

Firstly, thanks to all of you who came along to support the event on the Wyche Ridge. What a difference 24 hours makes in terms of the weather. It was a glorious evening which is more than can be said for the 24 hours previous.

The courses seemed to work well and most people had a good run over the Malverns. I think the results are self explanatory. Jenny Edlington was penalised 5 minutes for missing control 3 but then given a 5 minute bonus for honesty in admitting she couldn't spot it, rather than the more usual excuse of 'my pen ran out' – but she had been at the right spot.

On reflection, and compared to my original intention, the courses were a bit longer and strenuous than I had originally anticipated. I also failed to anticipate (although I should know better) the unconventional routes that some orienteers take in getting from A to B. Apologies to those who got trapped in bracken because they couldn't read my mind as to what the fastest route was.

Having planned this in late March (and Old Hills last year at the same time of the year) I should have learnt by now how the terrain changes between March and June in response to plenty of rain and a bit sun.

However it is rewarding to see a turnout of 30 for a SEE and pleasing to see that the right controls were in the right place (more or less?)

Finally, thanks go to Brian Hughes for the map, to Dave W and Peter L for helping to collect in the controls and to John B for holding the fort while we were out collecting controls.

Special thanks to Ant for multi tasking and successfully finding the planners car keys at control 9 on the blue.

Thanks also to Dot for the infinite supply of Welsh cakes; the excess of which I am currently consuming while typing this!!

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