

I hope you all enjoyed the finale race at Dagnam Park last night. It was a lovely summer evening, the forest had some fast running, and there were plenty of deer to spot.

I decided on a butterfly looped, mass start line event for this one, in the hope that you would all get some close running, and see plenty of other orienteers on your way round, something that is sometimes hard to achieve. By mixing in some duplicate loops on short and long, with some, "almost the same" loops I hoped you would all be taxed in your route choice. It seemed to work.

We had some very fast times - some of you had finished before I got a chance to get into the woods for some photos! The ones that I did capture will go onto Facebook later.

The results can be found, [here](#).

On the short course, we had less than 5 minutes separating the top 4, with Colin Jackson just pipping Dale Bennett for the fastest time on the night. They finished 3rd and 4th on handicap though, as Gillian Edgar and John Allen take the top two spots.

Looking at the Long course, and Luke Bennett stormed round, finishing 5 mins ahead of the next three, who were only separated by a minute and a half. Luke also takes the handicap win, just ahead of his brother, Jake, in second, with Lewis Judge placing third.

You can still run the course on Anytime catchup in the next two weeks and score points for the league, but the top three places in both courses are fixed. Jackie Sibthorp takes the Long course title, despite not running in the last event. Defending champ, Keith Bennett, could only manage second this year, and David Float rounds out the podium.

It was close in the Short course, with Chris Childs taking victory, from Colin Jackson and Veronica Machin.

I will send a full season roundup and commentary following the conclusion of the catchup period.

Details of all the results in the series, and to anytime maps and instructions can be found on the series [homepage](#).

We will have a short break for summer now, returning in September with the Twilight series. I am still finalising details for that, so will be in touch soon with details of venues, dates and race formats.