

MDOCC NEWS

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Featuring:
John O' Goats, Swedish Forest Cup,
Fallibroome events & Competitions



Editorial

Welcome back to the first MDOC News for quite a long time. Apologies for the large gap between the December 2020 edition and this one. The lack of orienteering events while the pandemic continued meant we really didn't have enough material to fill a newsletter until now. Hopefully it has been worth the wait, my thanks as always to our contributors and photographers.

Luckily we can now see the beginning of a return to normal life and with that the restart of orienteering events. The first MDOC event was the delayed John O' Goats charity event in Lyme. Organiser Simon Freytag and Planner Jim Trueman somehow managed to arrange a snowy day in April for the event, presumably so that nobody would notice that it had been moved from its traditional January slot! Enjoy the photos on the following pages.

You may also notice a new look to MDOC News this month. I have been experimenting with some new software and a few new designs. It's not perfect yet and I'm sorry for any teething problems - I have no experience with graphic design and no sense of style so I'm just making it up as I go along! I'd love to hear your feedback on what works for you and what doesn't.

Alongside editing this newsletter, for the last few months my orienteering life has been dominated by preparations for the Northern Championships. Trevor Roberts has been working tirelessly as organiser, and as his humble assistant I have been amazed by the time and effort that he has put in, as well as the level of detail required to prepare to host a national level event. The number of volunteers needed is also staggering when compared to the local park events that I'm used to, especially so in the wake of Covid-19 as we need many extra marshals and officials to ensure that all of the competitors stay safe and distant. With that in mind I know that the whole club is extremely grateful to these heroes who will be helping on the day:

Chris Rostron, Tony Wagg, Dave Mawdsley, Julie Brook, Sue Birkinshaw, Paul Van-Calster, Eddie Speak, Kath Speak, James Walsh, Tom Fellbaum, Martin Green, Liz Hamer-Davies, Alison Doyle, Stephen Beresford, Chris Kirkham, Jillyan Dobby, Peter Ross, Marie Roberts, Hazel Hindle, Trevor Hindle, Steve Bingham, Kate Bryant, Dave Bryant, Steve Fellbaum, Paul Watson, Jane McCann, Dave McCann, Alain Kyd, Ben Kyd, Alison Fryer, Ian Watson, Cecilia Fenerty, David Wathey, Dominic Wathey, Rowena Hamilton, Simon Freytag, Jan Ellis, Liam Corner, Graham Heap, Penny Heap, Stella Heap, Poppy Heap, Julia Simpson, Paul Jarvis, Rae Lomas, Pete Lomas & John Britton.

Even with these 47 volunteers we were still over 20 helpers short and had to turn to other clubs for their help in filling our roster. It is great to be reminded that the orienteering community is so kind and helpful, my deepest thanks go to those orienteers from DEE, LOC, TVOC, SROC & BL without whom it would be impossible for the event to go ahead.

I hope you all have a great weekend in the Lakes in June, don't be worried if you're not quite as accurate or fast as you were 16 months ago, just finishing a course will be an achievement for me and it'll take us all a while to get back up to speed!

Sam Drinkwater

John O' Goats

Simon Freytag

Some higher power than MDOC was clearly aware this event normally happens in January so sent us the appropriate weather to remind us... By the time the starts closed, there was a good 2cm of snowy slush piled up in the map boxes. I hope everyone managed to stay warm and enjoyed the run anyway! It was a great turnout and thanks for the generous donations. We have raised £620 directly for Alzheimer's UK, plus MDOC's own donation via covering the BOF levy. This was the first time I had organised an event so I am grateful for Jim checking everything over as well as planning. And also the support from the MDOC committee for generally being one step ahead and making everything very easy. And then of course the helpers on the day, who kept it all running smoothly, despite some cold hands and feet!

All photos by Nick Taylor



Racing through lantern wood

JOG + Score Top 10

Tom Fellbaum	225 points
Peter Bray	225 points
Mark Burley	165 points
Chris Embrey	120 points
Heather Corden	97 points
Tim Raffle	87 points
David Wathey	80 points
Ruth Beresford	55 points
Stephen Bingham	55 points
Dominic Wathey	55 points

Yellow

Kirsty Beynon	22:42
Jacob Daniels	24:01
Marcus Daniels	24:51
Sophie Gray	25:17
Cameron Gray	25:19
Edith Grundy	33:49
Georgina Snarr	47:04
Abigail Snarr	47:28

JOG -2 Top 3

Eddie Speak	55:03
Fiona Millington	55:49
Paul Watson	57:21

JOG -3 Top 3

Julia Simpson	50:02
Jane McCann	53:34
Rowena Hamilton	53:38

JOG -4 Top 3

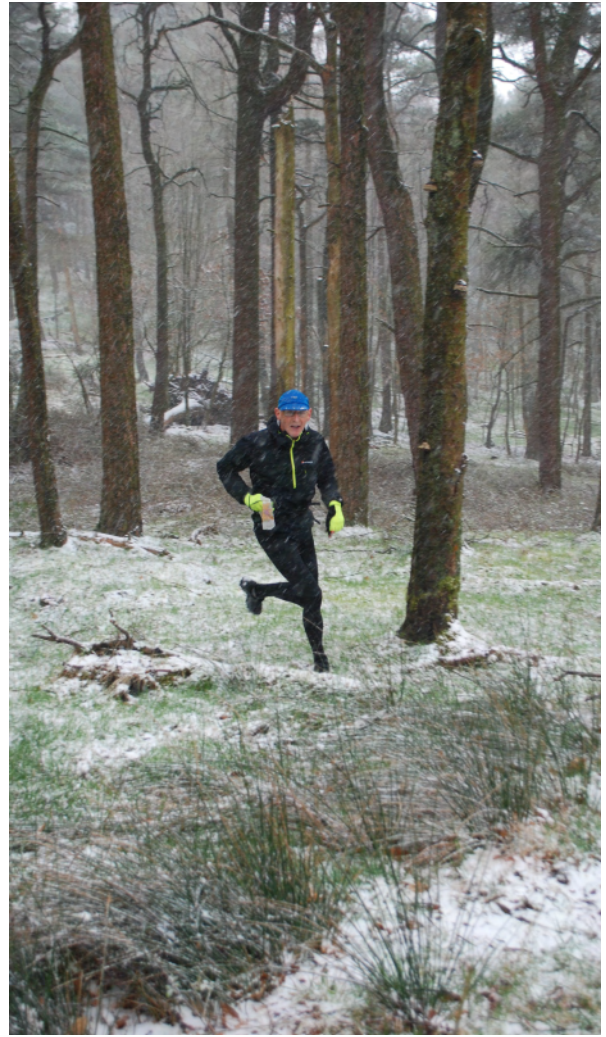
Michele Dawson	33:36
Kate Bryant	43:48
Stephen Beresford	68:00

JOG -5 Top 3

Catriona Beynon	45:59
Megan Beynon	46:33
Sue Birkinshaw	97:36



The Cage surrounded by snow



Facing the blizzard



Cecilia Fenerty at the finish



Kath Speak on the way to the finish



Michele Dawson racing through the snow



Peter Bream powering up lantern hill

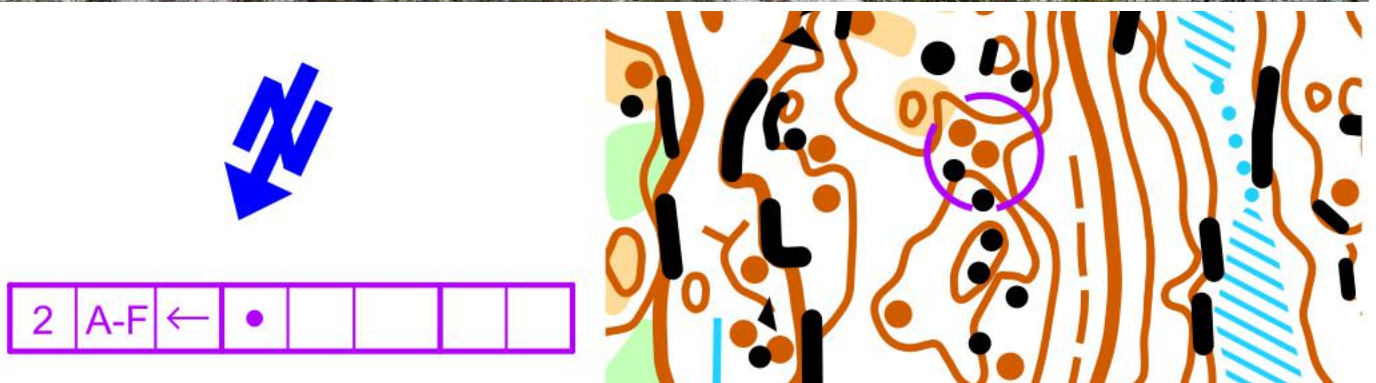
Swedish Forest Cup

Sam Drinkwater

Now we're talking - online TempO in forest terrain! No more counting trees in a park, no more confusing city centre canopies or controls on the wrong corner of a building. Time to get good at reading contours, spotting boulders behind cliffs, and finding knolls that look like boulders. As advertised the forests were beautiful but the photos were hard to place – essentially you're dropped onto a random point on a complex map and have to identify where you are located before you can even begin. To offset the increased difficulty the allowed time for each station was increased to 300 seconds. As the winning times would inevitably increase, the penalty time was also increased as an extra incentive not to rush.

The 9 competition days began in Gamleby on February 13th and to be honest I don't think any of us were quite ready for the challenge. The competition area was Hompen, which had been used for the 1988 World Cup, although the map scale had been adjusted from 1:15,000 to 1:2500 for this event. Right from station 1 it became clear that those of us new to Scandinavian maps would have a steep learning curve.

The first control was a hill in a patch of open land on the map, but the photo was clearly in the middle of a forest – nothing that I would call "open land" in sight! It turns out that these small patches of open land are often used to show areas where ground rock interrupts the trees, although not to be confused with "bare rock" due to the profusion of white moss growing on them. Looks like I've still got a lot to learn about orienteering! In the end, these mossy areas became a good indicator to look out for and certainly helped to relate the photo to the map over the next few days.



Day 1 – Station 1: What is a knoll and what is a boulder?

Onto the second control and another big problem. The control was on the second of two knolls, next to a boulder. However on the picture I could only see two moss covered boulders, although they only had a touch of rock visible, so maybe they were the knolls? Frankly I was clueless, but it turns out that the difference is much more nuanced than I had ever imagined. Checking the results afterwards, it seems that one of them was a boulder, but the other was a knoll. So how to tell them apart – coach JK suggested as a general rule of thumb: “If it looks like you could physically put your hands underneath and pick it up (imagining you were the world's strongest orienteer!) then it should be mapped as a boulder.” This did help, and looking for shallower sloping sides and a smoother transition to the surrounding ground did help me to spot the knolls – most of the time...

Experience paid off in the results for day 1 as the top finisher for MDOC was John Kewley, taking 11th in the overall world standings and top GB with a fast time and only one mistake. River Edis-Smith was second MDOC (5th GB) with only 4 mistakes and Alain Kyd was third (7th GB) with 6 mistakes. More importantly I'm sure Alain enjoyed taking the bragging rights in the Kyd household!



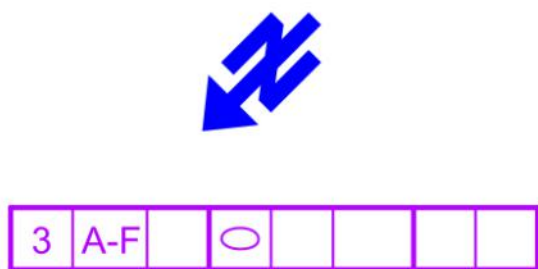
Day 2 – Station 2: An interesting boulder problem

Day two took us to the northern part of Smaaland. For me the stations seemed a little easier in general, and I managed to identify most of the key landforms which gave away the position on the map. Some stations needed a little extra care to spot if any flags were hiding at the edge of the photo, but slow and steady is a good mantra when the penalty for a mistake is 60 seconds.

I almost made it without any mistakes, until I chose the wrong boulder from a pair – annoyingly one of the easier stations! No-one from MDOC managed a clean sweep and our top finisher was Ben Kyd in 27th overall, also with one mistake but a much quicker time than myself in second place. We were also the top two GB competitors, although GB struggled to 10th place country. Mike Greenwood was MDOC's third finisher with a solid time and only three mistakes.

Day three was held in Morstorp, North of Linköping. It felt like a big step up in difficulty, with the first two stations in particular having incredibly complex maps and being very hard to place the photo. This was reflected in the times, with no-one taking less than a minute on the first station - except Dom "Mr Speedy" Wathey of course! JK managed to get through the first station clean, but not a single GB competitor made it through the whole day with less than three mistakes.

I was quite lucky that the final two stations fell into place for me and I jumped to first place GB and 52nd overall. Robert Finch (SOC) was second GB, but just behind him was a tie for third between two MDOC members with very different strategies. John Kewley took 272 seconds to finish, and made just 4 errors; whereas Dominic Wathey took only 92 seconds for the whole day, but made 7 errors - meaning that they finished on exactly the same points. Also of note was Dom's station three time of 18 seconds with no errors, which was by far the best in the world! Infact the second fastest time for that station was 29 seconds from Anders Haugskott of OL Trollelg (NOR) - remarkable!



Day 4 – Station 1: Knolls vs Small Hills

Day four was back in Gamleby and opened with a challenging photo, partially obscured by fallen trees. The debate here was identifying the difference between a knoll and a very small hill - there's not much difference as far as I'm concerned! Even with a slow and steady approach, all 10 MDOC competitors made at least one mistake on the first station, which also featured a confusing double crag. The rest of the stations were a bit easier, but judging scale and distance was the crucial skill, especially with a final station that abruptly doubled the map scale.

The top three MDOC competitors were actually in reverse order on time alone, with Dominic Wathey fastest but making 5 mistakes to put him in third (6th GB). Ben Kyd was a little slower but only made 3 mistakes so jumped ahead of Dom, into second place (4th GB). I was slower again, but only one mistake put me top of the MDOC contingent (2nd GB). As a team, we were 6th in the world, but with our best points total so far.

Day five travelled to Sodero in South Linköping, which had a rather different feel to the area. More open areas and even a few tracks in the forest, but with the added challenges of marsh and 'less-than-distinct' crags. My performance was all over the place; I cleared the first station, but was at the back of the pack on the second as I wasted time failing to fit the boulders to the map. Station three was ok but I made a silly mistake choosing the wrong building - the first man made feature of the whole series. Station four went well, but the final station was a nightmare. I could not (and still don't!) understand the map and I spent over two minutes struggling only to get 2/5 answers correct anyway. It was my worst station of the whole week and I dropped 130 places in one go – ah well!



Day 5 – Station 5: The hardest station of the whole series?

Luckily for MDOC, the rest of the team were having a much better day. The fastest was Ben Kyd, who grabbed 8th overall in the world, followed by John Kewley in 20th overall and River Edis-Smith in 38th. This was such a dominant showing that they were also the top three Brits, and even more impressively MDOC was the world's number one club on the day – more great success!

Day six went back to Smaaland and some dark atmospheric forests, including one of the most bizarre stations anyone had ever seen. It started well enough with a big ridge and some stony ground, however station two dropped us in between two raised areas with some puzzling depressions and land forms in the front of the shot. After a couple of manageable controls, the same flag was used for two controls in a row, with different descriptions apparently matching the same point. This is not unheard of in TempO, but it still caught a lot of people out, including myself. More annoyingly, I failed to learn from the mistake and like almost everyone who got the first wrong, I got the second wrong too - kudos go to David Wathey who was the only person to learn from the mistake and fix it for the second control. The drama wasn't over though, as there was an unexpected surprise 6th control, which actually went back to the same repeated flag for a third time, with yet another unique description – thankfully I had finally learnt my lesson.



Day 6 – Station 2: The first of three unique descriptions for flag B

I made a late charge over the last two stations and finished as third place MDOC, just 7 seconds ahead of River and just 6 seconds behind Dominic. Far ahead was John as top MDOC and top GB, with just a couple of late mistakes costing him a world top 15. For the first time, we were starting to be challenged by BOK for our position as top British club, however our strength in depth saved the day and MDOC remained undefeated against the other British clubs. Overall, MDOC was 4th in the world and now caught in a tight scrap for the podium.

Day seven was our third trip to Gamleby and by now the mapping style seemed a bit more familiar. Station one went well with just a little more boulder/knoll confusion, then station two once more tested our ability to visualise a 120 degree photo angle. So far, so good; but I just could not fit the map to the terrain on station three and made an early mistake. By luck I got the next couple correct, before I finally understood the map – just in time for the hardest task of the day. Sadly, every single MDOC competitor (and 91% of all competitors) fell for an unmapped knoll in front of the correct boulder and got this wrong - was it the hardest control of the whole series?

The final station was also very difficult, with some very mysterious contours and boulders the size of a house. The odd perspective caught most people out but we did enough to secure 4th place for the club. Mike Greenwood was top MDOC and also top Brit with a superb performance; less than 200 seconds and only 2 mistakes. John Kewley was second MDOC and 3rd Brit, 40 seconds behind Mike. Ben Kyd took third and was 5th Brit with three mistakes.

Day eight took us back to the difficult area of Morstorp. The white moss was again useful for identifying open land on the map, but locating the camera position was just as hard as ever. Station one went fairly well, but station two had a couple of tricks that caught people out. Station three had a very tough opening control with what looked like two small hills, but were actually the same object. Ten out of the eleven MDOC competitors fell for that one, only River spotted the trick. The final station had another tough first control which only Ben, myself and Graham figured out.



Day 8 – Station 1 : The white moss 'open land' was the best way to solve these problems

More knolls/hills finished off the day and left Ben Kyd as top MDOC, ahead of John Kewley and River Edis-Smith. They finished as GB's 1st , 4th and 6th finishers respectively, comfortably putting MDOC ahead of the other British clubs, and 6th placed club in the world.

The final day's competition was held in Gamleby, for the fourth time this series. The hard-earned familiarity with the terrain seemed to be paying off for MDOC and there were significantly fewer mistakes. It was a satisfying end to the series, but the main thing that I noticed was how much I wanted to be running through these forests in person!



Wish you were here!

Ben Kyd was top MDOC finisher thanks to a clean run and this time he placed 5th in the world (1st GB). Second place MDOC (2nd GB), with a quicker time but two mistakes was Dominic Wathey and third place (4th GB) was myself with a slower time and one mistake. On the day MDOC were 2nd place team in the world, just 1 point behind MTV Seesen of Germany.

The overall cup results placed MDOC as third best club in the world - another super achievement, just behind Polisportiva Masi (ITA) and MTV Seesen (GER). Well done to all 11 members who took part and congratulations to our top finisher John Kewley. Here are the final individual results:

52nd	John Kewley	718 points
61st	Ben Kyd	714 points
72nd	Sam Drinkwater	704 points
117th	Dominic Wathey	680 points
144th	River Edis-Smith	668 points
164th	Mike Greenwood	653 points
215th	Alain Kyd	632 points
332nd	Stephen Bingham	597 points
576th	David Wathey	502 points
608th	Cecilia Fenerty	486 points
695th	Graham Heap	420 points

There were almost 1000 competitors in total, from all around the world. Great Britain finished as 6th best country, thanks largely to MDOC's contribution. It was a great success for the organiser Christian Enberg, who created nine days of top competition and was kind enough to allow us to reproduce the photos here for MDOC News. I'm told that the Swedish Forest Cup 2 is not far away...



Knolls glorious knolls!

GMOA Chairman's report for 2020/21

Sue Birkinshaw

This GMOA year started on April 1st 2020. Covid restrictions on outdoor activities had started just two weeks earlier and continued throughout the year. So how has a Covid year affected GMOA?

My report to the 2020 AGM ended with the hope that this year would prove that POCs have a valuable role to play in the world of orienteering. The map sales have been remarkably higher than ever before, so we have to assume that orienteering on a POC (alone of course) has provided welcome outdoor exercise for a large number of people. This has consequentially meant that Dave McCann has had a lot of work printing and sending out all the waterproof maps requested. Thanks Dave for this and for other work such as the finances.

The other noticeable thing this year has been the time available to sort out the POCs and website. John's report tells of his 119 visits to parks for maintenance. He has met the target of virtually every control site having a QR code on it so that the POCs look well maintained and professional. I have been round two thirds of the POCs during the year and have been impressed by how good they look. Thanks John for all this work as well as all the other things that you mention in your report.

We have also been looking at all the information on the website, checking and correcting everything from post codes to sales points, and making sure that website, BOF POC site, our maps and our leaflet agree. The only thing I have failed to check is the contact person for every park. Perhaps they were all working from home. As usual, Phil Ellis has been making posts and plaques, Peter Ross has sorted out the MapRun courses, and our many postwatchers have continued to report on the state of the POCs. Many thanks to them all.

We have had only one committee meeting in the year, on zoom, to make some necessary decisions such as removing TrailO and two discontinued POCs from the website, discontinuing sales points at all but a few parks and closing down map purchase by post. On a more positive note we agreed to extend the Clowbridge POC to include Green and Blue courses.

I reported last year on the video project initiated by Sarah Brown. The videos were made in August using the POCs at Queens Park Bolton, Bramhall and Woodbank Park. Sarah B and Ian Gilliver have contacted a large number of organisations about them, with a positive response. News has even reached Canada. Peter Ross and John have produced a teaching aid for Wythenshawe Park, with courses designed to follow up the skills introduced in the videos.

The new leaflet which gives facilities at each park is ready for distribution. We hope copies can be put in all Visitor Centres, libraries, etc, once such places are open to the public again.

Please can I ask once again for people to offer to help John by taking over the maintenance of a few POCs. It would make an enormous difference to the long term and continuing success of GMOA.

Looking forward to a more normal orienteering year to come, and hoping that those who have discovered the joy of POCs continue to make good use of them.

Fallibroome Orienteering News

Since securing a grant from the Beech Hall Schools Trust and match funding from Fallibroome to purchase SI controls, printer and dibbers, we have managed to run 2 closed events on the school site.

Event 1 took place on Sat 12th Dec and Event 2 more recently on Good Friday. Both events offered a short course (2km) and a longer course (3.5/4km) and we opened up the Good Friday event to parents and family too.

For many this was their first introduction to timed orienteering and it was great to be able to run these events within the strict Covid guidelines. Thanks to Ben for his updates to the map and managing the technical side of each event.

Dec 12th Results

Long - Oliver Smyth, Joe Herbert, Alex Pegg

Short - Dietrich Gutschow, Hugo Douglas,
Arabella Cagol

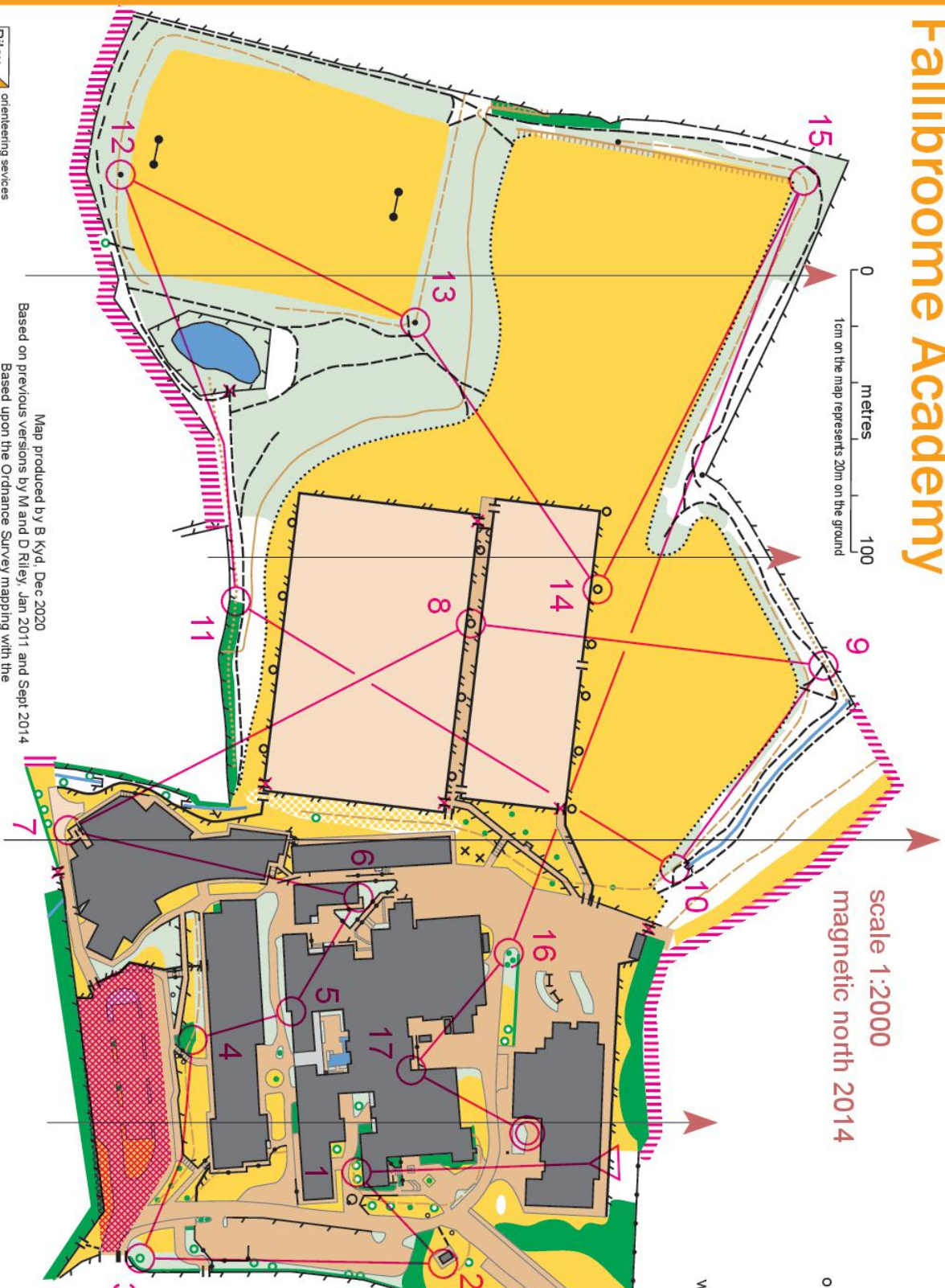
Good Friday Results

Long - Joe Herbert, Dom Wathey, Alex Pegg

Short - Megan Beynon, Catriona Beynon,
Sarah Tookey



Fallibroome Academy



Fallibroome Good Friday 21	
Short	2.0 km
▽	Start Fence, S. Side
1	101 Between Single Trees
2	102 Building, E. Corner (outside)
3	106 Single Tree, SE. Side
4	104 Copse, N. Part
5	107 Flower bed, NW. Corner (inside)
6	116 Flower bed, SE. Corner (inside)
7	105 Wall, S. Corner (inside)
8	115 Lamp Post, W. Side
9	112 Path Junction
10	114 Path bend, SW. Side
11	108 Small Gully
12	110 Boulder, E. Side
13	109 Boulder, NW. Side
14	113 Lamp Post, W. Side
15	111 Spur, NW. Part
16	103 W. Single Tree, E. Side
17	117 Building, SE. Corner (inside)
Navigate 50 m to Finish	

- picnic bench x
- seat H
- gate =
- boulder •
- goal post ●
- single large tree ○
- bush or small tree ○
- flood light/lamp post ○
- small knoll ○
- small depression ○
- bike rack T

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The short course from Fallibroome's Good Friday event, won by Megan Beynon

Young MDOC volunteer nominated for national award

Ben was recently nominated for a British Orienteering Young Volunteer of the Year award. Sadly, he didn't get it. Having read statements from students, parents and teachers I know just how much time he has given to help develop young Orienteers. In the end what matters most is the recognition from those who know us best. Please take time to read the statement from one of his peers. It sums up just how much this remarkable young man has done in a short space of time, we should be very proud of our own Young Volunteer of the Year, Ben Kyd.

Peter Hayes

An extract of a statement from a student member of Ben's team:

Over the last few years, Ben Kyd has been an outstanding ambassador for the sport of orienteering, and for volunteering as a whole. He has been able to grow the school orienteering community, and his inclusive attitudes have meant that dozens of secondary school students have been able to enjoy this sport, testing their physical and mental skills, while also making friends and having a good time. Ben, as a teenager himself, really has great insight into how to best help them, but his wealth of experience and commitment is really what puts him in the best position to change these young orienteers' futures.

Ben has organised Fallibroome's Orienteering Club for the last three years, and has hardly missed a week, showing his commitment to the club and to the dozens of children who attend each week, come rain or snow! Ben has taught the children lots about the sport, and the children always say that Ben gives them plenty of time to actually go out and orienteer, which I believe demonstrates how Ben takes people's comments on board, and how he does as much as possible to ensure that the children have as much fun as possible: Ben would be the first person to say that all he does is for the benefit of the young orienteers. By allowing the young orienteers to orienteer at school and at external events, Ben has shown them the joys of orienteering, and I am sure that this is why so many have become regular orienteers, whether competitively or casually.

Having 'helped' Ben with the Year 7 club since September 2020, I have been lucky enough to see how Ben is amazing at engaging children of all abilities. The growth of the club is testament to his inclusivity. I have seen how Ben plans each session, and how he adapts activities to ensure all young orienteers have a chance to develop their skills. This has included: organising teams of new and more-experienced orienteers, helping them to develop communication skills; mapping different courses for different abilities; offering courses around the school site and around the school's fields and bushes so that all young orienteers feel comfortable. I have seen how Ben communicates with them so clearly and calmly, and this has taught me lots about volunteering; this is why Ben is not just a good ambassador for orienteering, but also is a superb coordinator and volunteer, doing stuff for young people that others would find excuses to avoid doing.

He has also stepped up since the pandemic began, running clubs each night for different year groups, and organising online sessions when schools have been closed. Having participated in these, I have seen how the children's knowledge has been boosted by Ben, and I know that many of the attendees now feel more confident. This demonstrates Ben's forward thinking, and how the children's enjoyment is the most important thing. This has also helped to keep the orienteering community together when we have been kept apart for so much of the last year.

I am sure that Ben is aware of the children's enjoyment, but I think it's important for Ben to get the recognition he deserves to show him how much of a positive influence he is over the children he helps, and over the adults he learns from and then builds on. I believe he is truly leading the way in developing orienteering for young people, by young people. Ben is simply an awesomely kind person.

Joe Herbert

Reminiscences from a winter walk near Romiley in lockdown

A clear, crisp, bracing sunny day, biting east wind, but calm and peaceful where sheltered. Warm and toasty in thick coat and gloves and my happy place Burnley FC Turf Moor hat.

Brisk climb behind Romiley village, legs bent and body forward getting a good press to ease progress and maintain speed uphill, to a wondrous scene overlooking the roofs, lowering western sun glinting from the windows of Marple, the totally white snowy Kinder Scout escarpment with the Lyme Park hills speckled brown and white. Still bits of snow in some shaded gardens.

Contrast of traffic noise on main road then a careful escape up side road climbing towards Werneth Low, glassy ice all over it from the muddy water draining from the new building site and a descent by an ice stream into the quiet woods above the golf course.

That sense of peace and dormant energy of the woods in winter, a stillness waiting to burst into life, a quiet basking and drinking in the energy and presence of the Holy Spirit, a much-needed tonic.

Dogs boisterous and quiet, excitedly accompanying their owners enjoying a golf course they would never normally enjoy.

Brisk light run down the residential streets warm and happy, the endorphins increasing the high from the great walk.

Richard Evans

12th Feb 2021

Caption Competition



The long awaited return of the caption competition...

For this month's challenge, we have the bravest (or most foolhardy) MDOC member showing off the optimum kit selection for a race through freezing snow. To be fair, it must have worked as he won his course. Will we see others copying this strategy next winter... I doubt it!

Send in your best captions to editor@mdoc.org.uk

Photo: Nick Taylor

“You can go your own way...”

Fleetwood Mac

Songs Of Interest To Orienteers

You are invited to take part in a competition to suggest titles of songs which might be of particular interest to orienteers. To give it a bit more focus, you may submit any number of song titles which could relate to Urban Orienteering. And to make it yet more specific we'll exclude Night Street League events – we can perhaps come back to that topic later if this idea is a success.

So what sort of songs would qualify?

Well, they should have an angle that implies orienteering or could relate to orienteering, so...

- o “Streets of London” (Ralph McTell) would be OK as it describes the London City race.
- o “Underneath the arches” (Flanagan & Allen) could be a control description.
- o “Sneakin’ Sally through the alley” (Robert Palmer) would probably be allowed.
- o “Positively 4th Street” (Bob Dylan) would also qualify as it suggests successful relocation (!)
- o However e.g. “Baker Street”, “Penny Lane” and “10th Avenue freeze out” (or indeed “Thunder Road”) would not, having no link to orienteering – not even a tenuous one.

If you can think of any that are relevant, you could suggest a hymn, which like the songs could be Ancient or Modern. And we would also be open to suggestions in which you've slightly amended the title to introduce orienteering in a humorous way: “O God our help in Edgeley Park”, perhaps?

Entries should be emailed to the editor by the end of June, and he and Ian Gilliver will collate and review them. The “best” entry (based on an as yet unspecified formula linking quality and quantity) will receive a bottle of something, probably between 11 and 14.5% ABV.

A collection of the “top 10” titles will be published in the next edition of the magazine – assuming at least 10 are submitted of course...

Fixtures

Major

British Middle Championships – Summerhouse Knott – 5th June

Northern Championships – High Dam – 6th June

British Sprint Championships – Skelmersdale – 21st/22nd August

MDOC Summer Evening

Tegg's Nose – 18th May

Brereton Heath – 24th June

Alderley Edge – 13th July

MapRun

Virtual events to complete alone and at your own pace. For more information see:
<https://navvies.org.uk/Spring2021.php>

Bollington – 1st May to 30th May

Chorlton – 15th May to 13th June

Navvies also have loads more MapRun challenges to check out, including the brand new 'M60 ORingen'. Twelve stages of park/urban orienteering, forming a complete loop around Manchester with a total distance of around 100km! Complete any of the 12 stages at any time and at your own pace. More details at <https://navvies.org.uk>

Neighbouring Club events

PFO Brun Valley – 22nd May

PFO Lee Quarry – 9th June

PFO Alkincoats Park – 16th June

PFO Sunnyhurst Woods – 23rd June

PFO Aitken Wood – 30th June