

# Waffle



July 2014



South London Orienteers

# THE HARVESTER RELAYS 2014

Winterfold Forest, 17-18 May



In 1979 (I think) I took part in the first Harvester Relays event near Sheffield (Ecclesall Woods).It was a massive event with literally several hundred teams and I remember being in a large tent about the size of half a football pitch in which each team had it's own bit to kip in. Very few people had running lights in those days and I went out for my night leg with a large hand torch which had what was called a lantern battery. It weighed a ton. Things have moved on a bit since then!

In recent years we have entered a number of WIM teams for the Harvester – mainly because we have been lucky that the majority have been in the south of the country. Most years we have entered 2 or 3 teams.

Year	Club	Venue
2014	SLOW	Winterfold and Pitch Hill, Surrey Hills
2013	BAOC	Longmoor
2012	BAOC	Borden
2011	SHUOC	Sheffield
2010	SAXONS	Erridge Park
2009	BOK	Merthyr Common
2008	TVOC/RAFO	Park Wood and Naphill Common

In recent years there have been two classes – A which is mainly men's and teams of 7 and B which is women's and handicap (mixed ages) and teams of 5. Most years A teams have started at 12 midnight and B teams at 1.30am and the leading teams are usually finish between 7- 7.30am in time for breakfast. If you have too many fast runners in your team you have to make sure you have enough runners capable of doing night legs (this year it started to get light at about 4.30am) and some runners have been known to pray that their earlier runners are not to fast!

We have had varying success over the years with our best results being a couple of 2nd's in the mixed handicap and ladies handicap in the B class. The handicap classes have a points score and basically your team gets points for each runners age (older means a lower point score) and you have to be 49 points or under in the A class and 26 or under in the B class. We are very lucky to usually have plenty of older runners so this is the category we usually compete in. We struggle to enter the open men's and women's as we have a lack of younger male and female runners although it is getting better in recent years.

This year was a bit of a struggle to put out teams (which is a bit unusual for this event). Despite this we entered one team in the B class. Unfortunately it was not our finest hour with both Philip Cooper and myself having poor runs on the night legs. Fortunately as soon as Becky Whittingham went out things improved drastically and with Becca Ellis and Wendy Bullen on the following two legs, the three of them put in very respectable times to drag us up from the bottom. While they were running Philip and I had breakfast at Tom's to cheer ourselves up (Bacon and Egg Butties). It was also by now a very warm sunny morning. Then it was time to drive home and try and stay awake for the rest of the day. By 7pm I was in bed! I cannot survive on 1 hours sleep these days – I must be getting old!!

**Chris Branford**





# Tamar Triple 2014

This last weekend we had the Tamar Triple in Devon and Cornwall - a superb if rather wet weekend and again had some excellent results.

Sunday morning was the South West Middle Championships in which we excelled

W21 Michelle Spillar 2nd; Jo Pickering 3rd, Sally Calland 5th

W45 Wendy Bullen 2nd

W65 Sue Hands 1st and South West Champion

M35 Simon Branford 4th

M70 Richard Brightman 2nd and South West Champion

M75 John Warren 5th

Sunday evening was the Urban in Tavistock - for once dry and fine

W Open Becca Ellis 1st; Sally Calland 5th; Jo Pickering 6th

W40 Wendy Bullen 2nd

W65 Sue Hands 1st

M65 Chris Branford 3rd; Keith Henderson 6th

In addition at Cookworthy on Monday on the Brown course Jo Pickering was 2nd and Sally Calland 4th in the women's.

Well done everyone!

**Chris Branford**

## *Saturday 24 May - Fernworthy*





**Sunday 25 May - Inny Foot**

SW Middle Distance Champions

M10			W10	Kristyna Cade	Kerno
M12	Flurry Grierson	Devon	W12	Rebecca Ward	NGOC
M14	Zac Hudd	BOK	W14	Meg Somers	Devon
M16	Alexander Buck	Sarum	W16	Emily Keenan	Devon
M18	Sean Rowe	Devon	W18	Ellie Stone	Devon
M20	Adam Potter	BOK	W20		
M21	Mark Bown	BOK	W21	Hanne Kinnunen	BOK
M35	Ben Chesters	Sarum	W35		

M40	Peter Ward	NGOC	W40	Michelle Ward	NGOC
M45	Tom McMurtrie	Devon	W45	Tessa Stone	Devon
M50	Phil Newall	Kerno	W50	Adele Newall	Kerno
M55	Rob Parkinson	Devon	W55	Jenny Selly	BOK
M60	Chris Moncaster	Kerno	W60	Ruth Chesters	Devon
M65	Mike Wimpenny	Devon	W65	Sue Hands	WIM
M70	Richard Brightman	WIM	W70	Ann Hughes	Devon
M75	Bill Brown	WSX	W75		

## ***Sunday 25 May - Tavistock Urban Race***

If you've seen me running around the forest looking lost (or seen my routegadgets) or heard me discussing my 45 minute errors for one control you might think it unbelievable that I could actually win something to do with orienteering but that's exactly what happened on Sunday. I know, difficult to believe!

Having thought I'd had quite a good run, for me, in the morning on the middle distance race but receiving comments from friends such as "did you have a nightmare out there?" or "are you ready to talk about it yet?" and even "what on earth happened to you?!" I was feeling rather competitive by the evening and thinking this was my race (as, let's face it, it is easier to find stuff on an urban – something I find challenging in orienteering) I was absolutely determined to show my mates I wasn't totally rubbish.

It was a beautiful evening in Tavistock, but not too warm, and fired up from an afternoon nap in the carpark, 8 coffees, 2 cups of tea and a coke (really need to sort that sports nutrition thing out) I was literally bouncing up and down at the start.

I sprinted off to an easy first control and was pleased to, for once, find it very quickly but looking at the map (planning ahead...) I suddenly realised it was on two sides and I couldn't work out which one I should be on. I skidded across some moss, smacked my shin painfully on the railing and said a couple of rude words. Luckily no one saw. Oh yes. They did actually. Lots and lots of people.

After that it was a massive climb to control two (13 double decker buses!) at which point I was already totally knackered but still feeling the need to seriously prove myself (see above) I soldiered on at a sprint thinking at some point I would get lost so would have to slow down.

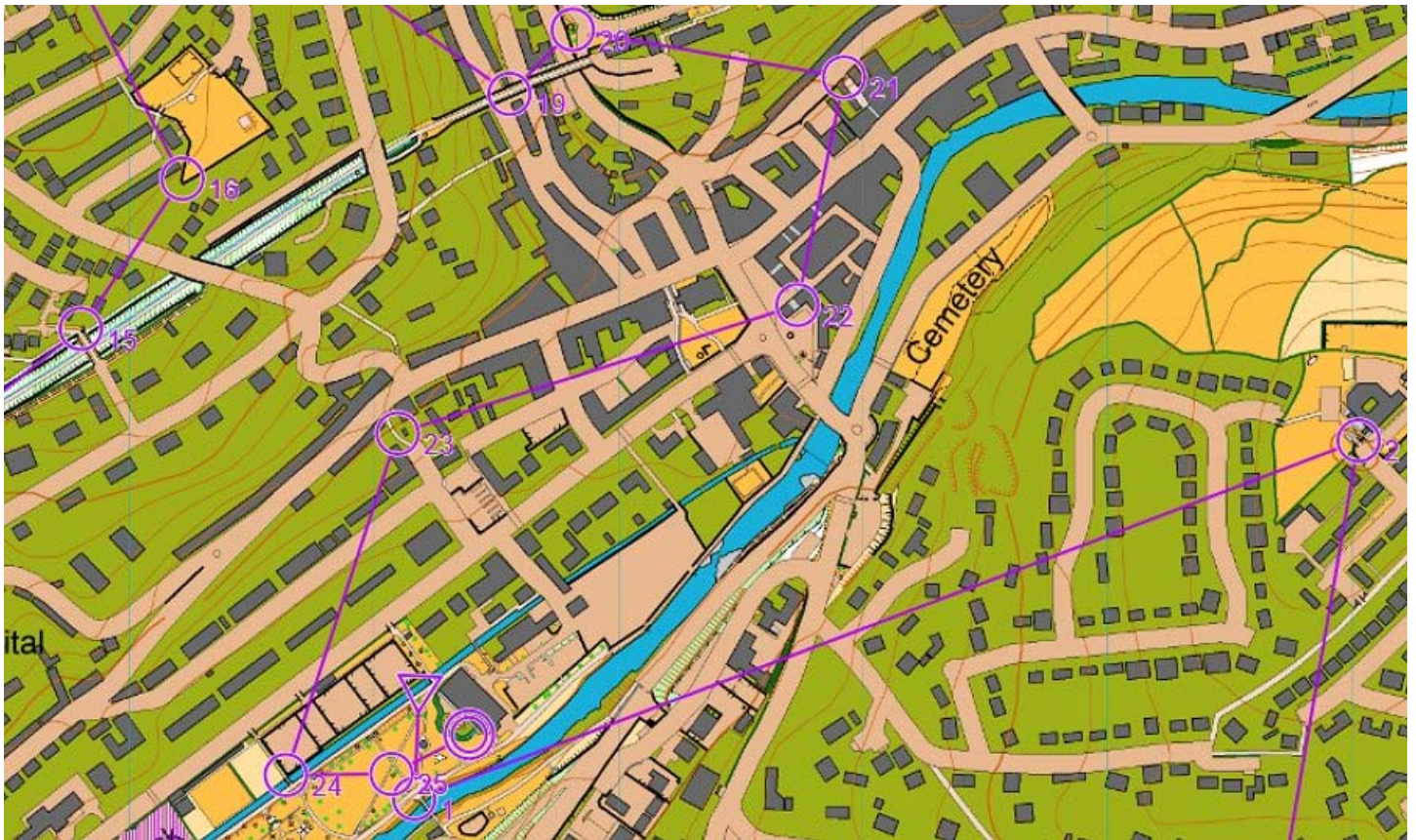
It was a really well planned course with great options for route choice and kind of unfortunately I never did get lost so never got that break where I walk around for a bit thinking about where I am. At one point we got to run over the disused viaduct (uh oh, check control description, was it on top or below?! ) and I



even found some lovely muddy steps to fall down meaning I was still covered in mud at the end, despite it being an 'urban' race.

There was some great encouragement from some slightly hyper children halfway around and a fantastic atmosphere with lots of competitors running in all directions. It was rather hilly though and by the end I was literally counting the controls until I could stop running as I was so tired. Finally, I arrived at the finish and had a nice lie down on the grass for 10 minutes before downloading.

## Becca Ellis

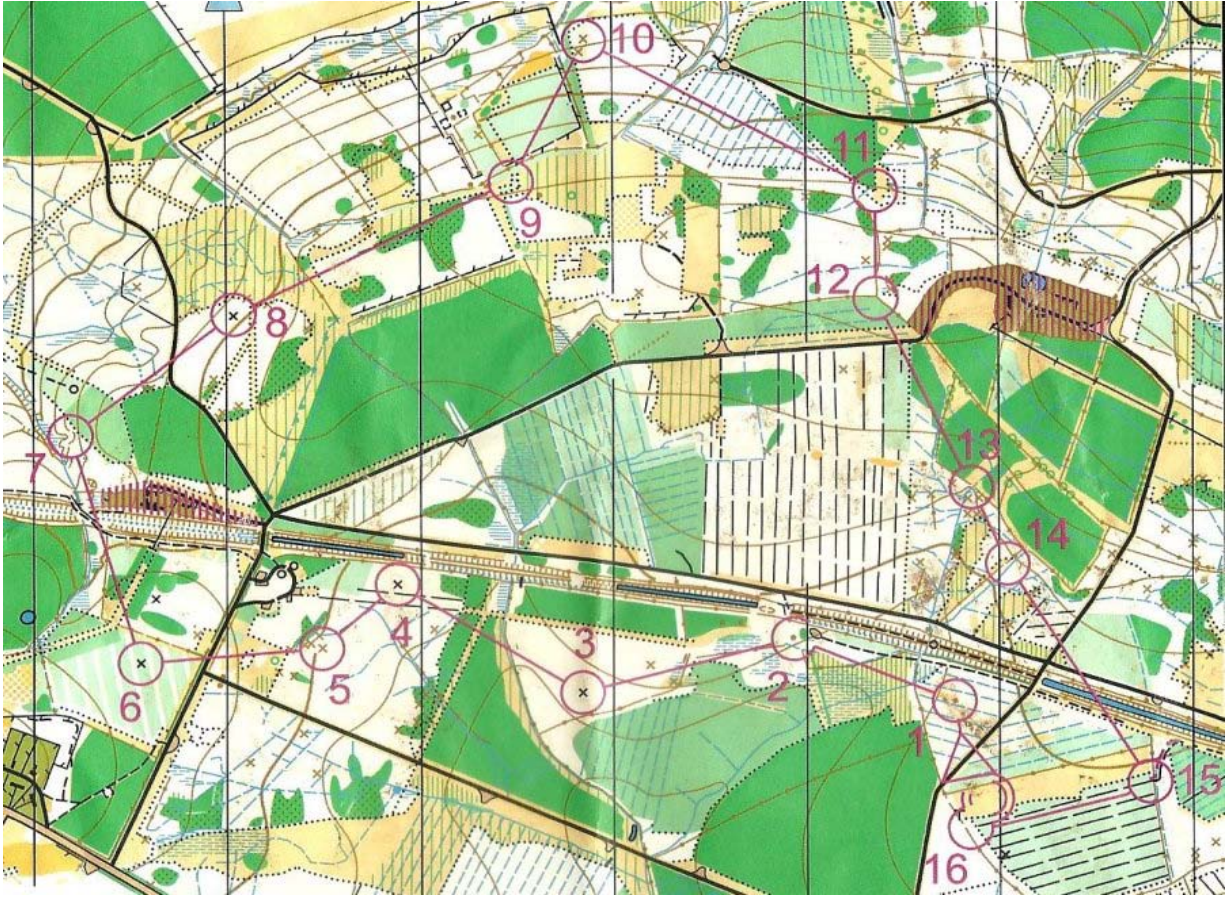


*Part of Course B*





## Sunday 26 May - Cookworthy



*The Green course map (with a little decorative mud)*

The Hippopotamus Song could have been written for Cookworthy. There was not as much mud as JK 2010 (when getting to the Start was a huge achievement) but enough to excite all gloop connoisseurs. My approach to control 7 took me through a little re-entrant full of the stuff, looking deceptively firm. Thigh deep in mire, I finally hauled myself onto solid ground by grasping trees just within reach. I also emerged with two shoes - a miracle!

Green seemed to make good use of some nicer parts of the forest despite the marshes. It rewarded careful navigation and penalised reckless running - the early stages demanded accurate compass work & pacing and the later legs fine reading of brown & green detail. My own run was OK despite blindly passing the hide at number 6 and having to relocate from the ride to the north. And where were the infamous Cookworthy midges this year? I received not a single bite!

Many thanks to Arthur Boyt and the rest of the KERNO team for making this a testing and enjoyable experience.

**Mike Kite**

# British Orienteering Championships 2014

staged by NEOA in Northumberland,  
31 May - 1 June

This last weekend was the British Championships in the northeast of England (in fact as close to Scotland as you can get).

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

Their results were -

Sally Calland 5th W35L

Sue Hands 7th W65L

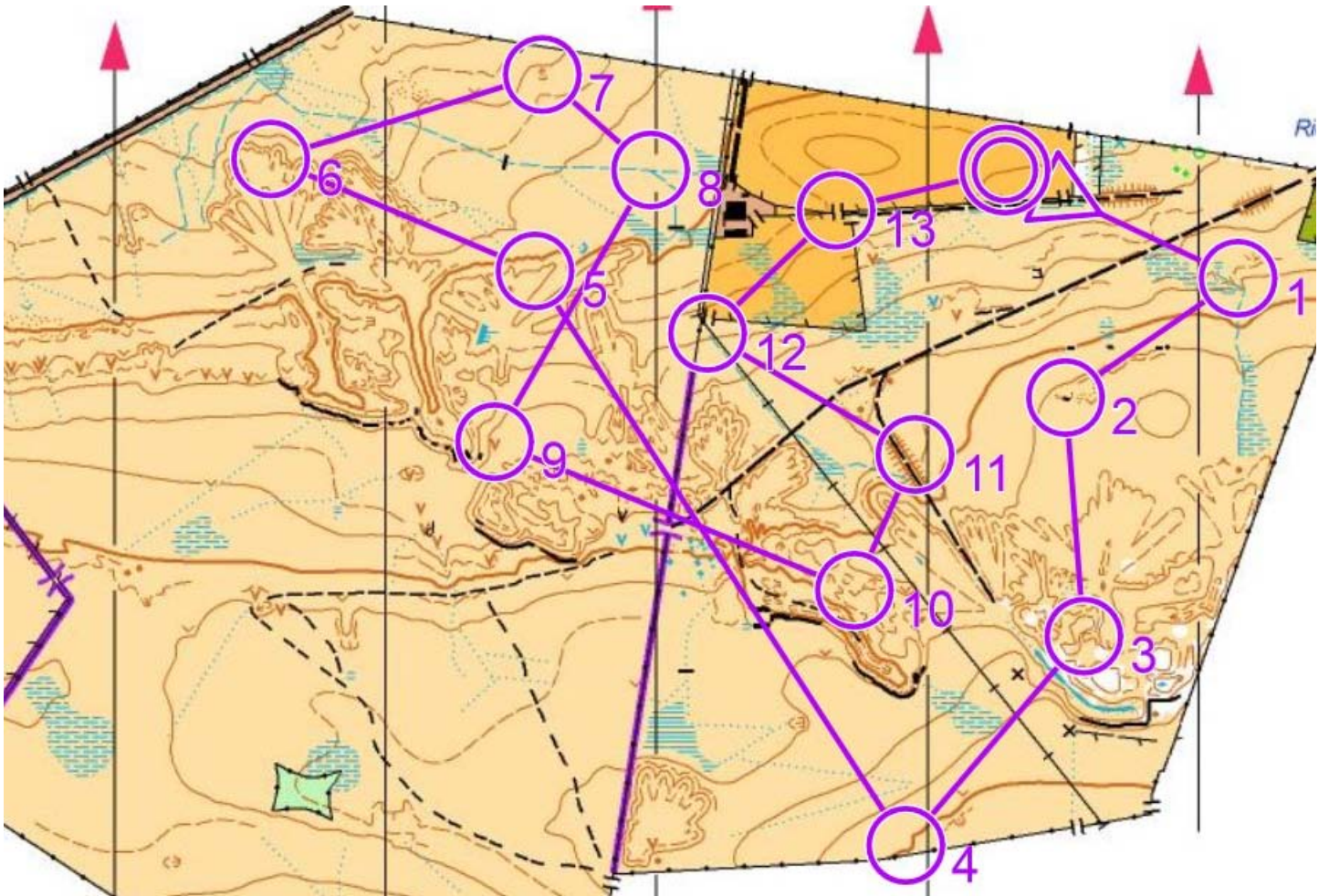
Keith Henderson 8th M70L

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

Well done to them!

**Chris Branford**





*Relay course 5-AA run by Sally Calland*

# Wimborne Town Urban Race

Saturday 21 June 2014



We have to thank Simon Branford for planning the Wimborne Town Urban event and also all those who helped out. We had just over 100 competitors on the day which was excellent.

Top results for WIM were:

Womens Open 1 Becca Ellis, 2 Sally Calland, 4 Jo Pickering

Womens 16- 1 Becky Whittingham

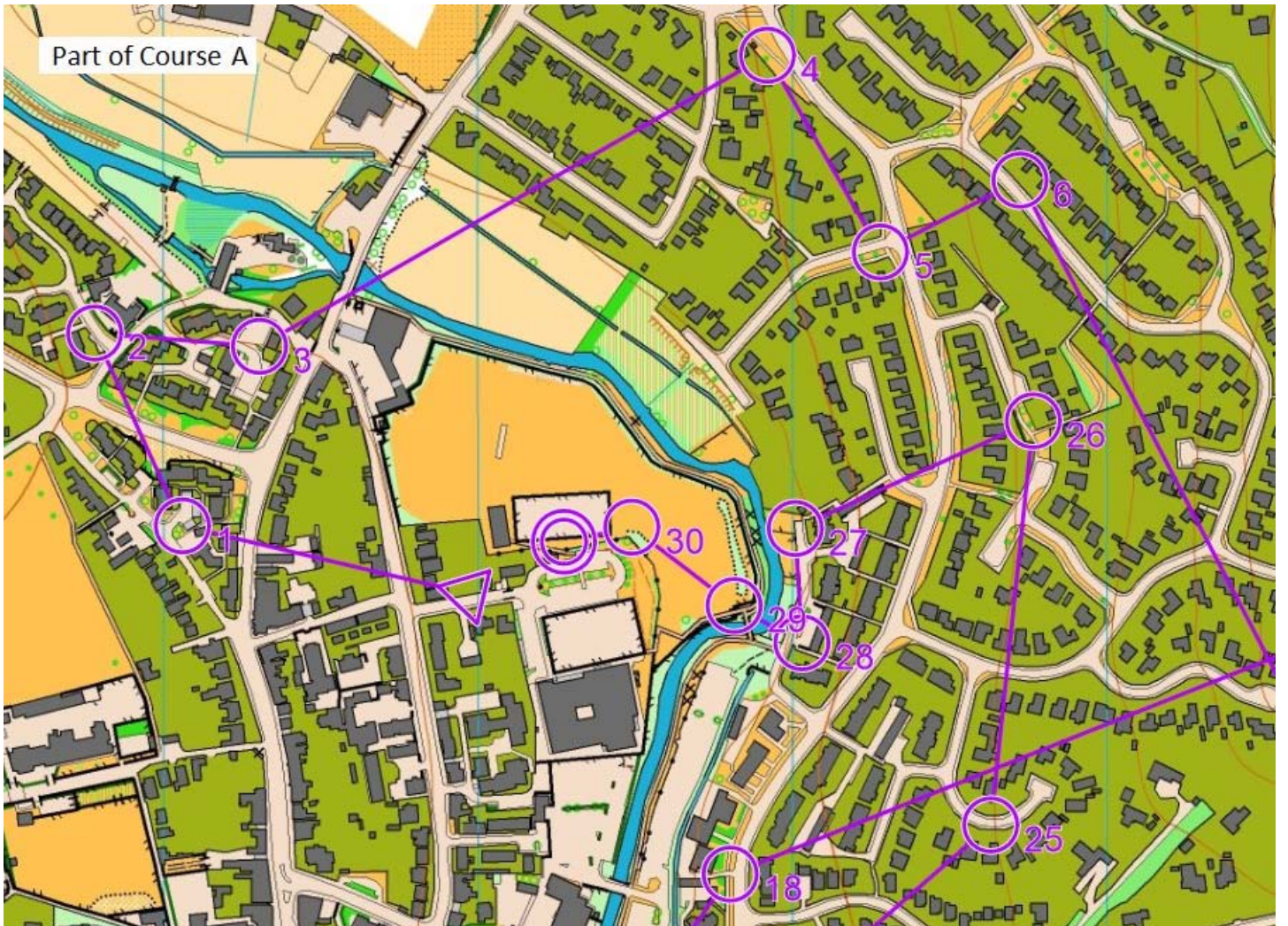
Womens 40+ 3 Wendy Bullen

Womens 55+ 2 Kirsty Staunton

Mens 12- 1 Darren Whittingham, 2 Charles Woodley

Well done to everyone.

**Chris Branford**



# *Wessex Hardy Relays*

Sunday 22 June 2014



We have to thank Roger Crickmore and WSX for organising the Hardy Relays at Holton Lee - an ideal venue for such an event and a very enjoyable day.

Our Team of Amy Bullen, Darren Whittingham and Becky Whittingham were convincing winners of the Junior Relays.

Amy Bullen is seen here being congratulated by Roger Crickmore - organiser. (Photo credit - Kay Sayer)

Also in the Open Race our four WIM Birds ladies (Sally Calland, Wendy Bullen, Becca Ellis and Jo Pickering) were 2nd.

Unfortunately in the Vets Race I was DSQ for wrong control - otherwise we would also have been first (thanks to Lynn and Richard Brightman for not strangling me when they discovered what I had done).

**Chris Branford**



## ***NWO Relays***

Sunday 29 June 2014

Sunday was the NWO Relays at West Woods and we had a team of Sally Calland, Richard Brightman and myself.

We ended up 8th out of about 20 teams in what was an open race with no allowance for handicaps. Unfortunately that was the only team we had entered which was rather disappointing given the closeness of the event.

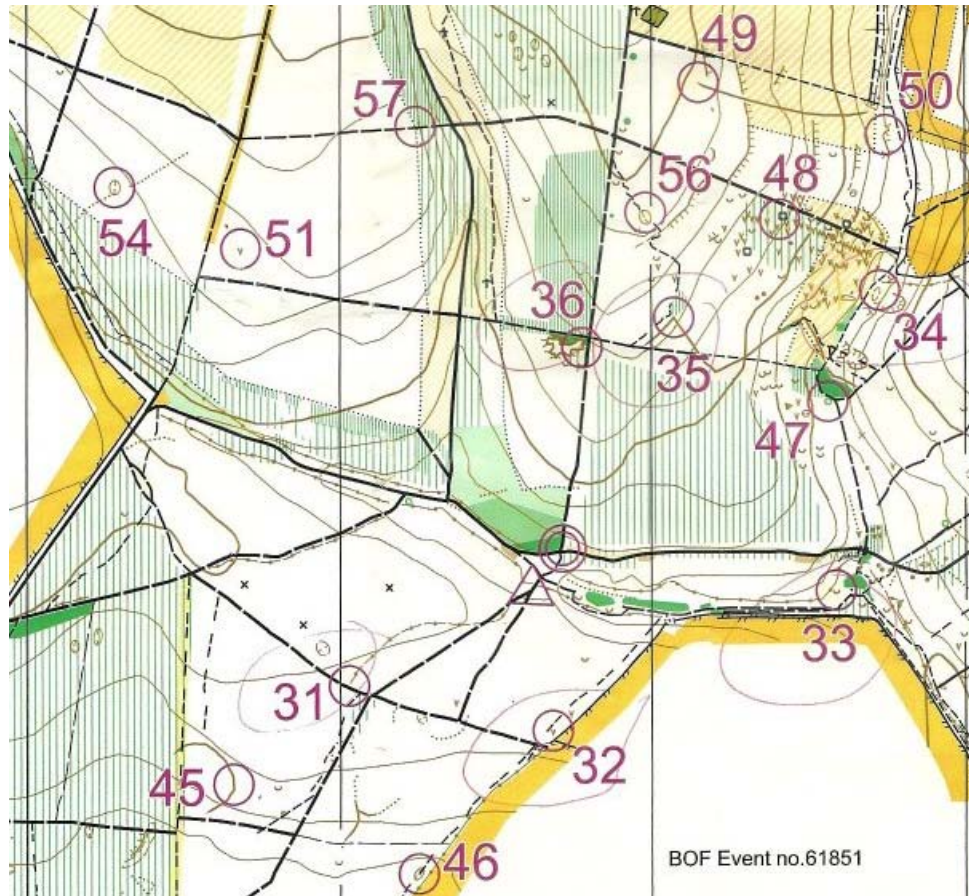
**Chris Branford**



# *Sarum Moonraker Relays*

Saturday 5 July 2014

Venue: Collingbourne Woods. Format: Harris Relay. 26 controls were in the forest. Controls 31-36 formed the spine which had to be visited (in any order) by each team member. The remaining 20 had to be punched once by any team member.



At the Start, Liz Yeadon tried to enthuse teams by briefing us on the dire state of the brashings, brambles, mud, rutted tracks etc etc. "If you go off the paths, you're on your own." Oddly, no-one made the sensible choice and went home. True, there were some hellish bits but there was also much typically lovely runnable Wiltshire woodland. The winners were BADO who pipped Wessex Raiders by a mere 17 seconds. The WIM team - Chris & Lynn Branford and Mike Kite - finished 9th. A good day out for all!

**Mike Kite**



The final Coast Path Relay - Saturday 28 June 2014



Saturday was the Coast Path Relays. While everyone else was having rain and flash floods we were having lots of sunshine and a following wind - what more could you ask for.

We had a good turn out of runners from all the local clubs and had an excellent day of running (and eating - cream teas - fried breakfasts - ice creams - coffee and cakes - no wonder the record was hard to beat!!!)



Our final time was 8 hours 21min 21sec - not as fast as we had anticipated unfortunately.

However we did have two records beaten - Helen Dyke WSX beat the Queen of the Mountains record achieving 16min something (waiting exact seconds time) and Tamsin Moran SOC beat the Queen of the Coast record achieving 45min something (again awaiting confirmation of exact seconds)

We completed the day with an excellent meal at the Banks Arms at Studland.

**Chris Branford**



# SWOA Sprint Champs 2014

at Bournemouth University on 6 July



**Chris Branford** writes:

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

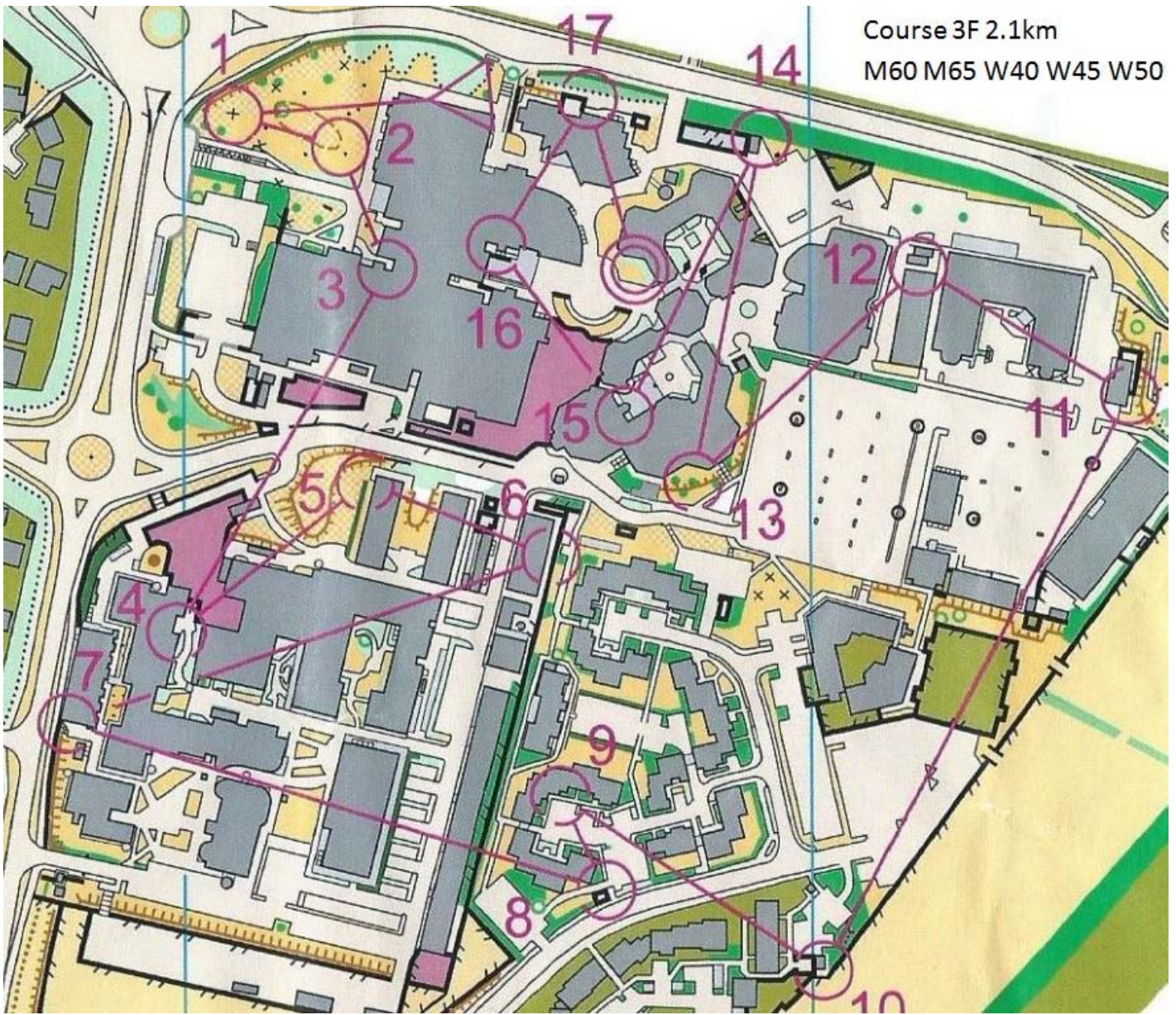
M60 Kevin Pickering

M65 Chris Branford

Thanks go to Gavin Clegg and Ian Sayer for planning and organising a very successful day. Thanks to WSX for an excellent event.



Course 3F 2.1km  
M60 M65 W40 W45 W50





# ***Furrow Hoppers Relay 2014***

***at Port Regis School, Shaftesbury on Sunday 13 July***



Teams from WIM, WSX, QO, SARUM and BADO competed in the Furrow Hoppers Relay. Senior teams comprised 5 runners, who had to complete four courses (Light Green, Orange 1, Orange 2 and Score) three times.

Our juniors were the most successful teams coming first and second - see photos below. So well done to Sarah Horsler, Elizabeth Horsler, Darren Whittingham in the Under 12 team and Devon Wilson, Charlie Woodley and Grace French in the Under 10 team. The senior teams were 5th/6th/7th - well done to them.

We must thank Nikki Miller for smoothing the way for us to use the lovely grounds of Port Regis School, and Dick Keighley for the original planning of this event. We owe a special vote of thanks to Chris Branford for organising and almost single-handedly running the event on the day! Thanks also to our helpers on IT, registration, control placing & collecting etc.

## Mike Kite



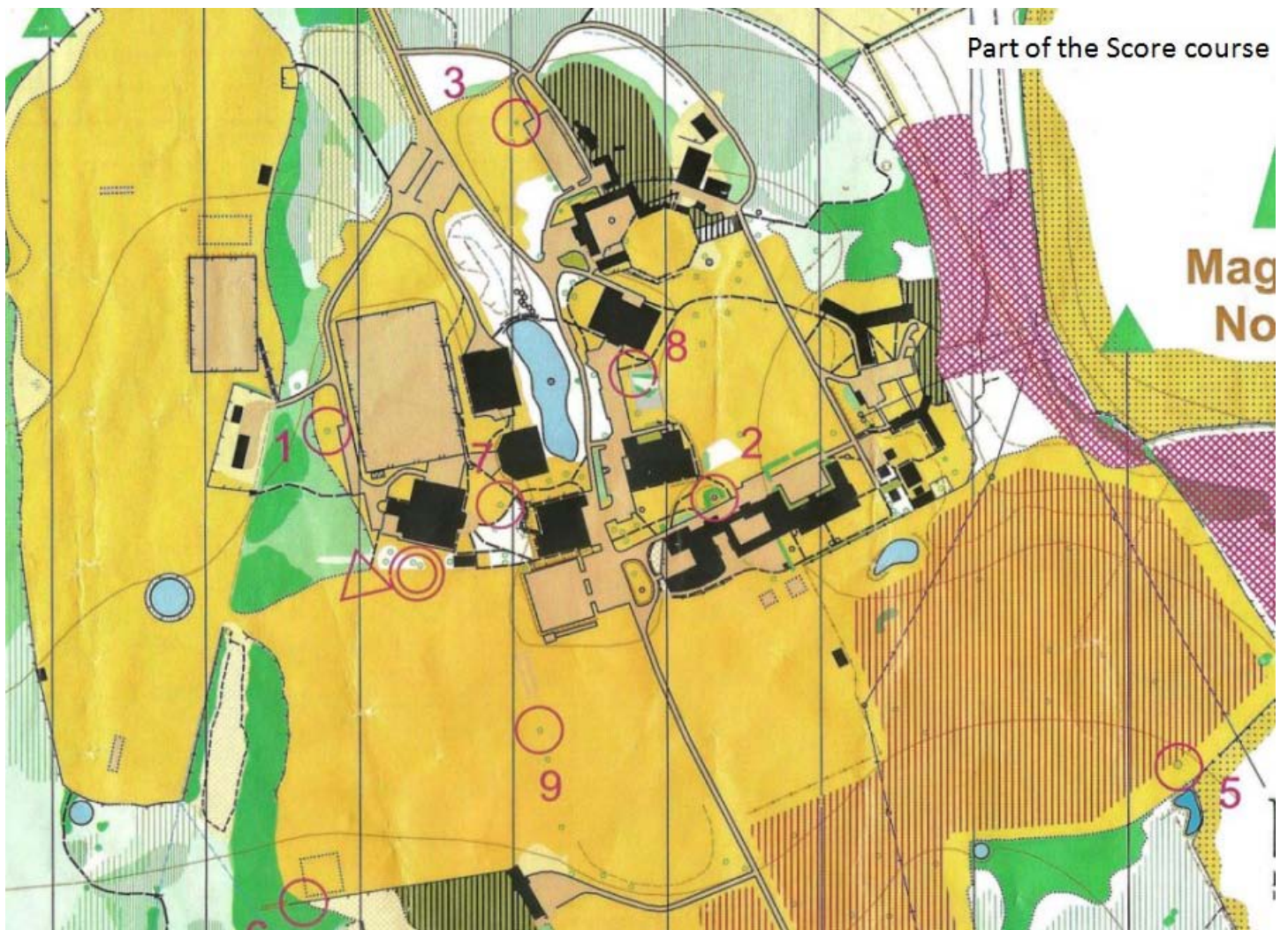
*WSX Raiders were the winners*



*WIM3 (left) came 5th and WIM2 (right) were 6th...*



... and a big well done to WIM Juniors too!



## A letter from the International Porter Protection Group

On 27th October 2013 last year we held our Galoppen at Godshill. One of the major problems we face when holding events in the New Forest is finding suitable car parking. Through contacts of Eamon Staunton's in the village of Godshill we were fortunate that, on this occasion, we were able to use the field adjacent to the village hall where we had registration and download, along with some wonderful catering.

When Eamon broached the subject of payment with the field owner Nick Arnold he responded by requesting that we donate the car park takings to a charity of our choice. Through the voluntary work that both Eamon and Kirsty have both undertaken we selected the International Porters Protection Group. The IPPG is registered charity that works to improve the welfare of porters in Nepal, providing free medical treatment and other support for the porters.

Below is a copy of the letter received from IPPG thanking us for the donation. On the letter there are more details and a link to the IPPG website.

We are very lucky to be able to call upon the network of contacts we have in and around our mapped areas, allowing us to consistently put on good quality orienteering events, with the blessing and in this case generosity of the land owners and local residents.

**Andrew French**  
**Chairman**



**International Porter Protection Group**  
**IPPG (UK)**

Registered Charity No: 1143221

Patron: Doug Scott CBE

10th February 2014

Mr A. French  
Chairman of Wimborne Orienteering Club  
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Dear Mr French,

**Re: International Porter Protection Group (IPPG) donation**

We would like to express our thanks for your generous donations of £110. Your generosity will enable us to continue our work to improve porter welfare in Nepal especially in the Machermo and Gokyo valley where we provide free medical treatment to the lowland itinerant porters who are poorly equipped for high altitude. Our work include:

- Building and maintaining a medical rescue post and porter shelter in Machermo in association with Community Action Nepal ([www.canepal.org.uk](http://www.canepal.org.uk)) to improve porter welfare. For a nominal fee (and we encourage the independent trekkers/trekking company to pay for their porters), porters can have access to cooking facilities, warm blankets and a place to sleep within the shelter protected from mountainous elements.
- A second porter shelter has recently been completed in Gokyo and opened in time for the post-monsoon 2013 season. We are currently raising funds to purchase the necessary medical kit required for the associated satellite Rescue Post.
- IPPG is also involved in raising awareness amongst trekkers and porters of the importance of altitude illness. A daily altitude illness talk is given by the volunteer doctors at the Machermo rescue post to highlight this important topic and avoid unnecessary tragic deaths in the mountains.

For further information on the work we do please visit our website [www.ippg.net](http://www.ippg.net) or sign up to receive the newsletter [Sign Up to the IPPG Mailing List](#)

Once again our sincere thanks for your kind generosity.

Kind regards

Louise Cook  
Treasurer/Trustee IPPG UK

# Mike's eNews – 23 June 2014

Apologies for being a little quiet for a few weeks, we've had a lot going on and unfortunately I think I've let this slip a little.

This edition of eNews is being circulated to you as normal, please copy it on, but it will also be published on the web site in a couple of days, probably Thursday. As always, if you have views on how it should be circulated or even what it should contain please let me know – feedback always appreciated.

## National Office relocation

After much discussion and debate the Board have agreed to relocate the National Office. I'd always hoped we'd be able to move our National Office to one of the governing body centres such as Sheffield, Loughborough or Manchester. Unfortunately after much discussion we've had to accept that those option would increase our running costs considerably. Although such a move would have improved our ability to work with and learn from other governing bodies of sport, it could not be at the expense of an increase in costs.

The current office costs us around £20,000 per annum and we hope to be moving later in the summer to offices on the other side of Matlock that are roughly half the space and around one third of the current costs. We do have a reduced staff now from 5 years ago and more of the staff are remote workers reducing the need for the office space we currently lease.

We will of course let you know when we have secured a lease and when we will be changing our address and contact details.

## Insurance Cover

Continuing the insurance saga, there's been further email traffic regarding the insurance scheme, particularly from clubs in Scotland, although the issues raised probably apply to all clubs.

The problems raised are particularly around how our public liability insurance covers non-members attending events.

The insurance situation is exactly the same as it has been for 7 or so years. Non-members attending events can participate in 3 events under the 'come and try it' approach and will be covered for public liability. However once they have attended 3 they should be encouraged to become members.

The queries raised are about where this leaves the organising club and its officials if non-members continue to participate in events and do not become members.

Under the current cover the following applies:

- a) The club and its officials will be covered for public liability insurance regardless of the non-members situation

- b) All members participating or volunteering to organise etc will be covered
- c) Non-members will be covered by public liability for 3 events.

In discussion with our insurers there are several points worth noting:

- a) Clubs are required to maintain lists of attendees
- b) The insurers understand the challenge of non-member participants attending multiple activities/events at the same or different clubs.

So what is the solution? Firstly, the insurers and our brokers understand this situation. The club and its members are covered for public liability regardless of this matter. Clubs must keep an attendance register. Clubs can organise to charge non-members £5 for seniors and £2 for juniors and turn the non-members into members of British Orienteering, but accept they are not members of the club or association. Of course if the club or association fee is £0 then they automatically become members of the club and association at the same time. Some clubs are already taking this approach and focus their income generation on entry fees to their events. Most associations do not have fees, the exceptions being EMOA (£7 senior, £0 junior), NIOA (£13.50, £3.59, £30.50 family), SEOA (£7, £0), SOA (£7, £0) and 25% of our clubs also have no fees. To implement the joining of members to British Orienteering to ensure they receive public liability insurance clubs will need to take participant details and pass them on to the National Office. We can organise for you to have copies of a welcome letter. This approach reduces the workload on everyone and costs the non-member the minimum to ensure they have public liability cover.

The insurers we use and the other major sports insurance providers do not provide public liability cover at a reasonable price for all participants at an event in a single package, members and non-members. Such a solution is simply not achievable for us as the significant increase in cost (if it is possible at all) will have to be met by increasing the costs to our members and will also entail significant administrative overhead for clubs and ourselves. The alternative is to go to a 'day' insurance cover which will significantly increase costs, administration and penalise members.

Clubs, club officials, event officials and members all have public liability cover regardless of this issue and all clubs need to keep lists of people attending all events.

## **Club & Association Conference**

We had planned to hold the club and association conference on Saturday 18th October, but in order to use the venue (NFU mutual headquarters) again, save considerably on costs and avoid clashing with Race the Castles and other events we need to move the date to Saturday 25th October. I hope that you will still be able to find club and association representatives to attend.

The focus of the Conference will be 'Local Events' and I'd ask that any club or association member you ask to attend the Conference has interest and involvement in the organising of such events. We hope to look at: how local events can be organised to encourage new participants to attend whilst also meeting the needs of members; how local events can be

organised with the minimum of effort and resource; what we've learnt from Xplorer and club activities and how participants of these can be helped to make the step across to 'proper' local events.

As you recognised at last year's conference, this part of the participant pathway, moving newcomers into local events, remains one of our biggest challenges. We believe from discussions with some of you it is a challenge you also share.

Part of the Conference can also be turned across to you for a question and answer session with Board members and staff if you think this will be a good use of your time.

Of course, if you have other matters you would like to discuss which you feel will be of interest to other clubs and associations please let us know as a matter of urgency so that we can consider them before publicising the Conference and agenda further. We know from your comments last year that you need to understand the agenda to ensure you ask the appropriate club members to attend.

## Coaching

We've been battling with a qualification system that has not quite met our needs. After a great deal of reflection the National Source Group for Coaching has reached the conclusion that we need to focus far more on producing coaches that can operate independently rather than as an 'assistant' coach to a more experienced coach. Consequently we are going to encourage more of you and your members to move directly to Level 2 rather than starting at Level 1. By using a variety of delivery methods we should be able to make the process of helping you demonstrate your competence against the criteria easier and less costly – financially and in time.

UKCC Level 1 will still be offered and will be appropriate for those of you that are working in an assistant role.

We have also been looking at how we can provide more support to our coaches. We've been running a survey to find out what our coaches needs are and once the survey is analysed we should have a clearer understanding of the views and needs of our coaches. We recognise how important it is for our active coaches to stay up to date particularly since there is a requirement to do so under the 'duty of care' that a coach has. We hope as a part of this exercise that some regional coaching conferences will be staged during 2014 and a national conference probably early in 2015.

For your information, sports coach UK in partnership with the England Coaching Network, Governing Bodies of Sport and the Home Countries has updated the Funding Opportunities for Coaching in The UK guide. The guide contains information on funding available in the UK to support coaching and is available to download from <http://goo.gl/Ao3OT8>. The guide is an interactive PDF that allows the user to quickly identify the right funding for them. It includes the following key sections

- Comprehensive funding listings for England that have been compiled by the County Sports Partnership Network



- Funding information for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales
- Governing Body funding for those coaches affiliated to and working within key whole sport plan areas
- ‘Top Tips’ will help first time funding applicants to get their applications right

sportscoachUK also have a via Twitter account, @scUKCoachFund, which provides up to the minute funding information for coaches; it’s a great way of you or your coaching keeping track of what funding is on offer.

## Staff Update

Sarah Hague is leaving British Orienteering and can take great pride in the improvements she has led within the talent and performance programmes. The programme has to date hit the targets agreed with British Orienteering and funding partners which is no mean task in itself. In performance terms it is easy to interrogate the results and see the improvements in performance at JWOC which is the focus for the talent programme. Sarah is recognised by UK Sport and the sports councils, particularly Sport England as an expert in talent development and recruiting her replacement will be challenging.

Whilst not everyone will welcome the changes Sarah has made there is no doubt that we have a programme that is more aligned to current good practice at any time over the last 8 years.

It is clear that there are a number of points of conflict between the programme under Sarah’s leadership and some of our membership with an interest in talent development but it is also clear that there remains a need for further change and that talent development and performance sport have changed significantly over the last 10 years. British Orienteering is not provided with government funding for doing what it has ‘always done’ it is only provided funding for delivering modernisation / change and additional or enhanced services to our talented athletes.

Caroline Povey is also leaving British Orienteering at the end of the summer. Caroline has been ‘head hunted’ by a local company in what is a good deal for Caroline and the company. Caroline has made a significant impact on British Orienteering and has acted as my ‘second in charge’ during this last few years. Much of the work Caroline has led on including the print portal, our web site and membership database, Focus magazine and the branding and resourcing to support Xplorer are held by our funding partners as examples of good practice even though we are a small governing body.

Personally I will miss Caroline’s support and friendship but know this move, after 9 years with British Orienteering, is the right move for her. She leaves British Orienteering in a great position and whilst it will be challenging for another person to follow in her footsteps there is a real opportunity for a recruit to build on the foundations Caroline has created and to refocus on promoting orienteering and communicating with members and others interested in orienteering.

Hopefully by the time you read this you may also have the pleasure of watching Caroline competing at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow where I’m sure all her training and

experience will pay dividends. Caroline will be shooting in the Clay Trap (W) at the Barry Buddon Shooting Centre, Carnoustie on Sunday 27 July for anyone interested.

## **Board Meeting, Saturday 21 June 2014**

The key messages from the meeting are:

1. **Commercial Activities:** recognition of the progress in generating income; Peter Buckley Commercial Manager was asked to produce a strategy statement for the Board to discuss.
2. **Finance:** the management accounts to May were in good order and there are no significant issues to raise. The principles and framework on which the 2015 budget will be developed were agreed. In this context it was agreed that athletes should be supported to make the most of WOC 2015 being staged on home terrain in Scotland.
3. **National Office:** relocation to offices in Tansley, near Mattock to continue.
4. **Staffing:** Recruitment for a Performance Manager and a Communications & Marketing Manager to commence.
5. **Talent & Performance:** it was agreed that a strategic review of the programme will be commenced with a report and recommendations to be made to the Board in late 2015 in time for the next round of funding submissions in 2016. Selection Policy, it was agreed that the current policy is not fit for purpose and should be withdrawn with immediate effect. It was recognised that a Selection Policy should come out of the strategic review of the programme and that in the meantime simpler competition or squad selection criteria should be developed and published to cover the period through to 2016. An example of the selection criteria was agreed and will be published shortly for the selection of the JEC 2014 team.
6. **WOC 2015:** The Board were updated on the delivery of WOC and ratified the signing of an agreement between British Orienteering and the Scottish 6 Days.
7. **World Master Orienteering Championship 2018:** the Board agreed to progress discussions with South London Orienteering Club and that, in principle, British Orienteering will support a submission to stage the event.
8. **Governance:** the Board noted the change in procedure to gain a self-assurance rating with funding partners.
9. **Performance monitoring:** it was noted that we have achieved our Sport England targets for the period to 31 March 2014. The Board received the updated Operational Plan and the Performance Monitoring Report from the Chief Executive.
10. **Major Events:** the Board met Sally Pygott the Major Events Manager to discuss matters relating to major events. The Board agreed the importance of the Major Events Conference and that it should be prioritised.

11. Club & Association Conference: the date, Saturday 25 October was confirmed. The theme for the Conference, 'Local Events', was agreed as was the need for a Q&A session for attendees to raise questions with Board members.
12. Association Matters: the list of Board members acting as liaison with associations was updated and will be published shortly.

Kind regards,

Mike

Mike Hamilton

Chief Executive, British Orienteering