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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

ORIENTEERING CLUB

INTRODUCTORY NEWSLETTER

Thank you for your interest in the Club, herewith an attempt to explain a little about the sport of Orienteering and to notify you of our activities:

ORIENTEERING is a map reading sport of Scandinavian origin requiring fitness, accuracy, and the ability to make quick decisions. Its appeal is widespread- it enables young and old, the fit and the not so fit to enjoy the delights of open (or not so open) countryside. Competitors pit their wits against each other in trying to navigate difficult terrain in the minimum time possible. Of course if they choose to pursue a leisurely pace then they are free to do so, after all, remember the fabled tortoise!

Competitions can be either of the sequential 'cross-country' type, involving visiting controls in a certain order, or of the 'score' type where value judgements have to be made in selecting your own route to controls of different points value.

As we are a new society we depend very much on initial support for this year to be a success, so please do come along and support the events, and offer your criticisms - and help! Orienteering is primarily a sport of COMPETITIONS so the basic requirement is to obtain a group of people who can share their mutual interest by travelling to, and maybe assisting, these competitions.

Thus THIS SUNDAY we begin by having an introductory talk (½ hr or so) followed by an event within 6 mls of the City.

Date: Sun Oct 13th

Meeting place: Old Hockey Ground, at the junction of Barton Road and Newnham Road.

Time: 10.45 am. Course lengths: about 3, or about 8 miles.

Transport: If you have a bus, car, tandem or even just a bike, please bring it. In the event of our being swamped with entries we could always arrange a coach (to get out to the course).

Cost: a few shillings, depending on our overheads on the day

Bring: a plastic bag (to put your map supplied by us) in. a Silva type compass if you have one, or would like to have one (essential for orienteering. Obtainable from The Outdoor Centre, price 16/- upwards. A red pen.