

## Organisers Comments

Almost two years ago, the suggestion of an urban event in Canterbury was mooted by Dave Kingdon who thought the area would be good to map. Shortly after these thoughts, Deborah Kellond, Fund Raising Manager for the Pilgrims Hospices in Canterbury contacted the club to find out whether our sport was one that could possibly be something interesting and beneficial for a fund raising event that the Hospices could tap into. Great minds think alike. As I had a personal interest in the Hospice organisation I was keen to organise such an event. So the Urban Canterbury Week-end was born. We hope you all enjoyed the events we put on over the week-end.

It took a long time in the planning, both drawing the map, getting permissions from private and local authority landowners, advertising, route planning and all the other many jobs that go into putting on a large orienteering event.

All would have been impossible without the enormous help I received from so many club members. I would like to thank all Saxon members and some DFOK members that gave up their time to help, some of whom just came along to help and didn't want to run. Thanks also go to Deborah and her colleagues for providing such a lovely event centre, not to mention the tea and coffee. Also thank you to the Hospice supporter volunteers that gave up their time to help marshal roads and meet and greet people as they entered the Hospice.

My Joint organiser in the initial stages was Sarah Howes, who developed the first publicity material, Sadly, her husband died in March and she had far too much to organise in her personal life to continue as co-organiser. Mark Glaisher stepped into the role and without him the event would not have gone off as smoothly as it did today.

We had nearly 200 entries which for an event in the east of the county is something of a record. As all the profits from the event are going to the Pilgrims Hospices, we are hoping they will have a tidy sum. Thank you so much for contributing to that fund, by entering the event, donating online and giving a coin for parking.

The Pathfinder 30 challenge – the afternoon event for newcomers sadly was not so well attended. The early rain would have put many people off I think. Those that did come all said they enjoyed the event.

**Anita Kingdon** (Saxons) with lots of help from **Mark Glaisher** (Saxons)

### Lost Property

One black Umbrella

One black sock

One pair of Odlo over/running trousers    One teal coloured micro fleece, medium size

One description holder

One S.I. dibber 734566 with thumb compass and description holder

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