

LEI News

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The Newsletter of the Leicestershire Orienteering Club

Ramblings from the Chair



Writing this Ramble at the start of 2009 I am looking forward to a very busy year for the club with both the

British Middle Distance Championships and the Compass Sport Cup and Trophy Final as the highlights of our packed event programme. I do hope that some good orienteering might offset whatever economic and social gloom comes our way this year. One of the heavyweight Sunday newspapers recently listed the best 50 Ways to Get Fit. No1 on their list, Orienteering!

The AGM was the first of our three regular "social" events of the winter. Your Club Officers were able to report a successful year with plenty of events, a healthy bank balance and success by individuals in competitions. Simon Ford has stood down as Club Captain and we

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welcomed Alison Hardy as his successor. Apart from leading and organising the team at interclub events such as the Compass Sport Cup one of the roles of the Club Captain is to represent members on the club's executive committee and I hope that you will let Alison know your views and concerns. There is a general invitation to all club members to attend the club's committee meetings if they wish. The full committee meets four times a year usually on the second Monday of February, May, August and November.

The Club Dinner and Presentation Evening was as usual a very convivial evening and an opportunity to mark the achievements of our members over the last 12 months. As the supplies of our "Champions Coffee Mugs" have run out, we now have a new memento for our

winners, a engraved glass goblet. It was a particular pleasure to ask the Club President to present Simon Ford with the Tiger Trophy for outstanding service to the club over a number of years. For much of the last 10 years Simon has been a the centre of the club, guiding its affairs both as chairman and club captain and contributing in many different ways.

Forty hardy souls turned up for the Christmas Novelty at Sence Valley on a very wet and cold Saturday morning in mid December. I am sorry to say by the end of the morning the Christmas Tree Fairy's wings were rather bedraggled and Santa's beard had definitely seen better days - at least the post event "party" was in a nice warm pub with plenty of food.

Chris Phillips
Chairman

Your Club Needs

You!

At this year's

Compass Sport Cup

On 29th March at Sherwood Pines

Please note the date in your

Orienteering Diary NOW!

Club News

Message from the New Club Captain, Alison Hardy:

Firstly, I would like to thank Simon Ford for the commitment and energy he has given during his term as the Club Captain. I am very thrilled to be taking on this role, particularly as we have such a great club of keen and active orienteers. Son Ben was also excited but misunderstood the role as he thought I was going to be getting a parrot and a fake wooden leg. Wrong type of Captain Ben.

To confirm, my role will be involved with:

- ◆ arranging and publicising inter-club fixtures
- ◆ coordinating members entering as teams in relays or inter club competitions and
- ◆ representing the interests of the ordinary members at committee.

There is interest in having at least one **relay team entry for the British Champs in the New Forest on the 1st March '09**. Let me know soon if you would like to be included. It would be great to have a ladies team too if any other takers.

(The JK Relays taking place near Hexham in the North East of England on the 13th April also occur before the next edition of LEI News so let Alison know if you are interested in a relay run there - ed.)

Please make a note in your diaries that on **29th March 2009**, venue hopefully to be **Sherwood Pines** (check the website for updates) we have the **1st round of the 2009 Compass Sport Cup**. I hope to see as many of you as possible at this event. For those who may not be aware, runners score points for the Club dependant upon the position they finish in the course they run. If you do plan to go, I'd love to hear from you and I shall be hoping to catch up with many of you at events between now and then.

Orienteering can be a sport where we get to recognise names from results lists but don't necessarily manage to put faces to names. I am hoping to get to know even more of you over the coming months, so don't be shy in introducing yourselves to me. If there are any issues you would like me to raise on your behalf then do contact me in person or by email at alisonhardy@hotmail.co.uk

With split starts and a young son who is eager to take part too, getting to talk to people at events may not always go to plan but I look forward to getting to know even more of you in the future.

Alison Hardy

The British Middle Distance Elite Championships & The British Middle Distance Age Class Championships



The British Middle Distance Championships which is to be held at Cademan and Thringstone Woods and High Sharpley on the 10th May 2009 will be a first for two reasons. This is the first time that LEI have hosted an element of the British Championships and secondly this is the first time that classes, for other than elite competitors, have been held at the Middle Distance Championships

Hosting a Level 1 British Championship event is for a club of our size a major undertaking and our ability to deliver was given a very close scrutiny by BOF at the start of the planning process. As the event organiser and as club chairman I am very confident that we have the skills and ability to deliver such a major event. The organising and planning has been under way for over 18 months and writing this just 4 months before the event we are on track and on schedule for 10.30am on the 10th May.

Organisationally each of the major elements is being looked after by a team leader. They are:

- ◆ Event Centre: Rachel Simonetti
- ◆ Car Parking: Iain Tebbutt
- ◆ Bussing: Bob Haskins
- ◆ Starts: Peter Hornsby
- ◆ Finish: John Cooke
- ◆ SI: Kevin Bradley
- ◆ Equipment: Roger Phillips

During the next few weeks they will be contacting club members to enlist their help on the various teams. Apart from needing much more volunteer help on the day, running a Level 1 event has a degree of complexity and longer start times that we don't normally see in day to day orienteering. Therefore we shall in late April be holding a briefing meeting for everybody helping.

If you are one of our newer members or a junior member please don't be put off by your lack of experience at helping with the events. Working at this event with the more experienced club members

is a very good place to start to learn what goes on behind the scenes.. We are a sport that relies totally on volunteer help to put on events.

Also part of the management team for the event are Roger Edwards -Planner, Ernie Williams - Asst Organiser, Roger Williamson – Entries, and Roy Denney – Sponsorship

In addition to the Championship Courses we will be putting on white, yellow and orange courses. The event will also be a UK Cup Race.

We shall be using the Castle Rock School at Whitwick as the Event Centre and bussing competitors to and from the event area. We will be supported on the day by The St John's Ambulance who are providing first aid cover and RAYNET who will be handling some of our communications. As you may have noticed from the pre-event publicity we are marketing the event jointly with

NOC, who are hosting the British Elite Sprints the day before, as The British Short Race Weekend. We hope that will encourage Orienteers from further afield to spend the weekend in the East Midlands and take part in both events.

As the event is a timed start rather than an punch start (you may remember we practiced this at the Bagworth event in November) we shall be making special arrangements for helpers at the starts. Therefore if you are helping and want to compete please contact me regarding entry rather than go through the normal online and postal entry systems. As with all club events, helpers will receive a discount on their entry fee.

The event website, which can be accessed from the club web site, has more details on the event and these will be added to as we get nearer to the 10th May.

Chris Phillips

EMOA Support to the JK 2009

East Midlands Orienteering Association has agreed to support the North East in putting on the JK in 2009. We have been asked to supply helpers for the starts on both the Saturday and Sunday events. Helpers will be eligible for a 25% discount on their entry fees by using a discount code when they enter. There are two starts to be manned each day but I have no other information at present. If anyone is interested in helping can they let me know by emailing me on dg.244@btinternet.com giving me the names of the helpers. I will provide the discount code and fit the names into the helpers lists as appropriate. If anyone has any special requirements can they ensure that this is in the email.

Derek Gale

Chair - EMOA

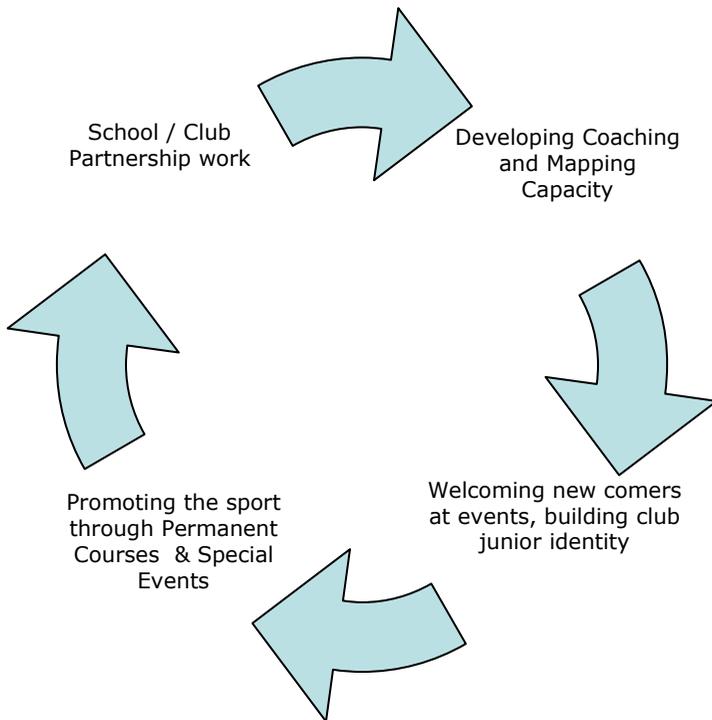
LEI Club Development



The current development group has now been working together for three years. We were of course building on initiatives previously carried out by Club members e.g. the very successful schools events at Beaumanor run by Jean Hall. The strength of our current activity appears to be the bringing together of many different areas of work which support each other.

We will be reviewing our current Development Plan at the next development group meeting on Monday 9th March 2009 at Groby Community College. If you would like to help decide where we should focus our activities please come along. Even if you can only give a small amount of time your contribution will be valued. Roger Edwards has taken over the role of Development Team Leader while I will be coordinating coaching development.

Judith Holt



After School clubs and Saturday training sessions



Autumn has been a busy period preparing for the Spring term after-school coaching sessions. The South Charnwood Partnership is leading the way and Darren Merriman is running seven sessions at a range of schools and

is being assisted by one interested teacher from each school. The first month for two of the clubs has already been completed and all the attendees are invited to an 8 week series of extra training at Martin High School, Anstey and Round Hill School in the period from March to May.

Sport England has offered BOF funds to support a further after-school club. We are one of 11 English clubs selected for a grant. We are putting on an weekly early evening parent and child club in the Hinckley & Bosworth Partnership at South Charnwood High School on Mondays in March, from 5.30 to 7.00. Birthe Wilson will be the principal coach and the Partnership will assist by inviting pupils to attend and will encourage their Young sports leaders to assist with the club. If you want to register please send in a registration form from the LEI web site.

As an extension, three Saturday morning sessions (14th 28th March & 25th April) at

Outwoods are planned for **all** this year's beginners. The coaching sessions are open to all and there will be a short Score for adults too. Hopefully most participants will feel confident to enter the British Middle Distance Event in May, either in the main competition or on the colour coded courses.

County Schools Championship



The Club is planning to map Bosworth College so that the Year 7&8 Inter-school selection event can take place on Saturday 20th June. The County inter-partnership final will be three days later on Tuesday 23rd at Donisthorpe. Club members not selected or in non-participating schools are invited to enter the championship courses on a non-competitive basis, please apply through the Entries Secretary.

Roger Edwards

Improve your skills.

Southern Lake District

LEI will again have a coaching group at the British Orienteering Club Coaching day in the Southern Lake District. Coaching will be on Saturday 18th April followed by the LOC Regional Event at Graythwaite where 1:7500 maps will be available for older competitors.

For the Coaching Day contact Judith Holt by March 18th to express interest – details including cost to be confirmed.

For the regional event at Graythwaite enter yourself: details at:

www.lakeland-orienteing.org.uk.

Junior Section



British Middle Distance Championship Sunday 10 May

The British Middle Distance Championship will be held in Leicestershire for the first time ever. The competition is open to all but only club members can compete in the Championship. The youngest age group is M10/W10 but as there are colour coded courses anyone can enter.

We need up to 100 officials so you as junior LEI members are invited to help at this event. As the event will be run for over four hours all officials will need relief from their jobs so everyone can compete **and** help out. There are many jobs including registration at Castle Rock High School, assisting at the start, ensuring maps are collected in and map reclaim, results download and course marshals. The bonus for all helpers is a half price entry fee and a memento. Please notify the Event organiser, Chris Phillips, if you are able to help

British Schools Score Championship Sherwood Pines October 2008



During the summer all those running in the Oadby & Wigston inter-school sprint series were invited to join an after-school club to be held during the first half of the Autumn Term. Ideally there would be sufficient from one school to form a team for the British Schools

Score Championship in October. In the event there were representatives from four of the five High Schools including a group of four Year 9 girls from Abington High School. Coaching started in mid September which gave a very limited time frame for the girls to decide they would like to compete and then to submit an entry. Following a misunderstanding no entry was submitted before the closing date but we were fortunate that the Entries Secretary allowed a very late entry. Two other Leicestershire schools also put in sole entries in the Year 5 boys category.

The BSOA web site states: Any school is welcome to enter a team to compete at the Championship event, subject to the children being able to read an orienteering map competently and be confident in using basic navigational techniques and to have competed in at least three orienteering events at the appropriate standard for their age. All our entries met the required standard.

So the British School Score championship is open to teams and individuals from any school. The format of the event is that Years 5-9 compete in a 45 minute score and Years 10-13 have 60 minutes. The late arrival penalties are less severe than adult events with only 5 points being deducted for each minute or part minute late. Also there are rules to reduce those gaining an unfair

advantage, eg maps of the area are not allowed in the assembly or pre-start area and all helpers must be 30m from the start lanes. To simplify registration all entrants are pre-allocated a dibber which is collected at the start tent. This year's event had pupils from as far as Devon and the Lake District so an early start was the order of the day. The event culminated with a prompt and slick presentation so that teams could get home in the daylight. Results of all championships and a picture gallery are on the British Schools web site <http://www.bsoa.org>

Saturday morning 10th October 2008 was a typical autumn day with bright sunshine. Mr Adams drove the Abington party to Sherwood Pines and parents of the two Leicestershire boys took the children too. Judith Holt and Roger Edwards arrived after them all, so it took some time tracking them down. Start times were in blocks with the four girls starting about every 8 minutes. The target was to visit 15 controls (one every three minutes), there being about this number within the easy reach, but this is not straight forwards in a competition! The most ambitious Suzanne and Autumn visited controls outside of this main area and gained a small advantage. By 40 minutes three of the girls had already entered the finish funnel with only Autumn Gibson (12th) relying on her mobile phone clock still out making maximum use of her allotted time.

Finally after the count of controls visited Suzanne Buswell (6th) had exceeded the target and Lauren Harrison (14th) and Becky Adams (20th) were close. You can see their Lower Secondary Girls L2 courses on Route gadget <http://www.noc-uk.org/gadget/cgi-bin/reitti.cgi>.



Teams are six to count, with pupils from two age groups being needed for a complete team, so we were unlikely to achieve a podium position. A 6th team place in the Lower Secondary Girls category was very creditable - came top of the schools with four counters.

In the year 5 boys, Nicky Wilson of Martinshaw Primary School, East Midlands League winner 2008, also matched the

girls' team place with his 150 points. Nicky picked up most of the controls close to the start and then did the long route SE. However Evan Tebbutt, Twycross House School, went for the SW long route early on and collected the easier controls on his return. Evan strategy worked better as he won his class with 170 points, but with over ten minutes to spare he could have visited even more! As an early starter a couple of pictures of Evan are shown on the event gallery.

Next year the British Schools Score Championship event is being organised by Essex Stragglers (SOS) at Chelmsford on Saturday 10th October 2009. The classic British Schools Championship is organised by Newcastle & Tyneside Orienteering (NATO) on Sunday 22nd November in Northumberland. (See Ben Windsor's account of the 2008 classic event in Berkshire on the club web site.) Can Leicestershire Schools repeat this year's start or do even better next year? Will you be in the team or just running non-competitive?

Junior Squad

Are you interested in what the better orienteers get up to, then you should look at the Junior Inter Regional Competition (JIRC)? At the last event the Northern Ireland team prepared a short video of the event in Yorkshire. Try downloading http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SK_Sq9-TaIQ

It was made as a trailer for the 2009 competition which is in Northern Ireland: will

you be selected this time? Ben Windsor's account of the 2008 event was in the last LEI news and there is a full account on the LEI web site.

Pictorial descriptions

The 2009 British Middle Distance Championship will use Pictorial control descriptions on all championship courses, so if you need to brush up on what they are - now is the time to do so. Pictorial descriptions came about to assist international competition and avoid bizarre translations, apparently in a Swiss event one description was translated into English as 'ramification of the oozes'.

If you are stuck as to what this really means, you can find the answer on the Nopesport <http://forum.nopesport.com>. On **Forum Select Pictorials** under the main **Discussion**.

Some descriptions you might need at future events:

test		0.6 km		20 m	
1	31				
2	32				
3	33				
4	34				
5	35				

Answers at bottom of page. 55

If you want to try out your knowledge then an on-line quiz can be found at www.fortnet.org/icd/

If you are into video downloads then there are plenty on the internet. If you fancy improving your orienteering sprint skills then multi-world champion [Thierry Gueorgiou's "Follow Me" 2 minute video](#) demonstrates a sprint event within a complex urban area of Cevera in Italy. http://terol.free.fr/news/php/example1.php?subaction=showfull&id=1128937175&archive=&start_from=&ucat=&go=news

A search using key words '[Thierry Gueorgiou video](#)' will display other videos.

British Schools Orienteering Championships, Dorset

On Sunday 16th November a team of 9 people from my school, Lawrence Sheriff, travelled down to Hawley & Hornley in Hampshire for the British Schools Orienteering Championships. There were about 1000 people there from over 100 schools around the country. Fortunately the weather was dry this year! There were a few groans about leaving school at 7.45 on a Sunday morning, but after a good run down the motorway we arrived at 10am and were ready to go.

First off were two of our year 10s, 8 minutes apart. Seeing as they're best friends, it didn't surprise us at all when they ran in to cross the finish line at exactly the same time –

having met each other before the first point (I discovered that because their Splitsbrowser graphs follow each other exactly from control 1). Round the 3.1km Orange course they took 72 and 80 minutes. Our third year 10 decided to retire after 90 minutes and three controls not found.

Four year 7s came, and this was their first time doing orienteering other than one after school training session I had run on the school field. Our fastest year 7 completed his 2km Yellow course in 25:15 to finish 44th of 68, an excellent run for his first time. The others (a pair) came 48th and the other got completely lost, coming 56th.

Our two 6th formers were Alex Nottingham (also from LEI) and Ben Windsor. Well done to Alex who completed his first course in 9 months in 58:51 to finish 35th of 48 for year 12, a 4.1km Light Green course. I ran fast, only losing a minute or two in small mistakes, and was sitting in first position with a time of 26:49 when I finished. Then towards the end GB runner Peter Hodgkinson from Bilborough College in Nottingham came in having done 4.8mins/km, smashing 2:20 off my time. So I finished 2nd overall which I was really pleased with!

We were going to wait for the prize giving, but then they told us they had to wait for EVERYONE to finish before they'd start it, so we decided to go back to school. Or, at least, the rest of the team decided to go back to school – because as we were about to pull off Jim from Nottingham High School offered

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Recent events update

Charnwood Forest South 12th October 2008

This event was shaped by one major factor, brambles. The planner (Mark Sherriff) had originally intended to cross into Benscliffe at one point, do a circuit of Benscliffe and cross back at another point further down the road. However the brambles were so bad that only one crossing point was usable. This meant that the longer courses had to cross in and out of the wood at the same point and indeed use a narrow

Brown	Clive Hallett	BOK	M45	53:17
Blue	Ben Windsor	LEI	M18	40:54
Green	Ian Wilson	LEI	M40	39:28
Lt Green	Andy Portsmouth	LEI	M50	36:09
Orange	Max Elliott	NOC	M12	28:25
Yellow	Nicholas Wilson	LEI	M10	19:13
White	Imogen Wilson	LEI	W10	14:16

corridor of runnability to access the better parts of Benscliffe on the far side of the hill. However on the day we were blessed with beautiful weather which led to a turnout of over 200 competitors.

Bagworth Woodlands 9th November 2008

This event incorporated a round of the Yvette Baker Trophy with youngsters from DVO, NOC and WCH competing against our own young orienteers. This helped to swell the numbers on the junior courses resulting in a total of nearly 240 competitors. Again we were blessed with decent weather (for November) which always helps. The event was based at the Miners Welfare in Bagworth with hot bacon rolls being one of the main highlights of the day.

Brown	Graham Watson	LEI	M21	55:41
Blue	Roger Edwards	LEI	M55	50:26
Green	Ben Windsor	LEI	M18	25:20
Lt Green	Ben Beresford	DVO	M14	34:38
Orange	Jack Hodgson	DVO	M16	31:36
Yellow	Kieran Huggan	NOC	M14	18:41
White	Emma Schaaning	DVO	W10	9:54

Sence Valley 13th December 2008

Unfortunately I was not at this event so I would refer you to the last paragraph of the Chair's Ramblings for more details.

Beacon Hill 28 December 2008

Again I was not at this event, a combination of transport problems and other commitments. However from reading the comments accompanying the results it seems to have been a successful event with an attendance of around 200 competitors and once again good, if cold weather. This event threw up a new problem for the organising team to sort

Brown	Marcus Pinker	FVO	M35	53:26
Blue	Richard Robinson	NOC	M21	36:23
Green	Elizabeth Parkinson	NOC	W16	30:53
Lt Green	Harriett Lawson	DVO	W14	27:42
Orange	Nathan Lawson	DVO	M12	20:43
Yellow	Rachel Schaaning	DVO	W10	18:13
White	Jack Clark	IND	M12	6:28

out, the entrance barrier malfunctioned at one point thus not allowing anyone to enter the car park. This was apparently solved by allowing people in the exit side by holding down the alligator teeth with a plank. An honesty box was to collect the missing car park fees for which the County Council were most appreciative. It is noticeable from the results that there seem to be a lot of competitors from other clubs suggesting that a lot of people are looking for something to do between Christmas and the New Year.

Lount Woodlands 18th January 2009

This event also produced problems, this time for the planner. Lount Woodlands is a new area and consists largely of new planting. There are two areas of older, more technically interesting, woodland.

Unfortunately one is used by a group of field archers and we were unable to access this area at all. The other is used by a shoot and our access to this area was very restricted. In

Brown	Marcus Pinker	FVO	M35	53:26
Blue	Richard Robinson	NOC	M21	36:23
Green	Luke Addison	DVO	M16	36:22
Lt Green	Anthony Horn	SYO	M21	29:19
Orange	Vivien Law	LEi	W45	32:12
Yellow	Tim Schaaning	DVO	M14	12:41
White	Emma Schaaning	DVO	W10	8:26

spite of these setbacks Simon Starkey managed to plan some challenging courses and once again we were blessed with good weather on the day. The ground was extremely wet and boggy on the day which made the going quite tough. The attendance of around 170 competitors was reasonable considering that there was an event in the West Midlands which meant that we got very few people from that area.

John Cooke

Competition

Win a free laminated map of your choice

We invite members to interpret the cryptic clues on the opposite page. Send your answers to Peter Hornsby by mail or email (Peter's details appear on page 3). Please forward them before February 15th to allow time for judging.

The winner will be announced at the beginning of March and will be able to select an OS map of their choice and receive a laminated copy kindly provided by Guidepost, an on line bookshop, specialising in maps, outdoor books and accessories, and digital mapping

Orders can be placed by telephone 0115 937 7449, by post or on the website, www.guidepost.uk.com, and payment can be made securely on line, by telephone, or by cheque.

They sell maps of Britain by the Ordnance Survey (both paper and laminated), Harvey, the British Mountaineering Council, Footprint, and reproduction old OS maps by Cassini.

In addition, they have an ever expanding range of foreign maps, and can source maps for most countries if they are not on their website.

They have walking books covering all types of walks and abilities, from short family walks to long distance routes, as well as books on navigation, first aid, weather and outdoor survival.

In addition, they sell the popular Anquet digital mapping, a range of Silva compasses and gifts such as map jigsaws for children and adults.

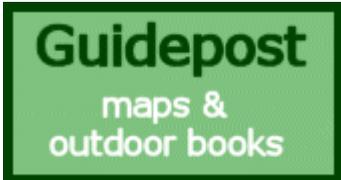
The address of Guidepost is

37 Normanton Lane,

Keyworth,

Notts

NG12 5HB



Guidepost
maps &
outdoor books

Annual Presentation Dinner



The LEIOC Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation took place on the 6th December 2008 at the Forest Hill Golf Club, Botcheston. As is becoming traditional the assembled company was well looked after by the golf club and an

enjoyable evening was had by all.

The announcement of the various awards was made by Club Chair Chris Phillips whilst the presentation was left in the capable hands of Club President Ernie Williams.

Club League

Senior Men

1st David Bray

Senior Women

1st Alison Hardy

Juniors

1st Ben Windsor



President's Salver

Judith Holt

"In February of the year we became the 21st Club in the British Orienteering Federation to achieve Sport England's Club Mark Award. The gaining of the status required a huge amount of work. As your Chairman all I had to do was sign the reams of paperwork but the person who dragged us through the labyrinth of technicalities and ensured that our assessors could find no fault was Judith Holt. And so it



Thelma Spalton Trophy

Judith Holt

Awarded to a senior lady (w45+) for performance over the whole of the preceding year.

gives me great pleasure to ask the President to present the Salver to Judith."

Chris Phillips
Chair

Clock Trophy

Awarded for an exceptionally long run by a club member at an LEI event.

Awarded to **Bob Haskins** who took 119m 01s on the Blue course at Rough Park and Rising Wood in January 2008.

Tiger Trophy Simon Ford

Finally the Tiger Trophy awarded to a club member for outstanding services to the club over a number of years.

I know that I am going to rather embarrass this years recipient as he is a member who likes to go quietly on in the background doing his chosen tasks - this despite the fact that he has held the to two highest profile jobs in the club - Club Captain and Chairman. For much of the last 10 years Simon Ford has been a the centre of the club, guiding its affairs as chairman and contributing in many different ways to our ability to develop and deliver our regular events programme. I suspect that Simon is not aware of how well he is respected within the club and how influential his views are. I hope that the awarding of the Tiger Trophy goes in some way to thank Simon for all his work and effort over the years - and of course for that which is still left to come."

**Chris Phillips
Chair**



Summer League

Senior Men

1st Peter Hornsby

Senior Women

1st Alison Hardy

Best Unhandicapped Score

1st Roger Phillips



Winter League 2007/2008

Peter Hornsby

National Forest Trophy Ben Windsor

Awarded for the best run in the opinion of a selected jury at a nominated event. This year Ben (M18) won the Blue course at the Charnwood Forest South event in October by a considerable margin.



Club Champions 2008

Held at the Charnwood Forest South Event on 12th October 2008.

Men's Champion

Ben Windsor

Women's champion

Ursula Williamson

Draft Minutes for AGM 2008 held on Monday 27th October 2008 at Forest Hill Golf Club

Members Present:

Ernie Williams, Roger Edwards, Chris Phillips, Rachel Simonetti, Bob Haskins, Roy Denny, Peter Hornsby, Roger Williamson, Ursula Williamson, John Marriott, Mark Foxwell, Alison Hardy, Judith Holt, John Cook, David LeBoutillier, Simon Ford, Dave Toach, Peter Leake, Simon Starkey, Roger Kelly

1 Apologies for absence

Lee Powell and Roger Phillips

2 Declaration of membership numbers

20 people attended which meant that the meeting was quorate.

Total membership - 170 plus 22 Associate BSOA and 4 Associate Schools. 1 local group member was included in the total membership.

3 Approval and signing of minutes of last annual general meeting (24/10/2007)

Meeting of last minutes approved and signed.

4 Matters arising from those minutes

University promotion - it was discussed at the last AGM (in open forum) that we should be promoting our events to Orienteering Clubs in universities and that a volunteer should be sort to take project on board and see it through. RD pointed out that this University promotion had not been actioned. CP explained that this was because no willing volunteers had come forward to

head this project.

5 Chairman's Report on past year

A very busy year. Looking first to our events programme, the Chairman was pleased to report an increase in numbers competing at the club's events during the year. This increase has been evident across the whole range of our competitions with, the largest increase at the C4 and C3 events. We have in total organised 49 events during the year to 31st August 2008. The Summer League continues to provide a firm foundation for much of our competitive activity and thanks go to Mark Foxwell and to all those who organised and planned. The Winter League continues to be successful, although the Saturday morning events attract only limited numbers. With the changes to the British Orienteering event structure coming on line on 1st January 2009, there will be some minor changes to our event structure next year.

Perhaps the most significant achievement in the last year has been the gaining of Club Mark. The club owes a major vote of thanks to Judith Holt for the large amount of work that she put into guiding us through the certification process. It should be emphasised that Club Mark is not just a British Orienteering "thing". Sport England is the originator of the Club Mark Award and all sports National Governing Bodies take part in the scheme. LEI is represented on a number of local and regional sporting bodies and when the topic of club mark is raised, it is very pleasing to admit "modestly" that we are one of the very

few holders of the award in the County.

Continuing with the work of the Development Team, we have offered a number of training opportunities at local events and also an introductory coaching course. There has even been attendance at a British Orienteering Course in the Lake District, on which no further comment is made other than to refer you to Irene's "Club Shop News"!

We have been actively involved with our two schools partnerships, in South Charnwood and Oadby and Wigston, over the last year and Chris Bosley and Roger Edwards have organised events for them. One tangible result of this work, in particular with the after school club, was the appearance of Abington High School in the British Schools Score Cup Championships. They came a very creditable 6th out of 25 Schools. This is the first time this school has entered an Orienteering Competition and the first time we have had a schools team from the club in this competition. Congratulations to two of our club juniors who took part in the competition, Euan Tebbutt who won the Year 5 Boys competition and Nicholas Wilson who came 6th. Our presence in schools has grown significantly in the last year through our selection as one of Leicestershire County Councils "preferred sports". At a conservative estimate over 1,500 children have had an introduction to the sport in the last year.

Attendance at the various country park open days is now a regular feature of our year and this year we have taken part in events at 5 locations. Thanks to all those who have helped. These days are very important. They do recruit new members for the club and also promote "brand awareness" of orienteering. Not every body who visits the LEI stand at

these events will want to take part in the sport but they will go away with a greater awareness of what we do. This coupled with the promotion of Orienteering to young people in schools will make the public more aware of the sport.

We have for some time been considering how to mark the accomplishments of our junior members. In future Junior members who do outstandingly well in club competitions will receive a Junior Squad Champion's Top. The President has already presented the first of these to James Hornsby and Dominic Leake for their performances in the Summer League. We shall in the near future be giving LEI Junior Squad T shirts to Juniors who represent the club in Competitions such as the Yvette Baker.

The Chairman congratulated three of the younger members of the club on their performances over the last year. Firstly Mairead Roche for 3rd overall in W18 in the Future Champions Cup and for selection to run as a member of the British Orienteering Junior Squad and inclusion in the squad for the European Youth Orienteering Championships. Secondly John Roche for his selection for the Great Britain Team that competed at the Junior World Championships and thirdly to Ben Windsor, who as a comparative newcomer to the sport, has performed very well to achieve 14th place at M18 in the Future Champions Cup.

After some sterling work by Roy Denny, John Marriott and Roger Edwards and as a result of a grant from the National Forest Company we have now been able to increase the number of Permanent Orienteering Courses in our area to 12. We now have the facility for you to download maps via the club web site.

Thanks to John Cooke for all the hard work that he has done in bringing the web site up to such a high standard, one of the best orienteering club web sites, in the Chairman's opinion, in the Country.

During the past year we have run a number of training courses and workshops. These have included a Level Three Planners Training Course and a course for potential Grade 3 Controllers. Congratulations to Judith Holt, Simon Ford and John Cooke on successfully completing that course and being appointed as Grade 3 Controllers

Your club Executive Committee has met four times during the year and the various sub committees have met at regular intervals. As the Treasurer has already reported we are in a healthy financial state. We have been very fortunate to receive grants from both Local Authorities and the National Forest Company. Our expenditure on computing, both software and hardware and on SI kit continues to rise and is likely to remain as a significant item of expenditure for the foreseeable future.

My thanks to the committee members for all the hard work they have put in over the year. A special vote of thanks to Simon Ford who is standing down as club captain. Simon has been on the committee for a number of years in several different roles including that of Chairman. Simon will be continuing his "other" club job printing our maps.

"Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen I am pleased to report that once again the club has had a successful and productive year and remains in a strong and healthy position".

6 Matters arising from Chairman's Report

No questions

7 Treasurers report and budget projections for coming year

Overall surplus £543 this year. Over 4 years the club has broken even. The surplus is a result of a mixture of things, events income being £1000 higher than the previous year. This was a result of the success of the Wakerley regional event, increased entry fee for summer league and attendance to events being up.

Expenditure includes-

LEI have bought 5 year Auto download licence and paid this as a lump sum.

We have started buying SI kit and will continue this next year.

There has been a big push in regards to establishing the permanent orienteering courses which has therefore increased the millage expenditure claimed through the year and this will also continue into next year.

The new branded LEI top was subsidised by the club - £658 (£13 per top). Whilst income from branded tops go into the club shop, the shop made a loss because of the write off that had to be made of the previous tops and other slow selling products.

A procedural change agreed during the year was to increase the cheque single signature limit from £200 - £500.

We organised a corporate event for the Youth Sports Trust which was quite lucrative. Corporate events like this where the club charges for its time can be financially attractive and help increase our income.

Budget forecast for the coming year -

loss £1,756. A reduction is forecast in event surplus due to the British Middles, however over the following 2 years, with putting on the Belvoir National and Compass Sport Cup final, the club should make more money. Budgeted for £700 income for the British Middle Distance Champs.

British Orienteering Federation levies - the cut off before BOF charge a levy per person has been increased to 75 from 40. This change may cost us a further £200 a year even though Focus magazine suggest that costs will stay neutral for most clubs.

Club shop will break even. Bank balance is half what it was in July, which will have a big effect on interest earned.

Extended activities -LEI currently have involvement with 2 after school clubs and this requires us to put on events with a school link. We have been given grants for this activity. Not many takers so far, but of those who have taken up the idea, they are enthusiastic.

LEI are currently applying for a grant / money from the Leicestershire County Council which is related to school sport activities.

LEI have now taken out insurance which is costing the club £200 per year, to cover all the SI equipment we have been buying.

RD commended RE for diligent accounts. EW seconded this.

8 Matters arising from Treasurers Report

None

9 Independent Financial Examiners Report

Account published and signed off by

Lewis Sutton

10 Approval of Accounts

Proposed SF and seconded by RD

11 Club Membership Fees for coming year 2009-2010

We currently have 3 rates being seniors £4 and juniors £1. Groups £10

RE recommended the fees remain the same for the new year and this was seconded by RD .

12 President's remarks and election of Chairman

This year the aim was to put on 52 events this year. LEI managed 49, which reflects well on club. LEI are really pushing hard to make orienteering a real local activity with regard to schools and young people and generally trying to attract people into orienteering.

EW remarked that a lot of what had been achieved this year reflected on CP steering the club and leadership to ensure we take the club forward. EW thanked everyone for making our club what it is today.

EW remarked on the recently reported Lake District original fell running event where the press were using the words 'irresponsible' and 'orienteering'. Being caught in the weather, which can turn very quickly at anytime. It was a credit to those taking part that everyone that went out came back which show the competitors were experienced enough to know what to do I extreme conditions and could cope. EW expressed that he hoped that the bad press would not create a knock on effect into our type of orienteering.

EW thanked the Officers for leading us and the Committee as well as all those

who helped to make our club better this year. Lets go for the 52 events next year!

No nominations for chairman before the AGM and it was proposed by EW that CP to remain as Chairman and was seconded by RS.

13 (New) Chairman's address and plans for coming year

The coming year promises to be as busy as the previous year. Taking first the fixtures programme. The highlight of the year will be the British Elite Middle Distance Championships and the British Age Class Championships at Cademan and Thringstone Woods on the 10th May. Additionally the event has been designated a UK Cup Race. We are teaming up with NOC who are hosting the British Elite Sprint Championships on the 9th May to market the two events as the "British Short Race Weekend". The organising and planning are well advanced. We expect between 750 and 1,000 competitors and we shall need all our members to help on the day. The team leaders for the various elements of the event have been appointed and will be soliciting help from all the members.

2009 marks the transition period from the old events structure to the new. We will continue to run the usual programme of colour coded fixtures as part of the EMOA League programme and as the months tick by these will change from being C4 events to L3 events. In due course, as and when the criteria for the revised BOF ranking scheme is published we shall consider which of our events to nominate as "age related" events and therefore included in the ranking scheme.

We have been asked to host the Compass Sport Cup and Trophy Final in

October 2009. We have spent some months searching for a suitable area that combines both the level of terrain required and the supporting infrastructure required for the event. Subject to a final visit by the controller and CP it is hoped that we will get the go ahead to use Fineshade.

Looking further ahead to 2010 we will be running one of the new Area Championships at Belvoir in March of that year.

The Winter and Summer Leagues as always will play an important part in our fixtures calendar. Additionally the Development Team will be offering Saturday morning events for novices and juniors with a coaching element.

The C4 event at Bagworth on the 9th November will also be the Regional Round of the Yvette Baker trophy and Alison Hardy in her new role as Club Captain is looking to recruit juniors for our team. The event will also be "interesting" in that we will be practising timed starts in preparation for the British Middles.

Christmas Novelty event at Sence Valley on Saturday 13th December has a massed start at 11.00am. Post event refreshment will be at the Queens Head. As usual this is a closed event for club members and their guests.

The Development Team are going to be very busy during the coming year. Hopefully additional funding will be available so that we can extend the number and range of our after school activities that, have been so successful.

The Leicestershire and City Schools Competition Board, of which we are members, has revised their Awards Evenings and we shall be playing a prominent part in an evening we will be

sharing with Athletics and Cross Country. Additionally there will be a County Schools Orienteering Championships during the early summer.

One of the tasks of the development team will be to continue the development of more self sufficiency of the two schools partnerships that we have been working with over the last 18 months and encourage them further into mainstream orienteering.

Lastly we will need, towards the end of the year, to start working towards ensuring that all the components are in place for the re-assessment of our Club Mark status the following year.

During the course of the next six months we will be taking part in a pilot scheme sponsored by Sport England aimed at recruiting volunteer helpers from outside the sport. We are one of 17 sporting clubs taking part, which if successful, will be rolled out nationally in 2010. The scheme involves working with the National Volunteer Centre through their 10 centres in the city and county. Whether there are people from outside the sport who want to be involved with a club like ourselves we shall find out over the next 6 months.

As the treasurer has reported, the club is in a strong and healthy financial position and we have no plans at present to raise either membership fees or charges for events. However I think it is difficult, if not impossible to predict how the current economic climate will affect LEI. Numbers at events are key to our financial well being and a significant drop in numbers would mean a re-think of both our budget and any activities not directly related to our core role of providing events for our members. We have sufficient reserves to maintain our current levels of activity for some time

and good attendance at both the British Middles and Compass Sport Cup final would provide a financial cushion for the foreseeable future.

Finally, The Annual Awards and Presentation Dinner is to held at Botcheston Golf Club on Saturday 6th December. RD will take your order and your money.

14 Election of other Principal Officers (Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer)

BH re elected as Vice Chair, RE re elected as Treasurer and RS re elected as Secretary

Proposed by EW and carried.

15 Election of Committee

Ernie Williams, Roger Williamson, Irene Marriott, John Marriott, Roy Denney, Peter Leake, Graham Watson, Peter Hornsby, Mark Foxwell, Roger Kelly, Alison Hardy, Ben Windsor, John Cooke, Judith Holt, Kevin Bradley and Andy Portsmouth.

Proposed by SF and seconded by DLB

16 Election / adoption of Independent Financial examiner

Lewis Sutton - Proposed by RE and seconded RD

17 Election of President, Honorary Members

CP proposed for EW to continue, as chair of which there was a consensus.

The 4 honorary members - Tim Marshall, Lewis Sutton, Sam Lattaway and Irene Marriott were proposed by CP to re elect all, with no dissent.

18 Open forum

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The Retired Man Chronicles III

Would You Go On Holiday With This Man ??

Permanent Orienteering Courses



Since the last instalment of the Chronicles, Retired Man became a nationally published author, when Focus orienteering magazine printed a revamped version of the article he wrote for the Autumn 2008 LEI News about the development of POCs or permanent orienteering courses.. The magazine article has sparked a great increase in the number of people visiting the LEI website and downloading maps of the permanent 'O' courses.

Johnny English (Rowan Atkinson) Has A Rival

Alfie, the dog that daughter Suzi was looking after, was in trouble. He had raced round the garden & jumped the little wall around the patio & in the process, knocked off John's spectacles, bending the frame. Upstairs in his junk room/den John(ny English) was attempting to straighten the frames when he put his other pair of decent glasses on the floor, why? and shortly afterwards trod on them. It was at this point that Suzi re iterated the famous Marriott family phrase 'Would you go on holiday with this man?' WYGOHWTM came into being after a particularly fraught & accident-prone holiday which involved bursting both offside tyres in the same pothole; and when a German family came to help us we had to restrain him from insulting them in the 'we won the war' Basil Fawlty style.

There is a scene in Johnny English where

he gets his tie trapped in the revolving food conveyor at a Japanese Sushi bar. Not exactly the same, but Retired Man has been seen in Anstey Co-op desperately trying to extricate his coupon for the Times Newspaper as it disappeared down the gap between the rubber belt and the till. WYGOHWTM.

Woman Attacked By 'Big Hand' were you there??

Do you remember a hot sunny October day in Charnwood Forest South/ Benscliffe plus new areas? A little red Corsa arrives in the car park and the woman driver stops to talk to Retired Man who is holding the Big Hand for car park duty & wearing a brand new Ask Me For Help yellow bib. Loud laughter and the words 'You're the last person I'd ask for help' emanate from the car & trigger the friendly attack of the Big Hand through the driver's door window.

After Benscliffe, Roger Edwards, John & I soaked up the rays of sunshine on our Cropston patio & had some bevies and let our thoughts wander to cold snowy days & the future Xmas novelty event. A few more bevies later & we had invented the 'extra points for running round in your dressing gown' & even more points for an 'LEI dressing gown, matching pipe & slippers' as available from the Club Shop. The fact that Retired Man is World Champion for 'Still Being In Your Dressing Gown' has no bearing on this proposal.

Hot Bacon Butties

The smell of bacon butties & a warm

welcome are my memories of the Miners Welfare at Bagworth with warm rooms for registration, download and even proper toilets. However, John was with Captain Bob and other radio orienteers down the road & out in the freezing cold, When John arrived home he was very cold, damp, and mumbling. Couldn't make out the mumbling, probably best.

Hallelujah, I Have Seen The Light

Retired Man spent several days in the garage, pausing for coffee & sandwiches, then returning to tinker some more. Little parcels from a Mr E. Bay arrived followed by more hammering, cursing & filing. However when he finally emerged with only a few hours to the start of the Night 'O' at Fosse Meadows, the prototype super-duper head lamp only had one of the three bulbs working and the battery pack had to be carried in his hand. After the Night 'O,' the orienteers gathered in a pub with Chinese food & held a flashing session---comparing headlamps of course.

Reviewing the Night 'O' results, John received an email with the advice 'I think you need a better light'. This set me thinking about what other advice/insults really mean :

- ◆ 'You were cra.....':
- ◆ 'Does your compass have a big bubble?'
- ◆ 'Did your shoelaces come undone?'
- ◆ 'Do you have a problem dibber?'
- ◆ 'Did you forget to take your vitamin tablets?'

- ◆ 'When are you booked for your brain transplant?'

Back to the garage, more tinkering noises and a fully functioning headlamp allowed John to beat Pete Hornsby at Arley and then he spent several days beaming (pun) triumphantly.

We have even road-tested the headlamp, literally ROAD tested it . Driving along the dark, twisty & uphill road from Quorn to Rothley, John switched off the car lights & tried to drive by the light from the lamp on his head. For those wishing to copy this experiment, John's results were a failure, the light bounces back off the inside of the screen. Just to repeat my question WYGOHWTM?

Annual Dinner

It is at the Annual Dinner that awards are presented to the top runners in our club. I was disappointed to see that my suggestion of awarding useful banana cases to the winners, instead of common-place mugs, had not been taken on board. The trophy within reach of other 'also-rans' (good 'O' pun) is the CLOCK trophy, awarded to the LEI orienteer taking the longest time to run at an LEI event. Actually, in this time of credit crunch, it is an economy measure: you occupy more time orienteering for the same money spent on entry fees. It is a very distinctive trophy & well worth winning. It has graced our home in the past, in the days when the rules did not confine the event to LEI areas. Di Ford & I were hatching a scheme to make picnic lunches available through the club shop for attempts to win the clock trophy. However club officials frowned on this claiming that stopping for a picnic was not fulfilling the true meaning of RUN.

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THE LEICESTERSHIRE ORIENTEERING CLUB INCLUDING THE SUMMER TRAINING

Events are informal, usually with a social element
 Weekday starts are staggered from 6.30 to 7.30 pm - courses close 8.30
 (these times may be advanced by 30 minutes at either end of the season)
 For non competitive training & other events (*) please try to arrive by 6.45 pm.
 Events will have electronic punching unless there is a high risk of vandalism
 League events are indicated with (L)
 Entry fees - Adults £3.00 - Juniors £1

Events are provisional, awaiting permissions etc. Please confirm
 Coordinator Mark Foxwell 01509

DATE	DAY	EVENT	ORGANISER	NOTE
Apr 7th	Tue	Loughborough University	L Mark Foxwell	Sprint
Apr 16th	Thu	Castle Hill	L Roy Denney	Starts
Apr 21st	Tue	Wakerley	L Simon Ford	
Apr 30th	Thu	Aylestone	L Graham Watson	Update
May 6th	Wed	Memorial Park, Coventry	L OD event	See w
May 13th	Wed	Charnwood Forest South	L John Marriott	Joint t
May 21st	Thu	Guthlaxton College, Wigston	L Roger Edwards	Prolog
May 26th	Tue	Lount Woodlands	L Pete Leake	Park a
June 4th	Thu	East Carlton Park	L Wyn Sleeman /Ian Wilson	
June 9th	Tue	South Charnwood High School	L Peter Hornsby	New s
June 16th	Tue	Fosse Meadows	L Mark & Alison Hardy	
June 24th	Wed	Trailquest—Bagworth Area	* L Dave Toach	Bike e
June 30th	Tue	Outwoods	* L Mark Sherriff/Bob Titterington	Tradit Equip
July 8th	Wed	Swithland & The Brand	L Bob Haskins	North
July 16th	Thu	Common Hill, Ibstock	L Glynn Smith	
July 21st	Tue	Treasure Hunt	* L Chris Bosley	Will s
July 26th	Sun	Burrough Hill	L Ian Wells	
July 30th	Thu	Burbage Common	L TBC	North
Aug 4th	Tue	Glenfield Urban Fringe	L TBC	Glenfi
Aug 12th	Wed	Bradgate, Hall Gates	L Williamsons	Pay o
Aug 18th	Tue	Ratby Woodlands	L TBC	Burro
Aug 27th	Tue	Ibstock Urban	L James Hornsby	Sence
Sep 1st	Tue	Beacon Hill	L Iain Tebbutt	Botton

2009 SUMMER SMALL EVENTS PROGRAMME
TRAINING LEAGUE for THE RBS SHIELD

League scores are on standard handicaps and the best eight events count giving everyone a chance of success in the league if they perform as well as their age would suggest they should.

All events include a technical course. There will always be an introductory level course for novices and young children and where practical an intermediate standard course.

League points are also allocated for all training events

arrangements either with the organiser or league coordinator
 646695 or visit www.leioc.org.uk

EVENTS	GRID	SOCIAL VENUE
at, starts from 6.00 pm. New map	SK523193	Paget Arms, Oxford Street
s from 6.00pm. New map of extended area	SK554083	Railway, Glenfield
	SP961986	Exeter Arms, Barrowden
ed map	SK569009	Black Horse
www.octavian-droobers.org to confirm CP	SP322773	Greyhound Inn, Hawkesbury
with OD	SK524119	Curzon Arms, W. Eaves
league sprint with chasing start c. 7.00pm	SP598985	Oadby Owl
at Staunton Harold	SK378208	New Inn, Peggs Green
	SP835894	Queens Head, Sutton Bassett
school map and surrounding woodlands	SK471092	Thatched Inn, Stanton
	SP490910	Countryman, Sharnford
event		
tional & Radio –O (ARDF)(Training Scores). ment available for loan.	SK514159	Priory, Nanpantan
CP—Pay organiser for parking	SK537130	Griffin, Swithland
	SK420105	Queens Head, Heather
score as per training event		
	SK766115	Stag & Hounds
East CP, Burbage Common Road (A47 end)	SP451951	White Horse, Desford
field Sports Ground	SK543072	Railway, Glenfield
rganiser for parking (£1)	SK541114	Bradgate Arms, Cropston
ughs Lane CP	SK496062	Plough, Ratby
e Valley CP	SK404113	Queens Head, Heather
m CP 6.15 mass start & presentation	SK521148	Griffin, Swithland

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Christmas Time

There was a very, very soggy start to Christmas festivities with Santa & Fairy at Sence Valley Novelty event. But competitors thawed out & cheered up in the pub with presentations & food. Soon everyone was chatting and I heard about the Mince Pie Run organised by the West End Runners to take place the next day between Swithland & Bradgate with Festive Fodder available.



But I think this is topped by the Shepshed Runners. On their Tuesday evening Christmas Run around Shepshed they vote on the worst/ most naff set of Christmas Lights. But wouldn't this be more exciting if they actually knock on the door, inform the winner, present a certificate & then run away as fast as possible.

This information came to light at the Swan pub in Mountsorrel. PC had a lovely evening once the smoke from the newly lit fire disappeared.

Famous Athlete Runs with LEIOC

Shortly after Christmas, LEI put on an event at event at Beacon Hill and John & I were greeted by two grinning faces who were treading down the teeth of the entry barrier with a plank of wood (from the Williamsons??) and letting cars in for free. The barrier had broken down and traffic queues of dangerous proportions had been building up. Later, Roy & Ernie take the empty lollipop container and collect car park fees to appease the Ranger. What a sterling job they did, (pun).

It was an ice cold day at Beacon Hill, good for sales of hot drinks. Most people

were swathed in gloves, hats & thick coats but not a skinny, blonde, pony-tailed woman in shorts, yes, **Paula Radcliffe runs with**, and easily overtakes **LEI orienteers**.

Afterwards in the Curzon Arms, orienteers are fooled into believing I have turned teAtotal (pun) when my hot mulled wine arrives in a coffee cup & saucer.

New Year

Four days later and Lei orienteers are doing it again, orienteering? drinking? at the Cow & Plough, Evington. 'I've forgotten my hat, I've forgotten my gloves, can I borrow some?' I expect you think that's John, but no. Forgetfulness must be contagious/infectious to orienteers.

On New Year's Day John went to a street 'O' and persuaded Chris Bosley to go with him so as to ease his conscience about not supporting LEI.

The street 'O' was in Melbourne, no not Australia, but Derbyshire.

However New Zealand, yes New Zealand, is where Roger & Helen Edwards, John & I are going for 6 weeks.

I have to confess that before this article Helen & Roger knew nothing of the history of WYGOHWTM

and, oh dear, it has started already: We are going via Hong Kong and Retired Man is planning to go in search of 'some better batteries for my headlamp'

P.S. The competition in this edition of Club Shop News/Retired Man Chronicles is to spot all references to 'light' e.g. illuminate, come to light, Beacon.

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me a lift home in their minibus, so I stayed at the prizegiving. I got a medal and a hat saying PGL that's way too small – about the right size for my cat.

Three runners in one year group are needed to make up a team – so year 7 were our only age with a full team. Their overall score put them in 8th for year 7 boys overall. I won't tell you that the number of boys' year 7 teams was eight. Overall Ulverston Victoria High school won the competition, with King

Henry VIII from Coventry close behind in 2nd.

It was a successful trip, and congratulations to everybody who ran! It's been worth all my efforts of getting people interested, organising a training session, and getting the team to come on Sunday!

Full results and photographs are available from www.bsoa.org.

Ben Windsor

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SF questioned the 10% reduction in membership from last year being consistent with everything else said tonight in terms of all the activities we are doing with schools trying to drive membership up.

CP - Yes we have lost a percentage of people who we recruited last year, quite a few were club members only on the special rate fee then decided against paying the higher fees when coming to renew.

RD - concerned regarding the lost member, commenting that we don't keep selling the club once they have joined. Suggested the individual mentoring and adopting a member, which was discussed at previous meetings.

JM suggested following up the people that try the POC's as we retain their contact details. We could follow them up and send them details on events and entice them to events etc. But there is no designated person for this job.

EW expressed a need for a meet and

greet person at every event - this has been discussed before. CP stated that we had not been able to find someone to take this on, but EW suggested to make the meet and greet a role which would be filled at each event by the organiser asking for a volunteer to help, similar to helpers for start, registration etc

PL liked the idea of appointing buddies to new members.

JH stated that the development tent was at last event and this acted as a focus for new members / enquiries together with the "Can I help you" bibs.

CP explained that NOC had had an aggressive recruitment campaign and would ask them for their retention figures.

CP expressed that we need someone to take on the role of collating the information we retrieve of potential new comers from all the different sources.

PH agreed to do a trial run of contacting the email addresses collected from the POC's to advertise the Bagworth Event.

Meeting closed 9.45pm

Spotlight on the Middles Kingdom



The BMDC is being held on the western edges of the Charnwood Forest Area. This is an area we enjoy regularly but I doubt many of us really know much about it.

The Charnwood Forest area is seeking Regional Park status and is now part of the larger new National Forest in the making which is linking Charnwood to the Needwood Forest in Staffordshire to create a 200 sq. mile forest in the heart of England.

To understand the complex and varied landscape of Charnwood we need to understand how it came to be.

Rocks laid down during the Precambrian Period are the oldest found within the Charnwood area, and date from around 560-600 million years ago. At this time what is now England lay within the southern hemisphere along a subduction zone, where the pressures from plate movement caused magma to rise to the surface and form a chain of active volcanoes known as an island arc. The material erupting from these volcanoes accumulated on the sea floor surrounding the volcanoes, forming the rocks of the 'Charnian Supergroup', which is at least 3.5km thick.

Primitive life began to evolve at this time, the fossils of which can be found throughout Charnwood Forest. Igneous rocks, for example the diorites that intruded the Charnian Supergroup, are worked in quarries throughout Charnwood Forest.

During the Cambrian Period when subduction finally ceased, the volcanoes were worn down by erosion allowing the

sea to advance over the land. The Swithland Slates represent the muddy material laid down on the sea floor at this time, probably about 530 million years ago. Fossilised animal burrows can be found within these rocks and examples are particularly notable on slate

gravestones, as in Ratby churchyard. Swithland Slate has been quarried since Roman times and continues to a small extent, to be worked today.

This was followed by the Ordovician Period and about 450 million years ago, igneous rock, created through the solidification of molten magma was forced to the surface by subduction, forming the Mountsorrel Complex. These igneous rocks are known as granodiorites and are made up of large crystals due to a slow cooling process. It is believed that Ordovician granodiorite has been worked around Mountsorrel since Roman times but there is also evidence of Late Neolithic, Early Bronze Age, Early Iron Age and Norman activity. The Buddon Wood (Mountsorrel) Quarry currently exploits a particularly large mass of Ordovician granodiorite. Buddon Wood was of course an event area before they started this modern extraction.

The collision of two continental plates occurred towards the end of the Silurian Period, approximately 420 million years ago. This caused the formation of mountains, the remnants of which today

Swithland
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since Roman
times . . .

form the Charnwood hills. Structures produced by this movement include folds and cleavage, the latter formed when the crystallisation of new minerals cause rocks to break along parallel surfaces. This occurs in all Charnian rock but is particularly prominent in Swithland Slate.

At the beginning of the Carboniferous Period, 355 million years ago, England and Scotland lay close to the equator and formed part of a continental landmass that was partially covered with a warm sea. Sediments from this period were rich in calcareous fossils and formed as Carboniferous Limestone, which can be found in the northern parts of Charnwood Forest, such as found at Grace Dieu. This rock does not extend throughout the whole area, however, since much of Charnwood was still a mountain range at this time. In the latter part of the Carboniferous Period the sea over sections of Charnwood was replaced by a large delta, containing humid swamps and rainforests, in which the Coal Measures accumulated. Coal seams, ironstone and fireclay deposits resulted from these environments, and can be found to the west of Charnwood Forest where they form part of the Leicestershire coalfield.

The Permian Period was one of constant erosion, lasting about 40 million years. This erosion stripped away most of the Carboniferous rock. During the Triassic Period the Charnwood area became covered in sediments. The rugged nature of the landscape produced a highly irregular erosional unconformity, seen in many Charnwood quarries, with drainage courses such as wadis commonly developing. Initially, sand and gravel was transported by large rivers flowing north and north eastwards across England, an example of which is the Shepshed Sandstone. In the latter part of the

Triassic period England moved further away from the equator and a vast desert of Aeolian dust formed the red muds and silts of the Mercia Mudstone Group. During this period, flash floods caused water to cover large areas which deposited thin beds of siltstone and sandstone. A high, saline water table caused the precipitation of gypsum. The continual accumulation of sediment coupled with subsidence eventually caused the Mercia Mudstone to completely bury the Charnwood mountain range. Amongst features that have been uncovered are 'tors' of granodiorite formed by wind erosion during the Triassic Period, seen in Buddon Wood Quarry.

Once the Charnwood Hills had been buried, a tropical sea advanced across the area, depositing Jurassic and Cretaceous mudstone and limestone. This sea was destroyed by tectonic movement accompanying the opening of the Atlantic Ocean.

By the beginning of the Quaternary Period around 2 million years ago, much of the strata formed during the Jurassic, Triassic and Cretaceous Periods had been eroded from the Charnwood Forest area.

The onset of the Anglian Ice advance, approximately 440,000 years ago, saw the advance of glaciers across much of England. From tills deposited in Charnwood, two ice-sheets covered the area: a sheet from the north-west carrying Triassic and

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Carboniferous rock; and a sheet from the north-east carrying fragments of flint and chalk. As the glaciers retreated 'superficial deposits' accumulated consisting of sand and gravel and till.

In more recent time the development of rivers has formed floodplains floored by clay and silt (alluvium).

The topography of Charnwood Forest is distinct and varied. The central Charnwood Forest area is high, and rocky. It forms an upland island, isolated within the Midland plain, which is generally low and flat. The highest point, Bardon Hill, is 278m high. The hill has two very distinct faces: one preserved as an SSSI, the other removed by Bardon Hill Quarry. Beacon Hill is the second highest point in Charnwood Forest, rising to a height of 245m. It has long views over Charnwood Forest and the Soar Valley and beyond. Other high points and viewpoints include Old John Tower in Bradgate Country Park, Billa Barra Hill near Stanton under Bardon and Hill Hole Quarry at Markfield. We use Beacon and Billa Barra & Hill Hole have been used in conjunction with other small nearby pockets. Bardon is to be subject to a long term planning application for a massive extension of the quarry but as part of the process we are pressing for the summit and surrounds to be designated as a country park.

The topography rises to form a characteristic spine down the centre of Charnwood Forest. Land in the rest of the area is gently rolling or undulating and small streams and brooks transect the area creating localised changes in topography. The River Soar, Rothley Brook and Grand Union Canal corridor form a low lying floodplain landscape in

the east. The landscape to the north, beyond Loughborough and Shepshed, is the typical low and flat land of the Midland plain.

The hydrology and drainage of Charnwood Forest and the surrounding area are

defined by Charnwood's high relief and the fast flowing streams that drain from Charnwood to the north and east into the River Soar and to the south and east into the River Sence, which lies beyond the Charnwood Forest landscape

character area. The Grand Union Canal runs parallel and at points crosses the River Soar emphasising the flat floodplain landscape to the east of the Charnwood Forest itself. Rothley Brook flows into the River Soar and also forms a flat floodplain that separates the south-eastern extent of the Charnwood Forest area from the urban extent of Leicester City.

A number of smaller brooks and streams carve through their way through fields and woodland from the higher land of Charnwood Forest into the several reservoirs or towards the River Sence, the River Soar or Rothley Brook. The streams tend to be small but provide ecological interest and influence the character of the landscape surrounding

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them. These are largely unpolluted, fast flowing and well oxygenated. Species include brown trout, minnow, crayfish and much invertebrate life.

There are a number of large water bodies within Charnwood Forest. Swithland, Cropston and Thornton reservoirs are all man-made and constructed in the late 19th century while Blackbrook Reservoir was first constructed in the late 18th century but replaced with a gravity dam in 1906. Groby Pool is an SSSI, as are Swithland and Cropston Reservoirs; all of which are important nature reserves for wetland birds

Charnwood Forest contains a wealth of ecological habitats and species which, because of the upland topography, wetter and cooler climate and poorer soils, are rare in other parts of Leicestershire. These include heath and acid grasslands and heathers. Cross-leaved heath and bilberry are prevalent and a wide variety of associated vertebrate and invertebrate species are common. These habitats are at risk however from natural woodland regeneration. Meadows are to be found with fragrant orchid, meadow buttercup, meadow saxifrage and many other associated species

The area has many valuable woodlands. There are areas of semi-natural ancient woodland, as well as some woodlands which are known to have been present since the Domesday Book of 1086. This is because they sit on the pre-Cambrian spine which has made the site unsuitable for agriculture. Examples include Buddon Wood and Swithland Wood.

Groby Pool has a rich population of aquatic flora and fauna, and Blackbrook, Cropston and Swithland Reservoirs make a major contribution to the wildlife and birdlife.

There are 20 Sites of Special Scientific Interest; both ecological and geological, covering what equates to almost 12% of the 'Forest' area (according to English Nature's Charnwood Forest Natural Area Profile), which is a high proportion. There are also locally designated wildlife sites including three Local Nature Reserves, Woodland Trust sites, Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust sites and the Country Parks. Charnwood Lodge is designated as a National Nature Reserve due to the pre-Cambrian rocks which are visible as jagged peaks protruding through the overlying Mercian Mudstones. The conservationists do raise doubts about the effects of our presence but wherever we can hold a proper dialogue we can usually satisfy them that we cause no lasting damage or unreasonable disturbance.

There is a rich tapestry of archaeology and cultural heritage in the Charnwood Forest landscape. This has led to the designation of numerous Scheduled Monuments, a wide variety of listed buildings and a Conservation Area in the historic core of almost every settlement in and around Charnwood Forest. The earliest archaeological record is found at a site in Bradgate Park which provides clear evidence of man's presence in the area in Palaeolithic times. This is an important site as archaeological remains

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of the period are rare. Mesolithic activity is evident at Grace Dieu and in the vicinity of the present Mount St Bernard's Abbey. Buddon Hill and Beacon Hill are sites of Bronze Age and/or Iron Age settlements. Beacon Hill is a nationally important site and is a Scheduled Monument. It is the site of a Bronze Age hill fort, evident today in a series of earthworks. Spearheads, the mould of an axe and bronze bracelets have been found in the area. Beacon Hill is now owned by Leicestershire County Council and is a publicly accessible open space.

Charnwood Forest has several castle sites, such as the site of the motte and bailey Castle at Mountsorrel, Whitwick castle site, the remains of a castle at Groby and a hill fort site at Woodhouse, all of which are scheduled monuments. There are also moated sites such as a prehistoric site at Bardon, a moated lodge at Newton Linford and a moated lodge at Quorn. Other Scheduled Monuments in the Forest include the Packhorse Bridge at Anstey, the Market Cross at Mountsorrel, Bradgate House at Newton Linford and Rothley Cross at Rothley.

There are a number of large country houses within the area including Quorn Hall, built during the reign of Charles II, Beaumanor Hall, a stately home in Woodhouse which was built in the nineteenth century, and Swithland Hall, ancestral home of the Earls of Lanesborough.

The Great Central Railway passes through Charnwood Forest, with stations at Quorn and Rothley. It was opened in 1899, and closed due to a decline in use in 1966. It was then re-opened as a tourist facility in 1969 and is the UK's

only double track, main line heritage railway. Between 1791 and 1794 the Charnwood Forest Canal was built to take coal from mines to in the north northwest of the county to Loughborough. Problems with the engineering meant the canal was never used to its full potential and when the feeder canal from Blackbrook Reservoir was destroyed as the reservoir dam burst in 1799 the canal became unused. Remains of the canal can still be seen in places, particularly south of Osgathorpe, but there is generally little evidence of the canal to be seen in the landscape.

The natural resources of the Charnwood Forest landscape have been exploited since Neolithic times, when Charnwood stone and wood from the forests were used to make hand-axes. It is believed prehistoric activity was generally localised. Roman activity in the area tended to remain within the Soar valley but Swithland Slate is known to have been quarried for use in Roman Leicester. Exploitation of the landscape continued around the edges of Charnwood Forest throughout the Anglo-Saxon period and there is evidence of Scandinavian influences around Charnwood, evident in place names such as Groby. Within the Domesday Book Charnwood was identified as a wooded tract called Hereswode. By this time most of the settlements in Leicestershire

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existed in some form however colonisation of the Charnwood area predominantly occurred some 200 years later in the 12th and 13th centuries. The only Domesday settlement recorded was Charley, with settlements such as Woodhouse Eaves and Newton Linford first recorded in the late 13th century. Many of these new settlements were linked to those around the edge of Charnwood, for example Newton Linford was a daughter settlement of Groby.

During the medieval period monastic orders settled in and around Charnwood: Ulverscroft Priory was founded between 1134 and 1150; Charley Hall Augustine Priory in 1190; and Grace Dieu in 1230. The medieval period also introduced hunting parks to the Charnwood area including Groby, Bradgate, Quorndon, Beaumanor and Bardon. The end of the medieval period saw the development of a number of larger 'country houses' set in formal park landscapes, such as the 15th century Bradgate House, remains of which still stand within Bradgate Country Park.

Unlike much of Leicestershire, colonisation within the Charnwood area slowed beyond the Middle-Ages. As a result the landscape remained largely unaffected by enclosures until the 19th century. By this time many of the hunting parks and much of the woodland had gone. Change started to occur within Charnwood Forest with the expansion of quarrying and the introduction of canals. Systematic quarrying of the granite began in the late 18th century, at sites such as Mountsorrel and Shepshed. The Soar and Wreake Navigations and the now defunct Charnwood Forest Canal enabled aggregates to be transported countrywide. Extensive quarrying continued throughout the 19th and 20th

centuries, in particular for roadstone. The slate industry also expanded rapidly but by the 1840s went into rapid decline as a result of competition from Welsh and Cumbrian slate.

Other major 19th century landscape changes included the construction of Swithland and Cropston Reservoirs and the introduction of railways with branch lines to serve the quarries. In the 20th century the principal changes included the steady expansion of the settlements at the edges of Charnwood Forest into farmland and undeveloped land; the reduction in grazing of the surviving heathland areas; a change from pasture to arable farming stimulated by agricultural subsidies; a reduction in hedgerows and hedgerow trees due to intensified farming practices and Dutch Elm Disease; the construction of the M1, roads and other communications infrastructure that sever fields.

Gracedieu and Thringstone Woods where the event is being held have a multitude of owners which can be something of a logistical nightmare. One pocket known as Gracedieu Wood is owned by N W Leicestershire DC and is one side of Gracedieu Ancient Woodland and was created with help of from the National Forest on what had been an arable field just outside Thringstone. This block is about 10 acres in size and has some rock

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features. Another block is Spring Barrow Lodge, much the same size and off Turoough Road again planted with financial assistance from the National Forest. Some of the nearby existing woodlands and meadows are owned by Gracedieu School and more by the Gracedieu Estate. It has in the past been the venue for a CompassSport Cup Final.

As previously mentioned there is evidence of mans activities going back to Mesolithic times. The actual school is in Grace Dieu Manor and is set in 120 acres of beautiful rolling countryside and adjoins the woodlands. On 25 July 1833, Ambrose Lisle March Phillipps de Lisle married Laura Mary Clifford and received a settlement of £1200 per annum and the Manor of Grace Dieu made to him by his father Charles March Phillipps of Garendon Park. Grace Dieu received its name from the Priory founded by Roesia de Verdun, c. 1240, and dedicated to Our Lady, 'de Gratia Dei', or in the Norman French of the period, Grace Dieu, and it is still so called to the present day. The Priory was dissolved in 1538 by Henry VIII, and the picturesque remains are greatly admired.

Grace Dieu Priory was an Augustinian nunnery founded around 1240. In 1377 there were 16 nuns and a hospital for poor people, yet during the Dissolution it was converted into a Tudor mansion. For the last few years, the land has been owned and managed by the Grace Dieu Priory Trust, which was set up to save the ruins. English Heritage has been working closely with the Priory Trust since the work began in 2003, to give archaeological, architectural and general technical advice, along with funding towards the project to ensure that the site is preserved for future generations to enjoy.

During the years 1833 to 1834 Ambrose de Lisle built a splendid manor house at Grace Dieu; it was designed by William Railton in the Tudor-Gothic style. A small chapel was attached. But in 1837 Augustus Welby Pugin visited Grace Dieu; he was very impressed by what he saw, and greatly enlarged the house and chapel. Later, Sir Banister Fletcher, whose grand stair-case still stands, also enlarged the house. Grace Dieu Manor faces south and east. The windows are Perpendicular style, mullioned and transomed with arched lights. Acres of lawns, gardens, trees - the cedars of Lebanon were famous - surrounded the manor house which had a fine view of the rocks and wooded slopes of Charnwood Forest.

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The school opened on 1933 when the Rosminian Fathers opened Grace Dieu as a Preparatory School for Ratcliffe College. During the war years the school grew in numbers: Grace Dieu was a safe and desirable place for parents to send their boys in those grim years. Since then Grace Dieu has gone from strength to strength.

The de Lisle family still own much of the Gracedieu Estate and allow us to use the various woodlands for orienteering. The de Lisle Arms was a popular inn on the edge of the Whitwick but, perhaps a sign of the times, it is now an equally popular restaurant, 'Out of India'.

The overall event area is perhaps the best we have in LEI country in that it covers a large block of land, has many different types of vegetation, and has considerable relief, water features and many dramatic rock formations not least of which is the nearby High Sharpley.

Adjacent to Cademan Woods, also part of the event area, this is a politically sensitive area with serious 'history'. It is a towering sharp ridge of miniature pinnacles surrounded by a field of boulders with the jagged summit commanding superb views. The location can realistically claim to be unique in the area and indeed pretty well anywhere. Despite being small it can be very challenging especially when the undergrowth is over head high in the autumn.

The area is of small crags on and around a rocky ridge which runs from High Sharpley to Gun Hill where there is an old ruin. The rock is very coarse granite (Precambrian porphyroid) and the outcrops lie on the extension of the ridge through Cademan Wood just across the road and are thought to be part of the rim of an ancient volcano.

There is claimed to have been an access route through the site in the past and The Ramblers' Association has sought to reopen it for many years and it has been the scene of mass protests and 'questions in the house'. More recently the RA and LCC sought to have it included in the 'right to roam' under the CRoW Act. There is evidence to demonstrate that tree cover is self regenerating shrub, only there because it has not been managed. The decision of the appeal however sided against open access to the ridge area but agreed that much of the rest qualified. However it was decided that this element had

insufficient size to warrant inclusion as access land. The Planning Inspector accepted that historically the public used this land for open recreation until the 1970's but that was outside the scope of the appeal which was to decide land type definition and identifiable boundaries.

As things stand at present the public are not welcome at this location. The area is owned by the DeLisle, Gracedieu Estate and despite this history we have always found them supportive of a responsible body, if we make proper arrangements as we have on this occasion. There is a shooting syndicate in the area and by agreement with them we only use it at agreed times of the year and we do not access the Gun Hill bit.

In the area between Gracedieu and High Sharpley we have Broad Hill, Temple Hill, Cademan Woods and High Cademan. In the midst of these is an open area of rough acid grassland, and south of Broad Hill is a granite quarry known as Grimley's Rock.

This fine wooded uphill area to the north of the village of Whitwick contains a number of natural granite tors and bosses, some of which peep above the trees and give good views.

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Roy Denney

Out and About



Late last autumn I was blessed with being able to stand for about half an hour watching a Kingfisher fly back and forth a few yards from me as I worked in Watermead. I was clearing brambles as part for a new development being grant funded which will change the area behind the mammoth. The bird was patrolling the open culvert running between this hill and the community woodland and I had an excellent view looking into the culvert just above the level of the bird's flight path. Kingfishers are territorial, even in winter, and they must secure a large enough territory to support them through the year. If the winter is hard, then we see more kingfishers moving down stream and taking advantage of the milder conditions along the coast. Late summer and autumn are the best times to look for Kingfishers because of their greater numbers at this time of year. You might increase your chances of seeing one by sitting near a suitable perch at the water's edge but must be prepared to sit very still preferably in camouflaged clothing. The chances are that you will hear a kingfisher before you see one as I did on this occasion., Listen for a high-pitched, whistling drawn out 'peep' call. Locate the bird by its call and try and spot the blue flash as it flies past along the watercourse. Once you have seen one in a certain spot sit tight, it is almost certain to return.

This is one of Britain's most exciting birds and it is incredibly colourful, if you ever get chance to see one close enough to take it in, At about 9cm tall and not

much bigger than a chaffinch it flies very quickly and all you usually get is a flash of blue. It is however made up of a mesmerising apparent mix of colours. It is in reality just three colours, a deep warm orange underside with red legs and an iridescent blue on top. The blue on the back of the bird is incredibly vivid and the blue of the wings can vary between a deep cobalt and a near green depending on the light.

They like shallow slow-moving and reasonably clear water with a fair amount of vegetation along the edge but will also fish lakes, ponds, canals and occasionally brackish estuaries. It feeds almost exclusively fish, grabbing them with its beak before killing the fish by bashing it against the perch and then tossing it into the air to hold it and swallow it head first. They like to work from a suitable perch but can hunt hovering over the water.

Males have black beaks, while the lower mandible of a female's beak is red, with young birds having a white tip to their beak.

By February most birds will start pairing up. They nest in holes, dug from the sandy soils of the river bank — astonishingly they are capable of digging out holes up to about a yard deep. At the

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end of the tunnel they create a nest chamber in which six or seven eggs are laid and in a good year they can have two or three broods.

These birds have been doing very well in Britain and their population has nearly doubled in the last 15 years. Better water quality in our rivers and the milder winters has helped but this winter has been more like those of old.

An area we have had our eye on for some time is now expanding, Southwick Woods, a large, leasehold Forestry Commission woodland of about 80 acres. Original enquiries determined that a shooting tenant does not welcome other users and given its distance from our heartland, the damp conditions and the numerous other opportunities in the area we have not as yet pursued it. It has recently been purchased by the Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust who also bought some arable land nearby to link it to the nearby Short Wood. Eventually it is hoped to further extend this woodland block by linking it to the nearby Claphorn Cow Pastures Wood. The Trust is often overly protective so we may still find it difficult to use this area. It is a pity as much of this ancient woodland site is very interesting although a good part of it was replanted to replace elm trees felled in the late 1960s following the spread of Dutch elm disease. It now contains a mix of deciduous species such as oak, ash, field maple and hazel. The developing woodland provides food and cover for a range of visiting species including willow warbler, coal tit, woodcock and tawny owl.

At the entrance of the original block, remnants of the original woodland with its large impressive oaks provide an important source of dead and dying wood

for a wealth of insects and fungi.

The rides through the wood are typically for Northamptonshire; very wet as the underlying ground is boulder clay. They are still rich in wildflowers including ragged-robin, cuckooflower, meadowsweet, soft rush and twayblade. Butterflies are abundant, as are speckled wood, gatekeeper and comma butterflies fluttering up and down the grassy rides or in the sometimes sun-drenched glades.

Efforts are being made to assist the otter which is spreading back into many areas. They are repopulating rivers as they are cleaned up and we now have evidence that they are on our patch.

They have been seen on the Soar, Sence, Welland, Eye and Wreake during the last year. Further evidence is in the form of their droppings (spraint) and unfortunately road kills. A dead otter was found near Cossington Mill apparently in good health before being hit. The otter was a surprising casualty of the recent excessive rain and ensuing flooding. Dozens were killed on the roads during the floods as they tried to find alternative routes back to their burrows when they could not cope with the rates of flow in their normal rivers. Unfortunately otters

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have their young in nests in burrows about three feet above the water line



Otters photographed by Roy Denney

which in the flatlands of Leicestershire is not always possible. This has been no protection for the young in many other areas in recent years as water levels have often been far higher than this.

They are great travellers and are often just passing through. In addition the male may have a territorial range of up to 25 miles although the females probably half that. It often needs mans help to create pockets of habitat suitable to permit the establishment of breeding colonies but as rivers are cleaned up and agricultural practices revert to more traditional methods this should change.

They are now found throughout Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire and along the Trent and its tributaries. It is thought that the wildlife corridors being created along such as the Soar and Sence Valleys are encouraging this animal in its gradual migration north. At Croxall in East Staffs and within the

National Forest, a wildlife haven is being developed near where the waters of the Trent, Tame and Mease meet where sightings have been made and another site at Kelham Bridge on the Sence is also being developed with otter, water vole and wetland birds in mind.

This charming creature with an apparent sense of mischief has long been gone from many of our rivers but is now staging a very real comeback. Numbers are thought to be up to nearly 15,000 from just over 7,000 15 years ago.

They have sleek brown fur and a white neck marking unique to each animal. Their sleek appearance is due to a heavy oiling of the coat for waterproofing which is essential given they

spend so much time in water. Other adaptations include webbed feet and the ability to close their ears as well as eyes when underwater. They find their prey by means of long and very sensitive whiskers.

You will be very lucky to actually see one in the wild. I never have. You may however be able to spot their spraint. It is largely made up of the indigestible bits of fish, frogs, crayfish, birds and small mammals (feathers, bones, claws and scales) and is a black

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tar-like mess smelling of grass cuttings. If you find something similar with an unpleasant stink it will probably be the scat of a mink.

The otter competes with the mink for food and homes and as a result of their comeback mink numbers are falling; no bad thing as the mink is a less picky feeder and is decimating populations of some other creatures. Otters do not attack many of the other forms of wildlife which have been decimated by mink. Mink numbers in the last 15 years have dropped from about 120,000 to about 40,000.

I do see mink from time to time and given this impact on native wildlife, not least the water vole and moorhen, I would welcome its eradication but it is probably too well established by now.

The mink at about 18 inches long is only

half the size of the otter and whilst its coat can vary it is generally dark where the otter is a fairly plain brown with a white bib at its throat.

I have often seen sea otters around the coasts of Scotland and these playful creatures can provide hours of entertainment. They are in fact the same species as the otters of England's river systems but the two populations have developed very different lifestyles with the 'southerners' having to become much more secretive to survive and unlike their bolder northern relatives they are now largely nocturnal.

Roy Denney

After School Orienteering Clubs

South Charnwood Partnership

7 sessions at various
schools

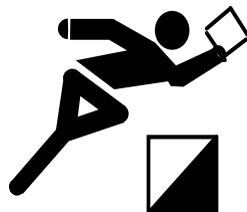
Hinckley & Bosworth Partnership

4 sessions at South
Charnwood High School

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Forthcoming LEI Events

Sunday 15th February
District & East Midlands League
Event, Willesley Woodlands



Tuesday 17th February
Winter League Event
Donisthorpe Woodland Park

Saturday 14th & 28th March
Spring Series Events
The Outwoods, Loughborough



Tuesday 7th April
Summer League Event
Loughborough University

Thursday 16th April
Summer League Event
Castle Hill Country Park



Fixtures



This fixture list is intended to list events in and around the Midlands and neighbouring areas, plus other items likely to be of interest. Unless otherwise stated Local events offer entry on the day (EOD) to a range of colour coded courses with start times from 10.30 to 12.30. Local events will only have a limited range of courses. Regional and National events provide a range of age related courses and are normally entered in advance using a Standard Entry Form (SEF) or more frequently these days online; EOD will usually be limited and more expensive. Most will offer a limited number of colour-coded course for EOD. Cheques payable to organising club , if not otherwise specified.

The OS map reference is either the car park or point from which the event will be signposted. The list is based on BOF registration, but events are sometimes cancelled. If you are uncertain of whether an event will be on, check with the organiser. The editor takes no responsibility for wasted journeys !

CHANGE OF EVENT STRUCTURE IN FIXTURE LISTS

2009 sees the start of the new British Orienteering event structure with 3 levels of event. .

- ◆ Level 1 = NATIONAL (British and Area Championships and the JK)
- ◆ Level 2 = REGIONAL (Age Class Ranking Events)
- ◆ Level 3 = LOCAL (Participation events including *Colour Coded*, Summer and Winter League etc.)

Courses available at Colour Coded Events are White, Yellow, Orange, Light Green, Green, Blue and Brown unless the Event details state otherwise.

This replaces the previous 5 category system although at present the British Orienteering fixtures list appears to be still using the old system apart from dropping category 4. This makes it currently very difficult in the to distinguish a local event with a full complement of colour coded courses from a "Summer League" type event with limited courses

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1st	EM	NOC Regional Event & EM Championships. Clumber Park, Mansfield. SK616781.
	C3	Organiser: Anthony Donaldson, 0115 8774089. tonyxdonaldson@yahoo.co.uk
		Entries: Joy Cholerton, The Doves, 40 Fairdale Drive, Newthorpe, Nottm, NG16 2FG, 01773 715234. peter.cholerton@sky.com CD: 17/01/09. £11.00/£3.50, 65+ £6.50, Family (2+2) £23.50. Limited EOD subject to availability of maps. Chq: NOC. EPS-SI. String course. Lim cc courses - Light green, orange, yellow, white - £7.00/£3.50. Online entry available CD: 22/1/09. www.noc-uk.org
5th	EM S5N	LOG Local Night Event. Riseholme Park, Lincoln. SK981757. Paul Murgatroyd. eventinfo@logonline.org.uk £2.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. No dogs. 18:30 mass start - 45 min score event. www.logonline.org.uk
8th	EM C5	DVO Local Event. Lindop, Bakewell. SK259684. Paul Beresford, 01302 751549. paul@pberesford.fsnet.co.uk £8.00/ £1.00 Family entry: £17.00. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on lead, in car park. www.dvo.org.uk
15th	EA C3	SMOC Regional Event & East Anglian Championships. Silverstone, Towcester. SP660446. Organiser: Keith Downing, 01234 270018. keith@keith- o.demon.co.uk Postal Entries: Helen Nisbet, 2 Hopkins Close, Milton Keynes Village, Milton Keynes, MK10 9AS. entries@smoc.info CD: unknown. £11.00/ £4.00 +£1.00 SI hire. Lim EOD & late entries + £2.00/£2.00. Chq: South Midlands Orienteering Club. EPS-SI. String course. White, yellow, Orange, Light Green & Green - £7.00/£4.00. No dogs. Online entries at www.fabian4.co.uk. www.smoc.info
15th	EM C5	LEI Local Event & EMOA League. Willesley Woods, Ashby de la Zouch. SK328143.  Ernie Williams, 01530 832829. eawo119791@btinternet.com £7.00/£2.00. EPS-SI. Dogs allowed on Lead. www.leioc.org.uk
17th	EM C5	LEI Local Winter League Event. Donisthorpe Woodlands, Ashby de la Zouch. SK318141.  John Cooke, 01827 61663. jholtcooke@btinternet.com £3.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. Dogs allowed on Lead. www.leioc.org.uk

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21st	EM	DVO Local Event. Elvaston Country Park, Borrowwash.. SK413332. Off B5010 between the A6005 at Borrowwash and the old A6 at Thulston. For further details visit the DVO website at www.dvo.org.uk
21st	WM	HOC Local MAD0 Event. Hollybed Common - Malvern, Malvern. SO781372.
	C5	Mike Farrington, 01531 635502. mike@farrington.me.uk £4.00/£1.00 Families £4. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.50. Starts 12.30 - 2pm. www.harlequins.org.uk/mado
22nd	SE	HH NATIONAL EVENT & Southern Championships & Interland & FCC. Burnham Beeches, Near Beaconsfield. SU952893.
	C2	Organiser: Mike Edwards, 01494 526330. burnhamorganiser@happyherts.org.uk Entries: Sue & Keith Marsden, 24 Glen Way, Watford, Herts, WD17 3JL, 01923 225197. burnhamentries@happyherts.org.uk CD: 15/02/09. £17.00/£7.50 (inc Studs) (less £2.00 BOF seniors). Lim EOD +£2.00/£1.00. Chq: HHOC. EPS-SI. String course. There will be limited colour coded courses (white to light green) and long and short novice courses suitable for complete beginners of all fitness levels. Full Range of National Event Courses: S/L for seniors A/B for juniors (includes M/W18E, M/W20E, M/W20L/S and M18L/S iaw new guidelines for Level 1 events) and of course testing M/W21E courses. Parking £1.00. No dogs. On-line Entry (Preferred) through website or Oentries. www.happyherts.org.uk
Feb	SC	BRITISH ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS
28th-	C2	28th - British Orienteering Championships. Hampton Ridge, New Forest. SU200140. Organiser: Jerry Newcombe, 01256 780990.
Mar		Postal Entries: Lynne Moore, 12 Beaufort Place, Old Mill Lane, Bray, Berkshire, SL6 2BS. CD: 07/02/09. Post marked on or before 11/01/09 - £15.00/£7.00, 25/01/09 - £17.00/£8.00, 03/02/09 - £20.00/£10.00. No EOD. Chq: South Central Orienteering Association. EPS-Emit. Parking £2.00. Dogs on lead in car park only. Online entries preferred through www.fabian4.co.uk . www.boc2009.org.uk
1st	R2	1st - British Relay Championships. Beaulieu & Dibden, New Forest. SU390040. Organiser Jerry Newcombe, 01256 780990 Entries: Stephen Robinson, 18 Hanson Road, Andover, Hants, SP10 3HL. CD: 07/02/09. On or before 11/01/09 - £36.00/£24.00 per team, 25/01/09 - £39.00/£27.00, 07/02/09 - £45.00/£30.00. No EOD. Chq: South Central Orienteering Association. EPS-Emit. Dogs on lead in car park only. Online entries preferred through www.fabian4.co.uk . www.boc2009.org.uk

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1st	EM	NOC Local Event & EM League. Annesley - Park Forest and Morning Springs, Annesley. SK500500.
	C5	Ruedi Billeter, 0115 9233529. rudolf.billeter-clark@nottingham.ac.uk £7.00/£1.50, 65+: £5.50 non-BOF. EPS-SI. String course. www.noc-uk.org
7th	EM	DVO Local Event & EM League. Stanton Moor, Bakewell. SK241622.
	C5	David Vincent, 01773 716615. dvincent@tesco.net £7.00/£1.00 Family entry: £15. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on lead, in car park. Parking £1.00. www.dvo.org.uk
8th	WM	WCH Regional Event. Hednesford Camp & Birches Valley, Cannock. SK006141.
	C3	Tracy Craig, 01785 787820. craig.family@ntlworld.com £8.00/£2.00 BOF -£2 for adults. EPS-SI. Dogs on leads. SI card hire £1. www.walton-chasers.co.uk
15th	EM	LEI Local Spring Series Event. The Outwoods, Loughborough. SK515159.
	C5	Judith Holt, 01827 61663. judith.holtcooke@btinternet.com £3.00/£1.00. Dogs allowed on lead. More details on page 9
21st	WM	HOC Local Event & WMOA League & incorporating MADO Event. Eastnor Deer Park, Malvern. SO737371.
	C5	Mike Farrington, 01531 635502. mike@farrington.me.uk £7.00/£2.00. Fees for MADO: £4.00/£1.00, Family £4.00. EPS-SI. Starts 12.30-2.30. Parking £1.50. Dogs allowed on lead. www.harlequins.org.uk
21st	WM	HOC Local Night Event & WML. Eastnor Deer Park, Malvern. SO737371.
	S5N	Mike Farrington, 01531 635502. mike@farrington.me.uk £5.00/ Senior. EPS-SI. Parking £1.50. Dogs allowed on lead. www.harlequins.org.uk
28th	EM	LEI Local Spring Series Event. The Outwoods, Loughborough. SK515159.
	C5	Judith Holt, 01827 61663. judith.holtcooke@btinternet.com £3.00/£1.00. Dogs allowed on lead. More details on page 9

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28th	EM	DVO Local Event. Darley Park, Derby. SK352372.
	C5	Paul Beresford, 01302 751549. paul@pberesford.fsnet.co.uk £3.00/ £1.00 Family Entry £7.00. Dogs in Car Park on Lead. Full registration pending
29th	WM	POTOC/WRE CompassSport Cup & Trophy 1st Round. Weston Heath, Market Drayton.
	O3	Organiser: Geoff Hollins (POTOC), 01782 503385. geoff@hollins28.fsnet.co.uk Entries: TBA. CD: unknown. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. www.sisyphus.demon.co.uk/POTOC Full registration pending
29th	EM	NOC Compass Sport Cup First Round. Sherwood Pines. Ollerton SK612638.
	O3X	Further details tbc

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4th	SOA	FVO British Age Class Sprint Championships. Stirling University, Stirling. NS802967.
	C2S	Gary Longhurst, 01786 823295. glonghurst@aol.com Fees TBA. EPS- SI. No dogs. Afternoon starts. On-line entry preferred, details on club web site. www.fvo.org.uk Full registration pending
5th	WM	OD Local Event & WML. Pooley Fields Heritage Centre, Polesworth. SK259033.
	C5	Tony Feltbower, 01926 864465. t.feltbower@ntlworld.com £8.00/ £3.00 +£1 Emit Hire. EPS-Emit. Parking £1.50.
7th		Start of LEI Summer League. See centre pages for further details



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10th- 13th	NE C2S C2 C2 R2	JAN KJELLSTROM ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL 10th - JK SPRINT. Newcastle University, Newcastle. NZ248654. 11th - JK DAY 1. Kylee woods, Berwick-upon-Tweed. NU058396. 12th - JK DAY 2. Detchant, Shiellow, Greensheen Hill & Cockenheugh, Berwick-upon-Tweed. NU083350. 13th - JK Relay. Dipton, Hexham. NY975605. JK Coordinator: Boris Spence, 01670 860897. coordinator@jk2009.org.uk Entries: JK 2009, 6 Aln Court, Ellington, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 5LR. entries@jk2009.org.uk CD: 28/02/09 for elites, 20/03/09 for others. Fees - see website. Chq: JK 2009. EPS-SI. String course. Entry via website preferred; entries open 01/12/08. www.jk2009.org.uk/
19th	NW C2	LOC Northern Championships & FCC Round. Graythwaite, Ulverston. SD352922. Organiser: Sue Butterfield, 01229 582770 (before 8pm). bbobsue12@aol.com Postal Entries: Margaret Buckley, Russets, Yans Lane, Storth, Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7LJ, 01539 563606. gentries@lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk Postal CD: 23/03/09. Online CD: 27/3/09. £12.50/£5.00 (less £2.00 for full BOF seniors). Lim EOD +£2.00/£2.00. Chq: Lakeland Orienteering Club. EPS-SI. Dogs on lead in car park only, not on courses. Online entries via www.oentries.com. www.lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk
28th	EM  C5	LEI Local Spring Series Event. The Outwoods, Loughborough. SK515159. Judith Holt, 01827 61663. judith.holtcooke@btinternet.com £3.00/£1.00. Dogs allowed on lead. More details on page 9
25th- 26th	EM R5 C5	Lincolnshire Bomber Weekend 25th - Lincolnshire Bomber Relay Event. Riseholme Park, Lincoln. Jon May. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. www.lincsbomber.co.uk Full registration pending 26th - Lincolnshire Bomber - Long O & Local Event. Caistor. Jon May. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. Parking TBA. www.lincsbomber.co.uk Full registration pending
26th	WM C5	WCH Local Event & West Midlands Championships. Rawnsley, Cannock Chase, Cannock. SK028158. Tom Roach, 01543 254 617. pawtom@ntlworld.com £8.00/£2.00, BOF -£2 for adults. EPS-SI. Dogs on leads. www.walton-chasers.co.uk

May 2009

2nd-	SW	TRIPLE O SEVERN WEEKEND
4th	C3	2nd - NGOC Regional Event, FCC Middle Final & Avon Schools Championships. Mallards Pike, nr Coleford. SO620121. Organiser Roger Coe, 01594 510444. randvcoe@btinternet.com Entries via www.fabian4.co.uk . EPS-SI. Full registration pending
	C2	3rd - BOK National Event (the Mike Nelson BOKTrot), British Elite Long Distance Championships, FCC Long Distance Finals and VHI Selection Race. New Beechenhurst, nr Coleford. SO620121 Organiser: Howard Thomas, 01225 334611. howardandsally@talktalk.net Entries via www.fabian4.co.uk . EPS-SI. Full registration pending
	S5	4th - WJS Score Events. Cannop Ponds, Nr Coleford SO620121 Kate Balmond, 07811 942762. member@rbuffett.freemove.co.uk. Entries via www.fabian4.co.uk . EPS-SI. Full registration pending.
British Short Race Weekend		
9th	EM	NOC British Elite Sprint Championships. Nottingham University Campus, Nottingham. SK540385.
	O2S	Mick Lucking, 0115 922 5578. mick@lucking.co.uk Fees TBA. EPS-SI.
10th	EM	LEI British Elite and Age Class Middle Distance Championships. Thringstone and Cademan Woods, Loughborough. SK435184.
	O2	Organiser: Chris Phillips, 0116 255 0330. onecphillips@lineone.net
		Entries: addressee TBA. CD: 15/04/09. £12.50/£3.50. Late entries +£1.00 postal 25/04/09, online by 27/04/09. No EOD for Middle Champs. EPS-SI. Maximum of 250 per course. Starts till 14.00. EOD for colour coded courses - White, Yellow & Orange - £5.00/£1.00. Dogs in car park only. Parking £1.00. Online entry via Fabian4. www.emoa.org.uk
		
16th	EM	DVO Local Event. Linacre, Chesterfield. SK340733.
	C5	Paul Beresford, 01302 751549. paul@pberesford.fsnet.co.uk £7.00/£1.00 Family entry: £15. EPS-SI. Dogs on lead in car park only. www.dvo.org.uk Full registration pending

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17th	WM C3	OD Regional Event. Bentley Wood, Atherstone, Warks. SP291966. Tony Feltbower, 01926 864465. t.feltbower:ntlworld.com £10.00/ £3.00 +Emit Hire £1. EPS-Emit. Parking £1.00.
23rd	SOA C2	BASOC NATIONAL EVENT & Scottish Championships. Dunachtonmore & Balavil, Kingussie. NH809038. Lesley Campbell, 01463 231686. stracathro13@tiscali.co.uk Fees TBA. EPS-Emit. String course. Lim CC courses up to LG, probably. Dogs under close control in car park only. Full registration pending
23rd- 25th	WM C3 C3	Springtime in Shropshire Regional Events 23rd - Regional Event, Springtime in Shropshire. Bucknell, Knighton. SO346740. Organiser: Graham Hardy, 01584 862418. gah@f2s.com Entries: addressee TBA. CD: unknown. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. Check website for breaking news. www.sins.org.uk Full registration pending 25th - Regional Event, Springtime in Shropshire. Corndon, Welshpool. SO309967. Organiser: Richard Lewis, 01948 840428. richard@elewis46.fsnet.co.uk Entries: TBA. CD: unknown. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. Check website for breaking news. www.sins.org.uk Full registration pending4
24th	SOA R5	BASOC Scottish Championships - Relays. Speyside/InvernessShire. Paul Caban. Full registration pending
30th- 31st	NW C3 C3	Twin Peak 09 Weekend 30th - Day1 Regional Event. Angle Tarn Pikes, Windermere/Penrith. NY398162. 31st - Day 2 Regional Event. Place Fell, Windermere/Penrith. NY398162. Sue Birkinshaw, 0161 980 5068. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. www.mdoc.org.uk Full registration pending

June 2009

6th	EM	DVO The Derwent Valley Anniversary Long-O. Riber Hillside, Matlock. SK296570. Organiser: Paul Wright, 01773 856387. cpstwright@tiscali.co.uk
	C5	Entries: Paul Wright, 4 Ripley Road, Riversdale, Ambergate, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 2EU, 01773-856387(before 9pm - email preferred). cpstwright@tiscali.co.uk CD: 31/05/09. Fees TBA. Pre entry for long O only. Chq: DVO. EPS-SI. White to Green, String course. Dogs in assembly area only; on lead at all times. A long-O from Ambergate Station to Assembly area using Crich Chase, Lea Woods, Cromford Canal, Cromford Moor and Riber Hillside, or a shorter long-O from Whatstandwell Station. Long O participants will use rail service to start. Colour coded courses on Riber Hillside. www.dvo.org.uk
7th	EM	DVO Local Event. Carsington Pastures, Wirksworth. SK248546.
	C5	Mike Godfree, 01335 346004. £7.00/£1.00 Family entry: £15.00. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on lead in car park. www.dvo.org.uk Full registration pending
20th	WM	HOC Local MADO Event. Old Hills, Nr Malvern. SO827483.
	C5	Mike Farrington, 01531 635502. mike@farrington.me.uk £4.00/£1.00 Families £4. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. Starts 12.30 - 2pm. End of season event plus Prize giving. www.harlequins.org.uk/mado
20th	EM	DVO Local Event. Ilam Hall, Ashbourne. SK131505.
	C5	Paul Beresford, 01302 751549. paul@pberesford.fsnet.co.uk £3.00/£1.00 Family Entry £7.00. Dogs in Car Park on Lead. Full registration pending
27th	EM	LEI Local Event & EMOA League. Swithland Woods Grid Ref: tbc.
	C5	Organiser tbc. £7.00/£2.00. EPS-SI. Dogs allowed on Lead. www.leioc.org.uk
28th	EM	DVO Local Event. Hardwick, Sutton in Ashfield. SK463637.
	C5	Paul Beresford, 01302 751549. paul@pberesford.fsnet.co.uk £3.00/£1.00 Family Entry £7.00. Dogs in Car Park on Lead. Full registration pending

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4th	EM	DVO Local Event. Shipley Country Park, Heanor. SK431454.
	C5	Mike Godfree, 01335 346004. £3.00/£1.00, Family entry: £7. EPS-SI. White to Light Green. Parking £1.00. Incorporating the Derbyshire Schools Championships. www.dvo.org.uk Full registration pending

August 2009

2nd- 8th	SOA	Scottish 6 Days
	C3	2nd - Day 1 Regional Event. Dalrulzion, Bridge of Cally. NO134579.
	C3	3rd - Day 2 Regional Event. Kinnoull Hill, Perth. NO162233.
	C3	4th - Day 3 Regional Event. Tullochroisk, Kinloch Rannoch. NN712578.
	C3	6th - Day 4 Regional Event. Tentsmuir, Tayport. NO473268.
	C3	7th - Day 5 Regional Event. Barry Buddon, Carnoustie. NO522328.
	C3	8th - Day 6 Regional Event. Loch Ordie, Ballinluig. NO002513. Scott Fraser, 0131 6540874. scott.fraser@scottish-orienteering.org Full registration pending
29th- 31st	YH	White Rose Weekend
	C3	29th - Day 1 Regional Event. Staindale & Bickley, Pickering. SE898894.
	S5N	29th - Night Score Event. Staindale & Bickley, Pickering. SE898894.
	C3	30th - Day 2 Regional Event. Staindale & Bickley, Pickering. SE898894.
	R5	31st - White Rose Team Relay Event. Staindale & Bickley, Pickering. SE898894. Bill Griffiths, 01751 467020. Fees TBA. String course on Days 1 & 2. EPS-SI. Dogs allowed on lead and only in assembly area. www.eborienteers.org.uk Full registration pending

September 2009

5th-6th	WOA	Junior Home International
	O3X	5th - JHI - Individual. Newborough Forest, Newborough. Helena Burrows, 01407 710528. helena@alma-hall.freeserve..uk EPS-SI. Full registration pending
	R3X	6th - JHI - Relay. Newborough Forest, Newborough. Helena Burrows, 01407 710528. helena@alma-hall.freeserve..uk EPS-SI. Full registration pending
6th	EM	LOG Lincoln "City Race". The Lawn, Lincoln. SK973719.
	C5	Sean Harrington, 01522 791344. Sean@logonline.org.uk Fees TBA. EPS-SI. Dogs allowed on leads. Full registration pending
13th	EM	Lei Score Cup
	C5	Venue TBC
20th	EM	DVO Local Event. Calke Abbey, Ticknall. SK367226.
	C5	Mike Godfree, 01335 346004. £5.00/£1.00 Family entry: £15. EPS-SI. White to Brown, String course. Dogs allowed on lead. www.dvo.org.uk Full registration pending

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Donisthorpe Winter League
Event (starts 11– noon)**

Sunday 15th February 2009

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