The Newsletter of the Leicestershire Orienteering Club

Ramblings from the Chair



Writing this in the snows and freezing cold of early January it seems a little incongruous to be mentioning the

Summer League, but tomorrow night the Club's Fixtures Committee will be finalising the programme in time for Mark to send it to the Editor for inclusion in this edition of the Newsletter. A number of new areas, some interesting innovations and I hope some good close competition. Oh for balmy summer evenings - remind me I said that when its pouring down with rain at Cademan or Fineshade or wherever! On the weather front we have been very lucky at our recent events. Beacon Hill, blue sky and very runnable condition and the same at Snibston on New Years Day (if you discount the odd pirouette or two on the ice) Both events sandwiched in-between some fairly nasty weather.

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Congratulations to Judith Holt and Mairead Rock on becoming Midlands Champions at the 2009 Midlands Championships in November. Talking of the Midlands Championships, as many of you are aware we are hosting the 2010 Championships at Belvoir in March. With an area reclaimed for Orienteering and new guidelines it promises to be an exciting event. Further details about the event are to be found elsewhere in the newsletter (with the editor's permission!)

Our Annual Dinner and Awards evening in November was as always a very pleasant and lively affair. It was a pleasure to ask the President to present Roger Edwards with the President's Salver for services to the club over the last year. Apart from being Club

Treasurer and Development Officer, Roger's greatest service to the club, in the last year, was delivering the superb courses that made The British Middle Distance Championships such a success. The Tiger Trophy for outstanding services to the club went to Irene Marriott. As I said at the Dinner "Irene - I hope that the Tiger Trophy will be some small recompense for all those long hours spent standing in cold and wet event car parks, making sandwiches and coffee and generally being "mother" to a brood of fractious Orienteers"

Finally congratulations to Bob Haskins and Mark Foxwell on their appointments as Grade 3 Controllers and to Graham Watson on his "promotion" from Grade 3 to Grade 2.

Chris Phillips

Want to improve your orienteering or have a chat with other orienteers?

Try Naughty Numbers, Odds and Evens relays, Stars, Norwegian

Try the new Training Centres at

Groby Community College

Monday 7pm

Hastings High School, Hinckley

Wednesday 5.30

Ibstock Community College

tbc

Midlands Championships 2010 Future Champions Cup 21st March 2010 Belvoir Castle

As most members are aware the club is hosting the 2010 Midland Championships at Belvoir Castle. The event will also be a round of the Future Champions Cup.

The last orienteering event in the part of the estate we are using was an "Assessment Badge Event" in 1981. This area, near to the castle, has a special place in local orienteering memories due to its variety, runnability and features within an area of dramatic slopes. An invitation event for 50 orienteers in the early 1990's was our chance to get orienteering back into the Belvoir Estate and since that time we have been restricted to the long linear escarpment, that at this event only the longest courses will be challenged by.

The courses have been planned so that there is little obstruction to direct route choice as there is very little bramble or other ground cover in the areas used. Most orienteers will compete only on terrain that has not been used for competitions for 29 years.

As is usual with this level of event we will be offering club members who help on the day a discount on the entry fee. The normal entry fee for BOF members is £12.50 Seniors and £6.00 for Juniors. The discounted fee for helpers is £6.50 Seniors and £3.00 Juniors. Helpers entry fees are payable on the day.

If you are available to help at the event please email your entry to the club's Entries Secretary Roger Williamson rwilliamson63@aol.com with your BOF number, SI dibber number and which course you wish to enter. Entries, please by the 1st March. Please also copy me into the email at onecphillips@lineone.net.

Further details of the event are on the club website.

Chris Phillips

More Orienteering Training Centres



Building on recent development work, the club has been chosen as one of three Participation clubs in

the North of England. We are being supported by Steve Vernon, BOF Participation Manager -North during 2010. The club intends to provide more coach training, an extended range of training centres and more Try Orienteering events with a route to

further training in the evenings.

Our qualified coaching team will be heavily committed so that anyone interested in supported them will be given every encouragement and support.

Club members are welcome to these training centres but book your place for Hastings and Ibstock with Roger Edwards so that the club coaches and officials can prepare the appropriate materials

Location	Day	Period	Time	Comment
Groby Community College, Groby	Mon	22nd Feb to 22nd March	6.00 to 7.30 pm	Bring a torch
Groby Community College	Mon	22nd Feb to 22nd March	7.00 to 8.30 pm	For those with some experience
Hastings High School, Hinckley	Wed	May	5.30 to 7pm	Beginners families and seniors
Ibstock Community College	tbc Mid week	May	6.00 to 7.30 pm	Beginners families and seniors
Moat Community College	tbc	May	Lunchtime	School children only; apply to Leicester City Council
Soar Valley College	tbc	April to June	after-school	School children only; apply to Leicester City Council
LOPC & Watermead North	Weekend	26/28 June	Friday PM to Sun lunch- time	School children only by invitation must attend the Moat or Soar Valley club or other Outdoor Adventurous Activity club

beforehand.

The Groby Community College club will welcome newcomers as well as the families returning from the autumn sessions. As a pilot, the second half of the evening will be geared for you, existing club older juniors or senior members. See more details in this newsletter.

The arrangements after Easter are still to be finalised, so please look at the club's website for the latest details.

In addition to these evening training centres there are a number of associated events such as:

- Try Orienteering at Burbage Common Sunday 9 May 10 AM to 4 PM
- ♦ Try Orienteering at Ibstock Community College Sunday 12 Sep
- Try Orienteering at Snibston
 Discovery Park to Support a school event
- Try Orienteering at Melton Country Park Thursday 10 June, 3PM followed by the summer league event.

These will provide an opportunity for training as well as encouraging newcomers to join the evening training centres.

To assist in getting these activities off the ground the club has been awarded a Sport England grant via British Orienteering and some support to pay for a coach training course at Groby Community College in the summer. North West Leicestershire District Council Active Together has awarded a grant for the mapping of and room hire at Ibstock Community College. Also Hinckley and Bosworth District Council Active Together will pay for some publicity material to assist with the Hastings School project. We have also sought Leicestershire Sports Unlimited funding for the three Leicester City Council after-school activities.

Some of the money will only be paid if the sessions have sufficient attendees, so especially at Ibstock we are relying on existing club members to swell the count. We hope to see some of you at these evening sessions, you can go to more than one if you want!

Roger Edwards

First Aid Course

We need First aiders in attendance at most orienteering events. If you have not had recent training and live in the City there are a number of first aid courses which you might be interested in attending. Crown Hills in February. Soar Valley, Lancaster Boys, Samworth Academy, finishing with New Parks Community Centre in June.

As an extra incentive the club will pay half the cost. Ask the Treasurer for the money!

Details in the City wide achievement Project brochure.

Roger Edwards

Why British Orienteering Needs a 4 Level Event Structure

The signatories of the following article have asked all club newsletter editors to include it in their next newsletter—ed.



At the 2010 British
Orienteering AGM, to be held
on Saturday 3rd April 2010 at
the JK, we are tabling the

following Proposal:

That the current BOF Event Structure be amended, with effect from 1st January 2011, from a 3 tier structure to a 4 tier structure, the Levels to become:

Level 1 Events - British
Orienteering's major events,
including the British Championships
(Sprint, Middle, Long, Relays) and
the JK.

Level 2 Events - comprising a limited number of high quality events, including the best of the traditional age-class based cross country events, high profile city races and the Harvester Relays.

Level 3 Events - comprising a wide range of typical Sunday morning events for competitors largely from within their Region, including colourcoded cross country events (former District events), urban races, etc.

Level 4 Events - small scale events aimed at providing local competition (e.g. within a club) and increasing participation. e.g. introductory events, club summer evening events. This Proposal, if carried, will have the effect of creating a 4 tier Event Structure, by the insertion of an additional Level to enable a clear distinction between those events aimed at attracting competitors primarily from within the Region, and those aimed at a wider audience.

Following the introduction of the new Event Structure, clubs are now being encouraged to register their former District Events in the new Level 2, as Regional Events, instead of in the New Level 3, as Local Events, as was initially intended. Merging the former Regional and District Events into a single tier of Events of widely differing qualities, has created a number of problems, all of which may effect the quality or cost of our orienteering, including:

Identification of Quality Events: How is a competitor to decide which of these Events are worth travelling to if they are all now described as Regional Events?

Entry Fees: If Clubs choose to register their former District Events as Regional Events, they may well be tempted to increase their entry fees for these Events.

Embargoes: The requirement for a 12 month embargo on areas to be used for Regional Events has been dropped, to

permit former District Events to be registered as Regional Events.

Controllers. Level 2 Regional Events should be being controlled by Grade 2 controllers, but there aren't enough of them for all the former District Events, so now experienced Grade 3 Controllers are being allowed to control Level 2 Events. Newly qualified Grade 3 Controllers can only control Level 3 Local Events, many of which don't need a controller at all.

The creation of a separate Level for the best of the old Regional Events, along with other events aimed at a national audience, will enable all of these, and other, problems, which didn't exist under the old Event Structure, to be easily resolved.

To get our Resolution adopted at the

AGM, we need your support, either to attend and vote at the AGM, or to use your Proxy Vote, details of which will be sent out to you by British Orienteering. Few members of British Orienteering have yet had an opportunity to express their opinions on the current Event Structure. Use your chance to do so now.

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Club Night

The positive response to the club night questionnaire in the last LEI News encouraged the club's committee to agree to try to a pilot Club Night from Monday 22 February until Easter. We will be using Groby Community College from 7 PM to 8.30. This is the same evening and venue as the Parent and Child club. The five evenings will have a varied programme. On the night please pay £2 this will cover room hire and the materials, etc. We will have a large indoor area for some sessions. For most of the sessions we are expecting to go outdoors and use the social area, for

those interested some of the indoor work will include coverage of the SI electronic timing results facilities.

We are still seeking a Club Night Administrator; so if you are coming along why not find out what's needed and offer your services, even if it's only for a limited period.

Club members are welcome to transfer to the Ibstock and Hinckley training centres during the summer too.

Roger Edwards

Draft Minutes for AGM 2009 Monday 26th October 2009 at Glenfield Parish

Members Present:

Ernie Williams, Chris Phillips, Roger Edwards, Rachel Simonetti, Roy Denney, Peter Hornsby, Michael Parsons, Daniel Parsons, Steve Edgar, Peter Chick, David Anderson, John Marriott, Irene Marriott, Alison Hardy, Simon Starkey, Dave Toach, Peter Leake, Roger Kelly, Roger Williamson, Ursula Williamson, Graham Watson, Iain Tebbutt, Mark Foxwell

1 Apologies for absence

Bob Haskins and Roger Phillips, John Cooke, Judith Holt, Simon Ford, Di Ford, Andy Portsmouth

2 Declaration of membership numbers

We had 23 people attended the AGM which meant that the meeting was quorate.

Total membership - 221 including 22 Associate BSOA and 4 Associate Schools.

An increase of 30 members

3 Approval and signing of minutes of last annual general meeting (27/10/2008)

2 items need changing, both in item 17- Tim Marshal should read Tim Maydwell, and 'chair' should read president

Meeting of last AGM minutes approved and signed.

4 Matters arising from those minutes

None

5 Chairman's Report on past year (edited)

"Last year when outlining the plans for the coming year I remarked that it was going to be a very busy year. I don't think any of us realised how busy it was going to be.

As a club it has, in past years, been very rare for us to win an award. This year we have won two. Runner up in the British Orienteering Club of the Year Awards and The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Schools Competition

Board's John Buckingham trophy for our work in developing orienteering in schools.

Since the A.G.M last year we have held 52 events and that excludes activities such as the Parent and Child Club . To date in 2009 we have registered the second highest number of events of any club in the British Orienteering Federation.

Hosting the British Middle Distance
Championships has to be the highlight of the year. As you will all know, after the event we had many complimentary remarks.
Congratulations should go to Roger Edwards for his high quality courses and thanks to everybody who put in so much hard work before and on the day. It is probably best summed up by a senior member of B.O.F "what a wonderful day's orienteering". The event made a loss however I am pleased to report that as part of the Franchise agreement with BOF, BOF has sent us a cheque for two thirds of the loss. These monies will appear in the next financial years accounts.

Our second major event of the year was the Compass Sport Cup and Trophy Final. 900 happy competitors and hardly a complaint to be heard. Simon Ford received a great deal of praise for his courses.

In addition to our high profile events our EMOA League Events, the autumn and spring series, the winter league and of course our "jewel in the crown" the summer league have all continued and have attracted increasing numbers of participants.

We have during the year acquired a significant amount of extra SI kit and general event equipment. Some of this has been paid for by grants. However there has been a need to use the club's general funds, as Roger will report later in the evening.

In the autumn of last year Peter Hornsby ran two workshops for mappers which were

attended by most of the clubs mappers. If we are to continue enjoying up-to-date maps we need to add to the number of people undertaking mapping on behalf of the club. It is becoming a serious problem and we need to find more volunteers - quickly.

The Development Team have been very busy with a wide range of activities. Firstly I would like to congratulate John Marriott, Chris Bosley, Ben Windsor and Mark Hardy all of whom have gained coaching certificates in the last year.

As a Club Mark Club we were funded to run four after school clubs and the most successful of these was the one led by Birthe Wilson involving parents and children at South Charnwood High School. As part of this we supported three day time school events involving over three hundred children. The success of the parents and children club at South Charnwood has led us to seek and gain further funding for a similar club at Groby Community College, again led by Birthe.

The Development Team are continuing with the club's profile raising work at the events at Knighton, Sence Valley and Watermead. It is important that we work at "brand awareness".

Our work within schools continues and grows. In June we hosted the County Schools Orienteering Championships at Donisthorpe and in July we presented awards to a number of our junior members and to winners from the various schools competitions at a presentation evening at County Hall hosted by the Chairman of the County Council.

Roger Edwards, wearing his Development Team leader hat, has been working very hard with Leicester City Council to establish Orienteering in the City. A training course has been held at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre and the sport has now become embedded in the programme they offer young people.

John Marriott in his role as Permanent Orienteering Course Co-ordinator has been very busy over the last year. One innovation has been enabling users to download the course from the Club website. 2,000 downloads were recorded in the first year of operation. More courses are in the pipeline.

Thank you all for your support and hard work

over the last year. At this years Major Events Conference I led a session on event organising and I was talking about how important it was to select the right people for the various jobs when a voice from the back said "it alright for you - you have a lot of good people in LEI"!"

6 Matters arising from Chairman's Report

RD- Remarked that CP as organiser for 2 major events and at forthcoming major events is doing a superb job in this role. Seconded by EW

7 Treasurers report and budget projections for coming year

The clubs turnover is the highest we ever had at £26k, double previous years, but deficit biggest ever at nearly £3k. Grants received valued £6k, which is again the largest ever and largest in terms of volume of grants obtained. First year LEI has won a cash prize as runner up in `Club of the Year'.

A large loss was anticipated in the 2008/9 budget at around £1,700 loss but in reality it was £1k more than that. Reasons were spending more on clothing, trophies and SI kit, which were one off costs, but also there is a recurring expenditure on insurance for SI kit of £250 per year, plus £20 each event where controls are out the day before.

We lost £850 on the British Middles, however LEI has received money from BOF as they have given us a cheque for 2/3s of what we lost.

The Budget 2009/10- shows outcome we expected as at last September - shows a large short fall of £1k. Committee agreed steps to help reduce losses and these were reported in LEI news.

We will continue to seek grants to support the clubs purchase of kit. A bid has been submitted to Leicestershire and Rutland Sports Competitions board, but bids are limited to half last years and more organisations are seeking the same funding this year.

Grants to encourage participation are awarded only to clubs with Club Mark, we bid in February was awarded £550. In August LEI received £800 from Sport England to run a parent and child club at Brookvale High School, however less than target participation may

mean less funding to continue.

RE prepared a bid to Melton Borough Council last financial year and we have just been awarded £500 to provide a map and promote an event in the district. This event will be on the $10^{\rm th}$ June, a Summer League night.

RE is currently preparing 3 bids for Sports Unlimited for activities in the city. These bids involve the Moat Community College and another large school and a weekend camp at the end of June at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre.

A further bid has been placed for the NW Leicestershire district designed to fit with our September event in Donisthorpe and finally RD will be submitting a bid connected with improving our POC's to the National Forest Company early 2010.

These grants enable us to improve our equipment and deliver activities to increase brand awareness and so attract new members.

In summary – we have sufficient funds in the bank to tide LEI over bad times, however it is getting towards a prudent minimum level so we need to keep to our budget plan.

8 Matters arising from Treasurers Report

We need to be strict on expenditure for kit this year. We rely on events for the income.

EW asked if there is any intention to spend money SI kit next year. RE explained only on replacement kit plus a further printer.

9 Independent Financial Examiners Report

Dawes and Sutton (accountants) Account published and signed off by Lewis Sutton

10 Approval of Accounts

Adopted by RD and seconded by EW

11. Note to changes to the committee standing orders

 Change of wording in Fixtures Coordinator Role:

"Ultimate responsibility for all events"

Addition of a Minor events Results Offer role

- Addition of working in the Development team liaison role – "POC sub committee and minor events steering group"
- Addition of "Minor Events Results Officer, Development Team Leader" under Minor Events Steering Group.
- Permanent courses section addition of Development Team Leader and a changed reporting line to clubs development team.
- Appendix 4 under Team Events Policy change of wording to reflect that the clubs takes "no responsibility for entry fees, transport and other costs".

12 Club Membership Fees for coming year 2010-2011

We currently have 2 rates, the new rates recommended are seniors £6 (currently £4) and juniors £3 (currently £1). Recommendation to increased to £6, Groups £10.

Reason for increase - Newsletter costs mainly

Proposed by RE and seconded by RD, voted and passed

It was suggested that the Newsletter could be distributed through the club shop to reduce postage costs.

13 President's remarks and election of Chairman

The President remarked that we were fortunate as a club that we had members prepared to take responsibility and that we have an excellent committee of members. He has been amazed at the sheer range of jobs that our members have to do. The club are fortunate in our Chairman who is recognised throughout the sport. Congratulations in putting on 3 major events in the space of 12 months.

No nominations for Chairman before the AGM and it was proposed by EW that CP to remain as Chairman and was seconded by RS.

13 (New) Chairman's address and plans for coming year

The next twelve months look to be as busy and interesting as the last twelve. In the event programme we have another Level One event,

the Midland Championships at Belvoir in March, using part of the Estate that we have not orienteered on for the last 25 years. In October, Irchester for the first ever Midland Middle Distance Championships. We shall be organising the event in conjunction with SMOC. In addition we shall be running a full programme of EMOA league events together with the Spring and Autumn Series, the Winter League and of course the Summer League. A full programme of around 50 events.

Following the very successful event at Ratby 3 years ago aimed at introducing newcomers to Orienteering and recruiting them as members of the club, it is our intention to stage a similar event in September of 2010, this time at Donisthorpe. There will be a range of courses including a Long O.

Development will continue to feature prominently in the club's plans, over the next year. As I mentioned earlier Birthe Wilson is currently leading a Parent and Child club at Groby and this will continue into November. Judging by the number of parents and children attending the Saturday morning coaching sessions, this is proving very successful. Subject to funding being available we will be looking to run more Parent and Child clubs during the next year.

Work with the Schools Competition Board will continue with the main aim of making schools more independent of input from the Club. One area that we must give some thought to is that of encouraging schools in to wider competition by taking part in general orienteering events. We will again host the final of the County inter schools competition.

There is a possibility of a number of new permanent orienteering courses coming on line during the next year. The number of courses, and the increasing amount of their usage, means that the work load of the POC Coordinator has grown.

Over the last four years we have made significant advances in every area of our operations. We have a very large and viable development programme, we have a significant presence in schools, we have acquired enough SI kit to make us self sufficient at all but the largest events, we have an event programme that is one of the largest in the country and

have shown ourselves capable of the delivering quality events at the highest level. I believe that we are a significantly different club to that of the A.G.M of 2005

Whilst over the next twelve months we will continue to grow and develop it will not be at the same pace as in previous years. We need to take stock of where we are at and lay plans for the next stage of our development, and that planning will have to occupy much of the thoughts and time of your committee over the next year.

14 Election of other Principal Officers (Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer)

Bob Haskins re elected as Vice Chair, Roger Edwards re elected as Treasurer and Rachel Simonetti re elected as Secretary

Proposed by PL and carried.

16 Election of Committee

Ernie Williams, Roger Williamson, Irene Marriott, John Marriott, Roy Denney, Peter Leake, Graham Watson, Peter Hornsby, Mark Foxwell, Roger Kelly, Alison Hardy, Daniel Parsons, John Cooke, Judith Holt, Kevin Bradley, Andy Portsmouth, and Iain Tebbutt – new member

Proposed by CP and seconded by RD

17 Election / adoption of Independent Financial examiner

Lewis Sutton - Proposed by RE and seconded RD, all in favour

18 Election of President, Honorary Members

CP proposed for Ernie Williams to continue, as President of which there was a consensus.

The 4 honorary members – Tim Medwell, Lewis Sutton, Sam Lattaway and Irene Marriott were proposed by CP to re elect all, with no dissent.

19 Open forum

EW – EM league in 2010 - only 11 events currently, but may be more come on. 2 are regional. Problems with courses in regards to wanting ranking points v EM league points.

EM newsletters – to go by email or incorporate into clubs' newsletters

East Midlands have not got the area to host the JK 2015-2020, asking EMOA clubs to host

DA – noticed the absence of LEI on list of EM league earlier in the new year – to be investigated by EW/CP –

DA - Monday night club night-any movement? CP said 15 responses from website, some said they would run a session, start time is an issue, trouble finding a person to coordinate it. Committee members had not time for this.

SE – new members may want to volunteer but don't know you want them. Discussed how to advertise this – ie newsletter

Meeting closed 10pm

Permanent orienteering course news



Permanent orienteering courses at Snibston Discovery Park and the Forestry Commission's

Wakerley Woods, Northamptonshire plus additional courses at Martinshaw Woods are now available to download. There are now 14 areas where a free download is available plus two areas where map packs may be purchased from the landowner.

Watermead South easy , yellow and orange courses should be downloadable

in February. All the courses start at the South Eastern car park, off Alderton Close but the orange course, which is partly in the City and partly in Charnwood can be started part the way round from the Birstall locks, near The White Horse, White Horse Lane.

For a change you can attempt the courses on a bike too, maybe linking up with the ones from Watermead North and even Abbey Park in the south.

Roger Edwards

Improve your skills.

Southern Lake District

British Orienteering is again offering a club coaching day in the Southern Lake District. Coaching will be on Saturday 15th May followed by the LOC Regional Event at Pike of Blisco.

Any LEI members interested in attending the Coaching Day contact Judith Holt (jholtcooke@btinternet.com) by March 26th to express interest – details including cost to be confirmed.

For the regional event at Pike of Blisco enter yourself: details at:

www.lakeland-orienteering.org.uk.

Spring Series

A series of 6 events providing training opportunities and fun Starting at 10am

Sat 6 March Martinshaw West

Sat 27 March The Outwoods

Sat 22 May Snibston

Open sessions from about 10 to 3pm

Sat 24 April Moat Community

College

Sun 9 May Burbage Country Fair

EMEWS

As you will have seen in the latest edition the next issue of the East Midlands newsletter EMEWS will only be sent to those with current email addresses. If your 2010 subscription notification from British Orienteering does not show your latest email address, please make a correction on the web site (you have a password) or send in the details to Nicole McKenna (nicole@britishorienteering.org.uk).

Roger Edwards

A Large Helping of The Chronicles of Retired Man



Happy New Year to all orienteers and their families.

2009 proved an eventful time and here are some of the

highlights as seen from the car parks & 'après O' pubs of the autumn & winter orienteering programme.

When John returned home from the Maize Maze at Tattenshall, near Burton on Trent, he was definitely peeved and his pride was hurt as he'd been beaten by a youngster, (Nicky Wilson); he wasn't *Retired man* but *Disqualified man*, as he had missed a control. He got no sympathy from me. However, I was fascinated by the map showing that the maize had been cut leaving the patterns of a cactus, a coyote and a Red Indian's head dress, whoops, PC version: 'Native American's head dress.' 'Amaizing.'

So could we have a maze event in Leicestershire? Well, combining this with the popularity of Street 'O', I propose the Glenfield maze. Anyone having to visit a house there will know how easy it is to get lost in its tangle of streets. I can't promise a cactus or coyote but the Biology teacher in me can see the blood capillary pattern of the liver!!

Retired Man, Chris Bosley, Birthe Wilson with help from Ursula Williamson & Roger Edwards, have been encouraging new orienteers with early evening parent & child classes at Groby College on the edge of Martinshaw Woods.

Panic phone calls on Sunday evening/ Monday morning; frantic typing, printing, scissoring & gluing on Monday afternoon can only mean Chris & John are planning some exercise for Monday night. However, starting orienteering coaching in Sept means there are only a few weeks until it is dark. These novices have had taste of indoor orienteering and night 'O' already. Luckily, their enthusiasm transferred to attendance at Castle Hill on Oct 10th and Ratby Burroughs Oct 20th. It was at Castle Hill where I was extolling the rewards of not scoffing cheese scones right away but taking them home to microwave them for 12 seconds to take their taste to a higher level mmmmmm.

Ratby Burroughs was a midweek half term event and when it began to drizzle I put the club shop stock away, but the wallpaper pasting tables became wet enough to make the ingrained paste all gooey & slimy.



Meanwhile, our new orienteers did not have their spirits dampened and one young child, with a plastered broken ankle, I think?, was helped around with the injury waterproofed by a carrier bag. Dedication or what?

Many of you will remember the event because of a farm tractor trundling up & down the lane & getting very close to our parked cars. But not everybody knows what happened when Roger Edwards took down the Pink Finger flag pole and laid it on the road to put away, along came said tractor and...... The history of our flag is peppered with disasters, nibbled holes courtesy of the mice in Andy Portsmouth's shed, ground spike 'stolen' when we staved in a Northumberland cottage for the JK at Easter. (We were using the spike at the base of the rotary washing line as we had already spent half an hour trying, unsuccessfully, to find the little hole in the lawn). And now the tractor.

As we are determined to have a club flag, mouse holes can be mended, spares can be purchased etc, it reminds me of the Star Spangled Banner, the American National anthem.

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner

vet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of

the brave?

So put your right hand over your heart, take a deep breath for the high notes and sing the LEI version.

Oh, say can you see by the morn's early light

What so proudly we hailed in the car park it's gleaming?

Whose words and pink colour, thru the perilous fight,

O'er the club tent we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the tractor's big wheels, and the teeth of the mice,

Gave proof through the day that our flag was once nice.

Oh, say does that gaudy pink finger yet wave

O'er land of LEI, its the home of the brave?

Oct 18th was the date of the Compass Sport Cup final in Fineshade. The club shop was expanded with goodies from the WI market at Glenfield and we served customers from all over UK (trying very hard to get rid of Scottish & Irish £5 notes to the next orienteer from that area!!) One of our customers from HOC saw the Crunchie bars and told the story of Cadbury's employing aircraft engineers in the design of the equipment to deliver coconut oil, under very high pressure, that is used to slice the honeycomb into individual bars. If Cadbury's use aircraft engineers are Galaxy, Milky Way, & Mars bars made by rocket scientists??

Just over a week later at the LEI AGM there was much to report & discuss; but I expect most of us present will best remember Peter Hornsby's description of the garden of the Duchess of Rutland at Belvoir Castle as the Garden of Eden. Well imaginations ran riot, perhaps event descriptions should mention 'fig leaves

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optional' However, this is ambiguous, does it give permission to run round starkers? Better take notes from 'How To Look Good Naked'. I could supply fig leaves for the club shop from the tree down the garden; after all most of its figs never seem to ripen.

The end of October, Retired Man & I travel to the South coast and stay with daughter, Suzi's, mother in law at Bracklesham, near Chichester The Saturday afternoon on the 31st was windy but John, Edd & Polly were able to don wetsuits and go sea-kayaking. At the end John fell out and then the waves slammed the kayak into his forehead. First aid was rendered with out of date



antiseptic spray which then turned John's head bright yellow. We were going for a restaurant meal and decided he wouldn't look out of place, after

all he looked like a pumpkin and it was Halloween.

Next day we travelled through the driving rain to the event in New Forest. As we parked the car the rain stopped & it stayed fine throughout although the ground was soggy and large puddles were all over the car parks. It was while I was standing in the long queue for the loos that I watched a clever, yellow Labrador carry a huge stick round all the puddles without clouting the back of anyone's legs.

Pumpkin Head fell over and lost his brand new compass within 3 minutes of starting, searched successfully and then had a reasonable run. Meanwhile I went picking crab apples for jelly although the wild ponies didn't seem keen on me taking some of their food. Roger Edwards & Sue Bicknell were in the New Forest too and as we all drove to the pub we saw wild pigs trundling down the street.

Readers may well remember that Retired Man has trouble keeping track of his wallet and/or keys. Following our weekend away, the wallet went missing. We searched the car, down the back of the settee; the orienteering bag, phoned the pub.etc. etc. I was even accused of 'tidying it away' where he couldn't find it. Checks on the bank account showed no one was using the credit cards so the wallet was somewhere at home.

It was 3 weeks later when I was able to say 'Eureka' (Greek 'I have found it') to Retired Man over the mobile phone as he was being driven by Chris B. to Bourne Woods. I was in the loft looking for the Brownies' tombola for the school Christmas Fayre when I happened on his suitcase and found the wallet inside. 'But I'm sure I looked in there!' says Retired Man. 'Grrrrrrrr'

Saturday Nov 7th, East Midlands
Development Day, at Groby College -a
day to remember! When I initially said
'yes' to provide the catering the
estimated numbers were about 25 but
like Topsy they grew & grew. I'm glad
I'm a Girl Guide because the first task
was to improvise a fridge as the college
one was locked. Big bowl of water, milk
bottles inside with a tea towel draped
over & dangling in the water - keeps the
milk cool as heat is taken out to
evaporate the water on the tea towel.
Dedication or what?

It was an enjoyable day and I was kept busy by the decision to keep the refreshments area open all the time so people could break up their lectures or demonstrations at any convenient moment. There were many favourable comments, were they being polite or was it because the food was free.???, I'm sure my female readers can visualise the following rushed moment; the cups from lunch were waiting to be washed and people were arriving for more drinks. All the men stood around chatting, but Pauline Olivant came to the rescue and washed up!

Wakerley Woods saw LEI hosting the Yvette Baker Trophy event. Afterwards we set off for the Exeter Arms, overlooking the village green & duck pond, at Barrowden. John had been bringing in controls so we arrived late at the pub and bumped into some orienteers coming out of the door. It didn't take much persuading for them to turn round and go back inside. Dedication or what?

Roger E, Chris B, John and others were involved in the 2 days of orienteering with Welbeck College in Outwoods. John was very proud of himself for two reasons. Firstly, he won the score event, (though he was definitely non competitive), beating Liz Phillips by 45 seconds. Secondly, 255 Welbeckian students had called him 'Sir'.

For the next few weeks there is a noticeable drop in the number of incoming e-mails—Roy has gone to New Zealand.

Would you believe how many orienteers could not find their way to the golf course at Kirby Muxloe for the annual dinner? We drove past twice and were sidetracked down Wentworth Lane because of the golf connections in the

name.

Guess who won an orienteering trophy without running a course? Me!! "for services to the club in catering, standing about in very cold car parks & gossip columnist." The trophy is a chunk of wood beautifully polished & varnished. On the back it reads 'The Tiger Trophy- a piece of a tree from Glen Parva barracks, the headquarters of the Tigers, the Leicestershire Regiment and a regimental badge to commemorate the link with Glen Parva where the idea of the club was born'. Thank you everybody, I'm very grateful.

I suspect it's the only orienteering trophy destined for the Marriott home, especially as Roger Edwards has now moved up to John's M60 age group. Thanks to all who organised the meal & to Rachael for the balloons.

Not long afterwards, John was mapping in Melton Country Park and came home with a fresh slice of tree trunk. Out of a Xmas cracker he gained a plastic compass that doesn't point north and anyway, both ends of the needle are painted black. With the wood & compass, Retired Man is planning to make a new trophy to be awarded to either the worst bit of navigating with electronic evidence from GPS, RouteGadget or SportsTracks or the worst bit of mapping. This will enable the ordinary orienteers to compete for another trophy other than the Clock trophy - awarded for the longest time taken on a course in an LEI area. (sounds like my sort of competition—ed.)

We were driving past the Walkers Stadium, on our way to the Christmas Novelty Event at Aylestone Meadows, when Retired Man realised he was still wearing his slippers. Undaunted, we make a grand entrance to the car park

with a hand-brake turn on the icy surface. I just wish he had told me he was going to spin us round!

After the event, food & prizes were given out in the local hostelry. The publican seemed amused by grown men squabbling over the spare toffee lollipops.

And so Christmas arrives. John buys me some batteries for the kitchen scales, a packet of printer paper, and a huge yellow screw thing for the bottom of the rotary washing line. What would you expect from someone who does their shopping at 4 pm on Christmas eve at B&Q with extra money off if you spend £50? On my Christmas wish list there was only one item Chanel No.5 perfume. Perhaps B&Q should sell perfumes, then the women of Britain might get the presents they were hoping for.

The Beacon Hill event was officially classed as 'Good' because we made money! (No toilets to pay for), Amongst the competitors was a chap from LOG, who lost his car kevs from his bum bag as he was running round the Brown course. He turned up at the club shop hoping someone had handed them in. Wearing John's fleece coat he retraced his steps but still no keys. Using my mobile he called his wife but she couldn't find any spare keys and so the RAC were called. They initially were going to help but changed their minds because losing the keys was his own fault. We gave him hot drinks & cakes from the shop and he borrowed more clothes and dry boots from John & the Hardys. He opted to wait at Beacon while we enjoyed the warmth of the Curzon Arms at Woodhouse Eaves. His wife arrived from Lincoln to take him home and next day they returned with a new key. Later I received a text on my

mobile 'Thank you for looking after my husband'

Little did she know that many year's ago Retired Man lost the car keys in the very same car park and we had to be rescued by Gerry & Thelma Spalton.

New Year's Day at Snibston and I am watching orienteers take their lives in their hands on that steep & icy climb to & from Peter's car that was acting as the Start/Finish. Whatever happened to Risk Assessment?? We adjourn to the pub at Heather although somebody, arrives late having had to buy his daughter's Christmas present. Strange, I thought Christmas was last week.

Back from NZ, Roy has organised an evening at The Salmon near St .Margaret's bus station in Leicester. The pub has many Tigers rugby shirts and other memorabilia displayed on the walls. Why not a pub dedicated to orienteering? Discussion centres on the Hare & Hounds at Whitwick, close to Cademan Wood. Retired Man could donate some worn out VJ 'o' shoes but he hasn't finished with the famous black dressing gown yet. The Salmon was chosen to facilitate our journeys by public transport, in the end only Roger E uses the bus there & back.

I am writing this the day before John & Chris Bosley are due to go ski-ing to Soll in Austria. Only I have just heard that one of them has forgotten to renew his passport. Retired Man is pleased as it's not him (but it could well have been).

Irene Marriott.

Spring Series

As a follow-on to the 2009

Autumn Series we are again
running a Spring Series along
similar lines. There will be

Saturday morning training at 10Am followed by a timed competition, this will include a medium length course so all adult club members are welcome too. Please advise your coach if you're intending to attend so that the appropriate coaching resources can be brought along.

Permission to access the areas still needs to be obtained, so please check the website or ask your coach. To conclude we are to repeat the picnic and games afternoon that we held at Beacon Hill last July. This year it will again be on Saturday afternoon but a bit earlier in the year at the Bradgate Park East Midlands League event in June, so let Birthe Wilson know if you want to come.

A medium course suitable for experienced orienteers is always offered, so do come along.

Roger Edwards

Spring Series Dates						
Date	Location	Courses	Start time			
Sat 6 March	Martinshaw West	White yellow orange and Medium	10am coaching			
Sat 27 March	Outwoods	White yellow orange and Medium	10am coaching			
Sat 24 April	Moat Community College	2 race sprint,+ micro sprint	11 to 2.30pm			
Sun 9 May	Burbage Common Open Day	Naughty numbers White yellow orange and Medium	10 to 2.30 pm			
Sat 22 May	Snibston	Naughty numbers White yellow orange and Medium	10am coaching			
Sat 12 June	Bradgate Park East Midlands League		picnic and games afterwards			

Annual Presentation Dinner

The LEIOC Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation took place on the 28th November 2008 at the Kirby Muxloe Golf Club. The assembled company was well looked after by the golf club staff and the room was beautifully decorated with balloons by Rachel Simonetti. Altogether

a very enjoyable evening..

The announcement of the various awards was made by Club Chair Chris Phillips whilst the presentation was left in the capable hands of Club President Ernie Williams.

Score Cup

Roger Phillips

LEI League

Winner

Max Cole

Leading Lady

Alison Hardy

Winter League 2008/2009

Roger Edwards

Club Champions 2009

Held at the Wakerley Woods Event November 2009.



Men's Champion
Simon Ford



Women's champion

Alison Hardy

President's Salver

Roger Edwards

"The President's Salver is awarded to a member of the club for services to the club over the last year. Tonight's recipient has many roles in the club but his work for LEI over the last year has enabled us to gain two prestigious awards and his planning skills produced one of the outstanding orienteering events of the year. "

Chris Phillips—Chair





Clock Trophy

Awarded for an exceptionally long run by a club member at an LEI event.

Awarded to **Rachel Simonetti**who took 137m 46s on the W21 course
at the British Middle Distance
Championships at Thringstone &
Cademan Woods in May 2008. Rachel
took 32 seconds longer on her course
than last years Clock Trophy Winner,
Bob Haskins, who made a valiant
attempt to retain the trophy, taking

137m 14s on the long course at the Outwoods Summer League



Thelma Spalton Trophy Judith Holt

Awarded to a senior lady (W45+) for best overall performance, in particular for 10th position in the W55L National Rankings.

Tiger Trophy Irene Marriott

Awarded to a club member for outstanding services to the club over a

number of years.

"When I tell you that tonight's recipient has been mentioned on Nopesport, has had her catering praised at the BOF Major Events Conference, is a gossip columnist of note and is your chairman's first port of call for sustenance after an a run you will all know that I am talking about Irene!.

Irene - I hope that the Tiger Trophy will be some small recompense for all those long hours spent standing in cold and wet event car parks, making sandwiches

and coffee and generally being "mother" to a brood of fractious Orienteers" *Chris Phillips—Chair*

Summer League



Senior Men Roger Edwards



Senior Women Alison Hardy

Best
Unhandicapped
Score
Roger Phillips

Junior Section

British Schools Score Orienteering Championships 2009



Leicestershire-based competitors had their best ever performance in the British

Schools Score Orienteering Championship at Hylands Park, Chelmsford, Essex in October 2009.

Once again Evan Tebbutt won his age group. Year 6 boys. His win with 250 points was by a much smaller margin than last year and he went right up to the limit. In fact he was the only primary school pupil with penalty points for being a part minute over the 45 minute time limit. But as there are only five points lost for each minute late this was a good decision.

The Welbeck College. Defence Services Sixth Form College, sent the biggest contingent in the upper secondary team championship. The teams of six were rewarded with second place in both the girls and boys competition. The planning of the senior courses was disappointing with maximum scores being the order of the day. Samuel Scott was the fastest boy and Michelle Sangan fastest girl, she just missed out one of the 29 controls.

Next year's event is in South East Lancashire and hopefully more Leicestershire competitors will put in a good performance. To help maintain the standard, the Autumn series will include a practice score event before next year's competition.

Welbeck College Score Event 2009

Over 250 Welbeck College
students participated in the
College 1 hour Score event at The
Outwoods in mid November. A report by one
of the students is shown at
www.welbeck.mod.uk/Military/interplatori.asp

The event was held over two days with pupils being transported by two minibuses in a continuous loop from the College to the Outwoods car park and back. In order for competitors to be back before dark there were two starts at opposite sides of the car

park. All the Day 1 maps had to be retained to avoid the courses being disclosed to the Day 2 competitors. There were some maximum scores but one or two thought the control boxes needed to be visited in numerical order and had a disappointing result. (In score events you choose the order visiting as many controls as possible but you have to be back in the time limit or accept high time penalties.)

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Summer League 2010



The summer league schedule for 2010 sees a mixture of urban or street orienteering

as well as more traditional areas. There are three areas new for this year -Melton country Park in Melton Mowbray, Foxton Locks and an urban map of Markfield including the guarry area. There are also extended maps including the area around Johns Lee wood and Ibstock village. Those who read CompassSport magazine will be familiar with the compassSport 99, a list of the best areas in each county in Great Britain. This years league includes the areas considered best in Warwickshire (Bentley woods) and Leicestershire (Cademan) as well as the Oakham tops the only area that we have mapped in Rutland. (By the way, the Northamptonshire area was Twywell with Irchester also considered.)

A further change has been to incorporate the score cup into the summer league and it will be held at Bagworth this year at the beginning of August Although there are no more urban and sprint events than last year, these have been formalised into a urban/sprint series starting at Western Park in April, and visiting Markfield, Beauchamp school in South Leicester, Sence valley with Ibstock and ending up at Loughborough University in August. Most of these races will be on sprint spec maps. This series will also be scored and I'll have to find out if the committee will stretch to prizes!

As I write I am still looking for a few organiser/planners, no experience of planning is necessary and support from experienced planners and controllers within the club is available It is a good place to start, just let me know if you are interested.

Mark Foxwell

(See next page for full details of 2010 Summer League Fixtures)



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Roger Edwards planned the courses according to British Schools Score Championship requirements and on the day results were produced by John Cooke. The event was controlled by John Marriott and Chris Bosley did the honours on the second day.

Next year's event will be close to the College again but this time at Beacon Hill and other participants are again welcome.

THE LEICESTERSHIRE ORIENTEERING CLUB 2010

Events are informal, usually with a social element
Weekday starts are staggered from 6.30 to 7.30 pm - courses close 8.30
(these times may be advanced by 30 minutes at either end of the season)
For non competitive training & other events (*) please try to arrive by 6.45 pm.

Sprint/Urban events are marked S/U

Competitive events will use SI electronic punching (£1 hire) whenever possible Entry fees - Adults £5 (£3 for members) - Juniors £1

For results please see www.leioc.org.uk or contact Mark Foxwell

Events are provisional, awaiting permissions etc. Please confirm Coordinator Mark Foxwell 01509 646695 or visit

DATE	DAY	EVENT		ORGANISER	NOTES
Apr 8	Thu	Cademan		John Marriott	Mass start 6.3
Apr 14	Wed	Western Park	U	Ursula Williamson	
Apr 20	Tue	Dilworth Clumps		Iain Tebbutt	Moira Village I
Apr 28	Wed	Burrough Hill			Pay car park
May 6	Thu	Barkestone			
May 11	Tue	Markfield	U	Alison Hardy	
May 19	Wed	Swithland			With OD
May 27	Thu	Fineshade			Half term
June 2	Wed	Bentley Woods		OD	
June 10	Thu	Melton Country Park		Matt White	
June 16	Wed	Beauchamp	S	James Gath	Two races
June 24	Thur	Johns Lee & Sim Bailey		Roy Denney	
June 29	Tue	Foxton Locks		Chris Phillips	
July 4	Sun	Outwoods			
July 13	Tue	Sence Valley and Ibstock	U	Mark Sherriff	
July 22	Thu	Treasure Hunt	*	Bruce Bryant	Nuneaton area
July 27	Tue	Ratby		Peter Leake	
Aug 1	Sun	Bagworth			
Aug 4	Wed	Fosse Meadows		David Anderson	
Aug 10	Tue	Loughborough University	S	Bob Haskins	Prologue and I
Aug 18	Wed	Oakham			Includes Oakh
Aug 24	Tue	Evington			
Sep 2	Thu	Burbage Common		Mark Foxwell	Main Visitor Co

SUMMER TRAINING LEAGUE for THE RBS SHIELD

GRID

League scores are on standard handicaps and the best eight events count giving everyone a chance of success in the league if they perform as well as their age would suggest they should.

All events include a technical course. There will always be an introductory level course for novices and young children and where practical an intermediate standard course.

League points are also allocated for all training events

SOCIAL VENUE

n arrangements either with the organiser or league coordinator www.leioc.org.uk or www.octavian-droobers.org

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	SK 766 115	Stag & Hounds
	SK797320	Red Lion, Stathern
	SK487099	Thatched Inn, Stanton u Bardon
	SK537117	Griffin, Swithland
	SP978983	Queens Head Inn, Bulwick
		Horse & Jockey, Bentley
	SK756208	Queniborough?- need name
	SP629994	Oadby Owl
	SK507100	Coach and horses, Markfield
	SP692892	Foxton Locks- need name
	SK514159	Priory, Nanpantan
	SK390109	Queens Head, Heather
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	SK497061	
	SK457067	Bricklayers Arms, Thornton
	SP488907	The Countryman, Sharnford
inal race	SK523193	Paget Arms, Regent Street
am Tops	SK840074	Plough, Braunston
	SK629020	Cow & Plough
entre CP Mass Start 6.30	SP 447953	Hinckley Rugby Club-tbc

Spotlight on West & SW Leicestershire



On this occasion, as your

Access Development Officer,

I thought I would share my

records with you on those areas to the west and south west of Leicester some of which are within the National Forest and by some definitions may be within the Charnwood Forest area.

Starting just to the west of High Charnwood we have the large reserves of the Wildlife Trust and then swing round following the M1.

CHARNWOOD LODGE

One of the most attractive areas in Leicestershire and one where we would hope to be able to establish our presence is that know generally as Charnwood Lodge. The area covered by the reserve was originally part of the Charnwood Forest 'wastes' and the now familiar stone walls were erected during the enclosure period, followed by a period of afforestation and drainage. As the Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust's largest land-based reserve and one of the biggest nature reserves in the Midlands, it is subject to apparently conflicting considerations.

The reserve is owned by the Trust and covers 227 ha. Most of the reserve is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and it was also declared a National Nature Reserve in 2000.

It seems unlikely that large events will be permitted, but if we can find time to map the area we may be able to use it for small training events and hopefully thereby earn the trust of the L&RWLT. It is the Trust's stated intention to maintain Charnwood Lodge as a quiet, wild place and they aim to keep activity to a

minimum both in terms of their own management and interference and organised activities by third parties. It is however now access land and new signs were put to inform people that this

reserve is now open to the public through the Countryside and Rights of Way Act. Quite apart from its potential for our use and the truly great views it enjoys particularly from Bomb Rocks it is also

Charnwood
Lodge is
actually the
largest area
of wild land
remaining in
Leicestershire

a wildlife haven, hence its sensitivity.

In 2006/7 the following species were sighted; Peregrine, Snipe, Jack Snipe, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Wheatear, Tree Pipit, Meadow Pipit, Stonechat, Goldcrest, Long-tailed Tit, Willow Warbler, Raven, Yellowhammer, Lesser Redpoll and Common (Mealy) Redpoll not to mention numerous more common species. A White Admiral butterfly was an unusual visitor and the Essex Skipper was also added to the reserve list. In addition a family of 5 Stoats, including 3 voung, was seen near the Bomb Rocks. 30 bat boxes have been provided and last spring 6 had bats in them. Five were occupied by a total of over 50 Pipistrelle and one had a Brown Long-eared in it. A further 9 boxes had bat droppings in them. Habitats include planted oaks and other mixed woodland, acid grassland, heath grassland (called moorland by

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some), with occasional sphagnum dominated wet areas, a small reservoir and a number of small ponds.

Grazing is the most important management tool used to contain coarser grasses and scrub birch which would otherwise eradicate the smaller and more vulnerable species to be found in certain areas. Selected bracken-covered areas are cut by hand or machine and although this policy has to be maintained regularly to show any significant effect, the results are impressive. In much of the woodland the spread of rhododendron is a menace and large areas have been cleared. Colonisation by sycamore is also a problem and several large trees have been removed to prevent the spread of seed: native species will be planted in place of the sycamore. In the longer term it is intended to remove some of the denser conifer stands and replace them with a more varied and interesting tree canopy although the presence of some conifers enhances the woodland habitat, particularly for birds.

Charnwood Lodge is actually the largest area of wild land remaining in Leicestershire. The access land, identified as Open Country by the Countryside Agency, occurs in three separate parcels which are of differing potential use to us. There is also a forth parcel not available to us and Oaks in Charnwood adjoins the site.

(See also Warren Hills, Timberwood Hill, Gisborne's Gorse and Oaks in Charnwood)

The part we know as Charnwood Lodge is actually know to the Trust as The Rough and is now open to the public and includes Bomb Rocks commanding great views out over Charnwood. Among the most striking features of the reserve,

these prominent 600 million year old Precambrian rock outcrops protrude through the surrounding Keuper Marl (Mercian Mudstones) and other Triassic deposits. The famous 'Bomb' rocks porphyroid 'Bombs' buried in the agglomerate rock which attract attention from geologists nationwide, have led to the reserve being declared a National Nature Reserve. The Rough is also part of an SSSI and this large compartment is bisected by a small stream that usually dries up in summer. It is an area of acid grassland with a stream lined with silver birch, and there are good fern populations along the banks, including mountain fern. Marsh violet is locally frequent.

Either side of the stream are extensive stands of bracken, while large open areas with abundant purple moor-grass also occur. Heather and bilberry are occasional, with rarer species such as petty whin, creeping willow and western gorse. To the south of the stream silver birch is locally frequent, and there is a wet, flushed area present with many locally rare plants such as lesser skullcap, creeping forget-me-not and bog pimpernel. A shallow, fenced pond is present by one of the metalled roads through the site, and has some bog mosses and blunt-flowered rush around the margins.

There is a breeding population of tree pipits present and this is a ground nesting bird that has declined sharply both nationally and locally over recent years.

TIMBERWOOD HILL

This is part of the Charnwood Lodge National Nature Reserve. It was declared a National Nature Reserve in 2000 in recognition of its importance, including part of Timberwood Hill. The area is also a SSSI.

Timberwood Hill is a prominent landscape feature in Charnwood Forest. At its highest point it is 249m (about 809 feet) above sea level. The Pre-Cambrian rocks give rise to thin, acid soils, with numerous rock outcrops. Boundaries consist of dry stone walls, and a dilapidated wall traverses part of the hill.

Bracken forms extensive stands and there are scattered specimens of oak and rowan. Silver birch is more frequent, with numerous saplings on the southern slope, and birch woodland is well developed along the eastern boundary. The slopes of the hill are steep, boggy in places and are littered with boulders and dense stands of bracken. In the remaining open areas a good heathgrassland flora is still to be found. Bilberry is especially abundant on the top of the hill: as is cross-leaved heath in a wet flush to the east, but both occur elsewhere. Sphagnum mosses are frequent in the bog, and other species found on the hill include heather, heath rush, toad rush, wavy hair-grass, western gorse, mat-grass, climbing corydalis, star sedge, wood sage, purple moor-grass and heath bedstraw. Woodsorrel is to be found in the shade of rocks. and walls.

The invertebrate fauna of the hill is important in respect of spiders and beetles. Both groups are thought to be well represented. Butterflies include a good colony of green hairstreaks and other fauna includes a population of breeding tree pipits, a ground-nesting bird that has declined sharply both nationally and locally in recent decades. The meadow pipit is another groundnesting bird species that breeds here. Badgers use the hill for foraging.

Present management consists of rolling and hand cutting of bracken, scrub removal and summer grazing by cattle. Timberwood Hill is now open to the public and a permissive path has been created to link it to The Rough, another parcel of the reserve. (see also Warren Hills, Charnwood Lodge, Gisborne's Gorse & Oaks in Charnwood)

WARREN HILLS

This is part of the Charnwood Lodge reserve parts of which were declared a National Nature Reserve in 2000 in recognition of its importance, including part of the Warren Hills. The area is also a SSSI and is listed in the Geological Conservation Review as a Caledonian Igneous site.

The higher ground along the ridge is of a short, heath-grassland type, with plants such as wavy hair-grass, heath bedstraw, heather and bilberry. Rock outcrops hold numerous lichens and the green hairstreak butterfly occurs in large numbers.

To the north of the ridge the ground is lower lying and is dominated by bracken and purple moor-grass, although both bilberry and heather are present, and silver birch saplings are locally frequent. Creeping willow is present and curlews have bred in the past.

The lower Warren Hills are grazed regularly and grazing has recently been re-introduced to the upper Warren Hills. In the west of the compartment, near the road, is an underground reservoir, constructed in the 1970s and parts of the upper Warren Hills have been designated as a Scheduled Ancient Monument (remains of rabbit warrens).

A public footpath, with permissive extension, runs along the ridge and is very well used, extensively by dog walkers and over the years we have orienteered in this block. Given that dogs

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are walked here regularly and are banned from other parts of the reserve there is no link from Warren Hill to the other parts without travelling along the roads.

(see also Timberwood Hill, Charnwood Lodge, Gisborne's Gorse & Oaks in Charnwood)

OAKS IN CHARNWOOD

We have for many years used a small area under this banner which is actually a scout camp with a strip of fairly complicated woodland running up hill to other areas which we hope to incorporate and use. Nearby is Charley Wood, 27 hectares owned by the Leicestershire & Rutland Trust since 1995 and now open to the public. On the same hill area are Gisborne's Gorse (not open to the public). Charnwood Lodge (the Rough). Timberwood Hill and Warren Hills also owned by the Trust with different degrees of access formalised under the CRoW Act legislation. We have used Warren Hills in the past.

Charley Wood is actually two distinct woods. Cat Hill Wood is documented back to 1260 and Burrow Wood certainly as far back as the 1500s.

VALE FARM

This is a 50 acre small new woodland beside the M1 at Copt Oak. Planting features and overall design are sufficiently complex for an occasional training event but an initial approach drew a blank.

LAWN WOOD

This block of undisturbed woodland was used for orienteering, many years ago despite active quarrying in the middle.

When it changed hands Lefarge withdrew permission and now it is worked out and has been used for landfill.

We still have the old map and sufficient woodland remains to be very useable but in today's health & safety concerned era our last approach drew a blank.

LINFORD WOODLANDS

This area incorporates the John's Lee Woods scout camp and an increasing number of adjoining newer woodlands. Bailey-Sim Woods and Tangle Trees Wood were created in 1996 on what was farmland. Several paths link the area to other woodlands including Blakeshay. More recently planting has been going on at Sandhills with public access and the overall size of the area has quadrupled since we first mapped it. We are to add the new areas to the map.

The woods sit in the Ulverscroft Valley and the Johns Lee part and other pockets are classed as Ancient Woodland. Bailey-Sim includes a fishing lake and wetland areas. Orienteering has been a feature at the scout camp for many years and we are permitted to run out into and through the newer woodlands with some restriction in the blocks.

CLIFFE HILL - MARKFIFLD

Cliffe Hill Quarry is the largest quarrying operation in our region and has its own rail link.

Whilst there have been quarrying operations since the 19th Century at Old Cliffe Hill Quarry, Markfield, it was in the late 1980's that the construction and commencement of operations at New Cliffe Hill Quarry began. It is the old quarry that we have had our eyes on for some time.

The quarry currently produces 4.5 million

tonnes of Markfieldite granite aggregate per year. Cliffe Hill has won awards for its attention to its environment and has done considerable landscaping round the old quarry. Local youths have long used the lake for swimming and the cliffs for climbing despite the best efforts of the security companies.

There are walks around and through the area but limited tree cover and as such we are not actively pursuing the potential for our sport at the present time. There are however a number of new National Forest planting sites nearby and eventually these may all be mapped together.

BILLA BARRA AND THE PARTINGS

Billa Barra is a small area of rock and surrounding meadow showing part of the rim of an ancient volcano which is a regionally important geological site due to its rock outcrops of Markfieldite.

It is near to Stanton under Bardon and just off the busy A511 near junction 22 of the M1, with views across to Bardon Hill, the highest point in Leicestershire. This small but remarkable site was bought for The National Forest by Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council in 1996 and is a local nature reserve covering nearly 50 acres and providing a variety of habitats including grassland ideal for ground nesting birds such as skylarks. There is a specially created wildflower area that was planted creating magical flower-filled meadows on the hillside each summer. Part of the hilltop has been identified as Open Country under the CRoW Act.

It has public access and can be linked to Altar Stones and Cliffe Hill Quarry by the footpath network but we have not mapped it or sought permission for orienteering there but in the other direction there are a number of new

tender schemes including The Partings and these are progressively being mapped for use in conjunction with South Charnwood School.

ALTAR STONES

This is situated just outside Markfield on the route of the old A50, now a dead end up to the M1. Previously owned by Leicestershire County Council and managed by the Country Parks Service, it was gifted to the County Council in 1949 and is noted for its rocky outcrops which date from the pre-Cambrian period and are designated as a Regionally Important Geological Site. It was part of the rim of an ancient volcano.

A neighbouring piece designated as Open Land under the CRoW Act is Blacksmith's Field with public access which is managed by the Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust who have now taken over the management of Altar Stones itself. Another neighbouring piece called Raunscliffe is also open to the public under the CRoW Act as registered Common Land

and is owned by the Parish Council.

The surrounding areas support heather and gorse. Numerous paths wander among the

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stones, passing two small ponds and giving good views over Charnwood Forest to the north. The area was once the site of a post mill and you can see the remains of the miller's store.

Whilst small the area is very technical and has been mapped and used for small training events for many years,

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sometimes in conjunction with the nearby Markfield Quarry (called Hill Hole locally) and the paths and lanes around Markfield itself. The path network does link it to Cliffe Hill Quarry via a cattle bridge over the M1.

Markfield Quarry itself was active in 1830 and large scale extraction began in 1852. By 1863, Ellis and Everard who operated it employed 90 men. Quarrying ended about the turn of the century. The rock is Markfieldite. The quarry is on top of a hill - and is in two tiers. The lower tier (pit) is filled with water to a depth of about 5m.

Usage is now fairly restricted under the L&RWLT regime.

MARKFIELD TOPS

Just above Markfield is a prominent hill with a quarry (called Hill Hole locally) and together with paths and lanes around Markfield itself we know the area as Markfield Tops. The path network does link it to Cliffe Hill Quarry via a cattle bridge over the M1 and also to Altar Stones.

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The area has been mapped together with Altar Stones and the adjoining areas but access restrictions make this area barely useable. Other urban areas of Markfield are being progressively mapped towards the quarry from the other direction

SHEET HEDGES WOOD

A 26 ha woodland on the outskirts of Groby managed by Leicestershire County Council. It was opened to the public in 1998 with National Forest grant aid together with funding from the County Council and Forestry Authority. Most of this woodland block has been harvested with new broadleaf planting replacing the conifers that once stood there. The eastern part of the woodland is a Site of Specific Scientific Interest (SSSI) and is one of the best examples of ash and alder woods in Leicestershire.

Too small to use in isolation, the footpath network does link it with Groby Pool and Lawn Wood opening up possibilities for the future. Groby Pool itself is a fascinating birdlife haven often described as the largest sheet of natural water in Leicestershire. However there is a good case to be made that it is actually the remains of an old slate quarry flooded as far back as possibly the 13th century.

RATBY WOODLANDS

These woodlands are in numerous ownerships mostly the Woodland Trust, with recent extensions carried out with financial assistance from the National Forest. There is a permanent orienteering course in Martinshaw which provides the core of the area. The Woodland Trust owns Martinshaw (103 ha) and Peartree Woods nearby (19 ha) and parts of Burroughs Woods (37 ha). They also have two smaller areas joined to the rest by the footpath network, namely Polebrook & Crow Woods. Also included in our mapped area are Grey Lodge Wood (10 ha), Wirlybones Wood, the Coppice (7 ha) and Hollow Oak Woods (12 ha) under separate

ownerships but all funded in part by the National Forest.

The Coppice is adjacent to Forest Hill Golf Club near Botcheston. Nature conservation is a very strong focus for the site. However, it has also been designed to yield coppice products for craft use. The planting is a mixture of broadleaf species such as oak, lime, ash, wild cherry, whitebeam and silver birch. Hazel accounts for about 20% of the total planting. The coppiced branches, which will be cut in future years, will be used for furniture making, fencing and charcoal burning. Large areas of rough grassland have been left as hunting territory for barn owls and owl nesting boxes have been erected around the site to encourage this declining species. Marshland and a pond provide habitats for invertebrates and wetland species. This is a useful addition for short course if we base any events from the golf club.

Not surprisingly Hollow Oak wood takes its name from the old oak tree in the centre of the site. The heartwood has decayed to leave a hollow centre. It is thought that the pollarding of this tree, like those at Bradgate Park, was carried out when Lady Jane Grev was beheaded. The existing woodland within this site, Change Spinney, had been unmanaged for many years but thinning of the trees has now been carried out to allow more light and to benefit the existing bluebell population and encourage redstarts into the wood. Bat boxes have been installed and some standing dead trees left for woodpeckers and insects. The downside is that the ponds and stream running through the lower area are now hard to access due to brambles. The line of a mediaeval park pale can be seen. This was an ancient boundary marked by a ridge, on top of which a fence was built.

Burroughs Wood or Ratby Burroughs is an area of new plantings next to an existing area of woodland and it includes grassy paths and open areas. An area of the site next to the adjacent woodland has been left to allow natural regeneration to take place. This will help to extend the area of ancient woodland and its associated flora. The track down the edge of the wood sits atop the remains of a mediaeval deer park bank and ditch. The old farmhouse (Old Hayes) dates back to 1733 but a house has existed on the site since 1280. The next door Peartree Wood links Ratby Burroughs to Martinshaw Wood, creating one of the largest continuous tracts of woodland in The National Forest area. The planting design reflects both of these other woods with conifers in the northern section blending into those at Martinshaw Wood in order to allow the movement of wildlife dependent on pine, particularly moths.

Grey Lodge Wood is immediately adjacent to Martinshaw Wood and Peartree Wood. Together they form a continuous belt of woodland next to the M1 motorway. Planting comprises 80% broadleaves and 20% conifers and reflects the other woodlands in the area.

Covering a good part of an original ancient woodland site, Martinshaw Wood itself is rich in ecological and archaeological interest. The site, which was bought by the Woodland Trust in 1985, is cut in two by the M1 motorway giving us a pinch point at present. The proposal for the widening of the M1 should be within the existing footprint and not impact on these woodlands, indeed there is a strong probability that a new land bridge will be created for wildlife and pedestrians. 36 different tree species can be found in the wood, which was extensively replanted with

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commercial conifer species in the 1950's. A progressive felling of the conifers to favour oak, beech, birch and other broadleaves will restore some of the wood's origin as a deer park. Flooded quarry pits are home to a variety of wildlife such as newts, frogs and toads and wide range of birdlife frequents to the woodland.

The whole area is of about 190 Hectares.

To the south west of Leicestershire in the district of Hinckley & Bosworth we have three other areas.

BOSWORTH BATTLEFIELD

Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre and Country Park is not actually sited where the main part of the famous battle took place. The story of the death of a King and the birth of the all powerful Tudor dynasty is told at the exhibition centre and there is a replica of a typical village of the time and named as Ambion Parva. There are also refreshment facilities in a reclaimed medieval barn.

In the 1400s the Houses of York and Lancaster fought for the throne of England. Each believed they had the better claim to the throne and on 22 August 1485, two armies faced each other in this decisive battle leading to the birth of a dynasty that would last for 122 years and being the last time that an English King was killed in battle.

King Richard III had ruled the land for only two years and Henry, Earl of Richmond ended the day being crowned nearby, as Henry VII. Richard had marched out from Leicester with around 12,000 men with the intention of cutting Henry off from his march towards London but ended up being killed and even that was not the end of his troubles. Years

later, when England's monasteries were being destroyed by Henry VIII, Richard's bones were dug up from Grey Friar's monastery in Leicester and thrown in the river - he is one of the few English Kings not to have a grave.

Battles were not tidy affairs and skirmishing probably took place all over the area but Ambion Hill and Ambion Wood probably still have secrets to unfold.

The Country Park was developed in the early 1970's to provide an environment to interpret the famous battle. Four miles of field and woodland paths link the Battlefield Heritage Centre to Cheney Wharf on the Ashby Canal and Shenton Station on the Shackerstone Railway and further paths lead north into Bosworth Country Park.

Ambion Wood itself is privately owned but paths traverse it and the old railway cutting by Shenton Station is a nature trail with quite complex landforms and mature woods.

We have mapped the whole area up to an including Bosworth Park to assist the Country Parks Service in organising a festival of walks etc at the Battlefield Centre and as part of that celebration staged an afternoon 'come and try orienteering' event. We are to take advantage of the map to hold occasional small training events.

BOSWORTH PARK

This is a landscaped 35-hectare park which was formerly part of Bosworth Hall deer parkland. There are fine, mature trees, a lake, and a planted arboretum with exotic species, a wildflower meadow and a community woodland. We have used it for small orienteering events for

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Out and About

Peat bogs on the Cumbria
High Fells are in danger of
drying out because of

warmer summers although last year's damp conditions will have helped. The boas store around 300 million tonnes of carbon so significant amounts of greenhouse gases will be released as it eventually dries. It will also mean many species are in danger of dying out, such as ice age fish the arctic char found in our deeper and colder waters and the mountain ringlet butterfly to name but two. The uplands of the Midlands will lose species like the red grouse that is forced to move North to a cooler climate and migrating birds will struggle to adapt to changes in the seasons that makes their food normally available at the right times of the year.

Several species of native trees will struggle to handle new weather conditions not least the Beech which provides such good running conditions for us. Natural England has said the landscape needs to be managed so that rare species can survive in the future: possibly by creating new wetlands inland of the Broads and planting beech trees further north. Trees such as oak, birch, hazel and ash that are native to the UK benefit greatly from cold winter conditions and recent milder winters have forced many trees to begin growing too early so they have not had sufficient time dormant to recover from the wet summers. This year should have been a considerable help to them.

Many birds from Europe are already

being forced to fly north because of the changes and by the end of the century cliff faces in the south of England that

are currently covered in our familiar puffins and kittiwakes could be colonised by hoopoes and bee-eaters.

Some native species will thrive in warmer temperatures and are already expanding their range including the gold finch

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British Isles.

and collared dove although the latter has only in recent years been considered a native species being an early migrant. Other new arrivals like the cattle egret and Cetti's warbler, which have recently come over from Europe are thriving and parakeets are a common sight around the South East.

Birds like snipe, brambling, lapwing and willow tit will struggle to find suitable habitats further north. Other species cannot go further north such as the snow bunting, which today survives only on the Cairngorm plateau, and the Scottish crossbill, which is the only bird species unique to the British Isles.

The bittern, one of Britain's rarest birds has just had its best breeding season for

over 100 years. It was extinct in Britain by 1886 due to habitat loss and hunting. They are very difficult to study as they are extremely shy and breed in large reed beds well out of sight and their presence is normally confirmed by the male's booming call. Unfortunately in a report on the future of England's countryside. Natural England is warning that some of the most well loved parts of the country will be transformed by global warming which comes as no great surprise. Amonast areas at risk rising sea levels will mean the Norfolk Broads will be flooded by seawater, making it impossible for species that rely on the fresh water habitat such as vellow wagtail, turtle doves and many species of fish, to survive and the bittern is in danger of dying out once more.

Re-introductions at five sites in Surrey, Dorset and mid Wales; releases are planned to reverse amphibian and reptile declines. 5 nature reserves have all been assessed over a number of years to make sure they provide the right habitat to be the creatures' new homes. Snakes, frogs, toads, newts and lizards etc., have been badly hit by loss of habitats and last year saw the first release of baby sand lizards, which had been reared in special hatcheries. The sand lizard was once a fairly common sight on heathland but the widespread destruction of its heath and sand dune habitats led to extinctions in many areas. This should also be good news for the threatened smooth snake which is the sand lizards' main predator.

Another re-introduction in the pipeline is the short-haired bumble bee which died out in the UK in 2000 because of loss of habitat and intensive agriculture. There are plans for bringing back the species in more ways than one. Short-haired bumblebees were taken to New Zealand

in the 19th Century to help pollinate crops and it is hoped to capture some and release them in England.

This follows successes in the Czech Republic where they have successfully reared them in captivity by first capturing other species of bumblebees, removing the pollen with a brush and then feeding the pollen to a captive queen. After a breeding programme the bees will be re-introduced in June 2010 into an area of Dungeness and Romney Marsh which has been specially prepared to provide the bees with the right plants and flowers.

Last winter's colder weather has helped other species of bumble bee to an extent and also there were reports of record numbers of hibernating bats in some parts of the country. Cold winters are good for most hibernating creatures. In warm winters they often either come out of hibernation too early and there is nothing for them to feed on or if their body temperature is raised too much they use up

they use up their energy reserves and do not make it through the winter. Really cold winters do help hibernating insects such as queen bumble bees. They enter and leave hibernation in response to

levels will mean the Norfolk Broads will be flooded by seawater. . .

changing day length and warmer weather can mean they come out of hibernation long after spring flowers have emerged. Mild and wet winters of the last few years have also seen many hibernating insects

succumbing to damp.

Still on the subject of man helping out, a tiny population of the now seemingly misnamed common crane has bred in East Anglia since the '70s, but it's clear that cranes need a helping hand if they're to reclaim their rightful place in our countryside.

The RSPB is organising a Great Crane Project, based in the Somerset Levels and Moors which form an amazing landscape - a mosaic of damp meadows criss-crossed with rivers and ditches. It's a wonderful place for wildlife at the risk of waxing lyrical. In spring and summer, wild flowers bloom and it buzzes with dragonflies. In winter, the sounds of thousands of ducks and wading birds fill the air.

Even here however there is something missing; the magnificent crane - with a seven-foot wingspan, a loud voice and a bright red patch on its head. Cranes are simply spectacular birds. Standing more than four feet tall, with beautiful grey plumes, white, black and ruby-red feathers, they stand out from the crowd. They're social birds that are known for their complex courtship dances and loud, trumpeting calls.

Though they look so exotic, we know

that cranes are part of our history and used to be widespread in the UK. In fact, there are 271 British place names that mention them. Because of humans, cranes have been missing from our wetland landscapes for almost 400 years. The RSPB and its partners plan to release 100 cranes over the next six years. Eggs are to be taken from healthy populations overseas, incubated and the fledglings nurtured until they're big enough to be released into a secure environment.

Back in August a group of young sea eagles were released in the Tay Estuary as part of an ongoing programme to establish colonies there. Fourteen birds which were collected from nests in Norway were reared in special aviaries in Fife to get them to adapt to local conditions. Scotland now has a population of about 200 sea eagles and 44 pairs of breeding birds produced 28 chicks last year - a record since they were reintroduced into the west coast areas after being hunted to extinction in Scotland during the Victorian era. It is hoped that they can now make similar progress on the east coast. They are becoming a more common sight around the areas where previously released birds have made their home.

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years and it has a permanent orienteering course.

We have used it in conjunction with the streets of this market town and footpaths go south to join it to the Bosworth Battlefield Park and displays.

BURBAGE COMMON & WOODS

Our map covers Aston Firs, Burbage Common and Burbage Woods most of which is within the Burbage Country Park. The woodlands are probably remaining remnants of the Hinckley Forest dating back to medieval times. It is in all about 250 acres of semi-natural ancient woodland and unspoilt grassland with several miles of public footpaths available. The common is registered common land and designated under the CRoW Act as full public Access. There is a permanent orienteering course there.

Roy Denney

Forthcoming LEI Events

Tuesday 16th February Winter League Event Western Park, Leicester





Sunday 21st February EMOA League Event Charnwood Forest South

Sunday 21st March National Event Belvoir Castle





Saturday 31st October Spring Series Event Martinshaw West

Saturday 27th March Spring Series Event The Outwoods



Fixtures



This fixture list is intended to list events in and around the Midlands and neighbouring areas, plus other items likely to be of interest. Unless otherwise stated Local events offer entry on the day (EOD) to a range of colour coded courses with start times from 10.30 to 12.30. Local events will

only have a limited range of courses. Regional and National events provide a range of age related courses and are normally entered in advance using a Standard Entry Form (SEF) or more frequently these days online; EOD will usually be limited and more expensive. Most will offer a limited number of colour-coded course for EOD. Cheques payable to organising club, if not otherwise specified.

The OS map reference is either the car park or point from which the event will be signposted. The list is based on BOF registration, but events are sometimes cancelled. If you are uncertain of whether an event will be on, check with the organiser. The editor takes no responsibility for wasted journeys!

CHANGE OF EVENT STRUCTURE IN FIXTURE LISTS

2009 sees the start of the new British Orienteering event structure with 3 levels of event. .

- ♦ Level 1 = NATIONAL (British and Area Championships and the JK)
- ♦ Level 2 = REGIONAL (Age Class Ranking Events)
- Level 3 = LOCAL (Participation events including *Colour Coded*, Summer and Winter League etc.)

Courses available at Colour Coded Events are White, Yellow, Orange, Light Green, Green, Blue and Brown unless the Event details state otherwise.

This replaces the previous 5 category system although at present the British Orienteering fixtures list appears to be still using the old system apart from dropping category 4. This makes it currently very difficult in the to distinguish a local event with a full complement of colour coded courses from a "Summer League" type event with limited courses

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11th	EMOA LOG Local	Local Night Event, Riseholme, Lincoln. SK984757. Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk, 01522 791344. Entry on day Registration 5.45-6.15, start 6.30. Punch Type: SI, \no dogs allowed. 45 minute score event.
13th	WMOA BUOC Regional	BUOC Sprint Race, Birmingham - details TBC.
14th	WMOA WCH Regional	WCH Regional Event & WM League, Brereton Spurs, Cannock Chase, Staffordshire. SK038162. Organiser: Tracy Craig 01785 241224. Entry on day. Punch Type: SI, www.walton-chasers.co.uk
14th	EMOA DVO Local	Local & EM League, Allestree Park, Derby. SK352398. Organiser: Sal Chaffey.
16th	EMOA LEI Local	LEI Winter League Local Event, Western Park, Leicester. SK557045. Organiser: Chris Phillips, onecphillips@lineone.net, 0116 255 0330. Entry On Day. Registration and starts 11.00—12.00. www.leioc.org.uk
20th	EMOA NOC Local	NOC Winter League Event, Silverhill Wood, Sutton-in-Ashfield. SK473622. Organiser: Ruedi Billeter. Entry On Day. www://noc-uk.org
21st	EMOA LEI	EMOA League Event, Charnwood Forest South, Loughborough. SK515122.
LHI C	Local	Organiser: Laurie Fluck 01509 503107. Entry On Day. Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, www.leioc.org.uk
21st	WMOA WRE Local	Lizard Hill Colour Coded Event, Telford. SJ770100. Organiser: Delia Kingsbury. Punch type: SI. www.wrekinorienteers.co.uk
27th	WMOA OD Local	OD Sat Morn Local Event Oversley Wood, Alcester. SP111568. Organiser: David Beal 01926 410340. Entry On Day. Punch Type: EMIT. www.octavian-droobers.org

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28th	WMOA HOC Regional	HOC Regional Event, Dymock Forest, Ross-on-Wye. SO680278. Organiser:penny Hemsted, pennyhemsted.dymock@googlemail.com, 0121 382 6168. Postal Entries: Dymock10, Oak Lodge, Wellington Heath, Ledbury HR8 1NB. Online entry through www.fabian4.co.uk. Closing date for postal entries 14 Feb 2010—online 22 Feb 2010. Entry On Day available. Www.harlequins.org.uk.
20th	SWOA NGOC Local	Middle Distance Event, Mallards Pike South, Blakeney, SO629092. Organiser: Kate Balmond 01495 791 454. Postal entry: John Fallows, The Cottage, Comptons Alley, Tewkesbury GL20 5QE. Cheques payable to NGOC. Online entry through www.fabian4.co.uk. Closing date for postal entries 7th February 2010. Punch Type: SI, www.ngoc.org.uk
21st	SWOA NGOC National	National Event & Southern Championships, Lydney Park Estate, Lydney, SO607048. Organiser: Roger Coe 01594 510444. Postal entry: John Fallows, The Cottage, Comptons Alley, Tewkesbury GL20 5QE. Cheques payable to NGOC. Online entry through www.fabian4.co.uk. Closing date for postal entries 7th February 2010. Punch Type: SI, www.ngoc.org.uk

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7th	WMOA WCH Local	Fairoak & Birches Valley local , Hednesford Camp, Cannock Chase Cannock , SK004156 Organiser: Ianka Petrova Evans, 01782 788341 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, www.walton-chasers.co.uk
7th	EMOA NOC Local	EM League , Thieves Wood Mansfield , SK542577 Organiser: Alan Beardsley, org20100307@noc-uk.org Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, www.noc-uk.org
13th	WMOA HOC Local	Malvern Mini League 5 , TBC Eastnor Park Organiser: Mike Farrington, mado@harlequins.org.uk, 01531 635502 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.harlequins.org.uk/fixtures.html

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13th	WMOA POTOC Local	POTOC Leisure and Training Event , Downs Banks Stone, Staffordshire , SJ900365 Organiser: Brenda Morgan, shenrymorgan@yahoo.co.uk, 07910 859932 Entry On Day: Senior £3.50, Junior £2.00, Student £2.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs allowed. Start Times: Registration from 10 am. Starts from 10:30 to 12:00. www.potoc.dandasparks.org.uk/
14th	EMOA LOG Local	Stapleford EMOA League , Stapleford Newark , SK850554 Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk, 01522 791344 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.logonline.org.uk
14th	WMOA OD Local	OD Colour-coded Event Kingsbury Water Park , Kingsbury Water Park Kingsbury , SP204959 Organiser: John Bowman, 01926 853720 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.octavian-droobers.org
20th	EMOA DVO Local	Local , Markeaton Park Derby Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
20th	WMOA OD Local	OD Sat Morn Local Event Draycote Water , Draycote Water Country Park Dunchurch , SP468692 Organiser: Sophie Kirk Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
21st	EMOA LEI National	National Event & Midland Championships & Future Champions Cup, Belvoir Estate Grantham, SK805325 Organiser: Chris Phillips, onecphillips@lineone.net, 0116 255 0330 Postal Entry: 2010 Midland Championships 63 Loughborough Road Quor nLoughborough, LE12 8DU. Cheques payable to Leicestershire Orienteering Club Online entry through www.fabian4.co.uk No Entry On Day. Entries Close: 15/03/2010. Senior £14.50, Junior £6.00, Student £TBC, Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. www.leioc.org.uk
27th	WMOA Local	Western Night League , Frith Wood Ledbury Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
27th	EMOA NOC Local	Local - NOC Winter league , Brierly Forest Park Sutton-in-Ashfield , SK481598 Organiser: Helen Parkinson Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.noc-uk.org

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28th	EMOA DVO Regional	EM League , Crich Chase Matlock Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
28th	WMOA HOC Local	HOC Local Event , Dudmaston estate Bridgenorth Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,

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2nd- 5th	SWOA National	Jan Kjellstrom Orienteering Festival 2nd Day 1 (Sprint) , Bicton College Budleigh Salterton , SY076859 Organiser: John Rye Online entry through www.jk2010.co.uk/entries No Entry On Day. Entries Close: $12/03/2010$. Senior £0.00, Junior £0.00, Student £0.00 , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Dogs allowed in car park and assembly only. www.jk2010.co.uk
	SWOA	3rd Day 2 (Individual) , Cookworthy Forest Holsworthy , SS415013 Organiser: Carol Pearce Online entry through www.jk2010.co.uk/ entries No Entry On Day. Entries Close: $12/03/2010$. Senior £0.00, Junior £0.00, Student £0.00 , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Dogs allowed in car park and assembly only. www.jk2010.co.uk
	SWOA	4th Day 3 (Individual) , Braunton Burrows Barnstaple , SS468348 Organiser: Peter Brett Online entry through www.jk2010.co.uk/entries No Entry On Day. Entries Close: $12/03/2010$. Senior £0.00, Junior £0.00, Student £0.00 , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Dogs allowed in car park and assembly only. www.jk2010.co.uk
	SWOA	5th JK Relays , Braunton Burrows Barnstaple , SS450340 Organiser: Peter Brett Online entry through www.jk2010.co.uk/entries No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Dogs allowed in car park and assembly only. www.jk2010.co.uk
11th	EMOA NOC Local	Nottingham City Street O , Nottingham City Centre Nottingham , SK572399 Organiser: Janet Evans Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.noc-uk.org
17th	NWOA LOC National	British Elite Middle & Age Class Championships , Haverthwaite Heights Ulverston , SD365863 Organiser: Derek Allison, derek@britishorienteering.org.uk, 015395 31167 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.lakeland-orienteering.org.uk

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17th	WMOA HOC Local	HOC Local Event , Sandwell Valley Sandwell , SP025917 Organiser: Marian White, 01215 548563 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.harlequins.org.uk
18th	NWOA SROC National	British Elite Sprint Championships , Astley Park Chorley , SD574184 Organiser: Tony Marlow, tonymarlow@sky.com
22nd	WMOA POTOC Local	POTOC Leisure and Training Event , Ladderedge Country Park Leek, Staffordshire , SJ972551 Organiser: Brenda Morgan, shenrymorgan@yahoo.co.uk, 07910 859932 Entry On Day: Senior £3.50, Junior £2.00, Student £2.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs allowed. Start Times: Evening event – register between 5.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.

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1st- 2nd	WMOA WCH National	1st British Orienteering Championships , Abrahams Valley & Wolseley Park, Cannock Chase Rugeley , SK019197 Organiser: Rod Niven, roderick.niven@lineone.net Postal Entry: BOC 2010, 7 Greenfield RoadStaffordStaffs, ST17 0PU, 01785 661992, markgarside@hotmail.com. Cheques payable to BOC 2010 Online entry through https://www.sientries.co.uk/index.php No Entry On Day. Entries Close: 28/02/2010. Senior £16.00, Junior £7.00, Student £7.00 , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Dogs on leads www.waltonchasers.co.uk
	WMOA	2nd British Orienteering Championships - Relays , Abrahams Valley & Wolseley Park, Cannock Chase Cannock , SK009203 Organiser: Christopher Horwill Postal Entry: BOC 2010, 7 Greenfield RoadStaffordStaffs, ST17 0PU, 01785 661992, markgarside@hotmail.com. Cheques payable to BOC 2010 Online entry through https://www.sientries.co.uk/index.php No Entry On Day. Entries Close: 28/02/2010. Senior £36.00, Junior £21.00, Student £21.00 , Punch Type: SI, Dogs: Dogs on lead. www.walton.chasers.co.uk

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1st- 2nd	WMOA WCH Local	JK Trail O demonstration events 1st JK Trail O events , Cannock Chase Rugeley , SK021203 Organiser: Marlene Palmer, 01785 662915 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £1.00, Student £1.00. , Punch Type: None, Start Times: 10.30 -16.00 www.walton-chasers.co.uk
	WMOA	2nd JK Trail O events , Cannock Chase Rugeley , SK021203 Organiser: Marlene Palmer, 01785 662915 Entry On Day: Senior £2.00, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, Start Times: 10.30 - 16.00 www.walton-chasers.co.uk
1st	WMOA WCH Local	JK Trail O competitive event , Cannock Enterprise Park Pine Cafe Cannock , SK018171 Organiser: Marlene Palmer, 01785 662915 Postal Entry: Marlene Palmer, 2 GreenwayPark LaneBrocton Stafford, ST17 0TS, 01785 661087, marlenepalmer349@btinternet.com. Cheques payable to BOC2010 Entry On Day: Senior £7.00, Junior £4.00, Student £4.00. , Punch Type: SI, Start Times: 10.30 - 15.00 www.walton-chasers.co.uk
3rd	WMOA BAOC Regional	Stafford Sprint & UK Cup Race , MOD Stafford Online entry through www.fabian4.co.uk No Entry On Day. Entries Close: $12/04/2010$. Senior £8.00, Junior £3.00, Student £3.00 , Punch Type: EMIT,
6th	WMOA POTOC Local	POTOC Leisure and Training Event , Kibblestone Scout Camp Stone, Staffordshire , SJ914361 Organiser: Brenda Morgan, shenrymorgan@yahoo.co.uk, 07910 859932 Entry On Day: Senior £3.50, Junior £2.00, Student £2.00. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: Evening event – register between 5.00 p.m. and 7 p.m. www.potoc.dandasparks.org.uk/
9th	EMOA DVO Local	EM League , Cromford Moor Matlock , SK291588 Organiser: Paul Beresford Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
9th	WMOA OD Local	OD Colour-coded Event Pooley Fields Heritage Centre , Pooley Fields Heritage Centre Polesworth , SK258034 Organiser: John Bowman, 01926 853720 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.octavian-droobers.org

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15th/ 16th	NWOA	15th British Orienteering Coaching day— Dale Park Woods 16th Regional Event— Pike of Blisco See page 14 For details
16th	WMOA HOC Regional	Regional/WM League / Malvern Mini League 7 , Kinver Edge Stourbridge , SO833830 Organiser: Robert Vickers, 01384 377008 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.harlequins.org.uk
16th	EMOA NOC Local	EM League , Clumber Park Worksop , SK620752 Organiser: Ruedi Billeter, org20100516@noc-uk.org Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI, www.noc-uk.org
29th- 31st	SWOA KERNO Regional	29th Tamar Triple Regional Event , Penhale Sands Newquay , SW766586 Organiser: Rod Allday, rod@alldays.fsworld.co.uk, 01326 250733 No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
	SWOA DEVON	30th Tamar Triple Regional Event , Penhale Camp Newquay , SW785565 Organiser: Rod Allday, rod@alldays.fsworld.co.uk, 01326 250733 No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.
	SWOA	31st Tamar Triple Regional Event , Perran Sands Perranporth , SW769548 Organiser: Rod Allday, rod@alldays.fsworld.co.uk, 01326 250733 No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed.

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5th	EMOA DVO Local	DVO Summer League Event , Ilam Ashbourne Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
10th	WMOA POTOC Local	POTOC Leisure and Training Event , Barnswood Scout Camp Leek, Staffordshire , SJ949607 Organiser: Brenda Morgan, shenrymorgan@yahoo.co.uk, 07910 859932 Entry On Day: Senior £3.50, Junior £2.00, Student £2.00. , Punch Type: SI, No dogs allowed. Start Times: Evening event – register between 5.00 p.m. and 7 p.m. www.potoc.dandasparks.org.uk/

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12th	EMOA LEI Local	Local & EM League , Bradgate Park Leicester Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: SI,
13th	EMOA DVO Local	DVO Summer League Event , Darley Park Derby Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
19th	WMOA HOC Local	Malvern Mini League 8 , TBC Hollybed and Castelmorton Commons Organiser: Mike Farrington, mado@harlequins.org.uk, 01531 635502 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC, Punch Type: None, www.harlequins.org.uk/fixtures.html
19th	EMOA DVO Local	Derbyshire School Championships & DVO Summer League Event , Elvaston Derby Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
20th	EMOA DVO Local	EM League , Linacre Woods Chesterfield Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
24th	WMOA POTOC Local	POTOC Leisure and Training Event , Stone Common Plot Stone, Staffordshire , SJ902347 Organiser: Brenda Morgan, shenrymorgan@yahoo.co.uk, 07910 859932 Entry On Day: Senior £3.50, Junior £2.00, Student £2.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs allowed. Start Times: Evening event – register between 5.00 p.m. and 7 p.m. www.potoc.dandasparks.org.uk/
25th	EMOA DVO Local	DVO Summer League Event , Bakewell Street Event Bakewell Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
26th- 27th	WOA Regional	26th Junior Inter Regional Championships , TBC TBA Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
	WOA	27th Junior Inter Regional Championships , TBC TBA Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
30th	EMOA DVO Local	DVO Summer League Event , Oakwood Street Event derby Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,

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3rd	YHOA SYO Local	Cliffhanger Ultrasprint , TBC Sheffield Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
11th	WMOA HOC Local	HOC Local Event , TBC TBC Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
11th	WMOA POTOC Local	POTOC Score Event & Barbeque , Tittesworth Reservoir Leek, Staffordshire , SJ993602 Organiser: Brenda Morgan, shenrymorgan@yahoo.co.uk, 01889 502355 Entry On Day: Senior £3.50, Junior £2.00, Student £2.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs allowed. Start Times: Registration from 10.00 a.m. Mass Start at 11.00 a.m. www.potoc.dandasparks.org.uk/
11th	EMOA DVO Local	DVO Summer League Event , Holmebrook Valley Park Chesterfield Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
18th	WMOA OD Local	OD Colour-coded Event Burton Dassett Hills Country Park , Burton Dassett Hills Country Park Gaydon , SP396519 Organiser: John Bowman, 01926 853720 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.octaviandroobers.org

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15th	WMOA POTOC Local	POTOC Leisure and Training Event , Biddulph Grange Country Park Biddulph, Staffordshire , SJ893594 Organiser: Brenda Morgan, shenrymorgan@yahoo.co.uk, 07910 859932 Entry On Day: Senior £3.50, Junior £2.00, Student £2.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs allowed. Start Times: Registration from 10 am. Starts from 10:30 to 12:00. www.potoc.dandasparks.org.uk/
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22nd- 27th		Lakes 5 Day Regional Events 22nd Lakes 5 Day 1 , North end of Haweswater Penrith , NY510164 Organiser: Dick Whitworth
	NWOA	23rd Lakes5 Day 2 , tbc Coniston , SD304973
	NWOA	24th Lakes5 Day 3 , Steel End Farm Lake District , NY321128 Organiser: Roger Jackson
	NWOA	25th Lakes 5 Day Regional Events Lake District No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: SI,
	NWOA	26th Lakes5 Day 4 , Bracelet Moor Coniston , SD243919 Organiser: Norman Hall
	NWOA	27th Lakes5 Day 5 , Old Racecourse Kendal , SD501917 Organiser: Susan Denmark
		The following entry information is common to all 5 days:
		Postal Entry: Lakes 5 2010, 7 Ashbourne Court Shirebrook Park, Glossop, Derbyshire, SK13 8RT. Cheques payable to Lakes 5 Online entry through www.fabian4.co.uk Entry On Day: Senior £18.00, Junior £5.00, Student £5.00. Pre-Entry Fees: 31/01/2010. Senior £14.00, Junior £3.00, Student £3.00, Punch Type: SI, www.lakes5.org.uk
28th- 30th	YHOA EBOR Regional	White Rose Weekend 28th White Rose Regional Event (EBOR Prize Event), tbc Helmsley Organiser: Bill Griffiths No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC, Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.eborienteers.org.uk
	YHOA	29th White Rose Regional Event (EBOR Prize Event) , tbc Helmsley Organiser: Bill Griffiths No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.eborienteers.org.uk
	YHOA	30th White Rose Team Race , tbc Helmsley Organiser: Bill Griffiths No Entry On Day. Entries Close: TBC , Punch Type: None, No dogs allowed. www.eborienteers.org.uk

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4th	YHOA SYO Regional	Urban Race , Sheffield Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
5th	EMOA LOG Regional	Lincoln City Urban Race , Lincoln , SK973719 Organiser: Sean Harrington, sean@logonline.org.uk, 01522 791344 Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.logonline.org.uk
11th	EMOA DVO Local	DVO Local Event , Littlemoor Matlock Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
12th	EAOA WAOC Local	WAOC Try-O Event , Ferry Meadows, Peterborough , TL146978 Organiser: Ian Lawson, ianh.lawson@ntlworld.com Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None, www.waoc.org.uk
12th	SCOA SOC Regional	SOC Regional Event & SCOA League , Acres Down Lyndhurst Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
	EMOA LEI Local	Local , Donisthorpe & Willesley Ashby Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
19th	EMOA DVO Regional	DVO Regional Event , TBC Entry On Day: Senior £TBC, Junior £TBC, Student £TBC. , Punch Type: None,
25th	WMOA POTOC Local	POTOC Leisure and Training Event , Hanley Forest Park Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent , SJ886487 Organiser: Brenda Morgan, shenrymorgan@yahoo.co.uk, 07910 859932 Entry On Day: Senior £3.50, Junior £2.00, Student £2.00. , Punch Type: SI, Dogs allowed. Start Times: Registration from 10 am. Starts from 10:30 to 12:00. www.potoc.dandasparks.org.uk/

Next LEI Event

Sunday 21st February 2010

Tuesday 16th February 2010
Winter League Event
Western Park, Leicester SK557045

Charnwood Forest South SK515122

Laurie Fluck 01509 503107

Fees £TBC

SportIdent electronic punching (Card hire at registration £1.00)