

# The QuOnicle



## The Newsletter of Quantock Orienteers

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## **EDITORIAL**

Just to avoid any confusion, I have stepped down from the QO Committee this year but am continuing in the role of QuOnicle Editor—it seems a few people thought I was relinquishing that role as well. That would never be allowed! I travel quite a lot during the week with my job, and I found I was starting to miss more and more Committee meetings—whereas with my trusty laptop I can edit QuOnicle from anywhere in the world (that sounds very exotic—at the time of writing I'm on a train somewhere in the vicinity of Pewsey!).

My two years on the Committee has been a great opportunity to learn more about our club, our sport and our members. There are lots of issues that require the Committee's attention that I'd never have even thought about had I just turned up to events, and your committee members beaver away behind the scenes to promote the club's interests and make sure we go forward on the best possible footing. This year the Committee has two new members—Robert Green and Jim Mallinson—and I'm sure they will both make a great contribution to the running of the club.

I did promise that in leaving the Committee I wouldn't diminish my input into the club, and to that end the first QOFL of the new season will be my first stab at being an 'Organiser'. I know Mark Maynard is always short on volunteers for this position, and we still need organisers for many of next season's planned events, so if you feel you can help out you'd be sure to make Mark a very happy man. His contact details are on the opposite page, along with the rest of the club officials.

*—Adrian Edwards*

## **CHAIRMAN'S CHAT**

As those of you who attended the AGM will know, the club will be moving to a 'rotating chairmanship' this year. Richard S has served his maximum term, and unfortunately there were no volunteers for this

role. Committee members will be taking chairmanship of the club on a revolving basis, with the incumbent remaining in the role until the next Committee meeting. As such the QuOnicle is likely to be without a Chairman's Chat. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank Richard once more for all the hard work he has put in over the past three years—and for always getting a 'Chairman's Chat' to me on time!

—Ed

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **News of People**

Congratulations to Jeff and Tamsin Pakes on the birth of their beautiful daughter. Flora was born on 23rd May weighing 6lb 10oz.

Apparently she has her dad's physique (so expect a long stride!) and could soon be making an appearance with mum at some JOG events, where she will be navigating from the comfort of a sling. The club presented Jeff with Flora's very own QO top (see photo) at the recent AGM, thereby staking QO's claim to a young girl who is surely going to be a World Champion Orienteer of the future!



### **QO Annual General Meeting**

Many thanks to those club members who stuck around after the Club Championships for the AGM. Minutes will be available in the News section of the QO website.

### **QOFL Winners/Club Champ**

Final 2010/11 Forest League results are now available on the QO website. Here are the top 3 from each course:

Blue: 1st W. Kromhout, 2nd R. Sansbury, 3rd B. Pearson

Green: 1st J. Pakes, 2nd R. Green, 3rd J. Trayler

Light Green: 1st G Pearson, 2nd C Hancock, 3rd A Edwards

Orange: 1st S Vigus, 2nd S. Maynard, 3rd E. Green

Yellow: 1st T. Hollingsworth, 2nd J. Green, 3rd A. Hollingsworth

White: 1st H. Green, 2nd E. Smith, 3rd O. Maynard

Also, congratulations to Chris Green (M10) on becoming the new Club Champion. Chris clocked up an impressive 810 points to take home the coveted antler trophy. Jack Williams (M7) amassed 945 points, but was 'non-competitive' having had some help from dad.

## **JOG NOTEBOOK**

We have had 7 JOG events, the Club Championships and the Avon Schools Relays since the last QuOnicle.

Mark Maynard planned the first event of the summer at Longrun Meadows and French Weir Park. He offered some crafty route choices but luckily no-one took the most direct one to reach the finish from control 11 on the yellow as this would have involved a swim across the river! We had a lovely sunny afternoon and over 50 people participating with Liz and Iain Pye coming to coach.



*Heather takes a fancy to Liz's cap!*

The 21<sup>st</sup> of May saw us at Fyne Court with the Green family in charge again. This time Robert set James to plan the white, Chris the yellow while Robert did the orange. They used the 1:2000 map for the wooded area for the white and the 1:5000 for the yellow and orange. The courses were well thought through and made really good use of the area. We're actually hoping to use them as the basis of a permanent course being set up at Fyne Court at the moment.

Ian Husband, Liz and Iain Pye were literally raced off their feet coaching, the photo on the previous page shows Heather relaxing having pinched Liz's cap!

Amy Hallett chose Queen's College to plan her first event. In the end she decided to stay inside the campus for all courses. Rog worked with Amy to offer advice on the route choices she had selected and it all worked exceptionally well. Being a school site you had to look well ahead as some routes were unexpectedly blocked. Brian Pearson helped Amy put out controls and stayed to coach. Mike Crockett was a great support again testing children for their various badges.

Broomfield Hill was the venue for John Fisher's event on 4<sup>th</sup> June, a favourite area with many families (the trees there are wonderful to climb). John whizzed the children through the complex and virtually unmappable wooded area and gave them interesting and challenging courses on the rest of the map. Adrian Edwards and Rachel Bussell coached, and gave stickers and balloons to all the children as we had registered as part of the National Family Activity Week!

11<sup>th</sup> June was at King's Cliff Wood and I was unable to attend so Rachel Bussell, Sarah Maynard and Bev Fernandes sorted the registration and general organisation. This was the first event Lloyd Williams had planned and he worked with Mike Crockett as his mentor. They decided to build a crossing where a path is marked on the map and of course this offered better courses. On the day Brian Fletcher helped Lloyd hang the flags and Mike acted as controller. Thanks to all who came to help and well done Lloyd for great courses.

Jim Mallinson planned at Cothelstone on June 18<sup>th</sup>, the weather was

rather dull but Jim had planned some excellent courses and took people, who thought they knew the area, to places they didn't know existed! We had 24 people which made it worthwhile but a lot of folk missed out on a good afternoon's orienteering. Ian Husband did some valuable coaching with several of our younger members.

Chris Philip offered to plan at Thurlbear Woods, the day started out very dull but by the afternoon it was dry and sunny. There are some interesting path networks and Chris made good use of them for the yellow and white and used the area effectively to give the orange runners a good navigational challenge. Brian Pearson came to coach and Bob Lloyd (who turned up to support) was 'roped in' as well to help a promising new orienteer gain few more skills. The Club Championships is reported elsewhere but I'll just note here that 16 JOG children competed.

Roger has written a report about the Avon Schools Relays and again I'll note that 15 children competed in 5 teams of 3.

It has been a very successful summer for JOG and I should like to take this opportunity to thank the MANY QO members who are happy to give their time to make sure we offer good quality courses, maps and coaching and give a positive orienteering experience to so many families.



*Tate getting his Squirrel badge*

*—Roger and Judy Craddock*

## EVENTS

### **Disaster Avoided—The NWO Relay**

It was a hot summer's day as we arrived at West Woods near Marlborough after the 100 mile drive from Taunton. On our second attempt we found the registration in a sunny meadow in the middle of the forest. After the usual formalities we found a shady place to wait and discuss our plan.



*Jeff, Dave and Richard at the NWO Relay*

The NWO relay comprised three short courses, six runs in total, but only one map and dibber per team. There were three in our team: Jeff Pakes, Dave Holmes and myself so we would each run two courses.

I was first to go. From the mass start I was one of the first away but with two chasers close behind. However I was faster over the rough forest floor and got to control no 1 first. Keen to keep my lead, I then tried to put some distance between me and my pursuers in the next leg, but rather predictably made the mistake of overshooting the control. I then had the embarrassment of meeting my pursuers coming the other way as I retraced my steps. Now behind I put myself under pressure to catch up and closed some of the gap over the next 2 legs. I lost sight of them as we thrashed through some thorny vegetation to return to assembly, and as I handed over to Dave it turned out we were in 2nd place.

Dave headed off to repeat my course as the rest of us retreated to the shade to wait. After a while runners started to return - where was our

man? Then Dave emerged out of the rough, looked at his map, and promptly turned round and went back in again! What was he doing? He was going somewhere I hadn't been. Doubts started to creep in. So I stepped forward and interrupted Dave's handover to Jeff. I immediately saw I had missed a control. So not 2nd place but disqualified! Disaster! One mispunch eliminates the whole team and make our 200 mile round trip count for nothing. I don't think Jeff and Dave would be too impressed.

As Jeff headed off, I went to consider if anything could be done. A discussion with the organisers revealed I could run my course again. This would add 20 minutes to our overall time, putting us well behind the winners, but at least we would have a team result. Disaster avoided.

Apart from my mistake, everything went well. Jeff and Dave put in good times. The planner had arranged the three courses in different directions, hence the choice of assembly in the middle of the forest. West Woods is a good summer venue and could support a much larger event than this. The only real problem was that with this format the whole competition stretched for well over 2 hours, and two-thirds of the time was spent waiting for your team-mates to complete. Perhaps two maps between three would have made things more interesting and tactical.



*Dave Holmes in action*

After our seven runs our team finished in 8th place out of 23 teams. Not bad, but we could have been 4th had it not been for my error. Sorry folks.

*—Richard Sansbury*

## Avon Schools Relay

Judy and I were keen to give the JOG children a chance to experience a competitive relay event and to mix them up with children from other families. Several years ago we had been involved with the Avon Schools League, and now the Green family have links with it so we thought it appropriate to enter the ASO relays on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Dyrham Park, North of Bath.

We entered five teams of three juniors, with a team of 'mums' and a team of 'dads' (and me!). QO also entered a team in the Adams Avery Trophy which they had won last year.

The O'Mahony, Smith, Modica, Green, and Hollingsworth families assembled and put up the tent and banners. For many of the JOG runners this was a first competitive run on their own with an SI dibber. So we organised adult team leaders Robert Green, Finbarr O'Mahony, Margaret Crockett, Annabel Modica and Judy to brief and 'launch' their charges.

Some mistakes were made and some route choices were 'interesting', but teams had a good time and the day proved a great opportunity for developing their skills and confidence.



*Heather Eden,  
Fionnuala and  
Finbarr*

My personal impression of the area – from the perspective of the Green course (which I ran expecting a Light Green!) were of a fast, open, well mapped area with additional deer, cattle and visitors to the National Trust property! A spectator control 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the way round the course was embarrassing but the views to the north and of the magnificent house and gardens helped reduce the pain of having to climb the undulating terrain several times in tussocky grass.

Thanks to the children for being so enthusiastic and helpful. Their attendance at the prize-giving was much appreciated – I know how important it is to applaud the achievement of children who have completed relays and been successful in a Schools' League.

It is 15 years since Judy and I took school teams to the ASO Relays and it was good to enjoy the efficient organisation of BOK and Avon Schools again. Thanks to the organisers Jo and Pete Foster.

Selection of results:

The White course team of Luke Dunthorn, Cassie Dunthorn, and Jack Williams came 11<sup>th</sup> out of 25 teams. Luke's time of 11.16 mins was the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest  
At the Intermediate level, Chris Green (Orange), Elliott Smith (Yellow), and Grace Williams (Orange) came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams.

— Roger Craddock



*Above: Sam, Sandra and Elaine  
Below: Tat, Issy, Niamh and Annabel*



## **Mendip Mashup**

For those of you who haven't heard of it, and I would imagine that must be most of you, as I didn't see a familiar face there, The Mendip Mashup is a fabulous event based up in Charterhouse, in the heart of the Mendips. In it's fourth year this time around, it is organised (exceptionally well I might add) by Martin Berkeley and The Mendip Hills Hash House Harriers. Martin's daughter, Lizzie, had cystic fibrosis and tragically died in June 2007. All proceeds raised from the event go to The Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

The Mashup is very similar to an orienteering 'score' event, except for the fact that you get the map in advance. This adds a really fun element to the whole event as you can plan your run (or walk) in the comfort of your armchair, weeks in advance. And believe me, some of the keener competitors plan it to within an inch of it's life, working out split times between 'controls' and so on.

Just like an orienteering event, you have a dibber and have to find up to 50 'flags', collecting points (10, 20 or 30 depending on difficulty) along the way. Each flag has it's own name such as 'Gorge Best' or 'Confetti Corner' and a description like 'behind beech tree, next to bomb shelter' or 'under right-hand side of large tree stump. Each flag is marked, quite literally with a flag! This flag will be green, blue or red depending on the value of the points on offer. Just to add some spice, there are 5 hidden flags, which are not marked on the map, though they are on the paths between the marked flags.

There are 3 options for the competitors. A one hour, a two hour, or a three hour race depending on your level of sanity. I had decided to go for the middle option of 2 hours. The great thing is that the starts are staggered, so that every one finishes at the same time, unless they are running late of course, in which case they lose points.

So, it was on a very stormy Saturday on the Mendip Hills, when I took part in my first Mashup. It certainly won't be my last. I had worked out a plan which I pretty much stuck to for the whole event.

Having spent numerous years trying to find orienteering flags, the Mashup flags seemed quite generous in comparison. Particularly as there was a stiff breeze blowing and the flags were in full horizontal mode. And is it just me, or does anyone else find the sound of a flag flapping particularly satisfying.

My first flag was lucky number 13 (Warren Farm), a twenty pointer. Not too tricky to find this one as it was in a fairly exposed spot and I had eyeballed from afar before we had even started. No doubt worth all of its twenty points as it was halfway up a steep hill. Next on my master plan was 17 (St Hugh). This one was better hidden at the base of a tree. It was then a case of following my plan, and trying to keep up a decent pace, with the best part of 2 hours on undulating and mixed terrain in front of me.

But what a joy it was. Some of the most stunning scenery on the Mendips (albeit seen through the copious sweat running into my eyes), and in dramatic weather. You could see the rain storms rolling across to the south, but they didn't venture over our slice of the Mendips.

Although the technical difficulty is probably of an 'orienteering orange course' standard, there is an enormous area to cover if you want to be up there with the serious contenders. I only made one navigational error which led to me missing two flags. I found myself running along the West Mendip Way and enjoying the scenery, eventually reaching the high point (physical, not metaphorical), of my odyssey on Beacon Batch for flag 33 (Prosser's Peak). A long haul across some pretty boggy ground to 31 (Temple Meads), and I had half an eye on the finish line with about twenty minutes left on the watch.

My plan was working well, as I had a few more 10 pointers to Hoover up and I would be on the home straight. I had even managed to stumble across one of the 'hidden' flags to add another thirty points to my tally. With the finish visible in the distance, I was running past the wireless station and expecting to see flag 24 (appropriately named 'Hello Hello?'), but it didn't materialise. Speaking to a fellow

competitor at the tremendous after-run bash, he told me the wind had blown it over, and it had fallen into some undergrowth. The one that got away!

With time slipping past rapidly, I just managed to bag another 10 pointer (Pondland) on my way to the finish, before a final dash to the finish dibbers.

It is at this point that the event changes into an exceptionally enjoyable post-run, full on, social experience, with a well equipped bar (Cheddar Ales), cakes, tea coffee, and if you want it, a proper cooked meal followed by more Cheddar Ale. My understanding is that the party goes on well into the night. Sadly, I had some child minding duties to perform in the evening, but there are lots of people who camp and stay for what I assume must be a terrific party. But maybe that's a story for next year.

By the way, did I tell you my fishing time. 1:59:56. Get in there!!!

[www.mendipmashup.org.uk](http://www.mendipmashup.org.uk)

— *Gary Wakeling*

## **QO Club Championships**

'Your penalty for not coming to the AGM is, you have to write a report about the Club Champs' said my husband. And I thought I'd got away with it...

Well, for a start the weather was superb and not at all the usual orienteering experience when you dread the moment the outer layers have to be peeled off. In fact I can't think of a better place to be than the woods at Castle Neroche on a blisteringly hot July day. The setting is beautiful with the added attraction of the ancient ruined hill fort. The event was organised by Will Kromhout, last year's winner, and as usual he produced an excellent course. Traditionally this is a score

event with a mass start and one hour to pick up as many controls as possible, some easy and with low points, some far flung and difficult which carry higher points.

As Rob is currently out of action, I went around with our daughter Heather. We bumped into a few families as we were on the easier controls cleverly designed to form a bit of a circuit. To increase our score we decided to head for a 30 point control where we were joined by a young girl who seemed a bit lost. She then confidently headed off in the direction of a remote 50 point control. Come to think of it I haven't seen her since – hope she isn't still out there.

Back on the track we picked up some speed (relatively speaking) and arrived quite near the finish so with ten minutes to spare we were able to find some of the higher scoring controls before dashing back to the finish.

After all the scores had been totted up the winner was announced. 10 year old Chris Green was both surprised and delighted to receive the impressive 'antler' trophy presented by Mike Crockett.

It was great to see so many people attending, especially the families with children. There were 41 entries with 18 Juniors, most of the latter coming along after being introduced to the sport at the highly successful Saturday JOG events organised by Judy and Roger Craddock.

Those of us who booked a meal at the Eagle Tavern that followed were in for a treat. The finger buffet was delicious and it was good to have a chance to talk to people I've only ever managed to grunt 'awright?' to previously. After the meal the League trophies and certificates were presented together with some new JOG trophies for youngsters who have shown particular progress with their orienteering skills. The AGM then took place while some of us hovered round our children in the pub garden.

What a delightful day, a very enjoyable orienteering event that everyone could throw themselves into, plus a relaxing pub meal, club

business discussed, awards presented, sunshine and a bit of socialising... What more could you ask for? See you next year.

N.B. At breakfast this morning Chris said 'do I really have to plan next year's event, dad?' to which the reply was 'Yes, but don't worry, you've got twelve months to think about it...'

— *Elaine Green*

## **PERMANENT ORIENTEERING COURSES**

If you'd like to keep your orienteering skills up to scratch over the coming months or are stuck for something to do with the kids over the school holidays that doesn't cost a small fortune, why not head out to one of the Permanent Orienteering Courses available in the vicinity? Bob Lloyd has very kindly collated all the information you need here.

All details are given as of June 2011, but as always it's worth checking before you make a trip in case anything changes. If you do discover any changes/errors, please email or ring Bob Lloyd ([bob@boblloyd.plus.com](mailto:bob@boblloyd.plus.com) or 01823 333251) so that he can keep this list up-to-date.

For information about other Permanent Orienteering Courses throughout the British Isles (there are nearly 400 in total) please go to the BOF website ([www.britishorienteering.co.uk](http://www.britishorienteering.co.uk)) and click on Events - > Permanent Courses.

**Course Name:** **ASHTON COURT**

Grid Ref: ST 555 727

Nearest Village/Town: Bristol

Maps available from: From the Golf Kiosk (£1.50)

Tel. No for map outlet: 0117 9738508

Email address: None

Website Address: [www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk/](http://www.bristolorienteeing.org.uk/)  
(Bristol Orienteering Klub)

Maps available by post: No

Postal contact tel. no.: N.A

Wheelchair accessible? Not Known

Access restrictions: Open Dawn to Dusk – 7 Days a Week

**Course Name:** **DUNSTER FOREST**

Grid Ref: SS 977 424

Nearest Village/Town: Dunster

Maps available from: Minehead Tourist Info' Centre.  
Dunster National Park Centre.  
The Crown Estate Forestry Office.  
Loxhole Sawmill, Dunster TA24 6NY

Tel. No for map outlet: 01643 821309

Email address: [info@dunsterestate.co.uk](mailto:info@dunsterestate.co.uk)

Website Address: [www.dunsterestate.co.uk](http://www.dunsterestate.co.uk)

Maps available by post: No—online. See above (pick - What to  
do/ Orienteering)

Postal contact tel. no.: As above.

Wheelchair accessible? Not yet.

Access restrictions: None.

**Course Name:****HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK**

Grid Ref: ST 478 168  
Nearest Village/Town: Stoke-sub-Hamdon  
Maps available from: Ham Hill Wardens Office (above grid ref)  
Tel. No for map outlet: 01935 823617  
Email address: hamhill@southsomerset.gov.uk  
Website Address: www.southsomersetcountryside.com  
Maps available by post: Yes  
Postal contact tel. no.: As above  
Wheelchair accessible? No  
Access restrictions: None

**Course Name:****LEIGH WOODS**

Grid Ref: ST 549 732  
Nearest Village/Town: Bristol  
Maps available from: Estate Office, Leigh Woods, Bristol  
BS8 3PZ (Cost £2)  
Map Reference: ST554731  
Tel. No for map outlet: 0117 9731645  
Email address: leighwoods@nationaltrust.org.uk  
(PDF File can be sent)  
Website Address: Not known  
Maps available by post: No. But see email address above.  
Postal contact tel. no.: N.A  
Wheelchair accessible? Yes  
Access restrictions: None known

**Course Name:****NINE SPRINGS**

Grid Ref: ST 555 155  
Nearest Village/Town: Yeovil  
Maps available from: Website:  
[www.southsomersetcountryside.com](http://www.southsomersetcountryside.com),  
Tourist Info' Centres in and around  
Yeovil, Ham Hill Country Park, South  
Som. District Council  
Tel. No for map outlet: 01935 462462 and ask for countryside  
Email address: countryside@southsomerset.com  
Website Address: www.southsomersetcountryside.com  
Maps available by post: Yes  
Postal contact tel. no.: 01935 462462 and ask for countryside  
Wheelchair accessible? No  
Access restrictions: No dogs zone around the lake but this  
doesn't affect the orienteering course

**Course Name:****SELWORTHY**

Grid Ref: SS 920 469  
Nearest Village/Town: Minehead  
Maps available from: On-line. PDF File  
Tel. No for map outlet: 01643 862452  
Email address: holnicote@nationaltrust.org.uk  
Website Address: <http://beta.nationaltrust.org.uk/holnicote-estate/things-to-see-and-do/>  
Maps available by post: No  
Postal contact tel. no.: N.A  
Wheelchair accessible? Not yet  
Access restrictions: None

**Course Name:****VIVARY PARK**

Grid Ref: ST 227 242  
Nearest Village/Town: In Taunton  
Maps available from: Taunton Tourist Information, Ticket and Travel Centre, Library, Paul Street, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 3XZ  
Tel. No for map outlet: 01823 336344  
Email address: tauntontic@tauntondeane.gov.uk  
Website Address: www.heartofsomerset.com  
Maps available by post: Yes  
Postal contact tel. no.: 01823 336344  
Wheelchair accessible? Yes  
Access restrictions: None

**Course Name:****WIMBLEBALL LAKE**

Grid Ref: SS 965 308  
Nearest Village/Town: Bampton, Devon  
Maps available from: Shop at Main Public Car Park or Outdoor Active Centre. Both at the Lake.  
Tel. No for map outlet: Shop: 01398 371257 Outdoor Active Centre: 01398 371460  
Email address: wimbleball@swlakestrust.org.uk  
Website Address: www.swlakestrust.org.uk/lakes-and-facilities/the-lakes/wimbleball-lake (but maps not on-line)  
Maps available by post: No  
Postal contact tel. no.: N.A  
Wheelchair accessible? Check with Outdoor Active Centre  
Access restrictions: None

## LEAGUE SCORING REVIEW

We have had a season with the new scoring system so in the spirit of true statistical analysis, I thought I would put together a comparison of different formats and then manipulate the findings in a totally biased manner to justify the change :-). This could be quite difficult however, as the overriding requirement is to fairly sort the pecking order, and they have all delivered practically the same result. Despite this I have slotted some of my own observations under each table and still believe the new method has the edge.

The four tables below are for New (2010-2011), Old (pre 2010), Positions (1st=1 point), and Grand Prix scoring respectively. I selected the top nine runners on Blue as they completed four or more events. The points totals are for the best four scores. Your feedback is welcome via email [bjeuph@gmail.com](mailto:bjeuph@gmail.com), the committee or through Quonicle...

The downside of the new method for some is that is not easy to calculate without a spreadsheet. On the plus is the 1000 point benchmark for an average run and the individual scores remain quite consistent regardless of who wins or how many turn up on the day.

NE W	Black	Rams	Buck	Ham	Crowc	Keep	Total
WK	1151	1147		1110	1181	1188	<b>4667</b>
RS	1157	1101			1088	1105	<b>4451</b>
BP	1112	1123	1101	1079	1054	1027	<b>4415</b>
CP	1080	1071	1083		1071	1063	<b>4305</b>
JM	1073	986	1036		1012	949	<b>4107</b>
AB	1011	954		1002	924	921	<b>3891</b>
ML	944	906	897	896	861	940	<b>3687</b>
LP	947	871		881	869	934	<b>3633</b>
IP	852	922	873	842		821	<b>3489</b>

The old system is easy to calculate and 1000 points for the winner is a traditional benchmark. Notably however nearly all the scores at Buckland and Ham Hill were dropped when guest elite runners had literally runaway wins.

OLD	Black	Rams	Buck	Ham	Crowc	Keep	Total
WK	986	946		745	1000	1000	<b>3932</b>
RS	1000	866			807	804	<b>3477</b>
BP	906	902	721	695	752	681	<b>3281</b>
CP	849	820	694		779	733	<b>3181</b>
JM	838	715	632		696	590	<b>2881</b>
AB	749	682		596	601	563	<b>2628</b>
ML	671	638	499	498	548	581	<b>2438</b>
LP	675	609		487	554	575	<b>2413</b>
IP	589	651	482	460		484	<b>2206</b>

'Positions' is a bit of a red herring as it could only be applied to a runner after completing four events. It does illustrate quite well the effect of a good turnout so to win this league just do one event on a miserable day?!

POSNS	Black	Rams	Buck	Ham	Crowc	Keep	Total
WK	2	2		3	1	1	<b>6</b>
RS	1	4			2	3	<b>10</b>
BP	4	3	4	7	4	5	<b>15</b>
CP	5	5	5		3	4	<b>17</b>
JM	6	10	10		6	8	<b>30</b>
AB	9	11		13	11	11	<b>42</b>
ML	13	14	21	21	13	9	<b>49</b>
LP	12	17		23	12	10	<b>51</b>
IP	20	13	23	27		14	<b>70</b>

Grand Prix gets around the necessity to do four events and seems to hold up well in the higher positions. It is again affected by the turnout on the day particularly further down the table so can be a bit of a lottery

GP	Black	Rams	Buck	Ham	Crowc	Keep	Total
WK	74	74		70	80	80	<b>308</b>
RS	80	64			74	70	<b>288</b>
CP	60	60	60		70	64	<b>244</b>
BP	64	70	64	52	64	60	<b>240</b>
JM	56	40	40		56	48	<b>184</b>
AB	44	34		30	34	34	<b>132</b>
ML	30	28	12	12	30	44	<b>82</b>
LP	32	22		8	32	40	<b>94</b>
IP	8	30	8	0		28	<b>44</b>

—*Brian Pearson*

## SELECTED OTHER EVENTS IN THE SOUTH WEST

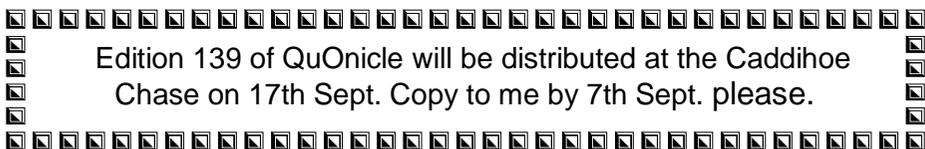
QO Fixture are on the back page, but here's a selection of other events taking place across the South West in the coming months:

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Grid Ref.</u></b>
24/07/11	Furrow Hoppers Relay	Blandford Camp	ST915075
16/08/11	NWO Novelty Event	Webbs Wood, nr. Wootton Bassett	SU037858
04/09/11	Devon Score	Fire Beacon Cottage, nr. Sidmouth	SY110915
10/09/11	NGOC Chairman's Challenge	Danby Lodge, Lydney	
17/09/11 18/09/11	Caddihoe Chase	Burrator, Yelverton	SX555691

## Fixtures Senior Club Events

01.10.11	Long-O	Holinicote/Allerford/	ST117410
02.10.11	Weekend	Selworthy Wood	SS794468
20.11.11	QOFL1	St Audries	ST117410
26.11.11	QOAD1	Dead Women's Ditch, Quantocks	ST162382
10.12.11	QOAD2	St Audries	ST117410
18.12.11	QOFL2	Lydeard Hill, Middle Hill, Aisholt Common etc.	ST181338
01.01.12	Xmas Novelty	Sheldon	ST122079
14.01.12	QOAD3	Holway (Taunton streets)	ST239240
29.01.12	QOFL3	Culm Davey	ST122158
12.02.12	QOFL4	Cothelstone Hill and Twenty Acre Plantation	ST190326
18.02.12	QOAD4	Triscombe Stone	ST164359
03.03.12	QOAD5	Castle Neroche	ST271161
25.03.12	QOFL5	Priors Park Wood	ST228167
15.04.12	Galoppen	TBC	
13.05.12	QOFL6	Staple Hill	ST247172

The Forest League (QOFL) is our series of regular events with colour coded courses, White to Blue to suit all abilities. Start times 11am to 1pm. Costs: Senior £7.00 (£5 BOF members), Junior £1.00, Families £12, Dibber Hire £1. Please see page 23 for a list of JOG fixtures.


  
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