

July

The Army Orienteering Championships sponsored by Abbey National were jointly hosted by 13 Sig Regt and 213 Sqn RCT (V) in the areas of Bracht and Brüggem. From the mass start in the relays it was obvious that there were going to be many personal battles fought out and the competition was fierce. The Swedish Army Team showed that once again they were the king of the sport with both their first leg runners coming in ahead of all opposition. The Major Unit Competition was closely fought between 94 Locating Regt, 7 RHA and 1 RHA. The lead changed hands on every leg but it was 94 Locating Regt who held on to retain their Army trophy with 1 RHA in 2nd place and 7 RHA 3rd. In the Minor Unit competition the teams were equally close with 3 teams battling out the honours. 5 Armd Bde HQ & Sig Sqn came out the eventual winners with Comms & Sy Gp UK 2nd and 5 Armd Wksp 3rd. The Womens event was, for the first time, along the same lines as the men's and it was 13 Sig Regt who emerged as clear winners with 3 UDR runners up and the RAEC Beaconsfield coming in 3rd. It was a good days orienteering and the individual championships were held the next day at Brüggem with over 300 competitors, and as expected, it was LBdr Brett RA who came first ahead of last years champion, Maj Glen Grant.

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