

LEI News

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The Newsletter of the Leicestershire Orienteering Club

Ramblings from the Chair



That's it - another Summer League ended, so the summer is over and of course the weather has improved. I missed the Ibstock event (fortuitously!) when I gather that the rain was coming in horizontally and several competitors were seen to be emptying the water not only from their O shoes but other parts of their attire. However it was not all bad and several evening provided that mix of a balmy evening, superb forest and competition that we all look forward to. Certainly the competition was fierce with the overall result being in doubt until the last event. Congratulations to Roger Edwards who beat Simon Ford by the narrowest of margins.

Next on our calendar of big events is the Compass Sport Cup and Trophy Final at

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Insurance—Action required by Planners



Since the club acquired its own SI kit we have taken out an insurance policy to cover losses. So far our only losses relate to SI kit so planners need to be aware of and follow the insurance requirements.

Equipment is only covered if in unoccupied vehicle concealed from view and fully locked. Kit must be stored in the named locations and these storage locations must be adequately secured.

We are covered for losses over £50, but you need to get a Crime Number from the police before making a claim. You are covered for losses over £100 if put out controls the day before an event but

- ◆ I must pre -notify our Insurers,

- ◆ boxes can only be in remote locations ie off paths or public spaces and
- ◆ only put out on the day before.

You are not covered for equipment in your car overnight.

So please notify me if you intend to put out controls the day before with details of what you intend to do. i.e. Location, when you are going to start and a brief description of the area.

Roger Edwards
Treasurer

UKCC Level 1 Coaching

UKCC Level 1 Coaching 3 days course is being run at Groby Community College and Berry Hill on 7th Nov, 28th Nov and 5th Dec.

Cost is £195 but some bursaries are available to Club members through the Treasurer. -In return 15 hours coaching needs to be delivered.

A prerequisite is light green experience and attendees will also to obtain first aid certificate to qualify. Further details from Judith Holt

Closing date for applications to Pauline Olivant is **1st October**

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Fineshade on 18th October. We shall be hosting teams from 22 clubs from all over the United Kingdom. LVO representing Northern Ireland are flying in to East Midlands for the weekend and WCOG are booking their coach to leave the North West in the early hours of the morning. Whilst we don't have the organisation complexity of the British Middles we shall need a lot of help to ensure a smooth running day and provide our visitors with a quality event.

Two things that you may not know about the Compass Sport Final (I didn't until recently) One: there is a competition for

the fastest run in from the final control. The winner is awarded the Golden Shoe. Two: the winning teams get champagne and sweets!

Elsewhere in the Newsletter are details of the two major social functions of our year. The Annual General Meeting and the Club Dinner and Presentation Evening, both of which have moved to new venues this year. Please give both events your support.

Chris Phillips

Coaching

Congratulations to the club members who have gained the following coaching awards:

Teaching Orienteering Part 1

- ◆ Birthe Richter-Wilson

UKCC Level 1 Certificate in Orienteering Coaching

- ◆ Chris Bosley
- ◆ John Marriott
- ◆ Ben Windsor

UKCC Coach Assessor

- ◆ Judith Holt

Learning to coach is great way to focus on the technical skills of orienteering. The UKCC level 1 course is a three day course with the assessment being integrated into the final day of the course. You will see that a course is advertised on the opposite page but unfortunately the closing date will probably have passed before you receive this newsletter. However other course dates can be found on the British Orienteering website (www.britishorienteering.org.uk). If you are interested in becoming a coach please contact the club's coaching coordinator Judith Holt (contact details on page 3) who will be able to advise you.

Treasurer's Report 2008/09



The turnover through the club account doubled this year with the promotion of the British Middle Distance

Championships and the grants for Sport England, National Forest Company and the Country Sports Authorities. There is a significant deficit of some £3,300.

Some of this was planned as we intended to spend over £5,000 on the purchase of SI electronic timing equipment, with the

cost being spread over several years.

We did however make a loss on the British Middle Distance Championship of £840, despite obtaining over £1,300 in sponsorship. The main reasons were the cost of litho map printing, when we had only budgeted for laser printing, and the need to insure the £30,000 of projection and SI equipment for the weekend. We will bear these lessons in mind for future events, ie entry fees need to be raised.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Membership Fees	390	Memberships	110
Surplus from events	3,270	Committee Expenses	420
Club shop	190	Newsletter	440
Permanent Courses	610	Donation	40
Commissioned mapping	550	Team Entries	160
Interest received	130	Publicity	30
Club of Year Prize	200	Mapping expenses/surveys	780
Equipment Grants	3,270	Schools/POC Mapping	690
Grants & Gifts	<u>2,530</u>	Laser printing	1,440
		Software & OS Copyrights	260
		Event Equipment	660
		Equipment bought from Grants	3,270
		Insurance	350
		Depreciation of Equipment	1,430
		Development Expenses	100
		Permanent Courses	700
		Extended Activities & Grow Initiative	
		(After-school clubs)	2,050
		Trophies incl. Special clothing	1,260
		Purchase of stock	<u>230</u>
Total Income	11,140	Expenditure Total	14,420

In August the Committee considered the budget for 2009/10 and a number of changes are planned. In order to encourage casual members to join the club the national Discount scheme will operate at all events rather than just large events. The fees for Winter League will therefore be £5 for non-club member adults. There will be a £1 hire charge for SI equipment at all these events too. With Family membership for the first year being only £9 we hope to see more members joining LEI and claiming their £2 event fee reduction. To mitigate this extra charge we will apply the Junior rate to Short courses at minor events, so that families going round, for instance, the yellow course will only be charged £1 per map.

We will withdraw the subsidy to those running in the CompassSport Events and

British & JK Relays and instead will offer free runs to all helpers at LEI events. So now is the time to volunteer to help at Wakerley and Beacon Hill, etc.

The cost of sending out LEI news now exceeds the income raised from Membership subscriptions we therefore will put to the October AGM an increase in subscriptions, the new rates are Seniors/Families £6 and Juniors £3. If agreed, these increases will come into effect in 2011.

The convention of having standard entry fees for events will be broken and more events will be individually priced to ensure the income covers the costs. We hope that all the above measures will bring a break even situation for 2009/10.

Roger Edwards

East Midlands Development Day

7th November at Groby Community College

Club members over 14 are invited to join one of the courses on offer

Organiser, Planner, Introductory Mapping, Grade 3 Controller, Grade 2 Controller

New volunteers should consider attending the Organiser course first as this covers the framework in which orienteering takes place. Older juniors should apply for the planner or full coaching course.

Further details are on the EMOA web site or from Chris Phillips or Roger Edwards

Applications must be made to Pauline Olivant
pauline@britishorienteering.org.uk by the closing date

Saturday 24th October

Social Report



ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER and AGM

This year's dinner is at a new venue offering better value and is to be on Saturday November 28th. You are asked to gather from 7.00 at Kirby Muxloe Golf Club (off Station Road) and we will be sitting down at 7.45.

We have a private function room and should not use the main bar which is reserved for members.

First course choice is from melon; a seafood salad; chicken liver pate or winter vegetable soup. Main courses will be a carvery; salmon or cheese and onion with a choice from Pavlova, fresh fruit salad or cheese to follow

This year the cost per person will be £18.

Please advise Roger Edwards of your choice for each course by November 13th by using the enclosed return slip or by email and either let him have your cheque or transfer funds electronically to the Club's bank.

This is a smart venue and we have some rules to abide by. Gentlemen are required to wear Jackets and ties. And ladies should wear appropriate dress although that is not defined. The following items of clothing are however not accepted: trainers, shorts, denim clothing, jeans, T-shirts, sleeveless or collarless shirts.

The use of mobile phones is not permitted in the Clubhouse and they must be switched off. They may be used for outgoing calls only in the foyer areas

of the building.

This year's AGM is on Monday 26th of October and again we have a change of venue and format. Please note both these dates in your diaries. We are again to gather from 7.00 and drinks will be available and light nibbles provided by the club. We will be meeting at Park House, the home of Glenfield Parish Council off Stamford Street in Glenfield, and catering will be in house. The formal meeting will start at 7.30 prompt and the agenda is given elsewhere in this newsletter.

OTHER SOCIALS

We have our traditional Christmas event which this year is at Aylestone Meadows on an updated map. We have booked a room at the Black Horse and will be laying on some nibbles after the event. Parking is a bit limited in the small car park by the canal so you may have to find somewhere in the nearby streets.

Social gatherings are a good way of involving members in the club family which helps when we need to turn to members for help with jobs. The sport is a solitary one and it is important that we make members feel part of the overall organisation.

If you have any ideas for another social event we may try and slot one in early in the new year. In the past we have had the occasional quiz or skittles evening and depending on numbers could try the same again but any new ideas are

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Annual General Meeting



The AGM of the Leicestershire Orienteering Club will be held on Monday 26th October 2009, commencing at 7.30pm. The venue is the Glenfield Parish Rooms, Glenfield.

Agenda AGM 2008

Apologies for absence
Declaration of membership numbers
Approval and signing of minutes of last annual general meeting
Matters arising from those minutes
Chairman's Report on past year
Matters arising from Chairman's Report
Treasurers report and budget projections for coming year
Matters arising from Treasurers Report
Independent Financial Examiners Report
Approval of Accounts
To note changes to the Committee Standing Orders
Club Membership Fees for coming year.
President's remarks and election of Chairman
(New) Chairman's address and plans for coming year
Election of other Principal Officers (Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer)
Election of Committee
Election / adoption of Independent Financial examiner
Election of President, Honorary Members

The meeting will be followed by an open forum with light refreshments provided

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welcome as are expression of interest to allow us to judge whether the demand is there. There has been a suggestion for a wine tasting / cheese and wine night and

a family BBQ or picnic after an appropriate event is being considered.

Roy Denney
Social Secretary

Junior Section

Yvette Baker Trophy—8th November—Wakerley Woods



If you are a Junior member of Lei or a parent of a Junior, LEI would love to put out a full Junior Team for this LEI event. For those of you who aren't sure of what this is, it's an interclub event, effectively an inter-county competition for juniors (M/W 20 and under). As LEI is a small club with only a number of Junior members, we would love to include any Junior who is willing to run. Adult courses will be available on the same day so parents can run too but obviously not count towards the Yvette Baker score.

All LEI club juniors and attendees at this club are eligible to participate, there's no selection.

To score points for the Club, a Junior can enter Yellow, Orange, Light Green or Green and LEI gets the best chance of scoring points by entering at least sixteen Juniors with a mixture of ages and M/W classes over the different courses.

Whilst entries to run are made on the day, as for a normal event, it would be good to know beforehand of Juniors who plan to take part. Please speak to Alison Hardy (Club Captain) or one of the Club coaches, contact details are on the inside cover of this newsletter.

Alison Hardy

Summer Events Roundup



Summer was a time for celebration of a year's achievements. The club was invited for the first time to be part of a celebration evening at County Hall in July. We joined the Primary Schools Cross-Country winners for a hot evening. The County Council Chairman presented many awards including those to the five main County-wide winners (see table opposite):

Awards were also presented to the Club league winners: Dominic Leake, Imogen Wilson and James Gath.

Mike Hamilton, Chief Executive of British Orienteering, was our guest speaker and he

Team	Abington High School Girls Year 8
Individuals	Nathan Lawson and Dominic Leake
Best Individual	Harriet Lawson
Volunteer	James Gath

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rounded off the evening before the rush to find some refreshments to and consume the substantial buffet.

The first 'County' Schools was held at Donisthorpe in late June and teams from year 5/6 and 7/8 came. In the morning Primary Event Melton and Belvoir SSP represented by Frisby Primary school dominated proceedings and won the pairs competition and also the non-championship individual event.

For some, speed took precedence over careful navigation, with some poor results from not looking at the map, but some good runs from those who did.

In the second white course, the individual, the girls' Cross Country running skills came to the fore with five girls being in front of

Pos	Name	Points
1	Melton & Belvoir	36
2	North West Leicestershire	39
3	Hinckley & Bosworth	45

the first boy.

In the afternoon, the team from Oadby & Wigston outperformed the team from Melton & Belvoir represented by Longfield High School. The greater experience arising from the Oadby & Wigston's inter high school sprint competition proving a decisive factor, especially in the boys competition.

The Girl's event, on a yellow course, was the closest with the lead swapping twice with

Rachel Borrowes, Abington HS, beating Polly Machin, Longfield HS, by 9 seconds. Both were nearly 5 minutes clear of the next girl. If interested, each of them is capable of gaining a position in the East Midlands Squad. The girls' team results using cross-country

Pos	Name	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Oadby & Wigston	16	25	41
2	Melton & Belvoir	39	30	69

scoring system were also close.

Full results and split times are on the club web site www.leioc.org.uk

The 2010 County event is scheduled for Friday June 18th, at a new venue. Before then schools are considering attending this Autumn's British Schools Championships. The Score event is on Saturday 10th October in Essex and the Long distance (colour coded) event is on Sunday 22nd November in the North East. Welbeck College are sending a team and their final practice will be in a whole school one hour score event on Tuesday and Thursday before in the Outwoods. Nearly 300 are expected over the two days making this the biggest junior event in the county for ten years. The Tuesday event is open to others including adults.

Schools are invited to send pupils to the Inter-county event being hosted by the club on Sunday 8th November at Wakerley Woods. The Club captain, Alison Hardy, would be interested in any secondary pupil.

Roger Edwards

Junior Section continued

New Junior Committee Representative



Hi. I'm Daniel Parsons and have been asked by the committee to become Junior Rep now Ben Windsor is off to Cambridge. I first heard of the opportunity at the back end of July and jumped at the chance to join. Although I do not officially take office until the AGM, I attended the August committee meeting. This was extremely interesting and enabled me to experience the inner workings of an orienteering club. Believe me there is tremendous amount of work going on behind the scenes that will benefit all, and especially the juniors.

My predecessor, Ben Windsor has done a terrific job and it was evident from that first meeting that he had put in a lot of effort for the juniors and I would like to thank him for his work. Not only has he competed well, but he has been heavily involved in event

organisation, and this makes him a hard act to follow. I'm really going to have to brush up on my navigation technique.

Living near Northampton makes frequent involvement in the club a little difficult as I am reliant on my Dad to be chauffeur. However I persuaded him to volunteer to help at the British Middles and we'll be doing the same at the Compass Sport Cup Final. We do find it difficult to participate in Summer evening series, but if you live close by try them out next year.

Finally if anyone has any suggestions regarding juniors do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is O5ParsonsD@campion.northants.sch.uk and I will be most willing to relay these suggestions to the committee.

Daniel Parsons

Autumn Series



The Saturday morning Autumn Series is along similar lines to previous years and all are welcome. Coaching starts at 10am prompt, please advise the Coaching Co-ordinator you are coming so appropriate sessions can be prepared. We are using some familiar areas but have new starting points for the middle two events.

- ◆ 26th September (Groby Community College)
- ◆ 10th October (Heatherbrook Community Centre)
- ◆ 31st October (Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre)
- ◆ 14th November (Parklands, Oadby).

Mairead Roche



Mairead lives in Kettering but attended school in Oakham in 2007/09. She has been in the Orienteering Start Squad for some years, and in 2008/9 was one of 6 girls in the GB Junior squad. She has been following her brother's path, and 2009 was her first British Championship win.

In 2008/9 she achieved the best performances for her age in the country. This culminated in selection for the Junior World Championship in Italy in July 2009. Her excellent performances were not repeated on a world stage where she was 35th in the Sprint Championship and her team was 19th in the relay.

She peaked to good effect for the Major Championships. Her best period was at Easter when the JK International Festival is held. There are three disciplines in orienteering and she was first on day 1 in the Sprint winning by over a minute in a time of 18 minutes. The following day she won the Middle Distance Championship and the Final Day was second in the Long-distance event. She was overall winner for the week end, based on combined times on the Middle and Long-distance events, by over three minutes. In May she won the W18 British Long distance Championship, and the following weekend she ran up in the next age

group and was 5th in the British Middle Distance and 5th in W18 in the British Sprints, failing to qualify for the Open final by a few seconds.

For the club she entered the Open Ladies class in the Regional Heat of the National knock-out cup Club competition and gained third place two minutes behind the winner, a former British Ladies Champion.

Orienteering involves endurance running as well as good navigation techniques. Mairead therefore competes at cross country, on the track and road against the best in her age group. She has a string on good performance in 2009 she was 9th in Midlands Championship (2nd Northamptonshire Junior) in January, 4th in the Ladies Northamptonshire Championship, 60 in the National Cross County and 84 in the Inter-counties. She was 7th In World Championship and Commonwealth Games Mountain Trial in September 2008. She was also 3rd in the English Schools Fell Running championship

Last year she was 21st the best placed GB Junior Lady at the 2008 European Youth Orienteering Championships in September in Switzerland.

Roger Edwards

Chronicles of Retired Man Time and Money



Retired Man went camping in Fontainebleau, France for 3 days of orienteering. He was doing well except for one

control on the first day, the second day and the third day 'at least your orienteering is consistent' I quipped. A highlight of his trip was taking his push bike and cycling through the forests, although one day he got soaked to the skin in an unexpected downpour. It did not stop him from annoyingly and repeatedly telling me 'In France I would just be getting up now they are an hour behind.' 'In France . . . etc etc . . . In France.

A few days later he was going to The Scottish Six days with Peter Hornsby and sharing a house with Chris Bosley & The Middletons. Peter Hornsby was going to pick him up on the Saturday morning. On the Friday evening I hadn't had time to cut up the tray of fresh-baked flapjack into individual pieces (Peter is very fond of flapjack) when my lift to Mablethorpe arrived. So I hurried out of the door shouting 'Don't forget the flapjack and isn't it time you thought about packing!'

Saturday morning 'Hello this is Mablethorpe calling, are you all packed & ready to go?'. A sleepy-voiced Retired Man replies 'I'm waiting for the mobile phone alarm to go at 7.30am then I'm getting up to pack.' Sharp intake of breath from Mablethorpe 'But it's 8.20am right now.....!!' End of conversation, panic packing. Oh dear I guess **in**

France it was only 7.20am

Now the Scottish Six Days lasts even longer than six days because when you get back there's all that plotting of GPS tracks and comparing your run with the winner and with other LEI members, mulling over maps, learning from your mistakes etc etc which kept Retired Man from under feet for days & days THANK YOU Scottish Six Day People.

Retired Man did return from Scotland with a bad back (and possibly a tick bite) so all this armchair orienteering was suitable therapy. He also earned a new nickname 'Heinz' and coffee in a bluey-green baked bean mug; all because he came 57th. There was also this desire to learn more cooking skills, (he was impressed by Peter's chicken,) this enthusiasm seems to have tailed off/**petered** out.

Peter confessed a few days later that I had his sympathy, looking after John was hard work. It's probably that he is always the last to be ready, or can't find his keys or his wallet???

After Scotland the wallet was missing for about a week, Peter searched his car, no, it wasn't there.

Coincidentally Roy e-mailed me a video clip of, I think it's a young Billy Connolly, singing a song entitled 'I can't find my wallet or my car keys' with a note 'Does this remind you of anybody'. Now it does resemble John. I haven't heard the voice 'cos I have to admit I don't know how to

get this computer to make noises and if I ask John again he'll just throw his arms in the air in utter despair at my appalling computer skills.

I haven't been to many Summer League events this year but I did manage the Sunday morning Burrough on the Hill meeting accompanied by a brown (technically 'liver') spotted Dalmatian dog called Millie who was holidaying with us for a week. Her owner said that liver spotted Dalmatians are quite rare and admired in the southern parts of England, but the heathen Northerners would have them drowned at birth!! I thought it best not to mention that I come from Sale, near Manchester. Millie & I walked lots of the footpaths in Cropston & Thurcaston and discovered several paths that are inaccessible to larger dogs because the stiles are not dog-friendly. Little dogs can be lifted over. Where there aren't any holes in the hedge or those dog flaps that can be raised, I struggled with a difficult, wriggling dog, and attempted to lift her over the stiles. These attempts were probably funny enough to appear on Candid Camera but were not appreciated by Millie or my back. I am considering a political career with dog-friendly stiles the major point on my manifesto. Any readers wishing to support this motion please get in touch. At the moment the best stile, awarded the "Marks & Spencer" title by my friend Chris(tine) and myself, is the stile where the footpath from Hallgates /Horseshoe Cottage, Bradgate diagonally crosses the cattle field and this wonderful stile with hand holds, non-slip netted foot treads and a DOG FLAP leads over the stream & into Swithland Wood. (Attempt at Grid Reference 540118) Please don't snitch on me to the Duke of Edinburgh if I've got the GR wrong. If any one wishes to contact me to nominate a stile for an

award please get in touch. I expect photos would help.

Sence Valley in early August was a peaceful place mainly because I had turned up on the Saturday & the Farmer's Market/ introduction to Orienteering, archery, canoeing was on Sunday!!

I had been hoping to meet Roger Edwards but apparently he was getting himself locked out of his daughter's house with his car keys locked inside. Not a problem, just run the several miles home.

All went well for the Sunday and hopefully the team (Ursula & Roger W, Roger E & Roger K) spread the word about our sport. A sleepy Retired Man appeared later on having returned from the 6 Days at midnight on the previous evening

Saturday Aug 22nd and the 'Come & Try Orienteering' team were in action again at Watermead. The team numbers were swollen with help from the Hardy family, Jenny Williamson, Chris P. and Pauline Olivant. The first task was moving the club tent relative to an already erected gazebo to a position that satisfied all criteria: closed to Joe Public & suitable dumping ground for personal stuff, open access to Joe P. with tables sheltered from any possible rain, chocolates shaded from the sunshine, space to move about, how many sides are doors, how many are windows? etc etc

Well this tent got moved & shunted & moved again until we were satisfied; so how come it looked very similar to how we first started?. Soon we were competing with the Punch & Judy man to attract the kids attention. Lollipops and a

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downhill run from the mammoth were our star attractions and lots of children & adults enjoyed the string course and other orienteering activities.

Roger Kelly gave me the empty lollipop jar, Chris P looked puzzled so Retired Man explained 'She is always making useful things out of rubbish' so Chris joked that 'She hadn't had much success with you.'

Ahhh but I haven't given up yet.

There was a lot of discussion at Watermead about the fees for Fineshade and Chris P was explaining all the extra costs that are incurred when staging a major event e.g. parking, access, and toilets etc perhaps if you tick a relevant box on your entry forms to bring your own potty & loo paper, promise to dispose of your faeces at home and then you can pay less.

While we were at Watermead, our milkman forgot to leave us our 2 pints of semi for the weekend. It was Sunday morning when the imminent shortage of milk was observed, and Retired Man offered to get some more when he cycled the couple of miles to Anstey Co-op.

'You'll need a **strong** carrier bag for the milk and all those supplements with the Sunday Times' I suggested. Getting all macho, John says he 'can manage with the paper & milk dangling from the handlebars in a **normal** carrier bag' and 'how much milk would I like?' Thinking of the bumps in the road, weight of milk etc I decide to give him a fighting chance and ask for 2 pints. 'That's not enough' says Macho Man 'I'll get 4 pints.'

I despair.

Off he cycles down the uppy downy Cropston Rd, past the allotments and on to Anstey Co-op.

About twenty minutes later he reappears all sheepish and quiet.

Now I'm sure my readers have finished the tale with visions of spilt milk on the tarmac **but wait.....**

'I've used my coupon to buy the paper but I couldn't get any milk as I had no money. By the way have you seen my wallet anywhere?

*Long suffering
Mrs Retired Man
Irene Marriott*

Teacher Part 1 Course 13th October 2009

This is an introduction to coaching in schools and is useful to club members willing to support the club coaches prior to events or at Country Fairs, etc. or who might be interested in the full coaching qualification eventually.

The next course is on Tuesday 13th October at Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre and the fee is £45. There are bursaries available.

Further details from Roger Edwards or Judith Holt.

Recent events update

Swithland & The Brand

27th June



It is a while since this area was used on its own for a full colour coded event (May 2004) as it more often used in conjunction with Bradgate Park. Parking was at Bradgate's Hall Gates car park

Brown	Stewart Fishwick	IND	M21	58:37
Blue	Alex Campbell	BASOC	M60	63:49
Green	David Bray	LEI	M55	49:35
Lt Green	Harrison McCartney	OD	M12	40:31
Orange	Christine Elliott	NOC	W50	31:25
Yellow	Ella-Rose McCartney	OD	W10	14:29
White	Edward Scaife	WAOC	M11	13:02

which meant a longish walk to the start. Indeed the organiser, Roy Denney, spent much of his time ferrying helpers and occasionally competitors to/from the start/finish. The weather was excellent and the courses well planned by Bob Haskins and controlled by John Marriott. We even had a visitor from Tasmania so it could be thought of as an international event. The longer courses even had the privilege of entering the "private garden" of The Brand which is a fascinating area.



Score Cup

Fosse Meadows

13th September



Score events are not everyone's cup of tea so a turnout of 60+ competitors for this event is a decent

Score Cup				
1	David Lawson	DVO	M45	510
2	Roger Phillips	LEI	M21	490
3	Andrew Jackson	DVO	M45	490
Yellow	Abigail Leake	IND	W12	21:06

attendance. The event was organised/Planned by Ben Windsor before his departure to Cambridge University. Congratulations to David Lawson, the 2009 Score Cup Champion, just pipping Roger Phillips and Andrew Jackson. A special mention must go to Michael Parsons who punched the greatest number of controls but by being somewhat outside of the 45 minute limit found his score almost halved by penalty points. Well done also to Abigail Leake, winner of the Yellow course.

Swiss O Week – August 2009



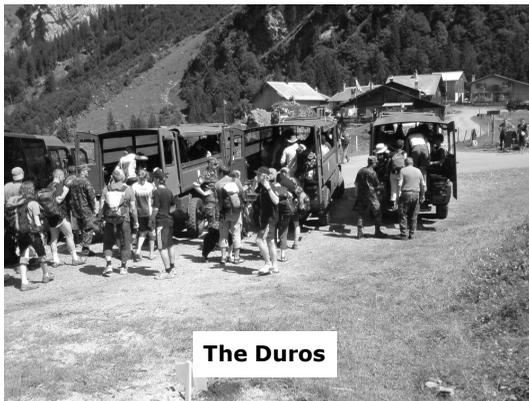
We presented ourselves at registration with a large feeling of trepidation, our first multi day event and our first experience of orienteering abroad. After many hours on the road the valley of Muotatal did not immediately look like an obvious choice for 6 days of orienteering. It had been many years since I had tried out my "German" and I was quite aware that what I did remember may be of limited use in this part of Switzerland. What a relief to be given a booklet covering everything, left page in German the right page in English - what a gift! It soon became obvious that the event was very well organised. From our allocated pitch at the event campsite, a farmer's land temporarily transformed into a site for 1,000 runners, we could access the daily transport at our specifically allotted travel times. Swiss precision.

On Saturday evening the moody skies exploded with colour as fireworks marked the National Day's celebrations. Their rumble through the valley heightened the tension as we mulled what our first day would have in store.

Stage 1 was a short, wet sprint around the Canton's capital Schwyz and overnight the rain continued, forcing some campers to shelter inside at the event centre. We began to wonder if we had made the right choice as weather reports seemed better for the Scottish 6 days which was also on over the same days.

Our first mountain stage (Schwialppass –

promoted as the "varied day") on Stage 2 began with a 50 minute ride, tightly



The Duros

packed into military transport (duros) which conveyed us from the valley via numerous hairpin bends to a remote, misty, rain swept mountain pass. For Ben (5 years) the transport would prove to be the highlight of his trip. From the assembly are the 2 km walk to the start was through alpine pastures with the sound of distant cowbells ringing eerily somewhere out on the misty slopes. Whilst not quite the views depicted in the pre-event publicity, it was very pleasant but strange to have the opportunity to orienteer at this altitude over this ground.

Generally the terrain was pleasant to run across, but that changed when the courses headed into complex sections of limestone pavement. These were to feature and test us over the next few days. Unfortunately our experience was marred by a two hour wait for our return

transport. We waited, along with about 200 other runners, in torrential rain without shelter. We learnt later that the military had mistakenly been sent home early. A slight flaw in the Swiss military precision but thankfully transport did eventually get us back to base.

As the extremely heavy rains continued into the evening, race officials announced that a landslide had affected access to the planned Stage 4.

In improving weather, Stage 3 (Glattalp – the “arctic day”) was spectacular, taking place from a height of around 1900 m above sea level. After more military transport, the 4.2 km walk in climbed 700 meters and took us over an hour. Sadly, this apparently proved too much for one 59 year old competitor who suffered a fatal heart attack. The start was above a mountain hut and our courses made a circuit of this high level grassy plateau with its spectacular lake. Courses made use of the numerous pits and a more extensive area of limestone pavement for control sites which tested (and exposed) micro navigational skills (or lack of them).

Wednesday was a welcome rest day and in glorious day we biked down the valley to take the funicular railway to Stoos, and then cable cars to the stunning viewpoint overlooking Lake Lucerne.

With continued sunshine, Stage 4 (Chinzig-Seenalp – the “breathtaking day”) originally planned to be Stage 6, involved a hot and dusty ride in the duros and a lengthy walk in of over 950m with 180m of ascent. A precariously perched portaloo by the start at an altitude of around 1900m above sea level was quite a sight, and you really needed courage to step inside and trust its stability. Courses gradually worked across the generally grassy and

stony mountain slopes, maximising the intricate contour details, to drop competitors back down to the finish area which was sited alongside the now swollen stream. Most then took advantage of a welcome soak for their hot, tired feet. From the rolled up windows of the duros we had amazing views on the return journey.

After the mountainous days, the dense woodland for the middle distance race of Stage 5 (Gibel – the “rough day”) came as quite a contrast and rather a shock. Our runs were tough and the terrain was most definitely rough! The established woodland had dense undergrowth covering the boulders beneath. Although the terrain was shown as mainly white or light green on the map the consensus was that this was rather optimistic, and the array of grazed bodies suggested much was more “fight”.

I had a pretty good result on this stage but this was essentially down to adopting



the approach of walking on a direct bearing. Mark was less successful but I am partly to blame. We met up mid-course and I had kindly offered to indicate where I thought we were but in my haste I pointed out the wrong pit! I have not been forgiven and I am sure

Mark will eagerly recount the details if you dare to mention this to him!

Continued access problems resulting from the earlier landslide left us heading for bed not knowing whether we had completed our final day of orienteering. However, early morning news was that there was to be one more day, with Stage 6 returning to the Gibel area for hastily arranged courses.

Unfortunately, transport could only be partly provided so we all had a steep walk back up the hillside, on a single track road that zigzagged through the otherwise tranquil hamlets. Goodness knows what the locals, let alone the animals, made of this unusual intrusion.

Unfortunately for Ben, despite a supreme effort to walk up to the event area, a string course was not available. He was able to proudly claim his mini O kite and a certificate to show he had completed each of the courses but we had a final race before we could claim our memento.

The terrain was just as tough on a second visit and we also had to rely on the accuracy of our own hand drawn courses as pre-printed maps were understandably not available.

After a fairly poor final run, I had difficulty locating the correct enormous pit on the latter part of my course. I was frustrated to hear the hubbub from the tantalisingly near, but desperately elusive, finish area. Worse still, I kept passing a guy with a video recorder and feared my errors were being captured for posterity.

You can imagine my horror, when at the after event party I did appear briefly on the video. Fortunately, I look like I have dibbed the correct control (although appearances may be deceptive) as opposed to the chap who was seen

dashing backwards and forwards like something from a Monty Python film just above the elusive pit. Whilst you cannot witness my actual moment of fame, there are bits of promotional video on the net if you want to get a feel for the event. We are proud owners of a SOW



penknife, our memento for completing the event.

Overall our results were not great and some of the courses were declared void, but we competed and completed each day. Photographs, video clips and results, including those for John and Mairead Roche who were also there, can be found on the event website www.swiss-o-week.ch plus links to the event maps on route gadget at www.olternativ.ch/gadget/cgi-bin/reitti.cgi We really enjoyed the experience, it was quite an adventure but we are already considering going to the next Swiss O in 2011 if you fancy swelling the numbers from LEI. To break up the journey home it was off to Zermatt for a rest, well from the orienteering at least!

Alison Hardy

Club Night ?

What do you do when the summer league comes to an end?

How about an LEI orienteering club night?

Suggested programme

- ◆ Score competition techniques,
- ◆ micro O at schools grounds,
- ◆ Running training,
- ◆ Strength and Flexibility training,
- ◆ Street O,
- ◆ making use of Permanent courses,
- ◆ How to use Route Gadget

Suggested venue

- ◆ Groby Community college

The club committee would like *your* views - please go to the questionnaire on the club website (www.leioc.org.uk) to let us know whether you would be interested. The questionnaire will be available until Monday 19th October.



The view from the start/finish on stage 3 of the Swiss O' Week (see opposite)

Summer League 2008



The 2009 summer league finished on the 1st September with a well

received score at Beacon Hill for which all the control sites were benches! Congratulations to all summer league winners listed. This years competition was one of the most closely contested for several years with Roger Edwards and Simon Ford going into the last event with less than a point between them. In the end Roger came out slightly ahead to become this years Summer League Champion.

I hope that you enjoyed this years league. As usual we were looking to keep up to date with new trends in the sport. This year this included more urban and sprint style events. Our urban events have been hybrids covering a mix of park or woodland as well as streets. This included more traditionally mapped events at Castle Hill and Glenfield as well as using the new sprint specification maps of Market Bosworth and Ibstock from Sence. If you are not familiar with the format, I would mend a look at routegadget for the Ibstock even; a lot of route choice decisions and small mistakes were often costly. The same applies to sprint and we continued with 2 sprints this year on a new map of Loughborough university and at Guthlaxton high school. Both used a prologue and chasing start format. A lot more fun that a single sprint race, the chasing start really does put on the pressure and force errors! This year also saw the first time radio-O had been included in the summer league with Bob

Titterington running a score event at Outwoods.

For the record we had 20 LEI organised events this year as well as the trailquest, treasure hunt and went to Coventry's memorial park for a sprint -o. The LEI events themselves attracted 874 entries from 184 competitors with an average entry of just under 44 per event, slightly up on the last few years.

Planning for 2010 summer league is now coming to a close and we will be including a mix of sprint urban and more traditional events, but ideas for different formats are always welcome, I'm currently considering whether middle distance can be included , (A challenge to define this when none of our courses are much longer than 6k). I am always interested in feedback on the sort of events we do. Are there types of events or areas that you would like to see used or alternativley ones to avoid. It is difficult to get the balance right, but without comments from a broad range of competitors we may be missing chances to make the league even better. As usual let me know if you would be interested in planning. If you have some orienteering experience under your belt, the summer league is an ideal place to organise and plan your first event. As always help and support is available and this year you might also consider either the organisers or planners course in November.

The Autumn series and Winter leagues are already upon us. The Autumn series
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	Name	Class	Club	Best 8	Total	
1	Roger Edwards	M55	LEI	781	1107.13	1st Overall
2	Simon Ford	M65	LEI	712	1101.15	2nd Overall
3	Bob Haskins	M55	LEI	690	1047.69	3rd Overall
4	Bruce Bryant	M50	OD	737	1034.76	
5	John Marriott	M60	LEI	661	1019.41	
6	Iain Tebbutt	M40	LEI	751	991.33	
7	Alastair Paterson	M40	LEI	722	969.48	
8	Roger Phillips	M21	LEI	819	969.46	Best unhandicapped
9	Peter Leake	M70	LEI	589	957.32	
10	Mark Foxwell	M45	LEI	674	954.65	
11	Alison Hardy	W40	LEI	679	900.27	1st Woman
12	Liz Phillips	W45	OD	611	888.40	2nd Woman
13	Mark Sherriff	M45	LEI	631	856.89	
14	Chris Bosley	M60	LEI	568	844.23	
15	Ian Wells	M50	LEI	648	841.89	
16	Ursula Williamson	W45	LEI	582	835.29	3rd Woman
17	Robert Titterington	M65	LEI	550	823.85	
18	Thomas Honniball	M21	LOG	738	818.03	
19	John Ward	M60	OD	568	794.27	
20	Kevin Gallagher	M60	LEI	516	769.48	
21	Peter Hornsby	M55	LEI	528	773.56	
22	Ruth Shedden	W21		654	769.91	
23	Mark Hardy	M40	LEI	608	766.11	
24	Max Cole	M40	LEI	617	725.88	
25	Dave Toach	M40	LEI	490	719.64	
26	Roy Denney	M60	LEI	475	718.69	
27	Keith Willdig	M50	OD	510	711.91	
28	Rachel Simonetti	W21	LEI	503	703.55	
29	Angus Shedden	M21		626	696.18	
30	Dave Bray	M55	LEI	508	689.71	
31	David Anderson	M70	LEI	449	682.64	
32	Ian Williamson	M50	LEI	519	672.27	
33	Euan Tebbutt	M12	LEI	438	665.98	1st Junior
34	Roger Cole	M70	LEI	416	659.39	
35	Chris Phillips	M60	LEI	408	625.54	
36	Steve Edgar	M40	LEI	440	625.43	
37	James Gath	M14	LEI	468	623.42	2nd Junior
38	Dominic Leake	M10	LEI	378	579.34	3rd Junior
39	Stewart Fishwick	M21		512	562.37	
40	Chris Williamson	M21	LEI	498	548.26	
53	Abigail Leake	W12		269	433.81	Best Newcomer

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sees upcoming events from traditional areas but not always the usual start areas- so check the fixtures list before travelling! Martinshaw from Groby school (26th Sept) , Castle Hill from Heatherbrook community centre (10th Oct), Watermead from Leicester Outdoor pursuits centre on 31st October and finally Brocks Hill on 14th

November. The Winter league shares events with the Autumn series at Martinshaw and Watermead also visiting Ratby for half term , Burbage for a night event in November and Snibston for the new years day event. I hope to see as many of you there as possible!

Mark Foxwell



Photographs from the presentation ceremony after the final Summer League event courtesy of Ernie Williams

Spotlight on Leicester and Environs



On this occasion, as your Access Development Officer, I thought I would share my records with you on those areas

in and around the City of Leicester excepting those along the River Soar which I have already covered.

BRAUNSTONE PARK

The park covers 168 acres of beautiful open parkland, ancient spinney, wooded areas and meadow land with evidence of ridge and furrow cultivation. Two lakes on the southern boundary attract migrating birds and a wide variety of wildlife. Braunstone Hall stands proudly in the centre of the park along side the refurbished stable block part of which still retains many period features including hefty wooden stalls, hay troughs and the original stone flooring. The Hall and stable block are a Grade 11 listed building.

The first records of Braunstone are found in the Domesday Book of 1086 where it is referred to as Brantestone or Brant's Tun. Braunstone was a daughter settlement of nearby Glenfield and was established in the late 8th or early 9th Century, sited at the southern edge of Leicester Forest.

After the Norman Conquest much of England was parcelled up amongst William the Conqueror's noblemen and Braunstone was awarded to Hugh de Grantemesnil, one of his most trusted Barons.

Over the centuries many noble families were connected with the Manor and lands of Braunstone, a far cry from today. In

1246 Roger de Queney is named as owning the land but on his death it passed through the female line to the de Ferres family of Groby and at one time the Greys.

More recently the Winstanleys' came to Braunstone in the mid 17th century. They played a vital role in determining the future economic and social history of their

properties in and around Braunstone and Kirby Muxloe for the next 275 years. They had a reputation for being fair-minded and judicious, holding important roles as leading dignitaries in The Leicester Corporation. Their decisions influenced the lives of the communities of both Braunstone and Leicester. James Winstanley was a puritan and a lawyer by profession in the service of the Duchy of Lancaster before taking up residence in Braunstone. He was succeeded by his son Clement and in 1775 he commissioned the local architect and builder William Oldham (who later became the Lord Mayor of Leicester) to construct the present hall, built on a rise with views overlooking Charnwood Forest.

At the end of the First World War demand for land to build new houses to replace the squalid and cramped

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conditions many of the working class lived in brought about compulsory purchase of most of the estates and the remnant surrounding Braunstone Hall itself was opened as a public park in the early 1930s.

In 1932, after refurbishment, Braunstone Hall opened as a 'Senior School'. However as younger families moved into the new housing estate the need for a Junior School was more essential and in 1933 The Braunstone Hall Junior School was opened. It served the community as a school until it was closed in 1996.

During WW2, the Local Home Guard was based in Braunstone Hall and in 1944 the park was the home of the HQ of the US 82 Airborne Division. The tented encampment and Nissan huts were laid out in exactly the same pattern as the neighbouring streets so as to blend in and hopefully not attract the attention of any over-flying bombers. The rest of the park was put to agricultural use. Wheat, barley and potatoes were some of the crops grown while sheep grazed the remaining pastureland.

Between 1943 and 1945 the 168 Battery of the Royal Artillery and the 52nd/53rd Field Regiment Royal Artillery were also stationed on the park. Throughout this period Braunstone Hall School remained open coping with the many difficulties that arose from being surrounded by a "friendly invasion".

For our purposes we have the park mapped with the neighbouring Western Park and use them together for small events although crossing the busy A47 causes some problems and the level of vandalism in Braunstone Park is a problem.

BROCKS HILL

This small country park extends to just 30 hectares (67 acres) Native trees have been planted, wildflower meadows and an orchard created, together with a play area and ponds. The visitor centre doubles up as the HQ of the Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust.

The centre and park were opened in 2001. The project received £939,000 funding from the Millennium Commission and match funding from various partners including De Montfort University and Leicestershire County Council. This green wedge between Oadby and Wigston has now been protected from housing development!

The plantings are just starting to mature and we have created a permanent orienteering course throughout the park and in the grounds of the neighbouring leisure centre.

CASTLE HILL

This small Country Park is on the borders of Leicester City and the County and adjoins Anstey. Established in the early 1980's the park comprises some 250 acres of grassland, plantation and broad leaved woodland. The A46, Leicester Western By-Pass cuts the park into two linear sections but the ability to cross at both ends and in the middle lends it to figure of eight courses and makes it quite useable.

The south east section borders Beaumont Leys and is made up of relatively high land with good views out over Bradgate Park and the Charnwood Hills. The north and west section, bordering Anstey, comprises mainly flat meadow land associated with the Rothley Brook with periodic flooding. Aside from this pleasant brook, with its established

abundance of birdlife, and the newer planting in copses, the park also has bluebell woods, located off the Astill Lodge Road and some fine ash, oak and willow trees associated with the old hedgerows and streamside.

The Castle Hill Country Park is also home to two Scheduled Monuments. The Castle Hill Earthworks located off the Astill Lodge back road, comprise of an earthen rectangular banked enclosure and fish pond dating to the medieval period. The site is associated with the Knights Hospitaller and seems to have functioned as a monastic grange or sheep farm. We tend to infrequently use this bit as it is infested with nettles for much of the year. King William's Bridge, historically known as the 'Dambridge', crosses over the Rothley Brook. This is a medieval stone packhorse bridge, which was widened in 1696 for King William III's visit to nearby Bradgate House. As its name suggests, there was once a sheep wash associated with the bridge. Other interesting heritage features include ancient hedgerows, some complete with wood banks and deep ditches. These are a physical reminder of the area's past as a royal hunting ground and deer park. In the vicinity of the Castle Hill Earthworks there are also industrial remains from the Victorian Beaumont Leys Sewage and irrigation scheme. In its time, this was the biggest scheme of its type in the country.

Ancient tracks pass through the park and despite the proximity to areas of some deprivation this is a corridor of genuine attractiveness.

EVINGTON ARBORETUM

The entrance to this area used to lead into the encampment of the 504th Parachute Regiment of the US 52nd

Airborne Division which was later converted into a POW camp.

The Arboretum was established by Leicester City Council in 1970 saving the area from possible development and securing its future as a public open space. Between 1970 and 1973 hundreds of trees were planted, many donated by organisations and members of the public.

The trees weren't just stuck in the ground willy-nilly. They were planted in family groups. For example, in the south west corner, near the Evington Brook, you will find poplars and willows. In all 500 species of trees are to be found. Consideration was given to preserving certain views across the site, such as the north towards St Denys' Church, and west towards the university.

The former meadow below St Denys' Church is now a designated area for memorial tree planting. These trees are chosen for their ornamental value and suitability to the site and are planted by the City Council.

The Arboretum is a haven for birdlife. Kingfishers and the odd heron can occasionally be seen along Evington brook. Blue tits, great tits, marsh tits, coal tits, green woodpeckers, blackbirds, owls, robins, wrens and thrushes are often to be seen together with many other species.

Our map of the area includes Evington

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The Castle Hill Country Park is also home to two Scheduled Monuments.

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Park and the areas between them. This involves some road crossing but Piggies Hollow is a complex overgrown area with a number of paths and leads into a strip of mature woodland before the village itself has to be negotiated.

The Arboretum has a permanent orienteering course. (See also Evington Park)

EVINGTON PARK

Only two miles away from Leicester City Centre and backing onto the General Hospital, Evington Park has the tranquil atmosphere of the country estate it once was. The 44 acres of parkland include attractive floral displays and a wide variety of trees some scattered singly and some in copses. There are gardens, ponds and play and picnic areas. The park has fine examples of English oak and chestnut, rare Gingko trees and mature beech trees. In the spring, the rhododendron and azalea beds surrounded by fragrant shrubs are a delight. The black mulberry at Evington Park was planted in 1836, the year the house was built.

We have mapped and used this area for many years in conjunction with Evington Arboretum off Shady Lane and both have permanent orienteering courses.

HUMBERSTONE PARK

This 20 acre park with its attractive gardens is located off Uppingham Road, three miles to the east of the Leicester City Centre. It was opened in 1925.

Bushby Brook flows through the park, was at one time damned and used as a

boating lake by local people. Since the 1950's it has been straightened and the banks are now planted with willow, birch and hazel.

It is barely big enough to even sustain a permanent course

KNIGHTON PARK & SPINNEY

Lying two miles to the south of the centre of Leicester this beautiful 78 acre park offers colourful shrub borders, a water garden, heather woodlands, play areas and a rock garden.

Knighton village appears in the Domesday Book under its Scandinavian name of Cnihetone.

In the 1720's, Edmund Cradock, a woollen draper of Leicester bought Knighton Hall

and its associated farmland. In the years that followed, the family acquired almost all the land in the parish.

Knighton Hall is now the official residence of the Vice Chancellor of Leicester

University and the name of the Cradock is preserved in the Cradock pub. The City Council bought land just before the Second World War with the intention of establishing a park but work was not begun until 1953.

In 1840 oak trees were planted to form the enclosed spinney to help provide oak wood for future shipbuilding. To make the oaks grow tall and straight, ash were

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planted in between them. Later Cradocks decided to keep the woodland as a fox covert and in 1932 a covenant was published declaring that the spinney should be a nature reserve for all time.

The Wash (or Saffron) Brook flows through the park and is bordered by trees and herbs in the northern area. There are various avenues in the park, including the laburnum avenue close to the spinney and the gingko (maidenhair) avenue in the heath garden. A charming path bordered by magnolias runs across the middle of the park.

In addition to the spinney there are blocks of newly planted woodland consisting of a lime wood, a beech wood and a willow wood.

The park has been used for orienteering for many years and has a permanent orienteering course.

THE ORCHARDS

This area is valuable in that it is one of few within Leicester City itself. Whilst very small it is very complex.

The larger part was neglected allotments acquired by the City Council and turned into a Local Nature Reserve. Given the various fruit trees which survived, this is now a very rich if largely overgrown area, which abounds with birdlife. It is now actively managed by volunteers with Environ Trust (Groundwork Leicester & Leicestershire) and numerous pathways are kept open. Some of the woodlands have been thinned and coppiced giving a variety of terrain.

A school sports field and some pastureland attached to the City Demonstration Farm link the area to Goss Meadows a linear wildlife reserve which in turn links to a very old and

neglected copse known as Gilroes Spinney. By using the streets of a new housing development these can all be used together for good small training events.

SPINNEY HILL

This was mapped under a 'Sports for All' award to try and bring orienteering into deprived inner city areas but circumstances have dictated that we have never really got any use out of it.

Almost as soon as a site was mapped part was given over to a police station. There are 34 acres of sloping parkland, with two popular and well-equipped play areas and an adventure playground. Sporting facilities include bowling green, tennis and netball and there are large grassed areas. It includes a refurbished sports pavilion and it is thought that an aborted permanent course was commenced.

As long ago as 1885 the City Corporation were worried about a lack of public open space in this area of Leicester and acquired this land; paths were laid out, new trees planted and a pavilion erected.

The City Wildlife Project created the nature area during the park's centenary in 1986. They planted over 150 trees. Oak, maple and birch were planted in the woodland areas and the water-loving alder and willow beside the brook. Many

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wildflowers were introduced into a newly dug pond.

WESTERN PARK

The Hinckley Road site was purchased for the development of a park in 1897 and is the largest park in Leicester offering 178 acres to explore. The main drive features a wide avenue of trees which were laid out for the inaugural opening in 1899. Within easy access from here are the children's play areas, bowls greens, tennis courts and woodland walk.

The park is a mix of meadows, mature woods and hedgerows, interspersed with newly established shrub and wooded areas. Overall this creates an ecological environment where wildlife abounds despite being surrounded by development.

Within the park is the Eco House, a show house demonstrating ways of making your home more environmentally friendly and making it work in today's throw away society. Set up and managed by Environ (Groundwork Leicester & Leicestershire), with financial support from Leicester City Council, this Trust also organises teams of volunteers helping with maintenance at many of the city parks.

For our purposes this park is mapped with Braunstone Park just across the busy A47, a park covering 168 acres of beautiful open parkland, ancient spinney, wooded areas and meadow land with two lakes. The combined parks provide a sizable 'green' oasis near the borders of the city of Leicester.

Roy Denney

Club Kit

Discounted offer continues for 2009 only

Club tops, long and short-sleeves, will be on sale at the Club shop for the discounted price of £20 until the end of the year. From January the full price of £34 will be charged.

As delivery can be up to six weeks, place your orders for Christmas now with Irene Marriott.

Offer closes

31 December 2009

Out and About



One recent piece of disappointing news is that a second golden eagle has been poisoned in Scotland. Much as we try and help to restore at-risk creatures there are some who for their selfish purposes will undo the good work being done by others.

Their cousins are faring a little better. 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.

In a similar vein it is encouraging that the pair of immature Osprey which set up home near Kielder Water have fledged three chicks and seem to be doing a good job of bringing them on.

These are the first such birds to nest in this area for 200 years and are thought to be of the expanding Scottish population.

Another popular bird is the puffin or sea parrot. Scientists are tagging Puffins to find out why their numbers are declining around Britain's coasts although they

fear they know the answer.

This bird is particularly exposed to many risks not least predation. The population on Ramsay off the Pembroke coast was wiped out by rats but these have themselves now been eradicated and the puffin is being enticed back by slightly larger than life model puffins scattered by appropriate nesting burrows. Quite an odd sight as I recently sailed round the island.

It will at best be a slow process. The birds live about 30 years in normal conditions and are slow breeders. The female lays a single egg in the roughly one metre-long burrows they inhabit and the chicks are mainly fed on sandeels which appear to be migrating further north as our waters warm. Puffins reach sexual maturity in one year, but tend not to breed until five or six years old. A high mortality rate among adults over a few years can quickly destabilise the population.

The population of puffins on the Farne Islands, one of the UK's key colonies has fallen by a third since 2003 and as this is the largest puffin colony in England it is of particular concern. It was a bit puzzling as food in the waters around the Farne Islands was thought to be plentiful and they appeared to be breeding well,

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Another popular bird is the puffin or sea parrot.

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with good numbers fledging but the birds were not coming back after the winter period.

Birds are being fitted with tiny GPS recorders which will record the position of the bird every minute for a few days, during when the birds will have been out on foraging trips. They are attached with temporary glue that weakens after about four days, allowing the recorders to be recovered and downloaded. This will show how the birds dive for fish and their foraging behaviour during the summer months but we do need to know where they go during the winter as this appears to be when many puffins perish. To this end some birds are being fitted with geolocators, which are much smaller than GPS loggers and can be permanently fitted to a bird's leg ring and as long as it comes back at some point they will be able to get a record of where it has been. These measure light levels; recording when dawn and dusk occurs each day allowing researchers to calculate day length, when midday occurs and the daily longitudinal and latitudinal co-ordinates for the bird.

The UK's largest puffin colony on the Isle of May, in the Firth of Forth, recorded a similar fall in numbers over the same period

Sea temperatures are suspected as the major cause, whether one-off due to unusual weather or as part of global warming generally. Only time will tell but hopefully the research will assist. Sea changes can affect plankton growth,

which would have had a knock-on effect on sandeels. The photograph is one I took myself a few years ago on the Farne Islands.

Another creature being helped at present is the native crayfish. A fond memory of my time living in Wharfedale when my



children were younger was cooling my feet after a long walk by paddling in part of the river Wharfe near Burnsall when I turned over a few small boulders having a nosy, as you do, and found a white-clawed crayfish. Severely threatened by the spread of disease ridden and aggressive American cousins these creatures are now rare in the waters in the midlands and south but are still holding out in the rocky streams of the Pennines. The immigrants have brought in a fungal disease which the locals have little immunity to.

Our native crayfish only grows to about one inch in length whereas the American signal crayfish is about nine inches long. The immigrants are causing problems as they not only feed on any creature smaller than themselves, including their own kind, but do considerable damage to river banks. They burrow to such an

extent that banks have been known to collapse. New regulations now permit the catching of crayfish and the larger ones make a nice snack which might help keep their numbers down.

Attempts are being made to help the native species. 250 native crayfish were caught in Wiltshire where they are competing with the incomers and are being relocated to cleaned up streams in the Mendips where there are at present no Americans.

Another project in the Yorkshire Dales has been running since 2003. It has ring fenced the natives to try and keep out the invaders and is being augmented by

a captive breeding programme. 300 young were produced by the programme last year and sampling suggests that 60% of these have survived.

Finally some really good news on the conservation front. For those of us partial to a wee dram we have a new excuse. A recent deal by the RSPB means that for every bottle of Black Grouse sold 50p will be given to that organisation to help fund protection of this endangered species.

I'll drink to that.

Roy Denney

Wanted, families!

The third family coaching series starts on Monday 14th September at Brookvale High School 6pm to 7.30.

Families, adult and children groups, should apply to Mrs Birthe Richter Wilson on 0116 232 2718

Late joiners are being accepted.

More details are on the club web site under Juniors / After-school club (www.leioc.org.uk/juniors/after_school.html).

Permissions

Judith Holt and John Cooke are stepping down from the roles of Permissions secretary and Permissions Administrator respectively. Both roles will be taken over by Iain Tebbutt from 1st January 2010. Any queries about permissions relating to this year should still be addressed to Judith and John.

Forthcoming LEI Events

**Saturday 10th October
Autumn Series Event
Castle Hill Country Park**



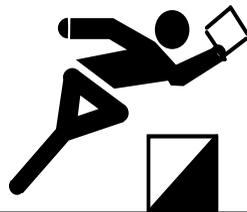
**Sunday 18th October
CompassSport Cup & Trophy
Final, Fineshade Woods**

**Tuesday 20th October
Winter League Event
Ratby Burroughs**



**Saturday 31st October
Autumn Series & Winter League
Event, Watermead South**

**Sunday 8th November
EMOA League Event, YBT Round
& Club Champs, Wakerley Woods**



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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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 www.leioc.org.uk
		
30th	EMOA DVO Local	Belper Streets Evening Score Event , Belper Belper Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. Start Times: Mass Start 19:15
26th	WMOA POTOC Local	POTOC Leisure and Training Event , Festival Park Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent , SJ870482 Organiser: Brenda Morgan, shenrymorgan@yahoo.co.uk, 01889 502355 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.50, Student £1.50. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Dogs in car park only Start Times: Registration is from 10:00 am to 11:30. Starts from 10:30 to 12:00. www.potoc.dandasparks.org.uk/

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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.
3rd	WMOA WCH Local	Maize maze O challenge , National Forest Maize MazeTattenshall Burton upon Trent Online entry through www.fabian4.co.uk Entry On Day: Senior £10.00, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 3 races, 3 daylight qualifiers to gain place in seeded finals run in the dark
4th	WMOA WCH Local	BirchesValley Local Event, Cannock Chase , Birches Valley, Cannock Chase Stafford , SK018171 Organiser: David Brown, 01827 51380 Entry On Day: Senior £7.00, Junior £2.00, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Dogs on leads. Start Times: Registration 10.00 to 12 midday. Starts from 10.30 to 12.30 am www.walton-chasers.co.uk
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 book. Starts 11-12 www.leioc.org.uk
		

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10th	EAOA SOS Regional	British Schools Score Championships , Hylands Park Chelmsford , TL680048 Organiser: Julie Laver, julie.laver@virgin.net, 01206 826152 Postal Entry: Julie Laver, Ford House Ford Lane, Alresford, CO7 8BB, 01206 826152, julie.laver@virgin.net. Cheques payable to Essex Stragglers OC No Entry On Day. Entries Close: 21/09/2009. Senior £0.00, Junior £4.00, Student £0.00 , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. www.stragglers.info
10th- 11th	WOA SWOC Regional	Welsh Championships Weekend 10th Welsh Championships Regional Event , Wentwood Newport , ST422948 Organiser: Nyall Meredith, nyall.meredith@btinternet.com Postal Entry: Nigel Ferrand, 11 Southcourt Road Penylan, CF23 9DA, 029 2025 5037, nigel.ferrand@virgin.net. Cheques payable to Nigel Ferrand Online entry through www.fabian4.co.uk Entry On Day: Senior £12.00, Junior £5.50, Student £5.50. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: Starts 12:00 to 14:00 www.swoc.org.uk
	WOA	11th Welsh Short Championships , Parc Penallta Ystrad Mynach , ST139956 Organiser: Nigel Ferrand, nigel.ferrand@virgin.net Postal Entry: Nigel Ferrand, 11 Southcourt Road Penylan, CF23 9DA, 029 2025 5037, nigel.ferrand@virgin.net. Cheques payable to Nigel Ferrand Online entry through www.fabian4.co.uk Entry On Day: Senior £9.00, Junior £5.00, Student £5.00. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: From 10.00 to 12.00 www.swoc.org.uk
17th	WMOA POTOC Local	POTOC Leisure and Training Event , Apedale Country Park Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire , SJ822483 Organiser: Brenda Morgan, shenrymorgan@yahoo.co.uk, 01889 502355 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.50, Student £1.50. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Dogs in car park only Start Times: Registration from 10:00 am to 11:30. Starts from 10:30 to 12:00. www.potoc.dandasparks.org.uk/
18th	EMOA LEI National	Compass Sport Cup Final , Fineshade Stamford , SP990985 Organiser: Chris Phillips, onecphillips@lineone.net, 0116 255 0330 Postal Entry: Chris Phillips, 25 Henley Road Leicester, LE3 9RD, 0116 255 0330, onecphillips@lineone.net. Cheques payable to Chris Phillips No Entry On Day. Entries Close: 09/10/2009. Senior £11.50, Junior £4.00, Student £4.00 , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On Lead 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.
		

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24th WMOA OD Sat Morning Local Event Brueton Park , Brueton and Malvern Parks Solihull , SP162789
Local Organiser: Graham Urquhart, 0121 707 0511 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £0.00, Student £0.00. , Punch Type: EMIT, Dogs: Preferably on a lead. Start Times: 10.30am to 12.30pm www.octavian-droobers.org

25th WMOA HOC Fownhope Park (WM League & Malvern Mini League 1) , Fownhope Park Mordiford , SO575357
Local Organiser: Judith Taylor, fownhope2009@harlequins.org.uk, 01684 569313
Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.harlequins.org.uk/fixtures.html

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.



31st EMOA LOG LOG Winter Series 1/6 , West Common Lincoln , SK960717
Local Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk, 01522 791344 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.logonline.org.uk

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

1st WMOA WCH Local Brindley Heath West Midland League Event , Brindley Heath, Cannock Chase Cannock , SK006141
Local Organiser: Philip Green, philip.green@btinternet.com, 01785 665570 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Dogs on leads Start Times: 10.30 am to 12.30 pm www.walton-chasers.co.uk

7th WMOA OD Local OD Sat Morn Local Event Brandon Wood , Brandon Wood Coventry , SP399770
Local Organiser: Sheila Carey, 02476 314836 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £0.00, Student £0.00. , Punch Type: EMIT, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 10.30am to 12 noon www.octavian-droobers.org

8th WMOA HOC Regional Titterstone Clee , Titterstone Clee Hill Ludlow , SO579758
Local Organiser: Charles Nelson, 01527 545030 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.harlequins.org.uk/fixtures.html

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8th	EMOA LEI Local	Local and EMOA league Event & Yvette Baker Regional Heat , Wakerley Great Wood Stamford , SP962987 Organiser: Gary Boothroyd, 01572 756097 Entry On Day: Senior £8.50, Junior £3.50, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On lead Start Times: 10.00am to 12.30pm www.leioc.org.uk
		
14th- 15th	EMOA Regional EMOA	14th Veterans Home International Longshaw/Eyam No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. 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.
		
14th	EMOA LOG	LOG Winter Series 2/6 , University of Lincoln Lincoln , SK967711 Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk, 01522 791344 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.logonline.org.uk
14th	EMOA DVO Local	Local Score Event , Longshaw Chesterfield , SK265799 Organiser: Derek Gale, dg.244@btinternet.com, 01283 585 244 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.dvo.org.uk/fixtures.asp
15th	EMOA DVO Regional	Regional Event , Eyam Chesterfield , SK200780 Organiser: Stuart Swalwell, stuart.swalwell2412@mac.com, 01335 347814 Postal Entry: Mike Godfree, Highfields Mapleton Road, Ashbourne, DE6 2AA, 01335 346004 , Mike.Godfree@btinternet.com. Cheques payable to Mike Godfree Online entry through www.fabian4.co.uk/Default.aspx?EventID=229 Entry On Day: Senior £0.00, Junior £0.00, Student £0.00. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 1030-1230 (White to Short Green courses) 1100-1230 (Green to Black courses) www.dvo.org.uk/fixtures.asp
17th	EMOA LEI Local	Welbeck College Score Championships Day 1 & Open Event , Outwoods Loughborough , SK515163 Organiser: Roger Edwards, 0116 2127547 Entry On Day: Senior £5.00, Junior £1.00, Student £0.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On Lead Start Times: 13.00 to 15.15 leioc.org.uk
		
19th	EMOA LEI Local	Welbeck College Score Day 2 and Open Event , Outwoods Loughborough , SK510145 Organiser: Roger Edwards, 0116 2127547 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On Lead Start Times: 13.00 to 15.15 leioc.org.uk
		

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21st	YHOA SHUOC Local	Sheffield City Chase 2009 , Sheffield City Centre Sheffield Organiser: Robert Farrington, rob@farrington.me.uk Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed.
21st	WMOA WCH Local	Saturday After Dark Orienteering , Rawnsley Hills Cannock Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
21st	NEOA NATO Local	British Schools Orienteering (Training) , Queen Elizabeth II Country Park Ashington , NZ295883 Organiser: Bob Richardson, 01670 530590 Entry On Day: Senior £0.00, Junior £0.00, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, Dogs: On lead at all times
22nd	EMOA LOG Local	Local Event , Stapleford Woods Newark , SK861566 Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk, 01522 791344 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
22nd	WMOA WCH Local	Walton Chasers score event , Rawnsley, Cannock Chase Cannock Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
22nd	NEOA NATO Local	British Schools Orienteering Championships , Druridge Bay Country Park Amble , NU270000 Organiser: John Crosby, 01670 736 242 Postal Entry: BSOC Entries, 29 Reedwood CrescentCramlingtonNorthumberland, NE23 6RW, 01670 736242, bsoc2009entries@hotmail.co.uk. Cheques payable to Northumbrian Schools Orienteering No Entry On Day. Entries Close: 31/10/2009. Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 10.00 12.00
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 LOG Local	LOG Winter Series 3/6 , Hartsholme Country Park Lincoln , SK946697 Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk, 01522 791344 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.logonline.org.uk

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28th	WMOA OD Local	OD Sat Morn Local Event Charlecote Park NT , Charlecote Park NT Warwick , SP262564 Organiser: Chris Morris, 02476 677504 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £0.00, Student £0.00. , Punch Type: EMIT, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 10.30am to 12 noon www.octavian-droobers.org
28th	WMOA HOC Local	Malvern Mini League 2 , TBC Malvern Area Organiser: Mike Farrington, mado@harlequins.org.uk , 01531 635502 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.harlequins.org.uk/fixtures.html
29th	WMOA POTOC Local	West Midlands League Event , Swynnerton Training Area Stoke on Trent , 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.potoc.dandasparks.org.uk/

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6th	YHOA SYO Local	Colour Coded Event , Ramsley Moor Sheffield Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
13th	WMOA WCH National	National Event , Midlands Championships & Interland Selection Race , Beaudesert, Cannock Chase Cannock , SK052132 Organiser: Jane Christopher, j.christopher22@btopenworld.com , 01785 660133 Postal Entry: Allan Williams, 14 Hebden Wilnecote, Tamworth, Staffs, B77 4HP, 01827 899206, allandsheena@tesco.net . Cheques payable to Allan Williams Online entry through www.fabian4.co.uk Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. Pre-Entry Fees: 22/11/2009. Senior £14.00, Junior £6.00, Student £6.00 , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: But not in the Scout Camp Start Times: 10.00am - 12.30pm www.walton-chasers.co.uk
19th	WMOA HOC Local	HOC Club Championships , Callow Hill Bewdley , SO751740 Organiser: Anthony Clerici, 01905 26078 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. www.harlequins.org.uk/fixtures.html
20th	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

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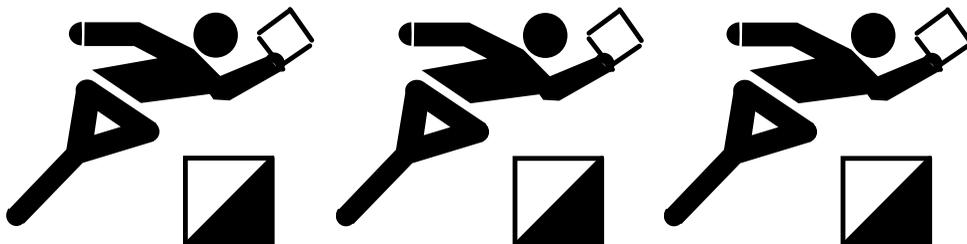
20th	EMOA DVO Local	Shiple Country Park - (White to Blue) , Shiple Country Park Heanor , SK340733 Organiser: Paul Beresford Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.dvo.org.uk
20th	 EMOA LEI Local	LEI Xmas Novelty Event , Aylestone Meadows Leicester , SK568009 Organiser: Chris Phillips, 0116 255 0330 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 10.45- 11.00 RegistrationMass Start at 11.15 www.leioc.org.uk
27th	WMOA OD Local	OD Club Xmas Relays , Woodcote - Leek Wootton Sports Centre Leek Wootton, Kenilworth , SP287691 Organiser: Peter Guillaume, 01926 511490 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: EMIT, No dogs allowed. www.octavian-droobers.org
28th	 EMOA LEI Local	Local event , Beacon Hill Loughborough Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.

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1st	EMOA DVO Local	New Years Day Street Score , TBC TBC Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
1st	WMOA HOC Local	Laurie Bradley NYD Score Event , Rough Wood Walsall Organiser: Barry McGowan, 01922 633792 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.harlequins.org.uk/fixtures.html
1st	 EMOA LEI Local	LEI Winter League New Years Day Local Event , Snibston Discovery Park Coalville Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type:
9th	EMOA LOG Local	LOG Winter Series 5/6 , South Common Lincoln , SK977698 Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk , 01522 791344 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.logonline.org.uk
10th	WMOA OD Regional	OD Regional Event Sutton Park , Sutton Park Sutton Park , SP109971 Organiser: Robert Brandon, 024 7650 5050 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: EMIT, Dogs: Preferably on lead Start Times: 10-30am to 12-30pm www.octavian-droobers.org

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17th	WMOA UWOC Regional	UWOC Regional Event , TBC Warwick Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
20th	 EMOA LEI Local	LEI Winter League Local Night Event , Cademan Woods Leicester Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
23rd	EMOA DVO Local	Local , Poolsbrook Chesterfield Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
23rd	EMOA LOG Local	LOG WInter Series 6/6 , Sudbrooke Park Lincoln , TF034762 Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk, 01522 791344 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.logonline.org.uk
24th	WMOA HOC Regional	CSC 1st Round - Malvern , Worcester Beacon Malvern , SO777472 Organiser: Rollo Rumford, titterstoneclee09@harlequins.org.uk, 01905 726967 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.harlequins.org.uk/fixtures/html
30th	WMOA WCH Local	Saturday After Dark Orienteering , Beadesert, Cannock Chase Rugeley Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
31st	YHOA SYO National	Northern Championships , The Gritsone Edges and Big Moor Sheffield , SK254754 Organiser: Brian Shaw, brian@drghshaw.mail1.co.uk, 01433 630467 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Restrictions will apply www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk
30th	YHOA SYO Regional	Middle Distance Event , Sheffield Beeley Woods Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.



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7th	EMOA NOC Regional	Regional Event , Blidworth Mansfield , SK583522 Organiser: Ruedi Billeter, org20100207@noc-uk.org Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. noc-uk.org
7th	WMOA BUOC Regional	BUOC Regional Event , TBC Birmingham Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
14th	WMOA WCH Regional	WCH Regional Event & WM League , Brereton Spurs, Cannock Chase Cannock Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
14th	EMOA DVO Local	Local - Allestree , Allestree Derby , SK352398 Organiser: Sal Chaffey Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
16th	EMOA LEI Local	LEI Winter League Local Event , Western Park Leicester Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
20th	WMOA HOC Local	Malvern Mini League 4 , TBC Malvern Area Organiser: Mike Farrington, mado@harlequins.org.uk, 01531 635502 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.harlequins.org.uk/fixtures.html
21st	SWOA NGOC National	National Event & Southern Championships , Lydney Park Lydney , SO607048 Organiser: Roger Coe, randvcoe@btinternet.com, 01594 510444 Online entry through www.ngoc.org.uk No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. www.ngoc.org.uk
27th	WMOA WCH Local	Saturday After Dark Orienteering , Beaudesert, Rawnsley, Cannock Chase Rugeley Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
28th	WMOA HOC Regional	HOC Regional Event , Dymock Forest (TBC) Ross-on-Wye , SO680278 Organiser: Neil MacKenzie Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.harlequins.org.uk/fixtures.html



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6th	SOA ESOC National	British Night Championships , Pentland Hills Edinburgh No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
6th	WOA POW Regional	Welsh Weekend - Welsh Championships Regional Event , Bwlch Nant Yr Arian, Blaenmelindwr & Esgair Gorlan Ponterwyd , SN718814 Organiser: Stuart Rees, sr@swnygyw.fsnet.co.uk Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On a lead and clean up any mess. Start Times: 11.30-13.30
7th	WOA POW Local	Welsh Weekend - Short Distance Championships , Hafod Forest Pontrhydygroes , SN758732 Organiser: Stuart Rees, sr@swnygyw.fsnet.co.uk Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On a lead as sheep are in the area. Please clear up any mess. Start Times: 10.30am - 12.30pm www.mid-wales-orienteers.org.uk
7th	EMOA NOC Regional	Regional Event , Thieves Wood Mansfield Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
13th	WMOA HOC Local	Hereford & Worcester Schools Championships , TBC Malvern Area Organiser: Mike Farrington, mado@harlequins.org.uk, 01531 635502 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.harlequins.org.uk/fixtures.html
13th	WMOA HOC Local	Malvern Mini League 5 , TBC Malvern Area Organiser: Mike Farrington, mado@harlequins.org.uk, 01531 635502 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.harlequins.org.uk/fixtures.html
14th	EMOA LOG Local	EMOA League Event , Stapleford Newark Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
20th	EMOA DVO Local	Local , Markeaton Park Derby Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
21st	EMOA LEI National	National Event & Midland Championships , Belvoir Estate Grantham , SK805325 Organiser: Chris Phillips, onecphillips@lineone.net, 0116 255 0330 Online entry through www.fabian4.co.uk No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. www.leioc.org.uk
		
28th	EMOA DVO Regional	EM League , Crich Chase Matlock Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
28th	WMOA HOC Local	HOC Local Event , TBD TBD Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.

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2nd-5th	SWOA National	Jan Kjellstrom Orienteering Festival 2nd Day 1 (Sprint) , Bicton College Budleigh Salterton , SY076859 Organiser: John Rye No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: SI,
	SWOA	3rd Day 2 (Individual) , Cookworthy Forest Holsworthy , SS415013 Organiser: Carol Pearce No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Dogs allowed in car park and assembly only. www.jk2010.co.uk
	SWOA	4th Day 3 (Individual) , Braunton Burrows Barnstaple , SS468348 Organiser: Peter Brett No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Dogs allowed in car park and assembly only. www.jk2010.co.uk
	SWOA	5th JK Relays , Braunton Burrows Barnstaple , SS450340 Organiser: Peter Brett No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Dogs allowed in car park and assembly only. www.jk2010.co.uk
7th	SEOA SO Local	SO SOG 18 , Devils Dyke Brighton Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
10th	EAOA WAOC Regional	WAOC Urban-O Event , Huntingdon Huntingdon Organiser: Ian Lawson, ianh.lawson@ntlworld.com, 01438 359042 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.waoc.org.uk
11th	WMOA WCH Local	Walton Chasers score event , Shoal Hill, Cannock Chase Cannock Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
17th	WMOA HOC Local	HOC Local Event , TBC TBC Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
17th	NWOA LOC National	British Elite Middle & Age Class Championships , TBC TBC Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
18th	NWOA SROC National	British Elite Sprint Championships , Astley Park Chorley , SD574184 Organiser: Tony Marlow, tonymarlow@sky.com Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.sroc.org



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1st-2nd	WMOA WCH National	1st British Orienteering Championships , Abrahams Valley & Wolseley Park, Cannock Chase Rugeley , SK019197 Organiser: Rod Niven, roderick.niven@lineone.net No Entry On Day. Entries
	WMOA	2nd British Orienteering Championships - Relays , Abrahams Valley & Wolseley Park, Cannock Chase Cannock , SK019197 Organiser: Christopher Horwill No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. www.walton.chasers.co.uk
9th	EMOA DVO Local	EM League , Cromford Moor Matlock , SK291588 Organiser: Paul Beresford Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
16th	WMOA HOC Regional	WM League / Malvern Mini League 7 , TBC Stourbridge Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
16th	EMOA NOC Regional	Regional Event , Clumber Park Worksop Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
29th	SOA CLYDE National	Scottish Championships - Individual , Rannoch Forest - Kilvrecht Campsite Kinloch Rannoch , NN615564 Organiser: Donald Petrie Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed.
30th	SOA CLYDE Regional	Scottish Championships - Relays , Rannoch Forest - Kilvrecht Campsite Kinloch Rannoch , NN615564 Organiser: Donald Petrie Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed.

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19th	WMOA HOC Local	Malvern Mini League 8 , TBC Malvern Area Organiser: Mike Farrington, mado@harlequins.org.uk, 01531 635502 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.harlequins.org.uk/fixtures.html
19th	EMOA DVO Local	Derbyshire School Championships , Elvaston Derby Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
20th	EMOA DVO Local	EM League , Linacre Woods Chesterfield Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.

Next LEI Event

Sunday 18th October 2009

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**Fineshade Woods
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