

SWOA Summer Relay Series 2013

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, the venerable SWOA established a series of relay races to save their members from seizing-up completely during the warm dry summer months whilst waiting for the cold, wet orienteering weather to return.

Usually shorter and slightly easier than the seasonal QOFL events, the relays are fun - fostering team spirit and light hearted rivalry between clubs from across the South West region. Like the baton changes in Olympic sprint relays, the change over between legs can be chaotic but that just adds to the excitement.

Races are handicapped and generally suitable for those running at Orange level or above, but are for QO members only. The Devon relays are even suitable for Yellow runners and family teams.

Entry fees

The club pays half the entry fee, and we try to arrange car sharing. What's not to like?

2013 Event Calendar

Date	Relay	Organising Club	Venue
Sun 16 June	Adams Avery	BOK	Blaise Castle, Bristol
Sun 23 June	Furrow Hoppers	WIM	Clayesmore School, Iwerne Minster
Sat 29 June	NWO Relays	NWO	Coate Water Park, Swindon
Sun 7 July	Moonraker Relays	SARUM	Fonthill
Sun 14 July	Hardy Relays- Hardy Trophy Veterans Trophy	WSX	Poole Park/Baiters
Sun 21 July	Devon Relays- Open Trophy Handicap Trophy	DEVON	Whitchurch Common

A young Mr. Richard, then living in Somerset, enjoyed the relays so much he wrote a song about them (allegedly).

Summer Relay

We're all going to a summer relay
no more QOFLs for a month or two.
Fun and laughter at our summer relays,
no more QOFLs for me or you,
for a month or two.

We're going where the sun shines brightly
we're going where the sky is blue.
We've read all about it in the QuOnicle,
now let's see if it's true.

Everybody loves a summer relay
running legs they always wanted to.
Now we're going to a summer relay,
to make our dreams come true,
for me and you.

Quantock teams have long been a Force in the summer relays, with a long and distinguished record going back decades. QO won the trophy in 2007 and 2008 but a dark Empire from the east has struck back to claim the trophies for the last four years – The Wessex Raiders. This must come to an end – it is time for...

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Your club needs you! We can enter multiple teams so if you are keen, young or old (or a former Scorer), please contact me, all are welcome.
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—Chris Hasler

