



Saxons Orienteering Club



TRAIL CHALLENGE

Kent Summer Series

3km, 6km and 9km Races

Race 1:- Saturday: - 22 May 2010. Kings Wood, Challock, Canterbury

Race 2 Thursday eve: - 27 May 2010 Haysden Country Park, Tonbridge

Race 3 Saturday 12 June Pembury Walks, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells

Race 4:- Thursday eve: - 17 June 2010:- Mote Park, Maidstone

Race 5:- Saturday 3 July: - Hemsted Forest, Cranbrook,

Race 6 Thursday eve 15 July: Knole Park, Sevenoaks

7km, 14km & 21km Race

(Approx - distances to be confirmed)

Race 7:- Sunday 8 August 2010:- Ightham, One Tree Hill, Knole Park, Sevenoaks. : - Detail of this race will be available on the Saxons website nearer the time including pricing and age recommendations

A **TRAIL CHALLENGE** is a mass start¹ cross country race over tracks and trails with a difference. The course is not marked by marshals but by checkpoints that are marked on a professionally made colour map. **The TRAIL CHALLENGE** arises from choosing the fastest route between the checkpoints.

Start times

Evenings: - Mass start at 7:30pm. Competitors on 3km course may start from 7:00pm

Saturdays: Mass start 11:00am. Competitors on 3km course may start from 10:30am.

Groups of Juniors doing the 3km course may be able to start earlier - contact the Organiser

MORE INFORMATION on the Events section of www.saxons-oc.org

Competitors take part at their own risk

¹ Except the 3km courses which will be "start when you are ready"

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY. Worried about the navigation? In orienteering terminology the courses will be "Orange" standard i.e. reasonably straightforward, ideal for ideal for novice adults. The checkpoints will be either on a path or within sight of the path, on an obvious feature. The mass starts will allow a certain amount of following other runners.

ENTRY INFORMATION: Enter on the day. Please e-mail Jerry Purkis on development@saxons-oc.org to reserve a map. This will give us an idea of how many maps to print

Adults £6. (British Orienteering Federation members £4) Juniors (age 20-) plus full time students (bring ID):- £2. Saxons OC junior members –free.

The entry fee includes detailed map of the area and hire of an electronic timing chip (a dibber) to record your arrival at checkpoints. The dibber will produce instant results at the finish showing your time between checkpoints. All entries and results will be processed by computer and posted on the Saxons website. Your entry will be taken as your agreement to this.

REGISTRATION. Registration on the day will be open 6:30-7:15 pm (eves) and 10:00 – 10:45 am (Sats). Please arrive in good time to register. Your map will be allocated to you when you pay. The earlier you register the longer you get to plan your route. Be ready to run 10 mins before the start. There will be a briefing 5mins before the mass start.

PRIZES. There will be prizes (edible/drinkable/novelty) depending on how many entries on the day. On the shorter courses prizes may be limited to the young/not so young and women

BAGS & CHANGING FACILITIES. Generally there are no changing facilities or toilets unless described in the Event details on the Saxons website. Bags can be left at Registration which will be manned continuously during the event.

FOOD. After the evening events food will be available at a local pub. Check the website for details.

QUERIES to Jerry Purkis development@saxons-oc.org, 01892 536332 (eves) 07767 322017 (mob) or the Event organiser as shown in the website event details

DIRECTIONS. to every event with a map will be found on the Events section of the Saxons website www.saxons-oc.org