

Organiser's comments

First of all, before I say anything else, I wish to thank all the helpers who turned out at silly o' clock to ensure that the event went ahead and who, despite several members of their team being unable to get there because of the icy weather, nevertheless made sure that everything was in place and running smoothly. I must make special mention of Jackie Page, my co-conspirator, who helped me through my first event as Organiser, and also Ian Macmillan who, despite being as old as Methuselah and having recently been hospitalised following a serious car accident, single-handedly manned (personed?) the Finish from beginning to end and even claimed to have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. He then proceeded to catch the bus home afterwards. Ian, I can't thank you enough.

Secondly, about the weather. I conferred with Jonathan Emberton, the Controller, and asked him politely to lay on some nice sunshine and warmth for the event. Obviously, he flatly refused and insisted upon ice and snow, claiming that this would be 'character building' and would 'make the whole experience so much more enjoyable'. So any complaints about the weather please address them to Jonathan and my apologies to those who couldn't get there.

Finally, on the day of the event, everything ran so smoothly, thanks to the helpers, that I was left with nothing more to do than stand about trying to look important and to look as if I had a vague idea of what was going on. We had only positive feedback on the day and everyone seemed pleased with the courses. My thanks to Simon Martland, the Planner.

And my thanks to all you orienteers who managed to get there despite the conditions, and made the day the success that it was. I hope that you all had a safe journey home and look forward to seeing you at Newmillerdam.

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