



Over the Easter weekend, Chasers headed south for the JK orienteering festival. The annual 4-day event was this year organised by the South-East region and although chilly, we had plenty of spring sunshine and a great social weekend focussed around the club tent.

Day 1 was a sprint race at Brunel University. Best performance of the day, was Iain Stamp with an impressive 2nd place in the M35 class.

We then moved to Sussex, with a middle race on Ambersham Common. Lots of top 10 performances for us: Iain Stamp 9th on M35L, Bob Dredge 4th on M65L, Claire Stamp 8th on W35S, Christine Collins 9th on W55S, Carol Dredge 9th on W60L, an injured Allan Williams 6th on Light Green, George Hughes 4th on Orange, Olivia Stamp 6th on White, and finally victory for Fraser Stamp on the White course – well done Fraser!!

Day 3 was a long race on Holmbush. Top ten placings today were: Bob 5th on M65L, Claire 8th on W35S, Alison 10th on W50S, Christine 9th on W55S, and Carol 10th on W60L.

Overall JK positions, based on Day 2&3, had 4 top ten spots: Bob, and impressive 4th on the M65L, Claire 8th on W35S, Christine 5th on W55S, and Carol 8th on W60L.

Finally, the relays on Easter Monday were held at Pippingford Park. After injuries, we ended up with just the 2 teams:

Women's Short – Holly H, Alison and Christine. Overall 18th with Holly having an excellent run 3rd fastest on her course.

Veteran Men 165+ - John R, Bob and Ray. Again, overall 18th with Bob being the star of the team 3rd fastest on his course.

Chasers were well represented in an official capacity, with Allan Williams the controller on the Sprint race day, and Andy Yeates the controller on the Middle race day.

And finally, Alison & John fought it out for the SPAM award – with Alison being late for her start on Day 2, despite having been in the assembly area for over 4 hours... closely followed by John who almost got into the finish field before realising he'd missed 4 controls, so adding 2km to his course....

Next year, the West Midlands region will host the JK, so we'll see you there – plenty of manpower will be needed so please volunteer if you can for what should be a great weekend of racing.