

# Junior Newsletter

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Orienteering jokes – can you do better? If so, let the editor know.

An orienteer was running along one day when he came to a wide river. Seeing an orienteer on the other bank, he called out "Hey, how do I get to the other side?" (he hadn't recognized the symbol). The other orienteer looked carefully along the bank to the left, then carefully along the bank to the right, thought a bit, then called back, "You are on the other side!"

### **Yvette Baker Trophy.**

**The juniors are getting together this month to take part in the Yvette Baker Trophy. Can her reputation inspire you?**

Yvette Baker (nee Hague) was brought up in Marlow and at an early age was a promising middle distance runner. Turning to orienteering she was for many years the leading female British runner. Her crowning success was to win the World Middle Distance Championships in 1999 in the forests surrounding Cawdor Castle in Scotland.

Soon after this she retired from competitive orienteering and emigrated to New Zealand where she is occasionally seen to compete.

Remains the only British female orienteer to win a World Championship event.



# Events

## Explanation of Event levels

**Major** events are Major Events such as a British Championships, **National** events are high quality competitions that will attract people from far away, **Regional** events attract participants from around the local Region, **Local** are usually low key events in a 'localised' area. Local events are ideal for newcomers to try the sport.

This month we've added a note where an event has on-line pre-entry. For example; *Pre-entry; Fabian4*. Pre-entry is offered on all National and Major events and is increasingly being offered on Regional events. It is usual to offer a lower entry cost on pre-entry than on Entry on the Day (EoD). The advantage to event organisers is that they get a better idea on how many maps to get printed – and if you pre-enter then you are guaranteed to get a map.

## Try some of these:

### May 5<sup>th</sup>

Club; HH (Hertfordshire Orienteering)

Venue; Mardley Heath

Level; Local

Perhaps HH's best small area with lots of contour detail (it's old gravel workings) Just north of Welwyn Garden City. Lots of room in the adjacent Scout hut for a review of your course after your run.

### May 12<sup>th</sup>

Club; SO (Southdowns Orienteers)

Venue; The Hyde

Level; Regional

Pre-entry; Fabian4 ([www.fabian4.co.uk](http://www.fabian4.co.uk))

Privately owned estate, semi parkland with lots of variety. Not often used for orienteering but this year is the venue for the **South East Middle Distance Championships**.

Close to Handcross on the A23 just south of the M23.

### May 13<sup>th</sup>

Club; SOS (South Essex Orienteers)

Venue; Danbury Country Park

Level; Regional

**Yvette Baker Trophy Heat**. Already 23 of you have signed up to represent the club at this heat of the Yvette Baker Trophy. So we're looking forward to a great day out. Danbury Country Park is just off the A12 close to Chelmsford in Essex.

More details when we get them.

### **May 19<sup>th</sup> British Long Distance Champs**

Club; MAROC

Venue; **Balmoral**

Level; Major

Pre-entry; Sportident

([https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event\\_id=4185](https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?elid=Y&event_id=4185))

Yes – **the** Balmoral. Superb area along side the River Dee. Her Majesty won't be there but you will still have a great time and the orienteering is excellent.

### **May 20<sup>th</sup> British Relay Champs**

Club; MAROC

Venue; Ballater

### **May 20<sup>th</sup> (Postponed from April 15<sup>th</sup>)**

Club; TVOC (Thames Valley)

Venue; Great Hampden and Whiteleaf

Level; National

Pre-entry; Fabian4 ([www.fabian4.co.uk](http://www.fabian4.co.uk))

'The Chiltern Challenge' close to Princes Risborough on the Chiltern Hills. Typical wooded area with lots of features and naturally hilly. Another area worth visiting as it is similar to a number of areas along the Chilterns.

### **May 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Tamar Triple**

Club; DEVON/KERNO

Venue; Various in Devon

Level; Regional

Pre-entry; Fabian4

An urban in Exeter followed by two days of orienteering on the sand-dunes at Broughton Burrows. Broughton is a top class area on the north coast of Devon.

### **May 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Scottish Champs**

Club; SOA

Venue; Roseisle and Achegour

Level; National

Pre-entry; Sportident

Roseisle is on the coast of the Moray Firth (look out for dolphins). Achegour is typical Scottish forest area east of Inverness. (So typical I can't remember any disguising features)

Both excellent areas and well worth a visit.

### **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Club; HH

Venue; Cassiobury Park

Level; Local

This is the event which was cancelled due to snow in February and is the last of this season's Saturday series events. Cassiobury is an urban park with many ancient trees. It was originally owned by the Earls of Essex but with recent improvements to the pools and play areas is now a very attractive park which can get busy in the summer months. And don't forget the café!

