

## Controller's Comments Oakwell Hall night and day events

With dodgy ankles I have never been involved with a night event before in any capacity. I have to say it was an interesting experience and I can only admire you, the competitors, to be able to run at night at the speeds you manage.

The ground was rock hard with all the frost we have had. I was worried we might have black ice and have to cancel at short notice. Fortunately, it was just ok to go ahead though we did have one casualty and hope Davey you are ok and be back competing again soon.

Juliet was calm throughout the planning stages and was ably assisted by Arabella. Juliet increased her skills adding the computing processes that David used to take on when planning together. Well Done Juliet.

The path network at Oakwell Hall can catch you out if you are not concentrating but it is difficult to get many interesting and challenging legs. Having said that, some competitors did get lost and everybody seemed to enjoy their run (runs).

Apologies to the three of you who punched the wrong fence corner (114 rather than 120). The controls were just 50 metres apart but we should have changed one of the descriptions. I shall be more careful next time and it just shows you should always check the control numbers as controllers make mistakes!

The EPOC team, led by Emma, were on good form and everything ran smoothly despite the cold. Having checked the controls on Saturday afternoon I was able to spend Sunday in the warmth with the tin of chocolates.

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