



## TRI-ADVENTURE EVENT REPORT CRANLEIGH 27 SEPTEMBER 2015

We were back with another Adventure Race after the August summer break with the first of our **Autumn Series** at Cranleigh. And what a contrast in the weather from our last event at Peaslake! For once, we had a beautiful, sunny day from start to finish and, with the first signs of Autumn all around us, the course looked absolutely brilliant.

It was great to see more new faces taking part than in the previous events. We were also very pleased to meet some of the 'old' Tri-Adventurers, dusting off their loyalty cards and making a return to Tri-Adventure since I took over at the beginning of the year.

The course, once again, proved quite a challenge for most of the Adventurers, being quite hilly with routes in the woods. Kim Travis and Simon Asher had a good go at bagging the full set in the **Experience**, collecting 27 and 26 checkpoints respectively (out of 30), although they did both run over the 4 hour time limit in the process, costing them more in penalties than the value of a checkpoint each. A special mention to the Poole brothers (Jamie and Lee), who came down from Northampton for the event, and to David Husband who travelled from Norfolk! It's great to see such commitment from people, and we hope to see you guys at future events as well.

The 2 hour **Sprint** saw a three way tussle between Stephen Dadswell, Michael Krajewski and Andy Rickards (Farnham Triathlon Club), with Stephen managing to collect 2 more checkpoints than the other two, and Michael pipping Andy to second place by finishing within the 2 hour time limit. So, Stephen followed up his second place at Peaslake with a first place here. Christine Glew was the only lady in the **Sprint** event, yet her timing was perfect, as she came in on 01:59:20 – that's cutting it fine!

It looks as if the move from a 1 hour to a 2 hour **Trail** run is proving a success, and the points were fiercely contested. In the Ladies Event, all 5 participants collected 100 points, with the first three finishing within the time limit. So congratulations to Tricia Cranwell who clocked 01:51:14, three minutes ahead of Laura Sleightholme. In third place was a first for us: a mother and daughter combination Juliette, with Trish Noble-Jones being 13 years of age, so well done for keeping up with Mum and Dad. The men's **Trail** event was dominated by Barry Jones who collected 13 of the 15 checkpoints on offer, coming in slightly over the 2 hour limit in 02:01:42 – a pretty impressive performance.

On the issue of age limits, we do not allow children under the age of 16 to take part as solo adventurers for safety reasons, but we're more than happy for youngsters under 16 to accompany an adult in an event, and to make it a family affair we'll only charge for the adults. Maybe a grandad and grandson combination next?

I like to see couples entering their respective categories as well as entering in pairs, and this demonstrates the flexibility that Adventure Racing can offer. Although everyone is, clearly, trying to maximise the number of points they can collect, the real competition is against yourself – each person pushing him/herself to achieve their best score.

Feedback is very important for us, so I was so pleased to hear the many positive comments about the event – the challenge of the course, the friendliness of the Tri-Adventure team, the camaraderie amongst those taking part, and the organisation of the event. Our objective is for people to rock up and have a great time out there and we now just need to increase the numbers taking part.

To that end, we have started working with a Marketing Consultant, to look at ways of increasing our profile and reach. In addition, we will be exhibiting at the London Triathlon Show at London Excel (11-14 February 2016), and at the National Triathlon Show at the Lee Valley Velodrome (9-10 April). Get the dates in your diary and come and see us there.

### EXPERIENCE (4 HOUR EVENT)

<b>MALE</b>	<b>POINTS/TIME</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Kim Travis	254 04:07:39
2 <sup>nd</sup> Simon Asher	246 04:06:52
3 <sup>rd</sup> Timothy Cooper	220 03.52.54
<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>POINTS/TIME</b>
No Solo Ladies	
<b>PAIRS</b>	<b>POINTS/TIME</b>
Jamie Poole and Lee Poole	140 03.57.11

### SPRINT (2 HOUR EVENT)

<b>MALE</b>	<b>POINTS/TIME</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Stephen Dadswell	152 02:04:00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Michael Krajewski	140 01:57:57
3 <sup>rd</sup> Andy Rickards	126 02:06:59
<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>POINTS/TIME</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Christine Glew	80 01:59:20
<b>PAIRS</b>	<b>POINTS/TIME</b>
Andrew Haslehurst / Lyndsay Haslehurst	95 02.17.19

### TRAIL (2 HOUR EVENT)

<b>MALE</b>	<b>POINTS/TIME</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Barry Jones	126 02:01:42
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mark Cranwell	100 01:51:15
3 <sup>rd</sup> Adam Taylor	100 01:54:19
<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>POINTS/TIME</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Tricia Cranwell	100 01:51:14
2 <sup>nd</sup> Laura Sleighholme	100 01.54.18
3 <sup>rd</sup> Juliette/Trish Noble-Jones	100 01.58.32

The full race results, with splits and transition times, are available on the Tri-Adventure website [here](#).

Photos taken at the event can be found and tagged in our Facebook album [here](#) and on Picasa [here](#).

If you have photos to add from events, please do [email](#) them, tweet them to [@tri\\_adventure](#) or use #triadventure, or post them on [Facebook](#).

As usual, thanks to those who shared their thoughts and made suggestions on the day. I am always open to suggestions to improve and expand the Tri-Adventure experience for more and more people. If you have had a thought to add since Sunday, please pop it in an [email](#) now!

So, the **AUTUMN SERIES** is off and running. Is it too much to expect the weather to hold out for the entire series, as it did yesterday? Let's hope so. The next Event is on **Sunday, 11 October** at **Tilford**. Entries are of course [open](#).

**PLEASE NOTE: I'm running a one day Academy Training Course in Navigation and Adventure Racing Strategy on the Saturday before Tilford – 10 October.** So, for those of you who want to sharpen your AR skills, or who know people who'd like to get involved in AR but are a bit unsure about how to read a map, etc, this is an ideal opportunity to do just that. I guarantee that, after a day's training, you'll find the strategy of navigating a lot easier, enabling you to plot better courses and collect more checkpoints in the process. To apply, or for more information, [click here](#).

This series will be followed by a **WINTER SERIES** (December – March), and a **SPRING SERIES** (April – June). There will be trophies and prizes at the end of each series (as for the **AUTUMN SERIES**), and I'll also do something for those who have collected the most points over the nine months. By June and July, I hope to have some longer events, such as a 12 hour event full of adventure, before taking a break in August.

I'll be finalising the dates for the whole of 2016 in the next couple of weeks, so keep an eye on the website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Once again, thanks for coming along to Cranleigh yesterday. I know I say this in every Report but, quite simply, without you, there would be no Tri-Adventure. Also, thanks for the fantastic team, Mum with her cakes, Dad looking after the bikes and Liz for the Admin. Please spread the word about these great weekend events, and I look forward to seeing you again at Tilford.

Yours in Adventure,

Adam