



## NORTHERN NAVIGATORS

Celebration event at

**Chopwell Wood**

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 1997

### Course 1 (long M21A) – 10.8km, 20 controls

1. Rob McKenna	M45	NN	91.57
2. Bob Cooper	M50	NN	165.41

### Course 4 (M45) – 8.0km, 14 controls

1. Julian Warren	M21	NN	81.16
2. John Dixon	M50	KNOB	84.45
3. Frank Major	M50	NN	98.18
4. Maurice Swales	M50	NN	103.26
5. Jane Malley	W35	NN	105.26
6. Alan Morgan	M65	NN	120.42

### Course 5 (M21B) – 6.9km, 13 controls

1. Keith Chipchase	M40	NN	76.55
<i>Retired / disqualified</i>			
Peter Firth	M45	NATO	ret

### Wayfinders – 3.2km, 13 controls

1. Jem Wilcox	M45	NN	29.31
2. Ruth Rose	W45	NN	54.40
3. Susan+Sarah Stamp		NN	68.43
4. Eileen Morgan	W60	NN	81.16
<i>Retired / disqualified</i>			
T.Carnall+1	M4	ind	ret

Organiser / planner – Eric Stamp

### Notes for competitors

The aim of today's event is to re-run some of the old courses of the Northern Championships 25 years after they were held in Chopwell Wood, using the original map.

This map was produced in 1972 by Don Smith having been surveyed by a small group from Lanchester Orienteers. It was the first area to be mapped at the then new scale of 1:15000, as previous maps had been OS 1:25000 or specially produced 1:20000 maps. These were originally black and white but the use of brown for contours and blue for water features soon became introduced. This map was certainly one of the first 5 colour maps in the country and definitely the first in the North East. BOF archives could not determine exactly which area was *the* first to claim this honour but agreed that the Chopwell map was one of the forerunners with the new multi-colour mapping as used today. It was produced for the Northern Senior and Intermediate Championships which were run on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1972. This was not however the first Northern Championships as this started back in 1966 in Grizedale. I have managed to obtain a full set of results from the original event which includes split times at certain manned controls. It should make for interesting comparisons if you have a watch with a split times memory facility. I will reproduce the original results for the sake of comparing times and also so you can see how many names you can recognise. They also include some interesting comments about vandalism of controls and a bizarre and eerie story about the wooden cross control site.

I have also managed to obtain a copy of 'The Orienteer' from 1972, which includes an article on the event and winners routes drawn onto a map for course 1 and 4 with comments from the 2 leading competitors on their route choices etc. This will also be reproduced for your perusal and distributed with the results (see results 17.9.72).

### Specific notes about the map

Obviously there have been countless map changes since this map was produced and it would be pointless to try to inform competitors of them all (we might as well give you the new map!).

The spirit of the event is to run the old courses on the old map so therefore I have decided not to give any map corrections. Common sense and experience will tell you what can be relied on as still being accurate and what is likely to have changed. Virtually all of the control sites still exist and are on the latest map, those that aren't are marked with a tripod or tape streamer. The out of bounds areas were the original ones. I think they should be adhered to, to give you the same conditions as the original competitors faced.

Please note the magnetic variation will have changed by about 5 degrees since then and if you want to take accurate bearings you will need to deduct 5 degrees. If you use a thumb compass with no markings then....work it out for yourself.

To add a bit of flavour of the original event we have managed to locate some old style kites and two different types of early punches – these will be used on a few controls, so be warned.

Have fun and don't dare say the map is better than the current one or Rob McKenna and myself might get a bit upset.