

Orienteering Club of the Year 2011



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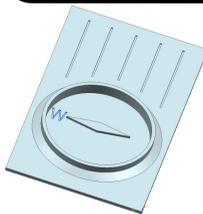
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Points from the Editors



Hello and welcome to our first LEI News as editors. We would like to start by thanking our predecessor, John Cooke, who has been

a great source of help over the past few weeks so, thank you very much, John.

We have given the LEI News an updated look and we hope you like it. We have added a new column called Junior Spotlight and we encourage all juniors to send in their articles and photographs of their orienteering experiences to share with others. Please remember that this is your newsletter and it relies on you to send in articles for publication. We are going to feature a photograph on the front cover of each issue, so please send us your orienteering photographs, complete with the name of the location.

We have been orienteering now for approximately eighteen months, having been introduced to the sport through our son, Simon. Simon attended some orienteering lessons as an after school activity and he was offered the opportunity to run an orange course in the British Middle Championships that LEI hosted in 2009. As parents, we were concerned about him running around an unknown area so we volunteered to shadow him. Little did we know what we were letting ourselves in for! Two hours later, after covering most areas of Cademan Woods, we emerged victorious. We quickly realised that Simon needed more training before he was allowed to orienteer solo again, so in



September 2009 we signed up for evening coaching sessions run by LEI and led by Birthe Richter-Wilson, and all three of us became completely hooked! Since then we have attended many local and regional events, and we have all improved, but we realise there is still a lot to learn. We have found the sport to be

very addictive and look forward to becoming more competitive.

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Alan & Wendy West



Ramblings from the Chair

Firstly, a very warm welcome to the new editors of the Newsletter. Alan and Wendy West have taken over (without too much arm twisting from me - honest!) from John Cooke. Many thanks to John for all the very hard work that he has put into the Newsletter over the last 17+ years.

As many of you will be aware, after being runners up for the last two years, in March we were awarded the title of British Orienteering Club of the Year 2011 (*despite BOF engraving the trophy with 2010—editor*) making us officially, what we all knew – the top Orienteering Club in the Country! It has been pointed out to me that being the club of the year does not mean that we can rest on our laurels. The rest of the orienteering world has expectations that we will continue to deliver the high quality club activities and events that has allowed us to occupy the top spot. I have to thank Roger Edwards for all the work that he has put in over the last three years on the applications to the club of the year competition. You will have seen the extracts from our application in the last edition of Focus. They were a very small part of a very

long paper produced by Roger which took many hours of work.

We have, in the last three months, seen three major competitions take place, the EMOA Championships, the JK and the British Championships. Congratulations to all those who achieved wins and top performances. Congratulations to Mark Sherriff on his excellent courses at Cademan and thanks to those club members who helped the club deliver a first class EMOA Championship. One of the downsides to being a club noted for the high quality of the Level A & B events it is able to deliver, is that we keep getting asked to do more!

One of the major features of our Autumn programme has been the Annual Club Dinner and Awards Evening. There has, in recent years, been a degree of difficulty in finding free dates in the run up to Christmas so the Club Executive Committee has decided to move the evening to the less crowded period in the early Spring and have chosen Saturday 3rd March 2012.

Chris Phillips



LEI Family Fun Day and Picnic Sunday 19th June

Following on from the EMOA league event, the annual LEI OC family picnic will be taking place on Sunday 19th June at the Borough Hill Country Park. This event will include games, crafts, and a quiz. The start time for the orienteering event will be 10.30 am to 12.30pm ,and the picnic and fun will start around 12.30pm.

Please bring your own picnic, picnic rugs/chairs, games and kites. There will be kite making (and flying hopefully!) and other craft activities, games and a quiz/treasure hunt, plus prizes!!



Grobby College - Monday Evenings

Monday night training sessions will continue after the School's half-term break up until the summer holidays at Grobby College, from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. The sessions are suitable from beginners (no previous experience needed) to light green/green standard, for children and adults alike, ideally for families. Fees are: £1 per child, £3 per adult or family.

Sessions are run by qualified and CRB checked coaches. You need comfortable and weather appropriate clothes (i.e. waterproofs, sun hat, warm layers, full leg cover) and shoes, ideally trainers, to run in, plus a drink. Whistle, watch and own compass are optional.

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Summer League Table (as at 22nd May 2011) Top 25 Places

Pos	Name	Club	Class	Best 8	Handi- cap	Events	Total
1	Robert Haskins	LEI	M60	569	705	70	775
2	Euan Tebbutt	LEI	M14	575	667	70	737
3	Mark Foxwell	LEI	M45	549	615	70	685
4	Ursula Williamson	LEI	W45	483	561	70	631
5	John Marriott	LEI	M60	460	570	60	630
6	Alastair Paterson	LEI	M40	524	566	60	626
7	Howard Alcock	LEI	M40	495	535	50	585
8	Iain Tebbutt	LEI	M40	444	480	60	540
9	Robert Titterington	LEI	M65	369	472	60	532
10	Simon Ford	LEI	M65	375	480	50	530
11	Finn Lydon	LEI	M12	387	472	50	522
12	Roger Edwards	LEI	M60	377	467	50	517
13	Ian Wilson	LEI	M45	415	465	50	515
14	Nigel Lydon	LEI	M45	408	457	50	507
15	Tanya Taylor	LOG	W40	407	456	50	506
16	Jeffrey Baker	LOG	M60	360	447	50	497
17	Peter Leake	LEI	M70	332	438	50	488
18	David Bray	LEI	M55	371	445	40	485
19	Peter Hornsby	LEI	M55	341	409	50	459
20	Steve Edgar	LEI	M45	355	398	60	458
21	Angus Shedden	LEI	M35	373	388	40	428
22	Kevin Gallagher	LEI	M60	294	365	50	415
23	Barbara Tebbutt	LEI	W45	300	348	60	408
24	Bruce Bryant	OD	M50	304	353	40	393
25	Mark Thomson	FVO	M45	310	347	40	387



Top Performances from Major Championships

Congratulations to those club members who delivered winning and top 10 performances in the following major Championships.

EMOA League 2010

Yellow Female	1st Imogen Wilson
Yellow Male	1st Ethan Tebbutt
Orange Male	1st Nicolas Wilson
	2nd Simon West
Light Green Male	1st Euan Tebbutt
Green Male	1st David Bray
Blue Female	2nd Ursula Williamson
Blue Male	1st Roger Edwards
	2nd Glynn Smith
	3rd Simon Ford

EMOA Championships, Cademan, 3rd April 2011

East Midlands Champions

M10 Ethan Tebbutt
M12 Nicholas Wilson
M14 Euan Tebbutt
M35 Roger Phillips
M60 Roger Edwards
M70 Peter Leake

JK Festival of Orienteering – Northern Ireland 22nd -25th April 2011

JK Sprint

M10A	4th Ethan Tebbutt
M60	3rd Roger Edwards
M70	6th Peter Leake

JK Day 2

W21S	3rd Ruth Shedden
M10A	6th Ethan Tebbutt
M35S	4th Angus Shedden
M70L	4th Peter Leake

JK Day 3

W21S	1st Ruth Shedden
M21S	5th Ben Windsor
M35S	1st Angus Shedden

JK Day 2 & Day 3 Combined

W21S	1st Ruth Shedden
M35S	3rd Angus Shedden
M70L	6th Peter Leake



**Irish Middle Distance Championships,
Glendoo Ridge East, 30th April 2011**

M70 8th Peter Leake

**Irish Long Distance Championships,
Mall Hill, Brockagh & Brockagh East
Top, 1st May 2011**

M70 1st Peter Leake

**British Orienteering Championships,
Wharncliffe, 14th May 2011**

W21S 6th Ruth Shedden

M10A 10th Ethan Tebbutt

M35S 2nd Angus Shedden

M55S 1st David Bray

M75L 8th Donald Moir

Club Championships 2011

The 2011 Club Championships will take place on Saturday 17th September. The venue will be Spring Cottage. This is a new location, currently being mapped by Peter Leake, north of the existing Donisthorpe map. It is a large area with a mixture of old woodland and new planting.

Championships Courses will be:

Yellow M/W10 and under

Orange M/W14 and under. W60+

Green M/W18 and under. M60+ and W20 to W55

Blue M20 to M55.

Registration will be from 10.30am to 11.30am, with starts from 11.00am to 12.00 noon. This will be a closed event restricted to club members.

After the success of combining the 2010 Championships with the 40th Anniversary lunch, we are currently trying to arrange a post-event buffet, the cost of which will be included in the price of the event. Further details later in the summer.

Chris Phillips

AGM Date

The Leicestershire Orienteering Club 2011 Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 10th October at Glenfield Parish Rooms, Stamford Street, Glenfield. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm and will be followed by an open forum and light refreshments. The Agenda and further details will be sent to members nearer the date.

Chris Phillips



Junior Spotlight

EMJOS

Last year I was asked to become part of EMJOS (East Midlands Junior Orienteering Squad). My first training weekend was in the Lake District. On the Saturday we went to a BOF training day and I had my first experience of TD5. On the Sunday we went to the Lakeland Orienteering Club Pike of Blisco event - my mum and dad were so jealous! Everyone was really friendly and helpful. The next training day was at Sherwood Pines. We did quite a lot of work in the forest practising rough and fine compass work and at the end we did a tiny course just outside the classroom. It was really fun because the only features to help you find the right controls were the controls themselves!

In December, Richard planned a sprint course after the EMOA event at Walesby. It was well planned and I really liked it, even though it was rather icy. The second weekend I went to was at Cannock. It was two days of quality training. I almost lost my shoes in a marsh! Probably the best weekend that I have been to was the Lake District Training Weekend on the 4th - 6th March. We went on the Friday and spent Saturday training on Loughrigg. I did quite a lot of the courses based on reading the contours and looking for contour features on the ground. We finished the day with a chasing start event down the mountain. It was very good training for JK Day 3; both the JK Day 3 area and the training were made up of contours, marshes, crags and not much else! Loughrigg made Leicestershire "hills" seem like Molehills!

On the Sunday we went to a very hilly scout camp where I learnt a lot about large contour features.

I have really enjoyed EMJOS so far and Richard's presentations in the evenings have really helped me to prepare mentally for races. The EMJOS training has made me enjoy orienteering more and given me the confidence to race well in big events like the Regional championships and the JK.

Euan Tebbutt



Access Update - Summer 2011

Access is becoming a major issue for the sport of orienteering. As we see several threats developing, the future of some of our country parks is still in the air.

Another issue was the sale of Forestry Commission (FC) woodlands. The consultation was halted when it became patently obvious what the outcome would be. One panel of interested parties is now meeting to discuss the future of these woodlands and we await the outcome with no real confidence. The FC did dedicate all its freehold-owned land under the Countryside Rights of Way (CRoW) act and, as such, all access rights transfer with whatever route the government decide to go down in the future, but I have doubts as to how wide the term 'access' would be defined by any commercial, private, institutional or FC owners. I fear that even if we are allowed in, the costs will climb considerably. Woods also generally seem under more threat as the new planning regulations offer them less protection than the old ones did.

Leicestershire County Council is reducing the number of wardens in Country Parks so the help we have had with the POCs is bound to reduce.

It may be that, like some other clubs, we will have to use a small number of areas more frequently, but I think that would be a retrograde step. We are also making more use of urban areas to fill the gaps. I joined this sport when I moved away from hill country as a way of continuing my enjoyment of wild places, but the trend at the moment is steady loss of 'country' areas with the gap being filled by more street events. They have their own devotees, and can be good sport, but it is

almost a different sport and those of us who seek traditional cross country orienteering with its more forgiving surfaces and better visual aspect are steadily losing out.

With access being one of the bedrocks of our sport, I have long felt that BOF should take a more active role in this area. Way back when I was asked to review the BOF environment policy, I did make a case that it needed to be looked at alongside Access Development because, as LEI's ADO, one of the strongest tools I have in seeking access to woodlands is the environmental policy and fine record of orienteering in that regard. In earlier times when on the BOF Council as Chair of EMOA, I did argue for a national ADO to co-ordinate the work of club and area officers, and help present a united front with a level of consistency of approach. We did negotiate a national agreement with Forest Enterprise, which has gone through its own difficult times, but as far as I am aware little else has been done.

Funding will now probably preclude consideration of a national office, but some guidelines and policies in this area would help. I do find as an experienced access negotiator that well-meaning members less familiar with this area of work can go into talks and end up doing more harm than good. It is far easier to

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lose an area than it is to gain a new one. It is also not just permissions officers; poor planning and controlling can 'invite' competitors to run into sensitive out-of-bounds areas, which has again cost clubs future access.

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Further to this, as already mentioned, we face a time of real pressures. The national exchequer (or what little is left of it) dictates that such public land, as is available to us, is getting ever more expensive to use and woodlands have been under increasing threat of sell-off.

I have again made the case that BOF, centrally, should have a policy or charter as to where it wishes to see outdoor recreation going and should be playing its part in this national debate. It should not be left to a lot of individuals like myself to constantly respond to consultations. I will continue to do so but, with the best will in the world, my views cannot carry the same gravitas as would those of BOF as a national body.

As with coaches and mappers, etc., I do think BOF needs to arrange a gathering of ADOs to discuss these issues from time-to-time. There is no point in having mappers with nowhere to map or coaching people to run if we have no areas to run on.

That is, however, perhaps a concern for the future, but in the meantime there is some urgency in getting a charter together and publicising it as part of the national debate before decisions are taken to the detriment of the sport. As a lead up to the Public Bodies' Bill, the

government is presently consulting on which statutory responsibilities can be taken off local authorities and I have made a case that BOF should have an input into this debate.

The provisions of the CRoW Act, the National Parks Acts and the Marine and Coastal Access Acts must be upheld, but also so must the protection of rights of way which link such areas and give access to them. The Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (Part 9 of the Act) contains the provisions for improving access to the English coast. The coastal access provisions in the Act place a duty on the Secretary of State and Natural England to secure a long distance walking route ("the English coastal route") around the English coast, and to provide public access to a wider margin of coastal land for open-air recreation. In doing so, the 2009 Act amends existing legislation – namely the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 and the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (the CRoW Act). The new right of access to the coast includes provision for an Order to be made to make changes to the existing provisions in the CRoW Act as they apply to coastal land (the existing provisions will remain in place for other access land). This Order is necessary for the delivery of coastal access because it ensures that coastal land is included within the CRoW Act's description of land to which the public has a right of access – for the purposes of open-air recreation.

Returning to the broader issue of some form of charter, I think one needs developing, but a first draft should be agreed quickly and form part of the form of words to be used in any submission by BOF to the powers that be.

To that end I have suggested a starter which is a composite of ideas from various sources and I understand that moves are afoot in BOF to adopt it:



British Orienteering considers that public recreation and access needs to be at the heart of all decision-making concerning our countryside. These are fundamental to people's health and wellbeing, enjoyment and understanding of our outdoors, and help to feed the desire to cherish the natural environment. We propose and would preserve a number of fundamental principles to protect public access for quiet recreation and enjoyment of the countryside. British Orienteering works closely with landowners and conservation bodies to ensure successful access management, where all parties recognise and respect the legitimate interests of others, and where recreation and conservation benefit mutually. To this end we have a detailed Environmental Policy. These principles must help inform sensible policy decisions. This Charter sets out the organisation's views on access to the countryside of England, particularly to woodlands, heathlands, moorlands and mountainous areas. It calls on all political parties to develop an integrated package of measures, based on core principles, which will further secure and enhance sustainable public access to the countryside.

In the short term we call on the government to implement the following nine actions:

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1. Ensure no loss of full public access or the conservation value of any public land through sale or transfer of ownership or management.
2. Under the terms of the CRoW Act to dedicate all land in public ownership to create permanent access rights.
3. Support existing sporting and voluntary bodies in the delivery of public access and recreational opportunities.
4. Recognise the importance and value of outdoor recreation in any new landscape designations.
5. Ensure statutory access requirements are not jeopardised by public expenditure cuts.
6. Ensure access and outdoor recreation remain a priority for Local Authorities.
7. Understand personal risk in outdoor recreation and occupiers' liability, and consider legislation to minimise the risk of litigation where no negligence has arisen.
8. Recognise the potential after-use of major landscape affecting projects by use of the planning system, e.g. landfill sites, open-cast mining and quarries.
9. Support greater use of agricultural subsidies to secure access opportunities and reconsider the removal of Higher Level Stewardship Grants for Access and Education.

Roy Denney



SPOTLIGHT ON AREAS TO THE NORTH WEST

On this occasion, as your Access Development Officer, I thought I would share my records with you on those areas in the north west of our patch which we have not already covered.

HERMITAGE CENTRE & PARK

This recreation ground and parkland with lake, surrounds a leisure centre with facilities which make this a good location to base events from. Short courses can remain within the grounds but a combination of footpath networks and back streets can link this to adjacent woodlands.

We have mapped it and use it in conjunction with Whitwick & Holly Hayes.

HOLLY HAYES & WHITWICK

We have used the Holly Hayes Wood for many years but the actual ownership of parts of the area was far from clear. We have been assisting 'The Friends of Holly Hayes Wood', a Community Group who aim to set-up a social enterprise to maintain and improve Holly Hayes Wood, Coalville Meadows and Forest Rock Wood who now own at least parts of it. Amongst their aims is to provide a long-term solution to the ownership of all of the woodland which should have suited us, but their protective sensitivities and conceptions about the sport have produced an unreceptive attitude. A

possible POC has had to be abandoned at least for the time being.

The Whitwick Historical Society has a wealth of information on the site. Whitwick, known as Witewic in the Domesday Book, was partially owned by Hugh de Grandmesnil, whose name crops up in many of our areas.

To ensure a plentiful supply of game for hunting purposes, the monarch and their nobles established reserves in areas of countryside that were considered to be on agriculturally inferior soil and often attached to a manor (in this case Whitwick Manor) and which often contained woodland. This was, in fact, a giant park which covered Bardon Hill and which extended over the surrounding area to over 1260 acres.

By the 1400s, however, it had been reduced to a smaller area around the summit of Bardon Hill and a few outlying pockets. The first direct reference to Holly Hayes Wood (or Hawley Hayes) can be found on a list of the medieval woods of Charnwood Forest. The earliest recorded record for the wood is believed to be 1240 AD.

Holly Hayes is an ancient enclosed area of the Old Charnwood Forest and was enclosed before the Enclosure Act of Whitwick 1805 when the wood is already shown as an Ancient Enclosure on the map and was attached to the award for enclosing Commons and Open Fields in Whitwick, Thringstone and Pegg's Green. It also suggests that the area, now known as Forest Rock Wood, (sometimes called Spring Hill Woods) was previously called



Houghton Hill.

Ownership can be traced forward but gets more confusing when quarrying commenced in 1893. It would appear that the first quarry was dug at the site of Forest Rock Wood; reference to this name can be found during 1923, where the quarry was previously called Forest Rock Quarry. Some time later, circa 1929, a second quarry appears to have been commenced in Peldar Tor, which is the site of the existing quarry and is officially referred to as Springhill Quarry, Peldar Tor, Whitwick.

In 1911, the Coalville Times informs us that game birds had been stolen from Holly Hayes Wood, which then belonged to the Whitwick Granite Company. A William Berrington still lived there at this time and was still living here up to 1928. Various residents followed but actual ownership is less clear and still is today.

We still hope to use the area often in conjunction with the streets of Whitwick itself and sometimes from the Hermitage Leisure Centre.

ROUGH PARK & RISING WOOD

This area is part of the Staunton Harold Estate and is owned by one of the Blunt Family.

The area has been used for some time and is in several distinct blocks. There are mature woodlands both sides of the road which, in places, include evidence of early mining activity in the shape of a series of depressions which are almost certainly old bell pits. This area is known as Rough Park, but surrounding an area of pastureland to its west is a circle of new plantings which are now maturing, interspersed with older copses and hedgerows. This area is known as Rising

Wood and has numerous ditches and ponds. The area can get very wet in places and there are areas of dense undergrowth, but others where the going is good. This is an area of differing terrain offering good opportunities for the sport, if used at the better times of the year.

Our mapped area also includes Lount Nature Reserve on the site of New Lount Colliery. In 1997, Leicestershire County Council completed restoration with financial aid from the Government and through European funding. Three wetland pools near the top of the tip were created in 1986 to safeguard plants threatened by nearby open-cast mining. Marshland, grassland and waterside plants from that time have now established themselves well. Unimproved grassland, which naturally colonised the site when mining ceased, is left as open ground and is a haven for grass snakes and bee orchids. Bats hunt over both water areas and the open grassland. The old tarmac areas of the sidings remain intact as a reminder of the site's past - the last deep mine in Coleorton parish which, when closed, ended 500 years of deep mining in the parish.

SPRING WOOD

This is a small part of Staunton Harold Estate where we have long had permission to map and is an area we use for small training events. It adjoins Staunton Harold Reservoir and is on the border with Derbyshire. Conflicting interests with field archery groups who use it has deterred us from taking this up.



THRINGSTONE & CADEMAN WOODS

Thringstone Wood itself lies north of Warren Lane/Grace Dieu Road and adjoining Grace Dieu Woods. South of the lane are Broad Hill, Temple Hill, Cademan Woods and High Cademan. In the midst of these is an open area of rough acid grassland, and south of Broad Hill is a granite quarry known as Grimley's Rock.

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

Most of the land around Cademan Wood and Broad Hill is owned by De Lisle, but Cademan Wood is treated by the local people as land over which they are free to roam. Parts of Broad Hill are an extension of the parkland across the road in Grace Dieu Wood.

For our purposes, Thringstone, Cademan, Grace Dieu and High Sharpley are all mapped together

WICKET NOOK & SOUTH WOOD

Wicket Nook is a pocket of National Trust woodland and what was previously the gamekeeper's cottage. This was built in 1830 and being situated on a quiet no-through road in an elevated position with stunning views over the Calke Estate is a popular let. South Wood is a continuation of the same block of woodland. Wicket Nook hamlet has the anomalous distinction of straddling the Leicestershire and Derbyshire border.

The whole pocket of woodland is of about 120 acres and is easily linked to our Lount map, but given the commercial

letting of the cottage the National Trust will not entertain public access.

DRY BROOK & GUN HILL

Drybrook Wood runs down from the road near Mt St Bernard Abbey to the edge of Blackbrook Reservoir and we have mapped it and used it in the past. Current owners are not willing to allow us in and, in any event, much of it appears to have become overgrown.

It also links to Gun Hill and then High Sharpley. We no longer use Gun Hill out of consideration of shooting interests. Therefore, the link to Drybrook no longer exists so the use of the area is no longer on.

GRACE DIEU WOODS

This covers a multitude of owners - not always too clear as to who actually owns what! One pocket known as Grace Dieu Wood is owned by N W Leicestershire DC. It is one side of Grace Dieu Ancient Woodland and was created with the help of the National Forest on what had been an arable field just outside Thringstone. This block is about 10 acres in size and has some rock features. Another block is Spring Barrow Lodge, much the same size and off Turoloough Road, again planted with financial assistance from the National Forest, but in whose name is not clear. Some of the nearby existing woodlands and meadows are owned by Grace Dieu School and more by the Grace Dieu Estate. There is evidence of man's activities going back to Mesolithic times.

The school in Grace Dieu Manor is set in 120 acres of beautiful rolling countryside



and adjoins the woodlands; we periodically use it as a base for medium-sized events.

On 25th July, 1833, Ambrose Lisle March Phillipps de Lisle married Laura Mary Clifford and received a settlement of £1200 per annum, as well as the Manor of Grace Dieu made to him by his father Charles March Phillipps of Garendon Park. Grace Dieu received its name from the Priory founded by Roesia de Verdun, c. 1240, and dedicated to Our Lady, 'de Gratia Dei', or in the Norman French of the period, Grace Dieu, and it is still so called to the present day. The Priory was dissolved in 1538 by Henry VIII and the picturesque remains are greatly admired.

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

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

trees - the cedars of Lebanon were famous - surrounded the manor house which had a fine view of the rocks and wooded slopes of Charnwood Forest.

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

The de Lisle family still owns much of the Grace Dieu Estate and allows us to use the various woodlands for orienteering. However, we do have to tread sensitively with arrangements for shooting tenants on part of the estate.

The de Lisle Arms was a popular inn on the edge of Whitwick, but perhaps a sign of the times; it is now an equally popular restaurant, Out of India.

The overall area is perhaps the best we have in that it covers a large block of land, has many different types of vegetation, and has considerable relief, water features and many dramatic rock formations.

HIGH SHARPLEY

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



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

There is claimed to have been an access route through the site in the past. The Ramblers' Association has sought to re-open it for many years and it has been the scene of mass protests. More recently, the RA and LCC sought to have it included in the 'right to roam' under the CRoW Act. Our own maps over the years support the fact that this is 'Mountain, Moor or Heath' as the maps demonstrate tree cover is self-regenerating shrub, which is only there because it has not been managed. The decision of the appeal, however, sided against open access to the ridge area, but agreed that much of the rest qualified, but decided that this element had insufficient size to warrant inclusion. The Planning Inspector accepted that, historically, the public used this land for open recreation until the 1970s, but that was outside the scope of the appeal which was to decide land type definition and identifiable boundaries.

As things stand at present, the barbed wire, notices, and keepers make this a most unwelcoming location. The area is owned by the De Lisle, Grace Dieu Estate and, despite the history, we have always found them supportive if we make proper arrangements.

There is a shooting syndicate in the High Sharpley part and by agreement with them we only use the area at agreed times of the year and in modest numbers. Additionally, we have removed the Gun Hill bit from our map. The area is normally used with Thringstone & Cademan Woods and sometimes for

larger events, with Grace Dieu as well.

LOUNT WOODLANDS

This large block is a mix of existing mature woodlands and new plantings linking them all together. The properties are in several different ownerships and managed by a number of different parties. Many of the older blocks are owned by members of the Blunt family.

We have been allowed to base events from Staunton Harold Hall. The hall is the home of John and Jacqueline Blunt and is near the border with Derbyshire and situated at the end of a long driveway off the Melbourne to Ashby Road. The hall, church, arboretum and lake have been a major attraction for many years, but these areas are only to be visited with special permission and are not part of our event area. Behind the house is the Ferrers Craft Centre, which evolved from a pottery established here in 1974. There are also nurseries and a large garden centre where we are allowed to park, giving access to the area from the north.

Staunton historically means a stony place and the local stone includes sandstone and limestone, coal and iron, lead and copper and, as such, has been highly valued for many centuries. Staunton was mentioned in Domesday as being held by Henry de Ferrers (previously Ferraris), remaining in the Ferrers family until its sale in 1954. The first house at Staunton was built by Sir William de Staunton in 1324. In 1423 Margaret, sister and heiress of Thomas de Staunton, married Sir Ralph Shirley, Constable of Melbourne Castle, and adopted Staunton as the family Home.

The house was largely rebuilt by Sir Robert Shirley, 1st Earl of Ferrers. He



also built the church in 1653 which adjoins the house. Washington Shirley, who became the 5th Earl Ferrers, rebuilt the Hall in the present Palladian style, to which was added later the Georgian front as it is today: mellow brick with stone faced, pedimented, centre surmounted by figures of Minerva, Apollo and Ceres. It is a Grade 1 listed building. When sold, it passed into the ownership of the Leonard Cheshire and then Sue Ryder Homes, and then eventually to the Blunt family. The family, from Melbourne in Derbyshire, already owned the arts and crafts centre in the old stables behind the hall and had been associated with the estate for more than 100 years.

The sizeable area we have used is in several ownerships, but is largely managed by the Forestry Commission, and much is being developed with the assistance of the National Forest Company.

It is physically restricted at present because of high, anti-deer fences but will progressively become an excellent area.

There are several mature copses owned by members of the Blunt family. New Plantation is owned by John and a parcel in the south by Jacqueline (which we have used for small training events for many years), and a further block immediately north of Jacqueline's, owned by Simon and used for shooting. Jacqueline's, in particular, holds many complex landforms including many depressions, probably old mining bell pits.

To the south east are areas known as Alistair's Wood and Jaguar Woods, managed by Forest Enterprise. It is said that Ford Motor Company is involved as a means of securing walnut for the dashboards of Jaguars. Further north, an area is owned by the National Forest, itself possibly supported by the Alliance &

Leicester Building Society, but again managed by FE. These later areas are all fresh plantings but are now maturing nicely.

Quite apart from the larger blocks, a number of small units are included on our map, many planted with the assistance of the National Forest. Lountwood Farm accounts for two blocks, totalling about 8 ha. Called Emily Jane Wood and Keeper's Orchard, the planting is predominantly oak and ash with field maple, rowan, wild cherry and native shrubs. 10% of the site is coniferous, planting Scots Pine, Corsican Pine and Norway spruce to give an early commercial return. The orchard, adjacent to Keepers Cottage, is planted with a variety of native species.

Unfortunately, runners strayed into private areas at our last event staged here and we have been warned we are unlikely to be allowed back, at least into the Blunt areas for the time being. As the areas in other ownership mature, they would become useable by themselves, but at that point it is likely we will approach Blunt again and try to make mutually acceptable arrangements.

Roy Denney



Captain's Corner

After the wintry chills, the recent warm sunny days have been wonderful for orienteering, although the down-side is that the brambles have enjoyed the conditions, too! Thankfully recent planners have been kind and there has been a variety of events to tempt you out. The Summer League is in full swing now and most recently at the British Orienteering Championships there were some great individual results which should be congratulated. The courses also produced some impressively long runs which show great tenacity and stamina. It will be interesting to study route gadget to see the various route choices that were made.

Despite the greater logistical challenges, a number of you ran at the JK in Ireland. There have been some interesting reports about the varied terrain and courses on offer, and again some great individual results and equally some "good value for money" times.

LEI also had a presence at the Mountain Bike Orienteering Middle Distance Championships at Swynnerton Woods, Staffordshire. Angus and Ruth Shedden both rode well, whilst I "wasn't fast, but wasn't last".

LEI was represented at the Leicestershire Council's Chairman's Trophy Awards evening. The Club was nominated for Developing Schools Sports in recognition of the development work, such as the establishment of club coaches, the Beginners' Club Night, the expansion of POCs and the various schools projects. Our thanks go to all those involved, but particularly to Roger Edwards for instigating and coordinating many of these activities.

At this same awards evening, LEI Junior, Ethan Tebbutt, was nominated in recogni-

tion of his position at the November British Schools and October British Schools Score, together with East Midlands League results. Well done, Ethan!

The juniors have been really active at events and coaching sessions. Attendees at the Monday evening coaching sessions (6.30-8.00pm) at Groby College are enjoying getting out in the light to practise their skills. All juniors (accompanied by an adult) are welcome to join the group. Check the website for details and look out for the junior picnic which may take place at the Burrough Hill event on 19th June. Juniors are encouraged to have a run.

Our East Midlands region periodically holds junior coaching sessions and we are really pleased that Nicholas Wilson, Finn Lydon, Euan Tebbutt and Simon West have been invited to take part.

If sufficient juniors are interested, entries are soon to open for an unusual annual mixed team relay event for M/W12 to 18 called the Peter Palmer Relay which is to take place on 11th September in Stafford. There are 6 laps of varying length and technical difficulty (Yellow to Green). The added twist is that the race begins before dawn with leg 1, and some of leg 2 taking place in the dark. Let me know if you are interested in taking part.

On 16th-17th July there is another night-into-the-dawn relay event called The Harvester at Ecclesall Woods, SW of Sheffield. Unlike the Peter Palmer Relay, it is not specifically aimed at Juniors. There is scope for various combinations of runners to compose a team. Again if you are interested in this, please let me know.

Alison Hardy





Pictured with their trophies following the East Midlands Championships, 2011, which we hosted at Cademan & Thringstone Woods in April, we congratulate from left to right: Roger Edwards, Imogen Wilson, Nicolas Wilson, Euan Tebbutt, Ethan Tebbutt and Peter Leake.

Lift Sharing.....Consider the Environment (and your Pocket)!

Don't forget that when travelling to events, we may be able to extend the lift sharing that already exists. If you want help getting in touch with fellow members to discuss sharing transport, do talk to any of the committee members, who will try to put you in touch with someone local to you.



Out and About

Amongst creatures getting ever rarer are our snakes. Hoorah! You may say, but they are a valuable part of the eco system. The adder, in particular, is an "indicator species" and its presence demonstrates a healthy countryside with "bio-diversity" as it needs a mixture of habitat and a variety of prey species to survive (including mice, voles, frogs, lizards and young birds). If the adder is in trouble, the rest of nature is, too.

Less common now than it used to be is the harmless grass snake. I last saw one about three years ago, sunning itself by a canal bank, near Kilby Bridge, although I used to see them fairly often.

Adders also seem thinner on the ground, although I have seen a few this year. Their population is apparently plummeting - down 50% in the past 50 years and probably there are no more than 100,000 left. They do have predators which include some birds of prey, ravens, herons and gulls, and the occasional badger and hedgehog but that is not the main reason for their decline, nor are they suffering at man's deliberate hand.

However, our development of the countryside and more intensive forms of agriculture both cut off and isolate adder populations, limiting movement and causing inbreeding, which is a particular problem here in the Midlands. With around a third of adders now restricted to isolated pockets of suitable habitat, and only small populations of snakes at each

site, they are especially vulnerable. These small and isolated populations can start to decline purely through genetic effect as it inevitably weakens the adders' resistance to disease.

The adder is an incredibly beautiful snake but few people have a chance of seeing one.

Adders often bask and are usually easier to find than grass snakes, which do so much less frequently and are more normally found in dark, damp places near water and are

good swimmers. Many people are familiar with the renowned pattern of the adder, but the grass snake is olive coloured with rows of black spots and a yellow collar. It is also a fascinating creature; in the spring, whilst I have never been fortunate enough to see it, the males perform an incredible dance in which they tangle, twist, push, roll and writhe to gain supremacy and the prize of any available female with which to mate. Oddly, each male has two penises and no one knows why they are blessed with more than one. The female gives birth during August and

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September and can produce up to twenty young, each about 7 inches long and with fully functioning venom.

Adders occur throughout Britain in many habitats including sand dunes, moorland, heaths and most areas of rough ground with cover and sites for the creature to bask. All places, you will note, where we like to run.

I well remember my sighting as a teenager which did come as a bit of a shock. I was walking across a headland in North Devon, covered with bracken and gorse, and there was little doubt as to what it was with its zigzag pattern along its back. My pastimes these days do however put me in places and at times of day when I do come across them more often. Being heavily involved in our sport I am often out in wilder places quietly doing some mapping and, when either planning or controlling an event, am often there just after dawn when they come out to warm up in the sun and often curl up on sandy tracks. I don't suppose I am the only member who has come across them.

The adder is Britain's only poisonous snake and obviously needs to be treated with some caution, but there are many myths engrained in our culture. Adders are very shy and will normally be long gone by the time you arrive where they had been just minutes before. They will always do their best to avoid people and large animals but, if threatened, the adder may bite. Adders see and hear very well but they can also sense vibration with their bodies and smell the air with their tongues. If a runner comes thundering (or staggering)

towards them, they head for cover.

They grow to just over two feet in length and females are larger than the males (these have been recorded at nearly 3 feet). They are long lived creatures, although we are not sure how long. Being cold-blooded they need little food and can go as long as 18 months without any.

This snake is a member of the viper family and is also known as the common viper. Unlike most reptiles which lay eggs buried in the ground, the female adder carries the eggs inside her until they are about to hatch. During the laying process the soft eggs break, revealing the live young, usually between 8 and 12 in number.

Adder bites can be fatal but deaths in normally healthy humans are extremely rare and to the best of my knowledge have not happened in Britain for over 30 years. As best I can see from trawling the internet, there have been only 14 known fatalities in Britain since 1876. If you are bitten it is not recommended that you try to suck out the poison or apply a tourniquet contrary to popular myth. You should seek medical help but anti-toxins are rarely necessary. April is a good month to see adders, or a month to take care, as they will have emerged from hibernation and will spend much of their time basking in the sun. Around this time of year, those that have survived the winter emerge from hibernation. (Fifteen per cent of adults die during hibernation in a normal winter and about a third of all juveniles do not survive their first year. I did see one in one of our regular areas this April and last year saw them in two other of



our areas. Don't let this put you off running; no matter how strong your phobia they are more scared of you than you are of them.

Once we get into summer, the mid-day heat becomes too much for them and they are about as sun comes up but they then disappear underground or into stone walling for long periods to avoid the intensity of the midday sun.

Another snake we find in Britain is the smooth snake. This one is not venomous but a constrictor in that it grabs and squeezes its prey. This creature is a bit picky and lives almost exclusively on the sandy heaths of southern England. It mainly eats other reptiles but will take young mammals. It is about the same size as an adder and can live over 35 years.

The common lizard is well-named if you know where to look for them and they abound in the forests of Northamptonshire where we often run. Indeed, last year I watched several for nearly half an hour whilst taking a breather in Fineshade. Full grown, they are just less than six inches long, live about 5 years and eat

mainly spiders.

The slow worm is another creature I should mention. It is not, in fact, a worm, nor is it a snake despite its appearance. Slow worms are actually legless lizards. One way to identify them is to see if they have eyelids. Lizards (and therefore slow worms) do while snakes are lidless.

Given the problems of the adder I am pleased that Natural England is joining forces with the Zoological Society of London and Oxford University to help it. A team of experts will be taking DNA swabs from snakes across a variety of sites this year to determine the current levels of genetic diversity. From the expected results it is hoped that it will reinforce the case for a number of conservation remedies, many of which are fairly obvious in any case. Creating wildlife corridors, to link and expand existing populations of all fauna and flora, is a must if we are to allow them to survive. In extreme cases it may even be considered necessary to move in fresh snakes to some populations to widen the genetic base.

Roy Denney

Stop Press!

A few Gremlins have crept into some existing LEI fixtures lists:

Please note the Watermead event will start from the Mill Lane car park in Thurmaston (not the Wanlip Road north car park).

The final event of the summer league takes place on Wednesday 31st August (and not Tuesday 31st August).

For the full summer league fixture list, see page 24.



Converts in the Making?

Alan and I organised a fun evening of orienteering on Thursday 19th May for members of our running club, Wreake Runners. We weren't sure how enthusiastic road runners would be as they are more used to pounding pavements with their blinkers on, aiming to take another few seconds off their mile PBs. Therefore, we were not anticipating a very good turnout. However, we had 31 runners who took part.



Alan explaining the rudiments of orienteering.

We used the permanent orienteering controls at Watermead Country Park and made up a 4K route. For seasoned runners, this is a very short distance indeed, but by the time they arrived back some had covered up to three times this distance, so it turned out to be equally as physically challenging as a usual running night, but with all the mental challenges alongside!

We organised two courses, each with the same 11 controls, but they were arranged so that the courses ran in opposite directions in order to reduce the chance of competitors following each other into controls. None of the competitors had orienteered previously, so before we let them loose, we handed each of them a

'dummy' map which we used to brief them on, i.e. familiarisation with map symbols and colours, as well as explaining the object of orienteering. Many of the runners paired up – safety in numbers – but a few brave souls ventured out alone.

Our first competitors (two of the club's best runners) were back after 33 minutes, whereas the last runner took over 90 minutes. I have to say it was great to see the runners with big grins on their faces and hear the excited buzz of them exchanging route choices as they pored over their maps. It reminds me of Sunday mornings after the EMOA league events! They enjoyed it so much that members asked us to host a similar event in the future.



Alan & Wendy de-briefing competitors.

As you can imagine, we took full advantage of our 'audience' and handed out orienteering literature highlighting up and coming events. I think there may be a distinct possibility that LEI members will see a few new faces at the Watermead summer league event in June. It would be great to convert a few fast runners into LEI, as long as they also remember to read the map!

Wendy West



THE LEICESTERSHIRE ORIENTEERING CLUB

Events are informal, usually with a social element.

Week-day starts are staggered from 6.30pm to 7.30pm - courses close 8.30pm
(these times may be advanced by 30 minutes at either end of the season)

Sprint/Urban events are marked U

Competitive events will use SI electronic punching (£1 hire) whenever possible

Entry fees - Adults £5.50 (£3.50 for members) - Juniors £1

For results, please see www.leioc.org.uk

DATE	DAY	EVENT	ORGANISER
June 9	Thurs	Soar Valley College, Leicester	U Roger Edwards
June 14	Tues	Swithland	Simon Starkey
June 23	Thurs	Watermead East	Alan and Wendy West
June 29	Weds	Fosse Meadows, Sharnford	Mark and Alison Hardy
July 5	Tues	Judgemeadow/Evington	U Simon Ford
July 14	Thurs	Grange Woods, Battram	Mark Sherriff
July 20	Weds	Hay Wood, Baddesley Clinton	OD
July 24	Sun	Irchester	Mike Parsons
July 28	Thurs	Burbage Common, Hinckley	Andy Clarke (NATO)
Aug 2 nd	Tues	Ratby Burroughs	David Anderson
Aug 10	Tues	Markfield	U Roger Phillips
Aug 16	Tues	Donisthorpe	
Aug 21	Sun	Willesley	
Aug 25	Weds	Melton Country Park	Glynn Smith
Aug 31 st	Weds	Bradgate Park	



SUMMER LEAGUE 2011 for THE RBS SHIELD

League scores are on standard handicaps and the best eight events count, giving everyone a chance of success in the league if they perform as well as their age would suggest they should. All events include a technical course. There will always be an introductory level course for novices and young children and, where practical, an intermediate standard course.

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

NOTES	GRID
Sprint and Micro Sprint	SK605073
North Car park	SK537130
Mill Lane Car Park, Mill Lane, Thurmaston (Off B667 Melton Road) LE4 8AF	SK609095
Joint event with Octavian Droobers.	SP488907
Urban/Park Race	SK633031
Car park behind Halls of Ibstock Ltd. (Electrical Appliances) 10/12 High Street, Ibstock LE67 6LG (5 min walk to start & finish)	SK408102
Joint event with Octavian Droobers. Punch type EMIT	SP205707
Off B570, Gipsy Lane, Registration open 10.00am. Start time 10.30am	SP911658
	SP447953
Burroughs Lane, Ratby	SK498061
	SK487099
Donisthorpe Miners' Welfare Centre	SK318141
Score cup, National Forest Cycle Centre on Willesley Lane	SK329155
Visitors' Centre, Wymondham Way, Melton Mowbray	SK756208
Mass Start 6.30pm, Hallgates Car Park Pay and Display followed by Summer League Presentation Evening at The Griffin, Swithland	SK542113



Iain's Summer League Hints

1. Being stopped and questioned by the police is not a valid excuse for arriving late at the finish during a score event. Try to avoid police officers – or at least don't emerge from the undergrowth directly in front of them.
2. Try to punch all controls. Running into a control and inserting your dibber into the SI box may not be sufficient if the box settings have been altered by a nameless club member.
3. After visiting control 15 your next control is number 16 not number 18.

Which other runners have committed these errors already this year?

Answers on a postcard please to:

Iain Tebbutt, LEI Summer League Competition, PO Box 1, Somewhere. AM1L 0ST



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 10.30am to 12.30pm. 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 should be made payable to the 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 take place, check with the organiser. The editors take no responsibility for wasted journeys !



CHANGE OF EVENT STRUCTURE IN FIXTURE LISTS

2011 sees the start of the new British Orienteering event structure with 4 levels of event.

- ◆ Level D = Relatively low cost events providing local competition and aimed at increasing participation.
- ◆ Level C = Local events providing a wider variety of venues and competitors.
- ◆ Level B = Events providing opportunities for more experienced competitors giving a wider variety of terrain and competition for those who are prepared to travel longer distances. Includes, Springtime-in-Shropshire, Scottish 6 days and White Rose events.
- ◆ Level A = Major UK Events (British and Area Championships and the JK).

This replaces the previous 3 category system - more details can be found online at: http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/images/uploaded/downloads/events_guideline_a.pdf

June 2011

1st	WMOA OD Level D	OD Wed Evening Local Event Itchington Holt , Itchington Holt Harbury, SP366550, Organiser: Suzanne Humphries, sthumphries@btinternet.com, 01789 296619 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £0.00, Student £0.00. Punch Type: EMIT, No dogs allowed. Start Times: 6-30pm to 7-30pm www.octavian-droobers.org
1st	EMOA DVO Level D	DVO Summer Series and Bike O , John Port School, Etwall Derby, SK266317 Organiser: Rex Bleakman, rexbleakman321@btinternet.com, 01283 733363 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. Punch Type: SI, Start Times: 6:30 - 7:30 www.dvo.org.uk/details/dvo%20John%20Port%201-6-11.htm
2nd	EMOA LOG Level D	Summer Series 5/9 , Stapleford Woods Stapleford, SK850554 Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk, 01522 791344 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £2.00, Student £2.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: on leads Start Times: 18:00 - 19:00hrs www.logonline.org.uk
3rd	EMOA DVO Level D	DVO Summer Series , Oakwood, Derby , SK382386 Organiser: Mike Gardner, mikegardvo@aol.com, 01332 665671 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.50, Student £1.50. , Punch Type: None, www.dvo.org.uk/
5th	EMOA NOC Level C	Nottingham City Race , Nottingham City Nottingham , SK572399 Organiser: Eva Wheeler, org20110605@noc-uk.org Postal Entry: Michael Napier, 32 Cransley Avenue Wollaton, Nottingham, NG8 2QY, 0115 928 9663, mnapier@cix.co.uk. Cheques payable to Michael Napier Online entry through www.fabian4.co.uk/default.aspx?EventID=486 Entry On Day: Senior £0.00, Junior £0.00, Student £0.00. , Punch Type: None, www.noc-uk.org



June 2011 cont.

15th	EMOA DVO Level D	DVO Sumer Series, Hall Leys Park Matlock , SK300598, Organiser: Judith Holt, judith.holtcooke@btinternet.com, 01629582325 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.dvo.org.uk/
16th	EMOA LOG Level D	Summer Series 6/9 , Grantham Town Grantham , SK918361 Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk, 01522 791344 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £2.00, Student £2.00. , Punch Type: Sl, Dogs: on leads Start Times: 18:00 - 19:00hrs www.logonline.org.uk
17th	EMOA DVO Level D	DVO Summer Series , Buxton Pavilion Gardens Buxton , SK054733 Organiser: Ro Cole, 01298 27836 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.dvo.org.uk/
18th	EMOA DVO Level D	DVO Local Event , Shipley Country Park Heanor , SK430465, Organiser: Kim Buxton, 01773 604123 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, Start Times: 10:30am - 12:30pm www.dvo.org.uk/
19th	EMOA LEI Level C	EMOA League Event , Burrough Hill Melton Mowbray , SK762118 Organiser: Roger Phillips, 07967009504 Entry On Day: Senior £8.00, Junior £3.00, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: Sl, Dogs: On lead. Start Times: 10.30am to 12.30pm www.leioc.org.uk
22nd	EMOA DVO Level D	DVO Summer Series , Markeaton Park Derby , SK333371, Organiser: Michelle Mackervoy, michellemackervoy@talktalk.net Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. Punch Type: None, www.dvo.org.uk/
24th	EMOA DVO Level D	DVO Summer Series, Markeaton Park, Derby , SK333371, Organiser: Jen Gale, jg.244@btinternet.com, 01283 585 244 Entry On Day: Senior £3.00, Junior £1.50, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, Dogs: No restrictions Start Times: 6:30 - 7:30 www.dvo.org.uk
26th	EMOA NOC Level D	NOC Summer League , Rushcliffe Country Park Nottingham Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.noc-uk.org
30th	EMOA LOG Level D	Summer Series 7/9 , Riseholme Park Lincoln , SK984757 Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk, 01522 791344 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £2.00, Student £2.00. , Punch Type: Sl,

July 2011

1st	EMOA DVO Level D	DVO Summer Series , Elvaston Castle Derby , SK412332 Organiser: Robert Smith, rob.andy.smith@dsl.pipex.com, 01332 865882 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.dvo.org.uk/
2nd	EMOA DVO Level D	DVO Summer Series , Swadlincote Woodlands Swadlincote , SK305193 Organiser: Rex Bleakman, rexbleakman321@btinternet.com, 01283 733363 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.dvo.org.uk/



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10th	EMOA NOC Level D	NOC Summer League , Berry Hill Mansfield , Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.noc-uk.org
20th	EMOA DVO Level D	DVO Summer Series , Abbot Beyne Burton upon Trent , SK262234 Organiser: Rex Bleakman, rexbleakman321@btinternet.com , 01283 733363 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.dvo.org.uk/
31st—6th AUG	SOA Level B	Scottish 6 Days 31st Scottish 6 Days - 2011 - Day 1 , Dunollie & Ganavan Oban , NM865325, Organiser: Louise Longhurst Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Only in car park and assembly, on lead at all times www.scottish6days.com/2011/
	SOA	1st Scottish 6 Days - 2011 - Day 2 , Ardnaskie Near Oban , NM964333 Organiser: Richard Oxlade Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Only in car park and assembly, on lead at all times www.scottish6days.com/2011/
	SOA	2nd Scottish 6 Days - 2011 - Day 3 , Creag Mhic Chailein Near Oban , NM930310 Organiser: Margaret Dagleish Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Only in car park and assembly, on lead at all times www.scottish6days.com/2011/
	SOA	3rd Scottish 6 Days - 2011 - Rest Day , Fearnoch Forest Near Oban , NM965310, Organiser: Andrew Dale Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. Punch Type: None, www.scottish6days.com/2011/
	SOA	4th Scottish 6 Days - 2011 - Day 4 , Torinturk Near Oban , NM916278 Organiser: David Eades Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Only in car park and assembly, on lead at all times www.scottish6days.com/2011/
	SOA	5th Scottish 6 Days - 2011 Day 5 , Lochnell & Shenavillie Near Oban , NM890402, Organiser: Rhona Fraser Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Only in car park and assembly, on lead at all times www.scottish6days.com/2011/
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5th	EMOA DVO Level D	DVO Summer Series , Holmebrook Country Park Matlock Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. Punch Type: None, www.dvo.org.uk/
7th	EMOA NOC Level D	NOC Summer League , Wollaton Park Nottingham , SK533393 Organiser: Paul Beresford Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.noc-uk.org
27th-29th	YHOA EBOR Level B	White Rose Weekend 27th White Rose Day 1 Classic Distance Race , Stony Marl Moor and Pye Rigg Scarborough , SE989967, Organiser: Mike Ridealgh Online entry through www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk Entry On Day: Senior £15.00, Junior £6.50, Student £6.50. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On lead and only in assembly area Start Times: 10.00 to 14.00 www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk



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27th-29th	YHOA	28th White Rose Day 2 Classic Distance Race , Harwood Dale Forest Scarborough , SE989967, Organiser: Mike Ridealgh Online entry through www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk Entry On Day: Senior £15.00, Junior £6.50, Student £6.50. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On lead and only in assembly area Start Times: 10.00 to 14.00 www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk
27th-29th	YHOA	29th White Rose Team Score Race , Harwood Dale Forest Scarborough , SE989967, Organiser: Bill Griffiths, wr2011org@gmail.com , 0771 000 2961 Online entry through www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk No Entry On Day. Entries Close: 22/08/2011. Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: On lead and only in assembly area Start Times: 10.00 to 11.00 www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk

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4th	EMOA LOG Level B	Lincoln City Race , City Centre Lincoln , SK973719, Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk , 01522 791344 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.logonline.org.uk
11th	EMOA NOC Level D	NOC Winter League 1 , Bestwood Nottingham , Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.noc-uk.org
17th	EMOA LEI Level D	LEI Club Championships , Spring Cottage Ashby de la Zouch Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.leioc.org.uk LEI MEMBERS ONLY

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1st	EMOA NOC Level D	NOC Winter League 2 , Brierley Mansfield Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.noc-uk.org
9th	EMOA LEI Level C	EMOA League Event ,The Outwoods, SK522148 Entry On Day: Senior £8.00, Junior £3.00, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI. Start Times: 10.30am to 12.30pm www.leioc.org.uk
23rd	EMOA NOC Level C	Colour Coded Event , Bramcote Hills and The Hemlockstone Nottingham Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.noc-uk.org

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6th	EMOA LEI Level B	LEI Regional Event , Fineshade Corby , SP990985 Organiser: Robert Haskins, 01509 842449 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.leioc.org.uk
13th	EMOA NOC Level C	Colour Coded Event , Byron's Walk Kirby in Ashfield Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.noc-uk.org

