

LEI News

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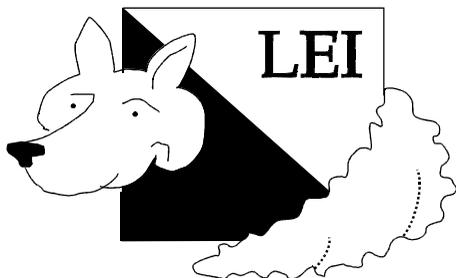
Ramblings from the Chair



It is always rather worrying when you try something new and I must confess to a sleepless night before the

National Forest Trophy event in March. Recruitment was one of our main objectives for the event and generous sponsorship from the National Forest Company had provided the wherewithal to do something different. Every newspaper in the area had carried editorial and advertising and we had distributed many posters and leaflets. The question still remained, would we attract any newcomers to the sport. As most of you will be aware we attracted over a hundred people who came to try the sport for the first time and encouragingly the majority have attended other events since. My thanks to my fellow event officials Roger, Andy, John, Judith and Roy. Especially thanks

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Ramblings from the Chair (continued)

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to Roy for all his work with the National Forest Company in obtaining the sponsorship which enabled the club to put on the event. My thanks also to the large number of club members who helped on the day. Interestingly more club members helped at Ratby than competed in the club's Regional event at Fineshade two weeks before. I think I know the reason, perhaps you would let me have your views!

This year's winner of the National Forest Trophy is Mairead Rocke (W16). The trophy is for an outstanding performance at the event and was awarded to Mairead for her run in the Long O. On behalf of the club I would also like to congratulate Mairead on her win in the W16(A) class at the JK.

Following on from the National Forest Trophy Event we shall be having a club stand and offering an "orienteeing experience" at three Country Park Open Days at Burbage Common, Sence Valley and Bosworth Battlefield this summer.

Two items that have been exercising the minds of your committee in recent months have been land access and the cost of events. Elsewhere in the newsletter Roger Edwards, our treasurer, has provided a breakdown of the cost of running an event and where your pound (or five) goes.

Orienteering is becoming an increasing expensive sport, although cheap when compared with sports like golf or watching Premiership football. Technology is one of the culprits. At the

average District Event the cost of SI and computer equipment in use is around £10,000. We share the East Midlands pool of SI kit (having contributed hard cash when it was originally set up) and pay a levy for its use at events. So far we have been able to beg and borrow computer kit but in the long term the club is going to face significant expenditure in this whole area.

It's great to have an overprinted recently updated map at even the smallest events but there is a significant cost. It may well be that we take a step back from using all the latest technology at every event - can we remember how to mark up our course from a master map and do the map corrections? One "bill" that is increasing year on year is the event levies we pay to British Orienteering and East Midlands. Cost of levies for the National Forest Event came to over £200. Multiply that figure by the number of District and Regional events we put on in the year and you will see it is a sizeable chunk of the club's income.

My committee colleagues, Roy Denny who is responsible for land access and Judith Holt and John Cooke our permissions team are waging an almost daily battle to gain and maintain access to existing and new areas. There is a growing reluctance by various bodies responsible for nature conservation to allow us access to areas at certain times of the year. Access to other areas is becoming difficult because of commercial pressure on land owners to maximise income. Land access charges are an increasing cost that has to be taken into

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Give Relays a chance



I am amazed that more people from LEI do not participate in relays, in the past we used to have the club tent and several teams entered. We have even been known to win the odd class. Besides the CompassSport Cup this is the one chance to compete as a team, it doesn't have to be competitive, but it's more fun if it is.

Since 1992, when I started orienteering, I possibly hold the record for completing the most relay legs in the UK, often doing two or more legs, just so that a team can record a finish time. This has brought me into contact with many members of other clubs and made many friends over the years.

Several of you spend a small fortune travelling to the JK, British or White Rose. Make a long weekend of it and stay that extra day. Bring your partner, unlike the individual days relays are a spectator sport, often with a control just yards away from the audience. Watch members of the British team compete for their clubs in the Open class. Follow all the action from the handover pen to the constantly changing results board.

I know they can be expensive to enter but the club will subsidise your entry fee to the tune of 40%.

Therefore, I ask only one thing, that within the next 12 months, enter just one relay (phone me on 01572 755419, 7 - 9 pm) and I will coordinate the teams. Don't worry about your ability, like the individual days there is a class



Yours truly preparing for my leg in the M165+ category at this year's JK. Ian Wells ran the first leg, then me, then Judith Holt. We were the sole LEI representatives at the JK Relays. We finished 48th out of 75 teams - ed.

for you. I am certain that you will enjoy the experience and the camaraderie and be back for many more events.

Ian Wells

Leicestershire overcharges!



Some Nopesport** contributors have been criticising event entry fees. They feel events should be much cheaper to enter. So why does Leicestershire charge £5 for its district events. Let's have a look at the typical costs involved at Bradgate Park for the event last April. The Bradgate Trust charges us £1 each to go into the Park. Then we have to pay the levy to the British Orienteering Federation to cover the costs of staffing the Matlock Office, typically, they want £1.10 each. We pay the East Midlands orienteering Association to cover the costs of the East Midlands junior squad, etc. so we are charged 60p for this and by the time we've added on the SI hire charge we need to send them £1.

We also have to reimburse event officials who collect the equipment and visit the Park to choose and then tape all the sites beforehand. For the Fineshade event we had to pay for nearly 1,000 miles, but at Bradgate as the officials live much closer so the mileage will be much reduced.

The mapper also needs to be paid expenses, parking fees and mileage allowance while undertaking his survey and cartography work. In addition we need to pay software licence fees for use in producing quality maps. The club also has to pay for our printing, even though this is done in-house it currently, works



out about 50p per for the Bradgate and Swithland map. And finally, we have to cover the costs of software licence and equipment needed for the start, finish and download. So there is not much change out of five pounds when you have had added all these together.

Roger Edwards

** Nopesport—the UK online orienteering community—available at www.nopesport.com or via 'useful links' from the LEI website.

Why not use OCAD course planning?



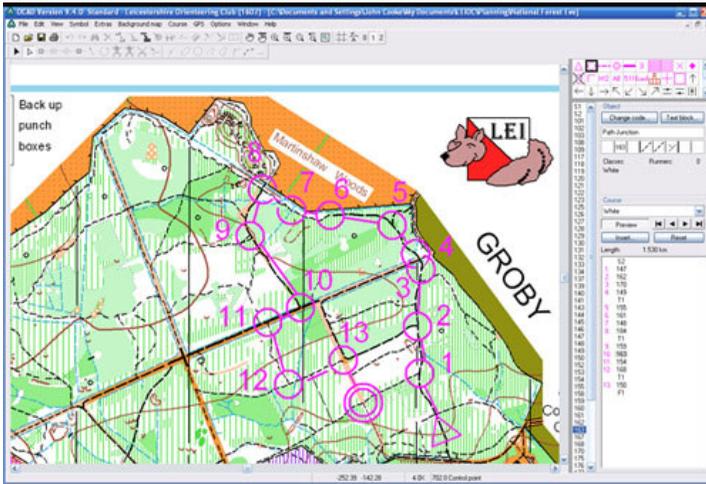
Anyone can download a demonstration version from the OCAD website and this is a good place to browse.

So you have just been asked to use OCAD course planning for your next event -what you do? Many experienced planners will be intimidated by the use of OCAD planning, but it's not that hard.

the OCAD package you need to select New and then Course setting for Orienteering, choosing 15000 symbols. Open the background map you would like to plan your courses on. Most maps are drafted in 15,000 scale, but we usually print them in 10,000 scale. So it's very easy to get things out of alignment. You need to measure a very short course; typically most of us put the start and

finish at either end of the scale bar. OCAD will measure the distance for you -if it's what you expecting, then you can proceed, otherwise you must make some adjustments. Maybe reloading the course planning with the correct scale planning symbols this time!

Proceed with course planning, putting on the start, finish and controls, and then link them into appropriate courses. When you get stuck, the OCAD website has some very good tutorials, which can be downloaded at your



The white course from the recent National Forest Trophy event at Ratby as it appears in OCAD course planner in preview mode. As the map and the control circles are on separate layers then the background map can be changed without having to redraw the circles.

So if you're planning for a real event, then I'll assume you have the official software loaded and have downloaded the most recent upgrade, there is usually one every month. You also need the ocad map(s) of the area; you can get these from Ernie or Roy.

convenience. If you're still stuck, you need to ask someone. Someone else will have made the same mistake as you and be able to give you a solution!

Good luck!

Unfortunately the hardest bit is next. In

Roger Edwards

SUMMER TOURS



In the summer of 1999 we enjoyed an epic 4 week holiday touring Australia. We started off from Sydney, spent time with our friends at their homes in the Blue Mountains and Mudgee and then headed out to explore the continent. On our first day driving west into the outback we stopped for coffee and milk shakes in a pleasant rural town called Dubbo famous for its zoo, but we had no time to visit it and anyway I am not too fond of zoos. We drove on, towards Broken Hill.

Little did John or any of us imagine that 8 years later he would be selected to compete in the Sprint race of the Junior World Orienteering Championships located at the Western Plains Zoo at Dubbo!

The road to selection is tough. Part of being a member of the British Junior Squad are certain commitments from the squad athletes – one of those commitments is to organise and spend at least two weeks in Scotland or Scandinavia. A competition such as the O'ringen or 6 days does not count. With that in mind but also because we like getting away to wild places especially around the festive season I booked a week's self catering accommodation in Kingussie over New Year. We had a brilliant time, and John and Mairead trained hard on the wonderful areas that are on offer up there. Of course they kept off the areas to be used for the 6 days as they are both competing but one of the UK sprint races is to be held in Kingussie during the 6 days week.

Perhaps that makes up for not visiting the zoo 8 years ago. The



description of the terrain for the sprint race describes lots of out of bound areas! A route choice through the lion enclosure may not be the best idea.

For those of you going to Scotland for the 6 days and staying down the southern end of the Spey valley, go and enjoy Tesco free shopping in Kingussie. There is a local small supermarket in Kingussie called Murchies which stocks everything from inspired cheeses to baked beans. There is also a Co-op supermarket and for those meat eaters enjoy the home made sausages from the local butchers.

The club tent at the Scottish 6 days will be shared with a Swedish club. Well just one member really who is Gustav Bergmann a top M18 from OK Ravinen a club to the south of Stockholm. John has stayed with Gustav on his visits to Sweden when he has run for OK Ravinen. Mairead and I met him for the first time when he was over in Scotland for a training weekend earlier on in the year. Gustav is staying with us for the 6 days

then coming home with us so we can show him the forests of the East Midlands and have a day out in London. Mairead will be running against OK Ravinen at the Junior TioMila in Sweden at the end of the W/M16 Halden tour. Mairead is also off on tour to Norway finishing up with the premier junior relay in Sweden. She has had an excellent series of results in the tour selection races. She entered the two days of the FCC final held on local areas Brereton Hayes and Bentley Woods. Both events were examples of orienteering at its best – excellent planning, controlling and organisation.

Orienteering offers stunning opportunities to its youngsters and it is all made possible by coaches who develop the techniques and fitness. Mairead and John have been fortunate to have brilliant orienteering and athletics coaching. I think East Midlands is a great area for nurturing orienteering in

beginners and youngsters as there are so many areas which have good path networks and line features.

If you want to follow the various competitions the web sites are:

www.jwoc2007.orienteering.asn.au

http://www.ifhagen.com/ol/arrangemang/u10mila/default_eng.asp

AND WHILST I AM WRITING –

I would like to acknowledge all the support given to me by Mark Foxwell in putting on the summer league event at Fermyn and express my gratitude to the patience of the competitors. I felt so supported that I intend to volunteer next year to hold an event, but will ensure I book the day off.

Elizabeth Roche

Wanted permanent Course Co-ordinator!

Are you willing to help the club develop the Permanent Orienteering Courses in our area? Are you free to talk to the countryside rangers and parks superintendents to help them develop existing sites and promote the sale of maps?

Landowners are requesting the club's help in putting in permanent courses but requests are being deferred as the club's officials are fully committed on other development activities. We are working with Martinshaw Woodlands, Knighton and Evington & Arboretum Parks to refurbish or extend their courses and there are requests in to do something at Beacon Hill and Spinney Hall Park too.

At a minimum the role requires selling maps in response to individual requests and arranging for bulk printing for the city and country parks. Typically we have about one request a month! We think this will drop once we have managed to publish the Watermead permanent course map on the LEI website. The role ideally includes visiting the sites to check the condition of the posts every couple of years. As an additional incentive volunteer's expenses will be paid for!

If you would like to find out more have an informal word with Pete Leake the current post holder or myself, Roger Edwards.

Tales that must be told



At the last minute, I am told of Rachel's e-mail concerning Dave's 40th birthday party (*many happy returns—ed.*).

Hurriedly I get present (booze) & card organised & we speed away to Myrtle Rd in Highfields. Eerily, the road & house look dark & deserted, John is sure he remembered the house number correctly. At last someone to ask "Ees a emptii ouse" replied a foreign gentleman.

We rush back home, John checks the e-mail, yes he had got the number correct, but it's in Muriel Rd, Danehills where we eventually find the celebrations.

'So why aren't you cross with me?' asks John. Smiling sweetly, I replied 'Well, I didn't have any tales to tell in Lei News and now I have.'

Hope you all appreciated the newly negotiated (cheaper) Xmas tree car park for the Bradgate event. It was a beautiful hot spring day, just the weather to send sun-basking snakes to sleep. Yes there really are adders in Bradgate. --no injuries, just guaranteed to make you run faster.

At the download tent Peter Leake was disqualified for missing out the last control but successfully put theory into practice by returning to the control, punching and downloading again .His time was only increased by about 5 minutes but would have been even less if he hadn't wasted time 'discussing' with my John, the Planner, whether this was an 'unnecessary' control.

The Marriotts and Roger & Helen

Edwards went to the JK at Easter & stayed for a week in a house with a glass conservatory upstairs containing the bath—so it was possible to be soaking in the tub AND watching the birds in the garden at the same time. In this bizarre house every wall was covered with pictures & photos, not all hanging straight; all the shelves and flat surfaces were covered with books & trinkets so much so that we didn't dare put the keys down in case they were never found again.

Day ONE, Helen & I went to find our husbands in the LEI tent. We saw a sea of club tents and heroically fluttering flags. We scoured the horizon for the Big Pink Finger. No luck. Then we spotted the green poly tunnel with a pink rag draped across the roof. Oh dear was the floppy flag an omen. (I wondered whether Bob Haskins uses the



poly tunnel for his plants?)

Day TWO, Helen & I walk 4.5 miles from the house to the finish area while the men folk go by car. We have an OS 1:50000 map and a copy of Compass Sport with a 'O' map of the Forest of Dean which we later learn is from 1974. We make a couple of mistakes but arrive at the Club tent at similar times to Roger & John. Gosh the Pink Finger is flying again (*thanks to Ian Wells who repaired the pole which had become jammed and which I had made worse by hammering in the wrong direction despite attempts by Mark Hardy to explain the error in my thinking*).

John has misplaced his sandwiches somewhere. No I won't lend him some money to go to Wilf's not after I had lovingly prepared those sandwiches AND been given a map from 1974

I'm afraid the letter ay won't work any more on my computer. I secretly suspect it's a plan by ohn to stop me telling tales about him & then emailing them to ohn & udith

Discovered a new version of Russian Roulette - buy a net of mandarins from the Co op in Anstey . Some are beautifully sweet others are eye wateringly sour but they all look identical.

Slip one in with his packed lunch 1974 indeed.

I have been inspired by an advert for a manual typewriter:

"now £39.99 a saving of £1000 on buying a computer & printer and think of the saving on electricity too!!"

Can't we market orienteering this way

- ◆ Save £1000 on that Caribbean

holiday have an orienteering week end only £70 and no queuing at the airport

- ◆ Save £160 on your hotel meal buy a Wilf's chilli and eat al fresco
- ◆ Save £200 on accommodation sleep in a tent & get in tune with nature.

Burbage Common on Sunday May 13th must have been the wettest place on the planet. Roger Kelly was filling in details for children starting the String courses:- name?, age?, can you swim?

As an introduction to orienteering there were two string courses and a yellow course. The string courses started from the shelter of a huge marquee, the yellow course from the ohn & udith campervan. I thought I was on a winner choosing to help in the marquee, little did I know that the seams of the marquee leaked and pretty soon our table was soggy and there were puddles of water at our feet.

But poor ohn M & Roger got really really wet bringing in the string course.

I would like to set a competition perhaps it would make a design project for GCSE or AS level?

I think udith summed up Burbage with her plea to ohn Cooke "Can we go home now please; the rain has soaked through my coat & clothes and has ust reached my knickers.?" ohn M, whose body parts were even wetter, then gave us a detailed description that is too intimate to repeat here.

Irene Marriott

Scottish 6 Days (a request)

Some of you may remember Pete Lawrence and Rachel Scott who used to be members of LEI until they moved to Scotland. Pete has recently been in touch with me and I reproduce his email below (ed.):

"It's been a while since we've met but I'm hoping that the tenuous link that Rachel Scott and I were members of LEI up until moving to Scotland in 2001 will stand us in good stead when making this request on behalf of Grampian Orienteering Club.

Gramp is organising Day 1 of the Scottish 6 Days this year and I have the dubious honour of being Day Organiser, accepting the role largely in blissful ignorance of just how many bodies are required to fill all the tasks. Despite having a relatively large membership and the help of another Scottish Club (EckO - currently with only 5 entrants!), I could really do with some additional helpers.

I see from the entry lists that 20-odd LEI members have entered already and I would be really grateful if any of you could provide assistance on the Day. I can reassure everyone that they will get a run and that punching start permits will be issued to allow you all to get to the starts in your own time and not be stressed about having to get there by a fixed time. The sort of tasks I would hope LEI members could help with are Car Parking and Download as well as some people to help out at one of the two starts.

So, would you be able to pass on this

request for helpers to the Club membership? I'm afraid I can't offer any sort of incentive apart from being able to take part for the rest of the week in the knowledge that you've done your bit to help the 3500+ people taking part have what promises to be a great experience.

*Yours, in the hope of a positive response,
Pete*

Grampian Orienteering Club

PS What a weird sport this is - I recall putting on events at Irchester Country Park where we thought we'd done well to get into double figures and here I am glibly talking about 3,500!!

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If anyone is able to help Pete (Judith and I have already volunteered) then please either let me know and I will pass your details on or get in touch with him directly.

John Cooke

Bosworth Fields Festival

Guided walks and other outdoor activities are planned for the Leicestershire Walking Festival on Saturday 4th August, at Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and Country Park. This free family day out has events to encourage everyone to have fun outdoors, explore more, and find out how to make the most of the countryside.

Come for the day and enjoy all kinds of activities. Perhaps, join a 30 minute taster walk, a 2 hour countryside stroll, a short ramble returning by steam train or narrow boat, or maybe a more challenging 12 mile hike. All the walks will be guided by experienced leaders. There will also be an orienteering course to suit novice runners. Back at the Battlefield Visitor Centre there will be displays, information on health and local walking, competitions and craft activities; as well as the opportunity to visit the soon to be opened medieval village (Ambion Parva) and tavern, and the new exhibition on the Battle of Bosworth. To refuel and refresh indulge in delicious food and drinks from the Tithe Barn Restaurant.

The Festival runs from 9.30am until around 4.30pm. The walks and activities are mostly free but places on events are best booked in advance. Car parking is £1.50. There's no need for big boots or tight lycra, all you need is loose clothing and comfortable shoes. For booking or more information log onto www.leics.gov.uk/paths/walking_festival or phone the Battlefield Centre on 01455 290429.

Leicestershire has over 3,000 kilometres (1,875 miles) of Rights of Way; nearly 95% of people in the county have one within 500 metres of where they live. The County Council works to keep the routes accessible and make them easier to use and the walking festival is aimed at anyone who's new to exploring the countryside as well as regular active users. People can find out where they can go and what they can do, and enjoy sharing the walking experience with other people. The featured walks are led by experienced leaders from a range of local organisations. There will also be trained people on hand to help them get the best benefits from walking however fit or healthy they are. The Bosworth Battlefield is an ideal place to give walking a try. The site itself has surfaced paths with gates rather than stiles, as well as being an ideal starting point for walks further afield.

The event is being co-ordinated by Leicestershire County Council in collaboration with the local Ramblers Association, Physical Activity Co-ordinators from the local District Councils, Leicestershire Footpaths Association, ourselves, the National Forest and other local young people's and voluntary organizations.

Why not come along and bring someone perhaps less used to such activity. Spread the word.

Roy Denney

Development Report



What we've done

Coaching

The joint coaching sessions with DVO, LEI and NOC have been opened up to adult beginners as well as juniors. We held one coaching session independently of a district event at The Outwoods in February. This worked very well because of the contributions from all three clubs. A new series of events starting in the autumn will be advertised on the web.



Activity in the assembly area at The Outwoods coaching event in February.

Two summer league events have been set aside for coaching. The first was at Beaumanor and attracted a large number of juniors from a local school. The next at Altar Stones will have exercises for junior

novices as well as control picking on a map with the line features removed to



An extract from the Altar Stones map with the line features removed

focus more experienced orienteers on reading contours.

To help keep up the coaching effort the club is hoping to support another member to attend a level 2 coaching course. There are also regular opportunities to do the level one coaching course which gives lots of ideas for introducing juniors to orienteering skills and knowledge - if you might be interested let me know.

The club now has a set of compasses of various sorts for loan to people wanting to 'try before they buy'. These include clip-on, baseplate and thumb models. Email me if you are interested in borrowing them at a local event.

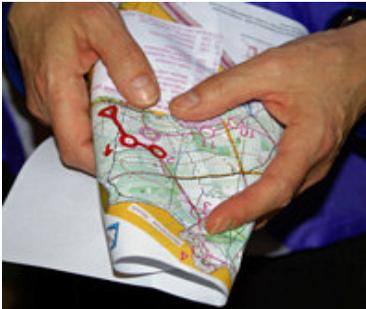
School club links

Chris Bosley coordinated LEI members to put on a 'taster' session for school in the South Charnwood Schools partnership. Groups were bussed in at half-hour intervals. They each completed a map walk followed by a star exercise and finished with one or two mini white standard courses. Smiley 😊 and sad 😞 faces placed at strategic points helped the children keep on track. They all appeared to enjoy themselves and lots of them said thank you at the end. We hope that this will lead to a formal link between that school partnership and LEI. Similar links are being developed elsewhere in the county and we hope that the Autumn Saturday Series will help develop such links in the city.

As last year Roger Kelly put on a 'terrain adventure' string course at Burbage common and we offered two short courses to those who wanted to have a go at navigating. We had a great team of helpers from the club and in spite of the torrential rain over 50 youngsters completed the string course. We have similar events coming up at Sence Valley and Bosworth Battle Field (see page 21—ed.).

Introductory Events

The development team put on a display and offered advice to newcomers at the recent National Forest Trophy event held at Ratby Woodlands. The focus was on giving people enough information to help them be successful at their first attempt. We encouraged people



Folding the map

to fold and thumb the map and keep it orientated all time. This was partly achieved by the use of display boards with illustrations of the various techniques (see photos alongside) along with information on upcoming events and leaflets on various aspects of our sport.



Thumbing the map



Orientating the map

Clubmark

The club is working towards Clubmark status. We hope to have met all the requirements by the end of the year. This includes a number of members going on various Sport England courses designed to help volunteers ensure that their clubs are run in ways that safeguard children involved in sport. We are making some progress as well in getting a group of helpers who have a BOF police-check. To complete our Clubmark status we need to continue to build opportunities for juniors to get coaching, participate in events, take on a range of roles and have a say in the club...this last is the next thing we need to work on. How do our juniors want to be represented in the club? Is there a young person - probably going in to year 12 next September, who could represent views of young people for LEI ?

Other club developments

The club banner can now be seen regularly at Local, Regional and National events. It will be a muster point (next to the tent) at the Scottish 6 day event where for the first time in many years LEI will have several families with young children.

We have the explorer award scheme up and running - we are expecting a run on acorn badges at Burrough-on-the-Hill.

The web site has had a major revamp to try to make information more accessible especially to newcomers.

The club is to run a series of Saturday morning events in parks in and around Leicester (Abbey Park, Knighton Park, Evington Park in Leicester and Brocks Hill Park in Oadby)

Judith Holt

National Forest Trophy 10th Anniversary Event—March 25th Ratby Woodlands

This event was a great success. Thanks to publicity provided by the local press, more than double the usual number turned out for this year's event based at Groby Community College.

Thanks to sponsorship by the National Forest Company, lots of people (especially young families) tried the sport for the first time. In all 265 starts were registered and, as many were family groups, it is calculated that about 350 people took part.

The winner of the National Forest Trophy for the most outstanding performance on the day went to Mairead Rocke. Aged 16 she finished the long course in 2 hours

14 minutes. Mairead is British Junior Sprint Champion and is now showing she is no slouch at the longer distances.

At the first District event after this event the numbers were up on previous years including a number of competitors who had orienteered for the first time at Ratby.



Summer League 2007



As I write the Summer League is well under way, and after a warm April and fairly sunny May, the 'proper' bank holiday summer weather has set in with almost two days of continuous rain, hopefully it will pass and we have a couple more months of glorious summer evenings ahead of us.

As usual the summer league provides regular local orienteering events with technical courses for the more experienced and always a course suitable for newcomers and juniors. Our evening events have starts from 6.30 - 7.30 (or earlier if the organiser is ready) and Sunday events from 11:00 to Noon. For all events fees are £2.50 for adults and £1.00 for Juniors/Students. Newcomers and non BOF members are welcome at the same charges and electronic card hire is free for events where this is used.

After all events there is the opportunity to retire to a local hostelry to meet other club members and discuss your routes (Even if you didn't make the event!).

This year sees 3 new areas; those who did the longer courses at Battram and Grange, found themselves on a sprint specification map in Ibstock for some of the time. East Carlton Park near Corby and Market Harborough is an area that we have not used for a few years and has been remapped prior to this years event. Lastly, the Sunday event on 22nd July includes newly mapped areas around Donisthorpe. As in previous years we also have some joint events with other clubs. I think that 2 will have passed by the time you read this, but our event with Lincoln Orienteering Group is at

Callens Lane Wood just across the A1 beyond Melton Mowbray later in June.

One other event, I'm looking forward to is the treasure hunt, organised this year by Ian Wells in the Oakham area. For this and all events, please check the web site for last minute changes before you leave. The only change to the schedule so far this year has been that the Cademan event on 4th July has moved to Bagworth as Cademan and Grace Dieu are embargoed for a regional event next year.

With 9 events gone, the league is settling down with Simon Ford, Dave Bray and Bob Haskins taking the top 3 spots with Alison Hardy, Claire Douglas and Ursula Williamson, the top 3 ladies; and Chris Dunne, our best newcomer to date.

However there is still a long way to go before the final event which will see a mass start event at Beacon Hill planned by Roger Edwards followed by a free buffet and prize giving at the Woodman's Stroke in Rothley.

Believe it or not, it won't be too long before I start to think of venues for next years league, and then organisers. If you would like to plan next year, please let me know at any time. The summer league is a good opportunity to plan your first event or if you are more experienced a chance to try something slightly different; I look forward to hearing from you, and hope you all have a great summer of orienteering.

Mark Foxwell

Summer League 2007 for the Royal Bank of Scotland Shield

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.

It is hoped that events marked (>) will have electronic punching

Entry fees - Adults £2.50 - Juniors £1

For results please see www.leioc.org.uk or contact Mark Foxwell

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



Current Position

The table below shows the current league position after nine events. That is, up to and including the Outwoods event on 23rd May.

	Name	Class	H/Cap	Club	Best 8	Attended	Total
1	Simon Ford	M60	1.24	LEI	646	80	881.46
2	Dave Bray	M50	1.16	LEI	690	80	880.19
3	Bob Haskins	M55	1.2	LEI	615	80	737.51
4	Roger Phillips	M21	1.00	LEI	698	80	698.36
5	Chris Bosley	M60	1.24	LEI	489	60	606.02
6	Peter Hornsby	M50	1.16	LEI	489	70	567.26
7	Mark Foxwell	M40	1.08	LEI	492	70	530.95
8	Bruce Bryant	M45	1.12	OD	489	50	547.59
9	Dave Toach	M35	1.04	LEI	463	90	481.16
10	James Hornsby	M18	1.08	LEI	468	60	505.93

Events are provisional, awaiting permissions etc. Please confirm arrangements either with the organiser or league coordinator Mark Foxwell 01509 646695 or visit www.leioc.org.uk or www.octavian-droobers.org or www.logonline.org.uk or www.dvo.org.uk

Date	Day	Event		Organiser	Notes	Grid	Social Venue
June							
13th	Wed	Altar Stones	*	Dev Team- Judith Holt	Training event	SK485108	Coach & Horses Markfield
21st	Thu	Callens Lane Wood		LOG	Joint with LOG	TF061270	Coachman, Corby Glen
27th	Wed	Swithland & The Brand		Pete Leake	Swithland North CP	SK537130	Griffin, Swithland
July							
4th	Wed	Cademan		Dave Bray	Man in Compass, Joint with OD	SK441166	Man in Compass, Whitwick
13th	Fri	Willesley Woods		Mark Sherriff	Woodside Road, joint with DVO	SK336143	Mason's Arms, Donisthorpe
17th	Tue	Fosse Meadows		TBD	Fosseway CP	SP490909	Countryman Sharnford
22nd	Sun	Donisthorpe Woodland Park		Bob Haskins	Starts 11.00-12.00	SK312152	Masons Arms, Donisthorpe
26th	Thu	Treasure hunt	*	Ian Wells	To be advised (Oakham?)		Grain Store Oakham
31st	Tue	Orchards		Dave Toach	City Farm CP, Gorse Hill	SK569063	Railway, Glenfield
August							
8th	Wed	Aylestone Riverside		Dave LeBoutillier	Aylestone Rd CP	SK579017	Black Horse, Aylestone
14th	Tue	Burrough Hill		Williamsons	Pay car park	SK766115	Stag & Hounds
23rd	Thu	Evington		Lorna Benson	Arboretum car park	SK626022	Cow & Plough
28th	Tue	Beacon & Windmill Score		Roger Edwards	Bottom CP. Assemble 6.30 for 6.45 Mass Start	SK521148	Presentation Woodman's Stroke

Out and About



There is something majestic when this winged messenger from the gods swoops down from the heavens, and many of us have been lucky enough to pause in awe watching as one plummets towards the earth at speeds of up to 200 miles per hour making it the fastest creature on earth.

Although most people think of Peregrine Falcons as rare and indeed they were nearly wiped out by DDT, there are actually about 1,500 pairs in Britain. This compares with a low point of some 300 pairs in 1972. This population is of world wide importance given they are effectively extinct across most of the United States, and that it comprises about 30% of the entire European population.

It is a wonderful sight to watch these birds at work. They often hunt by sitting on high vantage points, using their exceptional eyesight to spot anything as much as a mile away. Alternatively they circle thousands of feet up before undertaking their breathtaking stoops. At the right moment they turn earthwards, building up speed, before folding into a teardrop shape to minimise wind resistance.

Their prospects in Britain look pretty good, the only limit on numbers apparently being a lack of nesting sites. They usually rear their young in scrapes on cliffs and almost all natural sites have been taken up. The birds are now turning to quarries and tall buildings. Pairs now nest on power stations, schools,

churches and blocks of flats and are found in and around many cities. As messengers from the heavens it is perhaps quite appropriate that in recent years they have nested on Derby, Exeter, Salisbury, Chichester and Canterbury cathedrals.

They are exclusively bird-eaters with their quarry dictated by what is available. They are fond of smaller seabirds such as puffins and kittiwakes, and I was fortunate last year, to get a close up of a pair nesting on cliffs in the Isles of Scilly.

However most birds living near to cities and using tall buildings as homes take pigeons as their staple diet; no bad thing given the problems those birds cause, both the feral ones in the towns and the wood pigeons in the countryside.

2006 saw a second pair of wild choughs breed in Cornwall. In the six years since the national bird of Cornwall first bred in modern times 23 birds have been successfully raised. The new nesting pair is a male born to the first pair in 2004

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and a female that came to the area the same year.

On a less encouraging note researchers are finding it increasingly hard to find harbour seals around parts of our shores. Off Orkney and Shetland their numbers have dropped 40% in five years and numbers are also down in the Firth of Tay and along the coast of eastern England

Another hard to see creature, the Polecat is however on the comeback trail. It was until recently, thought to be only surviving in Scotland and part of mid Wales but a number of road kills and sightings have shown that it has re-colonised woodlands in much of central and southern England and there were four sightings in Sussex in 2006. It is now thought to have quadrupled in numbers over the last ten years.

With suitable habitat these creatures quickly fill any environmental niche as they are prolific breeders. These wild 'ferrets' with their masked faces have large litters of kits, often of a dozen or more and they are voracious killers which should help keep the population of rabbits down and perhaps more importantly the rapidly expanding population of rats.

A detailed survey has discovered 596 species of wildflowers amongst the roadside verges in Cumbria. This is up by 100 from the last such survey and reflects the more considerate cutting schedules being adopted by local authorities. The future of these ancient hay-meadow species may not be so bleak after all.

Ancient trees are unique in the quantity and variety of life they sustain, both above and below ground. They have been part of our unfolding history for

centuries and are a link to the original Wildwood. Ancient trees are living relics of incredible age that can inspire in us feelings of awe and mystery. What sights have they seen? They have helped shape our history, and will help shape our future if we let them.

A new campaign is being launched to try to reveal their secrets, discover the wildlife they sustain and unlock their stories gathered over centuries.

The Ancient Tree Hunt (ATH) involves thousands of people in finding and mapping all the fat, old trees across the UK. It will create a comprehensive database of ancient trees and those approaching that status, as the first step towards protecting them. The Woodland Trust is a major player in this project and LEI is a member and supporter of this body.

The ATH has already collected more than 6,000 records and now seeks help from us and many partner organisations, to record at least 100,000 ancient trees throughout the UK by 2011. It is hoped that this may be nearer a half million. This will give a much better understanding of the number and size of ancient trees across the UK. Ancient trees are found anywhere and everywhere - so everyone can help.

Mapping this extraordinary asset is a crucial step towards a more enlightened approach to the remarkable treescape we are the guardians of but we don't yet

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know how many and where they are. There must be thousands scattered across our towns and countryside, yet to be discovered and recorded. It is a huge task to find them all, but it is hoped to eventually record the location of every ancient tree in the UK.

If you visit www.ancient-tree-hunt.org.uk you can find out which trees have already been mapped or register any finds you have made. The more information you can add the better but the minimum requirement is very basic. You can take part in the by project by finding, measuring and recording these ancient trees - you can either spot them while you are out and about, or perhaps you already know about one in your local community, or even have one in your garden. You do not have to worry about getting anything wrong as they are training people for each county to check and verify records submitted by others.

One of the principle requirements is to give a reasonable assessment of the girth. If you have no other means available whilst you are out and about it

can be measured by hugs. See how far round the tree your arms will reach or if you are in company see how many of you it takes to join hands to circle the tree.

As a group, we must be in a strong position to assist given the time we spend in the woodlands. If you do not want to bother recording them if you let me know the grid reference, type of tree and rough girth, I will deal with it.

Go on! Give that tree a hug.

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Roy Denney



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consideration. As I write we are in discussion with various local authorities with a view to concluding long term agreements on land access charges for areas owned and managed by them.

We are very fortunate in having the National Forest on our doorstep and having the National Forest Company

committed to open access and increase use of forest and open spaces by the general public. It will take time for some of the newer plantings to mature but when they do I predict that LEI will almost be spoilt for choice.

Chris Phillips

Access Development Report



Access to the countryside is problematical to say the least. Whether you take the highway or you take the low

way who will get there before who depends on whether there are any obstructions. There are a lot of myths about responsibility for obstructions and nuisances on public paths and it is a complex area of law.

Apart from specific responsibilities, the Highway Authority has a general duty to "assert and protect the rights of the public to... use... any highway" - Highways Act 1980 Section 130(1).

In addition, apart from specific incidents, it is a criminal offence if "a person in any way wilfully obstructs the free passage along a highway" - Highways Act 1980 Section 137(1).

If a public right of way is in a condition such that it is "out of character" the responsibility for putting it right can usually be determined from the general rules that:

- ◆ The Highway Authority is responsible for maintaining the surface of public rights of way by putting right problems caused by public usage and other natural influences, maintaining structures that help the public to negotiate natural features and taking action against unlawful interference caused by third parties.
- ◆ The landowner is responsible for ensuring the public can freely and safely negotiate man-made features, making sure their

management of adjacent land does not interfere with the free or safe use of nearby public paths and problems caused by their predecessors.

Options open to us as path users to resolve obstructions and nuisances include removing the problem, deviate around problem, negotiating with the landowner, reporting to the highway authority, report to a user group or take out a private prosecution

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One area which seems always in dispute is that of a bull in a field.

It is not lawful to keep a solitary bull in a field where the public have right of access no matter what signs are put up to warn us. It is however lawful to let one loose if it is accompanied by a number of cows presumably as its mind is on other things.

There are of course exceptions; certain named breeds may never be turned loose in a field with access and these effectively are the dairy species. The mechanics of rearing dairy cattle presumably leave these bulls rather frustrated and not a little cross.

One last issue is that of the notice warning of a bull. If this is not taken down when a bull is removed from a field this can be deemed obstruction by the farmer in that the sign could intimidate

and deter people wishing to make lawful progress.

Having said all this, common sense must be employed. If you are chased by a bull, climbing out of harms way can leave you treed for a long time. Best bet is to run away if you can and downhill is the best option as bulls often trip up over their short front legs. Your first responsibility is to do nothing stupid. You should be very wary of going amongst cows never mind bulls if you have a dog. The cows see dogs as a threat and will attack them and there are regular incidences of people being crushed and even killed because they did not let go of the lead.

Cows very rarely mean any harm to anyone but if they have just been turned out to grass after a winter penned up or if they have been panicked by anything, they can inadvertently do a lot of damage

They are heavy beasts.

Access generally is becoming more difficult and more contentious despite or possible because of the right to roam legislation which probably did not go far enough. Paths are subject to complex law as I have mentioned and the act is trying to resolve that but the timescale (deadline 2026) is unlikely to work unless substantial more resource is provided.

Legislation has been attempted to try and gain public access to inland waters. A private members bill aimed to fill the gap left by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act which provided for responsible access to open country on foot, but completely omitted to secure similar access to rivers and other inland waters. This is despite water being an important recreational resource which should be available to the population at large.

There has in fact been a public interest in securing freedom of access to inland waters as long ago as Magna Carta (1215) which had a provision against obstructions to navigation, but the legal position has now become obscure and complex, often to the detriment of public access.

Similar issues have been resolved in Scotland through the successful Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 - which established a statutory right of responsible access for everyone to virtually all inland waters there.

It is aimed at canoeists in particular but there are numerous other pastimes which would benefit, not least sweaty orienteers needing to cool off.

Successive governments have encouraged canoeists in particular to seek to negotiate voluntary access agreements. From over 41,000 miles of rivers in England and Wales without a clear public right of navigation, only 500 miles of highly restricted access has been negotiated; some for as little as one day per year.

We all welcome the Government's statement that it "is a firm believer in the benefits of outdoor recreation on land or water. The visitors are good for the local

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economy and people who exercise regularly are healthier than those who do not. So we are keen to promote recreational opportunities as widely as we can” We would however wish to see these pious words turned into some action.

Riparian owners of the riverbed and banks claim control of navigation up to the centre line of the river. In order to ‘navigate’ along a river the permission of the owners of both banks for the full length of the journey is required. This is similar to the problem we can experience in using areas of the National Forest where there may be numerous owners of bits of the woodland.

Public access has been a hoary issue going back as far a human activity. It was for example recognised in Roman times when the Emperor Justinian recorded in his Codes (529 AD) that rivers and harbours are state property; and that the law allows public use of river banks, as of the rivers themselves: everybody is free to navigate rivers, and they can moor their boats to the banks, run ropes from trees growing there, and unload cargo. But ownership of the bank is vested in the landowners. In addition the Magna Carta (1215) had a provision against obstructing them (Clause 16). There have also been numerous Charters and Statutes ensuring that existing public use was not impaired, or was extended, including a series of Navigation Acts.

It was as long ago as 1892 that the House of Commons first passed a resolution on the need for legislation for the purpose of securing the right of the public to enjoy free access to uncultivated mountains and moorlands

especially in Scotland, subject to proper provisions for preventing any abuse of such right.

There was no mention of the similar need to secure the right of the public to rivers and other inland waters, to woodlands or to the coast and such rights are still the sources of much debate.

I have previously expounded on the need for access to coasts and Natural England has just made its recommendations which have been widely reported. They are a much watered down version of what many of us would have liked to see and will in any event meet stiff opposition as there is no suggestion of compensation to land owners.

The Ramblers Association are currently campaigning for access to woodlands and river banks to be brought in as an extension of the CRoW Act.

Returning to the access problems I touched on in the last report as regards Natural England and perceptions of our sport and its impact on wildlife, I have now had a meeting with NE in regard to Beacon, Jubilee and Outwoods. Despite the fact that we have been orienteering without problem on Beacon Hill for about 40 years and the flora has coped with our occasional visits without any detriment and the birds not seemingly minding our presence new guidelines have been introduced which greatly restrict potential use of the areas.

There is a welter of misunderstanding about our impact and it is very difficult to break down. Hopefully after our face to face meeting they now understand us better but we will have to try and accommodate their sensibilities.

Wildlife is very resilient and well able to cope with our interference but it is hard to convince people. Plants are the easiest

to accommodate from an orienteering point of view as we can identify 'out of bounds' areas and plan our courses around them. We do however need to resist attempts to impose a 12 month ban for a species which is dormant for much of the year. A case can be made for an all year round restriction for some mosses. Lichens are less of a case; we may well not help them if we tread on them but in many cases they only exist because the footfall of man has kept down competing vegetation which would have otherwise, swamped them. I am not inclined to accept year round bans for fungi or orchids which have an above ground life cycle of anything from a few days to at most a couple of months. We ran at Brandon last week and were asked to avoid running where the bluebells were. Naturally we tried to do so as best we were able not least because they are incredibly slippery to run on but as a gardener who has spent years trying to eradicate this species from my garden I know they are as tough as old boots.

Reptiles can be an issue; the Sand Lizard and Smooth Snake are classed as endangered species and landowners worry about us being near known haunts of adders etc. All such creatures are long gone before a runner gets near but the Sand Lizard is a problem due to it laying eggs within a very narrow window. If local naturalists or land owners will let us know of any such locations we will always ensure they are protected during the sensitive season which is usually early summer. Blanket all year round bans are not necessary.

Mammals are no problem. The fox or rabbits are too plentiful and any minor disturbance will have no effect on their populations. Whilst badgers are protected they are nocturnal and it is easy to see where their sets are and to

avoid them. In any event it seems likely that the government is going to permit mass culling as a protection against bovine TB. The Dormouse is often held up as an at-risk species and is staging a comeback with mans intervention.

However the biggest reason why it is recovering is the change in forestry practice and the increasing reintroduction of coppicing which provides nesting sites and aerial runs which they need. This confirms that these are animals of working woodland and that they can and do tolerate occasional disturbance.

Deer is another creature we see regularly but again their numbers have increased to pest levels and all studies suggest that they will move away from disturbance and return within a short period of time. They can suffer stress in public parts where disturbance is constant but one-off orienteering events are no problem.

One of the major concerns with Beacon as far as NE is concerned is ground nesting birds. We will always try and avoid areas where we know there are ground nesting birds and on that basis I tried to get agreement to specific Out of Bounds areas rather than the blanket ban to us within any SSSI for six months of each year. Unfortunately the rangers

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said that they do not know where specifically such nesting occurs and as such could not tell us. This is a bit odd when a ranger challenged one of the competitors at Watermead for running near to ground nesting birds only two days after the organiser had spoken to the rangers about any problems with no mention of birds having been made. Birds are a particularly sensitive matter, especially so during the breeding season, and we do need to be very tactful. However birds have to compete for nesting sites and with very few exceptions there are more potentially productive pairs of breeding birds than suitable locations for them to breed in. We will not knowingly hold an event during the breeding season where we know there is such a presence if we do so unknowingly we will cause some birds to desert their nests but they will return to start again or others will replace them and there will be no overall affect on total populations.

Some low density species that breed just once a year would be adversely affected and we must be prepared to make amendments to courses to ensure the safe rearing of the brood.

For those individuals and organisations primarily interested in the wildlife our sport is still perceived as a major threat to the long-term survival of certain species, and should stop during the critical times of the year. Our challenge is to be able to demonstrate that the threats are minimal and will have no long-term affect on any aspect of wildlife interest. I have copies of reports of studies conducted in the New Forest and Thetford Chase during the 1980's, which concluded that orienteering had little or no long-term impact on the environment and do use them from time to time but despite the provenance of these reports

they do not convince people who have their in built certainty of the threat we pose. It follows that whilst these studies are useful in supporting our case, alone they rarely sway the opinion of the 'opposition'.

When, as is the present case, we face restrictions on land use being imposed on areas we have used without restrictions in the past, and where these restrictions are because of supposed wildlife interest, I feel justified in objecting if I can see no new reasons for such restrictions. As I can easily demonstrate my conservation and environmental protection roles I can argue from some strength but at the end of the day they have the whip hand. BOF itself is very aware of these problems and is currently reviewing it environmental policy and guidelines and has asked me to submit a new draft which I have done.

The biggest difficulty is when these new restrictions are being imposed by third parties like Natural England often using EU and UK legislation which whilst designed to protect important habitats and their species is frequently subject to challenge being designed on a one fits all basis having little relevance in particular situations. Unfortunately we do not have the resources to mount any such legal challenge.

I find therefore that my best tactic is to establish my 'green' credentials, listen to the concerns of the other party and adapt our plans where necessary having argued our case as strongly as I can, demonstrating that we fully understand the issues. It is important that the sport is perceived as complementary to wildlife considerations and opportunities should be taken to describe it as a 'Green' sport or 'the Woodland Sport'. Many orienteers are environmentalists and volunteers

with conservation bodies and they should take every opportunity to ensure that those they are working with know they are orienteers. In addition mappers and event officials see many creatures as they quietly go about their tasks and may well identify unusual flora. It is good policy to advise the local conservation groups of any such findings.

We must understand that, whatever our personal beliefs concerning the impact of orienteering on the environment, we come from a position of considerable weakness. All that we have to rely upon is the good will of landowners and officers of local authorities and statutory bodies.

The key to obtaining, retaining and regaining permissions to run in environmentally sensitive areas is to start from a position where any arguments that we make in favour of our sport will be listened to. To get to that point, we must open up a dialogue which invariably means face to face or at least telephone contact. A letter may introduce the subject but rarely is sufficient in itself. For such a dialogue to have any chance of success we must understand the problems or any perceived problems, no matter how unfounded, and constructively work with the other party, effectively entering into a partnership with such controlling body. There exists a lot of good will towards our sport among the conservation bodies which we need to build on.

Following my discussions with NE they have afforded an element of flexibility to the Rangers and the management of the country parks. We can seek permission for any event between Sept 1 and the end of February and should normally receive a positive response. We can also ask for low key events during the

summer but cannot use the SSSI area. They have however said we can cross the area if we stick to the main paths by putting controls at both ends.

The park is now ready to think again about a permanent course or courses but they must only operate outside the SSSI or use path crossings as for the summer league. They were receptive to the idea of a number of courses combinations based on the posts put out to enable them to ring the changes and avoid any seasonal sensitive areas. They also liked the idea of a POC in Windmill Hill.

As a side issue I raised the issue of charges with the Parks Manager as they were advocating reintroducing access charges which I consider a tax on exercise. They accepted some of my arguments about the charges and invited us to come back to them with suggestions which after discussions with the Club Officers I have now done and hopefully we can come to a reasonable compromise. On the basis that C5s are aimed at locals and families I think we can hopefully convince them not to have an access charge and also that they will advertise them in their 'what's-on' material. For larger events we are going to have to cough up. They are

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thinking in line with Forest Enterprise fees but I pointed out that they are charging for car parks as well which FE does not. Our suggestions reflect that unlike FE the LCC are also enjoying the benefit of car parking revenue. We await their response.

Another problem was that of Grace Dieu. New shooting tenants have the rights to 'Gracedieu Woods' but in reality they can only shoot in that part known as High Sharpley. However the land agent would not give us permission to use any of their woods unless the shooters concur and they did not seem to understand that we do not need to go within half a mile of their activities. I have now had a meeting with the shooting tenants and have agreed to exclude one area of High Sharpley where their release pens are and they have conceded that they have no objection to us using Gracedieu Woods near the school, at any time. We have also agreed the period when we would normally be allowed into the rest of High Sharpley so hopefully all parties now know the ground rules. I have advised the land agent who has acknowledge the new understanding.

Our mapping programme progresses; Fermyn and Wakerley have been updated, we have a map of our new area around Staunton Harold and are currently mapping a sizeable new area of Charnwood Forest which is based on the new car parking location we used for the Bradgate event and will tie Bradgate to Benscliffe and Blakeshay by including nearly 100 acres of now maturing new

plantations in a an area with considerable relief.

We are also working on a number of blocks between Willesley, Ashby and Moira. Shellbrook Wood is Forestry Commission and doubles the size of the existing Willesley area with a similar amount again of land available north and west of Shellbrook, big enough for events from Moira. The combined area would take up three 1:10.000 maps at A4.

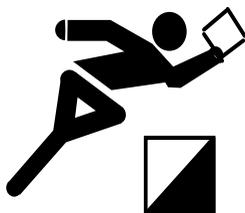
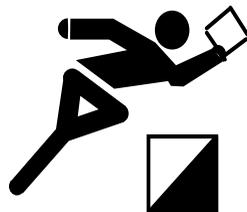
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Roy Denney



Forthcoming LEI Events

Wednesday 13th June 2007
Summer League Training Event.
Altar Stones, Markfield



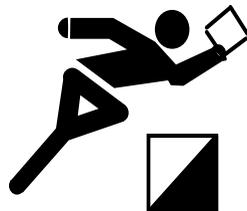
Thursday 21st June 2007
Summer League Event, Callens
Lane Wood (Joint with LOG)

Sunday 24th June 2007
District and East Midlands League
Event, Burrough Hill, Somerby



Wednesday 27th June 2007
Summer League Event, Swithland
Woods and The Brand

Wednesday 4th July 2007
Summer League Event, Bagworth
Woods (Joint with OD)



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 District events offer entry on the day (EOD) to a range of colour coded (C4) courses with start times from 10.30 to 12.30. Local events (C5) will only have a limited range of courses. Regional and National events (C3 & C2) provide a range of age related courses and are normally entered in advance using a Standard Entry Form (SEF); 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 TITLES IN FIXTURE LISTS

Please note that the new terminology for event titles described in the Autumn edition of LEI News has been introduced for the current and future fixture lists as follows:

- All C3 Badge Events will be titled Regional Events, but will retain the specific event titles (eg. Concorde Chase Regional Event).
- All C4 Colour Coded Events (5 or more CC courses inc Blue) will be titled District Events.
- All C5 or C4 Limited Colour Coded Events (4 or less CC courses) will be titled Local Events.
- Events that have specific titles not falling into the above categories will remain unchanged, but dependent on level of event (Score, Short, Night etc), they may be prefixed by Regional, District or Local.
- Championships (JK, BOC etc) and National Events remain unchanged.

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9th	EM	DVO Local Event. Rosliston Forestry Centre, Burton on Trent. SK243176 .
	C5	Rex Bleakman, 01283 733363. bleakmanhome@btinternet.com £3.00/£1.00. No dogs. www.dvo.org.uk
10th	EM	NOC Local Event & Summer League. Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham. SK622393 .
	C5	Bob Alderson, 0115 845 0771. www.noc-uk.org
16th-17th	SOA	NATIONAL EVENT & SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS & UK RELAY LEAGUE
	C2	16th - NATIONAL EVENT & Scottish Championships, Individual. Loch Doon, Dalmellington. NS477027 . R4 17th - Scottish Relay Championships & UK Relay League. Loch Doon, Dalmellington. NS477027 . Organiser: Dougie Condy, 01292 318190. dougiecondy@aol.com Entries: Pat Flanagan, 47 Arrol Drive, Ayr, KA7 4AL, 01292 267063. pfayr@tiscali.co.uk CD: 02/06/07. Fees £12.00/£4.00, £2.00 less for senior BOF members. Chq: West Area Orienteering. String course. Lim CC courses - Wh-LG, + Red. EPS-SI. Parking £1.00. Dogs in Car Park only. Relay entry information, form and fee details available from: www.ayroc.co.uk
16th	WM	HOC/MADO MADO Mini-League Social and Prize Giving Score Event & Mini-League. Hollybed Common, Malvern. SO777372 .
	C5	Lester and Lynden Hartmann, 01684 577062. lester@mado.org.uk £3.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. Y,O +45 minute Score, String course. Dogs on leads at all times. Starts CC -11.15 - 12.15. 12 noon for score. www.mado.org.uk
16 th	EM	DVO District Event & EM League. Kedleston, Derby. SK313403 .
	C4	Michelle Mackervoy, 01332 557892. £7.00/£1.00, Family entry: £15. EPS-SI. String course. www.dvo.org.uk
17th	WM	HOC Local Event. Highgate Common, Nr Kinver. SO840900 .
	C5	Carole Sparke, 0121 459 8587. c.j.sparke@bham.ac.uk Fees TBA. EPS-SI. www.harlequins.org.uk
21st	EM	LOG Local Summer Series. Callens Lane Wood, Bourne. TF064262 .
	C5	Sean Harrington, 01522 791344. Sean@logonline.org.uk £1.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. Dogs on Leads. www.summerseries.logonline.org.uk

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23rd- 24th	WM	Compass Point MTBO Series 2007 & Long & Middle Championships
	MTBO	23rd - British Long Championships & Chase Challenge 2007. Beaudeset & Rawnsley Forests, Cannock Chase. SK049122 . (<i>non BOF event</i>)
	MTBO	24th - British Middle Championships & Chase Challenge 2007. Rawnsley Forest, Cannock Chase. SK049122 . (<i>non BOF event</i>) Co-ordinator and entries: Mark Stodgell, 56 Brocton Road, Milford, Staffordshire, ST1 0UH, 01785 663888. mark@stodgell.co.uk CD: 21/06/07. Fees per day: £7.00 + £2.00 non-TCA members. EOD + £3.00. Chq: Walton Chasers. EPS-SI. Starts 1130 - 1330 (Day 1), 1130 - 1400 (Day 2). Event series entry form and online entry at www.fabian4.co.uk . www.walton.chasers.co.uk
23rd- 24th	YH	Junior Inter Regional Championships
	C3X	23rd - JIRC - Individual. Malham East, Skipton. SD907644 .
	R3X	24th - JIRC - Relays. Danefield, Otley, nr Leeds. SE216442 . Peter Haines, 01943 607725 before 9pm. hainesilkley@yahoo.co.uk Fees TBA. EPS-SI. No dogs on Day 1. Closed Event - no spectator races. Entry forms will be sent to regional squad managers in May. www.aire.org.uk
23rd- 24th	WM	WCH Chase Challenge 2007
	C4S	23rd - Park Race. Tamworth Castle, Tamworth. SK207035 . Allan Williams, 01827 899206. allan@allanandsheena.co.uk O4 24th - Long-O. Beaudesert, Rawnsley & Gentleshaw, Cannock Chase, Cannock. SK049122 . Jim Knight, 01283 840020. jim@knight4336.freeserve.co.uk Day 1: £7.00/£2.00. Start times 1800 - 1900. Day 2: £9.00/£4.00. Courses 7 - 23 km. EPS-SI (free hire). Dogs on lead. CD: 21/06/07. EOD: £3.00 per day. For more information please see website. Event series entry form or online entry at www.fabian4.co.uk . www.walton.chasers.co.uk
24th	EM	LEI District Event & EMOA League. Burrough Hill, Melton Mowbray. SK765115.
	C4	David LeBoutillier, 0116 2910274. £7.00/£2.00. EPS-SI. Parking £2.00. Dogs on lead. www.leioc.org.uk

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Jun 29	SOA	WOC Selection Races
- Jul 1	C3S	29th - WOC Selection Race - Sprint Distance & UK Cup. Stirling University Campus, Stirling. NS803967 .
	C3	30th - WOC Selection Race - Long Distance & UK Cup. Creag Leach, Inverness. NH604411 .
	C3	1st - WOC Selection Race - Middle Distance & UK Cup. Carse, Inverness. NH795562 . Organiser: Lorna Eades, 01875 835338. lorna.eades@ed.ac.uk Online entries only available through entries.curries.org.uk/event/2 Entry queries: Jon Cross, 01786 860301. jon.cross@tinyworld.co.uk CD: 18/06/07. £12.00/£6.00 per day (BOF Sen £10.00), £31.00/£15.00 (BOF Sen £25.00) all 3 days EPS-SI. Green course on Day 2. Lim EOD Day 2 only. www.britishorienteering.org.uk/asp/makepage.asp?PID=CALENDAR1

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1st	WM	WRE West Midland Relays. Shawbury, Shrewsbury. SJ540200 .
	R4	Brian Morris, 01952 770308. bhm@f2s.com Entry details will be sent to Club Captains.
5th	EM	LOG Local Summer Series. West Common, Lincoln. SK961722 .
	C5	Sean Harrington, 01522 791344. Sean@logonline.org.uk £1.00/£1.00. Dogs on Leads. www.summerseries.logonline.org.uk
7th	EM	DVO Local Event. Rosliston Forestry Centre, Burton on Trent. SK243176 .
	C5	Val Johnson, 01773 824754. gjmjandfam@aol.com £3.00/£1.00. No dogs. www.dvo.org.uk
8th	EM	NOC Local Event & Summer League. Brierley Forest Park, Mansfield. SK481598 . Catherine Hughes, 0115 8774089. catherine@midlandsnordicwalking.org £2.00/£1.00. www.noc-uk.org
	C5	
14th	EM	DVO Local Event & Derbyshire Schools Championships. Shipley Park, Shipley. SK430450 . Val Johnson, 01773 824754. gjmjandfam@aol.com £3.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. No dogs. www.dvo.org.uk
	C5	
15th	WM	OD District Event & West Midlands League. Pooley Fields, Polesworth. SK259033 . Tony Feltbower, 01926 864465. £8.00/£2.00 Own Emit -£1. EPS-Emit. String course. Parking £1.00. Dogs allowed on Leads. www.octavian-droobers.org
	C4	

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15th	EM	NOC Local Event & Summer League. Rufford Country Park, Mansfield. SK646656 .
	C5	Catherine Hughes, 0115 8774089. catherine@midlandsnordicwalking.org £2.00/£1.00. White, Yellow, Orange and Technical. www.noc-uk.org
19th	EM	LOG Local Summer Series. Stapleford Woods, Newark. SK860565 .
	C5	Sean Harrington, 01522 791344. Sean@logonline.org.uk £1.00/£1.00. Dogs on Leads. www.summerseries.logonline.org.uk
22nd	EM	NOC Local Event & Summer League. Silverhill, Mansfield. SK473622 .
	C5	Catherine Hughes, 0115 8774089. catherinehughes@hotmail.com £2.00/£1.00 Students £1. EPS-SI. www.noc-uk.org
22nd	EM	LEI Local Event & Summer League. Donisthorpe Woodland Park, Coalville. SK312152.
	C5	Robert Haskins, 01509 842449. bobh@piperdrive.co.uk £2.50/£1.00. EPS-SI. Start 11.00 to 12.00. www.leioc.org.uk

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2nd	EM	LOG Local Summer Series. Lincoln South Common, Lincoln. SK979699 .
	C5	Sean Harrington, 01522 791344. Sean@logonline.org.uk £1.00/£1.00. Dogs on Leads. www.summerseries.logonline.org.uk
5th-11th	SOA	Spey 2007 - Scottish 6 Days
	C3	5th - Day 1 Regional Event. Alvie, Kingussie. NH838076 .
	C3	6th - Day 2 Regional Event. Balavil, Kingussie. NH788023 .
	C3	7th - Day 3 Regional Event. Inshriach West, Kingussie. NH838042 .
	C3	9th - Day 4 Regional Event. Culbin, Forres. NH998608 .
	C3	10th - Day 5 Regional Event. Camerory, Grantown on Spey. NJ034303 .
	C3	11th - Day 6 Regional Event. Anagach & Heathfield, Grantown on Spey. NJ037284 . Co-ordinator: Donald Petrie, 01505 613094. donaald@scottish-orienteeing.org Entries: Scottish 6-Days 2007, PO Box 28780, Edinburgh, EH14 5WT . (On-line entries preferred via web-site. <i>CD: Various</i> . Fees: Various. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs in parking & assembly only. www.scottish6days.com/2007/2007index.htm

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8th	SOA	FVO Six Day MTBO Event. Inshriach, Aviemore. NH858032 . (<i>non BOF event</i>)
	MTBO	Organiser: Steve Nicholson, 01383 872 577. steve.nicholson99@tesco.net Entries: Janine Inman, 3 Symon Field, Dunblane, FK15 0GA. janine.hensman@lycos.co.uk CD: 20/07/07. £8.00/£5.00, Family £15.00. EOD. Chq: FVO. EPS-SI. Entries are now taken online at: www.fabian4.co.uk . members.lycos.co.uk/bios/InshriachMTBO2007.html
12th	EM	NOC Local Event & Summer League. Oxclose Wood, Mansfield. SK481598 .
	C5	Catherine Hughes, 0115 8774089. catherine@midlandsnordicwalking.org £2.00/£1.00. www.noc-uk.org
25th-	YH	White Rose Weekend
27th	C3	25th - Day 1 Regional Event. Pickering Forest, Pickering. SE798915
	C5N	25th - Night Score Event, Pickering Forest, Pickering. SE798915
	C3	26th - Day 2 Regional Event. Pickering Forest, Pickering. SE798915
	R4	27th - Day 3 Three Team Score Event. Pickering Forest, Pickering. SE798915
	MTBO	27th - Day 3 Mountain Bike Event - See separate listing below for details Organiser: Bill Griffiths, 0771 000 2961. wr2007org@tiscali.co.uk Entries: White Rose Entries, Briar Cottage, 7, Becksid, Wilberfoss, York, YO41 5NS. 01759 388269. wr2007entries@btinternet.com CD1: 04/06/07, CD2: 27/07/07, CD3: 18/08/07. Fees: CD1: £10.00/£4.00, CD2: £11.00/£4.50, CD3: £12.00/£5.00. Lim EOD +£2.00/£1.00. Day 3 fees: CD1/CD2/CD3: Teams A&B £13.00/£15.00/£18.00, Teams C&D £9.00/£10.50/£12.00. Chq: Eborienteers. EPS-SI. String course. Lim CC courses - Red, yellow, white. Parking £1.00 per day. Dogs on lead in assembly area only. Night Event starts: 20:00, Fees: £4.00/£2.00. www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk/
27th	YH	NYMBO Mountain Bike Orienteering - 2-hour Score Event. Newtondale Forest, Pickering. SE798915 . (<i>non BOF event</i>) MTBO Organiser: Steve Willis, 07779 085035. nymboevents@btinternet.com Entries: Sue Adams, 13 Stone Riggs, Stockton on Forest, York, YO32 9UG, 07779 085035. nymboentries@stoneriggs.plus.com CD: 20/08/07. £9.50/£4.50 1 hour NC Course - £4.00. Lim EOD. Chq: NYMBO. EPS-SI. Dogs on lead in car park. Starts 1.00-2.00. Entry limited to 250. This event is part of the Eborienteers White Rose weekend. www.trailquest.co.uk www.eborienteers.org.uk . www.nymbo.org.uk

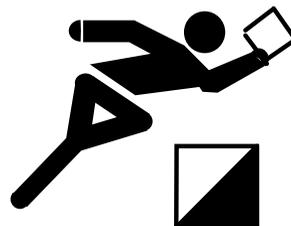
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2nd	EM	LOG Lincoln "City Race". The Lawn, Lincoln. SK973719 .
	C4S	Sean & Nikki Harrington, 01522 791344. Nikki@logonline.org.uk Fees TBA. EPS-SI. Dogs on Leads. Starts 10:45-14:00. Limited entry.
8th	EM	DVO Local Event. Shipley Park, Heanor. SK430450 .
	C5	Val Johnson, 01773 824754. gmjamdfam@aol.com £3.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. No dogs. www.dvo.org.uk
15th- 16th	YH	Dales Weekend
	C2	15th - NATIONAL EVENT & Northern Champs. Attermire, Settle. SD830654 . Organiser: Guy Patterson, 0113 252 1489. quvpatto@aie4.fsnet.co.uk
	C3	16th - Regional Event. Langstrothdale, Kettlewell. SD905790 . Neil Stevens, 0194 381 7326. neil@nebstone.co.uk Entries: addressee TBA. <i>CD: unknown</i> . Fees TBA. EPS-SI. No dogs. On-line entries preferred via website from 01/06/07. www.aire.org.uk
16th	WOA	SPLIT Regional Event. Ansons Bank, Cannock. SJ980165 .
	C3	Organiser: Ray Collins, 01785 243192. raycollins@hotmail.com Entries: Stephanie Gilmour, 7 Rushmead Close, Croydon., CR0 5JG, 0208 667 9768. simondavidmoss@btinternet.com <i>CD: 28/08/07</i> . £11.00/£3.00 + £1.00 SI Hire. C.C. £7 (less£2), Juniors £3. No EOD. Chq: SPLIT. EPS-SI. CC courses - White - Light Green. Parking £1.00. Dogs on lead in car park. Online entry: www.fabian4.co.uk Closing date 28.08.07, then +£2 until 13.09.07. www.splotweb.org.uk
23rd	EM	NOC Local Come and Try It Event. Burntstump Park, Nottingham.
	C5	SK575506 . Paul Morris, 0115 9663550. org070623@noc-uk.org £2.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. www.noc-uk.org
30th	WM	OD Tony Haw Charity Score Event in Aid of Leukaemia Research.
	S5	Elmdon Park, Solihull. SP164827 . Tony Feltbower, 01926 864465. £5.00/£2.00 Entry Fee is a minimum donation (Emit loan £1 extra). EPS-Emit. Parking £1.00. www.octavian-droobers.org
30th	EM	DVO District Event & EM League & YBT Round. Carsington Pastures, Wirksworth. SK250538 .
	C4	Stuart Swalwell, 01335 347814. stuart.swalwell2412@virgin.net £7.00/£1.00, Family entry: £15. EPS-SI. String course.. Dogs on lead in car park only. www.dvo.org.uk

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7th 	EM C4	LEI District Event & EMOA League. Willesley Woods, Ashby de la Zouch. SK328143. Roger Phillips, 0116 255 0330. £7.00/£2.00. EPS-SI. Dogs on Lead. www.leioc.org.uk
14th	EM O3X	NOC Compass Sport Cup Final. Blidworth, Mansfield. SK583522 . Mick Lucking, 0115 922 5578. mick@lucking.co.uk Fees TBA. EPS-SI. www.noc-uk.org
21st	WM C4	OD District Event & WML. Coombe Country Park, Coventry. SP404790 . Tony Feltbower, 01926 864465. £8.00/£2.00 Own Emit -£1. EPS-Emit. Parking £2.00. www.octavian-droobers.org
21st	EM C4	LOG District Event. Twyford Woods, Colsterworth. SK946238 . Steve Bones, 01522 885933. info@logonline.org.uk £7.00/£2.00. EPS-SI. Dogs on leads. www.logonline.org.uk <i>Full registration pending</i>
21st	EA C4	WAOC District Event. Mildenhall North, Mildenhall. TL735753 . Mike Capper, 01733 235202. mike.capper@virgin.net £4.00/£1.50 + £2.00/0.50 non-BOF. EPS-SI. Dogs on leads. www.waoc.org.uk <i>Full registration pending</i>
24th 		LEI Annual General Meeting, Forest Hill Golf Club. Meeting 7.30pm followed by light refreshments. SK482058



November 2007

10th	SC O4S	OUOC Oxford City Race 2007. University Parks, Oxford. SP515072 . Organiser: Scott Collier, 07791 564449. organiser@cityrace.org.uk Entries: Ekaterina Orekhova, Merton College, Oxford, OX1 4JD, 07722 024069. entries@cityrace.org.uk CD: 26/10/07. TBA + £1 Emit hire. Lim EOD + £1.00/£1.00. Chq: Oxford University Orienteering Club. EPS-Emit. String course. Dogs on leads in the assembly area. Starts 11.30am-1.30pm. Version 3 Emit cards only. www.cityrace.org.uk
10th		LEI Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation. Forest Hill Golf Club. Gather from 7.00pm. More details and booking form will be in Club's September Newsletter. SK482058
		
11th	EM C4	NOC District Event. Byron's Walk, Nottingham. SK513528 . Catherine Hughes, 0115 8774089. catherinehughes@hotmail.com Fees TBA. EPS-SI. www.noc-uk.org Full registration pending
18th	WM C4	WRE District Event. Gogbatch & Wildmoor, Church Stretton. Andrew Clough, 01743 246639. andy.debcrough@tiscali.co.uk Fees TBA. EPS-SI.
18th	EM C4	DVO District Event. Linacre, Chesterfield. Dai Bedwell, 01509 260 751. daiandkaren@tesco.net £7.00/£1.00, Family entry: £15. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on lead, in car park. Full registration pending
25th	EM C4	LEI District Event & EMOA League. Watermead Country Park (North), Leicester. SK606114. Rachel Simonetti, 0116 2996174. rachelsimonetti@mac.com £7.00/£2.00. EPS-SI. Parking £1.50. www.leioc.org
		



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