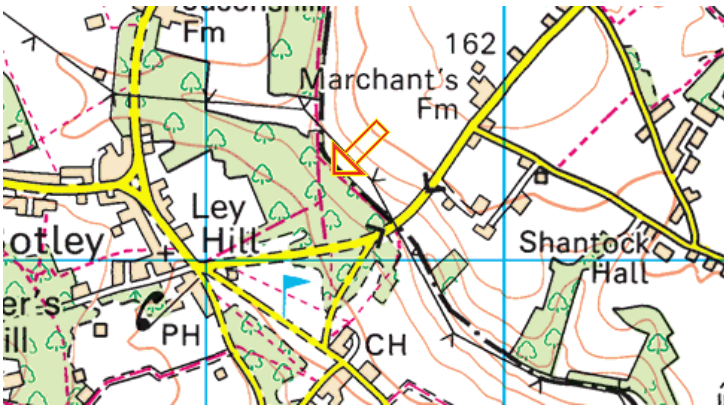


## Mid Thames Triple Twilight – 24<sup>th</sup> October

Six teams participated in the Eric Mollart memorial trophy event and were treated to three reasonable signals and a fair amount of rainfall at the start of the event. Most teams elected to visit Station C first which was the strongest, and was 'bounded' by the bearing passing relatively quickly off the edge of the map. The outcome of the event proved fairly close, with 5 teams finding the three tx's within 30 minutes of each other. Alan Simmons pipped Graham to the post, assisted by having taken the shortest run into (and hence out of) Station B and by those keen navigator ears at B!

Results at the end of this report.

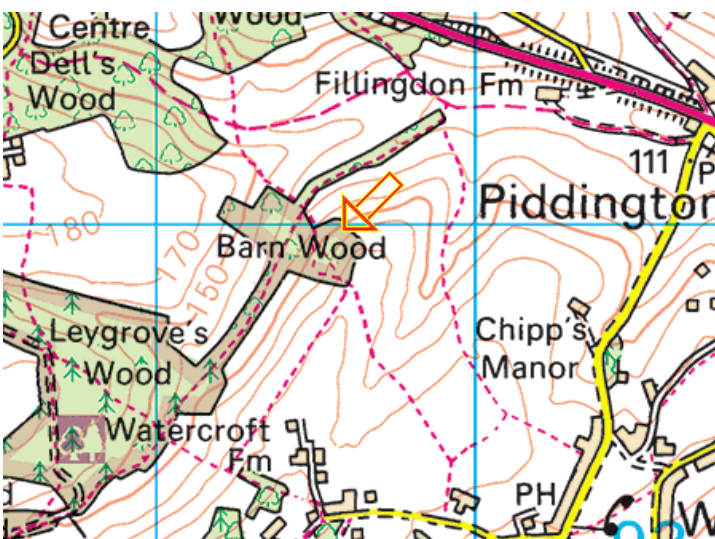
### Report by Steve



I was on station C, near the edge of the map at Ley Hill about 3km east of Chesham and 9km from the start. Adjacent to a golf course, at which I have played, although that didn't affect the choice of site. I had a simple straight wire aerial with an earth stake and was sitting under a fallen tree. Not enough cover though to stay dry! Was fully expecting all teams to visit me first, and would be in quite quickly.

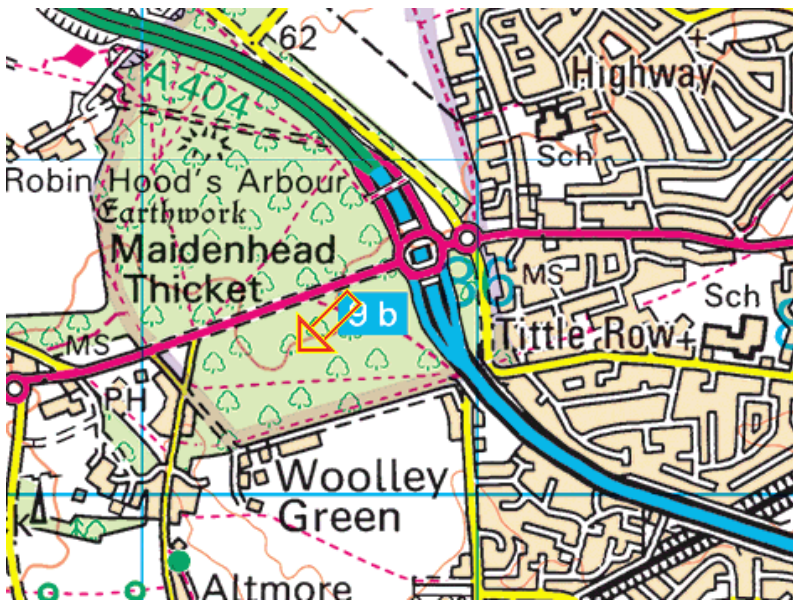
Graham Jones was first in here, followed relatively quickly by the other teams, although apparently Alan was on-site in the adjacent plantation about 5:15 and couldn't get a sense on me until the other 4 teams arrived and went further down the path. After that it was a long and lonely wait for Graham to arrive at about 8:30.

### Report by Peter



Station B was the next choice for most competitors, being 17.5km west from the start at Barn Wood near Piddington. Graham Jones was first to arrive in the locality and pinpointed the wood as the likely location, but then lost a lot of time trying to find a suitable footpath to access the site. Graham Phillips was first to arrive in the wood but found locating the Tx located under a dense clump of young fir trees, somewhat troublesome. Eventually his navigator's phenomenal LED torch picked out the aerial which sped up the process, and Graham left site well ahead of the next two teams – Alan Simmons and Ian Butson. Their location tactic (navigator listening keenly for tx operator on phone!) proved somewhat faster in locating Peter. Next in were Tim Parker and (finally) Graham Jones in somewhat disconsolate mode.

### Report by John



Having been asked to find a site in the Twyford/Maidenhead area, I thought I'd have a look at Maidenhead Thicket. The main part is to the north of the A4 so I decided I'd look at the smaller and less obvious area to the south of the A4. There were a couple of marked footpaths and a maze of unmarked paths and I found a likely looking spot almost exactly in the middle of the wood. Steve helped me put up an aerial a few days later. This was a quarter wave catapulted high into a nearby tree, giving plenty of vertical aerial. After helping Peter with his aerial on the Friday before the event, I visited my site again to check that the aerial was still there and to make sure I could find it again.

Once the event started, I received a call from Mark saying that we were all heard at the start and everybody was heading to station C. I was taken by surprise at around 1740 when Graham P and David appeared. Graham's set had taken him straight towards the vertical aerial so he was quickly in and out. No other teams appeared until around 1930 when a lone torch appeared. I thought I'd been spotted as I was trying to reply to a text, but no. The torch went away and seemed to circle the site despite plenty of transmissions. Eventually, Gary spotted me and clocked in. There was another long wait until nearly 2030 when, first Alan and then Tim clocked in, both of them having wandered around the site for some time. Just before 2050 we heard, Ian and Roger shouting and managed to call them in before the close - 5 teams out of 6.

## Results

Position	Name	Finish	Time A	Time B	Time C
1	Alan Simmons	20:33:49	20:33:49	19:34:44	17:58:41
2	Graham Phillips	20:36:14	17:42:25	19:19:07	20:36:14
3	Tim Parker	20:45:15	20:45:15	19:47:51	18:08:25
4	Ian Butson	20:56:34	20:56:34	19:37:07	17:59:12
5	Gary Parker	19:39:59	19:39:59		17:56:29
6	Graham Jones	20:27:58		20:27:58	17:56:17

Note that Gary found Station B, but 4 seconds to late, unlucky Gary.