Mole Valley Orienteering Club
(affiliated to British Orienteering)
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50th ANNIVERSARY EVENT
NORBURY PARK
Sunday 3rd April 2016

Event updates

Thank you for entering this event and helping us celebrate our 50th Anniversary. These updates are in addition to information previously published.

Car parking:

Follow signs to the Young Street car park on the A246, close to the River Mole at GR TQ 163552.

There should be parking for approx. 200 cars but the car park is being shared with the public so please CAR SHARE IF POSSIBLE. There is a **£2 parking fee** (for the land use) so please have the money available at the entrance to the car park.

Please note: there is no right turn into the event car park off the A246 from the west. Please follow the signs and continue to the roundabout at the A24 to U-turn back to the car park. For those travelling home south or east, there is also **no right turn at the exit** of the car park. Please turn left to the roundabout at the top of the hill and U-turn back.

Courses: Subject to final controlling.

Course	Length	Climb
String course	0.6km	20m
White	1.9km	20m
Yellow	2.6km	25m
Orange	3.5km	65m
Light Green	3.7km	85m
Green	4.7km	130m
Blue	6.2km	250m
Brown	8.5km	360m

EOD available while map stocks last. Brown-Orange: BOF Seniors - **£10**; Non-BOF Seniors - **£12**; Families competing together, Students and all Juniors - **£5; White or Yellow courses:** individuals or families - **£2**

Mapper/Planner comments:

Norbury Park has very varied terrain, from gently sloping hillsides to the steepest slope I have seen in SE England (not on any courses!).

The flattish hilltop near the Start is the main area that has unpleasant undergrowth and no one will have any need to go through that – short courses follow paths through and around it while longer courses pass it by en-route to their first controls. Most of the rest of the area is very runnable and undergrowth is mostly very low or non-existent.

Some of the forest is a bit rough in places with fallen trees and dead branches, but is usually easily passable. Dark green areas are probably best avoided although they are not all impassable. Light green areas are all passable at reduced speed, and the boundaries between light green and middle green are often vague.

There are rough open meadows which have been recently grazed by belted Galloway cattle. The meadows have been enclosed by electric fences but these come and go and have not been mapped. It is often the case that the perimeter of these meadows have been mown where the fences were put in.

The only road on the map goes up the hill to Norbury House and the Sawmill. Traffic on this is very infrequent and should be going slowly (speed bumps), but if you need to cross it please take care and check that no vehicles (or bicycles) are approaching.

Parts of the area are short of interesting features so distinctive or large trees are mapped (shown by a green circle). There are many knolls and rootstocks which often look very similar and sometimes have an associated depression – these have been mapped as whichever was most obvious (you may not agree). The Controller was concerned that mapping of rootstocks was inconsistent in places and hence they have been removed from the map with a couple of significant exceptions. There are a few platforms mapped as a brown triangles.

The Surrey Wildlife Trust manages Norbury Park and one of their conditions for us to be able to use the area was that we avoid trampling the bluebells and other wild flowers. The courses have been planned to avoid the main areas where there are likely to be any, but while out running please avoid any wild flowers that you come across as far as possible.

There may well be other park users out during our event. Should you come across any of them, including dog walkers, horse riders, cyclists, etc., please be courteous to them as it could affect our future use of the area.

Start:

String Course is 200m from Assembly. All others are approximately 650m from Assembly.

Start times are not being allocated – just turn up and go.

Clothing:

Although nettles & brambles are low at this time of year, ALL participants should wear <u>full leg cover.</u>

If the weather is inclement, competitors are advised to wear a cagoule or similar waterproof.

Personal belongings, bags, car keys, can be left at the Assembly tent. There is no clothing dump at or near the Start.

New to Orienteering?

Help and advice will be available from Enquiries.

Once you have started your chosen course, you <u>MUST REPORT BACK</u> to the Download tent so that we know you are safe, whether you finish your course or not. Otherwise we will have to organise a search party for you.

See below regarding the **whistle.**

All competitors:

If you are **travelling alone**, please leave your car keys (or similar) at Enquiries

You are advised to carry a **whistle** to summon assistance if you are injured, tired or lost.

You may encounter **barrier tape** (red/white or black/yellow) in the forest and at the Event Assembly. Please, for your safety, DO NOT CROSS any tape encountered.

Norbury Park is used by **pedestrians, dog walkers, horse riders & cyclists**. If you encounter any of these, particularly horses or when running up behind members of the public, please give them a wide berth.

Catering:

A mobile caterer (**O Nosh**) serving hot and cold food & drinks.

A special **50th Birthday Cake** will also be provided at Download to be shared by all competitors.

Event memento:

A memento of the event will also be provided to all competitors following a mapped course, at Download.

String Course competitors will receive other goodies at the conclusion of their run.

Cancellation:

In the event of cancellation this will be notified via our web site. Some or all of your entry fee may be retained.

On behalf of MVOC, I'll keep my fingers crossed for great weather and hope you all have a happy and successful event.

David Fisher - Organiser

**** YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND
TAKE PART IN THIS EVENT AT YOUR OWN RISK ****