

# The QuOnicle



## The Newsletter of Quantock Orienteers No. 142 March 2012

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## **EDITORIAL**

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it a broken piece of SI equipment? No, it was CompassSport editor and international orienteer Nick Barrable setting a blistering pace on the Green course at QOFL 2 at Crowcombe Gate (see page 16).

Whilst Nick's appearance grabbed the attention, our QOFLs this season have been extremely popular with orienteers of more modest ability with some bumper attendance figures. What's particularly pleasing to see is a large number of people trying our sport for the first time. In particular we had some Scouts from Wilton join us for QOFL 2, whilst some members of Somerset Walking & Activity Group (SWAG) attended QOFL 3 at Cothelstone Hill. I received some nice feedback from SWAG after they enjoyed taking on the Orange course, including some appreciation of all the effort our volunteers put in to stage events like this. Hopefully we will see some of these people at future orienteering events. And in the meantime, if any of you fancy going at a more leisurely pace for a change, we have an open invite from SWAG to join them on one of their walks (see <http://funwithswag.org.uk> for a list of upcoming walks). If anybody would like to take up this kind offer just drop me a line and I will set it up.

*—Adrian Edwards*

## **POST FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I must admit to not being in touch with the orienteering world at the moment. As you will know I have been out of action with a knee problem. Thanks to a very supportive surgeon, I am now back on the mend and doing a few events at a very slow pace. My aim at the time of the operation was to do the British Night Championships at Hampworth (New Forest) with sticks and walking boots if necessary. Last Saturday it happened in O shoes with no sticks.

It was a glorious night and great forest, very few paths but enough streams and ditches to keep you on the straight and narrow. The opposition on M75 were two other members of the BOK Army ie a group of retired persons from the Bristol area who attend the BAOC training events on Wednesdays.

Suffice it to say that we ought to be called the BOK Dad's Army after a pretty appalling result. The other two retired fairly early for various reasons. I had a good run/walk and was very pleased with myself only to be told MP. I had punched the wrong first control. After 33 years you would think I had learnt that you must check the code even if it is the correct description and on the correct compass bearing. In fact there was no M75 Champion this year but I am claiming a moral victory.

It is wonderful to see so many enjoying the QOFLs . 180 at one, 150 at another. That is more than we sometimes get at Galoppens. Thank you to all those who help to make these events a success.

Now what about the JOG events. 80 at the one at Netherclay woods. This must be the best since records began. We all owe a big thank you to Roger and Judy for organising these events each week. Roger hasn't been too well lately and has missed a few events. I am sure you all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him at the events again.

Nick Fernandes now has a firm following at his coaching sessions which will in time produce many keen and competent orienteers. The main thing about any sport is that you enjoy it. It is obvious from these numbers that orienteering is enjoyed. Long may that continue. Please remember that these events can only take place if people put in a lot of effort. If you can find time to help it will ease that load. My thanks, on your behalf, to all who contribute in any way to the success that we are experiencing.

—Mike Crockett

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **Membership News**

A warm welcome to the Johnson family from Blagdon Hill—Graham and Fiona and their three children Joseph, Max and Ned. Graham has some previous experience having orienteered as a boy! We also welcome the Robertson family (Julia W 55, Steve M55, Nicola W21 and Thomas M20) to both the club and the area. They will be moving to the SW soon, at the moment they live near Colchester.

Former QO member Simon Beck has been making headlines recently. Simon is still a good friend of the club, drawing many of the smaller maps that we use from time to time. A Daily Mail article revealed that Simon is as a prolific generator of “Crop Circles” with a difference. Simon’s circles are made in Switzerland and formed in snow. The circles are a truly magnificent sight—to see for yourself visit <http://www.facebook.com/snowart8848>

For those of you reading this in a ‘paper’ copy it will probably be easier to get this link from the QuOnicle version that is on the QO website.

### **JOG Report**

Will Kromhout planned the first JOG of 2012 at Blackbrook Pavilion. As you might expect Will took us into areas we had not ventured into before, managing to make better use of the area. The weather was not great but 45 people turned up, so it was certainly worthwhile. The QOAD took place after this and Will used the Blackbrook/Holway street map with a second master map for the faster runners.

This term our head coach Nick Fernandes had identified 4 areas where he was going to provide specific coaching, Vivary was the first of these. Nick asked Rog to plan a white and a yellow course, 2 challenge loops and an all controls course. Nick set objects on a tabletop placed on the ground and the children drew what they saw from a ‘bird’s eye view’. They were then put into small teams for Head to Head relays.

John Fisher planned imaginative courses at Longrun Meadow and although the weather was uncertain 67 people came to enjoy themselves and keep us busy. This is a good venue for encouraging passing interest and several people were drawn to see what was happening.



*Talking it through with the planner*

Afternoon rain was forecast for the Triscombe Stone event and it arrived, with a vengeance, at 1.30 and departed at 3.30 leaving clear blue skies by 4.00!! Driving rain and mist made Jim Mallinson's courses even more interesting than he had imagined. Amazingly we had 24 people and two children achieved badges. Shardonay Pye, her squirrel and Tom Hasler his Badger. Jim had planned the QOAD that followed but due to a clash with other events numbers were down.

A sunny afternoon and a convenient venue ensured an excellent attendance at Netherclay Woods, 83 people came, luckily in a more or less constant stream. Rog was out of action with a bad back and Nick had broken his arm (but managed OK). We have been very fortunate in the last few months to have Grace Williams helping as part of the Volunteering section for her D of E Award, so she and Amy Hallett (a founder and stalwart JOG member) manned the registration and explained Nick's coaching plan: each child was to mark up his own map before setting off on their chosen course. An excellent exercise, and for those of you under 35 a novel idea, no doubt. To me it brought back horrific memories of red pens that didn't work, wet maps that



*Tom gets his Badger badge*

broke up when being written on in the rain and leaky plastic sheets covering never enough master maps. At the end of this event Amy Hallett was awarded her Fox badge, the first person to achieve this, well done Amy. (See photo)



*Amy receiving her Fox badge*

The next area was Castle Neroche with Chris Philip planning. As we have been there several times we decided that we'd start in the NE of the map, opening up new and interesting areas. There was a heavy hail storm before the event but by 2.00 the weather had brightened and with sun streaming through trees laced with drops of water it was a magical place to be. Chris had planned the orange to extend the more able children and many appreciated the thought he had put into his courses. Again we had amazing attendance. The QOAD followed but starts had to be delayed for half an hour due to it being too light!...it was the last of the season. Chris had been a bit concerned that the area might not be large enough for an hours score event. On the night Will arrived back with 2 mins to spare having gone round the area twice and got all the controls!



*Shardonnay gets her Squirrel badge*

The prize-giving was at the Greyhound Inn afterwards where Bob Lloyd presented the Owl Trophy to Will Kromhout who gained a full house with 3,000 point. Richard Sansbury came second with 2608 and Jim Mallinson third with 2414. However *with the handicap* Jim came second 2843 and Richard third with 2682 points !

Rachel and Andy Bussell worked together to plan and prepare the courses and maps for Broomfield Hill. A lovely venue on a sunny afternoon with the air full of birdsong, no wonder the numbers were high. Nick did a Map Walk with the juniors while older children and adults set off on a score course. The juniors then returned and did their league runs.

The 2 QOFLs at Crowcombe Park Gate and Cothelstone Hill were both well supported by JOG members and their families.

The JOG League results after 6 events are:

White	Yellow	Orange
1. Andrew Page 486	1. Kieron Hopkins 444	1. Amy Hallett 330
2. Fionnuala O'Mahony 213	2. Thomas Hasler 200	2. Thomas Hasler 259
3. Elias Warren-Parr 199	3. Joe Johnson 187	3. Matthew Keogan 100

Our summer season will be from 28<sup>th</sup> April to 14<sup>th</sup> July.

We would like to thank John Fisher and Bob Lloyd who turn up to many events to offer help, during one afternoon they are known to have helped newcomers, shadowed juniors, awarded badges and manned registration! Thanks are due too to Bill Vigar and Dave Holmes. Dave keeps finding and mapping small new areas we can use locally, wonderful.

*—Roger and Judy Craddock*

## **Technical stuff for planners, controllers and SI equipment managers**

Following the recent well received technical training course on the purple pen orienteering course planning software hosted by our Dave Holmes recently, I thought it prudent to write a few additional notes for new planners and controllers.

As the people who attended the course have discovered purple pen is a very useful tool to produce course overlays and finished competition maps. It usually requires an area map in 'Ocad' format which most maps are now drawn with. There are several members of the club who have this software and indeed many of our maps are now available in this format. There are however still many club maps that have been produced using a different format which is not directly compatible. I now have copies of most of these which I am gradually converting to a format which will be accepted by the purple pen software. The purple pen software is a free download if prospective or new planners want to have a play with it (<http://purplepen.golde.org>). I can supply trial maps on application. The courses finally produced in the purple pen software are also easily exported into our timekeeping software 'Autodownload' used with the SI hardware which makes my job of pre-setting up of each event in the computers very simple.

Therefore it would be greatly beneficial if all planners now use this software to produce each event- Either myself, Dave Holmes, Richard Sansbury and I'm sure many others are proficient in its use and can provide support for new users, although it is very simple and intuitive.

It is apparent that the club still does not have anybody apart from me completely capable of setting up and operating the Sportident equipment before, during and after each event. This is not satisfactory, as I cannot guarantee to be at every event. With this in mind, I intend to host another training day in Taunton using the equipment. Topics covered will be synchronising the internal clocks before the event using 'SIconfig' software, setting up a computer network, using 'Autodownload' software before during and after the event, event safety aspects and producing useable results. The session will be low

key, very much hands-on, and concentrate on the practical side of running a mock event without getting too techy! We will work at the pace required so all benefit! Programming skills are not a pre-requisite, but it will be assumed that users are familiar with MS Windows and can find their way around a keyboard. Any club-member who wants to learn more is welcome to attend, given a maximum of six persons due to restraints on available hardware to use on the day- if oversubscribed, I am happy to run another event at a later date. The course would be a weekend day and run for about 5-6 hours or so.

If those interested can mail me their interest, I'll arrange a suitable date and venue and go from there. My e-mail address is [andyr.qo@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andyr.qo@hotmail.co.uk)

Many thanks in advance

—*Andy Rimes*

## **Purple Pen News**

Thanks for all the positive comments on the PP 'workshop' we did in January. Your comments have already been used to amend the course.

As we found out, PP ideally needs Windows 7 or Vista. If you have Win XP it's only OK with the latest updates. If you are not able to update regularly on line, contact me and I will send you the necessary file.

Don't forget that if you send courses to somebody else (eg controller, printer) you need to supply the PP file (overlay) AND the map, as a pair.

Either Roger or myself can print directly from PP with an Ocad map. Anybody who couldn't make the workshop is very welcome to have a CD with everything on it so you can 'DIY'. Let me have your address. There is also a shorter word doc (basically the workshop without the exercises) for those with some experience of PP to help you find the things you need.

Any maps that I supply from now on will be in Ocad version 10. You can open them to view with PP, and print off blank maps for planning purposes. If you prefer you can download a (free) viewer from the Ocad website, which enables you to print and convert to bmp or pdf, but you need to go back to PP for setting up the actual courses.

If you are using one of Bill's maps you can now obtain the bitmap directly from Andy Rimes, who holds conversions of all the files. In this case plan your courses as normal with PP but send Bill ONLY the PP file, not the very large bitmap.

There appears to be some temporary problem with the PP website. If you need the software but are unhappy to use the site directly get in touch and I will forward a 'safe' file with the latest version.

Help is always available tel 01823 451343 or drholmes@btinternet.com

—*Dave Homes*

## **QuOte UnQuOte: Jenny Tennant**

**Name:** *Jenny Tennant*

**Occupation:** *Retired - trained at Dartford College of P.E. and finished up lecturing at Derby Lonsdale College, which is how I became a founder member of DVO.*

**Age Class:** *W80*

**How long have you been orienteering:** *45 years +*

**How did you get into the sport?:** *Working for the Central Council for Physical Recreation I visited an event put on by a Boy's Club in the Nottingham area. Shortly afterwards John Disley founded Southern Navigators which I joined.*

**Best orienteering moment...:** *Gordon Pirie passed me twice! In 2001 at the Scottish 6 days at Lochaber I came 2nd or 3rd on all six days in the W70's (never 1st!)*

**...and worst orienteering moment:** *Travelling downhill in a Swedish forest for five minutes before realising that I had reversed my compass.*

**What's the one piece of advice you wish you'd been given when you first started orienteering?:** *Always remove a tick by twisting it anti-clockwise. They love to jump on me and this tip from the Scandinavians has stood me in good stead.*

**Favourite O shoes:** *I now trundle round in what were Tretorn Trotters, but are now made by Nokia.*

**Thumb or baseplate?:** *Thumb*

**Favourite O areas:** *anywhere with a lot of contours – but not niggling sand dune ones. One of the joys of orienteering for me is that it has taken me to such varied and wonderful forests and given me so many memorable experiences, both in the UK and abroad.*

**What are your other interests?:** *gardening, bell ringing and playing the organ, none of which fit well with orienteering.*

**What's your favourite TV:** *any Attenborough type programmes and Master Chef! I have to use sub-titles. My failing hearing means I cannot enjoy films or music.*

**Who do you most admire?:** *In the wider world, Nelson Mandela – among my O rivals, Ann Donnell for her consistency.*

**Give us one fascinating fact about yourself that other club members might not know :** *I picked up the red deer antler that forms our club trophy in the wilds of Sutherland. Arthur Vince had it beautifully mounted on wood - the grain of which represents a control flag.*

**And finally, describe yourself in three words:** *Jack of all trades, master of none.*

## **Just caught the orienteering bug (Or should that be buggy?)**

A trend over the past few years has been for bright sparks of the orienteering world to introduce or revive alternative formats for what is essentially a cross country foot-based navigation sport.

We have seen this locally with Will Kromhaut's mountain bike club (SMBO) and QOAD events and the urban series of 2009 instigated by Richard Sansbury. In their attempts to find a wider participation base, the orienteering authorities also seem keen to encourage alternative formats, particularly the latter type (urban or sprint O). There's plenty of others, take your pick from Ski-O to Trail-O. Like your gadgets? Try Radi-O- apparently you tune into a radio signal produced by the control, which indicates how close you are. [*Ed: Are you making that one up??*]

Last weekend up at Broomfield for JOG, I developed another format- Buggy-O. It involves doing the equivalent of a Yellow course but with the impediment of pushing your child around in a three-wheeled buggy. It's tremendous fun. OK, maybe lacking in technical challenge with the navigating.



*Buggy-O World pioneers Jeff and Flora*

But the test of keeping nine-month old Flora happy (with rice cakes) and safe while trying to map-read and punch would be sufficient. It also would beat sitting indoors on a lovely spring Saturday afternoon while Tamsin and my father-in-law Colin had all the fun doing an 'Orange' or a Score! Colin had recently snapped up an unwanted "three-wheeler". Then Tam had the bright idea that the long, wide grassy rides would provide an ideal 'road test'. The event then became "eagerly-anticipated". OK, not quite in the same way that visits to Penhale Sands, Holne Moor or Crowcombe Heathfield used to but then things have moved on.

I did toy with venturing out onto the hill- a helpful JOG dad volunteered to lift the buggy over a stile- but previous misadventures with overly-inquisitive cows put paid to that idea and with it my hopes of punching all the controls. Flora enjoyed the bouncy ride and gave it her top compliment- she fell asleep. The impediments were plenty but not mission critical and were easily solved. Tree roots, mud and fallen trees (lift the buggy over), steep slopes and narrow tracks (turn back) and holly (pull Flora's cap and hood down and walk the buggy backwards to keep the stuff out of her eyes). The buggy, a tremendous piece of kit with responsive suspension, took it all in its stride and was fun to handle. I got a decent run (literally, on the flat bits), didn't get backache (the curse of the buggy) and the child had a grin on her face at the finish. Our club coach Nick was ready with a wisecrack. "Did you get all the controls?"

—*Jeff Pakes*

# SHOCK! HORROR!

## Untidy controls seen at QO events....

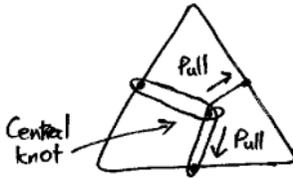
At a number of recent events some of our control kites have looked saggy and dishevelled. It is apparent that a number of us don't know how control kites can be adjusted. I offer the following advice to get your controls standing smartly to attention.



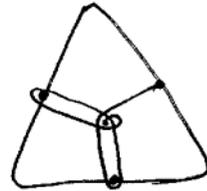
*Wonky!*

### Step 1- Adjust string lengths.

The kite hangs from 3 strings. These are in fact just one length of string looped through a central slip knot. Pull the strings through the knot until the three lengths are equal. The kite should then hang vertically.



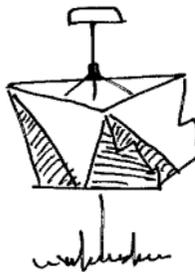
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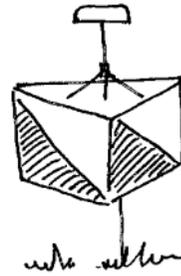
*All equal*

### Step 2 - Slide the kite around the wire

The kite gets its shape from a wire triangle top and bottom. The fabric can slip so sometimes the orange shapes are not in line with the points of the triangle or out of step top and bottom. Slide the fabric around the wire to correct this.



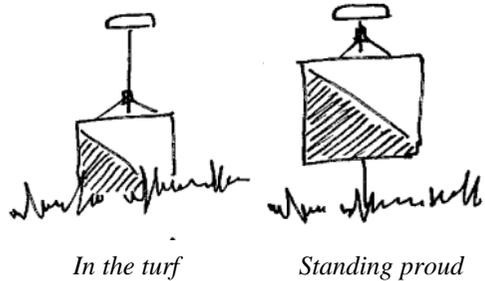
*Something wrong.*



*Neat!*

### Step 3 - Raise the kite to the top of the cane

On our SI controls, the kite hangs from a plastic clip which can slide up and down the control cane. Slide the clip up so that the kite is as high as possible. It isn't a game of hide-and-seek, the kite should not be hidden.



—Richard Sansbury

## **EVENTS**

### **QOFL 3 – Crowcombe Gate, 29th Jan**

As some of you no doubt noticed, we had a 'superstar' in our midst for QOFL 3 in the form of Compass Sport editor and world-class orienteer Nick Barrable. Personally I thought we had some Gremlins in the SI system when I clocked the winning time for the Green course at the bottom of my printout.

Roger Craddock swapped some emails with Nick following the event, so here's some feedback from the man himself:

"I was in Torquay for my Grandmothers 100th birthday. I was somewhat disappointed not to get to the Saturday Night League on Smallhanger waste. But I didn't want to miss out on the Sunday! I had a flight at 1635 from London Heathrow and being reliant on my parents for transport, they were not keen to detour so far off the M5! Anyway, it all worked and the M4 wasn't the pain it sometimes is.

So the event was one big rush for me as I got changed in the car pre-event before arriving. I am sorry I didnt get to experience the Blue,

but I really didnt want to spend any more time there. The CompassSport laptop died last week and I had one to collect from Exeter PC world (Torquay had run out of the one I wanted) and they didn't open till 1030 - blah blah blah - so time was tight.

I didnt have much of an idea what the area would be like - so when we got to Assembly it looked very Dartmoor-esq moorland. The bloke on the start said it was all open moor when I asked him, but we soon got into the steep wood!

I noticed a few things - one was the large number of families/dog walkers/groups, pairs, juniors etc. and at one control, some jovial chat going on as two friends met. It all seemed very friendly and very positive. It showed the sport thriving I thought.

The course was fine - the terrain is a bit restrictive for planning. Map was ok - certainly more paths and things going on than shown, but it didn't detract. I am not a great fan of bingo pits/depressions in expanses of nothing, and would have placed them on the edge of the pits to make them a bit more visible. Plus I think the finish (as per recent Controllers Connundrum in CompassSport mag) is better served/more visible, with kites hanging from the finish.

So overall, a challenging, hilly area with some fast running between fine views. My mother liked the horses!

Thanks for all you hard work on the event - sorry I cant get to more QO events...

—*Nick Barrable*

Following this, the Somerset County Gazette included a review of QOFL 3 in its Sports section under the headline 'Barrable shows how it's done'. "*NICK Barrable, editor of Compass Sport Magazine and an international runner, ran in the Quantock Orienteers Forest League on Quantock North last Sunday. His time on the Green course (2nd most difficult of six courses) was 25% faster than his nearest rival, Steve*

*Robertson (QO) in the field of 40 competitors. The Elite course of 6.2 km with 355m climb was won by Rob Parkinson in 51mins -ahead of Brian Pearson (QO) and Steve Horsler (WIM)."*

## **QOFL 4 – Cothelstone Hill, 12th Feb**

I may have been running the Green course, but the ground was definitely of the 'brown' variety as the horse riders had been out in force churning up many of the tracks, and there was a danger of turning 'blue' if you stood about too long on what was a pretty chilly morning. Still, my wife would probably think I was off having an affair if I didn't come home from orienteering rosy-cheeked and plastered in mud!

The first thing that struck me when I picked up the map was the lack of text control descriptions. This was the first time I'd been faced with a map where I only had pictorial control descriptions to work with, and rather inevitably there were a few that I didn't recognise. Note to self: must do some revision! In the meantime, I'm sure I'll figure out what those mystery features are if I can just get myself in the circle...

The other thing that *should* have struck me when I picked up the map was the 1:7500 scale. I was on the first control (foot of a crag) in a flash. I found out afterwards that the start had been moved 40m down the track at the last minute to avoid a fallen tree, so the combination of that and the map scale really did catch me out. Still, the first control on Green was easily visible from the track so there was not much chance of overshooting it.

Control 2 was also pretty close by and a short detour from a track, but I was now mindful of the map scale. The next few controls then followed the contours round the west side of the hill, with the fifth control taking us up along the southern side of the fence running along the length of the open hilltop. From there I headed south down the hillside on a rough compass bearing, counting off the parallel tracks as I crossed over them. I lost a little bit of time when I found myself at the top of a bank looking down onto one of these tracks.

Had I been a bit braver I would have taken a jump, but in the end I chickened out and took a slight detour to find an easier route.

Control 6 reminded me of one that obstacle-course game-show that Richard Hammond hosts on BBC1 on Saturday nights. In hindsight I could have probably caught the control on the way down the hill and saved myself some hassle, but like many competitors I chose an attack point at a path junction on the lower side of the control situated on a knoll. My first few attempts to reach it all resulted in a muddy slide back down to the bottom, and another chap was having exactly the same problem. We seemed to pass each other several times going up/down the slope until we both managed to find some grip from somewhere!

Looking at Routegadget, I think most competitors took more or less the same route choices for the first 10 controls. The leg from control 10 (situated at the eastern end of the open hill top) to control 11 (in the woods across the road in the north eastern part of the map) split things up a bit. Some competitors opted to take a more or less straight-line route through the undergrowth and into the woods, while others opted for a dog-leg route taking advantage of some paths. I went for the latter option, and I think on balance it was probably the best choice. Certainly the tracks were very runnable, and the control on a knoll was actually just visible from a track running parallel to the road.

I then went on a little loop around the wooded hillside to pick up controls 12 and 13 (an uphill slog!), before picking up the same path as before and going back past control 11 to pick up control 14 on the other side of the path. It certainly discouraged 'following' as there seemed to be orienteers going in all directions around here! It was then back across the road and contouring along the hillside to pick up the last few controls before a last muddy path run/slide to the finish. The fun was over...now it was time to go home and wash those shoes again!

—*Adrian Edwards*

## Quantocks Quiz

So you're a member of Quantock Orienteers, but how do you know about the hills our club is named after? Below are some Quantocks-themed questions—the answers are on page 22 (no peaking!)

1. The Quantock Hills were England's first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, but in what year did they receive this designation?  
  
A: 1949  
B: 1956  
C: 1964
2. Will's Neck is the highest point on the Quantocks, but how high is it?  
  
A: 384m  
B: 442m  
C: 501m
3. Who plundered Watchet in the year 987, and again in 997?  
  
A: The Vikings  
B: The Scots  
C: The Danes
4. Between what years did the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge (right) live in Nether Stowey?  
  
A: 1797-1799  
B: 1753-1757  
C: 1813-1816



5. The rocks that form the Quantock hills were primarily formed during which geologic period?

- A: Silurian
- B: Devonian
- C: Jurassic

6. Stowey Castle at Nether Stowey was built during which century?

- A: 11th
- B: 13th
- C: 15th

7. The Coleridge Way footpath links the Quantocks, Brendan Hill and Exmoor. How long is it?

- A: 25 miles
- B: 36 miles
- C: 45 miles

8. Who filmed a music video in the Quantocks?

- A: Robbie Williams
- B: Bryan Adams
- C: The Wurzels

9. In what year did the West Somerset Railway first operate?

- A: 1862
- B: 1830
- C: 1901

10. What is the area of the Quantock Hills?

- A: 23 square miles
- B: 55 square miles
- C: 38 square miles

## The Quantocks Quiz answers...

1. B — The Quantocks became an AONB in 1956
2. A — Will's Neck is 384m (or 1,261ft in old money)
3. C — The Danes twice plundered Watchet
4. A — Coleridge lived in Nether Stowey between 1797 and 1799
5. B — The Quantocks are primarily formed of rocks from the Devonian period (named after our neighbouring county)
6. A — Stowey Castle was built in the 11th century
7. B — The Coleridge Way is 36 miles long
8. C — Canadian rocker Bryan Adams filmed the video to his hit song '(Everything I Do) I Do It For You' around Holford and Kilve
9. A — The West Somerset Railway began operating in 1862.
10. C — The Quantocks cover 38 square miles.



# Quantock Orienteers Galoppen



**Sunday 15th April 2012**  
**Croydon Hill**  
**SS969411**

**Location:** Croydon Hill near Minehead. Event signed from the A396 1k west of Dunster

**Terrain:** Forestry with large tracks, paths and some steep slopes.

**Parking:** Along forest roads (one way system)

**Map:** 1:10.000 for longer courses overprinted on waterproof paper. 1:5.000 otherwise.

**Courses:** Full range of colour coded courses - white to brown. Shortest courses suitable for JOG competitors.

**Entries:** BOF members £6 (non-members £8), Juniors £2  
Families (4 maps) £12

**Registration:** 10.00 – 1.00

**Starts:** 10.30 – 1.00

**Punching:** SI – dibber hire £1

**Planner:** Richard Sansbury QO

**Controller:** Alan Simpson Devon

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