

JK 2024 Sprint Hosts



# LEI NEWS

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The Newsletter of the Leicestershire Orienteering Club



Day 1 JK 24

CompassSport Trophy

Beat the Street!

Dinner & Awards Evening



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*Front Cover.*

*The start at Beacon Hill. Winter League 4*

## Points from the Editors

Much to the surprise of your new editorial team we have actually managed to produce the Spring 2024 Newsletter on time (well nearly on time). Many thanks to Alan and Wendy for their support whilst we, the newbies, sorted out what we had to do. It has only just dawned on us how much time that they have put in over the last few years.

We haven't changed anything (why would we when we have the best Orienteering Club newsletter in the country). All your favourites are here plus a few new items. Please do contribute articles; we need to hear from all our members.

Day 1 of JK 2024 is very near, only a matter of weeks away. Iain needs over 100 helpers. If you have not signed up, please do. No experience necessary and if you have not been involved in a major LEI event before, you will be awarded your purple LEI fleece (you cannot buy them!!).

JK Days 2, 3 and 4 are on areas that are very close. This is the year that you have a "complete" JK without spending a fortune on travel. The next East Midlands JK is not scheduled until 2034! With Relays in DVO land at Stanton Moor perhaps this is the year to try your hand at a Relay. David our Club Captain will be very pleased to fit you into a team.

The club Dinner and Awards evening is also very near. The menu and link to the bookings form is in this copy of the newsletter. A chance to see how well your fellow orienteers "scrub up".

*Chris and Ursula*

# Ramblings from the Chair

Happy New Year to you all.



Many thanks again to Chris and Ursula for taking on the club newsletter this year. I am assuming that if you are reading this that the first publication has been successful!

What a busy year we have ahead of us in 2024!

The 2024 East Midlands League is now fully underway, with the first event completed at Bagworth. Despite its reputation, Bagworth turned out to be our busiest Level C event since before Covid. Thanks to John Marriott for some excellent courses, Chris, Ursula and Roger Phillips for taking on many roles on the day and to the car parking team for fitting everyone in.

Bagworth was also the venue for the presentations for the 2023 EM League. Congratulations to our LEI winners for their efforts last year. Our next EML event is on 11<sup>th</sup> February at Beacon Hill. Anyone willing to volunteer to help please contact Alison Hardy.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February is our designated CompassSport Trophy Heat at Brereton Spurs, Cannock. It would be great to have as many club members competing as possible. Please let club captain David Cladingboel know if you are able to run. Let's make it to another final this year!

Menus, details and entry forms are now available for the Club Annual Dinner and Awards presentation on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March. There is plenty of time to run and get back from the Midland Championships at Sandringham. I will buy any new Midland Champion who attends the club dinner a drink on the

evening! The event will take place, again, at Longcliffe Golf Club in Nanpantan. It would be fantastic to see as many trophy winners (Club Champs, Summer / Winter League, Score cup) attend as possible. I am sure attendees would rather see the winners getting their awards than listen to me and Ernie rambling on for too long.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March sees day 1 of JK 2024 with the Sprint event being held at Loughborough University. The course planning is mostly complete and hopefully the University will have completed building the assembly area before Easter. It has definitely been a good learning experience, working on a JK and WRE sprint event. We will certainly be offering some fast technical courses that will require 100% concentration for your entire run.

If you have not already been approached by Iain Phillips to help, we really need as many helpers on the day as possible. Everyone who wants to run will have the opportunity to do so on the day, but even if you don't want to run that day, your help will be very much appreciated and you will get a free lunch.

Entries for the JK main days are now open. It would be good to get several LEI teams entered for the relay event on Easter Monday. Please let your club captain know if you are interested. The relays are a great fun event and it is not always about winning!

Once the JK is completed we will be straight into the LEI Summer League, the first event kicking off with an urban at Groby on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. We then have a full 17-week schedule of the varied mix of event styles and formats that the Summer League is renowned for. The League again culminates with the

Score Cup event on the 14<sup>th</sup> August at Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Woods and will be followed by the League presentations and buffet.

Looking into the summer I am hoping to do a bit of orienteering tourism with Sindy this year. We have a trip planned to Edinburgh to watch the World Sprints Championships and take in a few of the support races in Mid-July; a couple of days later in July, back in the land of my fathers for Croeso 2024 in South Wales, and hopefully a few days in Austria for the Vienna O Challenge in late August. Whatever your plans are for 2024, I hope you have a great orienteering year.

Steve Chafer

## Update for Event Officials

Two changes came into effect from 1st January 2024 which all event officials (and competitors) should be aware.

Firstly, there has been a major revision to the BOF General Rules of Orienteering.

They can be found on the BOF website.

Secondly, IOF have made changes to Control Descriptions.

These are available on the IOF website.

## Captain's Corner



On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023, more than 30 LEI members made their way to New Beechenhurst for the CompassSport Trophy final. Some made the trip starting in Leicestershire in the early hours of

the Sunday morning, whilst others made a weekend of it, enjoying fine weather on Saturday, by all accounts. The very late parking changes, the instruction to fill cars to the brim with bodies, were a real headache for some members but fortunately this did not prevent people getting to the event.

Sunday's weather was not great, but at least the rain, for the most part, held off until courses closed. The area had clearly

seen a lot of rain previously as it was very muddy in parts. Flanders and Swann's hippopotamus song popped into my head a couple of times on my way round. It was very heavy going and, in some parts, notably the hills in the North-Western part of the terrain, aka 'The Slides', were downright dangerous. I fell over twice and in orienteering terms I am a youngster, so this was extremely perilous for our senior members. Fortunately, as far as I know, there were no injuries.

One of our challenges is that the demographic of the Club is such that we do not have many runners in the lower age groups and so were unable to field entrants in the Brown Men, Junior Men (Green), Orange Men and Orange Women Classes. Nevertheless, we finished a creditable 8<sup>th</sup> out of 12 and can now set this as our Club PB. Well done to all the scorers and thanks to everyone for supporting your Club. Special mention to



Andy Nicholls who had travelled early on the Sunday with me, Jane and Iain and had a late 12:58 start which, under the conditions, made it impossible for him to beat course closing.

With each New Year comes a fresh opportunity to chase the Trophy. The date for the qualifying heat is fast approaching. We race at Brereton Spurs, Rugeley on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024. At the time of writing there is little detail other

than the car parking is next to the cemetery, but there is a 2018 map of the competition area on Routegadget in the Walton Chasers section. I suspect that it is unlikely that we will get as many club runners as we did at Beacon Hill but I hope we do. So far, we have 15.

See you at an event somewhere soon.

*David Cladingboel*

## Relay Events

Whilst I have your attention perhaps you might be interested in running in a relay team or two this year.

The **JK Relays** are at Stanton Moor (near Matlock) on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The **British Relays** are at Hutton Mulgrave and Skelder Woods (near Whitby, North Yorkshire) on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

If you would like to register your interest on the club website, under events, I can assist in putting teams together. The club will help with entry fees

*David Cladingboel*

**Don't forget!**

**The LEI NEWS can  
be found on line, in  
full colour at  
[www.leioc.org.uk/  
members/lei-news/](http://www.leioc.org.uk/members/lei-news/)**

## Club Clothing

The new and rather spectacular club tops have arrived. You may already have a new top or you have seen a club colleague competing in one. We still have a few in stock. To reorder or place your name on the list for the next order, if we don't have your size in stock, please contact the club kit coordinator. Her email is: [webbmaureen1953@gmail.com](mailto:webbmaureen1953@gmail.com)

Short Sleeved Top £31

Long Sleeve Top £37.

We also have in stock:

Sprint Vests

Hoodies

and older design O tops (at a discount)

There is a rumour that Steve our Chairman is looking at the possibility of ordering some club fleecy hats! Watch this space.

# Beat The Street

No not the latest music scene but Orienteering with a difference. Beat the Street is an orienteering game for none orienteers. Beat the Street is very much like an Orienteering Score with the aim to visit as many controls as possible in a fixed time.

Beat the Street was developed by Dr William Bird, a GP who wanted to get people active, ditch the car and to get communities walking together. Since it was developed in 2010, more than 1.5m people have played the game across more than 100 towns and cities across the UK and internationally.

Leicester City Council has in the past organised several Beat the Street Events. An approach from the City Council to Roger Edwards, LEI's Development Coordinator to help organise an event in the October School Half Term saw several members of LEI swing in to action in a windy car park by the Hamilton Tesco. The timing of the event in the half term holiday was designed to link in with Leicester City Councils range of activities for families.

The activity used the Map Run App which, apart from being appealing to the younger members of the public taking part, saved the small team helping Roger the chore of putting out controls and collecting them in.

Basic Orienteering instructions was given by the LEI team before we let the 45 attendees off in to the wilds of Hamilton. As folk who are used to running round forest and moors with nothing more than a map and compass to guide us, we forget that for most non orienteers how much this is a step into the unknown and how much some of them are outside their comfort zone.

Given the favourable response from our guests I think we can count the day as a success. I understand that if funding is available Leicester City Council is intending repeating the activity. If you have a spare morning during the October half term perhaps you will help Roger to introduce some new comers to the sport.

Chris Phillips



# Club Chat

We would like to give a BIG LEI welcome to our new members.

Toby Miles

Jacob Miles

Petru Gorea

We look forward to seeing you at one of the club's events.

The following BOF Incentive Awards have recently been achieved by members.

## **Navigation Challenge**

5 stars: Lynne Mabbitt

4 stars Jeffery Edwards

## **Racing Challenge**

### **Gold 5 stars**

Ben Shannon

Jonathan Lee

Peta Jarvis

Robyn Jarvis

### **Silver 4 Stars**

Daniel Stothard

Have you renewed your membership for 2024?

If you haven't please do so ASAP!

Otherwise this will be your last LEI newsletter!!

## **Training Courses**

EMOA are proposing to run a training day on

Saturday 12th October 2024.

Venue:

Groby Community College

## **Courses Available:**

Organisers

Planners

Controllers

Mapping Workshop.

The courses are free and lunch is provided.

If you are interested please speak to either

Chris Phillips or Iain Phillips.

SIAC Dibbers.

Have you checked your battery level recently. Low battery, no contactless.

There have been several occasions lately when members have found their dibber is not working.

If you have low battery problems, you can return your dibber to SI for a replacement battery. Currently the cost is £16.

# Events Co-ordinator

Since the last newsletter and at the time of writing we have held regional events at Irchester, Martinshaw and Bagworth and the first few races of the Winter League. As always, I am immensely thankful to the organisers, planners and controllers for the hard work they put into the events and also to all the volunteers for helping on the day. Both Martinshaw and Bagworth had much higher numbers of competitors than anticipated, which is good for us as a club and possibly for our sport too. It is also notable that the Beacon Hill event in December was a Winter League event with well over 100 people turning up. This is quite a jump from expected numbers of 50 or so and we may have to rethink the jobs of our minor league organisers. As we look forward to the rest of this year and beyond, we have the East Midlands Championships to hold in Feb 2025, and, imminently, the JK Sprint day in 2024—more of that below.

## LEI at the 2024 JK

The JK is the premier festival of orienteering in the UK and to be responsible for any part of it is a great honour for both the individuals concerned and LEI itself. Chris, Ursula, Simon and others have responsibilities across the days, but the club's big task is Day 1—The Sprint at Loughborough University. I am the day organiser and as I work on campus, within 100m of the finish of the courses, this makes the task a little easier for me than others. Steves Edgar and Chafer are the planners and the controller and IOF advisors, for it is to be a World Ranking Event, come from outside the Club—Simon Errington from HH, and Ronan and Julie Cleary from LOK.

For the past two years we have examined the campus for start and finish locations, negotiated with the University for food

provision and Peter Hornsby had mapped all the constant construction and demolition that happens on a modern University campus.

I am writing after having spent the day entertaining the controller and advisor for a site visit. They have checked all the control sites, the start, the assembly area and the finish arena. All is looking good.

Teams are coming together and I expect to have to arrange 100 volunteers taking on jobs, from start team, finish team, download, enquiries, sales, putting out equipment, car parking, prize presentation and lastly, but not least, control collecting and tidying away.

If you are able to volunteer, then please visit <https://www.leioc.org.uk/wordpress/jk/> where I will collect all information and there is a form for you to indicate your willingness to help. I have a special email address for the day [jk24day1@gmail.com](mailto:jk24day1@gmail.com), so you can use this too. Several of us will still be looking out for more volunteers as the event gets closer. Please talk to me, Chris, Ursula, or any other LEI member will point you in our direction, and we'll get you on the team.

<https://www.thejk.org.uk/>





### **Starters**

Homemade Tomato & Basil Soup  
Smoked Mackerel & Horseradish Pate  
Portobello Mushrooms with a Stilton & Herb Crumb

### **Mains**

Roast Topside of Beef & Yorkshire Pudding  
Chicken Supreme & Sausage Meat Stuffing  
Vegetable Nut Roast & Ratatouille

### **Desserts**

Treacle Sponge & Custard  
Lemon Cheesecake & Chantilly Cream  
Fresh Fruit Salad

Tea/Coffee & Chocolates

*Available at £27.50 per person*

Dinner Orders - <https://shorturl.at/lwxA9>

*Closing Date – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024*



# EMOA League Presentations 2023



*Matt White  
1st Short Green Men*



*John Marriott  
1st Green Men*

*The presentations took place at  
the LEI Event at Bagworth on  
Sunday 7th January 2024*



*Sindy Chafer  
1st Orange Women*



*Alison Hardy  
2nd Blue Women*

*All Photographs thanks to  
Alison Hardy*



*Karen Ives-Smith*  
*1st Light Green Women.*



*Daniel Stothard*  
*1st Orange Men*



*Ursula Williamson*  
*2nd Green Women*

[www.leioc.org.uk](http://www.leioc.org.uk)

**East Midlands Urban League  
Events for 2024 can be found  
here:**

**[http://  
eastmidlandsurbanleague.  
wordpress.com/](http://eastmidlandsurbanleague.wordpress.com/)**

**East Midlands Forest League  
Events for 2024 can be found  
at:**

**[http://www.emoa.org.uk/  
league/index.php](http://www.emoa.org.uk/league/index.php)**

# Retired Man Chronicles: The Return of the Green Man

It's Tuesday night in September, RM is to run round the streets of Coalville, (Greenhill) and eat out at Spoons. Oh dear, he struggles with the gaps on the map trying to decide which ones are closed off. RM gloats that someone else was in 'run to the finish' mode and unfortunately missed the last control.

Later that week it's the Irchester event. It's rather a long way to travel and may account for the low number of competitors. Perhaps an orienteer saw the rare butterfly the Purple Emperor that has made its home in Irchester as it thrives in mature broadleaved forests with sunny rides. The caterpillars feed on willow. However adult male butterflies prefer to descend from the leaf canopy to drink from puddles and eat dog poo. Lovely. RM does not see the butterfly but does see Alistair Powell and discovers that Alistair is high in the world rankings for Mountain Bike Orienteering. Well done, Alistair.

By Tuesday 26th Sept the nights are drawing in and perhaps head torches might be needed at the Hamilton event. RM reports that he got a bit lost near the finish but was not running in the dark.

Back home his main comment, was his conversation with Ursula. 'What League??' replied RM when Ursula reports that he is currently top of the Green Male section. Ursula oversees the East Midlands League results. Investigations show RM is followed by 2 DVO orienteers Paul Goodhead and John Hurley but no one else has finished 7 events. He is now condemned to running green courses; had he been aware, he would not have competed on blue at Irchester.

On 1st October RM returns from Rivelin Valley East. Oh dear, three quarters of the way through his run, the sole fell off his fairly new running shoes. He finished with one foot feeling as if he was running in a slipper. But more problems are to come as he goes to Download to pick up Peter Hornsby's car keys but no car keys can be found. Pete Leake arrives and still no car keys. It's raining and cold so they shelter in the very nearby pub, where a kind SYO orienteer buys RM a hot coffee. Peter Hornsby finishes his run, no he hasn't got the keys, they have disappeared from download, someone must have taken them by mistake. When RM tells me this story its 'Some **WOMAN** must have taken them' 'And what evidence have you for this?' 'Well women can't tell one car or car keys from another' 'Could it have been a child??' 'Well may be.' Oh dear, no phones, no clean clothes, no sandwiches, they are all locked in the car. The 3 friends are plotting how to get back to Leicester when one of the download team brings a set of keys to the pub. Was it a woman?? We will never know, unless the reader can help??

3rd October is Club night so his road running shoes will be OK for the St Matthew's street event, but he is not very happy when he returns home. The O was 'alright' although some orienteers found St Matthew's estate 'a bit scary'. They were let down by The Blackbird pub where the wait for food would be an hour. To another pub where the beer was icy cold and expensive and the food not up to Spoon's standards. But worse is to come; his results suggest he has missed out the first control.

It's Friday Oct 6th and RM's new O shoes have arrived in the post but they don't seem wide enough. He has 2 events this weekend and needs shoes. 'Where's the strong cotton?' 'Have you got a thimble?' 'What about some webbing?'

I successfully search through various drawers so he is all equipped to mend the stitching on the top half of the shoe that fell apart last week. But when he puts the sole in place it is much longer than the top half. Plan B: glue and gaffer tape an even older O shoe from his collection of well loved, well worn out shoes that he cannot bear to throw away.

Saturday and it's the club champs and a buffet meal in the Blackfordby village hall. His shoes did not fall apart and he was 2nd in the 75's and has a certificate to prove it. George Normand won.

Sunday, the O event is at Longshaw and on his return, RM is feeling old, very old. He explains that the start was half way up a steep hill and then even more climbing was involved to reach the controls. He stared at the steep hill he still had to climb and despaired 'Why am I doing this?'

Is he suffering from Bathmophobia? No, not a fear of having a bath but **'Bathmophobia'**, an extreme fear of stairs or slopes, such as a steep hill. "Bathmo" is the Greek word for steps, while "phobos" means fear.

15th October and the O-Ing is at Grantham. RM shows me a white spot on the map 'That's the Grantham Oak' he said. 'No, he had not had time to read the plaque as he ran past'. Research reveals that The Grantham Oak is *over 500 years old with a girth: 7.02 metres and is one of 13 trees nominated for Tree of the Year in 2023 by The Woodland Trust. A few weeks later the winning tree is announced as a sweet chestnut in Acton Park, Wrexham*

RM had organised the club night at Beaumont Leys. I think some folks got lost in the housing estate. Afterwards to avoid another pub without any beer it's back to Chris and Ursula's house near the chip shop.

RM did not read the instructions about parking for Donisthorpe. While everyone else has a long walk from official parking location, RM 'cheats' and parks near the start. Someone else (CB) must not have read GO TO DOWNLOAD as he had set off home but returns after phone contact is made.

I can never understand why an important inter club event such as CompassSport is held on Remembrance Sunday, there must have been orienteers involved with uniformed organisations such as Scouts and Guides who could not make it to New Beechenhurst and their possible winning points were lost. The day before, RM's preparation had been to do nothing but sit on the settee all day with crosswords and puzzles - 'I'm saving myself for tomorrow'. The day after the event I had to dig out RM's splinters and rub Vanish on his O clothes.

25th November is my birthday and I am in my dressing gown and slippers about to take a shower when John says 'Chris Bosley is outside, did I want to look at his car as it's the same as the one I might be getting?' 'No. Not in my dressing gown and slippers!' I reply, 'Why is CB here?' 'I don't know' replies John as he steps outside to ask. He soon returns all flustered, 'It's today not tomorrow, Linacre is today' and rushes off to get ready.

Needing some new running shoes, yesterday he had shopped at Decathlon in Nottingham and also nearby IKEA for my little birthday presents. I unwrapped 3 bars of Swedish Chocolate and a gingerbread house. IKEA furniture comes

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flat packed and so did the gingerbread house. No need to check that all the screws and fittings were present as the gingerbread house is to be fixed together with icing sugar (not included).

The Royal Oak at Cossington has met with approval for Après O after the Sibley event where RM had won the event. He had been checking the start list all day to see who might beat him.

RM is keen to find warm clothes to wear for Martinshaw Woods as we have had some snow and he will be manning the late start as well as running a green course. He is now obsessed with this green course league calculating with one event to go if he might win the trophy. Can anyone else gain enough points to overtake him? its reminiscent of football where your team has to win and the rival team has to lose by a goal difference of 3 etc. etc.

Roy Denney had organised a Plaid Coalville eat/ drink/ talk orienteering evening in The Plough at Ratby. An enjoyable evening was had by all and we all went home with big parcels. Later we discovered we had been given various guide books to walks courtesy of Stan. (Roy's walking /drinking mate) and Roy's Charnwood map. Must have taken a lot of time and wrapping paper. Thank you, Roy.

RM had been 'volunteered' to plan the courses at Bagworth in the New Year. He returns from the area saddened. The map is not right, more areas are just not runnable; but he has found a plastic chair and will use it on the map as man-made object. A few days later I have an invitation 'Can you pull my trousers off '. RM has been to Bagworth checking for control sites and been the victim of vicious brambles. He has a bloody head, jeans ripped at the knees, muddy bum

and so very cold he cannot take these dirty clothes off.

The EM league is reaching a critical stage, RM reckons he wasted 8 minutes at Strawberry Hill. Is he still winning the EM league green course, the best of 8 events to score?

The trophy presentations are to take place at Bagworth but first his courses need checking with Peter Hornsby who is the Controller. They make plans to meet at the pub 'after Peter has watched some football, Leicester v Cardiff. The next day RM takes my secateurs and the bolt croppers to clear some paths at Bagworth.

The New Year's Day event is at Pooley Fields but oh dear, John returns muddy, cold and wet but even worse with a pulled leg muscle. Time for the ice pack treatment. He is worried about being able to put out the controls for Bagworth coming up this weekend but thankfully Roger Phillips volunteers for the task.

RM will go to Bagworth tomorrow not to run but to receive his EM Green Man Champion trophy... but first he has to take down the Xmas tree and put the baubles away. I ask if he found the spare chocolate snowmen and Santa decorations and he owns up to having eaten them. Typical!  
Happy New Year,

*Irene  
Marriott.*



The  
Green  
Plaque!



# Lost & Found

## *Lost and Found...*

One way and another it has been a bit of a year. Back on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, I set up my Summer League event, a Norwegian type event on Castle Hill Park, and by the time I was putting out the fourth control I realised I no longer had my integrated thumb compass and magnifier.

Can't have gone far, I thought, so the day after, I walked round all my control sites and picked up odd bits of left over tape and string/map clues left hanging in the trees. No sign of my compass. Oh dear. Never mind, I know I lost it before putting out control four. I walked round again a few days later. Still no sign. I struggled through the rest of the summer league, White Rose, club champs, CompassSport Cup and Trophy Final and several EMOA League and Urban events with a plain old compass, no magnifier but with a big bubble in it, and after the visit to Beechenhurst, a very large crust of dried-up mud all over it.

On attending a winter League event on a dark November night, I felt another Club colleague's pain as they told me they had lost a hearing aid putting out the controls in the park. That put my loss into perspective. Do you have any idea how much they cost? Arm and a leg job! Better start saving now, all you youngsters!... Found, later, attached to a woolly hat! Phew!

All through the Autumn, my sister, ill with terminal cancer, stayed with us, and there was little time to go out when it wasn't pouring down. Any time the sun shone; we pushed my sister round in a wheelchair in any flat park we could find. In November, I "lost" my sister. I mean, I know where she is, but eventually, after the funeral and the clearing up, on

Christmas Eve, seven months after I lost my compass, I ventured back out onto Castle Hill Park again, in a mist of heavy drizzle and with much skating over the sodden ground. First control site, five minutes from my front door, there was my compass, half buried in the mud! The long grass had been mown down so it was now obvious. It was missing a complete thumb strap, whether mown through or chewed by an animal, I'm not sure, but after giving it a good wash, and then with a search through my needlework box it was complete with new strap and as good as new.

However, in the meantime, other members of my family were having a similar set of difficulties to me. So if you, or an orienteering friend or relation should happen to be walking in Burbage Woods, Leicestershire, in the area of woodland close to the café and find a baseplate compass, or between Download and the campervan parking of the last day of the White Rose and find a type 5 dibber, or possibly walking in the Forest of Dean at Mallard's Pike North, in the presumably flattened by now, bracken NW of control 8 and SW of the lake, on the Blue Course on Day 1 (see NGOC website) and find a bright red SIAC dibber, three close relatives of mine would be very pleased to hear from you! Now I know how you all love a treasure hunt...

Happy orienteering in 2024!



# Summer League 2024

The 2024 programme is shown below. The events are informal. Weekday starts are staggered from 6.30pm to 7.30pm and courses close at 8.30pm. (These times may be advanced by 30 minutes at either end of the season).

For details of the event check on the LEI website.

SL1	Wednesday 17th April	Grobby Urban
SL2	Tuesday 23rd April	Watermead
SL3	Wednesday 1st May	Birstall Urban
SL4	Thursday 9th May	Castle Hill
SL5	Tuesday 14th May	Atherstone Urban
SL6	Wednesday 22nd May	Bagworth
SL7	Thursday 30th May	Tunnel Woods
SL8	Tuesday 4th June	Glenfield Urban
SL9	Wednesday 12th June	Grange and Battram
SL10	Tuesday 18th June	Loughborough University Sprint
SL11	Tuesday 25th June	Melton County Park
SL12	Wednesday 3rd July	Sence Valley
SL13	Wednesday 10th July	Western Park
SL14	Tuesday 16th July	Burbage Common
SL15	Thursday 1st August	Markfield Urban
SL16	Tuesday 6th August	Outwoods
Score Cup & League Presentation	Wednesday 14th August	QEDJ Woods

# Winter League 2023/24

				Total of best 6	+ Handicap	Total
1	Andrew Ward	M35	LEI	283	295	295
2	Alison Hardy	W55	LEI	236	293	293
3	David Cladingboel	M55	LEI	216	259	259
4	Chris Bosley	M75	LEI	157	213	213
5	Edward De Salis Young	M50	LEI	181	210	210
6	Andy Nicholls	M45	LEI	186	208	208
7	Ben Shannon	M35	LEI	188	195	195
8	Ursula Williamson	W60	LEI	145	186	186
9	Tom Hartland	M45	DVO	165	185	185
10	Kevin Bradley	M65	LEI	144	185	185
11	Alastair Paterson	M55	LEI	148	178	178
12	Roger Phillips	M45	LEI	157	176	176
13	Matthew Birkett	M45	LEI	157	175	175
14	Iain Phillips	M55	LEI	134	161	161
15	John Marriott	M75	LEI	107	146	146
16	Peter Chick	M75	LEI	104	142	142
17	Jo White	W45	LEI	119	138	138
18	Roger Edwards	M70	LEI	95	125	125
19	James Prince	M50	DVO	90	104	104
20	Steve Edgar	M55	LEI	83	99	99
21	Mike Dallaway	M60	LEI	75	93	93
22	Chris Phillips	M75	LEI	59	80	80
23	Robert Titterington	M80	LEI	57	78	78
24	Kevin Gallagher	M70	LEI	56	74	74
25	Susan Grant	W50	LEI	55	66	66
26	Zeph Grant	M50	LEI	55	64	64
27	Jeff Edwards	M75	LEI	31	42	42

# 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. Local (D) events will only have a limited range of courses. Regional (C) events offer a range of colour-coded courses, with start times generally from 10.30am to 12.30pm. National (B) and major (A) events provide a range of age-related courses. Post-Covid, most orienteering events are normally entered in advance online. EOD will usually be limited and more expensive. 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](http://www.leioc.org.uk) or check on [www.britishorienteering.org.uk](http://www.britishorienteering.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.

## February 2024

11th	LEI EMOA Regional	<b>EMOA League 2024 Beacon Hill</b> , Loughborough, <a href="#">LE12 8SP</a> Entry times: 10.30 - 12.00. No dogs allowed. Organiser: Alison Hardy <a href="https://www.leioc.org.uk/event-details/?item=81857">https://www.leioc.org.uk/event-details/?item=81857</a>
13th	WCH WMOA Local	<b>WCH Event 12 Night Street League</b> , Rugeley Entry times: 6:30-7:15pm. Organiser: Julia Lowe <a href="https://www.walton-chasers.co.uk/autumn-2023-street-o-series/">https://www.walton-chasers.co.uk/autumn-2023-street-o-series/</a>
14th	LOG Local	<b>Fight the Nite</b> , Birchwood + Doddington, Lincoln, <a href="#">LN6 0QY</a> Entry times: reg 6 - 6 45 start 7pm. close 8pm. No dogs allowed. Organiser: Paul Murgatroyd

## February Cont.

17th	LEI EMOA Local	<b>LEI Winter League 3 Fosse Meadows (rescheduled)</b> Leicester, <a href="#">LE10 3AB</a> Entry times: 11:00 -12:00. Dogs on leads only. Organiser: Jane Dring-Morris
18th	WCH WMOA National	<b>CompassSport Cup Heat</b> , Brereton Spurs Cannock Organiser: Jonathan Howell
21st	LEI EMOA Local	<b>LEI Winter League 8 Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Woods</b> Ibstock, <a href="#">LE67 2TD</a> Entry times: 11:00 -12:00. Dogs on leads only      Organiser: Jane Dring-Morris
24th	OD WMOA Local	<b>Hartshill Hayes Local event</b> , Hartshill Country Park, Hartshill, <a href="#">CV10 0TJ</a> <a href="http://www.octavian-droobers.org">www.octavian-droobers.org</a>
25th	LOG EMOA National	<b>EM Championships 2024</b> , Chambers Wood, Lincoln, <a href="#">LN8 5JR</a> Entry times: REG from 10 am. starts from 10.30am. Courses close 2.30pm. No dogs allowed. Organiser: Sean Harrington
28th	LOG EMOA Local	<b>Fight the Nite</b> , Adam + Eve, Lincoln, <a href="#">LN2 1NT</a> Entry times: reg 6. - 6 45. start 7pm. close 8pm. No dogs allowed. Organiser: Paul Murgatroyd

## March 2024

3rd	DVO EMOA Regional	<b>EMOA League 2024 Shipley Park</b> , Heanor, <a href="#">DE75 7GX</a> Organiser: Nicola Hart, nicjhart@gmail.com
9th	NOR EAOA National	<b>Midland Champs (UKOL) and BUCS individual</b> , Sandringham, Kings Lynn, <a href="#">PE35 6EN</a> Organiser: Alan Bedder
17th	NOC EMOA Regional	<b>East Midlands League 2024</b> , Byron's Walk, Hucknall, <a href="#">NG15 0DQ</a> Entry times: 10.30 - 12.00. Organiser: David Sissons , org20240317@noc-uk.org
24th	OD WMOA Regional	<b>Coombe Abbey Country Park WML Event (WM Yvette Baker Heat)</b> , Coventry, <a href="#">CV3 2AB</a> Organiser: Vivianne Lawson <a href="http://www.octavian-droobers.org">www.octavian-droobers.org</a>



## March Cont.

29th	EMOA Major	<b>Jan Kjellström Orienteering Festival - Sprint (UKOL)</b> University of Loughborough, Loughborough Organiser: Iain Phillips
30th	WMOA Major	<b>Jan Kjellström Orienteering Festival - Middle (UKOL)</b> Beaudesert, Cannock Organiser: Kristian Roberts
31st	WMOA Major	<b>Jan Kjellström Orienteering Festival - Long (UKOL)</b> Beaudesert, Cannock Organiser: Kristian Roberts

## April 2024

1st	EMOA Major	<b>Jan Kjellström Orienteering Festival - Relays</b> , Stanton Moor, Matlock Organiser: Sal Chaffey
7th	NOC EMOA Regional	<b>East Midlands League 2024</b> , Boundary Wood & Tippings Wood TBC, Mansfield Entry times: 10.30 - 12.00.
13th	CLOK NEOA Major	<b>British Orienteering Championships (UKOL)</b> , Hutton Mulgrave, Whitby Organiser: Alastair Mackenzie <a href="https://theboc.org.uk/">https://theboc.org.uk/</a>
14th	CLOK NEOA Major	<b>British Relay Championships</b> , Hutton Mulgrave & Skelder Woods, Whitby Organiser: Boris Spence <a href="https://theboc.org.uk/">https://theboc.org.uk/</a>
17th	LEI Local	<b>SL1</b> Groby Urban
20th	NOR EAOA Regional	<b>Thetford Urban</b> , Thetford, <a href="#">IP24</a> Organiser: Liz Large
23rd	LEI Local	<b>SL 2</b> Watermead

## April Cont.

27th	AIRE YHOA Major	<b>British Middle Championships (UKOL)</b> , Danefield & The Chevin, Otley Organiser: Chris Burden , <a href="mailto:chris.burden@btinternet.com">chris.burden@btinternet.com</a> , 01274 583853
28th	CLARO YHOA National	<b>Northern Championships (UKOL)</b> , Kilnsey South, Grassington Entry times: 1030-1300. Dogs only in car park. Organiser: Mike Cope <a href="https://www.claro-orienteering.org.uk/wp/northern-champs-kilnsey-apr-28th">https://www.claro-orienteering.org.uk/wp/northern-champs-kilnsey-apr-28th</a>

## May 2024

1st	LEI Local	<b>SL 3</b> Birstall Urban
4th	MDOC NWOA Regional	<b>Manchester in May.</b> Middle Distance Urban, Manchester
5th	MDOC NWOA National	<b>Manchester in May. (UKUL)</b> National Urban, Manchester
9th	LEI Local	<b>SL 4</b> Castle Hill
12th	POTOC WMOA Regional	<b>West Midlands Championships + WML</b> , Morridge, Leek
14th	LEI/OD Local	<b>SL 5</b> Atherstone Urban
19th	DVO EMOA Regional	<b>EMOA League 2024 Hardwick Park &amp; EM YBT Heat</b> , Chesterfield, <a href="#">S44 5QJ</a> Organiser: David Vincent
22nd	LEI Local	<b>SL 6</b> Bagworth
27th	EBOR YHOA Regional	<b>York City Race</b> , York

## June 2024

2nd	LEI EMOA Regional	<b>EMUL 2024 Ibstock Urban (TBC)</b> , Leicester Entry times: 10.30 - 12.00. Dogs: On lead, in car park.
4th	LEI Local	<b>SL 8</b> Glenfield Urban
12th	LEI Local	<b>SL 9</b> Grange and Battram
12th	LOG Local	<b>Lincs Urban League</b> , Sleaford
15th	SYO YHOA Regional	<b>SYO Urban Sprint</b> , Edge Campus, Sheffield
16th	SYO YHOA National	<b>National Urban Event (UKUL)</b> , Walkley, Sheffield
18th	LEI Local	<b>SL 10</b> Loughborough University Sprint
22nd	HOC WMOA Major	<b>British Sprint Relay Championships</b> , Birmingham University tbc Organiser: Ian Gamlen
23rd	OD WMOA Major	<b>British Sprint Championships (UKOL)</b> Warwick University tbc, Warwick Organiser: Philip Kirk
25th	LEI Local	<b>SL11</b> Melton Country Park
26th	LOG Local	<b>Lincs Urban League</b> , Lincoln
30th	NOC EMOA Regional	<b>East Midlands Urban League 2024</b> , Clifton, Nottingham. Entry times: 10.30 - 12.00.

## July 2024

3rd	LEI Local	<b>SL12</b> Sence Valley
5th-7th	AIRE YHOA National	<b>AIRE Sprint Weekend Score Event</b> , Leeds Dock, Leeds <b>AIRE YHOA Sprint Championships (UKOL)</b> , South Leeds <b>AIRE Sprint Weekend Urban (UKOL)</b> , Little London, Leeds
7th	HH SEOA National	<b>Yvette Baker Trophy Final</b> , Northaw Prov, Potter's Bar
10th	LEI Local	<b>SL13</b> Western Park
10th	LOG Local	<b>Lincs Urban League</b> , Lincoln
14th	DVO EMOA Regional	<b>EMUL 2024 Chesterfield Urban</b>
16th	LEI Local	<b>SL14</b> Burbage Common
21st-27th	WOA National/ Regional	<b>Croeso Day 1 (UKOL)</b> , Merthyr Mawr, Bridgend <b>Croeso Day 2 (UKOL)</b> , Cribarth, Ystradgynlais <b>Croeso Days 3-6</b> , South Wales

## August 2024

1st	LEI Local	<b>SL15</b> Markfield Urban
6th	LEI Local	<b>SL16</b> Outwoods
11th	LEI EMOA Regional	<b>EMUL 2024 Coalville/Whitwick Urban TBC</b> , Leicester Entry times: 10.30 - 12.00. Dogs: On lead, in car park.

## August Cont.

14th	LEI Local	Score Cup & League Presentation, QEDJ Woods
18th	LOG EMOA Regional	<b>EMUL 2024 Lincoln City Urban</b> , Lincoln Entry times: 10.30 - 12.00. Dogs: On lead, in car park.
24th- 26th	EBOR YHOA National	<b>White Rose</b> , North Yorkshire.
31st	NGOC SWOA Regional	<b>Urban Weekend - NGOC League</b> , Gloucester City or Tewkesbury - tbc, Gloucester. <a href="http://www.ngoc.org.uk">www.ngoc.org.uk</a> Dogs allowed, but must be kept under control at all times.

## September 2024

1st	HOC WMOA Regional	<b>WMUL Event - Worcester Urban</b> , Worcester
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*The LEI Crew at  
Beacon Hill*

## Photo Gallery 1: Club Championship Awards



Cara Tolley W12 & Junior Golden Boot

Robyn Jarvis. Ladies Golden Boot



Di Ford. W75+

*Photos: Alan West*

Other Championship  
winners not at the  
Presentation.

M75+ George Norman

Men's Golden Boot  
Ben Shannon



## Photo Gallery 2: Club Championships Awards



Alison Hardy. Ladies Champion

Roger Edwards. M60+

*Photos: Alan West*



Andy Ward. Men's Champion

Ursula Williamson. W60+

