was much easier with nowhere near as much climb as the first half. We walked for the first 20 minutes to let our food settle before setting off into the woods alongside the length of Windermere to the third feed at Finishwaite. Although now dark and having to run by headtorches, all three of us continued to run 8km at a good pace. We were happy we were passing other runners and making good time and I was glad I was with the boys and not running in the dark by myself! A quick sit down and a cup of soup at the third feed station and after a motivational talk from mum and dad, we only had 7 miles to go. We were all pretty tired at this point and it seemed like the longest 7 miles of my life but we crossed that finish line just before 1am. What an amazing feeling! 52 miles, 4000m uphill, 17 hours and 2 very tired legs but another race ticked off my wish list. My 2016 challenge has already been decided - if you're interested check out Breca swimrun!! 2017... maybe the Bob Graham??!



Finished just before 1:00 am

Ham Hill

Quantock Orienteers Forest League, 13 December 2015, by Mike Kite



QO events have a well-deserved reputation for being tough, whether it be the massive slopes of the Quantocks or the evil jungles of the Blackdowns. Ham Hill is equally tough in a different way. It's a huge Iron Age hillfort which has been extensively quarried for hamstone, and is now a warren of ridges, hollows and old spoil-heaps with widespread patches of brambles and dense vegetation. For a navigator, it's a micro-technical labyrinth where the challenge is to maintain unbroken map-to-ground contact, knowing a lapse of concentration is likely to cause a horrible tangle of relocation problems.

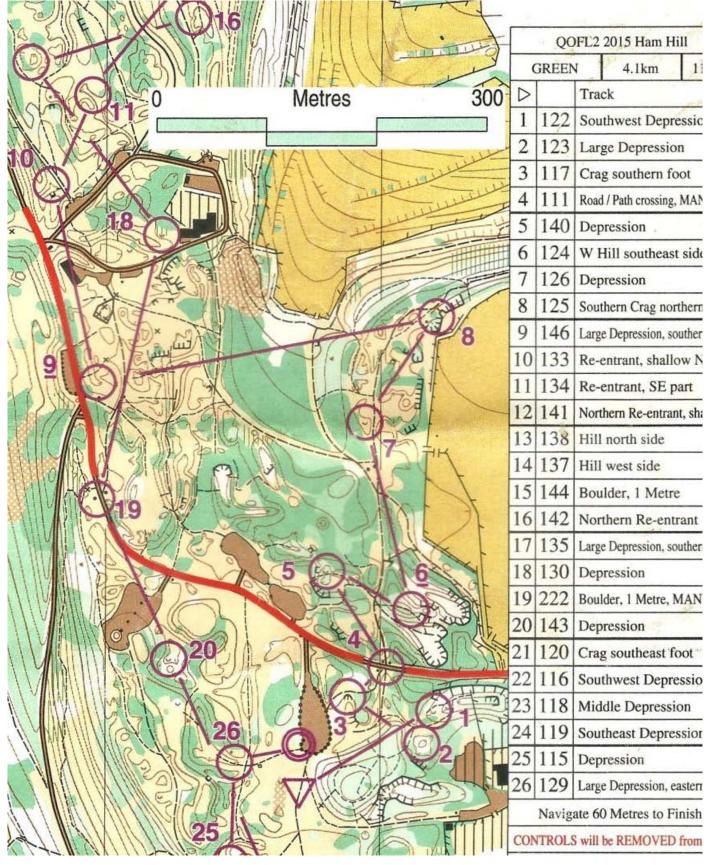
Sunday's event was the best/worst I can recall. The Green course was 4.1km with 110m climb and 26 controls, many close to each other on the map but tortuously apart on the ground. The scale was 1:5000 with 2.5m contours, essential in this terrain. It was originally drawn by Bill Vigar with later revisions by Pete Akers & other QO members. It seemed very up to date with small paths and vegetation accurately depicted, so well done QO.

Andy Rimes had planned some devious courses. Green was a baptism of fire from the Start. I'd barely moved when I realised the optimum route to control 1 was back past assembly. The first three controls were a shock awakening, a taste of things to come! They weren't hidden; they weren't 'bingo' controls; they just made highly effective use of the amazingly complex landforms.

Just once on a longer leg in the north did I let my aching brain relax a little. That was costly. There's nothing like navigating happily to an impenetrable wall of brambles. I learned the lesson and concentrated rigorously thereafter. At the Finish it was good to feel physically quite exhilarated... but mentally I was exhausted!

It's well worth taking part in QO events for the satisfaction of actually completing some very testing runs/walks/staggers/crawls. This was one of their best. Brilliant - thank you!

Part of the Green course





Chris Branford writes: On Saturday 19 December we had the final event of the UK Urban League and Southern England Orienteering Urban League at Brighton and a number of both WIM and WSX members travelled to the event. As always the courses and the atmosphere was brilliant. The outstanding result of the evening was Jo Pickering winning the Women's Open Race. Well done Jo!

The evening also decided the final placings for the UK Urban League and the SEOUL for 2015. For the SEOUL we had two overall winners - Harry Bratcher-Howard was the winner of the Boy's 12 and under age group and Sue Hands was the winner of the Women's 65+ age group. Well done to both of them.



Moors Valley Country Park, 26 December 2015



A big thank you to Karen & Andy French for organising this annual festive event! Thanks also to helpers Chris, Lynn & Simon Branford, Trevor Bridle (aka Father Christmas), Richard Brightman, Dick Keighley, John, Liz & Becky Whittingham, Mike & Mary Kite, Kirsty & Eamon Staunton, Roger Moore, Kath Pike, and everyone who helped make this event such a great success.





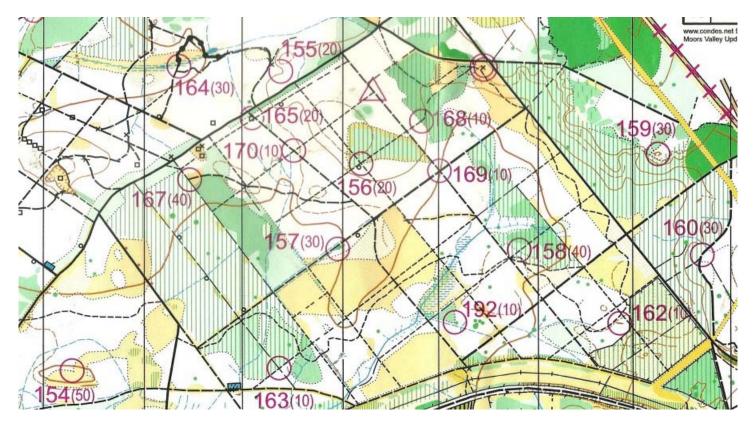








A southern part of the Score course



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WIM Website News

The WIM website has moved.

After being hosted on Dick Keighley's personal webspace for almost 20 years since it first appeared in 1996, we have today (11 Jan 2016) moved the club's domain and the website to a new host provider.

This has been precipitated by the closure of the ISP Madasafish where the site was hosted. (Initially the website was hosted by a company called Freenetname, which was then taken over by Brightview, which then bought Madasafish as well, and which was then bought by Plusnet, which was eventually bought by BT, although run as a separate company. Its a dog eat dog world in the internet industry!)

So, with the closure of Madasafish, it was time to move. We've bought ourselves hosting space with a commercial provider. The address is now simply <u>www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk</u>

If you try to get to the website via http://www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk/wim/index.htm, which bypassed the dreadful maroon front page I had to use before, you may find that link no longer works. In your browser you may need to change your bookmark setting for the website.

The old webspace only allowed us to use a fairly basic website and was limited to a maximum size of 100Mb. Its been larger than that for a considerable while, and they've been quite tolerant about it, although they did threaten to close us down when it briefly got up to 120Mb+ a couple of years ago, before I moved the Waffle archive over to Mike Kite's Waffle site.

The new hosting arrangements will enable us to develop a much more modern type of website, as well as providing club email addresses for the Officers and Committee members of the club.

Most websites of any size these days are built using some sort of Content Management System (CMS) like WordPress, Drupal, Joomla or similar. We've opted for Drupal, as used by BOK & SOC. Mike Kite has undertaken to design the basic site and I will then take over its management as Webmaster.

It will also mean that most people who regularly need to add or change the website content will be able to do it themselves, rather than having to go through me all the time. For example when our Fixtures Secretary, Chris Branford needs to update or alter the fixture list, he will be able to do the work himself, whilst our Secretary, Philip Harvey, will be able to publish news items and messages sent by BOF or SWOA to the Club Sec for distribution to the members.

Mike Kite, together with Dick Keighley and our technical guru, John Whittingham, is currently working on the development of the new website, which we hope to unveil to our members in the next two months.

Dick Keighley, WIM Webmaster