

LEI News

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The Newsletter of the Leicestershire Orienteering Club

Ramblings from the Chair



The 10th May will I hope go down in the history of the club as one of our best days.

It was wonderful to welcome the elite of orienteering to our patch and give them a good day out. I have, with the editor's permission, written a few notes about the British elsewhere in the Newsletter. And yes - I have stopped dreaming about large yellow buses! No time to rest on our laurels. We have the Compass Sport Trophy Final on the 18th October to look forward to.

Congratulations to Mairead Rocke on an outstanding performance at this years JK. Mairead won her class on days 1 and 2 and took second place on day 3. This made her the overall winner of the W18E class.

Two trophies have come our way this

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year. Firstly we were one of two runners-up in the British Orienteering Federation's Club of the Year Competition. The award recognised three years of very hard work, by many of our members, in developing and extending the range of orienteering activities and events that we organise. The second trophy was more local, and in some ways more satisfactory to win. This was the "The John Buckingham Award for Developing School Sports Association 2009" Awarded at the Leicestershire County Council Chairman's Awards Evening it recognises the work that the Development Team have done over the last three years in developing Orienteering in the schools in the county.

Chris Phillips

AGM Date

The Leicestershire
Orienteering Club 2009
Annual General Meeting
will take place on
Monday 26th October.
Venue and other details
to be confirmed nearer
the time.

Margaret Anderson

1938—2009

Many of you will know already that Margaret died earlier this year. Margaret was one of our longest serving members having joined the club in 1977, and from then until her illness she was a regular competitor and supporter of the club. Together with her husband David, Margaret was a familiar face at events throughout the east Midlands and further afield, and whilst she had no great pretensions as an athlete, she enjoyed the challenge of orienteering and the opportunities it provided for accessing the countryside. As well as competing, Margaret supported the club in many ways. She was a willing helper at local events, and was often to be seen manning the start or helping at registration.. She will be missed, and our condolences go to David and his family.

Junior Section



British Night Championships Winner

Ben Windsor, your junior Committee representative, achieved his first championship win with a fine run at Mychett, Surrey at the end of January. So if you want some tips on night orienteering he is the one to ask!

JK and British Elite Championships Winner

Mairead Roche maintained a high standard at the Jan Kjellström International Orienteering festival at Easter. She was first around the sprint course based at Newcastle. The event was intended to be round the University but there were last minute changes with overrunning building works and courses had to be re-planned in the final week

The following day she moved up to the Middle Distance Elite event and won this. Sunday, the next day was the final discipline, the classic, and here she slipped to second place but her winning margins on the previous day was sufficient for her to be the top W18 in the country.

Her high standing was confirmed with her win at the British Elite Orienteering Championships (BEOC) at the beginning of May. These performances look very promising for selection for the JWOC, Junior World Orienteering Championships (*Mairead has subsequently been selected for JWOC - Ed.*), and if so she will follow her brother who was selected for previous teams.

Leicestershire & Rutland Sports Awards Winners

For the last twelve years the County Council has hosted a Sports Awards evening to celebrate the improvements made by 'sportsmen' in a whole range of schools sport. This year was no exception and three LEI members were awarded certificates for 'the Most Improved players in an Association' James Gath, Euan Tebbutt and Imogen Wilson. There are five major awards presented on the evening and citations for all nominations are read to the audience. Once again the leading award, the Chairman's Trophy, went to a Leicestershire Swimmer. The build up to this award started with an introduction to Leicestershire 's ten Go for Gold Sporting Ambassadors. This included those who had been to World and European Championships in the last year. Some talented junior athletes!

The John Buckingham Award is given for Developing School Sport Association, nominations were received from Basketball, Gymnastics, Sailing, Badminton, Netball, Table Tennis and Orienteering. After being presented with the nomination certificate we returned to the podium to pick up the winner's trophy. John gave out the award himself and in taking the winner's card out of the golden envelope announced he was proud to present the trophy, as he has connections with the winners himself. In fact he was a founder member of the club and remembers getting maps printed and organising events in Martinshaw Woods.

The award has been achieved through following the BOF mp3 slogan of More places, More podiums, More participation. Your participation has helped to bring about this recognition.

Spring Series

Closer to home, newcomers and existing members attended the first Saturday morning Spring series, these were all held at the Outwoods. The planner for all events was Glynn Smith, he was a novice, but after putting on three events in six weeks he can consider himself experienced.

The Series offered those attending the South Charnwood Partnership after-school club and the South Charnwood High School Parent and Child club a chance to learn more and show their skills. If you were there, I hope you had a good time and perhaps enjoyed seeing the working horses clearing the woods of newly felled trees. As we were such frequent users of the area someone thought we were there Orienteering every week! In fact some of you were photographed for the Bid to get Outwoods awarded Green flag status. I wonder if our pictures will help the friends achieve this?

The first South Charnwood High School Parents and Child club in March was over-subscribed so that a further shorter series was put on after Easter. We have also received support from BOF to host a further club in the Autumn.

British Elite and All Age group Middle Distance Championships Whitwick and British Elite Sprint Championships medallists

Club members ran in the LEI promoted British Middle Distance Championship and the best position were Silver medals for both Dominic Leake and Imogen Wilson in the M10 and W10. Nicky Wilson followed Dominic in so three podium places is a credit to the junior team. Well done! Mairead Rocke ran up a class and was well placed in 5th but after getting tangled up in the Rhododendrons was not up to her championship winning exploits the previous weekend. James Gath, M14, in his first Light Green standard course came a creditable 11th place. Ben Windsor, who recently was awarded a County Sports bursary, completed his M20 course in 5th place but is still recovering from a recurrent injury. Daniel Parsons completed his M16 course in 14th place after having problems in the highly technical High Sharpley section.

Mairead also ran on the Saturday in the British Elite Sprint Championship at Nottingham University and won the Womens B final, which means which was placed third in her age group. After a big error, over 40 seconds, at control 2 she failed to qualify for the A final by only 6 seconds.

Summer League

All juniors are welcome at the Summer league events, these are spread around the county so you are not expected to do all of them. James Gath planned the Guthlaxton Evening sprint event so juniors can get involved too! He is following a trail led by James Hornsby, who is also planning one of this year's

Summer League events. He is using the free Purple pen software and maps provided by Peter Hornsby. Have you thought about being a planner? Have you had a look at this software?

Schools Events

This year and especially this summer is the first in which there are widespread schools events in the National Competition Framework sprint format. In May there are selection events at Abington High Schools and Ivanhoe Community College. The event at Abington will be using the club's SI computer timing equipment. There will be a further selection event at Belvoir Castle in mid June, Bosworth College a few days later, both on new maps. The winning schools will be invited to the Inter Schools (County) Championships at Donisthorpe – former Miners Welfare- on Tuesday 23rd June registration from 10.15 to 13.00. This event is expected to be the biggest junior (Year 5 to Year 8) competitive event ever held in Leicestershire, with half the Leicestershire districts represented. Club members not selected may run as non-competitive, please let the organiser know if you need a map. Comprehensive details are on the club web site. The event is sponsored by LeicesterShire Sports and BOF so there will no charge this year.

The Princess Royal visited Brooke Hill Primary School, Oakham on May 12th and was treated to an Orienteering demonstration. The school was visited because of its partnership with the Woodland Trust, who have a new site at Oakham (was used for last year's summer league). Likely developments include a permanent trail.

Autumn Series

Planning is underway to repeat the Autumn Series and the first event is booked at Groby Community College on Saturday 26th September. The series is intended to allow adults and children to undertake some exercises and then try them out in a timed competition. A further introductory Parent and child club will also be taking place at Groby Community College on Monday evenings from mid September to mid November. The Club has received funding to allow these to be run with minimal charges to the attendees. Schools in the area will be invited to send Parent and child family groups. Once again Birthe Richter-Wilson will be the lead coach, but will be supported by other club coaches. Have you thought about what is involved being a coach? Ben Windsor did and he qualified as a UK Level 1 coach last month.

Permanent Orienteering Courses

The marker posts have now had their numbers and letters fitted, so that the four courses at Donisthorpe, white to light green standard, are now available for download. We shall shortly be exceeding 2,000 maps downloaded since the system went live last summer. Which courses have you done? Did you enjoy it? Could anything be improved? Let the Permanent Course co-ordinator know. While you are at it why not tell him how long it took you too.

Celebration Evening 2nd July 2009

As a further county initiative there will be a Celebration Evening on Thursday 2nd July at County Hall. This will be a joint event with Athletics and Cross country running. The guest speaker for

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Orienteering will be Mike Hamilton, Chief Executive of BOF. Awards will be presented for:

- ◆ **Team Fair Play**
- ◆ **Individual Sportsmanship**
- ◆ **Participation**
- ◆ **Most Valuable Player**
- ◆ **Volunteer/Leader/Official**

The Development team are pleased to receive nominations for any juniors for these awards and for those who should be invited to attend the Celebration evening.

Roger Edwards

JWOC 2009

Congratulations to **Mairead Roche** on being selected to represent British Orienteering at the Junior World Orienteering Championships being held in Italy from 6th - 11th July.

Competition Answers

The answers to the competition set by Peter Hornsby in the last newsletter are shown on the opposite page.

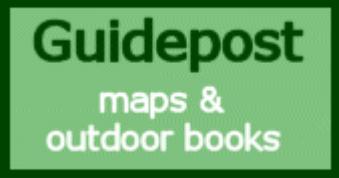
Either the competition was too hard and almost no-one got enough answers to think it worth sending them to Peter or you just enjoyed the challenge and didn't need a new map. Either way the response was not overwhelming and Peter did not have to spend time wading through mounds of paper trying to decide the winner.

I fact I am, almost, embarrassed to say that the winner was myself. I managed to get 22 correct from the 23 available mainly by using the link to the IOF

symbol set and the list of LEI areas available on the LEI

website (little plug there). The one I got wrong was number 5 which I had as Watermead.

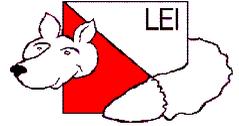
I am now the proud owner of an OS 1:25000 laminated map of the White Peak area of Derbyshire courtesy of Guidepost.



Guidepost
maps &
outdoor books

John Cooke

OUT OF CONTROLS



The answer to each clue is the name of a recently used LEI event area

1	↗	⊙	+	+					8
2	↓	↗	⊙	∩					5,6
3	↑	⊙	↓	↘	◇	◇			5,7
4	▲	⊙	↗	↑	⊙				8
5	⚡	♂							9
6	25.0	⊙	♂	♂					7,5
7	→	5.0	⊙	⊙	⊥	⊙	⊙		8
8	←	◇							7,4
9	■	⊙	□	⊥	⊥	⊥	M55L		7
10	*	⊥	↗	⊙	♂	♂	♂		5,4
11	⚡	⊥	→						6
12	<	⊙	↓	⊥	→				10
13	←	♂	⊙	⚡		∨	○	⊙	→ 4,9
14	↓		♂	⊙	♂				8
15	⊙	⊥	⚡	⊙	∪	↑	▲		10
16	↓	+	◇						9
17	⊙	⊙	⊥	○					7,4
18	*	⊥	N	⊙	⊙				8
19	⚡	⊙	⚡	/	X				7
20	→	⚡	⊙	⚡	⊥	⚡	⊥	1.0	⊙ 4,7
21	<	⊙	/		∩		○		6,4
22	□	▲	○						6,4
23	⊙	⊥	△	∪	⊙	♂			7

- Bradgate
- Sence Valley
- Fosse Meadows
- Bosworth
- Riverside
- Jubilee Woods
- Evington
- Western Park
- Burbage
- Aston Firs
- Grange
- Benscliffe
- West Coalville
- Outwoods
- Braunstone
- Swithland
- Burrough Hill
- Knighton
- Linford
- East Carlton
- Beacon Hill
- Castle Hill
- Cademan

Example	▲	⊥	▲	▲	○	6,4
Brocks Hill	Boulder	rocks	Hill			



Recent events update

Willesley Woodlands

15th February

I wasn't at this event having elected to go to the SMOC Regional event at Silverstone. However I am aware that competitors had the advantage of excellent facilities at the Ex Miners Welfare at Donisthorpe.

This however did mean a longish

walk to the event area. This area is close to the border with DVO Land and that can be seen reflected in the list of course winners in the table above. Ed.

Brown	Shane Lynch	SYO	M21	53:01
Blue	Andrew Mackervoy	DVO	M40	54:41
Green	David Bray	LEI	M55	50:23
Lt Green	Dave Skidmore	DVO	M60	41:54
Orange	Sophie Gordon	DVO	W14	31:46
Yellow	Tim Schaanning	DVO	M14	15:30
White	Ethan Tebbutt	LEI	M10	17:48

British Middle Distance Championships

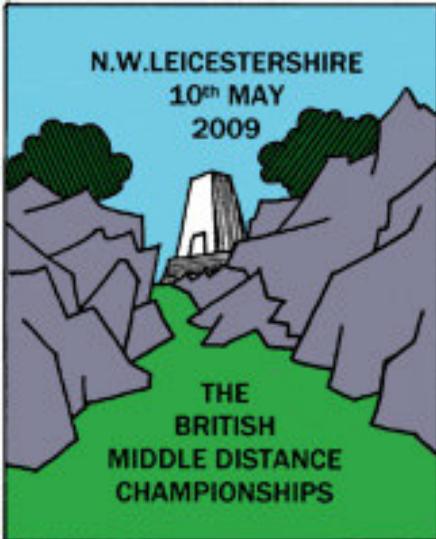
10th May

Firstly a very big thank you to everyone in the club who helped on the day. Over 70 club members were involved in the event which I guess makes it one of the biggest club "efforts" of all time. A special thank you to Roger Edwards the planner and John Marriott his assistant. Rather than write how wonderful an event it was I thought I would use some quotes from the

White	Rachel Potter +1	BOK	11:22
Yellow	Emma Sleeman	LEI	43:22
Orange	Anne Otter	INO	20:44

many emails I have received from the event and some remarks on the online forums.

W10	Charlotte Webster	NOC	28:47
W12	Jessica Beresford	DVO	23:54
W14	Carri Littler	SYO	25:26
W16	Katrin Harding	SROC	35:42
W18	Rebecca Harding	HH	47:43
W20	Jemma Davey	SARUM	127:06
W20E	Anne Edwards	TVOC	43:05
W21	Helen Pearce	HH	48:06
W21E	Sarah Rollins	BAOC	38:15
W35	Anna Falk	WAOO	60:09
W40	Jenny Peel	SYO	45:45
W45	Wendy Billing	SYO	41:37
W50	Diane Leakey	SLOW	41:52
W55	Susan Stevens	AIRE	38:48
W60	Hilary Palmer	NOC	39:57
W65	Jane Christopher	WCH	41:04
W70	Hilary Simpson	OD	53:28



"On behalf of Elite Competitions Group I would like to thank you and your team for staging the British Middle Championships. The event was clearly a huge success and much appreciated by the elite runners. The courses were extremely challenging and fulfilled middle planning style extremely well. This is a relatively new discipline in the UK so this is by no means an easy task. The map was also considered to be a huge step forward from previous editions of the area."

"I would just like to thank Leicester for a really good event today - most enjoyable - challenging courses in an extraordinary piece of terrain - great atmosphere both in the assembly field and the event centre - and the buses - what can you say? (except the seats were a bit of a squeeze!)"

The WI stall with cakes AND plants turned what was threatening to be a weekend of domestic disaster Well done to all involved."

Nice to be appreciated!

I still have one or two club polo and T shirts left. If, as a helper, you did not get one please let me know (sorry but only the larger sizes are left). I also have some maps from the event and if anybody would like one please contact me. One or two of the helpers were unable to pay on the day, please can you pay either myself or the Treasurer.

Chris Phillips

M10	Stewart Allison	LOC	12:39
M12	Stephen Elkngton	OD	20:46
M14	Aidan Smith	SYO	19:14
M16	Peter Bray	SN	37:49
M18	Matthew Halliday	OD	40:27
M20	Simon Austin	BARRO	81:19
M20E	Christopher Smithard	DEE	43:50
M21	Ian Marsden	HH	50:48
M21E	Scott Fraser	EUOC	34:49
M35	Marcus Pinker	FVO	39:20
M40	David Peel	SYO	44:09
M45	Clive Hallett	BOK	39:11
M50	James Crawford	GO	46:51
M55	Axel Blomquist	BAOC	44:59
M60	Peter Gorvett	SYO	46:53
M65	Iain Peirce	SARUM	41:15
M70	Arthur Boyt	KERNO	49:45
M75	David Parkin	BOK	49:13
M80	Richard Arman	WSX	57:28

Access Development Report

TREAD LIGHTLY- SPEAK CAREFULLY

As a sport we need a balance of types of area. Country Parks and City Parks are very useful and urban races increase in popularity but for classic events we need 'wild' country be it moorland, mountain, heath, dune or woodland or preferably a mix of all such terrains.

The problem is that much of such land has numerous different interests vying for access and they are often conceived as being in conflict with each other. In addition, whilst there is some common land, the great majority is owned by someone and often by a number of different parties each owning parts of the area in question.

Adding to this you have land with protected status where not only do we have to satisfy the landowner but also some conservation body from Natural England down to local wildlife trusts.

When you add into the mix those landowners who want to maximise the commercial benefit and wish to charge us more than the sport can sustain you will see how difficult access can be. It is all too easy to take areas for granted and we can lose an area far more quickly than we can ever find a new one.

As your Access Development Officer I often feel my title should be changed to Access Preservation Officer as I spend a lot of time reassuring landowners after misunderstandings and apparent conflicts of interest.

As a sport we are committed to nature

conservation and BOF welcomes legislation that has increased the protection of the most special places whilst enhancing responsible access. The protection of Britain's landscape and natural heritage also safeguards the sort of places we wish to orienteer in. We must recognise that, whilst the sport is well organised and quiet, our activities nevertheless have a potential impact on the land, for instance through the passage of feet, or disturbance to wildlife.

Quite obviously orienteers will encounter far fewer environmental issues and problems if they hold events in areas that are not formally protected. In some cases, such as Local Authority Parks, Forest Enterprise or Woodland Trust plantations, we are positively encouraged as part of the broader health agenda aimed at encouraging the population at large to get out into the fresh air and take more exercise.

However and despite many misconceptions, there are many places where orienteering and the conservation of special areas can co-exist, and the responsible pursuance of permissions to run in such areas is sometimes successful.

If we strive to protect the environment during the organisation, timing and management of events, significant adverse effects can be eliminated. Orienteering has many human benefits, but represents one of many pressures on

wild areas, so it is essential we recognise and acknowledge our responsibilities and make every effort to minimise our impact on nature whilst playing our part in improving the environment and protecting the ecology of areas in which we run.

It is important that the sport is perceived as complementary to wildlife considerations and I take every opportunity 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. The power vested in the statutory conservation agencies is backed by strong legislation not least the Countryside and Rights Of Way Act 2000 and they have a duty to ensure that damage will not result from operations carried out in protected areas. All that we have to rely upon is the good will of officers and the public, and here we have more work to do.

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. 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. As soon as we get into opposing camps, we have lost. There exists a lot of good will towards our sport among the conservation bodies which we need to build on.

We must strive to ensure we cause no damage and leave areas at least as pristine as we find them. We must also be tactful when meeting other irate users of the land. We may well feel we have permission but even if it is true, there is absolutely no gain to be had from upsetting people who do not think we have.

In recent years we have had cases where the landowner has given permission but nobody has told the tenant farmer. We have had complaints from anglers and from bird watchers and they do not know the lengths we go to plan courses to avoid any known conflicting interests.

Without going into names and leaving open the possibility of members saying anything to hinder negotiations, I must advise that we have lost large parts of two areas which have been used recently for C4 events. We are trying to negotiate to get back into parts of those areas but for now we cannot use the areas. We have another two areas where a good part is off limits due to perceived wild life considerations and have another where the wildlife trust managing it is trying to lay down conditions such that we could not actually use it for orienteering, even with access permission.

We could add to this, ambitions for what

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Look Out New Zealand Here Comes Retired Man



Helen & Roger Edwards, John & I, flew out of Heathrow heading for Hong Kong on the first leg of

our journey to NZ on January 21st 2009. In my hand luggage was a copy of the latest instalment of the Retired Man chronicles. Nobody else had seen the article, as it was not yet printed & distributed. At a flying height of 10,000 metres, speed 1000 kph and an outside temperature of -60°C, I reckoned Helen & Roger wouldn't contemplate opening the aircraft door to escape as they read 'Would you go on holiday with this man? (With reference, of course, to Retired Man).

Although the trip had been planned fifteen months earlier, it was 10.45am on the morning of departure, with a taxi due at 3pm, that Retired Man shed the dressing gown and stood, bare-chested but in his underpants, to think about packing. Many utterances of 'If I've forgotten it, I can buy it' were heard sprinkled amongst 'If I have my passport, credit card & driving licence I'll be fine'.

Have you tried to print a copy of a driving licence? John's photo came out

like a weird Star trek monster with hyena skin panels down his face. There was nothing wrong with **my** photo and

Retired man emptying the water out of the headlights



Retired Man explained that this was probably because I have an older sort of Licence. I have always thought that John was 'on another planet', and now I am suspicious that he is **from** another planet', I'm sure this would explain a lot.

We spent six weeks away with a few days in Hong Kong on the outward journey and a few days in Los Angeles on the way home. Several people have asked for a blow by blow account of our lovely holiday 'down under' but I feel I must restrict most stories to orienteering.

However just a taste of chaos from the four of us

Helen puts Roger's trousers into the washing machine; unfortunately his passport is in the pocket.

Roger is stopped by airport security trying to impersonate a woman (he has Helen's passport).

Irene spent many attempts to photograph a Merino sheep. The disappointing results were pictures of their bottoms, -they kept running away. However the perfect photo was achieved through a carpet shop window where there was a life size model of a Merino on display.

But of course Retired Man and chaos are good friends.....

John attempts to drain the water that is in the front headlight of the hire car, (this is his version) by turning the car on its roof in the nearside road gully. Headlight drained, car total write-off. And almost keeping to Sod's Law, where the worst thing happens in the worst place at the worst time, this occurs on the Forgotten World Highway H43, miles from civilisation. Thanks to seat belts, we all climb out, shaken but not hurt. It could have been worse; the other side of the road is the edge of a steep gorge. Leics Orienteering club almost lost Planner & Assistant Planner of the British Middles not to mention Treasurer, POC coordinator & Club shop person.

John is standing a little dazed by the crumpled car 'Never mind dear', I say 'I didn't have anything to write about in LEI News, but now I have!' And photos too.

New Zealanders are very helpful people

and give us lifts to nearest hostelry and get us on our way again.

A highlight of the holiday for 'the boys'/ old blokes was a guided walk on the Franz Joseph glacier on John's 61st birthday.

Helen, Roger & John thoroughly enjoyed a half hour flight in a tiny 6 seater airplane from Milford Sound back to Queenstown. I was absolutely petrified, a fear of heights, a flimsy plane, chugging over mountain tops with deep, deep valleys in between - add a little air turbulence. I could not look down outside the plane without feeling fear, so I concentrated on the instrument panel and stared at the back of the pilot's head, just keeping fear at bay; but did he have to take his hands off the controls and start filling in forms???? Panic level reaches max.

'The Boys' looked disappointed when I

Retired man in the Franz Josef Glacier



said I was going to attempt the Tongariro (Volcano) Crossing: 18 Km and a LOT of climb. They had that 'You'll slow us down' look. But I hadn't lost 1 1/2 stone

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and been secretly running every morning for 2 months to be refused. (Secret running is achieved by getting back home and changed before Retired Man wakes up and puts on the dressing gown).

Fantastic trek between the craters with strangely coloured volcanic lakes and 'scree running' down steep, steep slopes of ash. Pity about the long, long climb at the beginning and the even longer descent. Pity we chose Waitangi Treaty weekend as the whole of NZ decided to do the crossing. Pity about those really, really, really smelly fly-infested toilets.....but you didn't want to know that.

We managed to attend a summer league evening orienteering event in Wellington NZ (and met a chap who knew Sue Bicknell). Dressed in Plaid Coalville* Tee shirts our expert runners John & Roger run the orange course 2.6k. Roger finishes, John misses two controls. Helen & I together tackle the white 1.2k we finished but not very quickly. The venue was Victoria Park which in places is so steep that Helen & I were on our hands & knees!

We had only recently returned to England when we were invited to a Plaid Coalville wine

tasting. Our original idea to travel to Glenfield by bus was scuppered. There is a very limited service and as Retired Man had looked up the wrong part of the timetable our only chance now was to use my car.

The labels on ten bottles of wine had been obscured and replaced by an identifying letter. We had to swig a small sample, make some notes and try and match the wine to the professional descriptions. Water, cheese & biscuits were available too. Thanks Roy for organising everything.

Some people sounded very knowledgeable 'This must be the Cab Sauv, you can taste the spices', 'mmm raspberries & a hint of liquorice'. I thoroughly enjoyed the cheeses. But somebody, Peter, cheated. Although the labels had been obscured, many of the **corks** are named. Retired Man forgot to write down comments so had to go back through all 10 bottles for another swig. Some comments he put in the wrong boxes so, guess what, another swig required. By the time we awarded points to the wines, Retired Man was quite giggly. Coincidentally, Roy and I were discussing death by falling under/being pushed under a bus; but we came to the conclusion that this did not seem an option, not for moral reasons, but because the bus service in Glenfield was so poor.



Roger on Mount Tongariro

I have to own up at this point that horrid wine F, which scored the lowest points, came from the Marriott wine cellar.

Easter saw the Marriott & Edwards families and Sue Bicknell reunited for a week in a cottage in Northumberland for the JK. There aren't many other Lei people about in Newcastle but we do see Ben Windsor. I try to take suitable action shots of John & Roger running through the finish of the Sprint 'O'.

The next day, towards Fenwick, Helen & I set off on public footpaths but still find ourselves amongst runners such as Roger P and John Cooke; unfortunately lads the LEI Clock Trophy is awarded for the longest times in an **LEI** area..

At the end of the day Roger E. & John attend the AGM in a pub at Belford to pick up £200 second prize award for Club of the Year for LEI's work with Juniors and Permanent courses.

Unfortunately Roger is injured so the following day he helps on the start while John competes. Question 'How can you arrive at an event two hours early and still be late for your start? Retired Man is blaming other people for keeping him chatting. Meanwhile Helen & I are off for a walk. We meet John Cooke again who



***Follow my leader on
Mount Tongariro***

has seen an adder. Our route takes us by the farm & we are lucky enough to see a lamb being born. We chat to the farmer who owns the land where the competition is taking place. He has been very impressed with the organisation & attention to detail that goes into organising the JK.

Walking back towards the Finish we stop to chat to the girls in the Army Cadets who are manning the water station; the water does have a slight hint of disinfectant, (or is it raspberry & liquorice?)

Roger P is running into the Finish so we cheer him on and

then help Sue B carry the OD club tent back to the car park but we are not the only ones struggling to remember in which row we parked the car. 'Downhill from the last tree' isn't quite exact enough.

The late afternoon is spent in a cold & windy Berwick following the city walls and the Lowry Trail. Apparently Berwick was a favourite location for Lowry and many of its buildings feature in his paintings.

The relays are on the following day but only Sue B is involved. We arrange to meet up again in Kirk Newton at the house of John's twin brother (yes, there

are two of them!!!!) (*I think the expression "shock revelation" is extremely apt at this point - ed.*). The relays have problems with the bus shuttle & people are having to wait for one & half hours.

The orienteering is over but we stay for the rest of the week walking on the coast in wonderful weather. We see John & Judith in their campervan John is very happy as Leicester City seem certain to be promoted. On a misty day we visit a National Trust property. Proof that you are always a child at heart can be seen as we enjoy finding the wooden statues of a cricket, turtle & frog in the labyrinth cut out of rhododendrons at Cragside.

On Friday, Roger & John drive to the Lakes for the Graythwaite event, while I drive Helen back to Leicester. On Sunday evening John returns home to Cropston, waves goodbye to Roger and then discovers he has no house keys and no one is answering the door because I am far away in Mablethorpe. Eventually, daughter Suzi drives to the rescue and takes him off to the Badgers Sett for food. I am not in good books.

The British Middles has been on everybody's mind recently. Before the event I think we were all scared of something going wrong, motorway closure preventing competitors making their start times, bus service back log, electronic equipment failure, outbreak of swine flu, nuclear attack, Martians landingso it was very comforting to attend the meeting when teams for the Event Centre, car parking, Security etc



Retired man on Summit of Mount Tongariro

get together to finalise arrangements. An awful lot of planning & background work has obviously been going on. Chris Phillips, with a wry smile, recommended Appendix M of the BOF Regulations as 'excellent bedtime reading'.

May 10th, British Middles day arrives. John has set off already as he has to be in the woods putting out controls at 6 am. My little red Corsa is jam packed full when I discover the big brown box containing the borrowed water urn has not been loaded. Tearfully I unpack the car onto the drive and load up all over again. I set off with sandwiches & milk crammed into cool boxes, folding tables & jam jars rattling, bananas balanced on the parcel shelf hopefully safe from bruising.

Shortly after my arrival at Castle Rock School the other WI ladies turn up so half my car contents are emptied on the WI Country Market stall and the other half into the Staff room of the School. Here refreshments for the volunteers (& bus drivers & caretakers & presenters of prizes) are set up. Suzi arrives to help

with the refreshments and I can calm down.

Outside the WI are doing a good trade in cakes & plants but the cheese & ham cobs aren't as appealing as hot burgers from the competition & quite a lot have to be taken home. It was good to hear lovely comments about the WI market although it did look like a car boot sale!!!

More delicious WI cakes & jams, lovely plants & crafts are available every Friday at St Peter's Church Centre, Church Rd, Glenfield. We are open at 9.00am til 11.00am.

The refreshment area became a calm haven from the hustle & bustle of the main event centre.

Volunteers visibly relaxed, recharged & refreshed. Reports flowed in: all was going well, no hiccups yet. Initially, volunteers had been asked to be 'Rent A Crowd' so that the award ceremony did not look empty; but everyone was having a good time and lots of folk stayed for the awards. Well done LEI, especially to the people who organised the champagne & the sunshine.

So it was congratulations all round at the Committee meeting the next night, swiftly followed by plans & ideas of our way forward. Not at all a meeting where you 'spend so much time in a room & achieve so very little.' Roger & John were able to show off the John Buckingham trophy collected at Leics. County Hall for Development of School Sport.

Conversations continued in the Railway pub and Retired Man managed to knock another chip out of the John Buckingham trophy. Sorry I had to rush off, I had to pickle some red cabbage for Loughboro' Farmer's Market. (second Wednesday of the month, Devonshire Square).

Retired Man has been exceptionally busy helping Roger E with the Middle Distance planning; South Charnwood after school Orienteering; attending First Aid courses; and becoming a Coach. He must be a glutton for punishment to have volunteered to be the organiser/planner/control-'putter outerer' & '-taker innerer'/meeter & greeter for newcomers for the Summer League event only 3 days after the Middles. Come on LEI, summer league events need a small team not just one person plus wife. 90 people turned up at the Xmas tree field, that's as many as a normal event.

For those orienteers following the saga of 'Has he noticed you've had your hair cut very short yet?' the answer is ambiguous. Retired Man spent several days with a 'I know there's something different but I can't be exact' expression. Four days after visiting the hairdresser's I challenged him and he claims to have noticed but just didn't say anything. Do you believe him? I think his mind was concentrating on his experiment at silencing the control boxes so that they only flashed and did not beep when activated by a dibber? This had a trial run at Charnwood Forest South (Xmas Tree Field)

Must finish now, the Editor is sending me reminder e mails. See you at the club shop.

Irene Marriott.

* Plaid Coalville is a sub group of LEI.

THE LEICESTERSHIRE ORIENTEERING CLUB 2009 SUMMER SMALL EVENTS PROGRAMME INCLUDING THE SUMMER TRAINING LEAGUE for THE RBS 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.

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

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

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

Just seven events into the Summer League, the scores are still settling down - as the best 8 count to the overall total. However Simon Ford has taken a strong early lead with an event in hand over Bob Haskins and Mark Sherriff in second and third. Rachel Simonetti, Liz Phillips and Alison Hardy lead the ladies competition. James Gath, Euan Tebbutt and Dominic Leake are the top 3 juniors (closely followed by Ben Windsor who is recovering from injury.). They have all scored well in the sprint events (as planner in James's case.)

The first few events of the league have seen high pressure sprinting at Guthlaxton and on a new map at Loughborough University, both with chasing starts which upped the amount of head to head racing. I think it would be good to see a few more of these despite making a bad mistake under pressure at Guthlaxton! In

a similar vein, several of us went down to Coventry to take part in ODs evening Park Race. This was longer format (4-5k) and not as technical as the sprints, but still a lot of fun.

At the other end of the scale Wakerley and Charnwood Forest South have both provided challenging technical orienteering, and Castle Hill and Aylestone, good park based orienteering challenges.

Looking forward, South Charnwood High School (between Markfield and Thornton) may be a new area for some. The school campus has been used for introductory sprint events earlier this year and you may have visited the new planting around the school during last year's Treasure Hunt.

Mark Foxwell

(see next page for top positions in table)

June 4th	Thu	East Carlton Park	L Wyn Sleeman / Ian Wilson		SP835894	Queens Head, Sutton Bassett
June 9th	Tue	South Charnwood High Sch	L Peter Hornsby	New school map and surrounding woodlands	SK471092	Thatched Inn, Stanton
June 16th	Tue	Fosse Meadows	L Hardy's		SP490910	Countryman, Sharnford
June 24th	Wed	Trailquest Bagworth Area	* L Dave Toach	Bike event		
June 30th	Tue	Outwoods	* L Mark Sherriff/ Bob Titterington	Traditional & Radio –O (ARDF)(Training Scores). Equipment available for loan.	SK514159	Priory, Nanpantan
July 8th	Wed	Swithland & The Brand	L Bob Haskins	North CP—Pay organiser for parking	SK537130	Griffin, Swithland
July 16th	Thu	Common Hill, Ibstock	L Glynn Smith		SK420105	Queens Head, Heather
July 21st	Tue	Treasure Hunt	* L Chris Bosley	Will score as per training event		
July 26th	Sun	Burrough Hill	L Ian Wells		SK766115	Stag & Hounds
July 30th	Thu	Burbage Common	L TBC	North East CP, Burbage Common Road (A47 end)	SP451951	White Horse, Desford
Aug 4th	Tue	Glenfield Urban Fringe	L TBC	Glenfield Sports Ground	SK543072	Railway, Glenfield
Aug 12th	Wed	Bradgate, Hall Gates	L Williamsons	Pay organiser for parking	SK541114	Bradgate Arms, Cropston
Aug 18th	Tue	Ratby Woodlands	L TBC	Burroughs Lane CP	SK496062	Plough, Ratby
Aug 27th	Tue	Ibstock Urban	L James Hornsby	Sence Valley CP	SK404113	Queens Head, Heather
Sep 1st	Tue	Beacon Hill	L Iain Tebbutt	Bottom CP 6.15 mass start & presentation	SK521148	Griffin, Swithland

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Summer League Table

Key to columns					7	Guthlaxton
1	Loughborough	4	Aylestone		8	Best 8 events
2	Castle Hill	5	Memorial Park		9	Handicap
3	Wakerley	6	Charnwood Forest South		10	Events attended

Men	Class	Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	
1	Simon Ford	M65	LEI	74		85	85	67	76	85	471	603.29	60	663.29
2	Bob Haskins	M55	LEI	79	70	62	82	73	61	58	486	583.69	70	653.69
3	Mark Sherriff	M45	LEI	72	80	52	77	64	74	86	504	564.57	70	634.57
4	John Marriott	M60	LEI	69		73	74	56	74	74	421	522.36	60	582.36
5	Iain Tebbutt	M40	LEI	78	85		92	69	76	78	479	516.92	60	576.92
6	Peter Leake	M65	LEI	59	73	56	69	69	63	0	389	498.33	70	568.33
7	Mark Foxwell	M45	LEI	86	71	74		68	67	86	451	505.43	60	565.43
8	Thomas Honniball	M21	LOG	95	100	96	99		89		479	478.59	50	528.59
9	Dave Toach	M40	LEI	56	61	47	67	58	53	66	409	441.93	70	511.93
10	Alastair Paterson	M40	LEI	78		56	84		71	100	389	420.33	50	470.33
Women														
1	Rachel Simonetti	W21	LEI	46	49	52	56	53	57	67	380	395.18	70	465.18
2	Liz Phillips	W40	OD	72		67		74	74		287	321.36	40	361.36
3	Alison Hardy	W40	LEI	74					76	100	249	278.99	30	308.99
Juniors														
1	James Gath	M14	LEI		54		70		63	70	256	296.63	40	336.63
2	Euan Tebbutt	M10	LEI	43			54		41	61	199	239.10	40	279.10
3	Dominic Leake	M10	LEI		35		35		33	72	175	216.88	40	256.88

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would be probably our best area but which is so sensitive that we feel we cannot push at present to gain the right to use it.

We have two other former areas where health and safety / litigation fears have caused the owners to refuse us permission although we are quietly working to try and get back.

All in all at the present time I am working on relationships at seven locations, which we have previously used, to try and restore facility.

We have won eight new larger areas during the time I have had this role but it is disheartening to work hard to gain new

when we are losing old at much the same rate.

Members must all play their part whether planning or just competing. When a route or area is forbidden or out of bounds you cannot make this too clear on the map. If you meet someone complaining it does not matter who is right; perception is everything and even at the cost of time on your run, we must try and be polite and satisfy concerns no matter how ill founded we may think they are.

Please do everything you can to help us build on the existing good relationships we have with many landowners.

Roy Denney

Spotlight on High Charnwood

On this occasion, as your Access Development Officer, I thought I would share my records with you on those areas in the heart of the Charnwood Forest area. We have previously covered the geology of the area.

BARDON HILL

This is the highest 'B' in Leicestershire. Standing above the lowland areas are four prominent hills, Bardon (the highest point in Leicestershire at just over 900 feet), Breedon on the Derbyshire border, Beacon to the east, and Burrough in the west. There are numerous other hills beginning with the letter B for no apparent reason.

(Bardon, Billa Barra, Beacon, Bradgate, Burrough, Breedon, Budden, Billesdon Coplow, Blakeshay, Benscliffe, Burley on the Hill, Bomb Rocks, Broombriggs Hill and the hill on which Belvoir Castle stands.)

It was thought that there was an iron age hill fort at the summit of Bardon Hill but nothing of it remains indeed not much of the hill itself remains. In medieval times to ensure a plentiful supply of game for hunting purposes, the monarch and nobles established reserves called parks. These were areas of countryside that were considered to be on agriculturally inferior soil, often attached to a manor and which often contained woodland. Parks varied immensely in size, from a few acres to the size of the giant park of Whitwick Manor, which covered Bardon Hill and which extended over the surrounding area to over 1260 acres.

However, by about 1427 it had been reduced to a smaller area around the

summit of Bardon Hill but a small collar of woods on the southern flank is all that survives today.

Bardon has strong historical involvement in the life of the county up to fairly recent times.

The 19th century development of the Leicestershire quarries of Bardon Hill owes much to

the initiative and resourcefulness of the affluent local yeomanry of the higher class, as represented by the Ellis, Everard and Pochin families; nonconformist in their religious sympathies and liberal in their politics.

The earliest known printed reference to quarrying at Bardon Hill dates back to 1622. The commercial development of Bardon Hill stone, however, was made possible by the opening in 1833 of the Leicester and Swannington Railway, the first steam-worked public railway conveying both passengers and freight in the Midlands. The success of the line was largely due to the initiative and enterprise of the Ellis family of Beaumont Leys, who were active Quakers. George and Robert Stephenson were consultants in building the railway and at its opening the first train carried banners promising cheap coal and granite, warm hearths and good roads. The granite for the good roads was to come from Bardon and other local quarries. Ellis Park in Glenfield commemorates the Ellis family, Everards are still brewing and Pochin are well

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known in construction.

The Leicester and Swannington Railway prospered and in 1845 it was purchased by the Midland Railway and the Ellis influence expanded correspondingly. John Ellis became MP for Leicester, Mayor of the borough, and Chairman of the Board of the Midland Railway. Glenfield featured in the early development of the railway with the tunnel, opened in 1832, the then longest in the world

The Everards made their home at Bardon Hill House. The affairs of the Bardon estate at this time were in some disarray, and in 1864 it passed into the hands of William Perry Herrick of Beaumanor who renegotiated the lease of Bardon quarry to Ellis and Everard. The quarry was now developed and mechanised and workmen's cottages were built and a school provided, both at the joint expense of Ellis and Everard and the Perry Herrick's. Eventually they added a parish church and John Breedon Everard, the architect of the school, houses and church became a partner in the firm of Ellis and Everard and was responsible for the design of the then magnificent Bardon Mill House.

Much of the money underpinning these families came from the quarrying which continues to this day and whilst the summit of Bardon Hill is protected not much remains of the north side of the hill. The summit area has been landscaped together with areas to the NE and a collar of mature woodlands gives the area some potential for smaller events.

There are plans afoot for a massive extension towards the east and as part of the pre planning consultation the Club amongst others is pressing for the area

to be opened up for more access and for long term plans to create a Country Park.

The quarry company do go to great lengths to mitigate the impact of their works and little of them can be seen from the road despite it being one of Europe's biggest quarries. Their work on protecting the environment has earned them the Wildlife Trust Biodiversity Benchmark Award.

Despite the bustle of this massive complex extracting millions of tonnes each year there are peregrine falcons nesting on the 'cliff' faces and sand martins burrowing into the mountains of granite dust. The hole is bounded by an acid grassland with numerous unusual plant species and provides a habitat for small mammals feeding the resident buzzards and kestrels.

Less than 1% of Leicestershire is made up of ancient woodlands and many of that is in badly managed small pockets so the wildlife relying on such habitat is struggling. Bardon's mature oaks are a valuable oasis for birds of many species, butterflies and moths, bats and invertebrates. Heathland is being restored in the estate in part by a small herd of Hebridean sheep. Heather is recovering and bees and dragonflies abound. Bardon is also one of very few locations where the Charnwood Spider survives.

BEACON HILL

At 245m (802 feet), Beacon Hill is the second highest point in Leicestershire and the site of an 'Ancient Monument'; a Bronze Age hill fort. A toposcope at the summit indicates landmarks that can be seen in every direction.

There are more than 100 hectares of heath and woodland, including an arboretum with a collection of trees

native to Britain. A newly-planted area in West Beacon includes a woodland trail featuring woodland crafts, a viewing platform and a shelter built of straw. This new area incorporates an old hedge line, existing field ponds and an open area being managed to support different types of grassland (acid grassland, hay meadow and heathland). An old stone wall provides cover for various reptiles including adders.

The park is also home to the unusual sight of Manx Loughton sheep and perhaps more surprisingly, alpacas. The latter are similar to llamas and coexist happily with the sheep and afford them some protection from any dogs that get through the unfortunate amount of fencing now in the park. Another 'hazard' for those enjoying the park is the droppings from the long horned cattle that wander much of the area.

Mapped with this area for our purposes are the adjoining Martin's & Felicity's Woods owned by the Woodland Trust and Broombriggs Farm and Windmill Hill owned by the County Council as is Beacon Hill itself. A permanent orienteering course is to be found in parts of Beacon Hill (outside that area which is designated an SSSI) with a few posts in the nearby Windmill Hill area. This was created with financial assistance from the National Forest.

Martins Wood was acquired with help from the Friends of Charnwood and named to remember their President, Sir Andrew Martin a former Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire who lived at the Brand as his family still do. The Brand is mapped and we are allowed to use it in conjunction with Swithland and Bradgate and will be doing so again in June.

Beacon is one of the earliest areas of Leicestershire mapped for orienteering and has been extensively used. There

are now seasonal restrictions to protect the SSSI area and in particular to avoid disturbance to ground nesting birds.

BENSLIFFE

This is a sizeable block of privately owned woodland which is actively managed for timber. It falls away in two directions from a broken backed ridge and has complex and intricate features along the ridge. We have over the years used these woodlands in conjunction with Blakeshay (separated by a short stretch of private land where we have been allowed linkage in the past) and / or in conjunction with the grounds and woodland at Maplewell Hall by using the small privately owned Abell's Wood to link up.

New plantings at Rough Hill are maturing nicely and have been mapped along with an update of the map of the other areas to bring this area together and join it to Bradgate Park.

BLAKESHAY

This is a smallish block of privately owned woodland which is partially managed for timber. Some has been taken for residential development and other parts are so overgrown as to make them barely usable so the area has not been used for some time. It has in the past been used with Linford Woodlands just to the south.

We have over the years also mapped and used these woodlands in conjunction with Benscliffe (separated by a short stretch of private land where we have been allowed linkage in the past). New plantings at Rough Hill are maturing nicely and have been mapped along with an update of the map of the other areas to bring this whole area together and join it to Bradgate Park.

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BRADGATE

Bradgate Park is mapped for our purposes with the nearby Swithland Wood also managed by the Trust responsible for Bradgate itself. Also included on the map are the Brand and part of the woodlands between the Brand and Roecliffe Manor.

There is actually evidence of man's activities in the area from as far back as Palaeolithic times and it is steeped in history.

Bradgate Park was privately owned until 1928, when it was purchased from the Grey family and generously donated in Trust by Mr Charles Bennion to be preserved in perpetuity in its natural state for the quiet enjoyment of the people of Leicestershire and visitors to the County. Subsequently, in 1931 Swithland Wood was gifted by the Leicester Rotary Club. Over the years, various other areas of conservation and amenity woodland and agricultural land on the edge of the Country Park have been donated or purchased and the estate now extends to some 1261 acres (510 hectares) of which 984 is an SSSI and as such we have to use it sensitively. We are only allowed into Bradgate during the summer months and parts of Swithland are off limits to us.

Bradgate itself covers 340 hectares and is known to have belonged to the de Ferrers family of Groby in the thirteenth century and later by the Greys, most notable of who was Lady Jane Grey, who was Queen for nine days following the death of Edward VI. She was ultimately imprisoned in the Tower of London charged with treason and beheaded in 1554. Lady Jane (1537-1554), elder daughter of Henry Grey (later Duke of

Suffolk) and his wife Lady Frances Brandon, was born and spent her early childhood at Bradgate House. There are a range of other important historical connections including the Grey family, influential nobles in mediaeval and Tudor England who married into the Royal family.

Bradgate Country Park is Leicestershire's most popular country park with about 900,000 visitors each year.

The folly at the top of the hill is called Old John and was built in 1786 beside an old horse racing course and stables. This building is believed to have been erected by the fifth Earl of Stamford, in memory of John, a retainer, who was killed accidentally there. It resembles a large beer mug apparently something old John was used to handling. Nearby can also be found, the Prince Albert's Own Leicestershire Yeomanry Regiment Memorial.

The park is between Cropston and Newtown Linford, a village grandly named "New town by the ford over the River Lin". It may well have been new in the thirteenth century. Bradgate is part of the ancient Charnwood Forest and is now on the eastern edge of the new National Forest. The Country Park is made up of Bradgate Park itself, is a mediaeval deer park of relatively unspoilt countryside with grassy covered slopes running off one of the highest hills in Leicestershire, with

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walled copses, areas of bracken and rocky outcrops, and the pretty valley of the River Lin running into Cropston Reservoir. Apart from the creation of the reservoir it is probably little changed and largely unimproved over the centuries, with parts looking much as it would have done in the Middle Ages.

It was created as a hunting park from the Charnwood Forest well over 750 years ago. No record exists of when it was enclosed, but it was certainly before 1240.

The River Lyn deserves a mention itself. A normally modest stream it does have a large catchment area and can come down in considerable spate. It is always fairly fast flowing and largely unpolluted and well oxygenated and supports a remarkable aquatic and bird ecology. It flows between alders over a rocky bed with occasional deep pools and is home to brown trout, bullhead, minnows, brook lamprey and crayfish. Throughout history it has served man well. It has supplied the necessary water to a monastery and Bradgate House, has filled numerous fishponds, flooded water meadows, powered three mills, been dammed to create a lake and used to fill a moated site lost now under the waters of Swithland Reservoir.

The park is famous for its herd of fallow and red deer but is also the home of many species, having been largely undisturbed for centuries until the sheer weight of visitors in recent years has started to have an impact. Bradgate Park hosts numerous ancient trees including many oaks and this in turn provides an ideal habitat for insects etc and indeed they have over 500 species of beetle. The herds of deer, about 340 in number at the last count, wander at will within the park - one of the finest herds of parkland deer in the country. Deer have

been kept at Bradgate, in this fine example of ancient parkland, since the 13th century and to protect them from stress they have areas of the park reserved to them where they can escape from human presence when the park gets to busy.

Bradgate Park contains nationally important geological exposures (some are over 700 million years old and rank as some of the oldest in England). It also contains some of the last important fragments of wet and grass heathland in Leicestershire, wonderful veteran trees and other special habitats, with a diverse range of flora and fauna including rare plant species and is also a valued site for a wide range of birds, vertebrates and invertebrates.

In addition it is home to moles, common shrews, pigmy shrews, bats, voles, mice, rabbits, foxes, adders, stoats, weasels and badgers. Throughout the estate there are 350 veteran trees - some over 500 years old and growing at the time of Lady Jane Grey and many others over 300 years old. Throughout the seasons, it is possible to find up to 106 species of bird, 20 species of mammal, 4 species of amphibians, 8 species of fish, a host of plant species, trees and shrubs as well as lichens, fungi and a host of invertebrate species with many of the flora and fauna regarded as locally rare.

Within the estate there are 36 miles of

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paths tracks and roads etc, 40 miles of ditches, streams and river, 6 miles of hedges, 17 miles of stone walls and seven miles of other fencing. There are 9 lakes or ponds of one sort or another.

The park includes the ruins of Bradgate House, one of the first unfortified brick built country houses in England, begun in about 1499 and completed over a considerable span of years. The mansion house continued to be occupied until the death of the Second Earl of Stamford in 1719.

For our purposes the park is a bit open with the only areas of woodland, as opposed to parkland, being enclosed in small walled copses closed to the public. Bracken does provide some cover in late summer but efforts are continually made to try to reduce the amount of bracken in the park.

Swithland woods nearby however is heavily wooded and by running between the two areas we can provide good variety for longer courses.

BROOMBRIGGS FARM & WINDMILL HILL

The farm was presented to Leicestershire County Council in 1970 and is a 55-hectare mixed arable and stock farm. It has a 2.4km (1.5 mile) farm trail and information boards explaining the working of the farm. The trail is interlinked with a network of waymarked footpaths and horse tracks between Beacon Hill and the adjoining Windmill Hill, which got its name from being the site of a 19th-century windmill. For our purposes they are all mapped together and a few permanent orienteering posts are scattered across Windmill Hill. The area is used in conjunction with the

adjoining Beacon Hill.

FELICITY'S WOOD

This small area is owned by the Woodland Trust and was designed and planted with help from the National Forest Company. Also known as Beacon Cottage, it is of about 9 Hectares and is mapped for our purposes with Beacon Hill.

It includes open ground and glades and slopes steeply down to Wood Brook where a permissive footpath links the area to the Outwoods. The open aspects afford tremendous views over the northern parts of Charnwood Forest and into the valley of the River Soar.

MAPLEWELL HALL

This school is set in a wooded summit off the road from Benscliffe to Woodhouse Eaves. It has a pocket of interesting woodland running down to a stream with pastureland along the stream. We have periodically been allowed to use the school for small training events dependant on the attitude of the head teacher of the time. We have also to tread carefully in regard to the tenant farmer who grazes the pasture.

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We have in the past also used the school as a base for larger events running through Abbell's Wood and into Benscliffe. As we are now using a new

assembly area and new plantings at Rough Hill, to link to Benscliffe this is unlikely to be a requirement in the future

OUTWOODS & JUBILEE WOOD

Jubilee is about 20 hectares much of which was open to the public notwithstanding that it is an SSSI, but part was left supposedly undisturbed. We have used the open areas for years together with interesting pastureland to its north which contains many land forms. It is used in conjunction with the Outwoods and both are blessed with a good wildlife population and amongst plants perhaps most striking the carpets of bluebells. Despite its protected status Jubilee has been largely felled as part of a 'restoration' project and is largely unusable at present.

The Outwoods itself is a popular local beauty spot, which attracts thousands of visitors each year. The topography of the woods means many of the paths include steep sections and uneven surfaces and can provide something of a physical challenge. The Outwoods were gifted to the people of Loughborough in 1946 by two local benefactors, Allan Moss and George Harry Bowler. The Outwoods is 40 hectare ancient woodland overlooking Loughborough and the Soar Valley and is important for its rare rock outcrops, its woodland plants and its wildlife and is also an SSSI. It stands on some of the oldest exposed rocks in Britain, being formed in the pre-Cambrian era and there has been continual woodland cover back to the days of the domesday book.

ROUGH HILL

Rough Hill is a 28ha National Forest Tender Scheme linking Benscliffe, Blakeshay Woods, Abbel's Wood,

Maplewell Hall and Bradgate Park. This woodland comprises a good mixture of habitats. An existing spinney has been thinned to favour the broadleaved trees. Bracken has been removed and heather seeding used to establish heath grassland and heathland typical of this area. The

rocky outcrops provide habitats for lichens and basking areas for invertebrates and reptiles. The pond is being managed for waterfowl and a floating island provides nesting and roosting areas. We have

parking arrangements at adjoining commercial woodland allowing us to stage events running directly into Rough Hill which has been mapped in conjunction with an update of the neighbouring areas.

SWITHLAND & THE BRAND.

This lies just east of Bradgate Park and between the villages of Woodhouse Eaves and Swithland. 137 acres of woodland were bought by the Rotary Club of Leicester in 1931 and donated to the people of the county and it is now managed by the Bradgate Park Trust. The woods contain two flooded disused quarries (with an inscription on the side recording the Rotary Club's donation) and Swithland slate is a traditional local roofing material. One is now used

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occasionally for scuba diving and is some 58 metres (190 feet) deep.

Swithland Woods consist in total of some 146 acres of ancient woodland, being a remnant of the original Charnwood Forest Oak Wood. Swithland Wood is one of the few woodland areas in Leicestershire of national nature importance (being on acid loamy soils) and a significantly important area of ancient woodland in the East Midlands. It contains some of the best remaining examples of oak, small leaved lime and alder woodland in the county and as such is an ecologically rich woodland habitat. It also includes holly trees, some coniferous plantation, wildflower meadows, woodland glades, marshes and rock outcrops & knolls making it one of our more diverse landscapes.

The area is poorly drained giving numerous damp parts but despite this there are really no streams in the wood. Several ditch systems run into larger ditches with some appearance of natural watercourses but these often dry up.

It has a very important, rich and varied range of flora and fauna including a diverse butterfly, moth and bird population. The area is popular in spring for its wood anemones, bluebells and other spring flowering bulbs which cover large areas of the woodland floor.

Whilst not obvious it also sits on the remains of ridge and furrow, the ploughed land of our medieval ancestors.

The very name of Swithland is an historic anomaly. The medieval village of Swithland was named after the area of cleared land around it and its name means 'land cleared by burning'. A wood therefore cannot by definition be called

Swithland as it is yet to be cleared.

The Brand is an unbelievable place. Home to the Martin family who allow us to use it in conjunction with Swithland Wood, it is like something out of Tolkien. Apparently an example of Victorian gardening gone mad it includes massive cliff faces and lakes all man made with streams diverted through rock faces. Add to this that most of it has been left to nature's devices for many years, it is a real challenge to navigation and a mapper's nightmare. It is imprinted on the brain of any orienteer who has ventured in, but as far as we know everyone came out safely. This is despite occasions when looking down off one of the hills with no

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apparent way out, snake like movements were to be seen through the bracken. These were in fact the gentle movements at the top of eight foot high bracken reflecting the passage of desperate orienteers deep below and trying to get out.

MARTINS WOOD

Martins Wood by Beacon Hill was acquired with help from the Friends of Charnwood and named to remember their President, Sir Andrew Martin who lived at the Brand, a former Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire

Roy Denney

Out and About



An attractive native which is on a slow comeback trail is the Dormouse. With its soft and honey coloured fur and large round black eyes this three inch long charmer would be well worth seeing if you got the chance. Dormice are a great indicator as to the state of any local ecology. To thrive they need plenty of different types of vegetation and dense cover which will also support lots of other wildlife. The natural spread of these animals is made difficult by our grubbing out many hedges which formed the green corridors by which they migrated between areas but man is now managing the countryside with such considerations in mind.

A captive breeding programme at London and Paignton zoos has produced supplies which have been released in many areas including fairly recently into woodlands in the borders of Rutland, Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire. The colonies are thriving, enjoying the masses of young hazel shoots created by the reintroduction of traditional woodland management and they are now being found outside the release areas. One of the major reasons why it is surviving well where it is re-established is the return to coppicing in many types of woodland. The dormouse is often found in the tops of hazel trees which have been coppiced but they do need to be in ancient woodland for their other food sources.

The creature is back at sustainable population levels across much of the south of England but you would be very lucky to see this lovely creature with its bushy tail as they are very reclusive and largely nocturnal creatures sleeping in their elevated nest for most of the day. (This tail is quite unlike other mice that have almost naked ones).

The dormouse spends much of its waking hours clambering about in trees, shrubs, hedgerows and scrub and only rarely coming to the ground other than very occasionally, to sleep. As such it is rarely seen unless it is disturbed so you will be very lucky to see one at all but may find evidence of its presence. As it hibernates during the winter, you are very unlikely to find even this between November and February inclusive. If sufficient food is around they also sleep most of the night and are only active at dawn and dusk. In some parts of the country it is known as the Sleeper and its name derives from the French word dormer which means to sleep.

Unfortunately if unusually warm winters wake it up then it can starve to death and it may be that its

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future lies in more northerly parts of the country as we experience global warming.

Whilst rarely seen they can be located by the evidence of their diet in that hazel nut shells are a give away. In autumn, in order to put on the weight needed for hibernation, dormice like to feast on hazel nuts and open them in a fairly distinctive way. If you locate a fruiting hazel coppice tree it's worth foraging around below it for any of the empty nutshells that a dormouse has opened in the canopy and dropped. Squirrels and birds crack open the nuts leaving jagged edges or half shells but small rodents use a different technique. Dormice, wood mice and bank voles nibble a round, neat opening in the shell and experts can even tell which mammal by the teeth marks. They also eat berries and are partial to honeysuckle. Never comfortable at ground level, they normally make nests in the trees usually at mans' head height or higher.

Numbers are well down on figures from 25 years ago but have stabilised at about 40,000 and may now be slowly increasing.

The Dormouse has not been positively reported as being sighted in Leicestershire since 1976 although some evidence suggesting their presence was found in the 1980's. There is however, record from Rutland in the 1990's and they are certainly present just across the border into Northamptonshire as I caught a fleeting glimpse of one, early one morning, running up a hazel coppice in Fineshade.

Given our interests we probably spend as much time in the woods as anybody so can we help? Are dormice extinct in

Leicestershire? Have you seen one or any evidence of the presence?

If you have please let The Holly Hayes Environmental Resource Centre know and if possible let them have samples of the nuts. Tel 0116 267 1950 or email wildlife@leic.gov.uk

Whilst on the subject of extinction, 15 years ago the Pine Marten was declared extinct in England and Wales but pronouncements of their demise were a little premature.

Extremely elusive, this quite vicious predator had been persecuted by humans and had seen its habitat shrink and was thought to have been banished but it is staging a comeback.

Related to polecats, stoats, weasels and badgers they have recently been sighted in the Lakes, Northumberland, Wales, Yorkshire and parts of the Midlands in particular Cannock Chase. There is also a fairly solid population surviving in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Not universally welcomed, this once common creature feeds on small rodents, insects, birds and their eggs. They were poisoned by gamekeepers who feared their activities with game birds but they have been legally protected since 1988. It is difficult to work out how wide spread they are given they live in trees and are

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active at dusk and in the night but DNA sampling of droppings confirm their presence.

As previously reported where the pine marten thrives the red squirrel does better. The marten finds catching greys easier given they spend more time on the ground.

Efforts to restore natural areas and create new woodlands are providing opportunities to allow such creatures to increase their populations.

I recently spotted a large white mammal and watched it for some time whilst walking a woodland edge in Leicestershire. There had been reports earlier in the week about sightings of a white animal which it was thought might have been a stoat although as these only turn white in winter in the northern reaches of their territory, it seemed unlikely. There, they do go white as winter camouflage apart from the tail tip, in which state the stoat is known as ermine.

This creature I saw was about two foot long I am convinced it was a ferret which had escaped and gone 'wild'. The ferret is a domesticated version of the polecat once nearly extinct in England but now also slowly making a comeback. These fearsome killers are normally dark brown with a yellow under-fur and normally hunt the edges of woodland near water which is exactly the sort of terrain this creature was in. Like the pine marten, the polecat was thought, until recently, to be only surviving in Scotland and part of mid Wales but a number of road casualties and sightings have shown that it has re-colonised woodlands in much of central and southern England. 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 even occasionally more and being voracious killers, should help keep the population of rabbits down and perhaps more importantly the rapidly expanding population of rats. There is estimated to be a population of about 65,000 now, up from about 15,000 ten years ago. They will interbreed with escaped ferrets so our white visitor may yet find a mate.

Another back from extinction is the sea eagle. After an absence of about 200 years a wild sea eagle has been seen in Cumbria.

Whilst living wild, this nine month old female is actually one which was part of a release scheme in Fife and has a satellite tracking tag.

Cumbria was the home of the last breeding pair of sea eagles in England, way back in 1794 and whilst this specimen was almost certainly just ranging far and wide seeking food in a harsh winter it is cause for some encouragement that they may return to inhabit the Cumbrian area. This bird was patrolling the coast of the Solway Firth

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Roy Denney

Forthcoming LEI Events

Tuesday 9th June
Summer League Event
South Charnwood High School



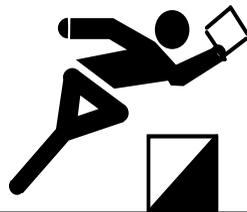
Tuesday 16th June
Summer League Event
Fosse Meadows

Wednesday 24th June
Summer Trailquest
Venue tbc



Saturday 27th February
District & East Midlands League
Event, Swithland Woods

Tuesday 30th June
Summer League & Radio (ARDF)
Event-The Outwoods



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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3rd	WMOA OD Local	OD Park Orienteering Race , Stoneleigh Park (NAC) Kenilworth , SP326716 Organiser: Chris McCartney, 02476306289 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: EMIT, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 6-30pm to 7-30pm www.octavian-droobers.org
4th	 EMOA LEI Local	LEI Local and Summer League Event , East Carlton Park Corby , SP833893 Organiser: Ian Wilson, 0116 232 2718 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On lead Start Times: 6.30pm to 7.30pm www.leioc.org
4th	EMOA LOG Local	LOG Summer Series , South Common Lincoln , SK979699 Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk , 01522 791344 Entry On Day: Senior £1.50, Junior £1.50, Student £1.50. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 6:30 - 7:30pm www.logonline.org.uk
4th	WMOA POTOC Local	POTOC Evening Leisure and Training Event , Barnswood Scout Camp Leek, Staffordshire , SJ949607 Organiser: Brenda Morgan, shenrymorgan@yahoo.co.uk , 01889 502355 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.50, Student £1.50. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: Register any time from 5 pm until 7 pm.Starts from 5.30 until 7 pm.Courses close at 8.30 pm. www.sisyphus.demon.co.uk/POTOC
4th	WMOA HOC Local	Kingsford SEE , Kingsford Forest Park Kidderminster , SO825818 Organiser: Andy Hemsted, SEE@harlequins.org.uk , 0121 382 6168 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. http://www.harlequins.org.uk/leagues_see.html
6th	EMOA DVO Local	DVO Score Event & BBQ , Riber Hillside Matlock , SK318564 Organiser: Paul Wright, cpstwright@tiscali.co.uk , 01773 856387 Entry On Day: Senior £0.00, Junior £0.00, Student £0.00. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: Registration 14:00 - 14:55Mass start 15:00 http://www.dvo.org.uk/details/riberdet.htm
7th	EMOA DVO Local	DVO Local Event (White to Brown) , Carsington Pastures Wirksworth , SK248546 Organiser: Stuart Swalwell, stuart.swalwell2412@mac.com , 01335 347814 Entry On Day: Senior £7.00, Junior £1.00, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 10:30 - 12:30 http://www.dvo.org.uk/details/carsdet.htm

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7th	EMOA NOC Local	NOC Summer League Local Event , Silverhill Wood Sutton in Ashfield , SK473622 Organiser: Pauline Olivant, org20090607@noc-uk.org Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. noc-uk.org
9th	EMOA LEI Local 	LEI Local and Summer League Event , South Charnwood High School Markfield , SK471093 Organiser: Peter Hornsby, 01530 456066 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 18:30 - 19:30 www.leioc.org.uk
10th	WMOA OD Local	OD Wed Evening Local event , Sowe Valley (Alan Higgs Centre) Coventry , SP360773 Organiser: Sue Bicknell, 0116 2547627 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: EMIT, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 6-30pm to 7-30pm www.octavian-droobers.org
14th	WMOA HOC Local	Uffmoor Wood , Uffmoor Wood Halesowen , SO951818 Organiser: Andrew White, uffmoor2009@harlequins.org.uk, 01215 548563 Entry On Day: Senior £7.00, Junior £2.00, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: No dogs in carpark - its a working stables. Dogs permitted in woods provided under control and paths not fouled. Start Times: 10:30 - 12:30 www.harlequins.org.uk/ fixtures.html
16th	EMOA LEI Local 	LEI Local and Summer League Event , Fosse Meadows Hinckley , SP489909 Organiser: Mark Hardy, 01455 273026 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 18:30- 19:30 www.leioc.org.uk
17th	WMOA OD Local	OD Park Orienteering Race , Abbey Fields Kenilworth , SP287723 Organiser: Julian Simpson, 01926 854881 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: EMIT, Dogs: Preferably on a lead Start Times: 6-30pm to 7-30pm www.octavian-droobers.org
18th	EMOA LOG Local	LOG summer series , Bourne Woods Bourne , SK860595 Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk, 01522 791344 Entry On Day: Senior £1.50, Junior £1.50, Student £1.50. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 6:30 - 7:30pm www.logonline.org.uk

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21st	EMOA NOC Local	NOC Summer League Local Event , Bramcote Hills and The Hemlockstone Stapleford , SK500384 Organiser: Simon Elliott, org20092106@noc-uk.org Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. noc-uk.org
23rd	EMOA LEI Local	 LEI Leicestershire County Schools Championships, Donisthorpe Woodland Park. SK318141. Organiser: Roger Edwards 0116 2127547, Closed Event.
24th	EMOA LEI Local	 LEI Summer Trailquest Event, venue TBC. Organiser: Dave Toach 0116 2996147. Dogs in car park only.
24th	WMOA OD Local	OD Park Orienteering Race , University of Warwick (nr Coventry) Kenilworth , SP300754 Organiser: Matthew Halliday, 024 7667 4615 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: EMIT, Dogs: On leads only Start Times: 6-30pm to 7-30pm
25th	WMOA HOC Local	Lickey Hills SEE , Lickey Hills Country Park Bromsgrove , SO998754 Organiser: David Williams, see@harlequins.org.uk, 0121 472 2296 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.harlequins.org.uk/leagues_see.html
27th	EMOA LEI Local	 EMOA League and Local Event , Swithland Woods and The Brand Leicester , SK513116 Organiser: Roy Denney, 0116 2338604 Entry fee: Senior £7.00, Junior £2.00, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: on lead Start Times: 10.30am till 12.30pm www.leioc.org.uk
28th	EMOA DVO Local	DVO Local Event , Hardwick Sutton in Ashfield , SK463637 Organiser: Mike Godfree, Mike.Godfree@btinternet.com Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £0.00. , Punch Type: None, Dogs: Dogs on lead in car park
30th	EMOA LEI Local	 LEI Local and Radio (ARDF) Summer League Event , Outwoods Loughborough , SK514159 Organiser: Mark Sherriff, 01530 417188 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On leads please Start Times: 18:30-19:30 www.leioc.org.uk

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1st	WMOA OD Local	OD Wed Evening Local Event & BBQ , Coombe Abbey Country Park Coventry , SP404794 Organiser: Robert Brandon, 024 7650 5050 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: EMIT, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 6-30pm to 7-30pm www.octavian-droobers.org
4th	EMOA DVO Local	Shipleigh Country Park Local Event , Shipleigh Country Park Hleanor , SK431454 Organiser: Mike Godfree, Mike.Godfree@btinternet.com, 01335 346004 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £0.00. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. www.dvo.org.uk
5th	EMOA NOC Local	NOC Summer League Local Event , Shirebrook Wood Shirebrook , SK536665 Organiser: Clare Claxton, org20090705@noc-uk.org Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. noc-uk.org
8th	 EMOA LEI Local	LEI Local and Summer League Event , Swithland and the Brand Leicester , SK537129 Organiser: Robert Haskins, 01509 842449 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 18:30-19:30 www.leioc.org.uk
8th	WMOA OD Local	OD Sutton Park Gates Run , Sutton Park (Near Town Gate Visitor Centre) Sutton Coldfield , SP115963 Organiser: Robert Brandon, 024 7650 5050 Entry On Day: Senior £2.50, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: None, Dogs: Preferably on a lead Start Times: 5.00 pm to 7.30pm www.octavian-droobers.org
9th	WMOA HOC Local	Arrow Valley SEE , Arrow Valley Park Redditch , SP066656 Organiser: John Pearson, see@harlequins.org.uk , 01527 458 460 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.harlequins.org.uk/ leagues_see.html
15th	WMOA OD Local	OD Wed Evening Local Event , Wedgnoek (Adventure Sports) Warwick , SP272673 Organiser: Barry Elkington, 01926 854639 Entry On Day: Senior £2.50, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: EMIT, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 6.30pm to 7.30pm www.octavian-droobers.org
16th	 EMOA LEI Local	LEI Local and Summer League Event , Common Hill Wood Ibstock Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.

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19th	WMOA OD Local	OD Local Event , Borough Hill Daventry , SP585622 Organiser: Andrew Skinner, 01926 858478 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: EMIT, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 10-30am to 12-30pm www.octavian-droobers.org
19th	EMOA NOC Local	NOC Summer League Local Event , Brierley Forest Park Sutton in Ashfield , SK481598 Organiser: Rhys Roberts, org20090719@noc-uk.org Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. noc-uk.org
21st	EMOA LEI Local	LEI Annual Orienteering Treasure Hunt , George Inn, Coleorton Leicester , SK390185 Organiser: Chris Bosley, 0116 236 3349 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: None, Dogs: Please keep under control and comply with local restrictions
		
22nd	WMOA OD Local	OD Stratford Street Score Event & Club BBQ , Stratford-upon-Avon Stratford-upon-Avon , SP203544 Organiser: Trevor Simpson, 01789 266343 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: None, Dogs: On lead around the town and at the BBQ - there may be family dogs there. Start Times: 6-30pm to 7-30pm
26th	EMOA LEI Local	LEI Local Summer League Event , Burrough Hill Melton Mowbray , SK766115 Organiser: Ian Wells, 01572 755419 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 11-12 AM www.leioc.org.uk
		
26th	EMOA NOC Local	NOC Summer League Local Event , Wollaton Park Nottingham , SK533393 Organiser: Samuel Horsewill, org20090726@noc-uk.org Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. noc-uk.org
29th	WMOA OD Local	OD Local Park Event , Tudor Grange Park Solihull , SP144794 Organiser: Mike Hampton, 01788 814465 Entry On Day: Senior £2.50, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: EMIT, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 6.30pm to 7.30pm www.octavian-droobers.org
29th	EMOA DVO Local	Bakewell Street Score Event , Bakewell Bakewell , SK217685 Organiser: Paul Beresford, paul@pberesford.fsnet.co.uk , 01302 751549 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £1.00, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. Start Times: Mass Start 19:15

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30th EMOA LEI Local **LEI Local and Summer League Event , Burbage Common Hinckley , SP451951**
Organiser: Alastair Paterson, 0116 2876940 **Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On Leads Start Times: 6.30-7.30** www.leioc.org.uk

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2nd- SOA Scottish 6 Days 2nd Scottish 6 Days - Day 1 , Dalrulzion Tayside ,
8th NO134579
Regional Organiser: Scott Fraser, highland.scotia@gmail.com Postal Entry:
Scottish Orienteering 6-day Event Tay 2009, PO Box
21594StirlingScotland, FK7 1BT, 2009entries@scottish6days.com.
Cheques payable to Scottish Six-Day-Tay 2009 Online entry through
www.fabian4.co.uk/default.aspx?EventID=152 Entry On Day: Senior
£0.00, Junior £0.00, Student £0.00. Pre-Entry Fees: 15/06/2009.
Senior £14.00, Junior £5.00, Student £5.00 , Punch Type: SI, No
dogs allowed. www.scottish6days.com/2009

SOA 3rd Scottish 6 Days - Day 2 , Kinnoull and Deuchny Tayside ,
NO162233
Organiser: Scott Fraser, highland.scotia@gmail.com No Entry On
Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed.
www.scottish6days.com/2009

SOA 4th Scottish 6 Days - Day 3 , Tullochroisk Tayside , NN712578
Organiser: Scott Fraser, highland.scotia@gmail.com No Entry On
Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed.
www.scottish6days.com/2009

SOA 5th Scottish 6 Days - Rest Day , Rest Day Tayside
Organiser: Scott Fraser, highland.scotia@gmail.com No Entry On
Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
www.scottish6days.com/2009

SOA 6th Scottish 6 Days - Day 4 , Tentsmuir Tayside , NO473268
Organiser: Scott Fraser, highland.scotia@gmail.com No Entry On
Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed.
www.scottish6days.com/2009

SOA 7th Scottish 6 Days - Day 5 , Barry Buddon Tayside , NO522328
Organiser: Scott Fraser, highland.scotia@gmail.com No Entry On
Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed.

SOA 8th Scottish 6-Days - Day 6 , Loch Ordie Tayside , NO002513
Organiser: Jackie Riley No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch
Type: SI, No dogs allowed. www.scottish6days.com/2009

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4th	EMOA LEI Local	 LEI Local and Summer League Event , Glenfield Urban Leicester Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
12th	EMOA LEI Local	 LEI Local and Summer League Event , Bradgate Park Swithland , SK542113 Organiser: Ursula Williamson, 01509 412132 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On leads please Start Times: 6.30-7.30 www.leioc.org.uk
12th	WMOA OD Local	OD Wed Evening Local Event , Ryton Pools Country Park Coventry , SP369725 Organiser: David Thacker, 01926 422552 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: EMIT, Dogs: On leads Start Times: 6-30pm to 7-30pm www.octavian-droobers.org
16th	EMOA NOC Local	NOC Summer League Local Event , Holme Pierrepont Netherfield/ Nottingham , SK612386 Organiser: Matthew Green, org20090816@noc-uk.org Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. noc-uk.org
18th	EMOA LEI Local	 LEI Local and Summer League Event , Ratby Woodlands Ratby , SK497061 Organiser: Mark Foxwell Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On leads please Start Times: 6.30- 7.30 www.leioc.org.uk
19th	WMOA OD Local	OD Wed Evening Local Event , Burton Dassett Hills Country Park Gaydon , SP396519 Organiser: John Boden, 01926 313371 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: EMIT, Dogs: On lead please. Start Times: 6-30pm to 7-30pm www.octavian-droobers.org
23rd	WMOA WCH Local	Tamworth Castle score event , Tamworth Castle grounds Tamworth , SK205041 Organiser: Allan Williams, allandsheena@tesco.net, 01827 899206 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. www.walton-chasers.co.uk
26th	WMOA OD Local	OD Wed Evening Local Event , Elmdon Park Solihull , SP161828 Organiser: Mike Hampton, 01788 814465 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: EMIT, Dogs: On leads please Start Times: 6-30pm to 7-30pm www.octavian-droobers.org

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Local****LEI Local and Summer League Event , Ibstock Ibstock , SK403112****Organiser: James Hornsby, 01530 456066 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On leads please Start Times: 18:30-19:30
www.leioc.org.uk****29th- YHOA
31st EBOR
Regional****The White Rose Weekend 29th Day 1 Regional Event , Bickley & Eberston Moor Pickering , SE898894
Organiser: Bill Griffiths, wr2009org@talktalk.net, 01751 467020
Postal Entry: White Rose Entries, 13 Stone Riggs, Stockton on Forest, York, YO32 9UG, wr2009ent@googlemail.com. Cheques payable to Eborienteers Online entry through wr2009ent@googlemail.com
Entry On Day: Senior £12.00, Junior £5.00, Student £5.00. Pre-Entry Fees: 04/06/2009. Senior £10.00, Junior £4.00, Student £4.00 , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On lead and only in assembly area
www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk****YHOA****30th Day 2 Regional Event , Bickley & Eberston Moor Pickering , SE898894
Organiser: Bill Griffiths, wr2009org@talktalk.net, 01751 467020
Postal Entry: White Rose Entries, 13 Stone Riggs, Stockton on Forest, YORK, YO32 9UG, wr2009ent@googlemail.com. Cheques payable to Eborienteers Online entry through wr2009ent@googlemail.com
Entry On Day: Senior £12.00, Junior £5.00, Student £5.00. Pre-Entry Fees: 04/06/2009. Senior £10.00, Junior £4.00, Student £4.00 , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On lead and only in assembly area
www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk****YHOA****31st Day 3 Team Relay , Bickley & Eberston Moor Pickering , SE898894
Organiser: Bill Griffiths, wr2009org@talktalk.net, 01751 467020
Postal Entry: White Rose Entries, 13 Stone Riggs, Stockton on Forest, York, YO32 9UG, wr2009ent@googlemail.com. Cheques payable to Eborienteers Online entry through wr2009ent@googlemail.com
Entry On Day: Senior £18.00, Junior £12.00, Student £0.00. Pre-Entry Fees: 04/06/2009. Senior £13.00, Junior £9.00, Student £0.00 , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On lead and only in assembly area
www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk**

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1st	EMOA LEI Local	LEI Local and Summer League Event , Beacon Hill Loughborough , SK521148 Organiser: Iain Tebbutt, 01827 880992 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: None, Dogs: on leads please Start Times: Junior courseSenior Course- mass start assemble 6.30pm for 6.45 pm www.leioc.org.uk
		
6th	WMOA WCH Local	Oldacre, Cannock Chase , Ansons Bank Stafford , SJ979171 Organiser: Tim Gray, tga.tim@btconnect.com, 01902 791325 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Dogs on leads. Start Times: 10.30 to 12.30 am www.walton- chasers.co.uk
13th	EMOA LEI Local	LEI Score Cup , Fosse Meadows Hinckley , SP484912 Organiser: Ben Windsor, 01788 823799 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On leads please Start Times: 11:00-12:00 www.leioc.org.uk
		
12th- 13th	YHOA AIRE Regional	Dales Weekend Regional Event 12th Day 1 , Kilnsey Skipton , SD974678 Organiser: Guy Patterson, guy.patterson1@ntlworld.com, 0113 252 1489 No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. www.aire.org.uk
	YHOA	13th Day 2 , Malham Skipton , SD897642 Organiser: Guy Patterson, guy.patterson1@ntlworld.com, 0113 252 1489 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed.
19th	EMOA NOC Local	Come & Try It , Burntstump Country Park Hucknall , SK575505 Organiser: Andrew Wallace, org20090919@noc-uk.org Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. noc-uk.org
20th	EMOA DVO Local	DVO Full Colour Coded Event, White to Brown , Calke Abbey Ticknall , SK367226 Organiser: Michelle Mackervoy, michellemackervoy@talktalk.net Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On lead www.dvo.org.uk
20th	WMOA OD Local	OD Local Event & West Midlands League , Oakley Wood & Ashorne Hill Warwick , SP310589 Organiser: Greta Greenall, 02476 419854 Entry On Day: Senior £7.00, Junior £3.00, Student £3.00. , Punch Type: EMIT, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 10-30am to 12-30pm www.octavian- droobers.org

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26th EMOA LEI Local **LEI Autumn Series and Winter League local event , Martinshaw Woods Groby , SK518069**
Organiser: Roger Edwards, 0116 2127547 **Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: Coaching at 10:00 , please bookRegistration 10:00 -12:00Starts 11:00-12:00**
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3rd EMOA DVO Local **DVO Club Championships , Harwick Park Chesterfield , SK460635**
Organiser: Liz Godfree **Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.**

4th WMOA WRE Regional **Regional Event , TBC Hopton**
No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.

4th EMOA NOC Local **Local Event , Harlow Wood Mansfield , SK552568**
Organiser: Edward Lloyd, org20091004@noc-uk.org **Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. noc-uk.org**

10th EMOA LEI Local **LEI Autumn Series Event , Castle Hill Country Park Leicester , SK555082**
Organiser: Judith Holt, 01827 61663 **Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On leads please Start Times: Coaching 10:00, please bookStarts 11-12** www.leioc.org.uk



18th EMOA LEI National **Compass Sport Cup Final , Fineshade Corby , SP990985**
Organiser: Chris Phillips, onecphillips@lineone.net, 0116 255 0330 **Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 10.30 to 13.30** www.leioc.org.uk



20th EMOA LEI Local **LEI Winter League Local Event , Ratby Burroughs Ratby**
Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.



26th EMOA LEI **LEI Annual General Meeting—Venue TBC**



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31st EMOA **LEI** **Local**  **LEI Autumn Series and Winter League Local Event , Watermead Country Park Leicester**
Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.

November 2009

1st EMOA Local Event , Byron's Walk Hucknall , SK513528
NOC Organiser: Ruedi Billeter, org20091101@noc-uk.org Entry On Day:
Local Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. noc-uk.org

8th WMOA Harlequins Regional Event , TBC Ludlow , SO579758
HOC Organiser: Charles Nelson, 01527 545030 Entry On Day: Senior
Regional £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.harlequins.org.uk

14th- EMOA 14th Veterans Home International Longshaw/Eyam
15th No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
Regional
EMOA 15th Veterans Home International Longshaw/Eyam
No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.

14th EMOA **LEI** **Local**  **LEI Autumn Series Local Event , Brocks Hill Oadby**
Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.

15th EMOA Regional Event , TBC Eyam , SK200780
DVO Organiser: Stuart Swalwell, stuart.swalwell2412@mac.com, 01335
Regional 347814 No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.dvo.org.uk

15th WMOA OD Local Event and Yvette Baker Round , Hay Wood & Wroxall
OD Warwick , SP206705
Local Organiser: Tony Feltbower, 01926 864465 Entry On Day: Senior
£7.00, Junior £3.00, Student £3.00. , Punch Type: EMIT, No dogs allowed. Start Times: Yvette Baker Trophy entrants 10-30am to 12 noon, others from 12 noon to 12-30pm www.octavian-droobers.org

22nd EMOA Local Event , Stapleford Woods Newark , SK861566
LOG Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk, 01522 791344
Local Entry On Day: Senior £0.00, Junior £0.00, Student £0.00. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 10:30 - 12:30
www.logonline.org.uk

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25th	EMOA LEI Local	 LEI Winter League Local Night Event , Burbage Common Hinckley Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed
28th	EMOA LEI	LEI Annual Dinner and Presentations Evening, Kirby Muxloe Golf Club. Menu and booking form in next newsletter.
29th	WMOA POTOC Local	West Midlands League Event , Swynnerton Training Area Stone, Staffordshire , SJ851329 Organiser: John Heaton, john.heaton@ntlworld.com, 01782 283023 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. www.sisyphus.demon.co.uk/POTOC

December 2009

13th	EMOA NOC Local	Local Event , Walesby Forest Ollerton , SK664703 Organiser: Ruedi Billeter, org20091213@noc-uk.org Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. noc-uk.org
13th	WMOA WCH National	National Event & Midlands Championships , Beaudesert, Cannock Chase Cannock , SK052132 Organiser: Jane Christopher, j.christopher22@btopenworld.com, 01785 660133 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: But not in the Scout Camp www.walton-chasers.co.uk
20th	EMOA DVO Local	Shipley Country Park - (White to Blue) , Shipley Country Park Heanor , SK340733 Organiser: Paul Beresford Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.dvo.org.uk
27th	WMOA OD Local	OD Club Xmas Relays , Woodcote Kenilworth , SP282692 Organiser: Peter Guillaume, 01926 511490 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
28th	EMOA LEI Local	 EMOA League and Local Event , Battram Woods, SK425093 Organiser: TBC Entry fee: Senior £7.00, Junior £2.00, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: on lead Start Times: 10.30am till 12.30pm www.leioc.org.uk

Next LEI Events

Saturday 27th June 2009

**Colour Coded District & East
Midlands League Event**

**Swithland Woods
and The Brand**

**SK512116 (Bradgate Old John CP)
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registration—not at machines)**

**Roy Denney
0116 233 8604**

**£7.00/£2.00
(£2.00 discount for BOF members on production
of current membership card)**

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(Card hire at registration £1.00)**