

Saxons Orienteering Club *Tudeley & Pembury Woods Sun 12 Jan 2014 Level C Ranking Sunday Series* 



## Brown, Blue, Green, L Green, Orange Yellow

Tudeley Woods is an RSPB nature reserve and newly mapped extension to the Pembury Woods area.

## Intricate contours and features provide good orienteering terrain.

## Location: TN2 4AX, Grid ref TQ 625 429...

Main car park/Registration: - Kent College School. Competitors on the Yellow; / Orange and Light Green courses should use RSPB car park in Tudeley Woods <u>after</u> registering but please do not forget to drive to download afterwards. (See map below)

**Directions**. From the M25 take the A21 south for 13 miles. Ignore first sign for Kent College/Pembury Walks. Go straight over the roundabout and take the next slip way left, A228 to Paddock Wood & Pembury. Follow the A228 for 1.4mi then turn left off into Old Church Rd before a bridge. The event will be signed from this junction. This leads to Kent College School. Follow directions to car park behind church. Please leave the same way.

**PLEASE** do not follow your sat nav and access Kent College from the A21 via Pembury Walks. This road has runners crossing, is single track and unsuitable for orienteering traffic.

When: Registration 10 -11.30 am. Starts 10.15-12.00, courses close 2:00pm.

**Courses:** Colour coded courses following British Orienteering guidelines. Yellow: Straightforward short course for the young, novice or inexperienced orienteer using paths; good for familiarisation with an orienteering map. Orange: Progression from Yellow, longer course with basic use of compass and some route choice. Some controls on paths, some on line features Light Green: Navigation skills needed, with some controls on point features; longer than Orange Green: Technically difficult, short course for experienced orienteers

Blue: Technically difficult, medium length course for experienced orienteers Brown: Technically difficult long course for experienced orienteers

**Start and Finish:** No set start times, turn up and queue. One start: - 800 metres from registration, in Tudeley Woods. Courses Yellow, Orange and Light Green finish close to the start. Courses Green, Blue and Brown finish south of Half Moon Lane (aka Dislinbury Road). There will be a clothing dump near the finish for long course competitors. There is an additional RSPB car park near the start for juniors and seniors doing the short courses. Please DON'T FORGET to download back at registration.

## **Road Crossings:**

Courses Green, Blue and Brown cross a minor road(s).

**Terrain:** Saxons are pleased to hold the first event in Tudeley Woods RSPB Nature Reserve. The area is principally wooded, much of it runnable, with many features, and it appears to be rarely visited. The central area of Tudeley has a good path network, used by the shorter courses, but further west and east there are neither public footpaths nor obvious access points. In places the terrain is deeply incised by streams, and the steep banks will test your agility. The longer courses will continue into Pembury Walks which is flatter, with sections of coniferous woods, open heathland and coppiced hazel.

Please show consideration for other users of the woods and slow down for those on horseback.

New map 1:10,000 2013 Andrew Pitcher 5m contours. The Legend is on the map – please note the following:- Inverted black V = Hide; black o = charcoal burner; black x=Man made feature (old car, trailer etc.).

**Control Descriptions:** Loose descriptions will be available at the Start. Symbol X denotes old car.

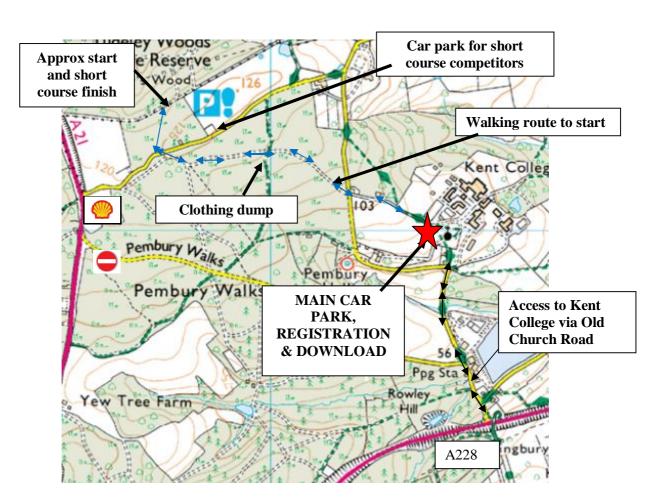
**Cost:** Entries through Fabian4 <u>http://www.fabian4.co.uk/</u>  $\pounds$ 7 adults (non British Orienteering + $\pounds$ 2), Juniors/Students  $\pounds$ 3, Saxons Juniors  $\pounds$ 1 (EOD) SI dibber hire  $\pounds$ 1, until midnight Thursday 9 Jan.

Entry on the day  $+\pounds 1$  for seniors on Light Green or longer courses. Please e-mail in advance if possible (for map numbers)

**Facilities:** There are toilets in Tesco's at the A228 junction with the roundabout at the top of the A21 slipway. PLEASE use these before you arrive. (Opens at 10:00). We have access to one toilet in the School. It is situated just inside the main wooden doors, marked men's but ladies can also use it. It is also used by the church congregation.

Nearest A&E 2km - Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Tonbridge Rd, Pembury, TN2 4QJ

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With thanks to the RSPB and Kent College for access.

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