

Organiser's Comments

This was the first Galoppen that we have organised for NGOC and we have greatly valued the help and advice given by so many of the club members. We were delighted that so many competitors came back having enjoyed their "well planned" courses. It was an opportunity to give 2 youngsters a chance to plan a Level C event and with guidance from the controller, they did well.

Prior to the day, we did experience rather more problems than expected, the first being the field earmarked for car parking was waterlogged. We owe a vote of thanks to Dave Sykes of the Forestry Commission and his team, for first of all allowing us to move car parking over to the forest roads in Headless Hill, then when the tenant of the farm was suddenly taken seriously ill and airlifted to hospital, letting us move assembly as well. They then cut up the trees which fell across the forest road and assembly area 3 days before the event! This meant we had to set up a team to ensure safe crossing of the A4136 on a fast stretch of the road. This they did with cooperation from all the competitors. Our last problem was several lorry loads of spoil were delivered to the farm and some tipped on the footpath which was on the route to the start. This had to be re-routed the day before the event! As ever our equipment officer did a brilliant job, even putting up a temporary stile on the day. Also thanks to all who helped in so many different ways, even supporting the main tent when the wind increased. Our caterers also did a roaring trade with their excellent selection of food and drink.

We wish Jeff Revel of Broadstones Farm a speedy recovery and thank his brother Dave for allowing the competition to proceed.

Looking back it was an enjoyable challenge on the whole!

Gill and Chris James