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CLUB
MDOC/DEE Challenge
Primrose Hill
19th September 2009
Officials' Comments



Organiser's Comments

Thanks to David Beattie for updating the map, to Robin Tilston for his usual printing services, and to Bob and Barbara Verity for their unfailing efforts to provide us with entertainment - this time they even took on forest clearance as well as planning, as the bracken and brambles had grown so much this year. Thank you too to Jill and Barry Barnes, who not only helped at the event, but also organized the MDOC/DEE social to mark our 40th anniversary, and provided dozens and dozens of buns with '40' iced on top!

Organsdale Farm is an organiser's nightmare! Many thanks to the uncomplaining stalwarts who completed their jobs of road-sign hanging and collecting, traffic control on the busy A54, horse-spotting and gate-management at the field entrance, and bramble-bashing on the public footpath - as well as all the usual jobs that have to be done at an O'event. Congratulations to Norman on his first successful turn as SI "controller", and thanks to Mike Round for the use of his Jeep to ferry the loads to and from the start.

Please can we go back to King's Gate if there is a next time?

Barbara Jones

Planner's Comments

Considering the state of the forest, a score event seemed to be the best way to present a challenge, providing a time was set which made it exceedingly difficult for even the very best to achieve maximum points. Here I succeeded, though Matthew Vokes came very close only to fall foul at one rogue control. The control clusters had their desired effect, causing most of you to pause for thought and penalizing more than a few. Some alert competitors were able to spot some mapping errors - in particular, the extra clearing adjacent to control 9 which delayed some of you - my apologies.

After 40 years we still can't get it right!

Bob Verity