

Was I thinking straight when I agreed to control the Midland Champs on Brown Clee as my first Level A event. I think not.

As it happened everything went smoothly on the day including the weather with only the usual few expected moans.

Brown Clee can only be described as physical and huge thanks must go out to Barry the planner who I'm sure had a shepherd's hut somewhere on the area because he seemed to be always up there. I thought the large number of courses were extremely well planned considering the number of restrictions placed on the area by the estate. Rod Postlethwaite spent some considerable time on the area as well updating the ageing map which when printed looked good.

Of course the event wouldn't have gone ahead without the superb organisation of Leslie and Eric. Each time I spoke to them all I got was that everything was in hand or sorted which was reassuring.

On the Saturday when I had just reached exhaustion point Simon my assistant walked up the hill and took over to complete the task of checking the controls. He was on the job early on Sunday when we had to wake up the controls.

During the whole process I did learn an awful lot and the blanks when they happened were filled in by Roger Edwards and Chris Phillips from Leicester. I'm not saying there were no problems and there were certainly some lessons learned which will be remembered in the future. Big thanks to everyone involved.

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