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Front cover: Rachael Simonetti's decoration at the presentation evening.

Photo: Alan West

Points from the Editors



Welcome to the summer edition of your LEI News. After a 'fallow' year, we are delighted to announce that the LEI News has been awarded the CompassSport Newsletter Award for 2017. This would not happen without the fabulous articles and photographs that you send to us for publication, so this is a heartfelt thank you to you all, and please keep your articles coming.

This year has seen a new annual award of the Chairman's Tankard, which Chris Phillips awarded to Alastair Paterson, the first recipient, so well done, Alastair!

With regard to articles in this current newsletter, we urge you to read the safeguarding article on page 7, as we all have a duty to safeguard those in our sport. Additionally, you may be aware that there is a new law which came into force with effect from 25th May, 2018, called the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Steve Chafer has put together an excellent article (page 10) making it clear what data is held and what it is used for. This legislation replaces the Data Protection Act.

Good luck to the juniors taking part in the YBT final on 1st July. Fingers and toes crossed for another podium finish. You can read more about this on page 4.

Finally, after the Beast from the East 1 and 2, one of which caused the cancellation of our major LEI event in Belvoir, the warmer weather has arrived, so let's make the most of it. Happy orienteering!

Wendy and Alan West



Ramblings from the Chair



In orienteering terms, it has been an 'interesting' few months. I cannot remember a winter when so many events have fallen foul of the bad weather, including, of course, our own Belvoir Event.

Standing ankle deep in snow in the Belvoir Castle car park and looking at the disappointment on the face of my fellow event officials, and sensing their frustration at seeing two years' hard work disappear in a few hours of snowfall, was perhaps one of the lowest times for me as your club chairman.

Making up for the disappointment of Belvoir was super Saturday at Irchester. Wearing one of my other hats, as chair of British Orienteering's Events and Competition Committee, I am on the receiving end of a lot of comments on the major events. It says a lot for the quality of the Irchester event that, for once, I didn't get any negative comments. Many thanks to the major officials for both events and to all those club members who volunteered to help over the weekend. Let's hope that we have better luck with the weather for our next level A event, the British Sprint Championships, in September 2019.

British Orienteering has recently published a new strategy document for developing junior participation - 'Every Junior Matters'. Your club committee will be discussing how this can be best implemented in LEI at the May meeting. Reading the document, I was reminded of a poster I saw recently at a junior football

club. It read, 'This is not the world cup, it's only a game, we are here for fun, don't abuse the ref, don't shout at your kids'. I trust that, in LEI, our juniors are only here for the fun!

As I write this on a glorious early May Bank Holiday evening, it seems a little early to be talking about the end of the summer league (two events completed, 17 to go!). However, as always, we will be having an end of league presentation and buffet after the last event on 22nd August. This year, there will be a change. Instead of the usual buffet, we are having a barbecue at the Black Horse at Aylestone. Catering arrangements will necessitate club members pre-booking (it will still be free). More details as the summer progresses.

In the autumn, EMOA will be running another Regional Training Day. Among the courses on offer will be Controller, Organiser and Planner. If you would like to provisionally book a place on one of the courses, please have a chat with me at an event.

Chris Phillips

Monday Club Night
Brookvale Gym
Groby College
Caters for juniors
and families



Captain's Corner



The LEI junior squad was in action for the first time in 2018 at the joint EMOA/WMOA regional heat of the Yvette Baker Trophy. Thankfully, LEI was hosting the YBT heat at Cademan Woods,

enabling home advantage. As LEI was placed 3rd in the 2017 competition, LEI was the team to beat. Thankfully, after some tough courses at Cademan, our junior squad came joint first with OD and progress to the final. The 2018 final for the Yvette Baker Trophy is being held on 1st July at Arrow Valley Country Park near Redditch. I am optimistic that we can repeat last year's success and once again make it onto the podium.

This year's CompassSport heat was held at Shouldham Warren, hosted by WAOA, on 11th March. As the heat was even further than last year's in LOG country, I wasn't hopeful that we would get a full team to Shouldham Warren. However, 42 club members made the long trek to Norfolk. Sadly, home advantage to NOR, saw LEI narrowly beaten into 2nd place by 22 points. As always in the CSC heat, the club with the largest team won. I am hoping that on 17th March, 2019, the whole club will take part in the heat at Sherwood Pines and that we will progress to the 2019 final.

At this year's JK Festival, we had several podium finishes. A special mention must

go to Don Moir, who completed a clean sweep at the JK. Other podium finishes were Daniel Glover (2nd - sprints), Andy Simpson (3rd - sprints, 2nd - day 2, 2nd - day 3). This year, LEI had two teams in the JK Relays, one competing in the JK Trophy (course A) and one in the Men's Short (course C). Our JK Trophy produced a very respectable 22nd place. Unfortunately, our Men's Short team had a miss punch.

Also, a huge congratulations to Iain Phillips, who was selected for the British Orienteering Team to compete at the European Trail Orienteering Championships in Slovakia.

I am on the lookout for a couple of volunteers to help look after the juniors at the Peter Palmer Junior Relays on the 8th/9th September. It will suit those members who love volunteering for very unusual and quirky events.

Roger Phillips

**Wednesday Club
Night**

**Ivanhoe College,
Ashby**

Caters for all ages



Junior Captain's Corner



The juniors have had a very successful start to the year, as we have qualified for the national final of the Yvette Baker Trophy. Everyone did extremely well and there were a

lot of LEI juniors who finished in the top three in their category – Imogen, Harrington, Caitlin, Ben, Iona, Matilda and Robyn. Well done to all of the juniors that participated. We now need a really good turnout at the final on 1st July at Arrow Valley Park. Hopefully, we can keep the podium position that we attained last year. I hope to see all the juniors there!

Many LEI juniors have attended the EMJOS training sessions so far this year. The first training day was a very cold,

snowy day in January at Mansfield Woodhouse, where the squad created a fantastic video that can be found on the EMJOS website. Then, in February, many LEI juniors attended the equally cold training weekend in the Lake District, where the squad found yet more snow. But, in April, the weather finally improved as the squad spent a sunny weekend training and competing in Yorkshire at Wass. However, the good weather did not last and at the next training day at Cademan, EMJOS were joined by WMJS for another cold and wet day. Overall, despite the weather, there has been a good LEI turnout to regional training events, which have been very useful and great fun.

I hope to see many of the juniors at some of the LEI summer league events, when we can all fit in the races around exams!

Anna

Club and Activity Nights Contacts

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Wednesday night: Peter Hornsby: ashbymapping@gmail.com

Thursday night: Contact Derek Herd Derek@herd.kiwi



Thursday Club Night
Glenfield sports ground
Caters for all ages



Top 10 Performances from Major Championships

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

British Night Championships, Merthyr Mawr, 24th February 2018

M18 5th Ethan Tebbutt
M50S 4th Iain Tebbutt

LEI UKOL weekend, Irchester, 17th March 2018 (National B Level Event) Middle Distance

M10 6th Eoin Simpson
M14 1st Ben Hardy
M16 10th Oscar Ferris
M21 8th Finn Lydon
M40 1st Roger Phillips
2nd Ed Chester
M45 5th Ed de SalisYoung
6th Howard Alcock
M85 1st Donald Moir
W10 1st Ellen Simpson
W18 2nd Imogen Wilson
W21 6th Esther Revell
7th Toni O'Donovan
W50 2nd Trish Lydon
3rd Julie Ferris
4th Alison Hardy
W65 9th Maureen Webb

JK Festival of Orienteering 2018, West Midlands, 30th March - 2nd April

JK Day 1 Sprint, MOD Stafford

M10 2nd Daniel Glover
M12 4th Ben Glover
M20E 5th Finn Lydon
M45 3rd Andy Simpson
M65 10th Roger Edwards
M85 1st Don Moir
W10 9th Ellen Simpson
W40 6th Toni O'Donovan

JK Day 2 Middle, Breton Spurs

M21V 4th Jack Tiffin
M35S 7th Chris Heaton
M45L 2nd Andy Simpson
M50S 5th Iain Wilson
M85 1st Don Moir
W10A 4th Ellen Simpson
W18S 5th Caitlin Chafer
W21L 3rd Lucy Taylor
W40L 4th Toni O'Donovan
W70S 7th Di Ford

JK Day 3 Long, Beaudesert

M10B 9th Eoin Simpson
M20E 9th Finn Lydon
M21V 2nd Chris Heaton
M45L 2nd Andy Simpson



M75L 5th Simon Ford
M85 1st Don Moir
W18S 1st Caitlin Chafer
W21L 1st Lucy Taylor
W40L 5th Toni O'Donovan

M80 1st..... Don Moir
W10A 9th..... Ellen Simpson
W18S 4th..... Caitlin Chafer
W21L 1st..... Lucy Taylor
W40L 5th..... Toni O'Donovan

JK Day 2 and Day 3 combined

M45L 2nd Andy Simpson
M75L 7th Simon Ford

Northern Championships, Wass, 22nd April 2018

M20E 10th..... Finn Lydon
M85 1st..... Don Moir

Safeguarding

As a club, we are committed to ensuring the safeguarding and welfare of all those involved in our sport. As the LEI Club Welfare Officer, I am pleased to report that British Orienteering will now be sending all Club Welfare Officers regular updates to ensure that we are aware of the latest safeguarding policies and practices, which, in turn, I will share with you.

British Orienteering's primary responsibility is to ensure that safeguarding concerns, and any relevant information, are reported and, where appropriate, passed onto the police and children's social care without delay. One of the mechanisms that British Orienteering has to facilitate the reporting

of potential safeguarding concerns is a safeguarding email address, which allows individuals to directly report concerns to the Lead Safeguarding Officer. Reports could include any concerns about the welfare of children, either within orienteering or outside of orienteering, and any concerns over adult behaviour related to the welfare of children. Therefore, if you have any safeguarding concerns now or in the future, could you please contact British Orienteering directly on their safeguarding email address, which is: safeguarding@britishorienteering.org.uk.

*Wendy West
Club Welfare Officer*

STOP PRESS

A date for your diaries.

The Club Championships will take place on
Saturday 8th September, 2018.



Volunteers Please!

JIRCS 2018

This September, DVO is hosting, on behalf of the region, the UK Junior Inter Regional Championships (JIRC). Below is a letter from the weekend co-ordinator, Sarah Pennell, asking for helpers. As many LEI Juniors will be taking part, I hope that club members will volunteer. Please note that the Sunday morning relays will be followed by the EMOA Score Championships at the same venue – Carsington Pastures.

If you are able to help, please respond direct to Sarah.

Chris Phillips

Dear Club Member,

As you may know, East Midlands Orienteering Association are hosting this year's Junior Inter Regional Competition on 29th and 30th of September 2018 and many of our young athletes will be taking part.

Plans are well in hand for the individual run on Saturday at the Chatsworth Estate and the relay competition on Sunday morning at Carsington Pastures (before the East Midlands Score Champs event in the afternoon).

We need to ask for volunteers to help with jobs such as assisting at the start and finish and marshalling for gates etc. We will need help for both Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday between 10am and 4pm (Starts are after 12:30)

Sunday we have to cover from 7am to around 1pm (starts at 9am).

If you are able to help then please let us know which day and time you are available, along with your contact details and we will get back to you once we have collated the list.

This promises to be a great event in our area so please try to find time to be part of the team and help make this event a great success.

Many thanks

Sarah Pennell

Co-Ordinator JIRCS 2018

E-mail: jircs2018@gmail.com, Telephone 07747 580783

Don't forget!

**The LEI NEWS can be found online, in full colour at
www.leioc.org.uk/members/lei-news/**



Bradgate: Come and Try It (CATI)

The final Bradgate 'Come and Try It' (CATI) has come and gone and, for the month of April, various members of LEI managed to drag themselves from their sofas, computer screens or whatever LEI members do on Saturdays, and join Maureen, Kevin G. and me, on 'The Flats' in Bradgate Park. The reason? To promote LEI and orienteering as a sport for all.

This all started back in 2017 when the Bradgate Trust held a bit of a craft fair at their offices in the centre of the park. We were invited to put something on for the visitors, so we agreed and had a fun game and a short course for those who wanted to join in. Sadly, the day was a complete washout. The Heavens opened and there were very few in the park. However, we all agreed that it might be a good idea to do something just for the Club, so the CATI was born, in conjunction with the Trust's Education Officer, Nicole.

Our first three Saturdays were blessed with beautiful weather and the park was busy. After encouraging the first couple of people to try the maze, we had a constant flow of competitors and even had a few try the orienteering course (using the permanent orienteering plaques). The final Saturday, well, that was a bit of a damp squib. It drizzled continuously, yet, nonetheless, we did have a few who braved the maze and the o-course.

We'd like to thank those who made the effort to join us in this venture. We'd also like to thank the Bradgate Trust for letting us into the park and Nicole for facilitating the events. We've learned quite a lot from this and, although they were a success, next time it will be done differently.

Andy Portsmouth



Photo: Andy Portsmouth

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Who we are:

Leicestershire Orienteering Club (LEI) are affiliated to the East Midlands Orienteering Association (EMOA) and the British Orienteering Federation (BOF). As a Club, we hold certain personal information (known as 'personal data') about the club members and participants of club organised events. Most of the data held and processed by the Club, in running the Club, will be personal data. (In other words, it is information from which you, as an individual, can be identified.)

What information we collect about you

In becoming a member of LEI, or attending LEI organised events/ activities, we may hold some or all of the following information about you:

- Name and date of birth/age group
- Address
- Gender
- Email address
- BOF membership number
- Car registration number
- Start/ race times/ courses
- Doctor's name and address
- Medical conditions/ medication
- Phone number (s)
- E-card number
- Next of kin

How we use that information:

The Club has a legitimate interest in holding and processing the above information about you, as it is needed for us to properly administer the club and events we organise, including the levy due to BOF & EMOA as a result of the events and activities we hold. We will not collect any personal data from you that we do not need.

Personal data relating to the Club membership and event participation is held on paper and on computer systems. As the 'data controller', the Club must process this information fairly and lawfully.

Who we share it with:

We are not allowed to disclose personal data about you to other parties, except:

- for the purposes of registering and administering your involvement in the sport;
- where you have given your consent.

In the administering of the sport, we may share your data with other clubs and organisations involved in event entries (e.g. Fabian4 and Si Entries) and also participation and results data with BOF and EMOA.

How long we keep personal data for:

We will retain your membership data for



such time as you are a member registered with LEI and BOF, and will then delete your information as follows:

- Four years after the individual has ceased to be a member of the club.

Any personal data collected as part of LEI organised events/ activity will be deleted as follows:

- 1 month following the event or 4 years for non- BOF members .

NB Event result data will continue to be available via the LEI or BOF websites.

Your rights:

You have the right to see personal data that is held about you and a right to have a copy provided to you, or someone else on your behalf, in a machine readable (namely, digital) format. If, at any point, you believe that the personal data we hold about you is inaccurate/wrong, you can ask to have it corrected. You can require the Club to restrict/limit the processing of your personal data in certain circumstances, for example, whilst a complaint about its accuracy is being resolved. You can object to your personal data being processed.

Where you have given us your consent to process your personal data, you can withdraw that consent at any time by notifying us (see 'Who to contact' below). You can request that your personal data is deleted altogether.

You should be aware that taking any of the above steps could impact your ability to participate in the sport and club activities.

Information will generally be provided to you free of charge.

Who to contact about your personal data

If you wish to:

- see your personal data or to exercise any of the rights mentioned above, and/or
- make a complaint about how we have handled your personal data

please contact the Club Secretary or Club Chairman by email (emails available on the club website. (www.leioc.org.uk))

Making a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office:

If you are not satisfied with our response to any query you raise with us, or you believe we are processing your personal data in a way which is inconsistent with the law, you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office, whose helpline number is: 0303 123 1113. (www.ico.org.uk)

Updates to this notice:

This notice is the latest version as at 17/5/2018. This notice will be updated from time to time. You will be able to see the latest version at www.leioc.org.uk.



Club Chat

We would like to give a big LEI welcome to the following new members:

Phillip Caswell, Peter Dargue, Isaac Spencer and Nina de Salis Young

Championship Qualifying Standards

Championship standard is awarded to anyone within 25% of the winner's time. A championship badge can be obtained when you achieve three standards within two years at major events and at least one standard must be achieved at the British or JK. At JK 2018, championship standards were achieved by twelve LEI members.

Championship badge award, three qualifying standards one on each of the three days:

Finn Lydon, Don Moir, Toni O'Donovan and Andy Simpson

Two championship standards

Libby Barber and Roger Edwards

One championship standard (at the sprint)

Andy Glover, Alison Hardy, Ben Hardy, Richard Leake, Ethan Tebbutt and Euan Tebbutt.

A championship standard is needed to qualify for the Lagganlia JROS summer training camp.

The following members have recently achieved their colour Standard:

Colour Standard	Member
Orange	Ben Glover Ian Jarvis
Light Green	Libby Barber
Short Green	Peter Chick
Blue	Hugh Laclan

BOF Incentive Awards

Racing Challenge

Gold 5 Stars: Oscar Ferris, Dave Seaman and James Young

Gold 3 Stars: Libby Barber

Silver 2 Stars: Felix Jarvis

Navigation Challenge

3 Stars: Ian and Robyn Jarvis

2 Stars: Felix Jarvis and Ellen Simpson

PRESENTATION EVENING

Other members receiving awards, but not present at the dinner:

Simon Ford: Clock Trophy, awarded for the longest time on an LEI course.

Alison Hardy: Thelma Spalton Trophy awarded for an excellent performance by a W45+



Summer League Table (abbreviated)

Current Positions as at 17/05/2018

Pos	Name	Club	Class	Best 4	Handicap	Events	Total
1	Nicholas Jarvis	LUOC	M21	438	438	40	478
2	John Marriott	LEI	M70	274	362	40	402
3	Roger Phillips	LEI	M40	334	360	40	400
4	Roger Edwards	LEI	M65	279	357	40	397
5	Andrew Ward	LEI	M21	325	325	40	365
6	Simon Ford	LEI	M75	233	317	40	357
7	Andy Glover	LEI	M40	290	313	30	343
8	Edward de Salis Young	LEI	M45	259	291	40	331
9	Alastair Paterson	LEI	M50	250	290	40	330
10	Peter Hornsby	LEI	M65	225	287	40	327
11	David Bray	LEI	M65	217	278	40	318
12	Jane Dring-Morris	LEI	W50	232	278	40	318
13	David Seaman	LEI	M45	246	275	40	315
14	Ursula Williamson	LEI	W55	215	267	40	307
15	David Pettit	DVO	M21	239	239	30	269
16	Craig Lucas	LOG	M21	226	226	30	256
17	Peter Leake	LEI	M75	152	206	40	246
18	Mark Sherriff	LEI	M55	178	213	30	243
19	Kevin Gallagher	LEI	M65	157	201	30	231
20	Robert Titterington	LEI	M75	141	192	30	222
21	Jessica Dring-Morris	LEI	W18	158	177	30	207
22	Stephen Chafer	LEI	M50	159	184	20	204
23	Andy Portsmouth	LEI	M60	132	164	40	204
24	Peter Chick	LEI	M70	131	172	30	202
25	Alison Hardy	LEI	W50	150	180	20	200
26	Keith Willdig	OD	M65	124	159	20	179
27	Andrew Stuart	DVO	M35	151	157	20	177



Send a Text Message to 999

On a recent first aid course, we learnt of an extra safety facility, especially useful for those who spend time in the hills or remote places.

It is possible to register your mobile phone number with the emergency services, so that as well as calling them on 999, you can send a text message. In an area with poor or intermittent reception, a text will get through better than a call. If you find yourself in a situation where you don't want others to know you are sending for help, e.g. contacting the police, a text can be sent silently.

To register your mobile, send a one word

text message *register* to 999. You will receive an automated reply explaining the system. You need to read it and then text *yes* in reply. You then receive a second message confirming you are registered.

If you need to use the text service, you should give the same information as you would when calling: the service you require; details of the incident; where you are and any other information to assist in locating you.

All you mountain marathon, fell or trail runners should register before your next event.

Sue Bicknell

Hill Walkers Warned about Magnets in Clothing

Magnets in outdoor clothing and on phone covers raise the risk of hill walkers making navigational errors, Mountaineering Scotland has warned. The group said magnets were increasingly being used as fastenings on items such as gloves. Mountaineering Scotland said a recent incident in Glen Shee was thought to have been caused by a magnetic fastening deflecting a compass needle. It said a group of walkers had wrongly headed east instead of west. They then became disorientated in low cloud and ended up miles away from a road that would have led them to safety.

Heather Morning, Mountain Safety Adviser for Mountaineering Scotland, said: Fortunately no-one was hurt - just

pride dented - but it could have turned out so much worse, had mountain conditions been more severe. The reason for the error was the compass. It had been stored in a pocket next to a mobile phone in a case which had a magnetic closure on it, and the magnet had reversed the polarity of the compass needle, so that the north arrow pointed south.

The phenomenon of reversed polarity has been publicised previously in mountaineering circles. People are advised to keep their compasses well away from mobile phones. Mountaineering Scotland said it was concerned by the growing use of magnetic closures in outdoor clothing. Ms. Morning said: Modern technology is great. The resources available now to



keep us warm and safe in the mountains have never been better. But more joined-up thinking is needed between outdoor clothing manufacturers and mountain users to avoid potentially life-threatening consequences.

Editors: Article taken from BBC News, 28th February, 2018.

Orienteers take note and look after your compass.

Club Shop

LEI branded clothing is available from the Club Captain. The range is shown below. The preferred payment method is by bank transfer (sort code 09-01-54, account no. 74893286) into the club account. You can also pay by cheque made payable to 'Leicestershire Orienteering Club' or you can pay by debit/credit card with the Club Captain if he has a signal and you have your card with you. To order, contact the Club Captain by email: rogerphillips34@gmail.com



*Long sleeved club top
£36 as worn by Andy
at the JK2018 sprint.*

*Short sleeved club top £30
as worn by Nick at the
JK2018 Day 1.*

*JK Photos:
Annie Leake*



*Also available:
Hoodie, £26 adult
size/£20 junior size.
Available in purple
or navy.*

*Club purple
fleece, £23.*

*Warm up top £32,
Trousers £20, as
worn by Ursula*



Presentation Evening - 2018 (Part 1)



Howard: Men's Club Champion.



Tracey: Women's Club Champion.



Roger: Veteran Men Club Champion, 2017/2018 winter league top veteran male.

Maureen: Veteran Women's Club Champion.



Laurie: First Aid Certificate



Sue: First Aid Certificate



The annual presentation dinner was held on Saturday 4th March, 2018, at the Kirby Muxloe Golf Club. The presentations were made by our club president, Ernie Williams.



Alastair: Chairman's Tankard awarded for services to the club.



Peter: President's Salver awarded to a member who has put in some outstanding work for the club.



Roger: The Tiger Trophy awarded to a member who has greatly contributed to the club over a period of time.



Ursula: First Aid Certificate.

Chris: 2017 EMOA League Blue Course Winner.

All photographs by Alan West.



Out and About



The Summer League had its usual start - wet, of course. We have, however, just had some great sunny days, and flowers and blossoms abound, with the birds suddenly in overdrive.

I was lucky enough to watch water voles in a stream near Winchester recently and it is good to see them making a bit of a comeback. If going to Kielder Water, you may be lucky enough to see this old friend: Ratty is back! Over 500 water voles have been released there in two waves over the last 12 months. As otters repopulate our rivers and out-compete mink, the voles are creeping back. There are quite a lot of otters in Leicestershire now, so hopefully the voles will return as well.

I used to delight in the occasional sightings of Peregrine Falcons when out on the rocky moors, but I see them fairly frequently in the heart of Leicester these days. Many of our major cities have them breeding on high rooftops and thriving off the readily available prey, the pigeons. It is, perhaps, as well, as increasing numbers of raptors are being killed in our rural areas.

It might not surprise you, but animals breed as their numbers increase and, as habitats shrink, they have learned to adapt to the areas where we would often prefer they stayed out of. They are invading our parks and, increasingly, our gardens as the natural countryside dwindles. The fox is a familiar figure in our urban areas, but the Muntjac, our

smallest deer, is almost as common in some urban areas and badgers in some others.

One of our few native deer, the roe deer was largely extinct in many areas of England 50 years ago, but names associated with it were everywhere. How many pubs called the Roebuck or the Buck Inn have you come across? They are now making a comeback as woodland cover is increased, and are greatly helped by the reduction in gaps between woodland blocks, which is being brought about by the creation of community woodlands near habitation. They are now widespread in many areas where they had been missing for years and there are thought to be between 350,000 and 500,000 of them now in Britain. You can see how common they once were, not only in the names of pubs but also the names of villages like Bucknall, Buckfast, Buckfastleigh, Buckenham, Buckhorn, Buckhaven, Buckerell, Buckminster, Buckden and Buckland. It is odd how some animal names invade our language.

Deer are a very real problem. In our remaining wild areas, they prevent natural regeneration of plants and trees, and closer to home they can also cause problems. Given there is resistance to reintroducing wolves or lynx, we need to find other ways to manage the deer population, in particular both to keep them from areas we do not want to see them but also to ensure their welfare, protecting them from starvation by overgrazing, and from injury in road traffic accidents. There are thought to be over 50,000 accidents involving deer across the country each year. The UK deer population is thought to be up to about six million.



In the absence of a natural predator, sustainable management of deer usually means that they have to be culled. Approaching 400,000 are culled in the UK every year, but despite this and road kills, their population continues to grow.

Wolves would be a solution, but would also bring other problems. The wolf hasn't existed in the wild in Britain since the 1700s, but has never really left us. We 'wolf' down our food and 'keep the wolf from the door'. We suffer from 'lone wolf' attacks, but sometimes 'cry wolf'. We have a 'wolf in sheep's clothing' and have been 'thrown to the wolves'. Also, women are all too familiar with 'wolf whistles'. We have the poisonous plant 'wolf's bane', so named as it is dangerous, and there is a plant named as 'wolf-like' because it survives in remote wild places. As such, it was described by the Latin word pronounced 'loopin' (the Lupin, *genius lupinus*)

Closer to home I am getting increasing opportunities to get up close and personal with wildlife. Right on our doorstep, we have over 100 acres of open land with mature woodland, new plantings, streams, ponds, ditches, bogs and hills, etc., mostly only made available to us recently. It would make a great orienteering area, but for the blocks being separated by busy roads. There is a new stretch of open access wild land (Brookside Meadows) along about 1K of Rothley Brook, and just across the A46 slip road another 20 acres of wooded and

landscaped land will be opened up within the next 12 months (Clanfelde Hills). At the other end of that block, and just across Ratby Lane, a new 8 acre nature reserve, full of landform features, has been opened, backing onto the half mile long Fishley Belt block of woodland, with ponds and streams. Linking all these, there are rights of way, or permissive paths, which also lead out into the existing green areas of Glenfield.

I am a member of the planning committee at Blaby and am appalled at the rate of house building in green spaces. There is, however, a massive shortfall in home provision, the demographic and political reasons for which we will not go into. It is down to the government to use the fiscal system to reward and encourage more 'brown field' developments. We do not need to further relax the planning rules; builders already have enough permissions, they just don't build them out. One thing we can do, as planners, is ensure that all larger developments include a good amount of green space that it is not always over manicured, and that green corridors are left to allow wildlife to migrate. By working with the developers at Optimus Point, we have achieved just that, and when New Lubbesthorpe is complete, that will also have a lot of off-road paths, green corridors and open spaces.

Roy Denney

STOP PRESS

A date for your diaries.

The next annual presentation evening will take place on Saturday 2nd March, 2019.



Presentation Evening - 2018 (Part 2)



Bob



Jane



Laurie

Maureen



Kevin



Roger



Green waterproof 'Event Team' Jackets were presented to event organisers by club president, Ernie Williams.



Steve



Steve



Wendy

Ursula



Alan



All photographs by Alan and Wendy West.

Photo Gallery: JK 2018



Ernie



Ben

All photos: Annie Leake

Matt



Finn





Top left: Peter

*Top right:
Steve*

*Bottom left:
Howard*

*Bottom right:
Liz*



Retired Man Chronicles

As I was writing the last instalment of the RMC, John had gone skiing and Chris Bosley was in the ski party, too. There is an 'idiot of the day' award, and John managed to keep secret the incident of the helmet in the sink, as no-one else saw it. He went to wash his hands in the sink and placed his ski helmet in the adjacent bowl. The water system detects hands and turns on the water. Oh dear, it also filled his helmet, too! The other skiers thought that the water dripping down his face from the helmet was just sweat and he did not correct their ideas.

He did earn the 'idiot of the day' award for skiing off after a refreshment stop with someone else's skis and poles. It was more than an hour before he realised his mistake and skied back to the restaurant to find the real owner with the words 'I think **YOU have lost** some skis'. Note the subtle difference with 'I'm sorry, **I have stolen** your skis'. The man was reasonably pleasant about losing a lot of skiing time, but his wife was furious. Oh dear, it turned out that the couple were staying at the same hotel and on the same floor.

In early February, John returns from Brindley, Cannock, and is not very complimentary about the lack of organisation of the O event: controls that were not there and discussions about contactless dibbers. There are reports of contactless failures and there is no way of checking if a runner did, indeed, visit a control, as his/her visit is not recorded on the control box (which did happen with the old style dibbers). In his eagerness to demonstrate after a family get together, we have a few control boxes, start, finish and clear arranged between the empty

chocolate cake plates and the fresh pineapple, and compare the new versus the old dibbers.

Kevin Gallagher had taken away the O equipment for the half term event in Beacon Hill, but there is a small blue plastic duck with an orange beak remaining in our hall. "What is this?" I ask. "Oh, it belongs to Peter Hornsby." It has some metal circular thing underneath. I am no wiser, but it does look cute!

I attended the Beacon Hill event with 3 year old grand-daughter, Hattie. We have brought back Peter's blue duck, but Hattie says "Peter is silly," as he tells her that his ducks go "Bah" not "Quack." Three year olds are not easily fooled, Peter. It was very, very cold at Beacon Hill. Hattie enjoyed dibbing, blowing the whistle (quietly) and breaking the ice on puddles. We completed most of the short course before retiring 'frozen'.

RM returns from Bestwood and challenges me to find the start triangle on the Bestwood map, and I struggle and need lots of help. One side of the triangle is printed on top of a fence and another side is on top of a northing line, and so both disappear. Also, the circle for control one and the start triangle are so close that there is no room for a connecting line between them. The triangle IS THERE, just very difficult to pick out.

RM celebrated his 70th birthday with a large, delicious, if fattening, cake from North's shop at Rothley station. (If you are local, you will understand the reference to the shop). It has dark green icing with a white compass and an O course iced on top. Around the edge,



there are pine trees in darker green icing and the 3 controls bear the number 70. One of his presents is a purple t-shirt with the words 'You may think I am listening to you, but in my head I am thinking about Orienteering.'

The same day is the O club dinner, so even more eating. Time for me to catch up with a few wives: Judi Leake and Doreen Denney who want to know about the new heavy weight grandson, Charlie, 9lbs 6 oz, and a more normal size grand daughter, Millie Olivia, who is born a few weeks later. Thanks, Roy, for organising the food and the quiz of 4 photos of watery O areas. Trophies are presented for the winter/summer league, etc. and green jackets for event team members. Have they won the Augusta Masters golf tournament? No, the idea is that 'the public might distinguish club members who are a reliable source of information'. If you have time to be distracted, try Googling 'Golf's Green Jacket' for titbits of history and gossip. The winner of the first tournament in 1934 was Horton Smith and years later his jacket was sold at auction for \$6,900,000. A silver salver was awarded to Peter Leake for lots of mapping, a trophy for Roger Phillips for the job of club captain and for social media information, and to an unsung hero, Alistair Patterson, for the 24 events where he has collected in controls. The infamous clock trophy is awarded to the LEI person who takes the longest time to finish an O course in an LEI area without retiring, being injured or popping in for a swift pint half way round. This year's winner, Simon Ford, was not present, as he was celebrating his golden wedding anniversary.

'Wear bright clothes' was the request for Sheila Titterington's funeral. RM has a white shirt in contrast to the pink and blue stripe tie and pink/red trousers. He thinks the funeral is at 2pm, then discovers it is

1pm and has to dash to Lutterworth. It is sad that you only find out details of a person's life, how they were instrumental in setting things up and helping others, when they have died. 'A life well lived'. We send our condolences to Bob and family.

A few weeks later, we hear that Bob has been playing 'freezer roulette', i.e. defrosting some unknown, unlabelled bag from the freezer to discover it is blackberries. It could equally have contained something savoury. Bob is off to the shops for an apple and shortcrust pastry to make a pie.

On 18th March, there are several inches of snow on the ground in Cropston. RM has got up early and put on lots of warm ski clothes as he is to man a road crossing at the Midlands Champs at Belvoir. There have already been messages on the website rearranging the parking areas.

John is clearing the snow off the car and the engine is running ready to go when the website details are updated again with 'The event is CANCELLED'. I rush to the front door. "It's cancelled," I shout. "What?" "It's cancelled." A few seconds later and RM would have set off.

Another possible disaster is averted on 20th April. RM had already booked air B&B accommodation for the British Radio O Champs. He has packed his clothes and gathered together his radio O receivers. etc., and is a little annoyed that the start lists are not on the internet yet. It is, then, that he discovers he has the wrong date and the champs are next weekend. John is not often early to an event; he could have been a whole week early. Fortunately, the air B& B lady is happy to alter his booking date.

RM comments after the British Champs radio O weekend, "It was great to see all



our foreign friends again” and “I let Bob Titterington beat me twice.”

The sun is shining and the temperature soars for the Castle Hill park event from Anstey. It is a regional event and somehow there is a brown course available. I ask about Hornsby, as I have some of Peter’s favourite flapjack with me. “He’s not here today,” replies Pete Leake, “He’s off doing his annual dragon slaying.” Peter Hornsby plays St. George in his village event. I don’t often orienteer, so these IOF symbols are sometimes a puzzle. “What are these 2 eyelashes, John?” Answer: “a junction of two earth banks.” Iain Philips is running downhill and hiding in the shade of a big umbrella. He will be representing Britain in the trail O soon and shows us his bluey grey Great Britain jacket. RM was disappointed that they did not go to The Railway, but the Coach and Horses in Anstey, where there was no food and he got covered in spilled drink. In the friendly rivalry with Chris B, he tells me that Chris had forgotten to punch control no. 1 and was disqualified (again).

I try the evening event at nearby Watermead. There is a gap in the rain that has fallen all afternoon, but everywhere is really wet and muddy; what a contrast with the heat of Castle Hill on Sunday. All those Watermead ponds look the same, and thank you Roger E for mixing up controls 53 and 34. That’s my excuse for being last, having found just 7 of the 21 score event controls.

‘Accident prone’ is a good description for the RM’s next few weeks, as I arrive home to find him sitting on the settee with some bloody tissue on his forehead. He went onto the patio and bent down to pick up the lawn shears (left out overnight), slipped on the greasy, wet patio stones and landed on his bum. But the shears flew up in the air and hit him on the way

down, leaving an egg sized bump and a small bloody gash on his forehead.

When RM returns from Burbage Common, he has big horizontal scratches, from a spiky bush, across his forehead and looks rather like Frankenstein’s monster after brain surgery! Finally, he plans courses for the summer league in The Outwoods and has to move a couple of controls from ‘monster’ bramble areas, as evidenced by all those scratches on his legs.

RM returns from Sence Valley and ‘Spoons in a better mood than of late. He has not been disqualified nor, even worse, retired, as had happened recently on the long course at OD’s Hay Wood. He is wondering if there should be a special prize for the person who achieves the most disqualifications in the league (would CB be a contender??).

Happy control hunting.

Irene Marriott



John & Irene helping at the Bradgate CATI event.

Photo: Andy Portsmouth



Summer League 2018

The fixtures are listed on the following pages. The events are informal, usually with a social element. Weekday starts are staggered from 6.30pm to 7.30pm - courses close at 8.30pm. (These times may be advanced by 30 minutes at either end of the season.) For details of the event type, i.e. score, classic or sprint, check on the LEIOC website.

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

Entry fees: Adults £4.50, Juniors £1.50

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

Please confirm arrangements, either with the organiser or league coordinator. League scores are on standard handicaps, giving everyone a chance of success in the league if they perform as well as their age would suggest they should. Overall, it is the best 10 events to count with a sub league of sprint/urban events, with the best 4 counting. 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.

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 (D) and regional (C) 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. National (B) and major (A) events provide a range of age-related courses and are normally entered in advance online. EOD will usually be limited and more expensive. Most will offer a limited number of colour-coded courses for EOD. 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 data, but events are sometimes cancelled. If you are uncertain as to whether an event will take place, check with the organiser, check on www.leioc.org.uk or check on www.britisshorienteering.org.uk. The editors take no responsibility for wasted journeys!

EVENT STRUCTURE IN FIXTURE LISTS

- Local (level D) = relatively low-cost events providing local competition and aimed at increasing participation.
- Regional (level C) = events providing a wider variety of venues and competitors.
- National (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. Major (level A) = major UK events, the best that orienteering can offer.



June 2018

2nd	NOC EMOA Local D	Explore The Parks, Rushcliffe Country Park, Ruddington, SK575320 Organiser: Hilary Palmer , org20180602@noc-uk.org
4th	LEI EMOA Local D	LEI Summer League 7, Bradgate Park, Leicester, entry times 6.30 - 7.30, dogs on leads Organiser: Chris Bosley
9th/10th	NATO NEOA National B	British Mixed Sprint Relay, Pegswood, Morpeth, NZ230877 Morpeth Fair Day urban (UKOL), Morpeth NZ197857 Organiser: John Crosby
10th	LEI EMOA Regional C	East Midlands Urban League 2018, Quorn Entry times: 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. Dogs: On Lead. Organiser: Chris Phillips , onecp47@gmail.com
13th	LEI EMOA Local D	LEI Summer League 8, Brock's Hill, Leicester, SP619997 Organiser: Iain Phillips
16th	NOC EMOA Local D	Explore The Parks, Bramcote Hills Park, Nottingham, SK505380 Organiser: Hilary Palmer , org20180616@noc-uk.org
17th	DVO EMOA Regional C	East Midlands League 2018, Stanton Moor, Bakewell, SK244637 Entry times: 10:30 - 12:30. No dogs allowed. Organiser: Sal Chaffey
21st	LEI EMOA Local D	LEI Summer League 9, Burrough Hill, Leicester, SK766114 Organiser: Matt White , mattwhite670730@gmail.com
23rd	LEI EMOA Local D	Saturday League, Hermitage Leisure Centre, Coalville, SK434157 Entry times: 1.30pm - 2.30pm. Dogs: on lead. Organiser: Roger Edwards , rwmhedwards@gmail.com
24th	LOG EMOA Regional C	East Midlands Urban League 2018, Skegness CC Clubhouse, Skegness, TF562632 Entry times: Reg 10am-11.45am. starts 10.30am. - 12noon. course closes 2pm . Dogs: on leads at all times . Organiser: Sean Harrington , sean@logonline.org.uk
24th	SO SEOA National B	Harvester Relays, Tilgate Forest, Crawley, Tilgate Forest, TQ274345 Registration from 6pm. Mass-Start at Midnight. No dogs allowed. Organiser: Ralph Phillips
26th	LEI EMOA Local D	LEI Summer League 10, Oadby Beauchamp School, Leicester, SP627993 Organiser: Ursula Williamson , ursula.williamson.orienteer@gmail.com



June 2018 Cont.		
30th	NOC EMOA Local D	Explore The Parks, Wollaton Park, Nottingham, SK530394 Organiser: Hilary Palmer , org20180630@noc-uk.org
July 2018		
1st	HOC WMOA National B	Yvette Baker Trophy Final, Arrow Valley Park, Redditch Organiser: Penny Hemsted
4th	LEI EMOA Local D	LEI Summer League 11, Swithland Woods, Loughborough, SK537118 Organiser: Alastair Paterson
12th	LEI EMOA Local D	LEI Summer League 12, Oakham School, Oakham, SK860091 Organiser: Dave Denness
14th	DVO EMOA Local D	Staunton Harold - South Derbyshire Challenge, Staunton Harold Reservoir - Melbourne Organiser: Rex Bleakman dvo.org.uk
14th	NOC EMOA Local D	Explore The Parks, Rushcliffe Country Park, Ruddington, SK575320
17th	LEI EMOA Local D	LEI Summer League 13, Spring Cottage, Ashby Organiser: Steve Edgar
25th	LEI EMOA Local D	LEI Summer League 14, Foxton Locks, Leicester, SP691897 Organiser: Simon Ford , si.ford1943@btinternet.com
29th	NWOA National B	Lakes 5 Day 1 (UKOL), Silver Howe, Ambleside
30th	NWOA National B	Lakes 5 Day 2, Angle Tarn Pikes, Patterdale
31st	NWOA National B	Lakes 5 Day 3, Harrop Tarn, Keswick



August 2018		
2nd	NWOA National B	Lakes 5 Day 4, Askham Fell, Pooley Bridge
2nd	LEI EMOA Local D	LEI Summer League 15, Anstey Urban, Leicester, SK550086 Organiser: Jane Dring-Morris
3rd	LOC NWOA National B	Lakes 5 Day 5 Middle Distance Event (UKOL), Graythwaite West, Hawkshead www.lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk/events
7th	LEI EMOA Local D	LEI Summer League 16, Martinshaw Woods, Leicester Organiser: Derek Herd
11th	DVO EMOA Local D	Swadlincote Woodlands - S Derbyshire Challenge, Swadlincote Woodlands, Swadlincote Organiser: James Prince dvo.org.uk
12th	LEI EMOA Local D	LEI Summer League 17 and LEI Score Cup, Beacon Hill, Leicester, SK521148 Organiser: Andy Portsmouth
15th	LEI EMOA Local D	LEI Summer League 18, Glenfield Urban, Leicester, SK539059 Organiser: Roger Phillips, rogerphillips34@gmail.com
18th	DVO EMOA Local D	Rosliston - S Derbyshire Challenge, Rosliston Forestry Centre, Swadlincote, Organiser: Rex Bleakman dvo.org.uk
19th	LOG EMOA Regional C	East Midlands Urban League 2018, Lincoln City, Lincoln Organiser: Sean Harrington
22nd	LEI EMOA Local D	LEI Summer League 19 Final and Presentations, Aylestone Meadows, Leicester, SK573014 Organiser: Steve Chafer, stephenchafer@aol.com
25/26th	EBOR YHOA National B	White Rose and YHOA Superleague, Duncombe Park, Helmsley.] Organiser: Joshua Cooper
29th	DVO EMOA Local D	Hardwick Park - National Trust Series, Hardwick Park NT, Chesterfield, SK453639 Organiser: Mike Godfree dvo.org.uk

The date for this year's AGM is Monday 29th October.



September 2018		
1st	SWOA Major A	British Sprint Championships (UKOL), Bath University, Bath, ST773644 Organiser: Alan Honey, entries.bocspmd2018@gmail.com , 0127 864 1635
2nd	SWOA Major A	British Middle Championships (UKOL), Stock Hill, Wells, ST548511 Organiser: Liz Yeadon , liz.yeadon@btinternet.com , 07990734576
8th	LEI EMOA Local D	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - Venue and details to follow.
8th/9th	SYO YHOA National B	Peter Palmer Junior Team Relay, Tankersley, Sheffield
15th	SLOW SEOA National B	City of London Race, London
16th	ERYRI WOA National B	2018 Welsh Orienteering Championships, Newborough Forest, Newborough, Anglesey Organiser: Ian Jones
16th	EPOC YHOA National B	EPOC National Event, Marsden Moor, Huddersfield Entry times: 1000 - 1230. Dogs on leads in car park only. Organiser: Jean Lochhead , jmloch1621@gmail.com
22nd/23rd	SARUM SWOA National B	Caddihoe Day 1, Perham Down, Tidworth Caddihoe Day 2, Sidbury Hill, Tidworth Organiser: Dan Gallagher
29th/30th	SWOC WOA National B	Veteran Home Internationals Individual Event, Pwll Du, Blaenavon Veteran Home Internationals Relays, Clydach Terrace Organiser: Kate Balmond
29th/30th	DVO EMOA National B	Junior Inter Regional Championships Individual , Chatsworth, Organiser: Ann-Marie Duckworth Junior Inter Regional Championships Relays, Carsington Pastures Organiser: Viv Macdonald
30th	DVO EMOA Regional C	EM Score Championships 2018, Carsington Pastures, Matlock Entry times: 14:00. Organiser: Viv Macdonald dvo.org.uk
October 2018		
6th/7th	STAG ESOC National B	Junior Home Internationals Individual & Relays, Errochty, Pitlochry, NN767637 Organiser: Terry O'Brien Bonskeid, Pitlochry Organiser: Margaret Dalgleish



October 2018 Cont.		
6th/7th	DEE SELOC National B	Liverpool Big Weekend Day 1 Formby Dunes (UKOL), Organiser: Norman Hall Liverpool Big Weekend Day 2 Liverpool University (UKOL)
7th	LEI EMOA Regional C	East Midlands Urban League 2018, Shepshed, Loughborough
13th/14th	CLOK NEOA National B	October Odyssey day 1, Flyingdales, Whitby October Odyssey day 2, Sneaton, Whitby
14th	DVO EMOA Regional C	East Midlands League 2018, Grangewood, Swadlincote dvo.org.uk
28th	NOC EMOA Regional C	Nottingham Urban Race
November 2018		
3rd/4th	MOOC NWOA National B	Eurocity Race Tour Weekend (Twin Peak Day 1), Offerton Streets, Stockport Organiser: Trevor Roberts www.mdoc.org.uk Eurocity Race Tour weekend (Twin Peak Day 2), Central Manchester and Castlefield, Manchester Organiser: Andrew Gregory www.mdoc.org.uk
4th	NOC EMOA Regional C	East Midlands League 2018, Boundary Wood & Haywood Oakes
4th	SOC SCOA National B	November Classic, Hampton Ridge, Southampton Organiser: Jillian Devine
17th	PFO NWOA National B	World Schools Qualification Event, Tockholes Woods, Blackburn, with Darwen, SD664213 Entry times: Starts from 12:00 till 14:00. No dogs allowed. Organiser: George Crawford-Smith , georgecrawfordsmith@gmail.com , 01282 812075 www.pfo.org.uk
18th	DVO EMOA Regional C	East Midlands League 2018, Linacre Reservoirs, Chesterfield, SK355730 Entry times: 10:00 - 12:00. Dogs in car park and assembly only. Organiser: Jon Cundill , jcundill@gmail.com , 01246 230563
18th	SELOC NWOA National B	British Schools Orienteering Championships



November 2018 Cont.		
24th	GO SEOA National B	Southern Night Championships (UKOL), Puttenham Common and Britty Wood, Puttenham Organiser: Jeremy Wilde
25th	LEI EMOA Regional C	East Midlands League 2018, Bradgate Park, Leicester
25th	SN SEOA Major A	Southern Championships (UKOL), Hindhead & Devil's Punchbowl, Hindhead Organiser: Stephen McKinley
December 2018		
9th	DVO EMOA Regional C	Oakwood Urban, East Midlands and UK urban league, Oakwood
16th	NOC EMOA National B	East Midlands Championships, The Dukeries, Ollerton Organiser: Helen Parkinson, org20181216@noc-uk.org
30th	LEI EMOA Regional C	East Midlands League 2018, Martinshaw Woods, Leicester. SK497061
2019		
23rd February	MAROC SOA Major A	British Night Championships (UKOL), Muir of Dinnet, Scotland. Organiser: Denise Wright
9th March	SYO YHO National B	Northern Champs Weekend Urban Event (UKOL), Sheffield
10th March	SYO YHO Major A	Northern Championships (UKOL) Wharnccliffe Woods, Sheffield Organiser: Peter Gorvett
17th March	NOC EMOA National B	CompassSport Cup Heat, Sherwood Pines, Ollerton
19th - 22nd April	SCOA Major A	JK Orienteering Festival: Day 1 (sprint) Rutherford Laboratories, Day 2 Windmill Hill, South Central, Day 3 Cold Ash, Newbury, Day 4 (relays) Highmoor, Henley on Thames. Days 1 to 3 UKOL events.

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