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Event co-ordinator's soapbox -
Do you punch or dib?

Orienteer's Moral Maze
Mapping and Planning



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Summer League 1

Meeting Her Majesty at 100 in QEDJW!

Photo: Mike Dallaway

Points from the Editors

Whilst all around us seems to be chaotic and prices soar dramatically, our Summer League continues to offer a serene and eclectic mix of orienteering events at a bargain price, unchanged since before Covid hit us. (Just ask Al!) If you haven't joined in yet, our valuable volunteers would love to see you taking part and enjoying their efforts. You still have plenty of time to be competitive, but even that is not compulsory. Why not bring a friend and go round the Short course for a walk with a purpose?

We always try to have a social venue after each event. There are a few stalwarts who meet up after every event. It would be great to see more members join us for a drink and/or a meal.

Alison and Mike marked the 100th anniversary of the late Queen Elizabeth II's birthday at our first summer league event at Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Woods by erecting a photo stand-in of "Her Maj". Some of us were so intent on our orienteering that we missed her, but Mike had photographic evidence to show we were there!

Some of us *were* there when Princess Anne arrived by helicopter and planted a black poplar tree down by the lakeside in 2012 to mark the Diamond Jubilee year. Seems like yesterday...

Chris and Ursula

Ramblings from the Chair



The Club Dinner and Awards evening on 7th March was a glorious evening of good food, good chat and a chance to acknowledge not only members of the club who had excelled on the sporting field but to thank a number of

members who have and still do contribute to the smooth running of the club and put in many hours of work, very often behind the scenes. Congratulations to Steve Chafer, Jane Dring-Morris and Irene Marriott. With over 50 members in attendance this was the best attended Club Dinner in many years.

Success can bring problems. This is the case with our very successful Winter and Summer Leagues. The Summer League so far, this year, is averaging over 60

entries at each event. This is about the limit that our current event set up can cope with and the club committee is looking at ways we can move forward and update the operation to cope with more numbers. Any thoughts from members would be very welcome.

Safety of competitors at events is very much on the agenda at the moment. With an ageing membership, the sport at all levels has been examining how we keep everybody safe. Iain and I have been looking at various changes that can be made in the way we organise our events and in the support we give to older and less physically able members. More work to be done but expect to see some tweaks and changes later in the year.

One date for your diary. The Club Championships will be held on Saturday 7th November 2026.

Chris

LEI Score Cup and Summer League Presentations.

These will take place on Thursday 20th August at Tunnel Woods, Albert Village Lake Car Park, off Occupation Road, DE11 8HD

followed by a free buffet at Blackfordby Village Hall, Sandtop Lane, Blackfordby, DE11 8AL.

The Score Cup is a mass start at 6.30pm.

The Hall is booked from 7.30pm and there is a bar.

All competitors who have been to at least two summer league events are welcome to attend the buffet and organisers of a summer league event may bring a plus one for free.

East Midlands Orienteering Association

The EMOA Committee needs a Vice-Chair.

Would you like to commit to this vital role with a view to taking over the Chair in 2027?

Ann-Marie Duckworth would love to pass on her experience of the last two years.

Chairing four meetings, three by Zoom, one in-person and an AGM at The Pace Rooms in Clifton, and an interest in orienteering are the main requirements needed.

Don't all rush! But if you need something impressive for your CV contact Ann-Marie at jasrduckworth@btinternet.com

Captain's Corner



The qualifying heat for the CompassSport Trophy 2026 was held at Sutton Park on Sunday 22nd February. We were originally assigned to Brandon Park, Thetford but

with that being twice the travel time I was glad that our reasons for staying nearer to home were listened to by the competition organisers. Captains are always given a chance to plead their case, and it has never been a problem. The event at Sutton Park was excellent, in my opinion, it is such a nice area to run in. We had a super turnout from the club, 43 runners at the final count but qualification for the final at Pippingford Park was not to be – 'Here's where you could've run' as Jim Bowen might have said! We came 4th out of 7 teams with congratulations for a job well done to our scorers who are listed below for posterity.

Steve Chafer, Ian Buxton, Ed Chester, Imogen Wilson, Matt White, Ian Wilson, Alastair Paterson, Alison Hardy, Karen White, Roger Edwards, Aidan Chester, Cara Tolley and Hugh Chester.

The club does not have many juniors, though still more than some clubs. I've checked the membership list, and I think we have eight. Five of these ran in the YBS qualifier at Castle Hill on 26th April with five being the number of scores to count. With nobody to challenge them they are through to the final, but they all scored on the day so kudos to each of them. The final is at Penllergaer Valley Woods near Swansea on the 4th July and presently it's not clear that we will be able

to field a complete team. We have four who are prepared to go if we can get a team of five together so watch this space – life's busy for everyone though.

When you get ready to go orienteering do you have a checklist of things to pick up? Is a whistle on that list? The reason I am asking is because there was a brief discussion about whistles at a recent committee meeting and whether they should be made mandatory to carry. I have been to events where whistles have been compulsory, this was stated in the competition details, and runners were checked by volunteers before being allowed to proceed. Some events also state that rain jackets might be obligatory, though so far, I have not been to an event where this was put into place and enforced.

Organisers and planners risk assess all events before they are put on. Nevertheless, you can almost guarantee that some runners will come back bloodied from the fight. But what if it's more than scrapes from brambles and you need help out there? Some carry their mobile phones when running which is a good idea providing there is sufficient signal. It seems to me that a whistle is an essential piece of equipment. The final details on LEI events usually say, 'you are advised to carry a whistle' so just a suggestion really. The event I went to today, Eckington Woods, made no mention of whistles yet I thought it was a very physically challenging area.

I'll be carrying mine.

Enjoy your orienteering!

David Cladingboel

Club Chat

British Night Championships
M16 1st Eoin Simpson
Congratulations!

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Congratulations!

British Middle Distance
Championships 2026 held at Brown
Clee
2nd W45 Toni O'Donovan
Congratulations

Midland Championships 2026 held at
Brown Clee
Champions
M50 Andy Simpson
W16 Cara Tolley
W18 Ellie Simpson
W45 Toni O' Donovan
Congratulations!

LEI Colour Coded Awards
(for reaching the appropriate standard for
the colour)

Green:
Alison Foord,
Cara Tolley
Jacob Miles

Orange:
Hugh Chester

Congratulations!

Welcome to our new Members
Richard Gray, Craig Murray, Susanne
Lewis, Chris Boulter and George
Boulter. Also renewing, Timo Wang.
We look forward to see you at an event
in the near future

The following BOF Incentive Awards
have recently been achieved by
members

Navigation Challenge

5 stars: Alison Foord

Cara Tolley

Jacob Miles

Jo White

Miles Foord

2 stars Kristy Nicholls
Suranne Tolley

Racing Challenge

Gold 5 stars

Cara Tolley

Carol Stynes-Martin

Dave Foord

Jacob Miles

Miles Foord

Silver 5 Stars

Alison Foord

Silver 4 Stars

Aidan Chester

Bronze 3 Stars

Donna Tolley

Hugh Chester

Events Co-ordinator



Soapbox.

Given I have to write an article for LEI news and in previous editions I've already told you about the events coming up for us in the next couple of years (British Nights, Midland Championships and,

now, possibly, the CompassSport Cup Finals), it is an opportunity to talk about things that I want to, rather than have to. Please allow me my soapbox.

So, in the first of (maybe) a series here we go.

Punching. We say punching because 50 years ago orienteering adopted the squeeze pin punches to record a pattern of pins on a control card. This is all replaced by SI now, but you may have seen such a punch, usually orange or red, hanging from a control at some events. Pin punching was simple and had its place, but didn't record the punch time or punching order, so it was possible to cheat by taking controls out of order, which meant careful planning or marshalled controls. There are many stories of creative planning and creative cheating in LEI all of which predate me.

Now we have SI where we dib, and SIAC air punching, where we waft over controls to record our presence there. But we also have "Remember to punch the start" and "Remember to punch the finish" signs. These are, in my opinion, wrong. Every time you visit a control whether you dib, waft or pin punch your map (because the electronics are down), it's a punch, it's a recording that you were

there, sometimes with the time as well.

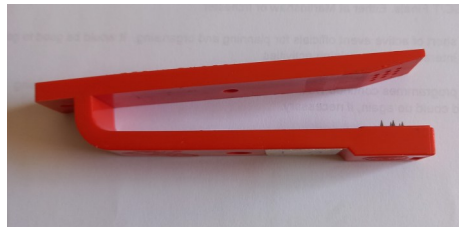
It also throws back to when there was no SI, there was no timing, so start times were issued at registration in the car park written on a cardboard control card and the stub, and checked on the startline that you didn't start late (*or early - eds!*). Finish times were recorded by a team with a very careful stopwatch operator and someone who wrote times down as each person crossed the finish line. There was no punch at the start or finish.

So to today. We should say "Remember to dib the start and finish" with dib being the best word I can think of, but I'm open to suggestions at the usual address.

(iain@phillips4.co.uk).

Iain Phillips

PS Whether finish and start should be in wafting air mode or physically dib mode might be the content of my next soapbox newsletter entry.



(Your run time was written on the stub you'd handed in on the start line as a record you had started, and pegged to a washing line for all to see. Your run time was calculated by subtracting the start time from the finish time. We had to do complicated maths in those days without a calculator - not yet invented. Eds).

Mapping and Planning

If you look at the IOF specifications for our maps, in particular the specification for forest maps (ISOM2017), the specification goes into great detail about map readability ensuring maps can be read at speed even if the runner is visually impaired (e.g. colour blind). It clearly states the gaps that must appear between symbols. Symbols should not overlap. Areas shown on maps must be large enough for the patterns within the area to be clearly seen.

I will illustrate by a series of examples. Trees produce more debate than any other symbol. For individual trees or bushes we have two symbols to use.



417 Prominent large tree (P)

A very large single tree which clearly stands out from the surrounding vegetation.

White mask is used under the green circle, to improve readability in yellow and green (OM 1.1 mm).

Footprint: 13.5 m x 13.5 m

Colour: green, white.



418 Prominent bush or tree (P)

A bush or small single tree which clearly stands out from the surrounding vegetation.

Use sparingly, as it is easily mistaken for symbol *Small knoll* (109). Small white dot inside is used to aid the colour vision impaired.

Footprint: 9.0 m x 9.0 m.

Colour: green, white.

Note that the symbol sizes (in mm) shown in red above are for a 1:15,000 map. For a 1:10,000 map the sizes are multiplied by 1.5 (150% symbols) and for a 1:7,500 map by 2 (200% symbols). As you can see both are described as 'prominent', meaning they must stand out from the surrounding vegetation. This means a symbol can be used for a single large tree amongst a wood of smaller trees or a small tree in the middle of an open area. Also important to understand is the area on the ground that is covered by the symbol, described as the 'Footprint' above. The specification states that adjacent symbols must have a gap of 0.15mm between them on the map. For a 1:10,000 map this means prominent trees must be at least 15m apart on the ground to be shown. So, if we have two similar trees standing in open ground less than 15m apart the mapper will not show them with the prominent tree symbol, the white area symbol will be used. The mapper uses their judgement about what is 'prominent'. They may decide to omit a symbol if they feel it obscures detail. At 1:10,000 you can't show everything, you have to choose the symbols to best describe the landscape at the scale you are using.

Mapping and Planning cont.

We get a similar debate with black symbols. When we have a number of paths meeting at a gate in a wall in a rocky area, we can get a mass of black which is meaningless. The mapper has a responsibility to ensure clarity, including to runners with vision impairment. Take this example below.



The gateway in the north-south wall is confused with the wall symbol. The path coming from the west could be misinterpreted as showing a closed gate. The mapper may omit the gate symbol and move the path clear of the clutter.



On the right is a clearer expression of the same landscape. Note how the boulder cluster has moved to meet minimum clearance and give clarity. Notice also the area of scattered trees. How does the runner know this is not a tree canopy? The area has to be big enough to show a number of adjacent dots so the runner can quickly recognise the symbol being used and understand what they are being told.

These examples show how the mapper uses their judgement to give the best orienteering map.

Planners and map scale.

LEI forest maps are either 1:10,000 or 1:7,500. For Level C and above guidance about courses used by older runners (in particular 'Very Short Green') say the planner should use 1:7,500 wherever possible for clarity, as older runners may be visually impaired. The enlarged map may also be appropriate for the shorter junior courses (white and yellow).

This means you may have an event where you have at least two different base maps with different map scales. This causes a number of hurdles that the planner must negotiate.

The planner must provide a Purple Pen file with all courses on a single base map for Route Gadget.

The 1:7,500 map must be a simple enlargement of the base map. This applies to the symbols used on the map as well.

As planner, you should do your initial planning on the full area map. For the courses you want enlarged maps use the *File/Set Print Area* menu to show the area you intend to use. Then contact the Mapping Coordinator or Events committee to discuss the best way forward. A step-by-step guide has been written to make the process as painless as possible and hopefully avoid common planning mistakes.

If the base map for the area is 1:7,500 you don't have to do anything as IOF states that forest maps cannot be enlarged any further.

Simon Starkey

Getting Revenge by Writing the Chronicles

These chronicles begin on Thursday 22nd Jan when RM meets the Jolly Orienteers at the Rag and Mop (Man within Compass) for beer and discussion. e.g. "Is Iain Phillips globe-trotting again", and "do purple lines, numbers and circles show up clearly against a green background?" apparently not. Which maybe the excuse why 'someone' took so long at Thieves Wood between controls 9 and 10/8?? on the green. Not reading the control description 'veg boundary' did not help either.

January is a good time to chop and prune fruit trees' fig, plum and greengage. We have big stacks of wood destined for Peter Hornsby's log burner.

RM attends Club Night at Markfield where they run around the cold streets. Then to The Railway for food and 'just one pint' and some more beer at home. Co-incidentally the Labour government announce that day more financial help for pubs. Concerns are that the loss of so many pubs affects the community spirit and cohesion in isolated villages. I'm not sure if RM helps the pub trade when he can use his CAMRA money off vouchers.

February begins with the night event at Hugglescote and afterwards a trip to Wetherspoons. However, Chris B forgot to download before the event closed, but RM was able to partially rescue the situation as he has a homemade download box and gives Chris his time results.

A few days later they travel in Roger E's car to Harlaxton. RM's course had a set of controls to make a butterfly pattern, repeating no.3 as no. 6. He can't explain why he ran round one wing twice adding an extra ten minutes to his final time??

RM returns from Sutton Park, where Chris B had run into or fell over a young holly tree and then (in a daze?) ran with only one lens in his spectacles. Later RM and Chris retrace the route to the holly tree and find the missing lens.

On March 3rd RM goes to club night, late as usual, but is puzzled why no one else is there. The answer comes at the club dinner a few days later. When it's time to get ready for the Club Dinner RM is struggling to choose what shirt to wear and I am struggling with my eye lash colour as I haven't used it for a long time and it has all dried up. The holes in my ears have sealed up too until I push the earring through. I choose my old comfy black shoes (I am usually seen in wellies, walking boots or clogs). We travel in my car to Lingdale golf course and in the darkness I'm not sure of the exact location of the entrance and I am driving slowly. 'Put your foot down, you are holding up the car behind', moans RM. In the car park we meet Chris Bosley who says 'I've been following this very slow car.' (don't you nag me as well)

Conversation begins in the bar with RM wanting to know why there was no one at Markfield Club Night for the computer session on map run. Chris insists the meeting went ahead. 'I couldn't see anyone, and the doors were locked' questions RM. 'The doors were locked to keep out strangers and keep computers safe. Perhaps not being late to arrive would have helped.' replies Chris. But was there a plot of locking the door, keeping quiet and hiding from RM...? Chris B laughs and admits this could be the truth. Our copy of The Local magazine had been delivered that day and I had seen the notice of a talk 'The Orchids of Charnwood Forest' by Toby Manning and there, by the bar, is the

The Orienteer's Moral Maze.

The question is “If you are lost should you ask for help or if you come across somebody who is a struggling with their navigation, do you offer to help?”

The rules are clear and covered by rule 9.12 and it says: -

Rule 9.12: Forbids collaboration between competitors, unless they are competing as a team or authorized to be shadowed.

So, I guess this means if you seek help or provide help then you are disqualified!! How many of us have transgressed and not bothered to declare it when we have been at download? But it isn't that easy, is it?

There comes a moment in every orienteer's life when the map stops making sense, the compass starts gaslighting you, and that “distinctive tree” looks suspiciously like every other tree in a 3-kilometre radius. It is in this sacred moment—usually knee-deep in bracken and existential doubt—that Rule 9.12 raises its stern, laminated eyebrow.

For the uninitiated, Rule 9.12 (in spirit, if not exact phrasing) frowns upon receiving outside assistance. Orienteering, after all, is a noble test of individual navigation, mental grit, and one's ability to pretend they *meant* to run in a circle. But let us consider a controversial idea: what if, occasionally, we... helped each other?

Yes, I know. Scandalous. Fetch the Rules Committee and have me considered for suspension for bringing the sport into disrepute.

THE NEWCOMER.

Picture a newcomer—bright-eyed, brand-new compass still pointing confidently at *something*—standing at the edge of the forest. They set off with enthusiasm, only to be gently but firmly absorbed into the undergrowth, like a sock disappearing into a tumble dryer.

Thirty minutes later, you encounter them. They are holding the map upside down, whispering “north” like it's a prayer, and have formed an emotional bond with a mossy rock they now call “Gerald.”

Technically, you should nod politely and jog on, preserving the sanctity of Rule 9.12. But morally? Spiritually? As a human being who remembers their own first event?

You might say something radical like, “Hey—rotate the map so the blue bit is the lake, not the sky.” And just like that, you've committed a tiny act of rebellion... and possibly saved Gerald from a lifelong friendship he wasn't ready for. Who wouldn't help a newcomer to the sport and get them going again, in the right direction? Blimey it is help we received on many an occasion when we were starting out.

THE YOUNGSTERS

Then there are the juniors. They move like caffeinated gazelles, vanishing into the forest with reckless confidence and shoes that cost more than you can imagine.

Occasionally, though, they falter. You'll find them dashing about clearly without a clue as to what they are doing, or just stood transfixed looking every bit like a lost soul.

At this point, the experienced adult orienteer faces a dilemma:

Uphold Rule 9.12 and leave them never wanting to orienteer ever again, or ...

Casually wander up, ask if they're alright, sort out their map, help them decide which way to go and begin to understand the route to the next control.

If you choose the latter, congratulations—you've just become a legend. Or a villain. It depends where your moral compass is.

THE TRULY, DEEPLY, IMPRESSIVELY LOST. (*And I have been here, more than once*) And, of course, these are the *properly* lost. Not "I overshot the control by 50 metres" lost. No—this is "I have discovered a new ecosystem, may start a small farm and do not know where on the planet I am" lost.

These are the competitors who greet you with:

"Do you know where we are?"

"Do I have the right map, am I still somewhere on this map?"

"I've been following this stream and these paths for 40 minutes and I feel like Alice in Wonderland."

At this stage, Rule 9.12 becomes less a rule and more a philosophical suggestion. Because there's a difference between competitive integrity and leaving someone to slowly merge with the landscape and end up creating a nightmare for the organiser and the search parties.

A helpful nudge of "Head that way, you'll hit a path eventually"—doesn't ruin the sport. It prevents someone from being adopted by a badger or a friendly bunch of monkeys, like the story in *The Jungle Book*.

The Spirit of the Rule (and the Spirit of the Sport)

Let's be clear: orienteering *should* be an individual challenge. That's the point. The satisfaction of finding a control cleanly is unmatched, and yes, outright teamwork would turn it into some sort of highly niche forest relay game.

But there's also an unspoken rule—call it Rule 0.0 if you like:

Don't be a jerk in the woods.

Helping a beginner reorientate their map, reassuring a panicked junior, or pointing a truly lost soul back toward civilization doesn't undermine the sport—it sustains it.

Because today's confused newcomer is tomorrow's competent competitor... who will one day find *you* standing next to Gerald, wondering where it all went wrong.

In Conclusion

So yes, Rule 9.12 stands tall, as it should. But like all good rules, it exists alongside common sense, kindness, and the understanding that sometimes the real victory is making it back to download without having to file a missing person's report. And if, along the way, you accidentally help someone find their control? Well, does it matter? Just don't write it on your splits or report it. Who wants to disqualify themselves and more importantly the unfortunate soul you helped or helped you.

But on the other hand, what's the moral approach if it's an established orienteer, or a friend who stops you, asks for confirmation of where they are and only because they are after not losing time and getting back to a fast time. This really is the moral maze and dilemma.

If you come across me or those in the Numpty Club, please be kind to us, give us a pointer and think nothing of it when it's us who have managed to get ourselves, once again, into a bit of a pickle.

Peter Chick

Retired Man Chronicles cont.

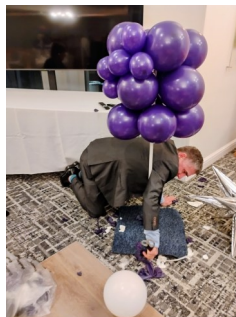
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eponymous Toby (I have always wanted to use 'eponymous') and we chat about wild orchids and twayblades. I am keen to hear about the orchids that grow in the spoil at Bagworth. 'I've heard about a talk on orchids', says RM as he joins us, trying to sound as if he knows about flowers. In reality he cuts the lawn at home, repairs fences and mowers, builds the bean cage but cannot be trusted any further without supervision e.g. 'No, my irises don't grow back undamaged after being trampled on. They are NOT like grass'. Time to move into the dining area and see the hundreds of purple and silver balloons as table centrepieces and as a backdrop for the trophy presentations. The magnificent handiwork of Rachel. The seating plan shows us sharing a table with Ernie, Sue Bicknell, Tracy and Steve Edgar. Apart from discussing being left-handed in a right-handed world (Ernie), training a collie dog to search out smells such as gun oil, mobile phones, truffles, the wild subterranean fungus not chocolate ones (Tracy and Steve), there is orienteering too. Praise for LEI's own British Trail O Champion Iain Phillips and concern about safety of orienteers at recent events and ease of access for emergency services for heart attacks, location of defibrillators etc.

Food over, it's time to visit the toilet. I start to hobble. Why? I discover that half of the rubbery sole of my old comfy black shoes is disintegrating and I am leaving a trail of small black particles behind. Pack toilet paper into the heel to level up my stance and return to listen to Chris and Ernie as they explain the awards and announce the winners. But it begins with an appeal 'Please could trophies be returned in an unbroken and polished

condition. Poor Ursula has spent some time making cups and shields presentable.' The usual suspects e.g. Sue Bicknell pose for photos several times, often taking home the trophies they had just returned; but some new names too and even a junior Cara Tolley is present to accept her trophies; Junior champ and Golden Boot. 'She can run fast.' moans RM 'when I'm struggling to the finish she overtakes me easily'. Of course the Clock Trophy for dogged perseverance to finish a course in an LEI area and taking the longest time (without taking a picnic or snoozing in the sunshine) is fiercely contested but won by Chris Tolley, for 139 minutes on a brown course in Irchester (Full results will be published elsewhere). To my great surprise and fear of leaving a trail of rubbery bits, I walk to accept the Chairman's Tankard for writing the Retired Man Chronicles while Sue B calls out 'I thought it was called the Retarded Man Chronicles'. At this time the BBC are in trouble for not removing the 'n word' shouted out by a Tourette's sufferer at the BAFTA awards where a film about his life entitled 'I Swear' wins awards. 'Let's hastily move on' comments Chris P diplomatically. Time to go to the sounds of popping as Action Man Roger Phillips

attacks Rachel's balloon displays with a pin (photo). The centre pieces are on telescopic rods like car aerials' she explains to me and then dispels my visions of them being stolen from parked cars.



Home again ignoring the comments about my car driving skills. As I throw the disintegrating shoes in the bin I am smugly thinking 'I might drive slowly, but at least I have a trophy, you haven't.'

A few days later I hear on the radio about Clement Atlee when he became Labour Prime Minister still preferring a normal small car (1936 Hillman sedan) to the pompous big car of his predecessor Winston Churchill. His wife Violet drove him around becoming his official driver and he was 'never late to any of his appointments'. However, there were a few dents on the car as she was described as an impulsive driver. I hum the Beatles song 'Baby You Can Drive My Car'.

Next day I am waiting outside to go on my daily early morning dog walk and chatting to a neighbour. He has to have a bladder procedure which will take about 30 minutes but it has taken him nearly 2 hours to fill in the forms about his present state of health with questions like 'Can you scrub the kitchen floor?' However, my mind is racing ahead as I advise him to take along some Flash and a mop in case the NHS have no money for cleaners and he has to scrub the operating theatre floor before his procedure.

March 14th (in US notation **3/14**) is Pi day to honour the mathematical constant 3.14159. Founded in 1988 by US physicist Larry Shaw. Now the day features eating pie, and other circular activities. RM and I celebrated by eating circular pizzas with round slices of ham and tomato, and followed by mince **pi** es. There is an Einstein link as March 14th is also his birthday. But it is Archimedes two thousand years ago who realised the connection between the radius, circumference and area of a circle. May I suggest that orienteering could celebrate Pi day running 3.14 km or 3.14 miles. 14th March 2027 falls on a Sunday. (But RM runs round in circles without it being Pi day!)

Oh dear, RM has a message that we have not paid for the club dinner.

Checking up it's true. We pay the money in case they make me give the Chairman's Tankard back.

RM returns from Markfield and a map memory session at Club Night. Has he burned up too many memory cells as he has forgotten to buy some milk?

Lea Woods, Cromford and the green course has lots of climb and steep hills. At first he had not realised that the map was double-sided with more controls on the other side and another trip around the woods. But his main complaint was that the short green was half his distance and climb.

I helped granddaughter Zoe to transfer her sunflower to a bigger pot. Oh dear, Poppa (RM) wants to be involved too and inserts the stick and helps the six-year-old tie the 22cm tall sunflower to its support. The family are going on holiday for a week and we have been left in charge of the plant for the tallest sunflower competition at Rainbows. Next day the sunflower is dead. RM had inserted the stick and had chopped through the stem below soil level. Panic. I send messages to gardeners asking if anyone has a germinated sunflower especially 22cm tall. No one has. Plan B buy some giant sunflower seeds. Look for the biggest fattest seeds and sow 4 boxes of 6 seeds. One set sits on the hot water tank, two sets in the window sill propagator, one set in a heated propagator that has no thermostat, so John rigs it up to a timer to come on overnight only. 'In ideal conditions sunflower seeds may germinate in 3 to 5 days.' Now keep Fingers Crossed, we only need one of 24 seeds to grow. Three days later, success with the seeds from the hot water tank. When Zoe returns from holiday the seedling is the same height 22cm. We pretend it's the same one she had left with us and that it has grown lots of roots that she cannot see.

April dawns with a visit by RM to the Charnwood Plan Enquiry based in an unheated room in Loughborough Town Hall. He had been able to speak and question the idea of 'car first' policy and

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building housing estates in unsuitable sites. The room had been cold, several people sitting huddled up in their coats. At lunchtime he had bought a Tesco meal deal and **another layer of clothes.**

Saturday 4th April and my phone rings in the middle of a dog walk. It's Sue Bicknell wanting to know if RM has left the house yet? He must be late and they are to travel to Bentley Woods picking up Peter Chick en route. On his return RM comments that it wasn't easy to find the location of the controls with no flag markers. He had run in the wrong direction and wasted minutes trying to re-locate. Arriving home after a pub lunch he decided to wash and vacuum his car as he was to drive them and Alastair to Warwick Uni the next day. However, there's a break in his cleaning as he watches the men's Boat Race on TV. Cambridge win in the very choppy waters of the Thames. A little more of car cleaning before it's time for food. The next day, as he is setting off, I comment how clean the car looks, but he had forgotten to clean the roof.

The following day Storm Dave batters Scotland and the North West and I wonder how the JK orienteers based at Perth and using Rannoch Moor have fared.

I have been nagging for a couple of weeks that we are desperate for new printer ink/toner. But it is almost as cheap to buy a new printer with its ink. Eventually a new printer is ordered and is to be delivered hopefully before we both have to go out. We are waiting and waiting for the delivery and the doorbell rings. Hooray. Bah it's the Jehovah's witness people.

John is back from O'ing with Roger E and Alastair. They had run around in the dry, cold wind on the very steep slopes of Canklow woods. After sandwiches he leaves the warmth of the car for the toilets at the school. Oh dear, he has no coat and coming back to the car he is soaked in a heavy downpour. There is rain all the way on the drive home as far as Kegworth and he moans about cars following too close together on the wet motorway.

RM returns from the score event in QEDJ Wood and Ashby Spoons pleased with his curry and beer. He is not too happy about his orienteering though. He had lost some time struggling to get from 4 to 5 although the map suggested it was white wood i.e. runnable. Chris B lost time in the same area and that lost him time limit points on this score event. RM shows me the map and at first I am confused by all the control circles because some aren't control circles but circular paths.

RM has been thinking about my windscreen wipers as one blade has started to fall off. I suggest to go to Halfords but he is determined to get the official ones at a cheaper price. He has measured the right length and ordered some and sets off for Loughborough at 5.15pm but returns with blades that are too fat. Too late to change them today, I hope it's not raining early tomorrow as I will need the car to travel to Glenfield market with my cakes and jams.

John wants to enjoy the sunshine and update the map he is making of a possible new O area near Lutterworth called Bittesby Country Park. On his sunny and warm drive home he opens the rear window only to see 'business type' cards sucked out of the open window in a pretty spiral, Will he get fined for littering? The cards do have his contact details.

Next day is our son's birthday and at the Copt Oak pub RM has spotted two people that we know: Pete and Judi Leake. It's a small world as daughter Suzi and daughter in law Fi used to work with Annie Leake at Ratcliffe College. Judi comes over to say 'We are always meeting when we are eating' in reference to the numerous Club Dinners when we have been at the same table.

On 26th April RM is going to Castle Hill. He is making sandwiches and moaning about hard boiled eggs and how they don't peel properly these days; egg white coming away with the shell. He was on car park duty and his first sentence coming through the front door was 'Why can't people park properly these days!' Moans too about a control on Green at the bottom of a deep and steep ditch.

In the news that day the London marathon was won in UNDER 2 HOURS by a Kenyan athlete, Sebastian Sawe, wearing special technical shoes; extra lightweight carbon fibre, very comfy and gives back energy.

RM has been working on his Bittesby map for several weeks now so I suggest it might be a good idea to ask if the owners would allow orienteering. Luckily the answer is yes. RM visits Bittesby with his newly created map, clipboard, camera, a red and a blue biro. He takes a photo and moves on to find features for possible control sites. Oh dear where has he dropped the red biro, perhaps it's at the last photo stop? A long walk back to this last photo stop and the blue biro is on the ground but no red one. There is more intensive searching until it is eventually found, nestled behind his right ear.

Sometimes I think I should tie a label to RM like Paddington Bear 'Please look after this orienteer'.

Irene Marriott

New to orienteering?

Get some Pro Tips

from Simon Errington's excellent site

<https://www.maprunner.co.uk/>

Download map and control description symbols then take a quiz (or two) to see what you've learnt at

<https://www.maprunner.co.uk/cd/>

Planning a Regional event for the first time? Or maybe want a refresher on what an Orange course should look like?

Log in to the British Orienteering website

www.britisshorienteering.org.uk

and search for advice on planning an orange course and access Barry Elkington's unrivalled information sheets on course planning.

Congratulations to Club member Iain Phillips on his selection for the GBR team for the European Trail Orienteering Championships 2026.

The PreO and Tempo races take place in Szczecin in Poland at the end of July.

Good luck from the club!

Going abroad to orienteer this summer?

Don't forget to take some photos and tell us all about it in the next edition of the club newsletter.

Summer League 2026

The events are informal with usually a social element. Come and enjoy a drink and maybe a meal after the event and get to know your LEI colleagues, discuss your run and where it all went wrong. Put the Orienteering world to rights!

Starts are staggered from 6.30 to 7.30pm and courses close at 8.30pm (these times may be advanced by 30mins at either end of the season). For details of the event type i.e. classic, score, urban or sprint, check the LEI website. Events will use SI electronic punching (dibber hire £1, SIAC £2, limited availability)

Entry fees: Seniors £5, non BOF Seniors £6. Full time students, working age unwaged £2.50, Juniors (or a Family Group shadowing their Juniors) £1.50.

League Scores are based on a standard handicap, giving everyone a chance of success in the league if they perform as their age class suggests they should. Overall, it is the best 10 events to count with a subset of urban/sprint events with the best 4 counting.

LEI members are asked to help with collecting in controls at the end of events. For results, league tables, routegadget, please see www.leioc.org.uk

SL1	Tuesday 14/04/2026	QEDJ Woods	Score
SL2	Wednesday 22/04/2026	Whitwick	Urban
SL3	Wednesday 29/04/2026	Melton Country Park	S,M,L
SL4	Tuesday 05/05/2026	Boothorpe	S,M,L
SL5	Tuesday 12/05/2026 WOW	Beacon Hill	S,M,L
SL6	Thursday 21/05/2026	Outwoods	S,M,L
SL7	Tuesday 26/05/2026	Donisthorpe	Sprints
SL8	Wednesday 03/06/2026	Leicester City Centre	Urban
SL9	Thursday 11/06/2026	Markfield	Urban
SL10	Tuesday 16/06/2026	Leicester Forest East	Urban
SL11	Tuesday 23/06/2026	Glenfield	Urban
SL12	Thursday 02/07/2026	Shepshed	Urban
SL13	Tuesday 07/07/2026	Loughborough Fairmeadow	Urban
SL14	Wednesday 15/07/2026	Hamilton Park and Urban	Urban
SL15	Thursday 23/07/2026	Grobby	Urban
SL16	Tuesday 28/07/2026	Castle Hill	S,M,L
SL 17	Wednesday 12/08/2026	Birstall North	Urban
LEI Score Cup and Presentations	Thursday 20/08/2026	Tunnel Woods	Score

Summer League 2026 after 5 events

		Class	Club	SL 1	SL 2	SL 3	SL 4	SL 5	Best 5	H'icap	Attend	Total
1	Andy Nicholls	M50	LEI	96	102	95	97	69	460	533	50	583
2	Stephen Martin	M65	LEI	85	92	92	72	73	413	528	50	578
3	Ian Buxton	M60	LEI	88	84	77	85	70	405	502	50	552
4	Roger Phillips	M50	LEI	85	88	86	89	78	424	492	50	542
5	Dave Foord	M50	LEI	87	90	81	89	69	415	481	50	531
6	David Seaman	M55	LEI	92	84	79	77	65	396	476	50	526
7	Alastair Paterson	M55	LEI	79	83	80	76	73	390	468	50	518
8	Andrew Ward	M35	LEI	66	94	82	87	75	404	420	50	470
9	Alison Foord	W50	LEI	61	76	66	66	59	328	393	50	443
10	Steve Edgar	M60	LEI	73	61	10	73	64	281	348	50	398
11	Chris Tolley	M45	LEI	84	93	73	68		318	356	40	396
12	Andy Portsmouth	M70	LEI	41	45	51	54	61	252	333	50	383
13	Liz Phillips	W60	OD	62	77	67	54		259	332	40	372
14	Cara Tolley	W16	LEI	74	61	75	71		280	325	40	365
15	Kevin Gallagher	M75	LEI		55	60	60	64	239	325	40	365
16	Roger Edwards	M75	LEI	74	56		55	54	238	324	40	364
17	Matthew Birkett	M50	LEI	68	77		80	52	277	321	40	361
18	Bruce Bryant	M65	OD	58	54	64	65		241	309	40	349
19	Rew Francis	M60	HOC	56	73	60	60		248	308	40	348
20	Ursula Williamson	W60	LEI	52	45	51	52	26	227	291	50	341
21	Alison Hardy	W60	LEI	85	85	71			242	310	30	340
22	Rebecca Sindall	W40	LEI	61	68	60	58	10	257	287	50	337
23	John Marriott	M75	LEI	53	45	10	54	48	210	285	50	335
24	Sally Calland	W50	DVO	76	89		82		246	296	30	326
25	Jane Dring-Morris	W55	LEI	56	43	56	55	10	221	274	50	324
26	Kevin Bradley	M70	LEI	55	46	42	50	10	203	268	50	318
27	Sue Buxton	W60	LEI	82			75	68	225	288	30	318
28	Helen Chiswell	W45	DVO	92	80			71	244	283	30	313
29	Carol Stynes-Martin	W55	LEI		82	82		55	219	271	30	301
30	Jonathan Lee	M65	LEI	48	57	37		57	200	256	40	296
31	David Jenkinson	M65	LEI		75	53	72		200	256	30	286
32	Peter Chick	M80	LEI	53	33	52	43		180	245	40	285
33	Edward de Salis Young	M55	LEI		10	88	102		200	239	30	269
34	Dai Bedwell	M55	DVO	100				102	202	243	20	263
35	Peter Dargue	M70	LEI	44	44	35		44	167	220	40	260
36	Chris Bosley	M75	LEI	34	41	37	46		157	213	40	253
37	Hebe Parr	W21	NOC	70	74			69	213	221	30	251
38	Chris Phillips	M75	LEI	35	26	18	29	35	143	195	50	245
39	Tom Hartland	M50	DVO		87	10	85		182	211	30	241
40	Alan West	M65	LEI		51	47		62	159	203	30	233
41	Tracy Edgar	W55	LEI	26	35	20	35	32	147	183	50	233
42	Ed Cochrane	M35	NOC				101	101	202	210	20	230
43	Robert Titterington	M80	LEI	46		10	44	39	139	189	40	229
44	Sue Bicknell	W80	LEI	41	32	10	10	32	125	175	50	225
45	Dan Brown	M21		72	62		56		190	190	30	220
46	Jo White	W50	LEI	73	74		10		156	188	30	218
47	Imogen Wilson	W21	LEI			91		97	188	196	20	216
48	David Cladingboel	M60	LEI	80				75	155	192	20	212
49	Keith Willdig	M75	OD	82				58	139	189	20	209
50	Esther Revell	W40		77	90				167	187	20	207

Summer League 2026 after 5 events cont.

	Class	Club	SL 1	SL 2	SL 3	SL 4	SL 5	Best 5	H'icap	Attend	Total
51 Mike Dallaway	M60	LEI	63	63	10			136	168	30	198
52 Karl Kingsman	M60	HOC				76	67	143	177	20	197
53 Richard Gray	M45	LEI	59		74		10	142	159	30	189
54 Cameron Cook	M21			79		72		151	151	20	171
55 George Normand	M80	LEI	64	45				109	148	20	168
56 Karen White	W55	LEI			62		57	118	147	20	167
57 Margaret Willdig	W70	OD	50				51	101	137	20	157
58 Karen Bedwell	W55	DVO	43		49		10	102	126	30	156
59 Peter Hornsby	M70	LEI	46	50				96	126	20	146
60 Gerry Spalton	M80	OD		41			40	81	111	20	131
61 Ian Salmon	M60	LEI		43	45			87	108	20	128
62 Stephen Chafer	M55	LEI	77	10				87	104	20	124
63 Marta Cook	W21			46		44		90	93	20	113
64 Felicity Manning	W70	LEI			34		26	59	80	20	100
65 Thelma Spalton	W75	OD		35			10	45	63	20	83
66 Wendy West	W60	LEI		37			10	47	60	20	80
67 Jeff Edwards	M80	LEI		31		10		41	56	20	76
68 Tricia Neal	W80	NOC		28			10	38	54	20	74



Tiger Trophy for outstanding service
Steve Chafer



Presidential Salver for distinguished
service and Summer League winner
Jane Dring-Morris



Chairman's Tankard
Irene Marriott



Thelma Spalton Trophy
Sue Bicknell



Men's Performance Trophy
Roger Edwards



Clock Trophy and Men's
Golden Boot Award at the
Club Championships
Chris Tolley



Men's Summer League and
Winter League Winner and
Men's Night Owl
Andy Nicholls



Junior Female Summer
League, Club Champion
and Women's Golden Boot
Winner
Cara Tolley



Women's Winter League
Winner
Alison Hardy



Women's Night Owl
Ursula Williamson

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More to be found on the
club's website.



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 or check on 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.

June 2026

Wed 3 rd	LEI EMOA Local	SL 8 Leicester Urban , Clock Tower, Leicester, LE1 5YA Entry times: 6pm - 7pm. Dogs allowed. Organiser: Roger Edwards, rwmhedwards@gmail.com
Sat 6 th	NATO NEOA National	Berwick Urban , Berwick upon Tweed, TD15 1JD
Sat 6 th	DVO EMOA Local	Darley Park Local Event , Darley Park, Derby, DE22 1EJ

June Cont.

Sat 6 th	OD WMOA Local	Elmdon Park, Solihull B92 9EJ Local Summer Event Organiser: Erin Weatherstone www.octavian-droobers.org
Sun 7 th	NOC EMOA Regional	East Midlands Urban League 2026 , University of Nottingham, Nottingham, NG7 2QX
Thu 11 th	LEI EMOA Local	SL 9 Markfield Urban , Markfield Community Sports Centre, Mayflower Close, Markfield LE67 9ST, Leicester Entry times: 6pm - 7pm. Dogs allowed.
Sat 13 th	HOC WMOA Regional	WMUL Event - Worcester Organiser: John Leeson
Sat 13 th	SYO YHOA Regional	SYO Urban Weekend , Stannington, Sheffield, S6 5NA Organiser: Jenny Lightfoot southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk/events/ event/1034:regional-sprint-event
Sun 14 th	SYO YHOA Regional	SYO Urban Weekend , Sheffield City SW, Sheffield, S11 8FQ Organiser: Susan Guy southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk/events/ event/1035:regional-urban-event
Sun 14 th	NGOC SWOA Regional	UKUL (and NGOC league) , Gloucester City, Gloucester, GL1 2LG Organiser: Greg Best, events@ngoc.org.uk www.ngoc.org.uk
Tue 16 th	LEI EMOA Local	SL 10 Leicester Forest East Urban , Leicester Entry times: 6pm - 7pm. Dogs allowed. Organiser: Andy Nicholls, andy_nicholls2003@yahoo.co.uk
Wed 17 th	OD WMOA Local	Rough Close Scout Camp Local Summer Event , Coventry, CV7 7DD Organiser: Andy Heath www.octavian-droobers.org/

June Cont.

Wed 17th	LOG EMOA Local	Lincs Urban League #2 , Horncastle
Sun 21st	DVO EMOA Regional	EMOA League 2026 Allestree Park , Derby, DE22 2EU Organiser: David Vincent
Tue 23rd	LEI EMOA Local	SL 11 Glenfield Urban , Leicester Entry times: 6pm - 7pm. Dogs allowed. Organiser: Dave Foord, thedavefoord@gmail.com
Sat 27th	BOK SWOA Major	British Sprint Relay Championships, University of Bristol North Village, Bristol, BS9 1AE Organiser: Richard Rossington https://www.britishsprintchamps.org.uk
Sun 28th	BOK SWOA Major	British Sprint Championships, University of the West of England, Bristol, BS16 1QY Organiser: Richard Hudson https://www.britishsprintchamps.org.uk

July 2026

Wed 1st	LOG EMOA Local	Lincs Urban League #4 , Boston
Thu 2nd	LEI EMOA Local	SL 12 Shepshed Urban , Shepshed, LE12 9AW Entry times: 6pm - 7pm. Dogs allowed.
Sat 4th	SBOC WOA National	SBOC Summer League 9 & Saturday Park-O #4 & Yvette Baker Trophy Final , Penllergaer Valley Woods, Swansea, SA4 9HL www.s boc.org.uk/events
Sun 5th	DVO EMOA Regional	EMUL 2026 Swadlincote , Swadlincote, DE11 8EB

July Cont.

Tue 7th	LEI EMOA Local	SL 13 Loughborough Fairmeadows Urban , LE12 9AW Entry times: 6pm - 7pm. Dogs allowed. Organiser: Iain Phillips, iain@phillips4.co.uk
Wed 8th	OD WMOA Local	Daventry NE Local Summer MapRun Event , Daventry https://www.octavian-droobers.org/
Sun 12th	LEI /OD E/WMOA Regional	Hinckley Urban (Joint OD/ LEI event) UKUL/EMUL/WMUL , Hinckley LE10 1FL www.octavian-droobers.org
Wed 15th	LEI EMOA Local	SL 14 Hamilton , Hamilton Park and Urban, Leicester, LE5 1UH Entry times: 6pm - 7pm. Dogs allowed. Organiser: Ursula Williamson, ursula.williamson.orienteer@gmail.com
Thu 23rd	LEI EMOA Local	SL 15 Groby Urban , Groby, Leicester Entry times: 6pm - 7pm. Dogs allowed. Organiser: Matthew Birkett, mattbirkett1@outlook.com
Sat 25th	LOG EMOA Local	Wolds Mini Mountain Marathon , Raithby, Spilsby Organiser: Paul Murgatroyd
Tue 28th	LEI EMOA Local	SL 16 Castle Hill , Leicester Entry times: 6pm - 7pm. Dogs allowed. Organiser: David Cladingboel, dec421@yahoo.com
Wed 29th	OD WMOA Local	Swift Valley Park, Rugby Local Summer Event , Swift Valley Park, Rugby, CV21 1HT https://www.octavian-droobers.org

August 2026

Sun-Fri 2nd-7th	NWOA National	Lakes 5 Days - Lake District https://www.lakes5.org.uk
Sun 9th	NOC EMOA Regional	East Midlands Urban League 2026, Southwell, NG25 0LG
Wed 12th	LEI EMOA Local	SL 17 Birstall North Urban , Leicester Entry times: 6pm - 7pm. Dogs allowed. Organiser: Edward de Salis Young , ed-ward.desalisyoung@gmail.com
Sat 15th	SMOC EAOA Regional	Milton Keynes Urban and Keyne-O 3, MK South West , Milton Keynes, MK4 3GG www.smoc.info
Sun 16th	LEI EMOA Regional	East Midlands Urban League 2026 Wellingborough Organiser: Iain Phillips www.leioc.org.uk
Thu 20th	LEI EMOA Local	LEI Score Cup and Presentations, Tunnel Woods , Swadlincote, DE12 6JS 6.30pm mass start Blackfordby Village Hall from 7.30pm Organiser: Ed Chester, ed.chester@gmail.com
Sun 23rd	LOG EMOA Regional	East Midlands Urban League 2026 Lincoln UKUL event Organiser: Sean Harrington
Wed 26th	OD WMOA Local	Atherstone Local Summer MapRun Event , Atherstone Town, https://www.octavian-droobers.org/
Fri-Mon 28th-31th	EBOR YHOA National	Details TBC White Rose , North Yorkshire https://www.eborienteers.org.uk/white-rose

September 2026

Sat 5th	EPOC YHOA National	Northern Championships (UKOL) , Langfield Common, Todmorden, OL14 6HR www.eastpennineoc.org.uk Organiser: Connor Smith Entry times to be spread over an extended window at landowner's request.
Sun 6th	EPOC YHOA Regional	Northern Championships weekend, YHOA Middle Championships & YHOA SuperLeague (UKOL) , Langfield Common, Todmorden, OL14 6HR Organiser: Laura Harrison www.eastpennineoc.org.uk
Sun 6th	OD WMOA Local	Warwick University Local Event , Warwick University, Coventry, CV4 7EU https://www.octavian-droobers.org
Sat 12th	POTOC WMOA Local	Ladderedge Country Park , Leek, ST13 7AB www.potoc.org.uk
Sat 12th	AIRE YHOA National	Dales Weekend , Attermire, Settle, BD24 9RD Organiser: Chris Penny
Sun 13th	AIRE YHOA National	Dales Weekend & YHOA SuperLeague & YHOA Championships , Conistone, Skipton, BD23 5HS Organiser: David Bowman
Sun 13th	SO SEOA National	Peter Palmer Junior Team Relays - Tilgate Forest, Crawley , Tilgate Forest & Park, Tilgate, Crawley, RH11 9BQ
Sun 13th	WCH WMOA Regional	WCH Urban Event , Lichfield, WS13 6RA Organiser: Dave Smith
Sun 19th	SLOW SEOA National	SLOW City of London Race (UKOL) , tba, London

September Cont.

Sun 20th	DFOK SEOA National	DFOK Double Sprints (London City Race W/E) (UKOL) , Thamesmead, Woolwich, SE2 9FA www.dfok.co.uk/events/thamesmead-sun-20-sept-2026
Sat-Sun 26th-27th	EAOA National	Junior Inter Regional Championships Individual , Writtle Forest, Chelmsford Organiser: William Harrison JIRCs Relays , Hatfield Forest, Bishop's Stortford Organiser: Emma Jarrett
Sun 27th	DVO EMOA Regional	EMOA League 2026 Longstone Moor , Bakewell, DE45 1UA
Sun 27th	OD WMOA Local	Hartshill Hayes Local Event including Tony Haw Score , Hartshill Hayes Country Park, Atherstone https://www.octavian-droobers.org/

October 2026

Sat/ Sun 3rd-4th	NN NEOA National	October Odyssey Day 1 & 2 , North East
Sat 10th	DVO EMOA National	British Schools Score Championships , Shipley Country Park, Heanor, DE75 7GX Organiser: Anne Kayley-Burgess
Sat 10th	DEE NWOA National	DEE weekend - Edge Hill double sprint (UKUL, UKOL and NW Sprint Champs) , Edge Hill University, Ormskirk www.deeside-orienteeing-club.org.uk
Sun 11th	DEE NWOA National	DEE weekend - Ainsdale Dunes, Formby (UKOL) , Ainsdale Dunes, Formby www.deeside-orienteeing-club.org.uk
Sun 11th	LOG EMOA Regional	EMUL 2026 Sleaford , TBC, Sleaford Organiser: Sean Harrington