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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

OF BRITISH ORIENTEERING

17 JUNE 1967 - 17 JUNE 2017







MORE PEOPLE, MORE PLACES, MORE PODIUMS

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British Sprint Championships

Campbell Park, Milton Keynes Saturday 30th September 2017













2017



edition of Focus celebrating 50 years of British Orienteering. Discussing the preparations for the celebrations I have had an opportunity to learn much more about how the sport developed during the early years of British Orienteering. I am proud of the achievements of the organisation over the years and proud to be a member. This edition of Focus covers a variety of aspects of our sport over the 50 years. To add one of my own, it is gratifying to see how the involvement of women has built over the 50 years. From the low level (about 10%) typical of many sports in 1967, participation of women built up to 25% within 10 years. Now women make up closer to 40% of those who orienteer. We may have more work to do to encourage women both

to orienteer and to take on a bigger part in our organisation and governance but we are one of the sports where our Board of Directors has achieved 30% women on our board for the past four years

Welcome

to this special edition of Focus

In the 50th anniversary year it is right that we look back over our successes and honour those who have made key contributions. However I am sure those key contributors would agree that it is equally important to use this anniversary moment to look ahead to the next 50 years. When I was asked to write about my expectations for British Orienteering in the future I wanted to make sure that I was taking account of the views of people who might still be orienteering in another 50 years. Having asked

around at various events I was delighted to get responses from elite orienteers, Junior Squad members and young people who orienteer with their families. Read more about this

Enjoy reading about 50 years of British Orienteering and enjoy your orienteering this summer wherever it takes you.

Best wishes, Judith Holt Chair of British Orienteering





The Present and look forward to The Future.

This is the last edition of Focus and Ozone

that this will allow us to communicate with you

FOCUS

British Middle Championships

Wendover Woods, near Aylesbury Sunday 1st October 2017













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British Orienteering would like to welcome Juls Hanvey to British Orienteering and wishes her all the best in her new role as Active Clubs Coordinator in Northern Ireland

Juls Hanvey Active Clubs Coordinator, says: "After studying Health and Leisure **Education at Stranmillis** University College, I started working in Outdoor Education in 2009; this led to working in the youth and community sector. I spent the last 5 years in Australia working in various community settings; designing and delivering needs led personal development programmes in communities with a focus on young women. I am particularly interested in the empowerment of individuals and social change through sport.

I live in Belfast, Northern Ireland. I love being outside - on the beach and in the mountains. I am very lucky to have lots of both nearby. I am really enjoying getting to know the Orienteering community in the country and exploring a lot more through the sport."

Craig Anthony Head of Development, says: "After an extensive recruitment process **British Orienteering welcomes** Iuls as our new Active Clubs Coordinator in Northern Ireland. Juls takes over from



Conor Fadian whose work has

seen a year on year increase in participation and membership in Northern Ireland, July will be continuing this work with coaches and volunteers across the country using her prior experience of community projects to develop community orienteering opportunities, especially focussed on some of the key targets we have in our funding agreement. On behalf of all our members I would like to wish Juls every success in her new role.

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More People, More Places, More Podiums

Chief Executive's UDGGTE By Mike Hamilton, Chief Executive

mental challenges and stress that

The weather is looking fantastic and hopefully the Jan Kjellstrom (JK) has been enjoyed by many of our readers. The cake celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the formation of British Orienteering seemed to go down well with those of you attending the AGM.

When it's sunny at a JK, spring is in the air with members and visitors looking happy and the general atmosphere around our major event being light-hearted and fun. At such times orienteering is an easy sport to promote! Congratulations to the team that delivered the event and it was good to see the event coordinator, Helen Errington, looking relaxed, particularly since I'm aware of some of the challenges she's faced behind the scenes in delivering the event.

British Orienteering Major Events

After a recent eNews I've had a couple of people ask me what problems have led to 'near-misses' with our major events in recent years. It's always challenging for me to respond to such queries as I'm very appreciative of the tremendous volunteer time and effort that goes into delivering our major events and the last thing I want to do is enter a situation of 'blaming' people for problems. Without going back too far in time it's easy to identify the 'near-misses' of 2016/17:

- BOC Sprint 2016 Access became a problem late in the day and with only a week to go it was still unclear that a contract to enable the event to take place could be agreed.
- JK 2017 With only two weeks to go, one day of the event was on the point of being cancelled.
- BOC Middle 2017 Although individual members had started to organise the event no association or club could be found to host the event – it has only been delivered because we have an excellent volunteer coordinating the event and we have put in place a process to ensure that British Orienteering

has direct control of the event; as is required by our auditors and funding partners. Without this arrangement, the event would have had to have been cancelled.

As members, you may compete at the major events that British Orienteering is directly responsible for, the JK and BOCs. Hopefully if you compete in one or more of them you come away having enjoyed a great event as most of the significant aspects of the event will have gone well on the day. Any problems behind the scenes will, hopefully, have been invisible to you! This is as it should be but please don't assume everything is great and there are no problems

If an event were to be cancelled at short notice many of you would have paid entry fees, organised travel and accommodation and be unhappy at the cancellation. Our job is to reduce the risk of that happening to the events we have responsibility for.

Similarly, event officials invest significant time and thought into the delivery of our major events for which we are all grateful. Some event officials thrive on the task and love the 'buzz' of delivering such an event. Other volunteers struggle with the physical and

such an event can bring and for these people there is often a real personal cost involved in terms of health and general well-being. British Orienteering has a responsibility and a duty of care for such people even though at times some of these volunteers seem not to understand the stress they are putting themselves through.

I've not mentioned financial and legal risk: the financial risks are significant as we depend on the income generated from our major events to fund part of the British Orienteering operation and in the worst-case scenario there is probably over £100,000 tied up in risk for a JK. Legal risk is also significant with directors having some legal responsibilities, for example health and safety, antibribery and safeguarding. Many of these laws provide that directors will be personally liable if they are responsible for the company's failure to comply with the law. As British Orienteering 'owns' the major events are we sure, for instance, that these events meet health & safety requirements?

Over the last 10 years we've 'tinkered' around the edges of major events, experimenting with different ways of doing things, for instance the role of the Major Events Manager. This was a brave decision taken by the Board, to try to support and manage our major events to meet some of the problems and challenges. However, with some volunteers reluctant to work with a staff member and with 3 major events a year, there are too many events to allow one person to oversee each of them successfully, as a consequence this experiment has effectively failed.

Speaking personally, I think we have now reached the point where the balance of risk is too great to continue delivering the JK and BOCs in the way we do and there is a need to find a longer-term solution that is viable. There are probably many ways to make changes that will improve the situation but for me there is one approach that is starting to edge out in front; that is to bring the JK and BOCs (sprint, middle, long and relay) together into a single multiday event at Easter. That would mean we can focus on one major event a year and provide support to the team delivering it. It would enable us to answer many of the challenges we face and mean we could move towards a delivery model like the Scottish 6 Days event. With our

resources and capacity this is feasible and will enable us to address many of our challenges including thinning down our overcrowded fixture list. But, who knows, there may be other solutions out there that are better? Having put the matter of major events on the table, I now look

Funding and staffing

forward to a healthy debate!

As I sit and write this update the staff at British Orienteering are just coming out of a long period of job insecurity. British Orienteering made our funding submission to Sport England in October 2016 after 4 months of detailed discussions with Sport England. We were informed of our funding outcome for talent in late December - it was bad news as you will be aware reducing our talent funding by more than two-thirds. Our development funding was not agreed until February 2017 and, to date, we have received a 'letter of intent' but no firm contract or agreement. Hopefully by the time

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you read this we will have an agreement or contract in place. In the meantime, we are moving forward with British Orienteering carrying the risk of any expenditure we make.

In Northern Ireland we have confirmation of funding for a single 'Sporting Clubs' position.

Sadly, we have therefore lost several members of staff. Allan Bogle in Northern Ireland, Jackie Newton our Talent & Performance Manager, Sally Pygott our Major Events Manager, Rachel Atherton a Participation Officer.

We now have a British Orienteering staff of:

- Chief Executive Mike Hamilton
- **Business Support & Accounts** Manager – Jannette Blunden
- Head of Development Craig Anthony
- Orienteering Services Officer - Dan Riley (2 days a week)

Administrator - Scott Parker Administrator – Liz Goodwin (3 days a week)

This is supplemented by funded positions of:

- England Development Officers - Natalie Weir and Tim Herod
- Communications Officer -**Iennie Taylor**
- Orienteering Services Officer (England) - Dan Riley (1 day a week)
- · Northern Ireland Active Clubs Coordinator – Juls Hanvey

There remain two positions of **England Development Officers** to recruit but this will not be done until we have confirmation of funding from Sport England in the form of a contract or written

The roles that each of the above have can be found summarised on the website.

Focus

It is unfortunate and sad but this will be the last printed publication of Focus. When the Board sat down last year and considered the budget for 2017 it became obvious that the total cost of Focus across the year was almost £27,000, working out at around £1.46 per copy including design, printing, postage & packing but excluding editorial time. Costs are increasing all the time and the simple equation for the Board was to continue with printed copy or a member of staff.

The Board's response was to decide that under the new financial position it was not viable to continue to produce Focus in its current form. Discussion took place about how British Orienteering should communicate with members and it was agreed that a more targeted approach to communicating should be developed. This plan is still being developed but will include an

electronic version of Focus once a year, probably in the form of a 'year book' containing stories, reports and facts, accompanied by a series of electronic communications that can be more current and targeted at specific groups – event officials for example.

ATHLETES IN

PHOTO BY ROB LINES

ACTION AT

JK 2017

Once the plan is more fully developed it will be published on the website.

The loss of Focus is a blow as it is used with members to help you keep informed and up to date; it is also used with a variety of partners to promote orienteering and demonstrate the various things we and you do. Focus has not, however, been a good medium for matters that are time sensitive as the turnaround time to produce Focus was approaching 3 months at times, often meaning that articles were out of date when they arrived with members. Despite this most of us will regret the loss of the 3 or 4 copies of Focus we received a year.

If you have any feedback or questions please email: info@britishorienteering.org.uk





VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Club of the Year Award | University Club of the Year Award | Young Volunteer of the Year Award | Silva Award | Coach of the Year Award

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BRITISH ORIENTEERING 2016 VOLUNTEER AND CLUB AWARD WINNERS

PHOTOS BY ROB LINES

Thank you to all of those who submitted nominations for the awards. It is great to see so much activity going on to develop the sport and we thank all those volunteers and clubs who make orienteering happen across the country.

The winners were decided by the Development Steering Group and the awards were presented at British Orienteering's 2017 Annual General Meeting on Friday 14 April in The Lecture Centre at Brunel University London, Uxbridge. We are delighted to announce the winners of the volunteer and club awards for 2016 as listed.

YOUNG VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

For dedication and commitment to volunteering in orienteering

Awarded to Dom Dakin of South Yorkshire Orienteers

UNIVERSITY CLUB OF THE YEAR

For outstanding contribution to the provision and development of orienteering

Awarded to Cambridge University Orienteering Club

PETER PALMER COACH OF THE YEAR

For commitment to coaching orienteering

Awarded to Liz Yeadon of Sarum Orienteering Club

CLUB OF THE YEAR

For outstanding contribution to the provision and development of orienteering

Awarded to Solway Orienteering Club

SILVA AWARD

For demonstrating long standing commitment to the promotion and organisation of all aspects pf the sport

Awarded to Anthony McGonigle of North West Orienteering Club



Dom Dakin of South Yorkshire Orienteers receiving the Young Volunteer of the Year award



Winner of the University Club of the Year - Cambridge University Orienteering Club



The Peter Palmer Coach of the Year - Liz Yeadon of Sarum Orienteering Club



Winner of The Walsh Trophy and The SILVA Trophy – Dave Peel, Peel Land Surveys

BRITISH ORIENTEERING MAPPING AWARDS 2016

The mapping awards for maps used in 2016 are decided on submissions provided by clubs and mappers. The judges for the 2016 awards were: Terry Smith – Map Advisory Group; Steve Barrett – Winner of The 2015 SILVA Trophy; Colin Hicks – Highly Commended for The Walsh Trophy in 2014 and Tony Thornley – Winner of The 2016 Chichester Trophy. The scoring is based on specification, cartography and presentation.

THE CHICHESTER TROPHY

This award is presented for the best map produced by an amateur mapper.

The winning map for 2016 is: "Sugar Loaf" by Ben Mitchell of Swansea Bay Orienteering Club

THE SILVA TROPHY

Awarded for the best map produced by professional mappers

The winner for The 2016 SILVA Trophy is "Penicuick Ladywood" by Dave Peel, Peel Land Surveys

THE WALSH TROPHY

Awarded for the best urban or sprint map to ISSOM standards

The winner of The 2016 Walsh Trophy is "Pencuick Ladywood" by Dave Peel, Peel Land Surveys

THE BONINGTON TROPHY

Awarded annually for the best contribution to mapping.

The winner of The Bonington Trophy for 2016 is Chris Johnson of Bristol Orienteering Klub



The Chris Bonington Trophy winner, Chris Johnson of Bristol Orienteering Klub



The Club of the Year - Solway Orienteering Club

Congratulations to all of this year's award winners. All those who submitted maps should be very proud of their achievements. Congratulations to all entries which were of a particularly high standard again this year.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF BRITISH ORIENTEERING

JUDITH HOLT, CHAIR OF BRITISH ORIENTEERING WELCOMED EVERYONE TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AS PART OF HER INTRODUCTORY WELCOME INCLUDED BRITISH ORIENTEERING'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

17 JUNE 1967 - 17 JUNE 2017

Judith's speech was based on the following: "We are celebrating our Golden Jubilee, 50 years as a Federation. The actual date is 17th June. To mark the occasion we are producing a short film, and there will be a special feature covering several pages in the next issue of Focus. We felt that today was a suitable time to begin the celebration, and we have splashed out on an anniversary cake which is for us all to share.

So much has happened in the development of the Federation from its beginnings in 1967 through to the present day. It hasn't always been a smooth ride, nor is it so today, but there is a lot to look back on with a deal of satisfaction, including some fantastic medal successes at world level. We stand proudly as a strong nation in the orienteering world: we have done our share and more in organising outstanding World and European competitions including 4 World Championships, 3 in Foot Orienteering and 1 in TrailO. We have contributed our share and more to the work of the IOF, including providing two Presidents in Sue Harvey and Brian Porteous.

Over the 50 years, thousands of orienteers all over the UK, in each of the English regions, in Northern Ireland, in Scotland and in Wales, have contributed countless volunteer hours to organising, planning and controlling events, to running our clubs and Associations and not least to the many different facets of running the National Governing Body, British Orienteering. It is an appropriate time, on our Golden Jubilee, to recognise and thank them all for their contributions in making our



CUTTING OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CAKE

sport in this land the highly developed and sophisticated sport that it now is. In doing this, I would like to ask one person in the room who was in right at the beginning 50 years ago, and is still today Chairman of one of our Committees, having it seems done almost everything including holding the office of British Orienteering Federation Chairman, many years ago, on the way. He has even

taught a lot of orienteers how to Scottish dance! I would like to ask Chris James, North Gloucestershire Orienteering Club to stand up as a representative of all these volunteers over all these years, and undertake one new task - that of cutting our anniversary cake. Thank

The Annual General Meeting then continued.

BRITISH ORIENTEFRING 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 14 APRIL 2017 AT BRUNEL UNIVERSITY LONDON

Judith Holt, Chair of British Orienteering welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting.

Re-election of Sir Chris Bonington as President of British Orienteering had been proposed by the board.

The re-election of the President was unanimous, supported by a show of hands.

ELECTED DIRECTORS

The Chair stated that the board has six elected directors and three appointed independent directors. Martin Ward, an elected director, will be standing down after completing his third year of his third term. Judith Holt is standing for re-election. John Flook, Senior Independent Director has resigned due to personal circumstances. The Chair acknowledged Martin's commitment to the Board over the past nine years including his time as Chair. The Chair also acknowledged John's help and support during his time with the board and mentioned that a gift will be handed to both to show our appreciation.

The Chair identified that she had reached the end of her second term of office on the board and had put herself forward for

re-election. There being no other nominations for directors, Judith was re-elected as an elected director of British Orienteering for her third and final term.

The Chair reminded everyone that there is now a vacancy on the Board for an elected director and that the Board has the power to co-opt someone if they wish. The Chair stated that when the Board has taken a decision about this, members will be informed.

A full copy of the minutes from the 2017 Annual General Meeting are available on the British Orienteering website.

BRITISH ORIENTEERING WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL OF THE MEMBERS WHO STAYED ON AND ATTENDED THE MEETING AFTER AN EXCITING DAY OF SPRINT RACING. THANKS ALSO TO ALL STAFF WHO ORGANISED THE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS. SUPPLIED THE TEA AND COFFEE, CREATED THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY BOARD – AND TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED START GET THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS UNDERWAY BY SHARING AND ENJOYING A PIECE OF THE CELEBRATION CAKE!

THE BRITISH ORIENTEERING FEDERATION

CELEBRATING | THE PAST THE PRESENT THE FUTURE





FOCUS EDITOR JENNIE TAYLOR AND FORMER BRITISH ORIENTEERING FEDERATION CHAIRMAN CLIVE ALLEN HAVE DELVED DEEPLY INTO THE ARCHIVES AND FILES TO PUT TOGETHER THE PAGES THAT FOLLOW.

Clive Allen says: "It's quite impossible in just a few pages to portray adequately all facets of the Federation's life over 50 years! The orienteers who feature on these pages are representative of all the dedicated people from every part of the UK who have contributed so much to British Orienteering Federation's growth and development."

THE BIRTH OF BRITISH ORIENTEERING FEDERATION

The British Orienteering Federation was formed on 17 June 1967 at a meeting in Barnard Castle, Co. Durham after much preparation by the English and Scottish Orienteering Associations; the English Orienteering Association was disbanded when British Orienteering Federation came into being. A British Orienteering Federation Executive Committee worked quickly to establish common practice in all areas of the UK where Orienteering had started. Chris James, a member of Southern Navigators at that time and now in North Gloucestershire Orienteering Club and still active, was British Orienteering Federation's first Fixtures Secretary.

The first British Orienteering Championships with what came to be known as 'classic' courses

was held the following day, in Hamsterley Forest, on an O.S. 1:25,000 photocopied map. From the Final Details: "Many earth type forest roads exist which are not shown on the map. whilst a few stone walls shown on the map are no longer in existence or have become earth mounds. Other tracks which are shown on the map have fallen into disuse and are difficult to

Part of the Senior Men's course is shown on page 27. The course planner was Lol Clarke, South Ribble Orienteering Club and controller (called 'vetter' at that time) was John Haworth, Pendle Forest Orienteers. The 10.2 km course was won by Gordon Pirie in 1:51:50, with Chris James 3rd, Chris Brasher 5th, John Disley 8th

and Martin Hyman 9th. Carol McNeill won the Senior Women's course by more than 11 minutes! 'S Bone' (later Sue Harvey) was 7th. Southern Navigators won the Senior Men's Team Trophy.

The event was well reported in The Guardian and The Daily Mail. It was re-enacted on the 25th Anniversary in 1992, over 2 days, the first day with the old map and courses and the second as a modern event.

On 27 October 1967 Chris Bonington, now British Orienteering's President, wrote an article published in the Sunday Telegraph Magazine which brought Orienteering into the wider public eye for the first time.

TWO PIONEERS

BRASHER & DISLE



Left to right: Chris James with Jeremy Denny, quite well-known in southern orienteering circles and John Disley. Chris was the first British Orienteering Federation Fixtures Secretary and later became Chairman. Chris has been active in British Orienteering Federation throughout its 50 years.

Chris Brasher, an Olympic Gold-medallist in

athletics embraced Orienteering and became

proactive of the pioneers. He and John Disley,

also an Olympic medal-winner, were close

colleagues. Whereas Brasher managed things.

Disley was the technical and 'field' expert, and

moderator of some of Brasher's wilder ideas.

Brasher led the team that took part in the

World Orienteering Championships 1966

and was the Event Director for the World

"Brasher lit fires; Disley dampened them down,"

as the obituary for Disley in The Guardian put it.

Orienteering Championships 1976. His influence

the first Chairman of British Orienteering

Federation, could be said to be the most

3000m steeplechase who after retirement from

was immense in all aspects of orienteering's development in its early days in the UK.

Hugh Brasher, son of Chris Brasher, says: "My father loved orienteering; he called it like car rallying without a car, the best sport so far invented by man and the only sport that keeps you completely and utterly stretched both mentally and physically."

Disley worked hard to develop course planning, mapping and training standards. Highly respected the world over, he was a member of the International Orienteering Federation Council from 1973 to 1984.

Both Brasher and Disley were later elected Vice Presidents of British Orienteering Federation.

Chris Brasher (left) competing in the 1975 Northern Championships

Several of the pioneers of Orienteering in southern England were ex-athletes. In addition to Brasher and Disley, Gordon Pirie, Martin Hyman, Roger Bannister and Bruce Tulloh were all involved. Martin Hyman went on to manage the British Elite Squad for many years and was a highly respected coach and motivator.

'Up North' one of the most influential pioneers was Gerry Charnley, South Ribble Orienteering Club. He was hugely influential in the development of Orienteering until tragically killed in a mountaineering accident in the Lake District in 1982. A crag on the upper slopes of Esk Pike is named in his honour.

PHOTOGRAPHS SOURCED FROM BRITISH ORIENTEERING'S ARCHIVE AT SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY.

BRITISH ORIENTEERING FEDERATION'S

Prior to British Orienteering Federation, orienteering was administered by the English and Scottish Orienteering Associations. In 1966 the International Orienteering Federation insisted that a British Federation be formed to enable a British team to compete in World Orienteering Championships. Government agencies required that British Orienteering Federation comprise four national associations plus English regional associations using boundaries standard with other sports.

1967

British Orienteering Federation formed. Council and Committees. Regional representation. Original logo:



Within a few years, a revised logo was introduced:

Annual General Meeting passed a

but it was never implemented.

restructuring proposal ('subsidiarity')



Change to British Orienteering Federation Ltd. - a Company limited by augrantee. Management Committee formed.

Extraordinary General Meeting

changed to British Orienteering.

agreed new management structure

- Board and Directors. Working name



British Orienteering logo updated

and rolled out



First Directors appointed.

First independent Directors appointed.

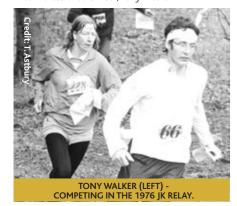
IN ALL EIGHT PEOPLE HAVE HELD THE TOP POSITION IN THE PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT OF THE FEDERATION:

MAY 1972

OFFICERS

First Professional Officer, Tony Walker

PROFESSIONAL



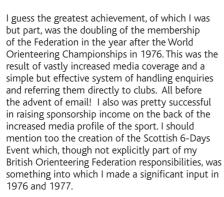
NOV 1976

Focus caught up with Brian Porteous, Professional Officer at British Orienteering from November 1976 to the end of October 1979.

Brian says: "I was the second Professional Officer taking over from Tony Walker in November 1976 and based at the Lea Green Centre near Matlock in Derbyshire. The job was a fascinating mix of development officer, national coach, CEO, marketing and media manager, technical officer and I even washed the office windows and once was a baby sitter for the Chairman's children! In short I had an exciting blank canvas on which to contribute to the building of the sport following the 1976 World Orienteering Championships in eastern Scotland. The British Orienteering Federation Council with luminaries like Chris Brasher, John Disley, Bob Climie, Chris James, John

Colls and others gave me a pretty free rein to go out there and find whatever opportunities would benefit the growth of our sport.

One especially important responsibility was the drawing together of the forward plan for the Federation and liaison with the Sports Council in that respect. I was also appointed to my first International Orienteering Federation Commission at that time - the Commission responsible for marketing and development of the sport world-wide. I saw it as especially important to build external networks for the sport in business, the media and in the wider sports network in the country to enhance the profile of orienteering.



Technically, in terms of international performance, we have reached levels I could only have dreamed of wearing my national coach's hat back in 1979. It has been a particular joy in my various roles in



the International Orienteering Federation to see British competitors on podiums around the world - we really are a leading orienteering nation in terms of international competition now. While the technical quality of our competitions has improved greatly, not least through the professionalising of map making, I think we have lost some of the 'evangelical zeal' we had back in the 60s and 70s. Perhaps it is just that we have matured as a sport and taken on the characteristics of other established sports but I sense now that at every level, we are more internally than externally focused. In the early years of the Federation the founders of the sport had to be externally focused because the absolute priority was to share our wonderful sport with others and I think that should still be a priority today in the UK and bevond.

Like the Federation, my orienteering involvement is 50 years old this year -Happy Birthday British Orienteering!"

1986

PROFESSIONAL COACHES

Peter Palmer appointed Director of Coaching.

1992

Derek Allison appointed Director of Coaching. succeeding Peter Palmer, after being awarded the accolade of 'UK Coach of the Year' in 1989. In 2002 his job was retitled as World Class Programme Manager.

2000

Göran Andersson was a highly successful Squad coach employed by British Orienteering in the 2000's.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS (CONT.)

JAN 1980

Roy Mason, with Hilda Gregson as Assistant

1985

Roy Mason retitled as General Secretary.

1990

Roy Mason retitled as Director of Development. Roy left British Orienteering Federation in 1991.

1991

Hilda Gregson became Company Secretary until end of 1995. She worked for British Orienteering Federation for 17 years.

JAN - DEC 1996

Neil Cameron was General Secretary.

NOV 1996

Don Locke appointed Secretary General.

2002

Robin Field appointed as Chief Executive and Company Secretary.

2006 - PRESENT

Chief Executive Officer Mike Hamilton.



OFFICES

Initially the Federation had an office in Edinburgh. From 1974 onwards it has always been based in the Matlock area of Derbyshire.

1967

Office at 3 Glenfinlas Street, Edinburgh

APRIL 1974

Office within Lea Green Centre, Derbyshire, Secretary Pat Blount

SEPT 1976

Separate building as own office at Lea Green (pictured), Office Manager Katy Shipstone

JULY 1980

Office moved to 41 Dale Rd. Matlock

1988

(or thereabouts) office moved to Riversdale, Darley Dale. Since then it has moved to another office nearby and then in 2015 to the present location in Tansley, near Matlock





PRESIDENTS

British Orienteering Federation has had just four Presidents in the 50 years:

1971 - 1972 SIR FRANCIS

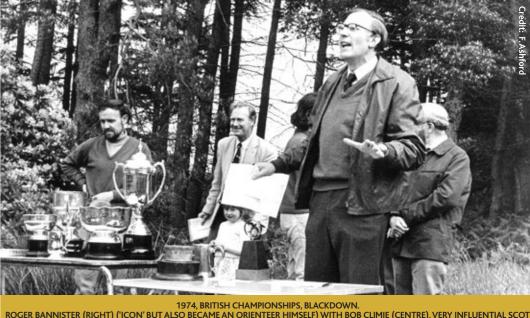
CHICHESTER

1976 - 1979

SIR ROGER **BANNISTER** 1979 - 1983

1985 - PRESENT SIR CHRIS

THE EARL OF **MORAY BONINGTON**



1974, BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS, BLACKDOWN. ROGER BANNISTER (RIGHT) ('ICON' BUT ALSO BECAME AN ORIENTEER HIMSELF) WITH BOB CLIMIE (CENTRE), VERY INFLUENTIAL SCOT WHO BECAME BRITISH ORIENTEERING FEDERATION CHAIRMAN, AND ROGER SMITH (LEFT), EDITOR OF 'THE ORIENTEER' IN THE 70'S.

Roll of Honour

THE 50 YEARS. THESE TWO PAGES CELEBRATE THE WORLD ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL WINNERS AND HIGHLIGHT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF A FEW OF THEM.

The first ever World Championship medals won by British orienteers were in Ski Orienteering!

Trish Murphy, Issie Inglis and Fran Murray won Relay Bronze in the 1975 Championships in Finland.

SKIO MEDALLISTS 1975 MURPHY, FRAN MURRAY



FOOT ORIENTEERING

GREAT BRITAIN COMES IN THE 'SECOND TIER' OF NATIONS IN THE ORIENTEERING WORLD, WINNING OCCASIONAL BUT NOT REGULAR MEDALS AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. WORLD ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS HAVE BEEN WON IN 11 RACES IN 8 DIFFERENT YEARS, THE FIRST IN 1993.

Gold

1 Yvette Baker, Short Distance, 1999 Scotland

2 Jamie Stevenson, Sprint, 2003 Switzerland

13 Men's Relay, 2008 Czech Republic (Graham Gristwood, Jamie Stevenson, Jon Duncan)



Silver

Men's Relay, 1993 USA (Jon Musgrave, Martin Bagness, Stephen Palmer, Steve Hale)

Yvette Baker, Classic, 1995 Germany

Yvette Baker, Short, 1995 Germany Scott Fraser, Sprint, 2013 Finland

Bronze

Yvette Baker, Classic, 1993 USA Men's Relay, 2003 Switzerland

(Daniel Marston, Jamie Stevenson, Jon Duncan)

Heather Monro, Sprint, 2005 Japan lamie Stevenson, Middle, 2006

TRAIL ORIENTEERING

Dave Gittus, Gold in Paralympic Class, 2006

GBR team Gold, 2004 Sweden (Dave Gittus, Karen Darke, Sue Boyt)

GBR team Gold, 2005 Japan (John Crosby, Karen Darke, Dick Keighley)

John Crosby, Bronze in Paralympic Class, 2005 Japan Dave Gittus. Bronze in

Paralympic Class, 2008 Czech John Crosby, Bronze in

Paralympic Class, 2014 Italy





Important note from The Editor:

the earlier history in the elite

pages, partly because this will be

less well known to many of the

readership. I'm conscious that

very many deserving athletes

simply through lack of space.

and coaches don't get a mention,

I have concentrated far more on **Carol McNeill**

Carol was in almost at the start of orienteering in the UK, and was soon successful, becoming selected for the 1968 World Championships team. Ever since then she has been constantly at the top in her age class, one of her big successes coming when she won W50 in the 1994 Veteran World Cup in Scotland. A relatively slow runner, more than offset by brilliant terrain navigational skill.

She has written highly-regarded books on Orienteering and has been very active as a coach, especially with children, and as a map-maker

She holds the women's record for the number of Open class British Championship and JK victories – six British (1967/69/72/74/75/76) and two IK

"An early memory of Carol was at a time when we were both working in Wiltshire and had gone to a local event," tells Martin Hyman. "I recall passing her at high speed

Carol McNeill. one of the leadin nternationa runners from GR in he nvolved with development and coaching over the ears, and still ctive. Seen here n the 1972 World Championships Czechoslovakia.

on four occasions but when I got to the finish Carol was standing nearby chatting to other finishers. She smiled at me in friendly recognition, without a hint of triumphalism.

Since the early days of British Orienteering Carol has made an outstanding contribution to evolving successful O techniques and personal preparation. Furthermore she has made an unrivalled contribution in organising courses, coaching and inspiring youngsters. This continues to this day."

Steve Hale & Jamie Stevenson Steve and Jamie were both top names in the British men's elite, both superb athletes who were dedicated to British team success.

Steve won one World Orienteering Championship medal – the Relay in USA in 1993 with Jon Musgrave, Martin Bagness and Stephen Palmer – plus 9 British titles between 1986 and 1993, most notably winning the JK four years in succession (1990-

93) and the Long distance in three

successive years (1988-90).

World Orienteering Championships Profiles



Jamie won two World Orienteering Championship golds, the Sprint in 2003 (Switzerland) and as anchor in the Relay win of 2008 in the Czech Republic with Graham Gristwood and Jon Duncan. Also two bronze - the 2003 Relay plus the 2006 Middle distance race in Denmark. His British medal tally is 8 including 3 IK titles.

Steve and his family live in Sweden. Jamie married Helene Hausner, a Danish international orienteer, and now works as a teacher and lives near Copenhagen



Geoff Peck

Geoff was by far the most successful GB male orienteer in the 1970's. He first represented GBR in 1968 and went on to run in eight consecutive World Championships. He was very consistent, finishing in the top third in the classic race on all but one occasion. He holds the record for the most British Championship and JK wins: 5 in BOC (1971/73/76/77/79) and 3 in JK (1970/77/81), and was a member of the EUOC team that won the JK Relay in 1969.

Geoff himself tells the story ...

"I started my journey as an orienteer in 1966 at the age of 16 years by accident when I was a high school student in Dunfermline. In those days school kids had to run in pairs and a friend of mine lost his regular partner and drafted me in to make up the pair. We won the event ... this was the first time I'd done well at any sport, so I was hooked. My big break was getting selected to attend the Norwegian Junior Squad training camp ("Vangen") in 1968 with Rob Harvey.

The formation of the GB Squad was really the start of 'elite' orienteering, and helped many talented individuals fulfil their potential. This would never have happened without the vision and dedication of Martin Hyman. As a former international athlete he fully understood what it takes to reach the top and he encouraged me to continue competing, and then become involved in coaching too.

After some years coaching the GB Squad, and too old to beat the youngsters any more, I moved to Hong Kong to fly jumbo jets. I did some orienteering there and made maps for the APOC Championships until hanging up my flying boots in 2004 and moving to Brisbane. Since then I've made well over 100 maps, mostly of lovely "bush" areas and, despite a hip replacement, still compete.



Martin Hyman. "A young Squadron Leader in the RAF, he inspired a new generation of ambitious young orienteers to adopt a fresh approach to training and competition. As a test pilot he needed an exceptional capacity for very rapid, high quality, decision-making



CLUB JK 1969 RELAY TEAM, AT THE CLUB'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN 2015 FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: GEOFF PECK, ROBIN SLOAN, JOHN BARROW.

Only one interloper

(Frank Keating, The Guardian)

"The only British finisher in the first 20 was our most experienced operator, Geoff Peck, a carrot-topped RAF pilot from Interlopers club. He was 20th. In the 1972 World Orienteering Championships in Czechoslovakia he was 11th. Steady and sound, he was well paced and placed for half the race, but then, ducking through the undergrowth, a twig caught his eye and he completed the course map reading like a Nelson under pressure."

(Extract from newspaper report of World Orienteering Championship 1976)

Martin Hyman long-standing Squad Coach

Like many of the pioneers in British Orienteering, Martin had a background as a top athlete. His best distance was 10,000 metres and he was in the British team at the 1960 Olympics in Rome. Very dedicated and analytical in his approach, he has continued as an athletics coach in Edinburgh into his 80's.

"The British Orienteering Federation Elite Squad was the brainchild of Chri Brasher (who referred to the concept as 'The Troika')," he tells. "At the beginning of 1975 he invited me to be a 'Figurehead Chairman of impeccable honesty'. I accepted, but soon discovered that there was no Secretary. Treasurer or Lead Coach. I therefore became all of these." In February 1976 he also became Chairman of Selectors and hence a member of the British Orienteering Federation International Committee



LEFT TO RIGHT: YVETTE HAGUE MARTIN HYMAN, STEVEN HALE

funding in 2003 enabled professional management of elite orienteer training and support to be introduced.

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Martin continued as

Squad leader until new

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World Orienteering Championships Profiles

Heather Monro

Heather was a brilliant athlete, a great team person who achieved her great ambition of a World Orienteering Championship medal in the twilight of her career in the unlikely setting of Japan in 2005, when she won the bronze medal in the Sprint. That year she also won bronze at The World Games. Her best year overall was in 2000, when she was 3rd overall in the World Cup and World Ranked number 2. She won two World Cup races and was 2nd in another two.

She was British no. 1 for six seasons at the beginning of the century, taking over this mantle from Yvette Hague. "If I had to single out one coach who has had the greatest influence over my career, it would be Göran Andersson," she says. Derek Allison was also a huge influence on her performance, right from junior days.



YVETTE BAKER (NÉE HAGUE) BEING URGED ON INTO THE FINISH AT THE SHORT DISTANCE RACE AT AWDOR, SCOTLAND AT THE WORLD ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 1999 BY HEATHER MONRO.

Yvette Baker

Yvette Baker is equal with Jamie Stevenson in having 4 World Championship medals, Yvette's all in individual competition and Jamie's being 2 individual, 2 relay.

"Yvette was a remarkable person", writes Martin Hyman. "A brilliant athlete with the beautiful running style of a world-class middle distance runner. She was brilliantly coached by her father John Hague. She was able to establish herself as the leading British orienteer, whilst living in the Home Counties. As a competitor Yvette was able to deploy the optimum techniques with an icy calm. She would never give in to extreme fatigue but could push herself to the limits of human endurance.

To Yvette the demands of technical and physical training, whilst also earning a living, were no cause for sacrifice of enjoyment. Though she competed with deadly seriousness, Yvette was always up for having fun. Her spirit inspired those around her to share her passion for the sport and she freely gave help and advice to those around her."

Yvette writes: "I'm still living in Wellington and orienteering, but much more low key: just running local and the main New Zealand national races, a bit of coaching and a bit of course planning. I've entered the World Masters for the first time ever, as it's in New Zealand, so trying to manage worn out body parts and train a bit. I'm more of a hockey / cricket / football / gymnastics / xc running / mountain biking parent to my three kids (aged 9-12) these days!"

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.AST YEAR'S WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN HUNGARY, WITH GOLDS IN THE SPRINT RELAY (CHARLOTTE WARD, PETER HODKINSON, KRIS JONES, MEGAN CARTER-DAVIES) AND MEN'S SPRINT (KRIS JONES), ARE A VERY ENCOURAGING POINTER TO FUTURE SUCCESS FROM THE UP-AND-COMING GENERATION OF TOP ATHLETES.



KRISTIAN JONES

Forth Valley Orienteers / Swansea Bay Orienteering Club

"I envisage my development as a step by step over a number of years. Some steps have been big and others very small but each one builds on the one before it. Sometimes I have needed to be spurred on and other times I have needed to take the initiative myself. I think it is as much a case of learning how to manage myself as it is a case of improving physically or

technically. One thing I have appreciated is the ability to be a part of a variety of different club and British teams and I have generally learnt things from these different situations. My goals are mainly to keep improving and if I can do that I know I can win medals, both individually and as a part of our relay teams. To do that I need to continue to push myself and learn new things."

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: TALENT COACHING & FUTURE PROSPECTS

HEATHER THOMPSON Talent Coach

"I was initially lucky to become involved with the Talent Squad. I was already qualified as a Level 1 coach and my own Club's Lead Coach sent me an email about the Talent Coach Development Programme on a Friday evening. With an added comment that interested parties needed to reply

by the Monday! A week later I was delighted to be included in the list of coaches who had been selected to be part of the programme. Since then I have been involved in assisting in the delivery of coaching to the Talent Squad at multiple camps and have learned a great deal to improve

my own orienteering from both the outdoor practical and indoor theory sessions. I also travelled with the Talent Squad to the Junior World Orienteering Championships in 2016 which gained me further insight into the athletes' experience of competition at that level. During this last couple of years

I have progressed my own coaching to become a Level 2 coach. I can now transfer this knowledge back to my coaching of juniors at club level with a much greater understanding of the level of commitment and training required by anyone aspiring for selection to higher level squads in the future."

CHARLOTTE WARD

Humberside and Lincoln Orienteers

"Since being a member of the squad from June 2015. I think that I have made big developments in my orienteering and I owe this to the supportive coaching and competitive team-mates within the squad! Being part of the development and performance squads has allowed me to learn from other athletes and has provided me with opportunities to compete at the highest level – something I see as being very important for athlete development. Racing in World Cup races has been really key to

my progression as these high pressure races push you to your limits and help you to stretch them further.

My ultimate goal is to win an individual sprint medal at the World Orienteering Championships and to win the Gold medal in the mixed sprint relay. We have an amazing group of athletes and huge potential within the squad to produce consistently medal winning performances, and I am really excited to be part of this."



ALICE LEAKE

Southern Navigators

"I've learnt a lot since joining the British senior squad two years ago; mostly about self-belief, working hard and enjoying what we do as a team. My goals are to keep on improving my World Orienteering Championship performances and enjoying all the experiences that elite sport brings. I fully believe we have a team capable of winning a mixed sprint relay medal in the future and I would love to be part of making that happen."



THREE GENERATIONS OF ORIENTEERS

IT'S AS TRUE IN ORIENTEERING AS IN MANY SPORTS: ONCE THE BUG HAS BITTEN, IT GETS TRANSMITTED FURTHER FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION. MANY CLUBS IN THE UK HAVE FAMILIES WITH TWO OR EVEN THREE ACTIVE GENERATIONS AS THE BACKBONE OF THE CLUB; THE FEDERATION TOO HAS BENEFITED MUCH FROM THE ACTIVITIES OF SUCCESSIVE GENERATIONS IN THE SAME FAMILY. ONE CAN BE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT SOME OF THE SAME NAMES KNOWN TO US ALL NOW WILL CROP UP AGAIN AMONGST BRITISH ORIENTEERING FEDERATION TEAMS, AND MANAGEMENT GROUPS OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER, IN THE FUTURE!

Take the Simpson family in Octavian Droobers, for example. Here we have: Trevor Simpson (M75) and Hilary Simpson (W75), with their children Melanie (W55), Andrew (M50) and Lesley (W50)



TREVOR started orienteering in 1981, with Hilary and the children joining in the following year. Orienteering became the reason for many family holidays and weekends away.

HILARY administers the West Midlands Colour Coded Badge Scheme for Juniors. Both Hilary and Lesley have run in Interland matches and Home Internationals. Trevor has been Octavian Droobers Club Captain and Octavian Droobers Treasurer. DAUGHTER MELANIE

married Barry Elkington (M60), and have children Helen (W21), Matthew (M21) and Stephen (M20)

MELANIE A

Melanie is Secretary of the British Schools Orienteering Association and was Organiser of the 2016 British Schools Championships in

Sutton Park. Previously she has be Coordinator of the West Midlands Junior Squad. Barry is current Chairman of Octavian Droobers and a member

of British Orienteering's Events and Competitions Committee; previously he was Chairman of the British Orienteering Federation Rules Group. He organised the British Relays back in 1993 and was course planner for the Harvester Trophy in 1995. Since then he has put most efforts into Junior events, planning

and controlling a number of British Schools Score Championships, Peter Palmer Relays, an Yvette Baker Trophy Final and the Junior Inter Regional Relays.

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Matthew has been Sheffield University Orienteering Club Captain, and represented GB at the Junior World Championships in 2015; he was British Middle Distance Champion in M20 that year.

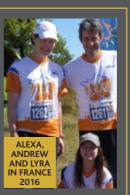
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Stephen has served for one year as Octavian Droobers Secretary.



SON ANDREW married Alexa Troedson (W50), and have a daughter Lyra (W10)

They now live in Sydney and are members of Big Foot Orienteers, where Andrew is President. They visit Europe every few years to take part in one of the big summer events. Andrew has represented Australia in the Australia - New Zealand Challenge.



DAUGHTER LESLEY married Kevin Ross (M55), and have children Ben (M21), Guy (M21) and Tom (M20)

Lesley is currently Treasurer of Orienteering England, and Kevin is Octavian Droobers Treasurer. Guy has been Captain of the University of Warwick Orienteering Club

All the Elkington and Ross children, i.e. 6 in

all, have been in Mini-Relay and Junior winning Octavian Droobers teams at the British and JK, and have already had many other successes in their orienteering careers. All remain active

As Barry, says: "Finding accommodation



large enough to hold twelve people, or fifteen when joined by the Australian contingent, plus two or three dogs requires serious planning ahead."

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LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE.



REPORT BY JUDITH HOLT, CHAIR OF BRITISH

FOCUS CAUGHT UP WITH JUDITH HOLT, CHAIR OF BRITISH ORIENTEERING AND ASKED..

"WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS OF WHERE WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUR SPORT OF ORIENTEERING AND BRITISH ORIENTEERING IN FUTURE YEARS?

JUDITH WRITES....

I asked people who might still be orienteering in Great Britain 50 years from now for their views on the future. A wide range of young orienteers responded. How far do their comments align with the objectives and actions of our strategic plan?

Our elite orienteers inspire us all and sustained **Podium success** at the World Orienteering Championships is one of the three focus programmes of the strategic plan. The Orienteering Development Pathway supports this. However success depends crucially on the enthusiasm and commitment from the athletes themselves.

"The future of the Great Britain team is the knowledge, passion and enthusiasm of all the athletes, helpers and coaches within the sport. If we can combine all of that we can win medals at the World Orienteering Championships." Kristian Jones (Forth Valley Orienteers)

Just as positive were these messages from Sasha Chepelin: "So successful and abundant in podiums that Great Britain will join Scandinavia on a map."

...and Megan Carter-Davies (Mid Wales Orienteers): "I believe the future for the Great Britain team is going to be filled with success, with plenty of medals and incredible team spirit, and inspiring the next generation to he their hest!"

Fiona Bunn (Thames Valley Orienteering Club) pointed out that our top orienteers promote the sport not only through success in orienteering events: "I am excited by the recent successes of British orienteers in cross-country, fell and road running as well as in the traditional forest and sprint racing. This will really inspire younger athletes that British athletes can be strong and fast enough to challenge anyone, as well as raise the profile of orienteering amongst the wider running community.'

From a TrailO Champion: "I would like to see many more orienteers improving their map interpretation through TrailO, where you have to get it exactly right, not merely "good enough" to find the control as I often do when running." Tom Dobra (Bristol University Orienteering

My respondents share the aim of the strategic plan to increase participation in orienteering: "I would like it to be a bigger sport. If you say orienteering to someone, not everyone has heard of it. You have to explain. We need more young people." Alice (Derwent Valley Orienteers, W14)

"Hopefully the sport will be more global in 50 years' time, with more runners from and more competitions in Asia and Africa." Tessa Strain (Edinburgh University Orienteering Club)

"With technological advances in filming and GPS, races could become more spectator friendly and accessible." Peter Hodkinson (Nottinghamshire Orienteering

The role of partnership with education providers is identified: "It's an exciting time for student orienteering, with growing awareness of the sport and increasing opportunities for interested students to join in. High-profile races on campuses have raised the profile of orienteering, such as the Leeds JK Sprint in 2016. The club scene is growing and more enthusiastic than ever - with increasing participation at BUCS and good turnouts to 'Give it a Go' events including plenty of 'first generation orienteers'. There's also increased support from university-funded sport

programmes. The future of student orienteering? Student clubs playing a greater role in organising events and publicising our sport, while continuing to nurture talented and upcoming athletes competing at the highest level." James Nicholson (Leeds University Union Orienteering







There is also an interest in making the sport more widely accessible. I was sent a link: http://transition2 co.uk/casestudy/orienteering/ to a video showing how two young learning disabled people have enjoyed navigating Permanent Orienteering Courses as part of their learning programme at college. Another idea, iOrienteering, brings together Permanent Orienteering Courses and technology using smartphones.

"Courses can be set up for a few pence, competitors get immediate results display on their devices and online, which allows for a really satisfying experience at a tiny fraction of the price of pre-existing systems." Stephen Middleton

The third focus programme in our participation continuum is **Competition**, with the aim to

better meet the varying needs of competitors. Comments most relevant here include.

"... I think there will be more diversity in the sport. Perhaps even a bigger split between forest and urban orienteering. I also think that the structure of the events could change as well, with more 'name' events not fitting in to an A/B/C/D level structure. For example Sprint Scotland and similar, possibly organised by professional teams rather than volunteers although I am sure there will always be a need for some volunteers of course. Graham Gristwood (Forth Valley Orienteers)

have been successful as a 'Sport for All', but the more diverse our orienteers the more likely it is that we can't meet the needs of

everyone at every event. Our Strategic Plan recognises this, and the need to consider professional teams rather than volunteers to take on at least some aspects of event organisation. It should surprise no one that technology was the thing most mentioned. It has transformed the first 50 years of British Orienteering so why not the next 50 years?

"I think technology will play more of a part in the future - I guess everything will be touch-free and electronic, and possibly even paperfree as well." Graham Gristwood (Forth Valley Orienteers)

you could self-select your scale and colours..." Tessa Strain (Edinburgh

University Orienteering Club) and Peter Hodkinson (Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club)

"More televised coverage; Go Pro footage at more events; more technical clothing." Octavian Droobers Juniors

"Personal jet-packs will have finally arrived, solving our car parking problems at a stroke - just leaving us to deal with the consequent fire risk." North West Juniors

However, it was also pointed out

"Although there will be big changes in technology, the social aspects of the sport will go on being very important." Sam, Derwent Valley Orienteers, M16.

Possibly the same thinking was behind the North West Junior Squad comment that... "The few remaining members in M10 will be competing as fiercely as ever."

Some comments reflected the challenges we face; being...

"Dependent on committed volunteers who will get most things right and a few wrong, for which they will be publicly castigated."

"Having to travel too far is what puts me off."

"I can't see myself orienteering in a few years' time, but maybe I will come back later."

I have not been able to include every quote I was offered, but thank you to all of you who contributed. I have just two points to add. In implementing our plan we must work on linking together all the elements to build clear pathways that encourage people from their first experiences of orienteering through to regular involvement. We must also build better communication flows, sharing ideas and information, up and down, between clubs and our central organisation. We owe a lot to those who have supported British Orienteering over the past 50 years. I hope in 50 years' time someone who is reading this now will be able to say... "Yes, the 50th anniversary was the springboard for many of the developments we see today".

"We might also be done with paper maps and we would each have our There are many ways in which we own flexible thin screen that would auto-download the map. It might also double up as a timing chip and

"Courses can be set up for a few pence, competitors get immediate results display on their devices and online, which allows for a really satisfying experience at a tiny fraction of the price of pre-existing systems."

Stephen Middleton

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"There have been many! Within the sport there has been a marked growth in 'urban' events, and with sprint races being delivered from local to international level, the sport has become available to a whole new group of people living in cities and other urban areas - not just people wanting to take part in rural terrain. Technology around the sport has changed greatly with SI and Emit now being used at almost all events. The use of maps has progressed from 'hand-drawn masterpieces' with large print runs to maps being updated for each event and laser printers being able to run off copies almost as they are needed.

All the above have made the sport more attractive and the advent of social media has helped some clubs to promote their events and activities to a wider audience.

The change from a large Council to a Board of Directors has streamlined the governance of the sport, aligning British Orienteering with the good practices expected of all governing bodies of sport and enabling decisions to be taken at the speed necessary in the modern

WHAT IS THE 'VISION' AND ORIENTEERING'S 'PROFILE' IN THE WORLD OF SPORT?

"Our vision is to make orienteering the 'go to outdoor sport' for people wanting to test themselves physically and mentally. We want people to go orienteering whether that's 2 or 3 times a year or once or more a month – if they'll give it a go, we want it to be so interesting

"Our challenge for the future is to increase our capacity and provide people with what they want - rather than what we think they need."

Mike Hamilton

and enjoyable that they want to return for more!

It's both interesting and frustrating that wherever we've given people the opportunity to go orienteering they've wanted more – our challenge for the future is to increase our capacity and provide people with what they want rather than what we think they

Across sport in the UK, orienteering is a respected sport and recreational activity – people recognise that the sport is exciting and that we are good at what we do, punching well above our weight in a variety of ways. We are however still seen as a niche sport and sometimes a little 'geekv'!'

HOW WILL THIS BE PROMOTED IN THE WIDER WORLD IN THE NEXT PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT NOW THAT GRANT FUNDING IS

"Really challenging, as our funding overall has been cut by just over 55% across the UK. That means we will be challenged to maintain the level of service we provide and probably won't be able to continue to deliver some of our initiatives. For example, in England we had developed Xplorer, a 'new participant' initiative, from nothing at the beginning of 2014 to around 80,000 participant runs in 2016. Maintaining this impetus will be almost impossible unfortunately

Looking towards the next 4 years, we are going to work far more closely with some clubs, and hope to help these clubs grow their orienteering footprint in a way that is sustainable; this will be exciting and work that we should be doing.

We need to operate more effectively and use our resources wisely at all levels of the sport. If we can do this I personally think orienteering has a great future ahead. We'll be able to focus on the sport and delivering our own strategic plan and targets rather than being caught up with government initiatives and targets. It is going to be very challenging but, I think, perhaps healthier for the long term future of the sport."

BRITISH ORIENTEERING CELEBRATES 50 YEARS! Issue 37 - Summer 2017 FOR JUNIOR ORIENTEERS COMPETITORS NAVIGATE THEIR WAY IN THE SPRINT RACE AT THE 50TH JK | PHOTOS BY ROB LINES British Orienteering www.britishorienteering.org.uk/page/ozone **CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**

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THE YVETTE BAKER TROPHY

Report by Sarah Mansel, Yvette Baker Trophy Coodinator / Photos by Rob Lines

The Yvette Baker Trophy is the premier junior inter-club competition for English and Welsh orienteering clubs. It is named after Britain's first World Champion, Yvette Baker, who won Gold in the short distance in Scotland in 1999.

SARAH MANSEL SAID:

All English and Welsh orienteering clubs are encouraged to enter a team as juniors up to M/W18 of all abilities are able to compete for their club. A minimum of 9 competitors across the four courses – yellow, orange, light green and green is needed for a complete team. Heats are usually held in each region between March and June with the final being held the first weekend in July.

I think that it is good that The Yvette Baker Trophy is an 'inclusive' competition with a lot of flexibility in the age class to course matching.

This means that teenagers only just taking up the sport can compete at their own level. There are usually about 30 clubs of all sizes competing in the heats each year, but it would be good to see a few more in the future.

To encourage this British Orienteering is trialling a second tier for clubs with fewer juniors in 2017, with just 5 runners to count it opens up the competition to even more clubs.



Bristol Orienteering Klub team - 2016 trophy winners



CALLING ALL JUNIORS....

Follow in the footsteps of **Yvette Baker Gold medallist World Champion!**

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF BRITISH **ORIENTEERING!**

In this edition of Ozone there are 50 British Orienteering birthday candles hidden in the cartoon on page 4. Can you find all 50 of them?

Find out how well you have done answers can be found at www.britishorienteering.org.uk/page/ozone

Peter Palmer Junior Team Relays 2017

Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield 9 - 10 September 2017

Report by Ian Gamlen, City of Birmingham Orienteering Club / Photos by Rob Lines (Juniors competing in 2016)





This popular and fun event is taking place in Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, and is hosted by the City of Birmingham Orienteering Club with help from neighbouring clubs Octavian Droobers and Harlequins Orienteering Club. City of Birmingham Orienteering Club created the event back in 1993, and it was last staged at Sutton Park in 2012.

City of Birmingham Orienteering Club invites entries from clubs around the UK to compete for the three trophies. Last year 22 junior teams took part and West Cumberland Orienteering Club. Wanderers won The Peter Palmer Trophy, South Yorkshire Orienteers on Fire won The Joan George Trophy and The Norwich Orienteering Club Anniversary Trophy was won by Suffolk orienteering Club Juniors. Who will be the winners this year?

We look forward to welcoming mixed club teams of six to eight M/ W12-18 runners and their helpers to this unique and much enjoyed competition. The format is a 6 lap relay and competition rules are on https://www.britishorienteering.org.uk.

As always, the race will start at around 5.00am, before sunrise, so early competitors will be running in the dark wearing head torches all adds to the excitement. Accommodation will be provided at the Wyndley Leisure Centre adjacent to Sutton Park. Refreshments will be provided by O Nosh. There will be the traditional 5 a side football competition organised on the Saturday evening.

Event Organiser is Dave Ellis, Planner Andy Hemsted and Controller Barry Elkington - the same team who successfully staged the event in 2012, the last time we held it at Sutton Park.

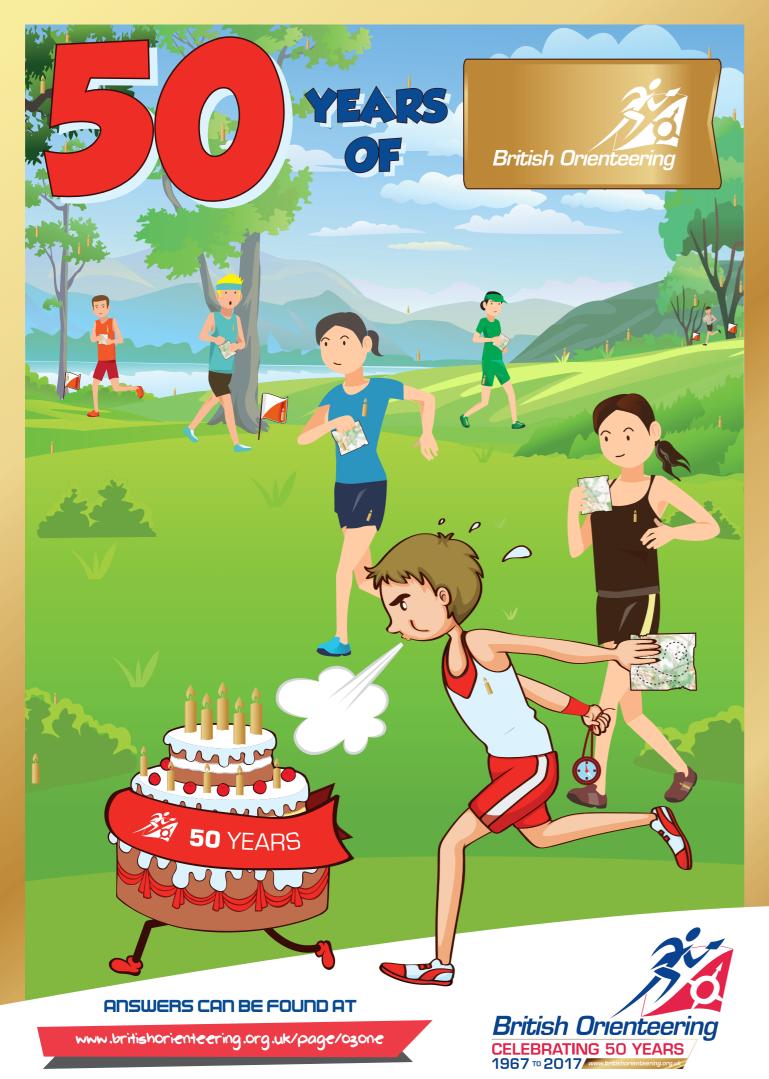
For further information, go to www.coboc.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to **Sutton Park in September.**





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WE DID THINGS DIFFERENTLY, BACK IN THOSE DAYS...

PUNCHING

First, there was the self-inking stamp, used on a first-generation control card.

Then came the pin punch, used on a next-generation control card. Often a different colour card for each course. Still used in many places though rarely at events!

And so on to electronic punching: EMIT and SI. No more control cards!

Now a new era again: touch-free electronic punching is with us!









FIRST SELF-INKING STAMP AND FIRST CONTROL CAR



BRITISH ORIENTEERING FEDERATION PRESIDENT
CHRIS BONINGTON IN AN EVENT IN 1968, PLUS OLD-STYLE KITE
AND SELF-INKING PUNCH.



RESULTS

There was the ladder of wooden strips with individual results pasted on – every time you wanted to insert a new result, the ladder had to be unhooked at the right place, then hooked back again. Very time-consuming! And being a vertical display, not many could look at it at once.

New technology came along: the 'washing line' carrying multiple control card stubs. These lines led a life of their own in windy weather. Stubs had to be periodically moved along to make room for more.

Nowadays, it's course print-outs pasted on to boards, or scrolling screen displays. And computer-driven checking of punch downloads and times taken. The big results team working in a marquee is no more!



ANOTHER PIONEER WHO WAS A HOUSEHOLD-NAME
ATHLETE (SILVER MEDAL IN 5,000M AT MELBOURNE
OLYMPICS). AND IOHN DISLEY.





TERRY HARPER, DEESIDE ORIENTEERING CLUB AT MASTER-MAPS. THIS PHOTO SHOWS MASTER MAPS AND CLOTHING, 1970'S STYLE.

COURSES ON MAPS

In the very first championship events, courses were drawn on to the maps by hand. This procedure was first replaced by hand-printing. Most clubs had a standard printing set, made up of rubber circles, lines and numbers which were placed in the required positions on a map. A sticky board picked these up and then by lining up all the edges, quite accurate prints could be produced as the board was placed first on an ink pad and then down on each fresh map.

For the biggest events, printing firms were employed,

first printing the maps and then the courses; controllers had to check all the register crosses very carefully!

For most smaller events, master maps were used. You were given a blank map at registration, and immediately after the start (i.e. in race time), ran to the master map for your course and copied the course on to your own map. Shelter from rain and wind was provided in various forms – often rudimentary. You often had to carry your own red pen or pencil.

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FOUR TRAIL-BLAZERS

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF BRITISH ORIENTEERING

THE PRESENT & THE FUTURE

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ANNE BRAGGINS

"MOTHER OF TRAILO"

Anne Braggins began Orienteering in autumn 1975, as a result of a talk by Hally Hardie and an event a couple of weeks later. She attended the White Rose Weekend in 1976 and then Highland '77. Her first major role was as Organiser of JK 1986 in East Anglia.



She first encountered TrailO in 1989 at the World Championships in Sweden. At that time Colin Moynihan was suggesting that all sporting Governing Bodies should provide for disabled people in their sport. She went to the Swedish O Ringen on a fact-finding mission in 1990. At the time it was known there as 'handicapped orienteering' and very different; then after her report back, British Orienteering Federation got a grant to get started. The equipment purchased is still used at major events.

Anne was Chair of TrailO committees both in British Orienteering Federation and IOF from 1993 until 2010, and she is still involved with the British Orienteering Federation committee and as an official at events. At international level she was hugely influential in developing TrailO into the sophisticated discipline it now is, as demonstrated at the World TrailO Championships in Scotland in 2012 which she directed. She will be Team Leader again for the GBR team competing in this year's World Championships in Lithuania in July.

Anne became British Orienteering Federation Chairman in 1988, and organised the IOF Congress in Cambridge in 1990. She regards JK 1986, the Congress 1990 and worldwide TrailO development ending with WTOC 2012 as the most memorable achievements in her work. A special moment to remember was presenting the Gold medal to Dave Gittus in 2006.

A comment that her late husband Don made in 2010 at the WTOC banquet when looking round the room: "the majority of people in this room are here because of your input."

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CHRIS JAMES

Chris is the one person whose involvement in helping run the Federation, mostly in roles carrying considerable responsibility and requiring fresh initiatives, spans the full 50 years.



SIX FORMER BRITISH ORIENTEERING FEDERATION CHAIRMEN WERE PRESENT AT THE 2012
WORLD TRAILO CHAMPIONSHIPS IN DUNDEE, ALONG WITH INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING
EDERATION PRESIDENT BRIAN PORTEOUS, HIMSELF A FORMER BRITISH ORIENTEERING FEDERATION
PROFESSIONAL OFFICER. LEFT TO RIGHT: BRIAN PORTEOUS, DAVID PEREGRINE, CHRIS JAMES, LYN
WEST CIVIF ALLEN NEIL CAMERON AND ANNE BRAGGINS.

Chris read about Orienteering in The Observer in May 1965, and attended his first event at Waggoner's Wells, Surrey the same month. He was immediately hooked by all aspects of the sport and within a year he had been selected for the 1966 World Championships team and had become England's Fixtures Secretary. He planned and organised his first event at Holmbury Hill in 1967, and was Controller for the first JK. When representatives of the English and Scottish Orienteering Association's met together in 1966 and decided to form British Orienteering Federation, Chris was present. He became British Orienteering Federation's first Fixtures

A lot of competitive successes and leadership roles continued, fitted around moves to Scotland in late 1967 (where he helped form the West of Scotland club), then to Fleet and Southern Navigators (1970) and finally to Rosson-Wye and North Gloucestershire Orienteering Club (1987). He has brought his professional management strategy skills to bear on many issues in the Federation's development throughout British Orienteering Federation's 50 years, and continues to do so. He plans to retire from his present post as Chairman of British Orienteering's Event and Competitions Committee at its next meeting on 24 June, 50 years and 1 week after the formation of the Federation.

JUST A FEW OF CHRIS'S ROLES:

1970-72, Chairman of British Orienteering Federation Competitions Committee

1972-75, British Orienteering Federation Vice Chairman

1975-78, British Orienteering Federation Chairman

1978-81 and **2002-08**, British Orienteering Federation Councillor

2008-09, a Director of British Orienteering

2013 – present, Chairman of British Orienteering Events & Competitions Committee

Chris recalls a nice story from the early days:

"Following the previous protocol for British Championships, the specific location of the venue was not released until the day of the event. In 1969 we had procured the use of a large campsite field alongside a forest. In the morning the competitors were seen driving off to Newton Stewart some miles away to discover the final venue — only to be sent back to the very same field that they had camped in as the forest, Kirroughtree Forest where the championships were to be held, was the one right by the field!"

VERY MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PIONEERS AND ACTIVATORS IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF OUR SPORT OVER THE 50 YEARS OF BRITISH ORIENTEERING. HERE ARE FOUR SUCH PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXERTED RATHER MORE INFLUENCE THAN MOST.

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PETER PALMER

British Orienteering has been especially fortunate with its coaches, throughout its existence attracting people with the right skills and personalities to make their mark in a big way. No more so than Peter Palmer, who after many years of voluntary commitment was British Orienteering Federation's Director of Coaching from 1986 to 1992.

Peter first encountered orienteering whilst at Cambridge University in 1958. Later, as a teacher of history in Surrey, he met John Disley and here started his wider involvement in competition and coaching. In 1967 he moved to the new Walton High School, Stafford as Deputy Head, where he stayed until his retirement from teaching in 1986. Walton pupils were soon introduced to orienteering and alongside the school group, the open club Walton Chasers formed in 1969 with Peter as its first President. Walton Chasers grew to become national 'Sports Club of the Year' in 1999, winning a prize of £10,000.

Peter and his wife Marlene both enjoyed working with youngsters, and their coaching activities included pioneering visits with promising youngsters to Sweden, where they forged some links with long-lasting benefit for British orienteering. Their children Mary and Stephen were (and are) keen orienteers and Stephen was a member of the British silver medal winning team in the World Championships relay in the USA in 1993.

Peter's wisdom and his philosophy as a coach of youngsters was immensely influential on others, and he inspired many a coach around the UK. One of these was Derek Allison, who took over the Junior Squad in 1990 and succeeded Peter as Director of Coaching. Peter also created new outlets for his ideas, including the National Navigation Award Scheme and the British Schools Orienteering Association. He was the first British Schools Orienteering Association



PETER WITH HIS CHILDREN STEPHEN AND MARY. A MEMBER OF WALTON CHASERS, ETER WROTE MANY BOOKS AND COACHING MANUALS AND WAS IN HIS ELEMENT WHEN COACHING YOUNGSTERS.

Chairman when it was formed in 1996.

Peter was a prolific writer. Titles include 'Orienteering for the Young' (1976), 'Pathways to Excellence – Orienteering' (1994), and the British Orienteering Federation Coaching Manual (1997). He edited 'The Complete Orienteering Manual', also published in 1997, and with Carol McNeill and Tom Renfrew he wrote the first International Orienteering Federation Guidelines for Junior Orienteering.

He had a way with words, able to express his outlook on life in a clear and straightforward way. An example from his autobiography:

"Orienteering fulfils a basic human instinct to explore. It can provide country adventure for urban children on their own doorstep. It can offer the freerange experience that I enjoyed as a child. Young people who take part in orienteering are likely to grow up confident, fulfilled and environmentally aware."

A fitting tribute to Peter's life is a memorial woodland. On 12 March 2011, more than an acre of trees was dedicated to his memory at the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust site at Brankley Pastures.



SUE HARVEY

Sue first came to notice as Sue Bone, a promising athlete. She was selected for the GBR teams for the 1968 and 1970 World Championships, finishing in the middle of the field in the classic races and running first leg for the relay team. She was British Champion in 1971. By this time married to Robin Harvey, she was in the team again in 1972 in Czechoslovakia. By then, she and Robin were becoming established as accomplished map-makers, and together they made all the maps for World Orienteering Championships 1976 in Scotland.

Shortly after, Harvey Maps was formed with a base in Doune, Perthshire and the firm continues to produce high quality maps to this day. Not so much for orienteering, however; the firm produces a well-known range of countryside maps for outdoor enthusiasts and has been contracted for many special projects.

Sue and Robin were also prime movers, along with the late John Colls, in starting the Scottish 6-Days in 1977, and Sue continued in a management role for the event until the end of 1988. She was instrumental in the formation of the 6-Day Company which came into being at the beginning of 1989.

Sue had, meanwhile, become so much engaged in the affairs of the International Orienteering Federation that she had become its Secretary General in 1983, working from home. She held this role until 1986. In 1988 she was elected as an International Orienteering Federation Vice President and then from 1994 to 2004 she was International Orienteering Federation President. In this period the number of member nations increased considerably. When she relinquished office she was



made International Orienteering Federation Honorary President for Life. She is an Honorary Member of the International World Games Association, having been its Vice President for a period from 2006.

Becoming British TrailO Champion is another of Sue's achievements, at the first ever Championships in 1992. She has also taken part in SkiO and MTBO. Her first love has always been FootO. "Perhaps my proudest moment." she says, "was to announce, after the 1983 Veteran World Cup, 'Now I am the ninth fastest old woman in the world!' I am not sure my husband entirely appreciated the comment."



Photo credit: Pirjo Valjanen, Director of Communications - Finnish Orienteering Federation

Establishing the Structure

ASSOCIATIONS

Initially there was a Northern and a Southern region in England, but to fall in line with government agency boundaries, the present English regional structure was established in the early 70's. The West Midlands Orienteering Association was the first to form, on 21 November 1963. The last two Associations to come into being were Northern Ireland in 1971 and East Anglia in 1972.

Early development in Northern Ireland owed much to Noel Bogle, a scout leader and a teacher at Limavady Grammar School who helped to found North West Orienteering Club. He drew local maps and introduced many of his pupils to orienteering, some of whom went on to run for Irish teams. He started to take school groups to major events, first the JK in the Lake District in 1976.

Noel reckons that more than 1,000 of his pupils tried the sport. He was also very active in managing the sport in Northern Ireland, and represented the Northern Ireland Orienteering Association on British Orienteering Federation Council for a while.

He has now been made Hon. Life President of North West Orienteering Club.

CLUBS

Edinburgh Southern Orienteering Club, Edinburgh University Orienteering Club, South Ribble Orienteering Club and Southern Navigators were four of the first clubs to be formed, all still going strong. Many clubs, mostly formed in the late 60's, were short-lived. Many of these had names including an alliteration; here's a selection

MEDWAY MAUNDERERS **KENTON KANTERERS (NEWCASTLE)**

EXETER FOOTSLOGGERS

SURREY SEEKERS

DYSART DASHERS (DYSART ARMS, A PUB IN SURREY)

OCCASIONAL ORIENTEERS

OK NUTS (NUTFIELDERS OK)

BANGOR BACKWOODSMEN

CHECKPOINT CHARLIES (CARDIFF UNIVERSITY) MOLE VALLEY MAP & COMPASS FOOT RACING SOCIETY

PATONS OC (CLUB BASED ON WOOL FIRM IN DARLINGTON)

DEVIZES DAWDLERS

MOJO STRIDERS

ASHFORD ACCIDENTALS

SHEFFIELD SHIFTERS (BECAME SHUOC) COMPETEERS (BECAME SAXONS)

HENBURY RUTTERS (LATER COMBINED WITH **BRISTOL FOOTPADS TO FORM BOK)**

ABERIGINALS (ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY) **ROXBURGH REIVERS (SCOTTISH BORDER)**

Of these, only Mole Valley and Roxburgh Reivers still survive. The others have been absorbed into other existing clubs serving larger areas. The reverse also happens: Claro Orienteers, the Harrogate area

club, was formed in 1990 through an initiative of Airienteers, and Matlock Orienteers is a relatively new subsidiary of Derwent Valley Orienteers.

A RATHER SPECIAL CLUB: FORTH VALLEY ORIENTEERS

Forth Valley Orienteers started in 1973. It has always had a great deal of success, but its biggest claim to fame is in winning the CompassSport Trophy for 8 Forth Valley consecutive years up to 2014. Orienteers Then it grew up, and has now won the CompassSport Cup for the past 3 years! Forth Valley Orienteer's royal blue

CompassSport, which had been started by Ned Paul, Hazelle Jackson and Chris Morris in 1980. Ned Paul edited for the following 10 years, then Suse to Ned. Suse became editor again in 1999, but the link with The Orienteer was dropped in April 2000. Since then, British Orienteering has produced its own magazine in various formats. Meanwhile CompassSport continued as an independent

BRITISH ORIENTEERING FEDERATION NEWS AND VIEWS

and gold colours are regularly seen on prize-giving

podiums around the country and further afield.

British Orienteering Federation had two publications in the early years: The Orienteer and Stop Press. The Orienteer started as a quarterly A4 stapled news-sheet, but quickly changed to an A5 magazine format. It was edited by John Disley until 1970, Roger Smith 1970-77, Arthur Vince 1977-80 and Roger Wilson 1980-82. It became bi-monthly in May 1972, and changed to A4 when Arthur Vince became editor. It was reduced in size in 1979 because of British Orienteering Federation's then financial problems.





was British Orienteering Federation Hon. Records Officer for many years. In 1982 The Orienteer was combined into Coon took over for a period before handing back

Stop Press, a 3 or 4 page foolscap stencil sheet of

results and news, ran to 68 monthly issues up to

November 1975, all published by Terry Dooris who

magazine and in 2006 was sold as a going concern to Nick Barrable.



Another independent magazine, Handrail, was first published in 1996 but never really took off. One or two 'fringe' publications have also appeared, most notoriously and hilariously The Borienteer, the creation in the 1970's of Simon (Hilary) Beck, now most well-known for his immensely intricate snow

In the future, another change for British Orienteering: after this issue, Focus will be produced in electronic format only.

PRESERVING THE RECORD

British Orienteering Federation has an extensive archive in the Special Collections section of the Sheffield University library. Most clubs in the UK would find many of their early maps and event results in sections of the archive. Almost all of British Orienteering's paper records over the 50 years, and pre-British Orienteering Federation, are held there, and some personal collections of special interest have been donated too.

Fresh Bearings New ways of introducing Orienteering

We will continue to work with partners to encourage more people to take part in our Xplorer programme, whilst looking to entice them into the sport. Feedback from our Xplorer partners indicates that there is interest from adults to take part in semi-permanent courses. These would run for 6 weeks and then change to a different





ORIENTEERING DAY -A RECORD BREAKING

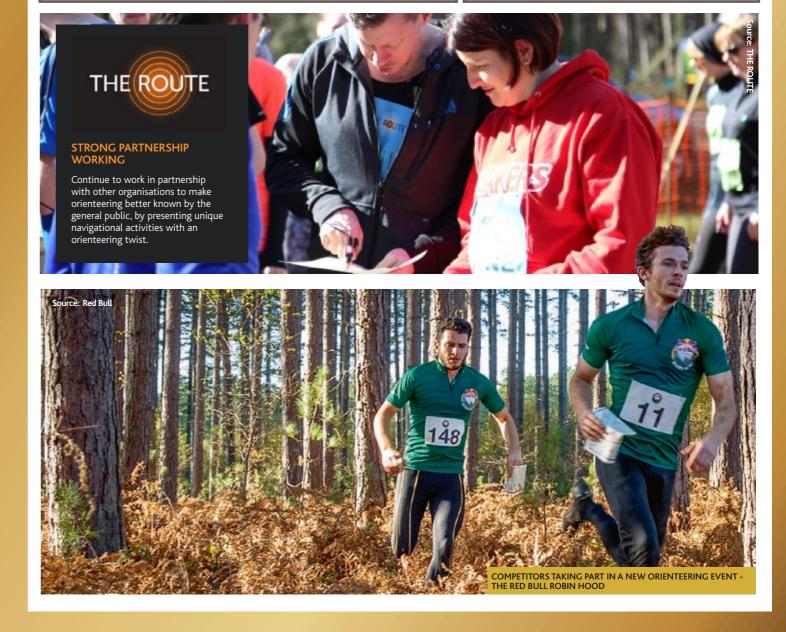


The focus of this day presents a great opportunity to make orienteering better known to a wider audience, especially local schools and the local press.





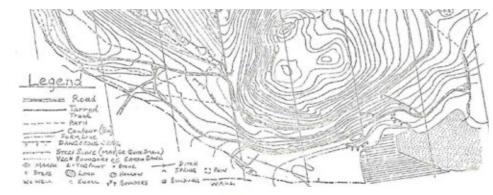
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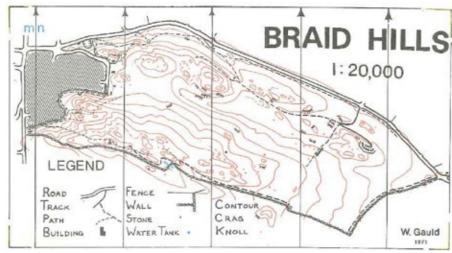


THEY'LL NEVER BE OBSOLETE!



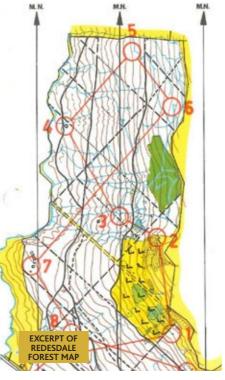
You can't go orienteering without a map ... The first o-maps were black-and-white photocopies of the Ordnance Survey 1:25,000. Then came newdrawn b/w maps, some with a few special symbols – see the extract of Holyrood Park (Arthur's Seat), Edinburgh drawn in the late 60's.





The next change was to 3-colour maps – black, brown and blue. Braid Hills, drawn by Bill Gauld in 1971, is a good example. By 1970 it was unusual to compete on a b/w O.S. map, and by 1971, four- and five-colour maps were becoming commonplace. The standard competition scale at many events was then 1:20,000 – as at Redesdale Forest in the 1971 British Championships.

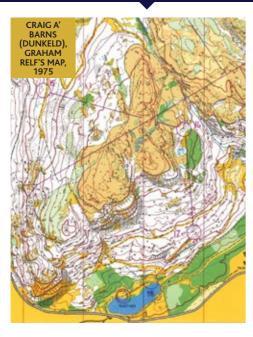
Soon after, 1:15,000 became the standard scale for 'classic' distance o-races. The range of international standard symbols that we use today was established in 1975. The standard of map drawing in the UK improved rapidly. A big boost was given by the maps for the 1976 World Championships (see next pages), drawn by Robin and Sue Harvey, which reached new levels of detail and accuracy.

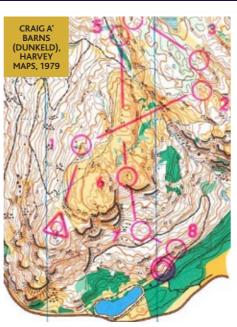


2 THE STARTING **POINT**

The O.S., traditional source of base maps, is less used nowadays. First came photogrammetry, in the early 70's. Use of this along with clear aerial photos led to some very detailed mapping, the classic example being Graham Relf's 1975 map of Craig a' Barns (Dunkeld). Compare this with the map made 4 years later by Harveys, much clearer as a result of more generalisation and better use of colour.

Now we have Lidar, extremely accurate in its interpretation of ground form. Lidar plots are sadly still not available for many parts of the UK. The combination of Lidar plots, hill shading and orthophotos (air photos mathematically corrected to remove distortion) provides the means to make a highly accurate o-map.

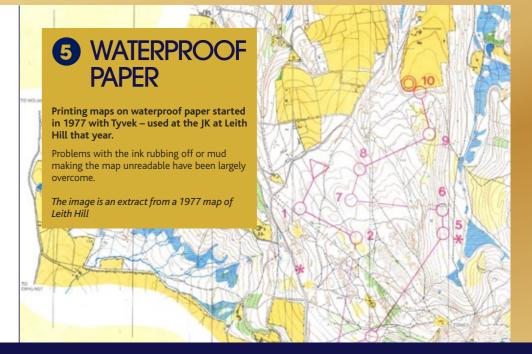




3 "FILM? **HOW 20TH CENTURY!"**

Stirling Surveys' Pat Blashill replying to a query about polyester film, once a staple item for mapping. Now it's getting hard to come by.

The modern professional mapper uses a tablet in the field with the base material pre-loaded and an OCAD file set up, and plots his way around with a mapping GPS. An extra aerial on a cap or hat gives a far better satellite connection; looks very odd though! Often the base map now has too much detail, and some smoothing out of contours and vegetation edges is done. Blocks of vegetation and other fine details are often clearly visible on a modern photo.



BACK IN THE **OFFICE**

First it was pen-and-ink drawing and Letraset symbols and screens on sheets of polyester film, one per colour, working on a light table. The technique of scribing, cutting lines with a special tool through lacquer coated on a transparent polyester base was popular in Scotland. Harvey's sold everything the keen map drawer would need - this advert is from

Both methods have been replaced by increasingly sophisticated computer programs, OCAD being the most well-known.



THE FIRST MAP OF HIGH DAM THIS YEAR'S BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS AREA

It was made by Dave Gittus and Roger Lott for the first ever Mammoth Weekend in 1969. They used just two days (!) to survey the area, sleeping in a van each night after a few pints in The Swan Inn at Newby Bridge. They then checked each other's work and drove back to Carlisle.

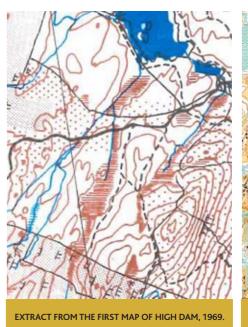
The base map was six-inches-tothe-mile, early 20th Century O.S.

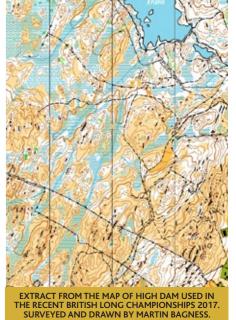
Dave writes: "Roger then drew up the map on the Wednesday whilst at Newcastle University, and I drove over from Carlisle and it went to the printers on the Saturday. We asked

the printer to reduce the drawings between registration points A and B

in millimetres. He said he didn't understand those foreign measurements and to give it to him to the nearest half inch! We therefore blanked out the scale and the surveyors' names

As far as I know there were 500 competitors and no complaints!"



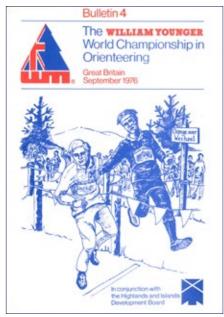


BRITISH ORIENTEERING FEDERATION'S

BIG OCCASIONS

British Orienteering Federation has staged three World Championships

1976: DARNAWAY



FRONT COVER OF THE WORLD ORIENTERING

The Earl of Moray opened his estate for the competitions, with the finish in front of Darnaway Castle. There was a Classic race, for which a special bridge was built by the Royal Engineers over the River Findhorn, and a Relay. The event was sponsored by the Scottish brewers Wm. Younger. A TV documentary of the classic race was narrated by Chris Brasher, and shown on BBC2 at prime family viewing time the following Christmas. Good publicity and follow-up led to a big growth in participation the following year.

Survey by: R and S Harvey 1974-76 | Copyright: British Orienteering Federation 1976

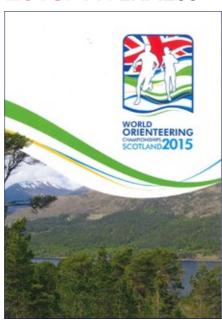
1999: INVERNESS



FRONT COVER OF THE WORLD ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 1999 BULLETIN

This time with Long and Middle (including qualification races) plus Relay. The Long race was at iconic Glen Affric and was graced by a flying visit from Prince Andrew, Duke of York. The Middle (then known as Short) Final at Cawdor was the scene of a famous victory for Yvette Baker (see page 14).

2015: INVERNESS



FRONT COVER OF THE WORLD ORIENTEERING

Sprint and Sprint Relay added to the programme, both in urban areas - Nairn and Forres. The Middle and Relay races were again held at Darnaway, with the same site as 1976 for the arena. The Long race was again held at Glen Affric, and won 'Course of the Year' accolade in a world poll. Entries came from 51 countries and record numbers attended the Scottish 6 Days (see below). BBC Alba covered

EXCERPT OF DARNAWAY MAPS, 1976 AND 2015 2015

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CELEBRATING THE PAST THE PRESENT THE FUTURE







World Cup races have been held in Great Britain on three occasions - in 1988, in 1998 in the southern Lake District where one of the women's races was won by Yvette Baker, and in 2005 in the Surrey Hills where there were four races - Relay, Long, Sprint and Middle. The Sprint Final was held in Battersea Park on the May Day Bank Holiday.

For older orienteers.

Scotland staged the 1994 Veteran World Cup, predecessor of the World Masters Championships. at Aviemore, and British Orienteering has applied to hold the 2020 World Masters Championships in South Wales.

The World TrailO Championships

Centre in Dundee and the main competitions in Tentsmuir Forest. A forerunner of World TrailO Championships, the 'World Cup in Trail Orienteering', was based on Inverness in 1999.

British Orienteering Championships

The first individual British Orienteering Championships, starting with the British Orienteering Championships 1967, were 'classic' distance races, equating to 'Long' today.

OTHER NOTABLE DATES ARE:

first British Relay Championships, Newcastleton (first JK Relay was in 1969)

first British Night Championships, Ash

first British Middle Distance Championships, Tarn Hows, Lake District

first British Sprint Championships, Williamson Park Lancaster

What next? The British Sprint Relay Championships - maybe ... It is becoming increasingly difficult to find enough clubs or Associations willing to put on all the annual championships, and some consolidation of the crowded and varied fixture list of UK-wide events is now necessary. There is talk of the Sprint and Middle Championships being part of the IK in future years.

The British TrailO Championships were first held in 1992 in Haigh Country Park, Wigan. There have been no British Championships so far in MTBO or SkiO.



ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 1967 MAP

Bend in a wall.

Summit on the Spur.

The Spring.

In a dry gully.

Junction of path and dry gully.

A Cairn 20 metres west of fire break

The Wall on steep slope.

The Niche.

Stream near a wall.

The Quarry.

A Depression.

12. Junction of forest roads.

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Multi-day events

The Scottish 6-Days started when a further use for the World Orienteering Championships 1976 maps was being sought; at that time there were no spectator races linked to a World Championships.

The summer of 1977 saw Scottish 6-Days races in Alvie, Cawdor Wood, Queen's Forest, Culbin Forest, Darnaway and Anagach. There has been a Scottish 6-Days every other year since then, with a record attendance of more than 6,000 for the 2015 edition, held with the World Orienteering Championships.

The other 'regular' is of course the JK (Jan Kjellström Trophy), held every Easter since 1968 and named after a Swedish orienteer who did some pioneering work in Britain and was tragically killed in a road accident.

In 'even' years when there is no Scottish 6-Days, multi-day events are staged in Wales or the Lake District.

BRITISH ORIENTEERING'S SPONSORS









GUINNESS was a generous sponsor of orienteering in the early days, the first of an illustrious list of sponsors.

THESE INCLUDE:

BATCHELORS CUP A SOUP NOVOTEL

PAPER SACKS INFORMATION BUREAU

PETER DOMINIC WINES

RANK XEROX

ROBINSONS BARLEY WATERS

TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK (TSB)

WEST BROMWICH BUILDING SOCIETY

WILLIAM YOUNGER'S BREWERY



Robinson's provided hospitality at British Orienteering Federation's major events in a converted double-decker bus: the event organisers had some headaches in getting it into the event arenas. Some of the sponsorships were very generous, for instance the £41,000 from TSB in 1991.

If only sponsorship was available in this way these days!

Several smaller firms more directly connected with Orienteering have also provided valuable sponsorship over the years.

British Orienteering Federation and the International Orienteering Federation

British Orienteering Federation joined the International Orienteering Federation in 1967. Since then, British Orienteering Federation has more than pulled its weight in International Orienteering Federation's workings and decision-making.

Two International Orienteering Federation Presidents have been British: Sue Harvey (1994-2004) and Brian Porteous (2012-16). John Disley was a member of the International Orienteering Federation Council from 1973 to 1984.

Others who have taken prominent roles in committees of the International Orienteering Federation include Clive Allen, Anne Braggins, Robin Harvey, Chris James, David May, Colin Palmer, Brian Parker, Erik Peckett, David Rosen and Brian Watkins.



DAVID ROSEN (SROC) – JK 1978
INDIVIDUAL RACE,
WHARNCLIFFE.
DAVID ROSEN IS CURRENTLY
THE CHAIR OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ORIENTEERING
FEDERATION RULES
COMMISSION.



SCOTTISH 6-DAYS ORIENTEERING

ROYAL DEESIDE 2017 SATURDAY 30 JULY - SATURDAY 5 AUGUST 2017

REPORT BY PAT GRAHAM, ON BEHALF OF MAR ORIENTEERING CLUB/ SCOTTISH 6 DAYS

Putting Ballater on the Map!

Preparations are now well under way for the Scottish Orienteering 6-Days Festival which promises to attract over 3,000 entries to Royal Deeside from 30 July to 5 August. Much International interest has been generated as the previous, highly successful Moray 2015 incorporated the World Orienteering Championships and competitors will be keen to return to Scotland for this year's event. Almost 2,000 entries have been received so far including those from Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong as well as throughout Europe and Scandinavia.

Royal Deeside has much to offer to visitors who enjoy the outdoors – hillwalking, cycling, golf and fishing to whisky tasting and the well-known Castle Trail. Local Mar Orienteering Club will be hosting the event in conjunction with Edinburgh's Interlopers Club and Scottish Orienteering and the Event Centre will be the Victoria and Albert Halls in the centre of Ballater – 'the Gem of the Cairngorms'. The Event Campsite has good quality washing and toilet facilities and also electric hook up and is situated just a 5 minute walk away from the centre and a good-sized supermarket.

Kicking off on 30 July with Day 1 being held in beautiful Glen Tanar, each day sees orienteering action throughout Deeside showing off some of the best countryside and stunning scenery the area has to offer. Day 3 at Birsemore will be a World Ranking Event and while there is

plenty to attract the top elite athletes with steep climbs, challenging terrain and technical areas, there are many other courses on offer suitable for all the family and all levels of experience including string courses available for small children to try each day. A Trail-O event is being held on one of the days at close by Cambus O May Forest which will be suitable for wheelchairs and buggies.

On the mid-week "day off" a Sprint race has been organised by Graham Gristwood and Sprint Scotland which will comprise a fast and furious race round the streets of Ballater – a sight not to be missed! This event is part of the 2017 UK and Scottish Urban Leagues.

Be a part of it! Enter now through Sientries.co.uk. Further information on the festival is available at www.scottish6days. com/2017 or follow us on Facebook or Twitter @scottish6days.









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Full results for all age classes can be found online: http://www.sportident.co.uk/results/2017/JK2017/ Congratulations to everyone who competed. Thank you to the South East Orienteering Association and all the volunteers who through their hard work made this event happen. In 2018 the JK Festival will be hosted by West Midlands Orienteering Association and will take place from Friday 30 March to Monday 2 April 2018.

















UK Orienteering League 2017

The remaining Event Schedule for 2017 is:

Date	Race	Competition (host club, location)
08-Jul	11	Fat Rascal Weekend
09-Jul	12	Fat Rascal Weekend
31-Jul	13	Scottish 6 Days - Day 2
03-Aug	14	Scottish 6 Days - Day 4
02-Sep	15	Caddihoe Day 1
03-Sep	16	Caddihoe Day 2
30-Sep	17	British Sprint Championships
01-Oct	18	British Middle Champs
04-Nov	19	Southern Champs Weekend Urban Race
05-Nov	20	November Classic and Southern Championships



Full results of the 2017 Individual League, visit: www.ukorienteeringleague.org.uk/page/individualleague Full results of the 2017 Club League, visit: www.ukorienteeringleague.org.uk/page/clubleague

National Rankings

Congratulations to Tessa Strain (Edinburgh University Orienteering Club) and Ben Mitchell (Swansea Bay Orienteering Club) who are both number one in the British Rankings as of the 16 May 2017.





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į	5	Laura Robertson	ESOC	7862
ř	6	Fiona Bunn	TVOC	7857
į	7	Catherine Taylor	SYO	7840
۰	8	Alice Leake	SN	7832
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The full rankings list can be found at: www.britishorienteering.org.uk/page/rankings

Fiddler's Ferry

BY BRIAN MEE WITH ADVICE FROM DAN RILEY (BRITISH ORIENTEERING)
AND PAT MEE (MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT ORIENTEERING CLUB)





The grounds of a power station are the last place one might expect to find an orienteering facility. However, SSE's Power Station at Fiddler's Ferry, near Warrington, includes such a facility within a nature reserve and education resource adjoining the main site. The cooling towers, a stone's throw away, provide an impressive backdrop.

The nature reserve was created as a part of SSE's commitment to the local community and offers a range of outdoor learning experiences free of charge. At Key Stages 2 and 3 there is the opportunity to study topics such as energy, electricity and sustainability. For Key Stage 4 and further education, the centre covers issues such as safety, environment, sustainability, energy from coal and biomass, flue gas desulphurisation and more. The nature reserve offers a wealth of wildlife, ideal for studying habitats, food chains/ webs and ecological sampling from primary school to university level. Additionally, a range of outdoor activities including problem solving and team building are available for local community groups.

Gemma-Hill Davis (Education Resource Centre Manager) met Dan Riley (British Orienteering National Participation Manager) at the Institute for Outdoor Learning National Conference. Discussions on the feasibility of integrating orienteering with existing activities led to British Orienteering provision as follows:

MAPPING

Dan Riley mapped the whole site and Brian Mee produced a large scale extract of the visitor centre area for introductory teaching exercises.

STAFF TRAINING

Pat Mee delivered a Teaching Orienteering Part 1 course to introduce staff to the basic skills of orienteering and to learn how to deliver sessions in a fun, exciting and enjoyable way. Learning was hands-on with each learner planning an exercise, putting out their own controls and delivering the exercise to the rest of the group. This approach made clear the thought and prior planning involved in the provision of a quality session. The high level of practical involvement also created a more interesting learning experience.

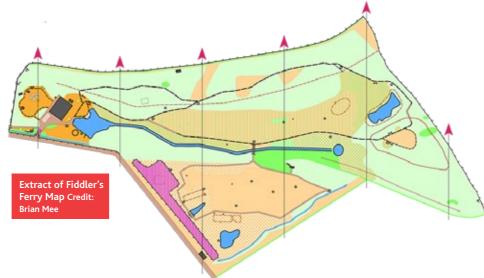
• PERMANENT COURSE SET UP

Dan provided advice on permanent control marker design and location and supplied the markers for the nature reserve to install. A permanent orienteering course is essential in a busy educational environment as there is often insufficient time to set out and take in control markers.

XPLORER

Xplorer is an educational navigation challenge that works well with younger age groups. It is educational and fun and gives children a sense of adventure as they explore the nature reserve to find the markers. Many of the marker sets complement the regular environmental work of the nature reserve.





PURPLE PEN COURSE PLANNING SOFTWARE

Staff were shown how to use Purple Pen for course planning and preparation. It will provide a time efficient way to create bespoke challenges for specific groups.

A spin-off of this provision was an interesting insight into severaal aspects of the power station. Access to the nature reserve is dependent on viewing a video detailing safety issues and the procedures to be followed in the event of potential emergency situations at the main site. On completion, a short test paper indicates whether



the information has been absorbed. If not, one keeps watching the video until all questions have been answered successfully! With some power still generated by coal, the site environment was incredibly clean. Over the last few years, SSE has implemented a number of European directives which have reduced some emissions by as much as 94%. By products from the processes involved usefully provide materials for the construction industry.

There is most certainly scope for varied and interesting learning experiences at the nature reserve with orienteering to complement them.

Gemma Hill-Davis Education Resource Centre Manager Education/Community/Health and Wellbeing, said:

British Orienteering have been a fantastic company to work with, they have delivered some high quality training and offered some great advice. It is a very exciting time and we enjoyed our first Xplorer event.

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