



**SAXALERT**

# SAX NOTICES

**PLANNER** needed for the Knole Park Sunday event on 4 February

**ORGANISERS** needed for the following Sunday events

**Ightham 7 January**

**Knole Park 4 February**

**Millbank 18 March**

**Eridge 22 April**

We do not want to have to cancel events. This is your Club - Please don't let the job of organising and planning fall onto the same small group of people all the time.

These jobs can be done as a pair or small team.  
Please volunteer to Jean.

**ORGANISER/ PLANNER** needed for the Saturday event on 10 February

at

**KINGS WOOD, CHALLOCK**

Contact Alan Hickling. This again can be done as a pair

**COACHING DAY IN THE LAKE DISTRICT**

**Saturday 10 Feb 2018.**

There is also Sunday event run by LOC you can enter.

This is being run by The Orienteering Foundation

For more details

<https://www.orienteeringfoundation.org.uk/orienteering-foundation-coaching-day>

**Banff Mountain Film Festival 2018**

Tunbridge Wells -Red showing only Thursday 19 April

Canterbury- Red & Blue showings Saturday 28 April

Tickets on sale now. Perhaps someone can organise a Club visit

## YOUR ORIENTEERING ADVENT CALENDAR

Go virtual orienteering every day during December. There is time to catch up.

Check out the World of O (<http://news.worldofo.com/>) and from the warmth of your sitting room decide which route you would have taken on a selection of areas nominated by orienteers all over the world. A different route every day

This year Day 4 was nominated by our Richard Purkis who nominated 2 legs in Portugal from February this year. <http://news.worldofo.com/2017/12/04/route-to-christmas-day-4-2017/>

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## EDITORIAL



Editor finishing her course at the CompassSport Trophy in Devon.

Photo Alan Hickling

Some of you may remember me writing a piece, wondering how to introduce geocachers to orienteering. Both sets of people like being outside and looking for things. We look for flags using a map. Geocachers look for hidden containers using a GPS. As I write this, there is a geocache waiting in Trosley Country Park, but to find it you have to use the permanent orienteering map. It's currently being checked by the local reviewer and will be released to the public in the next week or two. I know some local orienteering geocachers who are waiting keenly for it to be released so they can be first to find it. It will be interesting see what the regular geocachers make of it. The description, includes a big plug for orienteering and tells them how to find our events. – my bit for development. I am hoping other orienteering geocachers will follow my example and place caches at all the Kent POC sites. In anticipation I have called the cache- Kent Orienteering Series #1. Thanks to Beryl Pring our POC officer for her help getting permission to place the cache.

I am writing this not knowing where I will be living in February when the next newsletter comes out. I hope I will be living in Cumbria in which case this will be my last newsletter and I don't know who is going to take over. I have treated the newsletter as a record of what the club has been up to and as a result I include a lot of event results. This can be the most time consuming part of putting the newsletter together if people don't send me a report because I have to trawl the results. Going forward, please spare a thought for the poor newsletter editor. If you have gone to an event and have looked at the results of any event yourself- why not make a note of who did well, how many Saxons went and send a summary to the newsletter editor. They will be so very grateful.

I have sent out a newsletter every two or three months- by which time a lot has happened. But there are other formats for newsletters. Some clubs have a weekly newsletter that is just one page- see <https://www.lakeland-orienteering.org.uk/newsletters>. I have no knowledge of publishing software; I just write page after page in Word. Other clubs have a much fancier presentation than ours. Take a look at North Gloucester OC's Legend <http://www.ngoc.org.uk/legend/>

In my time in Saxons, I was the Treasurer for six years and have done the newsletter for about five (and that's after overseeing Richard and Mark Purkis prepare it for 4 years as their Duke of Edinburgh volunteering task). Both roles gave me an insight into how the club works and who everyone is, making both roles very rewarding. It's time for a change. It does not have to be done the same way as I have done it; you can make it your own. Saxons will just be pleased to have someone doing a newsletter.

If you want to see the old newsletters, I have gradually been putting any electronic ones I find, into a Google drive. This is a link to the folder containing ones I have uploaded to date:-  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BzINESAK1C4RellUM0hPWEM3ZTQ?usp=sharing>

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Front cover photo Ffion Bricknell at Trosley CP. Winner of the Anita Kingdon trophy

Next newsletter – **February 2018?**

## CONGRATULATIONS

CompassSport Trophy in Devon- Sarah Howes joint 1<sup>st</sup> on the Green Women's Trophy course

British Sprint Championships - Jeremy Oldershaw 3<sup>rd</sup> M75A

Southern Championships - the competition between SEOA, SCOA and SWOA held at the November Classic on 5 Nov.

Alison Howe 2<sup>nd</sup> W45L

Sarah Howes 2<sup>nd</sup> W55L

Henry Taylor 3<sup>rd</sup> M14A

Alison Howe- 1/42 WV class Southampton City Race 4 Nov

South East Night Championships Sarah Howes 1<sup>st</sup> W55-60

## BRITISH ORIENTEERING PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Well done to the following:-

Douglas Deeks	Racing Challenge: Silver Award ★★★★★	30/11/2017
	Racing Challenge: Bronze Award ★★★★★	30/11/2017
	Navigation Challenge ★★★★★	30/11/2017
Ffion Bricknell	Racing Challenge: Silver Award ★★★★★	10/10/2017
Graham Denney	Racing Challenge: Gold Award ★★★★★★	10/10/2017
	Racing Challenge: Silver Award ★★★★★★	10/10/2017
Jean Fitzgerald	Racing Challenge: Silver Award ★★★★★	15/10/2017
Judith Armitt	Racing Challenge: Bronze Award ★★★★★	18/11/2017
Michael Cameron	Racing Challenge: Gold Award ★★★★★	15/10/2017
	Racing Challenge: Silver Award ★★★★★	15/10/2017
Neil Bricknell	Racing Challenge: Silver Award ★★★★★	18/11/2017
	Racing Challenge: Bronze Award ★★★★★	15/10/2017
	Navigation Challenge ★★★★★	10/10/2017
Robin Kingman	Racing Challenge: Gold Award ★★★★★	18/11/2017
Steven Elliott	Racing Challenge: Silver Award ★★★★★	15/10/2017
Tom Devine	Racing Challenge: Silver Award ★★★★★★	15/10/2017
	Racing Challenge: Bronze Award ★★★★★★	15/10/2017
	Navigation Challenge ★★★★★★	15/10/2017

**If you are missing these awards make sure you put your BOF number on your registration form, especially if you are hiring a dibber.**

## Chairman's Chat



This is the first Saxalert after the 2017 AGM which was held at the Swattenden Centre just outside Cranbrook. I was re-elected as Chairman and most of the existing committee were also re-elected. Two members stood down. Jerry Purkis, in his role as development officer, was instrumental in getting the club up to ClubMark status and has presided over two re-accreditations. He became a controller and has controlled several of our events. Both he and Rowan have done more than their share of organising and planning events as a duo. I'm sure you will join with me to wish them luck with orienteering in the Lakes. Nick Betts has been publicity officer for the club and was instrumental in getting the MailChimp mailing of news and details of events up and running. Sean Cronin was elected on to the committee and he will take over Nick's publicity role. We still need a volunteer to take on the development role. Please get in touch with me if you might be interested in taking on this job for the club. As Rowan will also be going to the Lakes with Jerry, in a few months we will also need a Saxalert editor. Is there a budding journalist out there who would be interested in taking this forward? If so please speak to Rowan in the first instance.

At the AGM we announced the first recipient of the Anita Kingdon Memorial Trophy for most improved orienteer. Alan Hickling did the stats and it was a great pleasure to announce that the recipient was one of our junior members, Ffion Bricknell. You can see her in action on the front cover. By the time you receive this Saxalert we will have presented her with the trophy at the KOL at Perry Wood.

We also awarded Honorary Life Membership of Saxons OC to three of our members for their past and current involvement with the club. Doug Deeks was a founding member of Hastings Competeers in 1970 and was elected their Secretary and Treasurer. Hastings Competeers went on to become Saxons OC. At the first Saxons AGM in 1973 Doug was elected Secretary and Treasurer. From 1985-1988 he was Club President. He is a SE controller and regularly controls Saxons events. He has been our auditor for many years. Brian Lawrence was on the management committee of the newly formed Saxons OC in 1973. He became Newsletter editor in 1980, Chairman in 1983 and was Club President from 1988-2004. Although no longer a regular orienteer he often turns up at events to collect controls and you are likely to have seen him waiting patiently for the last runner to return puffing on his pipe. Tony Extance was Saxons Chairman from 1980, Newsletter editor from 1983 and Club President from 2004-2009. Although not orienteering as often as in the past he is still a keen member of the club.

Those of you who couldn't make the AGM missed a thought provoking novelty event planned by Sarah Howes. The rules were something like; visit a control, answer a question; add a number to your initial number; use the total to work out which control to go to next; repeat! After visiting the second control I had to go back to the start and ask Sarah to explain. Apparently a scientist is no good at maths! And I wasn't the only one. Good fun though. We followed that by a buffet lunch organised by Beryl Pring. Lots of cheese-might improve the brain power perhaps?



Another change for this year is that Mark Glaisher has decided that it was time to pass the reins of Team Captain to a successor after something like 20 years (+/-) in the job. Brendon Howe has agreed to take on the challenge so expect to see emails from him cajoling you to take part in team events.



At the AGM. Getting ready for Sarah's novelty activity.

As I mentioned in my previous chat, Phil Conway of GO (BO new Development Officer for the south) will be coming to our next committee meeting to discuss how BO can help us attract and retain members. If you have any suggestions for development please do get in touch before the meeting (which is on 5 January) so your ideas can be included in the discussion. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and successful orienteering New Year!

Jean

### The Honorary Life Members

		<p>Photo CompassSport</p>
<p><b>Brian Lawrence collecting controls at Kings Wood Oct 2017</b></p>	<p><b>Doug Deeks</b></p>	<p><b>Tony Extance at Hemsted Forest in 2011</b></p>

## A SELECTION OF FUTURE EVENTS

If you want to receive a weekly e-mail of orienteering events coming up you can subscribe [here](#) or visit the website for “oevents.info”

I have downloaded the following information from the British Orienteering events diary. It was correct at the time of download.

Date	Event Name	Level*	Club	Venue, Nearest Town
Sat 09/12/17	SAX Kent Orienteering League	Local	SAX	Perry Wood, Faversham
Sun 10/12/17	South East Families & Veterans	Regional	MV	St Leonards, Horsham
Thu 14/12/17	SAX Kent Night Cup	Local	SAX	Mote Park, Maidstone.
Sat 16/12/17	SO - Brighton City Race (night mass-start event)	Regional	SO	Brighton
Sun 17/12/17	Regional Event	National	SN	Ash Ranges, Mytchett, Farnborough
Thu 21/12/17	SAX Kent Night Cup	Local	SAX	Seal Chart, Sevenoaks
Tue 26/12/17	LOK/HH Boxing Day Score Event	Local	LOK	Trent Park,
Wed 27/12/17	SO "Elizabeth Brown memorial" Xmas Score - Rewell Wood, Arundel	Local	SO	Rewell Wood, Arundel.
Sun 31/12/17	(Cancelled) Guildford City Race	Regional	GO	Guildford,
Mon 01/01/18	SAX New Year Score Event	Local	SAX	Mote Park, Maidstone
Thu 04/01/18	SO SONIC3 / KNC - Tilgate & Maidenbower, Crawley (TBC)	Local	SO	Tilgate & Maidenbower ,Crawley
Sat 06/01/18	SO - SOG A7 - Sullington Warren, Storrington	Local	SO	Sullington Warren, Storrington
Sun 07/01/18	SAX Sunday League	Regional	SAX	Ightham, Sevenoaks
Thu 11/01/18	Kent Night Cup	Local	DFOK	Gravesend.
<b>Sun 14/01/18</b>	<b>SE League event</b>	<b>National</b>	<b>DFOK</b>	<b>Limpsfield Chart, Westerham</b>
Thu 18/01/18	SAX Kent Night Cup	Local	SAX	Kings Wood Challock, Ashford
Sat 20/01/18	KOL 5	Local	DFOK	Shooters Hill,
Sun 21/01/18	OK Nuts Trophy Blood Races	Regional	SLOW	Richmond Park,
Thu 25/01/18	MV - Kent Night Cup	Local	MV	Holmbush, Crawley
Sat 27/01/18	SO - SOG A9 -	Local	SO	Pashley & The Warren, Eastbourne
Sun 28/01/18	BKO Concorde Chase (Star Posts)	National	BKO	Star Posts, Camberley
Thu 01/02/18	SAX Kent Night Cup (Street)	Local	SAX	Orpington,
Sat 03/02/18	SE Middle Distance Champs	Regional	GO	Chapel Common, Rake
Sun 04/02/18	SAX Sunday League	Regional	SAX	Knole Park, Sevenoaks



Tue 06/02/18	SO SONIC4	Local	SO	- Broadbridge Heath & West Horsham
Thu 08/02/18	DFOK Kent Night Cup	Local	DFOK	Plumstead/Woolwich
Sat 10/02/18	SAX Kent Orienteering League	Local	SAX	Kings Wood Challock, Ashford
<b>Sun 11/02/18</b>	<b><i>MV SE League event</i></b>	<b><i>National</i></b>	<b><i>MV</i></b>	<b><i>South Ashdown, East Grinstead</i></b>
Thu 15/02/18	SAX Kent Night Cup	Local	SAX	Perry Wood, Faversham
Sat 17/02/18	SO - SOG S2 - TBC - Mid Sussex	Local	SO	Mid Sussex
Sun 18/02/18	Holmwood Common Regional	Regional	SLOW	Holmwood Common,
Thu 22/02/18	SAX Kent Night Cup	Local	SAX	Millbank West, Sevenoaks
Sat 24/02/18	SO - SOG S3 - Chailey Common (south)/	Local	SO	North Chailey, between Scaynes Hill & Newick, East Sussex
Sat 24/02/18	British Night Championships (UKOL)	Major	SWOC	Merthyr Mawr Warren and Woods, Bridgend. Wales
Easter	JK Orienteering Festival	Major	WMOA	Stafford

Level \*-

**Local** Low key local events put on by clubs primarily for their own members and newcomers. Generally a limited number of courses are available. Areas used tend to be small and may be less technical than those used at other events. They are generally cheaper to enter than the other events and are generally friendly events where members and newcomers can get to know each other.

**Regional** These generally have six courses available of different lengths and technical difficulty. They are aimed at club members plus participants from other local clubs and generally attract larger numbers of entries.

**National:-** High status' events that aim to attract orienteers from around the country. Generally they use the best terrain that can be found within a particular club's mapped areas. There may be 10 or more colour courses available. Serious orienteers enter a course specified for their age class, so they compete directly with their peers, but you can decide to enter a different course if you wish.

**Major:** - for elite and club orienteers. Best terrain possible is used. Age based courses but there are colour coded courses suitable for newcomers and the less competitive, so you can enter with your less keen family members and still have a fun day out. The Club often takes a tent so we can all meet up.

**SE League:** - shaded in the table above. These events are held on the best areas in the South East. You collect points for your Club and for yourself.

**KNC** - Saxons weekly night orienteering – 1 hour score event then meet in a pub. Suitable for all abilities but you will need a torch.

**KOL** – Series of Saturday morning events held jointly SAX and DFOK, suitable for all. Lots of Juniors compete and collect points for their school.

**SOG-** Southdowns Orienteers Saturday series.

## **SAXONS RUNNING KIT**

I hope you have all been enjoying the new kit. It is great to see so many people wearing the new jackets - even Southdowns have commented on how flash we are all looking! I have also been impressed with the O-top performance - whilst many will find they need to upsize, i have found them very comfortable to run in. Wicking capability is very good, as well as breathability, keeping you at an optimum temperature.

The kit box comes with me to most events. Please send an e-mail if you want to get hold of some kit so we can arrange the when and how more easily! Tops, ¾ running tights, buffs and 2 types of jacket

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## **SEND OFF FOR YOUR FREE COLOUR COURSE BADGE**



You can get a fabric colour coded badge to sew on your track suit or O top, sponsored by the South East Orienteering Association, if you beat the par time three times, on any colour-coded course. Three qualifications at the same colour get you a badge - there is no time limit on when you can get them.

Par time is set at the winner's time plus 50%, or to include half the runners, whichever is greater, except for the White course, where you only have to complete the course three times to qualify.

To obtain your badge, please send a print out of the three sets of results to Anne Power, 6 Mallard Close, New Barnet, Herts EN5 1DH. Tel: 0208 449 5984, email: [powerbarnet@btinternet.com](mailto:powerbarnet@btinternet.com).

Seniors and Juniors can send off for these badges!

There is no charge, but you must enclose a stamped addressed envelope

## NEW SAX

A big welcome to:-

- Gaby Bates W45 from Canterbury
- Pogson Family - Christopher M55, Christina W18 and Eric M10 from Chatham

Make sure you tell the Saxons on Registration at events that you are a new member so that you can be introduced to other members

### Newcomer FAQs.

1. This question comes up time and time again - How do I learn the pictorial control descriptions that are used for courses Light Green and more difficult as well as the Kent Night Cup? I have not got a clue what they mean. (Thanks to Jon Bond for this question)



The best way is an online quiz- Start here <https://www.maprunner.co.uk/cd/> with the Symbols quiz.

Experienced orienteers should see how quickly they can do the Match quiz on the same page.

2. **How can I get to meet other members? Sometimes I turn up at an event, run my course and go home without speaking to anyone.**

There are 2 main ways

1. Come to one of the Thursday night events because we all start and finish at the same time and then go to the pub. Because we are all milling around together at the same time it's a good opportunity to be introduced. At the end it's good to go through your map with other members and if you can go to the pub there will be much more time to go through the map and get tips. If you are nervous about night orienteering, tell the organiser and they will find someone for you to go round with.
2. Volunteer to help at an event and ask to help with the Start, Registration or Refreshments, telling the Organiser that you are new. Don't worry, you will be with someone experienced and you need no orienteering experience to hand out hot drinks and biscuits! Helping in one of these areas gives you the opportunity to meet a lot of club members and for members to meet you.



## JUNIOR PAGES

### What have the juniors been doing?

Over the last few weeks we have had two KOL events which have attracted a total of 33 juniors who all seemed to be having a good time with some splendid results. Firstly at Trosley Country Park the registration area appeared to be dominated by young runners, not just Saxons, but from



Dartford and some other juniors not connected with any club. I hoped that the fun and skills learnt would act as a magnet and draw lots back to the next event at Shorne. Well even more juniors came to Shorne so obviously the enthusiasm for the event wasn't dampened by the drizzle and muddy paths which met us on that morning.

The other interesting thing which I spotted was some new names in the results list which is always welcome and I hope that they become familiar names over the years to come. Also if you look around you at the range of ages of the competitors it's obvious that you don't give up orienteering when you get to year 6 or 7, in secondary schools. All ages take part in the sport which becomes a great family pastime for everybody. Added to that, the longer you orienteer the more great places you'll visit, not just as part of the KOL, but all different leagues in new locations.

**Sporting a new Saxons Junior top.**  
Photo Heather Brown

Here are the results for these two events indicating just how many Saxon Juniors we have.

### Trosley 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Light green	6/32	Ffion Bricknell	Orange	3/12	Austin Howe
	8/32	Michael Cameron		9/12	Toby Prior

Yellow	1/27	Ben Cronin	8/27	Caylan Uddin
	4/27	Luke Evans	9/27	James Gaylor
	5/27	Isabel Hobbs	11/27	Kasie Chapman
	6/27	Brooke Kirby	12/27	Holly Howe
	7/27	William Prior	21/27	Eric Pogson

### Shorne Woods 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Light green	7/35	Elsa Burdett	Orange	2/11	Austin Howe
	8/35	Michael Cameron		6/11	Toby Prior
	10/35	Ffion Bricknell			

Yellow	1/26	Caylan Uddin	14/26	Callum Cook
	2/26	James Gaylor	15/26	Rebecca Ledger
	6/26	Isabel Hobbs	16/26	Eric Pogson
	7/26	Amber Hobbs	17/26	Christine Pogson
	8/26	William Prior	18/26	Brook Kirby
	9/26	Kasie Chapman	20/26	Ben Cronin
	11/26	Luke Evans	22/26	Holly Howe

It's always good to see so many of you enjoying our orienteering events and improving all the time.



Henry and Matthew Taylor at the November Classic in the New Forest

(photo Mark Cheesman for CompassSport)

Away from the KOL's some of our juniors have travelled away from Kent. Toby Prior, William Prior, Austin Howe, Holly Howe, Henry Taylor and Matthew Taylor all went to the New Forest for a very large event there. I'm sure that it was a really valuable experience for them and certainly for Henry who did so well that he was be called to the podium to collect his medal for third place against some very strong opposition. I'm sure that you learnt a lot from the events there so well done to you all

**Remember; - Always make sure you know exactly where you are as you run between each leg and you're going in the right direction**

By May 26<sup>th</sup> when we are having our Junior Orienteering Festival you'll all be so much more skilled and it will be a marvellous day. Oh, by the way, ask for it to go on the family calendar. It's a very special event just for you!



**Heather Brown awarding some loyalty stickers**



**Saxons Juniors in action at Trosley CP**



Huge congratulations to Ffion Bricknell who has been awarded the Anita Kingdom plate for the Most Improved Orienteer during the past year. That's Ffion on the front cover.

"Well done Ffion all your fellow juniors offer you our heartiest congratulations. We are all pleased for you as a worthy winner"

You might be interested to read the next article from Mark Purkis who was a Saxons junior from 2005 – 2013. After that Mark went to Edinburgh Uni which has a very good orienteering club

**Tony Connellan**

## Mark Purkis Orienteering Coach in Residence, Hobart, Tasmania

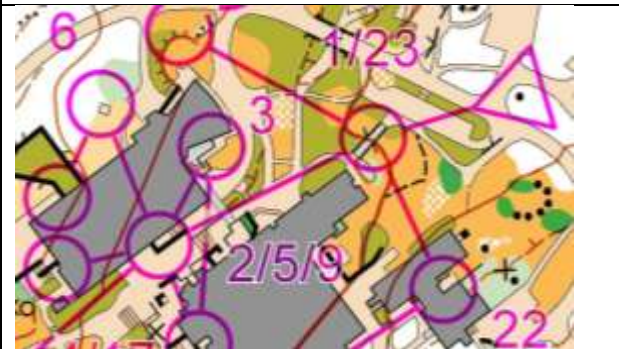
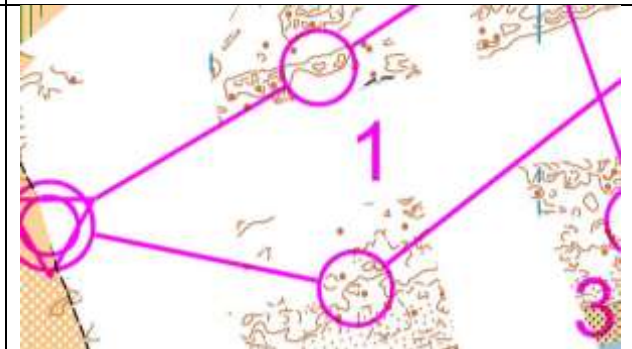


The coach in residence programme began in 2012 and has since become a popular thing to do for young European orienteers. The purpose of the programme is to bring knowledgeable, experienced orienteers to Australia, to coach young talent and provide high quality orienteering opportunities to everyone. It is a win-win situation, with both parties make some great long-lasting friendships. In return for accommodation and board and living expenses, I am committed to spending 15 hours a week in my role. This involves a weekly training session every Monday evening, coaching at Twilight, and planning 2 3-day training camps and a summer series. This leaves plenty of time to go exploring in the Tasmanian wilderness, of which there is a lot!

### Monday training

Every Monday at 4:30, or 6pm training starts. Aside from Scandinavia, Hobart is the best place I've ever lived for orienteering. There are tens of high quality maps within a 20minute drive from the city centre, it's incredible!

The training I plan normally has 2 hard exercises and 1 easier for young juniors and novices. Once a month I make it sprint focussed. The first training had 25 people, and ever since (8 weeks now) there have been over 30 people – either everyone is super keen, they like my training, or both.

Training is free of charge for members or £2.50 for anyone else.

<p><i>Sprint training Hobart College</i></p>	<p><i>Windows training Pittwater</i></p>
	
<p><i>Draw your own map</i></p>	<p><i>Twilight</i></p>
	



## Schools

Sporting Schools is a government initiative designed to help primary schools to increase children's participation in sport, and to connect them with community sporting opportunities. Over 30 sports provide sports programmes, of which one is orienteering.

The school applies for government funding, which pays for us to provide a 4-week orienteering programme and a map of the school if necessary. This autumn, Charlotte and I have provided a 4 week programme to 5 schools, 3 of which needed a totally new map! Ages ranged from Kindergarten to year 6.

We quickly got to grips with making schools maps (as they're quite simple), and planned the sessions. This is what the typical 4-week programme looks like

Week	Activity 1	Activity 2	Learning points
1	Match the symbols	North East South West game	Learning map symbols and points of the compass
2	Team star exercise	"The Grid"	Map orientation, with SI
3	Move the cone	Pair or individual star	Map orientation, with SI. Confidence to put cone in correct place
4	Competition		A few short courses with SI

## Twilight

Twilight is a bi-annual, weekly schools orienteering series. The events are 3:30-7 every Wednesday afternoon for 8 weeks in the spring term and autumn term. It is aimed at school kids, but anyone can run. The events are held in parks or well pathed bush areas, and since Hobart is surrounded by these, it is rarely more than a 20minute drive from anywhere in the city. There are 4 courses: white, yellow, and a 3km and 5km harder course. On a good day there will be over 150 runners, and over half of them are school kids!

## SC-ORE (School Orienteering)

Last year, my girlfriend Charlotte, who is out here with me, was in Canberra where they have been running SC-ORE since Dec 2014. The idea came from the Swedish Skol Sprinten (School sprint) series by Goran Andersson. It's a bi-annual 4-week series that rotates around different schools, involving a very short mixed relay (5-10min leg time) in school grounds. Organiser Toni Brown says "It is a perfect fit. It starts at 8am and is all finished by 8:45am, but the action and excitement are so intense it lasts all day".

SC-ORE reaches almost 200 Canberra primary school students **AND THEIR parents** each year.

## Can we (UK) learn from the Aussies?

This programme could easily be set up in most regions of the UK, it's easy to find host families, and many clubs have a large cash buffer which pooled together could certainly provide the living expenses for a scholar. The benefit of having a part time coach is outstanding, as volunteers are less pressured to organise events or trainings, and fresh ideas are brought to an area

Without a government initiative, it's difficult to see how a sporting schools programme could be implemented in schools. But, learning from SC-ORE in Canberra and Skol Sprinten in Sweden, a before school short relay series could be set up without interfering with timetables!

**Mark Purkis M21- Saxons from 2005 – 2013 when he went to Edinburgh Uni**

## **COACHES CORNER - IGNORE EVERYONE ELSE**

Beryl Pring has sent a reminder, in her tale of the November Classic which you can read later, not to be put off by people around you.

- Do not think they know better than you and follow them.
- Do not get irritated by them and think, I will not follow them I will go a different way.
- Do not assume they are looking for the same control as you and go to where they are.

All of these mind sets are likely to result in you losing touch with the map. Can you honestly say you have never done any of these? Don't do them again!!

## **KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE MAP**

One of the simplest ways to stay in touch with the map is to fold it and keep your thumb on where you are. I have lost count of the numbers times I have helped a lost newcomer who hands me their unfolded A4 map and asked me where they are. I fold it for them, put their thumb on the map and tell them to keep moving their



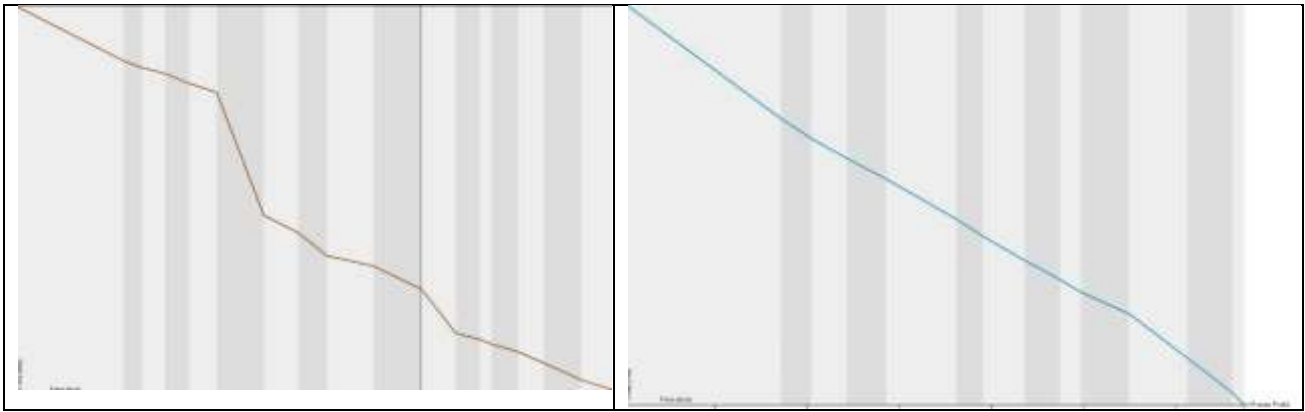
thumb as they move round the map. Now - I tell them, you will never get lost because you don't have to scan the whole A4 page every time you look at it to remember where you were. This is not completely true because sometimes your thumb and your legs go down different paths but it should be much easier to work out where you might be if you have your thumb on the map.

Here is Tony Connellan explaining this to one of our juniors. I am pleased to see the junior behind them has a folded map.

## **ANALYSE YOUR MISTAKES**

Discovering that you make the same mistake again and again becomes obvious if you analyse your run, control by control. Look at your splits in the results on the website. This shows how well you did on each leg. If sometimes you won the leg but other times you were perhaps 10<sup>th</sup> why was that? Make a note of your error

Sometimes the results are loaded into SplitsBrowser. This shows graphically where you made a mistake. Look at these two graphs one for Jerry Purkis and one for Rowan.



That's Jerry on the left. The graph shows your % time behind the leader. If it is the slope is constant, you have not made any errors you are just slower (in my case much slower) but if the graph drops suddenly that shows an error. Looks like there are a couple of errors there Jerry!

Some people keep a spreadsheet on their computer with the analysis of every race. Saxons has a sheet in the resources section that you can use.

See [https://www.saxons-oc.org/documents/event\\_analysis.pdf](https://www.saxons-oc.org/documents/event_analysis.pdf)

By keeping a record of your errors you will be able to focus on areas to concentrate on. Beryl will be able to tick "Distracted by others". Thanks to Sarah Howes who designed the sheet.

Those of you who like to keep track of this stuff on-line can register with Attackpoint and keep a record of your races as well as tracking how many km you have run in your shoes. Here is an extract from Richard Purkis' log of his run at Virtuous Lady in Devon at the CompassSport Cup.

See <http://www.attackpoint.org/>. This also links to Strava if you want

**Orienteering race (Virtuous Lady)** 1:14:34 [4] \*\*\* 11.8 km (6:19 / km) +392m 5:25 / km  
 spiked:24/26c shoes: inov8 MUDCLAW 300  
 CompassSport Cup Final hosted by DEVON at the Virtuous Lady - Brown 9.9km

**RouteGadget**

Fairly good run, 1 mistake and 2 poor route choices. Was slipping an awful lot but probably so was everybody. Was on the Adam Potter Pain Train from #6 till I lost him on the descent into 12. Was joint 2nd on the run in comp, 1s behind Murray Strain

**Time losses:**

- #2 chose to contour. Seeing Murray fly along the bottom confirmed I made the wrong choice
- #16 40s Left the path too early and had to fight through brambles
- #18 90s Should have taken a bearing off the seat. Ended up having to relocate at 19

**Cobbled together by Editor with inspiration from others**



## SAX QUIZ

**Some of you regularly attend the Brighton City Race. Take this quiz to see how much you know about Brighton**

1. What is the full title of the name of Brighton's Football Club
2. What is the name of the electric railway that run along the seafront?- Smitt, Volks, Solker or Vokins,
3. What is the name of the covered shopping centre in the city? - Arndale Centre, Regency Centre , Churchill Square or George IV Mall
4. Which conference was taking place at the Brighton Centre when the Grand Hotel was bombed in 1984? - Conservative Party, Labour Party, TUC, or Liberal Party?
5. Which monarch was behind the building of the Royal Pavilion? George III, George IV, Victoria or George VI?
6. Which famous actor retired to Brighton and took the name as part of his title when he was knighted:- Donald Sinden, John Gielgud, Lawrence Olivier or Albert Finney
7. What is the name of the theatre/ concert venue that used to be royal stables in the Pavilion Gardens? - Theatre Royal, The Dome, George 1V Theatre or the Brighton Centre
8. Which crime writer bases his crimes in Brighton. Ian Rankin, Peter James, Mark Bellingham or Peter May.
9. Where in Brighton did ABBA perform Waterloo in the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest? The Hippodrome, the Dome, The Brighton Centre or the Theatre Royal
10. Who wrote Brighton Rock in 1938 that was subsequently made into a film, shot in Brighton starring Richard Attenborough.? - Kinsley Amis, Somerset Maugham, Graham Greene or Robert Graves
11. One of the gates of the Royal Pavilion was built just after the First World War, in memory of some soldiers who had been hospitalised in the building. Where were these soldiers from?- Germany, India, The USA, or Canada
12. What is the name of the new tourist attraction by the site of the now burned down West Pier? West Tower, i360, Brighton Tower or "Brighton i".



Editor during a Brighton City Race=

Photo Rob Lines

**Answers inside back cover**

# DIFFERENT ORIENTEERING FORMATS – THIS TIME ITS –

## “RADIO ORIENTEERING”

So what’s different about *radio* orienteering? Essentially, the control points are replaced by radio transmitters. Competitors are required to locate each transmitter and “dib” to time-stamp their visit.

Navigation to a fixed point on a map is replaced by navigating to an unknown point by using a directional receiver to point the way.

A map may be carried by competitors but the transmitter locations will not be shown and hence the map is only useful for route choice.



When you have successfully homed-in on a transmitter there is nothing obvious to see. This is because the transmitters are small and purposely hidden from view. However you should be able to find the nearby “Triffid” which is the dibbing device.

### A TYPICAL RADIO ORIENTEERING EVENT

There are usually ten transmitters to find in a maximum of 2½ hours. Everyone starts at the designated start location at the same time (i.e. a mass start). Events are free to enter. A handicapping system favours newcomers. Equipment loan is possible by prior arrangement.

Radio orienteering is also known as “Multi-Transmitter Direction-Finding” or multi-TX DF. It has its origins in “ham radio” communication and even today the organiser is still required to hold an amateur radio license. Originally contests were organised to cover huge areas (i.e. 40km x 40km) and required driving as well as legwork. More recently, the on-foot only version has been derived (which more resembles conventional orienteering).

Each event involves finding transmitters with different difficulty factors. Some are purposely easy (e.g. next to paths) whilst others are more difficult (concealed in vegetation). Transmissions are not continuous. So it is advisable to use a compass to take a sight bearing to enable homing-in when the transmitter is off.

## HOW DO I HOME IN ON A TRANSMITTER?

To find the transmitters you will need to carry a portable receiver, called a “DF set”, which has a directional aerial. This will guide you towards the transmitter. However you will need to know how to identify the signal heard and how to determine the direction of the signal source. (Newcomers are shown the required techniques.)

Points are allocated for finding transmitters according to when you find them, relative to the other competitors. Results are computed at the end.



## HOW DO I FIND MORE ABOUT RADIO ORIENTEERING?

Visit the web site [www.forjac.co.uk](http://www.forjac.co.uk) and follow the link to radio orienteering. On this site you can find reports of previous events with pictures, more detailed information on event format and when and where the next event is.

Picture shows Rosie Merry- (DFOK) racing to a control. For more info talk to Rosie and Colin Merry (DFOK) they are at most KNC events.

Thank you **Colin Merry** for the article and photos.

## SOME OVERSEAS O EVENTS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY PLANNING

26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Sylvester 5-Days in Belgium & Holland
26th - 31st December	GCOM at Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain
29th December - 3rd January	Big 5-O at Haenertsburg, South Africa
19th - 21st January	Madeira O Meeting at Funchal, Madeira
2nd - 4th February	Dão Lafões O Meet at Satão, Portugal
10th - 13th February	Portugal O Meet at Évora, Portugal
16 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Costa Cálida Trophy at Murcia, Spain
16th - 25th February	MOC Tour in Catalunya, Spain
17th - 18th February	Penamacor International O Meet at Penamacor, Portugal
10th - 14th March	Lipica Open at Lipica, Slovenia
17th - 25th March	California O Week at San Francisco, USA
23rd - 25th March	Danish Spring at Sorø, Denmark
30th March - 2nd April	Easter4 at Cres Island, Croatia
31st March - 2nd April	3 Jours de Pâques at Dijon, France
6th - 9th April	Velikden Cup at Targovishte, Bulgaria
10th - 15th April	Riga O Week at Riga, Latvia

Check out the MVOC “O”Calendar for events further into the future



## ISOM 2017-how is this different from ISOM 2000??

All orienteering maps are produced using an internationally agreed set of symbols and conventions. This standardisation, along with symbolic control descriptions, allows us to compete in events all over the world and still understand the map. The IOF has just agreed a new map standard, known as “International Standard for Orienteering Maps (ISOM) 2017”.

Some Saxons have already experienced ISOM 2017 as it was used for the map for the Compass Sport Trophy final in Devon in October. The overall impression of the new maps is that they are a bit neater and easier to read but there are a few new symbols to understand.

Most of our current maps are made to the standard agreed in 2000 (ISOM 2000) however sprint maps have their own standard, ISSOM (the extra “S” stands for sprint) introduced in 2007 which many people will be familiar with. The new standard adopts some of the symbols from the sprint maps such as buildings being shown in grey with dark grey border (though solid black is also allowable) or individual trees being shown as green dots and circles.

The new standard will be rolled out over the coming year with major and national events (level A & B) having to use it from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018. Regional (level C) events must use it from September 2018 and Local (D) from January 2019. However any level event can use it sooner so the map standard used should be stated in event details and on the printed map.

What are the main differences? (For an example see the back cover)

**Line symbols** - form lines are slightly thinner while walls and fences are slightly thicker with a changed repeat interval.

**Platform** – the brown triangle used for a platform (actually a BOF convention, the IOF definition is “Special landform feature”) is changed to a brown open triangle.

**Boulders** – now three distinct sizes up to the “Gigantic boulder” which is too large to climb.

**Rocky ground** – three densities of the dotted screen symbol to show slow run/ walk/fight.

**Water features** – rather than lake or pond this is now defined as “shallow body of water” (pale blue with blue outline) or “uncrossable body of water” (blue with black outline). The same colours apply to streams and rivers. There are also two new symbols, a blue open square for well, fountain or water tank (previously a circle) and a blue star, for a special water feature (previously a blue cross).

**Open land with scattered trees** – white dots on a yellow or pale yellow background may be replaced with green dots to indicate scattered bushes or thickets.

**Vegetation** – new category “Vegetation impassable” (worse than “fight”!) shown by dark green and black screen, likely to be used for hedges and small areas only. This has led to the other shades of green becoming slightly paler to give an even gradation of colours.

**Distinct vegetation boundary** – new symbol of green dashed line may be used instead of the black dotted line. This is to avoid confusion on maps with much rocky ground (also shown with black dots) however maps can use only one or other symbol, not mix them.

**Narrow ride** – in addition to the black dashed line there is a coloured stripe showing the runnability of the route.

**North lines** – these are now spaced at 300m intervals (previously 250m).

**Out of bounds** – always shown with purple cross hatch (purple vertical stripe not used).

**Route from map issue to start triangle** – where there is a taped route from the start box and map issue to the start triangle this can be shown on the map overprint with a dotted line.

Finally, Berkshire Orienteers have produced a very nice two page summary of these changes which is available on line at:

<http://www.bko.org.uk/sites/default/files/basicpage/KYS-ISOM-2017.pdf>

**Simon Blanchflower**

## **PUBLICITY UPDATE – SPREADING THE WORD BY SEAN CRONIN**

Those of you that use Facebook may have noticed I've been helping Nick Betts and the club with publicity by promoting Saxons on our public / fan Facebook page over the past few months. After several years sterling work, Nick has now handed over the job full time to me.

I'm really hoping that most of you are like me and want to help spread the word about our fantastic sport. There are some really simple and not particularly time consuming ways you can help.

- 1) Photos are really useful for Facebook, both to maintain the interest of the 300 people who have "liked" our public Facebook page so far, and to help build some hype before an event. If you're on Facebook you could post them on the Saxons private / group page, then I can just reuse them for the public page as I've done with a picture Neil Bricknell posted of Rowan at Whitstable, or you could just email the pictures to me.
- 2) If you're going to an event, please select "going" on the Facebook event. This gives an impression that the event is popular, and alerts your Facebook friends that you're going to an event. Some of them might want to go as well one day.
- 3) You can invite groups of people by sharing our Facebook event by cut and pasting the event URL to any Facebook closed groups you belong to. For example I've done this with a running club I belong to, Larkfield AC

Event organisers and series co-ordinators you can really help as well. The easiest way is to confirm the car park location as soon as possible then let me know. I can start a Facebook event with just the location, then add some the remaining details later. Drip feeding some of the event details can help build interest. A month or two before the event is an ideal time to create the Facebook event.

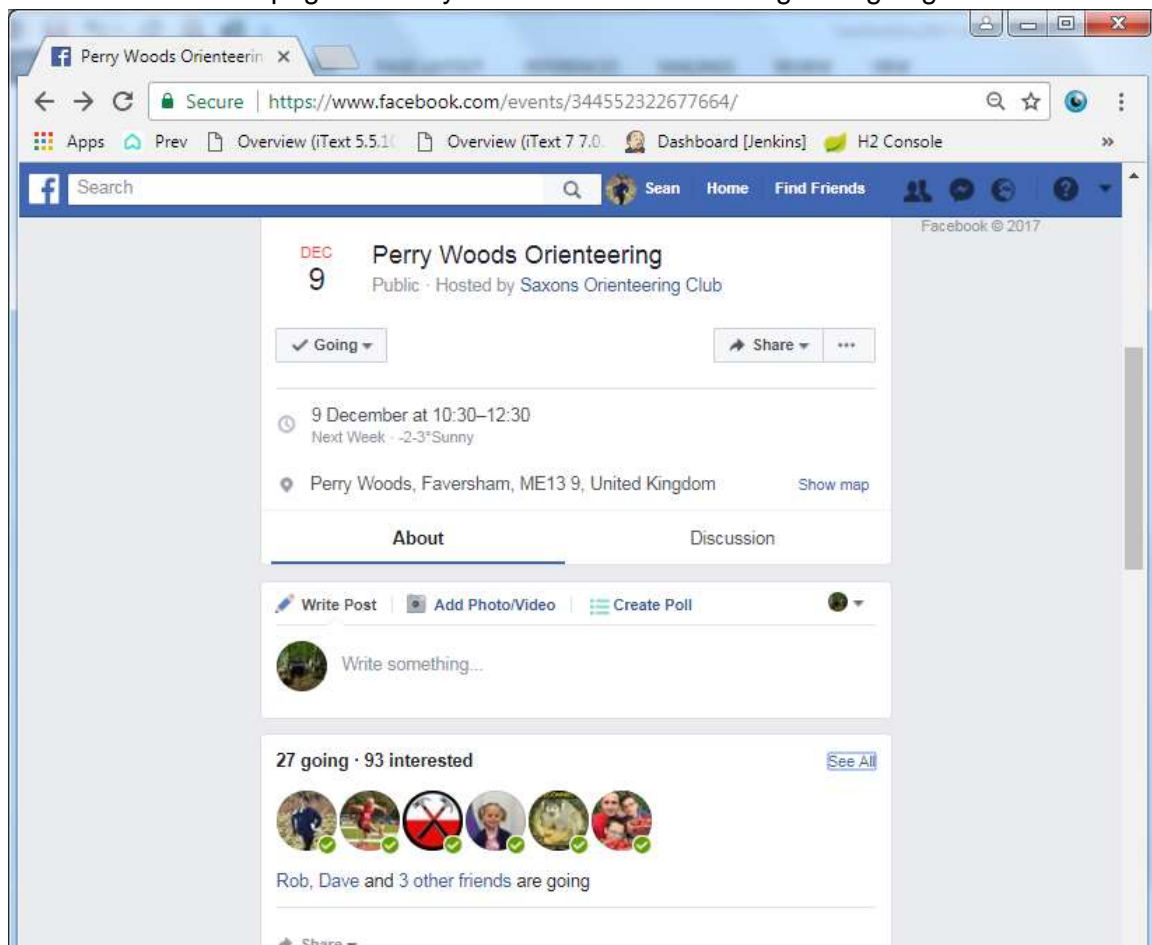
Planners and mappers – if you're out in the area, why not take some pictures? I can post these on Facebook to help create a story about an event. Most people must surely be impressed by the hard work we do to create our events. Our forests and parks are great selling points as well and full of unusual sights to grab newcomers' attention.

If you've got a bit more spare time and/or are more enthusiastic about promoting orienteering, it would be great if you were willing to volunteer to help with publicity. There are many more opportunities to publicise Saxons than I possibly have time for. I sometimes find it difficult to do publicity which involves visiting places before an event, which is why I focus on Facebook and e-mailing running club contacts.

Things I have done in the past that have been successful but am unlikely to have much time to do on my own:

- Writing short articles for parish and local newsletters/newspapers
- Inviting groups from your local area to go orienteering (e.g. scouts/cubs/schools).
- Social networks other than Facebook (Instagram, Twitter etc.).
- Handing out fliers at ParkRuns.
- Local event listings (e.g. Runners World, local newspaper event listings).
- Putting a large banner up outside an event area before an event (e.g. “come and try orienteering here on ...”).

This is the Facebook event page for Perry Wood with one week to go. 27 going and 93 interested!



## THE ASH PROJECT

I have been asked to advertise this project which is support by Kent Downs, KCC, Arts Council and others. Events, talks, walks and more.

“There are 150 million ash trees in England, Scotland and Wales. Ash dieback is widely accepted to be untreatable and could see the demise of 90-98% of these trees over the next decade. The Ash Project is an urgent cultural response to the devastating effects of ash dieback in the Kent Downs.”

See their website for details: - <http://www.theashproject.org.uk/>

## MICROWAVE PEANUT BUTTER AND JAM BROWNIE

Ideal for when you want a quick sugar hit and it's very quick to make.

### Ingredients



75g butter, plus a little extra for greasing or use marg to grease.

50g peanut butter, preferably crunchy.

1 egg

25g cocoa powder

50g plain flour

100g sugar

few tsp of jam

### Method

1. Add the butter and peanut butter to a microwave-safe bowl and cook on High for 30 secs to melt. Remove from the microwave and stir thoroughly. Allow to cool slightly then add the egg and stir to combine. Then sieve in the cocoa powder and flour and tip in the sugar. Mix gently to form a thick, sticky paste. Grease with butter and line with parchment a second microwaveable round dish (about 15cm wide) with cling film or grease proof paper/baking parchment. Tip the peanut butter mix into the lined dish. Smooth the top of the mixture with the back of a large spoon.
2. Using a teaspoon, make crater-holes in the top of the brownie mixture and fill each generously with jam as it will melt and bubble down when cooked. Pop in the microwave for 3-4 mins on High. Remove and leave to cool for 15 mins (it will carry on cooking as it cools).
3. When cool cut into 6 pieces. Keeps well into the next day if you don't eat it too quickly



## SAXONS RANKING TABLE to 30 November 2017

Pos	Prev Pos	Name	Age class	Top-12	Runs
1	(1)	Mark Glaisher	M65	1199	28
2	(2)	Peter Martin	M65	1197	31
3	(4)	Sarah Howes	W55	1192	26
4	(3)	Alison Howe	W45	1187	32
5	(6)	Brendon Howe	M45	1101	29
6	(5)	Alan Hickling	M50	1094	31
7	(9)	Beryl Pring	W70	1071	25
8	(7)	John Van Rooyen	M65	1058	17
9	(8)	Heather Brown	W65	1032	18
10	(11)	Simon Blanchflower	M60	1026	18
11	(10)	Dave Pickup	M45	1020	27
12	(12)	Mel Taylor	M50	1019	15
13	(13)	Jean Fitzgerald	W60	1005	23
14	(14)	Jeremy Oldershaw	M75	977	27
15	(16)	Simon Greenwood	M60	974	29
16	(17)	Jerry Purkis	M60	952	24
17	(19)	Mike Perry	M70	933	19
18	(15)	David Kingdon	M65	912	20
19	(21)	Simon Deeks	M45	895	20
20	(18)	Bohdan Rainczuk	M55	880	16



### Summary:

Mark Glaisher remains in top spot. Sarah Howes replaces Alison Howe as leading lady.

Simon Blanchflower climbs into the top 10 and Simon Deeks into the top 20 (replacing Doug Deeks!)

Thank you Alan Hickling for keeping the statistics

### South East League results

The Club league started with the CHIG event at Wormley Woods. Unfortunately Philip Gristwood (MVOC) has not yet published the results

Planned events for 2017/18

17-Dec-17	SN	Ash Ranges- tbc?		25-Feb-18	HH	Egypt Woods /Burnham
14-Jan-18	DFOK	Westerham		22 Apr 18	SAX	TBC
11-Feb-18	MV	South Ashdown		13-May-18	SO	Worth Lodge Forest

## **Photographs and young people- What are the BOF guidelines?**

British Orienteering recognises that the sport benefits from using images of young participants to promote and celebrate activities, events and competitions. But, they warn that the use of images and videos on websites, social media, and in posters, the press or other publications, can pose direct and indirect risks to children and young people if not managed correctly

The full guidelines on “image taking and the use of images” can be read in the O Safe policy on line at [https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/images/uploaded/downloads/governance\\_O-Safe%202017.pdf](https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/images/uploaded/downloads/governance_O-Safe%202017.pdf)

A practical summary of the guidelines are:-

- Avoid supplying the full name of the child or children along with the image unless and the child and parent have consented.
- Avoid using children’s names in posts on Facebook
- Only use images of children in suitable dress/kit.
- Preferably use images that focus on the activity rather than a particular child
- Avoid images and camera angles that may be more prone to misinterpretation or misuse than others.

### **Do we need parental permission for image taking by spectators/parents at events?**

“Parental consents are not required for this form of image taking, although event organisers should make the policy regarding image taking by the public clear to all participants and parents ahead of the event.” (From the BOF O safe guidelines)

We have standard insurance disclaimer on our event details. It seems we should also have a standard photography statement along the lines of:-

*Juniors and their parents should be aware that photographs may be taken at the event, and some may be posted onto public websites. Parents, guardians or carers who have a reason to be sensitive about the children they are responsible for should bear this in mind in their decision to attend the event*

It is not possible for parents to opt out. Details of BOF’s deliberations on this topic can be read in the O Safe document and an explanation of how they came to this conclusion.

You may have noticed I have stopped putting juniors’ names in SaxAlert. This is because the newsletter is available to be read by the public on our website. It is therefore a public document. I generally only include the name with a photograph if it has been sent to me by the parent.

**Rowan Purkis**

## SAXONS OUT AND ABOUT

### 30 September – British Sprint Championships - Milton Keynes

12 Saxons ran round Milton Keynes. 4 managed to get into the A final for their class.

- Jeremy Oldershaw M75A-3<sup>rd</sup> - Well done Jeremy
- Alison Howe W54A
- Peter Martin M65A-
- Sarah Howes W55A

### 1 October 2017- British Middle Distance Championships – Wendover Woods.

14 Saxons entered the Middle Distance event. The best result was Mark Glaisher 8<sup>th</sup> in M65



Alison running round Milton Keynes.

Photo Mark Cheesman for CompassSport

### Sat 7 October - Kings Wood Challock-SAX

An excellent day and prelude to the main event of the Whitstable Orienteering Weekend. Simon Blanchflower worked his magic again and produced some excellent courses, ensuring that despite the weather people enjoyed themselves and saw some interesting parts of the woods. Disappointingly one of our controls went missing which is a shame for an area like Kings Wood. Let's hope that this is not a sign of things to come.

#### Organiser- Nick Betts



## Best results

Sh Blue	Brendon Howe	M45	3/35	Lt Green	Neil Bricknell	M50	1/6
Sh Grn	Sarah Howes	W55	3/31		Ffion Bricknell	W14	2/6
Orange	Toby Prior	M12	1/7	Yellow	William Prior	M6	2/7
	Chris Sibley	W65	3/7				

## Sun 8 October Whitstable Urban Event UKOL Saxons



Outstanding views from the controls.  
Photo- Sarah Howes

This event was the culmination of 2 years planning. Mapper David Kingdon realised that Whitstable had enough variety and extent to fill a sheet slightly larger than A3. There was plenty of contrast with the narrow alleyways ('Squeeze Gut' was one!), promenade, Tankerton slopes and groyned shingle beach. The experienced Officials (think Canterbury 2012 & 2015) Planner Mike Perry (pictured below collecting controls) and Controller Jim Prowting (TVOC) made the most of the venue, and the event was well received. The pleasant weather on the day was a bonus, and many competitors stayed on to enjoy the afternoon in the town. Expertly Organised by Mark Glaisher

**Planner's comments** (copied from the website):- Planning for Whitstable was a pleasure - the profusion of alleyways, coupled with foreshore, harbour, and the 'Tankerton slopes', offered many route choices and challenges. Already, while control hanging, I have found several alternative routes for future events. As often happens with urban planning a last minute surprise is instigated by the local council - at Canterbury it was a food fair - but at Whitstable it was "Tidal Flood Gates"- not a normal event. However most people accommodated them well - there is always something new to learn! Security of controls in an Urban event led to one being buried more than was desirable - another lesson learned - although most people coped. We had excellent weather, coupled with David's superb map, to add to the delights of a coastal canter  
Mike Perry - Planner

## Best Saxons results

Junior Men	Matthew Derrick	M14	2/5	Mens Ultra vet	Peter Martin	M65	5/16
	Joseph Derrick		3/5				
Women's Vet	Alison Howe	W45	1/9	Womens Jun	Ffion Bricknell	W14	1st
	Lisa Blair	W40	3/9	Mens Hyper Vet	Jeremy Oldershaw	M70	2nd
Men's Vet	Brendon Howe	M45	2/25	Mens Open	Richard Purkis	M21	1/17



**Pictures from Whitstable**



**Mike Perry- Planner collecting controls( photo Rowan)**



**Judith Armitt, Rob Sibley and Peter Martin removing the gripples (Photo Rowan)**



**Graham Denney and Rowan Purkis at a beach control ( Photos - Neil Bricknell)**

**Sat 14/10/17 - Kent Orienteering League Trosley Country Park, SAX**

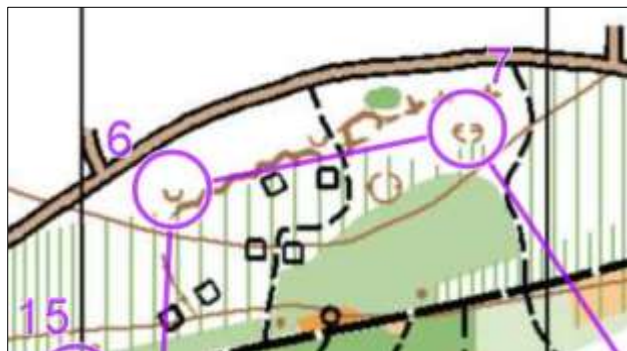
46 Saxons plus some juniors from Lordswood School enjoyed the woods and the steep slope at Trosley Country Park. It was also good to see loads of newcomers, Sean must have done some excellent advertising. See the Junior pages for Tony Connellan’s analysis of the junior results. The event was organised and planned by Alan Hickling and thanks to the many members who helped on Registration and the Start.

Best results below

Sh Blue	Brendon Howe	M45	2/25	Lt Green	Matthew Peters	M21	1/32
	Dave Pickup	M45	3/25		Ffion Bricknell	W14	6/32
	Alison Howe	W45	8/25		Beryl Pring	W70	13/32
	Lisa Blair	W40	12/25	Score	Sarah and Susan Reith		2/3



Good to see people using RouteGadget and uploading their tracks. 6 runners on the Sh Blue and 6 on the Light Green



Using RouteGadget you can compare the routes of Beryl Pring, Ffion Bricknell and Neil Bricknell for controls 6 to 7 on the Light Green course. Here is a map extract. Which way would you have gone?

Ffion went straight- taking 2:13m, Neil went north round the road taking 3:59m and Beryl went south round the path taking 4:09m. Looking at the splits Ffion was in 1st place at controls 3 and 4. Well done Ffion.

### Saxons in action at Trosley CP



Susan & Sarah Reith

Marion Bond

Neil Bricknell



## Sun 22/10/17 CompassSport Trophy Final Yelverton, Devon

30 Saxons took a weekend break in Devon to support Saxons' very first participation in the final of the CompassSport competition. We were fighting for the Trophy- the competition for smaller clubs.

The final placing of the clubs in the Trophy was

1st	INT	1260		7th	LOG	1099	
2nd	WIM	1219		8th	CLARO	1072	
3rd	SBOC	1212		9th	SUFFOC	1071	
4th	SARUM	1208		10th	SROC	914	
5th	WCH	1196		11th	KERNO	861	
6th	SAX	1181		12th	BASOC	489	

The Saxons runners – with their scores - who contributed to the final score were:-

Sarah Howes	100		Mike Solomon	91
Mark Glaisher	97		Simon Deeks	90
Alan Hickling	94		Jeremy Oldershaw	87
Simon Greenwood	92		Brendon Howe	87
Austin Howe	92		Jean Fitzgerald	85
Dave Pickup	91		David Thomas	84
Alison Howe	91			

**Well done to Sarah Howes for a joint 1st position on the Green Women's course**

### Visit to a Virtuous Lady

As is now well-known throughout the club, 30 Saxons made the trip down to Dartmoor in October to participate in the Compass Sport Trophy finals. The event area is known locally as Virtuous Lady – although despite her supposed virtues, for many of us it proved a difficult and challenging area both for running and navigating.

But who – or what – was this Virtuous Lady of note, and why is she so indelibly linked to the landscape here?

To the northwest of Buckland Monachorum village, on the southwest side of Dartmoor, lies an area littered with abandoned mine workings. Even a quick scan of the local OS 1:25k map reveals at least 30 mines, shafts, and their associated ephemera: tips, wheals, levels, tunnels and the like. West across the Tamar and into Cornwall around Gunnislake, a similar picture is repeated. Clearly there was a lot of subterranean activity here in centuries gone by.

Amongst these mines there is one of some repute that can give us a good insight into the activities that took place here – for this is the Virtuous Lady of our event area. Historical documents indicate that the Virtuous Lady mine was opened in 1558. The owners must have been particularly royalist in their sympathies, or keen to seek regal favours perhaps, as the Virtuous Lady alluded to is none other



Photo Alan Hickling

than the Virgin Queen herself: Elizabeth I, who ascended to the throne that year following the death of her half-sister Mary.

And who can say that this invocation of monarchical might did not have the desired effect? For Virtuous Lady mine proved to be profitable for all its owners and tenants for nearly 250 years, until it briefly closed in 1807. Even when it continued to be worked sporadically between the 1830s and early 1870s it was productive, being known mainly for its tin, copper and pyrite ores.

Figures from the early years of operation are unavailable, but it is known that by the 1720s Virtuous Lady was yielding between 9 and 10 tons of ‘clean’ ore (that is, with the impurities removed) every quarter. With a going rate of £3 10s per ton, this makes the gross revenue well over £100 a year. In modern terms this is a value of somewhere between roughly £8475 and £12,300, depending on which online calculator you use. It may not sound like much now, but that kind of money would have gone a lot further in those days. By the middle of the next century, with improved techniques, even larger amounts of ores were being extracted. Combined figures for 1825-33, 1856 and 1870-75 show that over 4300 tons of copper ore were mined, as well as 6 tons of black tin ore in the period 1871-72 alone. And this, don’t forget, was when the mine was operating only intermittently. Clearly the original owners knew what they were doing when they first dug here.





**Graham Denney in action at the November Classic.**

**Photo Mark Cheesman for CompassSport**

But why here particularly? Well, the reasons how and why there is a mine here are inextricably linked to the formation of Dartmoor itself, so a brief foray into local geology will help.

Dartmoor's origins begin an unimaginably long time ago, in the Early Devonian period. At this time, from roughly 419 to 393 million years ago, the Lower Devonian rocks were laid down in warm but arid conditions, with globally high sea levels covering much of the land. Although there was a lot of tectonic activity across the world, with landmasses colliding (albeit over enormous periods of time), slow but continuous processes in oceans and rivers laid down large areas of sedimentary rocks. Devon – for which, yes, the Devonian period was named, as it was here that early geologists first identified rocks of that vast age – then lay on a continental coastline. An extensive river network to the north fed immense quantities of sediment down to the sea, creating mudstones, shales and slate. To the south of the shoreline, continental collision was creating a basalt undersea ridge, which continued to develop throughout the Upper Devonian.

This immense tectonic activity continued right through into the Carboniferous period (approx. 359-299mn years ago). A chain of mountains stretched across what are now Devon and Cornwall and beyond, frequently subjected to earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. Sedimentary rocks laid down in the Devonian were subsumed way down into the depths of the earth: geologists estimate at least 40km, possibly more. At this depth, close to or just inside the upper mantle, the heat and pressure melt rock to create magma: a viscous, molten and fluid mixture with a temperature range of 700-1300 degrees Celsius. This is the stuff that new land is made from.

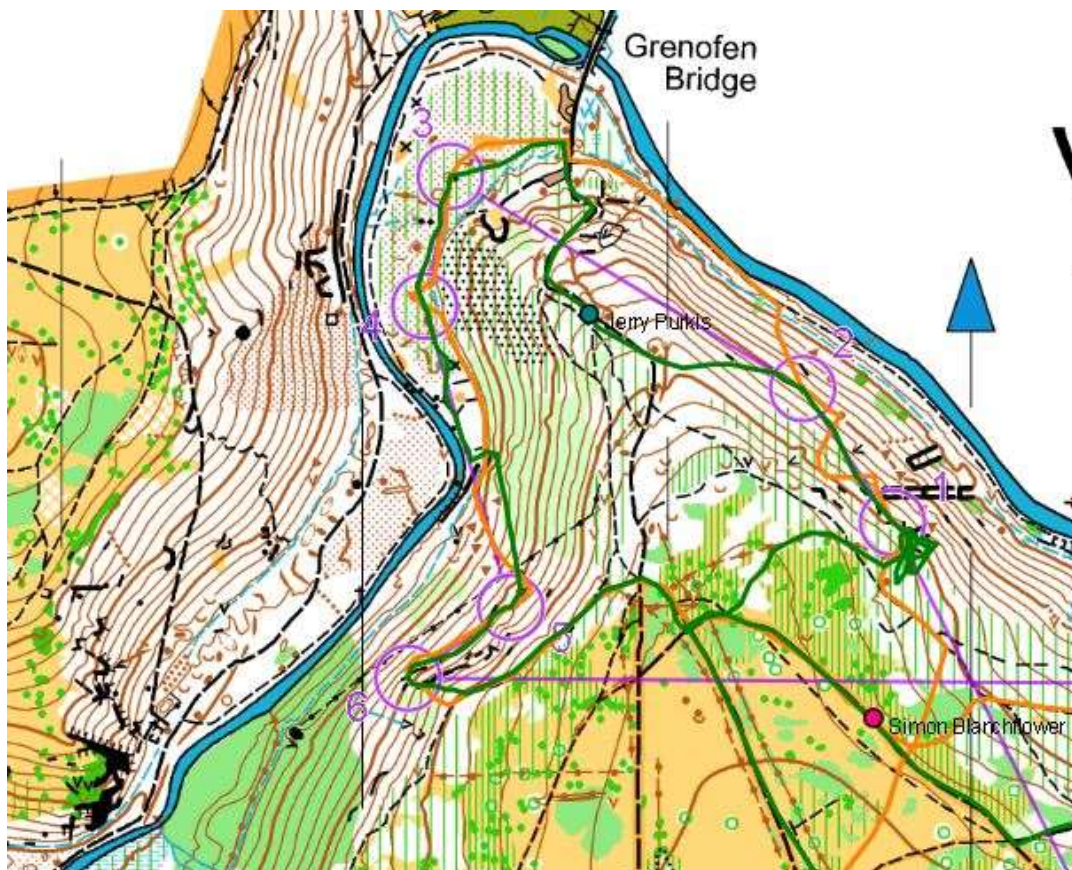
Mixing with other rocks at these depths introduced a range of minerals into the magma, causing it to separate out by a process known as crystal fractionation. With any fluid like this, the denser parts sink and the lighter parts rise. This is exactly what happened here, with the less dense magma rising to solidify as granite. This took place across the whole of what is now Devon and Cornwall and beyond, creating a huge linear granite feature known by the wonderful name of the Cornubian Batholith.

Most of this batholith is still deep underground, but it essentially forms the backbone of southwest England and extends out into the Atlantic beyond the Isles of Scilly. It is most visible on land as a series of outcrops: Dartmoor, Bodmin Moor, the St Austell area, the Land's End area, and other smaller outcrops near to Tregonning and Carnmenellis in Cornwall. The Isles of Scilly are themselves an above-surface granite outcrop sitting on a seabed outcrop.

Of particular interest to us is that firstly as the molten granite rose it absorbed minerals from the rock it rose through, which changed the granite's chemistry. Secondly, molten granite cools down very gradually – over millions of years – due to the presence of radioactive minerals which heat it. The resulting crystallisation produces very large crystals which, by the late Carboniferous, had created a cap in the Dartmoor massif that blocked more molten rock from rising.

In turn this increased the temperature and pressure deep down, causing the already-viscous rock to liquefy further or even vaporise. Where there were fissures in the granite cap, these liquids and gases were forced through under pressure. With them they transported the scarce minerals which were later to prove so tempting to miners. Primary amongst them were copper, tin and iron, but

there were plenty of others: the Mindat website lists 14 ‘valid minerals’ for Virtuous Lady mine alone, including ones you may have heard of, such as Dolomite, Fluorite and Gypsum, but more obscure ones including Loellingite, Scorodite and Woodhouseite. Obscure they may be, but presumably they were worth something to somebody, hence worth the effort and risk of extracting them from deep underground.



Map extract showing the mine workings taken from RouteGadget showing Simon Blanchflower and Jerry Purkis’s route. Jerry is in Green and had trouble with control 1.

As these geological processes were able to operate for extremely long periods of time, the results made the whole Dartmoor area very rich in minerals indeed. Today the moor may appear wild and desolate but it has been worked for its mineral wealth for a very long time. Tin, for example, appears to have been extracted on the open moor since before the Romans. By the 1100s, the miners actually had their own laws, courts and parliaments, known as Stannaries – reflecting tin’s significance in the medieval English economy. Tavistock, a short distance north of our event area, was one of the four stannary towns established by Edward I. It held powers to assay tin (that is, weigh it and stamp it accordingly) and operate regular stannary courts.

But a closer look at the moor reveals extensive remains of the mining that took place. Those of us who did the training event near Burrator Reservoir on the Saturday will probably have seen – on the map at least, if not actually visited – several large gully features. (If you have the map of the course, they are near or at controls 2, 4, 5, 7, 11 and 13). Some or all of these may be hushes: features resulting from using the erosional power of a controlled flood of water to strip away the soil to expose hidden veins of mineral ores. Hushing is known to have been used by the Romans as long ago as the 1<sup>st</sup> century BC and to have lasted into the modern era, particularly since it had the advantage of being cheaper than using dynamite. In the UK, hushing is better known from Wales and the north of England, but strangely there is little known evidence from the southwest and the



word was apparently not in use there. But there can be little doubt that many of Dartmoor's more unusual features are artificial and likely to be connected to mining.

Water can of course erode and expose mineral veins naturally, with no human intervention, and this brings us back to our Virtuous Lady. For on this western side of Dartmoor, two major rivers, the Tavy and the Tamar, have done exactly that, just gradually over millennia rather than in a single massive flood.

The local rocks here, away from the hard granite of the moor, are sedimentary: primarily siltstone, mudstone and sandstone forming slates. They are therefore more prone to erosion than granite and it is hardly surprising therefore that there should have been so many mines in this area. With the amount of water present in rivers from local rainfall, there must have been numerous occasions in the past where sections of ore-bearing veins were exposed in this way. For many people the temptations of the riches to be wrested from the earth's grasp were often clearly too much to resist – even, supposedly, for the clergy themselves.

For there is a legend of an all-too-human Abbot of the abbey at Tavistock who dreamed of the fantastic riches waiting to be wrested from the Virtuous Lady mine. Unfortunately, upon visiting the mine he fell prey to the temptation of greed – number 3 of the Seven Deadly Sins – and then started working his way through the rest of the list. Abandoning all thought of bringing the wealth back to the Abbey for the greater good of his brethren (number 4 – sloth – in the sense of a monk's indifference to his duties and obligations to God), he instead set off towards Plymouth and a rather more secular life of comfort (numbers 1 – lust (desire for material things) – and 2 – gluttony (as in overindulgence)). However, a great storm up on the moor had flooded the ford downstream at Double Waters near the mine. Unwilling to give up his dream of a new, materialistic life (possibly due to envy of others – number 6), the foolhardy Abbot tried to cross the Tavy with all his loot (number 7 – pride). Inevitably the fast-moving and deep current swept him off his feet – to his doom, as the weight of the gems dragged him down, down, down, beneath the waters. He must have been pretty annoyed at that point (number 5 – wrath) but little good it did him. A salutary lesson for us all.



**View from the Spectator control - Alan Hickling**

Or at least it would be - if there wasn't a slightly annoying mismatch in the dates. Virtuous Lady mine opened, it will be recalled, in 1558, during Elizabeth I's reign. However, as is well known, her father, Henry VIII had already destroyed England's, Wales' and Ireland's religious institutions

between 1536 and 1541 in that act of monarchical vandalism called the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

Tavistock Abbey was in fact handed over to the King in 1538 - some 20 years before the mine opened. So unless Virtuous Lady was operating somewhat earlier than records indicate, this is unfortunately a rather tall story, albeit a charming one. It could have been invented *post factum* as a sly dig at the Abbey's wealth – at the time of the Dissolution it was Devon's second most wealthy

Abbey. Alternatively, just possibly it was created by the mine's owners at some point as a warning to keep unwelcome inquisitive visitors away.

Today most, if not all, of the mines in this area are long abandoned, dangerous to enter and may also be flooded, not least Virtuous Lady. But she gave us enough of a run for our money above ground that day, without needing to go below the surface – unless you got really lost...

Some other superterranean features (as in the opposite of subterranean) may also have caught your eye during the event. Nearby Yelverton village is worth a quick mention.

Originally no more than a small country village, Yelverton expanded out of obscurity with the coming of the railway in the 1800s, to become a commuter town for Plymouth. The railway also brought tourists, with an Elizabethan-era farm in the centre being developed into the Rock Hotel, which you may remember fondly from our Saturday night dinner. The actual rock itself is on Roborough Down just west of Yelverton.

It is however some of the features in the parking area for the event that literally stand out. For in 1941 the Air Ministry built a large airfield here, primarily as part of the air defences of Plymouth. RAF Harrowbeer, as it was called, opened the following year and operated until 1950. A wide variety of squadrons flew out of here – RAF, Fleet Air Arm, Czech, Polish, Free French, Canadian, New Zealand and American. The airfield had 3 tarmac runways, the hard core of which was the rubble of buildings destroyed in the Plymouth Blitz of March and April 1941. The rock on Roborough Down was rather close to the ends of two runways and thus nearly demolished, although ultimately the RAF relented (but they did pull down some houses, remove the upper storeys from the shops in Yelverton village (risks to low-flying aircraft) and change the local road layout instead). The airfield was called Harrowbeer in preference to Yelverton, to avoid confusion with RNAS Yeovilton. Since the two airfields are just under 100 miles apart, that's not a mistake you really want to make as an aviator. Harrowbeer did receive an unexpected and highly distinguished visitor on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1945 however: US President Harry Truman, returning from the Potsdam Conference to the States. This was, though, due to him being diverted from St Mawgan in Cornwall to Harrowbeer due to fog.



Dartmoor ponies grazing on the Harrowbeer ruins

RAF Harrowbeer may be long closed, but plenty still remains visible both at ground level and on air photos. The 3 runways can just about be seen on Bing or Google Maps, and the overall shape of the airfield stands out clearly. Scattered around are a number of concrete hard standings, including where the assembly area for our event was located. But most obvious are the aircraft dispersals/blast pens: huge brick or concrete walls, grass-covered and shaped roughly like a letter 'E'. There are a dozen of them – still standing as mute testimony to

the aerial struggle that was played out here over 70 years ago. Today they make good parking areas for visitors to Roborough Down – such as orienteers.

**Graham Denney**



## Thu 26/10/17 - Kent Night Cup Hindleap Warren. Forest Row

A good turnout of 34 on a mild evening were faced with a course, set by club president Simon Greenwood, which attempted to keep them out of the extensive but dead bracken. Planning the optimum route was complicated by the compulsory gate into Hindleap Warren and road crossing. Brendon Howe came out on top of a gaggle of the usual suspects including Nick Barrable who claimed he was late back because he was saving himself for the OMM. Plausible since Nick, with Darrel High SO, won the long score on both days.

Best Saxons: - Brendon Howe M45 1/34, Mark Glaisher M65 9/34, Alison Howe W45 10/34 2nd W and Sarah Howes W55 14/34 3rd W

## Sat 04/11/17 Southampton City Race SOC

11 Saxons plus Richard Purkis 2nd club member.

Best results by far- Alison Howe- 1/42. I have checked route gadget but Alison has not shared her route. Toby Prior was 4/12 on MYJ- that's pretty good, well done Toby. Richard managed 4<sup>th</sup> in Men's Open which he was pleased with.



Mel Taylor at the November Classic

. Photo Steve Rush BOK

## Sun 05/11/17 - the 50<sup>th</sup> November Classic, Highland Water, New Forest SOC

23 Saxons attended this popular annual event. Excellent runs by Alison Howe 2<sup>nd</sup> on W45L and Sarah Howes 3<sup>rd</sup> on W55L. This competition doubled up as the Southern Championships. Alison and Sarah both got awards as did Henry Taylor who, although 5/15 in M14A, two of the boys above him were not from the Southern area (SWOA, SCOA or SEOA) and therefore did not qualify. This gave Henry a Bronze medal.

Beryl Pring sent this report of her run. I have printed her GPS track for good measure

“After a mapping mistake on the Saturday at the Southampton City Race where I was two roads out and wasted 9 minutes finding control number 6. I was determined to do much better in the November Classic in the New Forest the following day.



Beryl and the lady from OD lost! Photo CompassSport

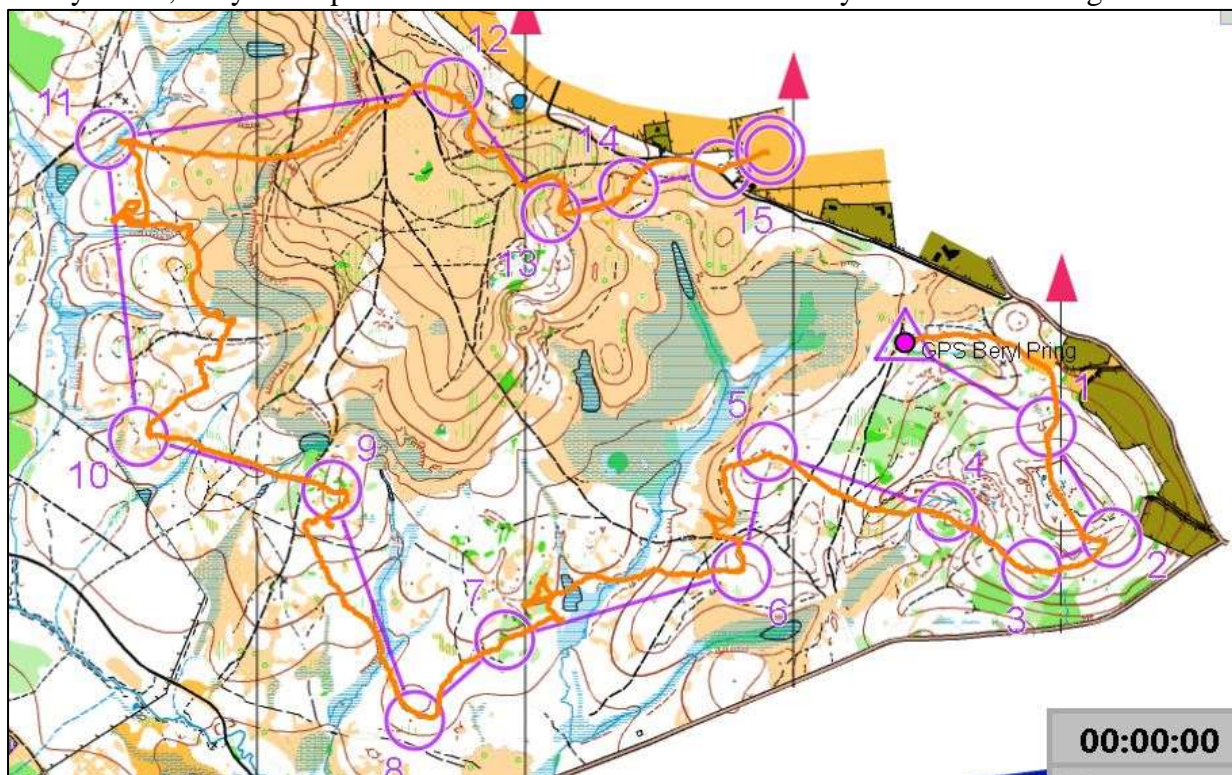
It was really cold and windy and very wet underfoot due to the rainfall on the Friday. Marshes were the order of the day but trying to count them was where I went wrong. First 6 controls were okay, 7 went too far right so took a while getting back on course, 8 to 10 slow but okay but to find control 11 took me 21 minutes? I had miscounted the marshes that I had to cross or try and go around, I thought it was 3 but unfortunately it was 4. I encountered a lady from Octavian Droobers and between us we worked out where we were and why we had gone wrong, eventually finding the control with more luck than judgement. From then on it was on

open ground and although I was slow getting to control 12 the last three were fine. I finished in 14th place and 30 mins behind the leader.

Had I *focussed* more on the map than on other competitors around me I might have done much better.”

### Beryl Pring W70L 14/20 on course 10.

Lucky for us, Beryl has uploaded her route and we can see exactly what she is talking about.



**Sat 11/11/17 KOL Shorne Woods CP, Gravesend DFOK.**

A good turnout of 43 Saxons. The juniors have been analysed by Tony Connellan.

Noteworthy Saxons results are:-

Blue	Brendon Howe	M45	2/21	Light Green	Rob Kingman	M65	2/35
	Alison Howe	W54	3/21		Elsa Burdett	W16	7/35
	Dave Pickup	M45	4/21		Michael Cameron	M16	8/35
	Matt Peters	M21	6/21		Roger Pring	M70	13/35
	Lisa Blair	W40	12/21		Gaby Bates	W45	30/35

Well done Gaby Bates, new member for attempting the Light Green after doing just one yellow course at the previous KOL. And not being last- that's a great success.

Picture shows Graham Thomas racing into the distance. (Photo Heather Brown)



**Sat 11/11/17 - South East Night Championships Alice Holt, Farnborough**

Only 3 Saxons decided to practice their Kent Night Cup skills at the South East Night Championships organised by Southern Navigators. Everyone else went to the KOL on the same day Sarah Howes did Saxons proud by winning the W55-60 class.

**Sun 19/11/17 CHIG SE League event Wormley Woods, near Potters Bar**

8 Saxons decided the weather was so good that an orienteering opportunity in the delightful Wormley Woods was not to be missed, especially as it was a SE League event.

Alan Hickling M50 Sh Brown and Mark Glaisher M65 Sh Blue, both got lots of points for Saxons each coming 3<sup>rd</sup> on their course.





## **Extract from Minutes of the 2017 AGM, held on 18 November The Swattenden Centre, Cranbrook**

- Jean Fitzgerald was re-elected as Chairman, and the rest of the committee was re-elected *en bloc*, with the exception of Jerry Purkis and Nick Betts who stood down (see note below). Sean Cronin was elected as the new Publicity Officer.
- Chairman Jean Fitzgerald reported that among the highlights of the year for her were: seeing all the juniors from SE clubs taking part in the Yvette Baker Trophy event we ran at Knole Park; playing snakes and ladders in Kings Wood Challock at the BBQ novelty event; 30 members making the trip down to Devon for the CompassSport Cup match (and coming 6<sup>th</sup> in the Trophy competition); becoming one of the clubs to work with the new BO development officer for the south to try to improve membership and increase retention of participants.
- Matthew Taylor, Henry Taylor and Ffion Bricknell were invited to take part in the SE junior squad training; we hope they will be representing the SE in competitions in future years.
- Two committee members are standing down at this AGM:  
Jerry Purkis is moving to the Lakes. Jerry, in his role as development officer, was instrumental in getting the club up to ClubMark status and has presided over two re-accreditations. He became a controller and has controlled several of our events. Both he and Rowan have done more than their share of organising and planning of events as a duo and have been very helpful when no other volunteers have stepped up. We wish them every success with orienteering in the Lakes.  
Nick Betts has been publicity officer for the club and was instrumental in getting the MailChimp mailing of news and details of events up and running.
- Treasurer Sarah Howes reported that the Club continues to maintain a very healthy Balance Sheet, with £16k in the bank and in excess of £3k book value of fixed assets
- During 2016/17 the club took the opportunity to generate some improvements using the reserves built up in this and previous years. These included a new laptop dedicated solely to KNC events, a further laptop for use at all other events and the new event shelter which has proved very popular for registration and après O socialising & refreshments
- The overall result for the year was a surplus of £592, which is a significant increase on the previous year which saw a deficit of £311. This was mainly due to 2 factors: membership subscriptions were up by about 5% on the previous year; and net Income from events was up 20% on the previous year.
- Membership Sec Fiona Wilson reported a total membership of 136, with 95 membership units. Pie charts illustrated the age profiles in recent years; for 2017 the profile was: under 21, 25%; 21-29, 1%; 30-39, 7%; 40-49, 15%; 50-59, 20%; 60-69, 21%; 70-79, 8%; over 80, 3%.
- Fixtures Sec Jean Fitzgerald reported a wide range of events run in the 2016/17 season; 5 Sunday Series; 1 level B; 5 (of 10) KOLs, 16 (of 25) KNCs, a New Year's Day score plus 4 Summer Series events and 3 Bike O events.
- Participation levels were: Sunday events- Knole (YBT round) 237; Hindleap 200; Ightham 174; Blean 111; Univ Kent Campus 82; Millbank (level B) 230. KOLs - Kings Wood 80; Hargate 77; Perry Wood 105; Angley 83; Millbank 80. KNC – 146 different participants over the season, with 55 taking part in the final at Ightham. New Year Score Mote Park 53. Summer Series - Trosley 38; Mote Park 40; Perry Wood 34; Whinless Down (Dover) 21. Bike events - Brenchley 22; Romney Marsh 19; Pluckley 21.
- Mapping Sec Simon Blanchflower reported two professional re-mapping projects this year: Eridge Great Park was re-mapped by David Peel, this is a superb area that had not been used recently; we also had Kings Wood Challock re-mapped by Andy Pitcher. This area regularly gets used for events at all levels only restricted by parking limitations so we are looking for solutions that would allow us to hold a level B event there.
- We have had first events on new maps from last year's mapping efforts and investments including Whitstable Urban (David Kingdom), Deangate Ridge (Mark Glaisher), Millbank (David Peel) and Whinless Down (Simon Blanchflower).



- Development officer Jerry Purkis reported that Development in Saxons is in a healthy position. Over the years the major sets of events that Saxons puts on have been fine-tuned and run well: Kent Orienteering League, for local and junior events, enhanced with the Schools trophies; Sunday series, with ranking events in our better areas; Kent Night Cup, now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year and as competitive as ever; new recently are the Summer series, and the Bike O series. Over the last year we have introduced a score course at every event, and the tea coffee and biscuits in the event shelter to make the newcomers welcome, and offer a place for everyone to chat.
- Saxons has gained Clubmark, and in recent years been reaccredited twice. It has a five year development plan, as agreed by the committee, and is on website.
- Junior co-ordinator Tony Connellan reported that the regional heat of the Yvette Baker Trophy was held at Knole on 30<sup>th</sup> April and although we were swamped by the sheer numbers of juniors from other clubs our youngsters had a satisfying day. GO and HH tied with a total of 891 points and gained places in the final, but we weren't far behind with 861
- Saxons will be organising next year's Junior Orienteering Festival; we are planning to use the grounds of Bethany School in Goudhurst and the date for your diaries in 26<sup>th</sup> May.
- Publicity officer Nick Betts reported on the four mediums we have for communication: MailChimp; Facebook; Twitter; and the Website. MailChimp subscriber numbers are 291, down from 307 last year. Proportions of recipients opening the emailed fliers are 65% for Sunday Series events, 34% for KOLs, 30% for KNCs, and 40% for Summer Series; this compares well with the industry standard of about 40%. Saxons website is in the top four on Google for orienteering in Kent.
- The meeting supported the Committee's proposal that the Club should make a £500 donation to the Orienteering Foundation, which provides support for Orienteering Team GB. As a non-Olympic sport, orienteering income from Sport England is greatly reduced, and most GB international orienteers have to fund themselves.

There was a committee meeting on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. Notes from this meeting will be included next time.

Date of next committee/ club meeting **5 January 2018**. All members are welcome to attend Committee meetings. Quite a few non committee members regularly turn up. Contact Beryl Pring to confirm location and date if you want to attend.

Thanks to Mike Solomon for writing this.

Saxons in action at the AGM novelty event



## SAX QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Brighton And Hove Albion
2. What is the name of the electric railway that run along the seafront?- Volks,
3. What is the name of the covered shopping centre in the city? -Churchill Square
4. Which conference was taking place at the Brighton Centre when the Grand Hotel was bombed in 1984? - Conservative Party.
5. Which monarch was behind the building of the Royal Pavilion? George IV?
6. Which famous actor retired to Brighton and took the name as part of his title when he was knighted: - Sir Lawrence Olivier.
7. What is the name of the theatre/ concert venue that used to be royal stables in the Pavilion Gardens? -The Dome.
8. Which crime writer bases his crimes in Brighton? Peter James.
9. Where in Brighton did ABBA perform Waterloo in the Eurovision Song Contest? The Dome.
10. Who wrote Brighton Rock in 1938 that was subsequently made into a film shot in Brighton starring Richard Attenborough.? Graham Greene.
11. One of the gates of the Royal Pavilion was built just after the First World War, in memory of some soldiers who had been hospitalised in the building. Where were these soldiers from? India
12. What is the name of the new tourist attraction by the site of the now burned down West Pier? i360- properly The British Airways i360.



Brighton Pavilion, taken during the Brighton City Race 2016 which is why Editor missed a point! The moral of this- is punch first, then take a photo.

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**Our President- Simon Greenwood at the British Middle Distance Championships on 1 Oct 2017**  
Photo Mark Cheesman for CompassSport



**Jeremy Oldershaw at the November Classic.**  
Photo Steve Rush BOK

Comparison of map standards  
1:10,000

Old style - ISOM 2000



New style - ISOM 2017



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