

# LEI News

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The Newsletter of the Leicestershire Orienteering Club

## Ramblings from the Chair



If you were one of the many club members who was present at the well attended AGM in October you will know that we

have had a few changes to the Club Committee. As he indicated in the last newsletter Andy Portsmouth has stepped down as Chairman of the Club. Many thanks to Andy for his three years in the hot seat. Andy will be staying on the Club Committee as Electronic Systems Assistant.

Bob Haskins has moved from the Secretary's seat to be Vice Chair and we welcome Rachel Simonetti to the Committee and the Secretary's job

It was a delight to see so many club members at the Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening at the Forest Hill

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# Ramblings from the Chair (continued)

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Golf Club in mid November. It was a great pleasure, as one of my first jobs as chairman, to nominate Don Moir for the Tiger Trophy, for services to the club. Don, like last years recipient Roger Kelly is one of that important army of members who beaver away in the background undertaking all those jobs which ensure that you and I have an enjoyable event. The evening was "enlivened" by some "singing" led by a certain Mr E Presley (*see page 22—ed.*)- it quickly became clear who knew the tunes, revealing their misspent youth

Congratulations to our Junior Squad members for winning through to the final of the Yvette Baker Trophy at Coldash and putting up such a spirited show against larger and more experienced teams (*see page 14—ed.*). For the club to be able to enter a team into the Yvette Baker (I think for the first time) is a sign of the progress

being made by our Development Team. Well done everybody.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March we shall holding a Colour Coded Event at Ratby Woodlands to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Forest Trophy. The National Forest Company have been kind enough to sponsor the event and we shall be using that sponsorship money to endeavour to attract newcomers to the sport. For those of you with more masochistic tendencies there will be a Long O'.

Whilst 2007 will be several weeks old by the time you read this may I wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year and leave you with the thought that as I write this, the Summer League starts in 12 weeks!

*Chris Phillips*

## Words from the editor

As mentioned in the last newsletter I am now looking after the day to day maintenance of the web site with Kevin concentrating on the results service. Those of you that visit the web site will have, hopefully, noticed a change in look to the pages. I have made use of the club colours of Navy and purple and tried to simplify the navigation. I have also added a drop down

list of topics in alphabetical order and a Google search facility. Both of these to help visitors to navigate around the site.

Other ideas for future improvements include the possibility of allowing the maps for the Permanent Orienteering Courses (POCs) to be downloaded from the web. Although this

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**Your Club Needs**  
**!You!**  
**At this Years**  
**Compass Sport Cup**  
**On March 18<sup>th</sup> at Stapleford Woods**  
**Please put it in your**  
**Orienteering Diary NOW!**

*(Due to extensive damage to Stapleford Woods in the recent storms the venue may have to be changed. Check on the web at [www.leioc.org.uk](http://www.leioc.org.uk) or [www.logonline.org.uk](http://www.logonline.org.uk) for updates)*

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would lose the club a small amount of income it would make the POCs more accessible to the public and might therefore attract new members to the club. There are, however, some licensing issues to be resolved before this can be achieved. The treasurer is currently investigating these.

My intention is to make the web site as user-friendly as possible and would welcome comments on any areas that users find difficulty with. Any suggestions for further improvements to the web site are always welcome (contact details on page 3).

*John Cooke*

## Minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006, 7.30 p.m. at The Griffin Inn, Swithland.



**Present:** Chris Bosley, John Cooke, Roy Denney, Roger Edwards, Simon Ford, Mark

Foxwell, Isabel Griffiths, Bob Haskins, Judith Holt, Pete Hornsby, Roger Kelly, Peter Leake, John Marriott, Chris Phillips, Roger Phillips, Lee Powell, Rachel Simonetti, Dave Toach, Graham Watson, Ernie Williams, Roger Williamson, Ursula Williamson.

**1. Apologies:** David Anderson, Margaret Anderson, Andy Portsmouth, Simon Starkey.

Chris Phillips chaired the meeting in the absence of Andy Portsmouth.

### **2. Membership Numbers**

167 members at 25<sup>h</sup> October 2006, 2005 figures in brackets (173).

Senior (non-family) 56 (56); Junior (non-family) 6 (3); Affiliated Groups 2 (2); Affiliated Schools 6 (6); Family Groups 34 (37) (comprising 97 members (106)). There are 34 Club only members in the total (39). Age profiles were also produced.

### **3. Minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

Approved.

### **4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **5. Chairman's Report on last year**

This was read out by Chris Phillips and will be published in LEI News.

### **6. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the Chairman's Report.

### **7. Treasurer's Report, Annual accounts 2005/6 and Budget projections 2006/7**

The accounts cover the year to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006..

There has been a deficit of £1330 as opposed to a £917 surplus in 2005. The 2004/5 accounts only covered a period of 11 months to enable the change of year end date to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Although event surplus was £2449 on paper, once equipment, mapping and printing was taken into account (£3550), this really represented a deficit of around £1000. However, we have purchased a new A3 printer during the year. Two events made a loss overall, and the Summer League made a surplus of £1000.

The Balance Sheet shows our net current assets as £9,900, and so our reserves are in good order.

Budget Projections:

Membership income is expected to fall, and some of our expenditure is to be reduced by cutting the number of newsletters per year

from four to three. Equipment costs will be down as we will only need to depreciate the printer. The predicted deficit is £519.

Helper allowances are to be normalised at 50% of entry cost for C3 and C4 events. Junior C5 entry is to be raised to £1 to match other local clubs. Team entry subsidy is to be reduced from 50% to 33%. The Club needs to take care over event expenditure, and map printing quantities.

## **8. Auditor's Report**

The full Auditor's Report is attached to the official set of accounts.

## **9. Matters Arising from the Treasurer's Report**

There were no matters arising.

## **10. Approval of Accounts**

Proposed by Roy Denney and seconded by Simon Ford: Carried.

## **11. Proposed Amendment to Constitution**

There were two proposed changes, detailed in LEI News. Both are concerning membership categories in line with changes brought forward by BOF. There has been a long process of change, and we are trying to keep up.

Acceptance proposed by Roger Edwards and seconded by Bob Haskins: Carried.

## **12. President's Report and election of Chairman**

Ernie Williams thanked the club officers for their work over the year and explained that the meeting pattern had changed so that there were now only four full committee meetings a year, with subcommittees

meeting and discussion taking place in the other months. The club is working well and has good ideas that are often followed by others. We are now just starting the second year of our Winter League, and are making suggestions in the East Midlands for big events. It is excellent news that the junior development section has progressed well over the year.

Chris Phillips was proposed as Club Chairman by Ernie Williams and seconded by Bob Haskins: Approved.

## **13. New Chairman's Address and plans for the forthcoming year**

Chris said that he had served under four different chairmen whilst being on the committee. He highlighted the importance of the development work being done, and led by Judith Holt and Lee Powell. LEI is also moving towards the award of Club Mark. It is hoped that a member of the junior squad will serve on the club committee.

Computing and the internet are important aspects of the club and John Cooke is to go on the computing team along with Kevin Bradley and Andy Portsmouth as Kevin's assistant. Two C3, and four C4 events are planned for 2007. The C4 at Ratby on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2007 is also to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Forest Trophy. LEI applied to run BOC 2009 but were turned down, but it is hoped that we may be able to run a national event in 2010 and be involved in the sprint and middle distance championships in 2009.

There will be some difficult times and we need to be careful with expenditure, but recruitment is a must. Land access is likely to get more difficult, however we have new

areas that are not yet ready, and will also need mapping. This is a strong club and exciting things are happening, and progress will continue.

## 14. Election of other Principal Officers

Vice Chairman: Bob Haskins

Secretary: Rachel Simonetti

Treasurer: Roger Edwards

Proposed by Roger Phillips and seconded by Roy Denney: Approved.

## 15. Election of Committee

The following were proposed by Bob Haskins and seconded by Roger Phillips:

Kevin Bradley, John Cooke, Simon Ford, Mark Foxwell, Judith Holt, Peter Hornsby, Roger Kelly, Peter Leake, Irene Marriott, Andy Portsmouth, Lee Powell, Roger Williamson, Graham Watson. Approved.

## 16. Election of Auditor

The current Auditor, Lewis Sutton has indicated that he is prepared to continue, proposed Roger Edwards and seconded by Simon Ford: Approved.

## 17. Election of President and Honorary Members

President: Ernie Williams was proposed by

Chris Phillips and seconded by Roy Denney: Approved.

Honorary Members: Lewis Sutton.

Proposed by Chris Phillips and seconded by Roy Denney: Approved.

## 18. Membership Fees

This had been discussed by the Committee and the proposal categories were largely dictated by BOF rule changes. There is an explanation on page 5 of the Autumn 2006 edition of LEI News.

Local Senior £10 (£6 to be remitted to BOF), Junior £1, Local Family £14 (£10 to be remitted to BOF), Group £10, correspondent rate £7

LEI rate for full BOF members is £4 (£1 for Juniors).

Proposed by Roger Edwards and seconded by Peter Leake: Approved.

## 19. Any Other Business

There was no further business for the AGM.

The meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

There followed a discussion session which considered Permanent Orienteering Courses, publicity (advertising the LEI website on kit), and publicising our fixtures in the local media.

## Stop Press

John Roche at M20 and Judith Holt at W55 have been selected as reserves for the England team in the Interland event on the 18th March. This is a 5 way international competition between England, Holland, NW Germany and 2 teams from Belgium (French and Flemish speaking). More details on [www.leioc.org.uk](http://www.leioc.org.uk)

# Chairman's Report from AGM

I am very grateful to Chris Phillips for representing me tonight, yet again! I am sorry not to be with you for our A.G.M. and partake of the social side tonight. But, I will be thinking of you as I would much rather be there, than confined to my bed!

I won't keep you long with my report and only want to highlight a couple of matters.

We have had a good year, both on the Committee and in the sporting field. I particularly want to mention the work being carried out by a small group, the Junior Development Team of Judith Holt, Lee Powell, Roger Edwards and a small number of others.

We are no different to other clubs, nationally, in that maintaining a good base of young people seems extremely difficult. They join with their parents when quite young, but then drift off to more "hip, trendy, hot, now," sports of football, rugby, etc., or maybe the computer. NOC have bucked the trend in the East Midlands and we could learn a lot from them. They have a successful youth team, organised and coached by probably no more than two or three NOC members.

For years we have been talking about doing something, but lacked the resources or the will to do it. Now we have the Junior Development Team and they are already, in a very short time, making headway. We have fielded a team in the "Peter Palmer Relays" this year. Congratulations to our Club runners there. We also hope to field a youth team in the "Yvette Baker Trophy" on the

12th November. The Development Team has also set up a number of coaching sessions, open to all LEI members. Check the LEI website for the latest details.

This, in itself, is a great achievement for LEI. I particularly want to thank Judith and Lee for their commitment to our youth. I hope you will support their efforts in any way you can to ensure we can continue to enter the local and national youth events and maintain a good base of young Club members.

The Committee has moved on to a new, less onerous, timetable of meetings. This has been explained fully in LEI News. What it does is allows us to spend less time going over the same issues month after month and to concentrate more on areas that need attention. The full Club Committee meets quarterly, with meetings or working groups meeting in between to resolve other matters that may, in the past, not have received much attention, in between. The Club Committee sets the agenda for what meetings happen in between, so you are, effectively, "getting more for your money!" I think it works and works very well. It is a new concept for us and there may be a few teething problems, but I feel it is a healthy change for the Club.

Finally, I have decided to step down from being your Chairman, at this A.G.M. The past year has not been particularly good for me, I have had to miss a number of meetings that I had wished to attend. Having an operation

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# And Now For Something COMPLETELY Different!

The instructions for this 'O' event included the phrase: 'no competitor shall use a boat or swim in the canals'. You may think this rather unusual but when you realise that the event in question was the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Venice Street 'O' then perhaps it was not so bizarre.

Di and I had accepted an invitation to join Roger and Margaret Keeling of DVO for a few days in Venice as a part of their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary celebrations. This was planned without realising that our trip coincided with the event. With bags packed ready for an early start Pete Hornsby arrived to collect maps for the Bagworth C4 event. During the course of conversation he commented on how lucky we were to be able to take part in the Venice Street 'O.' Imagine my consternation! Surely he had the wrong weekend? We were under the impression that this event was over the half term weekend at the end of October. DVO went last year and they always go away over half term!

A visit to the website confirmed that the event was on that weekend and that entry on the day possible! Compasses and tracksters were quickly added to the bags!

Venice exceeds all expectations and if you have never been - you must! We had a self-catering apartment and once settled we found our way to the sports centre and

registered for the event. The sports centre is in the Arsenale by the St Mark's Basin. As we approached the centre we had a panoramic view of the most beautiful buildings gleaming in the autumn sunshine. It really took the breath away.

We had two days sightseeing before the event so endeavoured to get our bearings and

see as much of this amazing city as we could. We visited The Doges Palace, had coffee in St Mark's Square whilst listening to the orchestra, took a boat trip on the Grand Canal, walked over the Rialto Bridge to the market, took a trip in a gondola and much, much more. We walked miles through narrow streets and over canals exploring this wonderful place. The food and wine was good too!

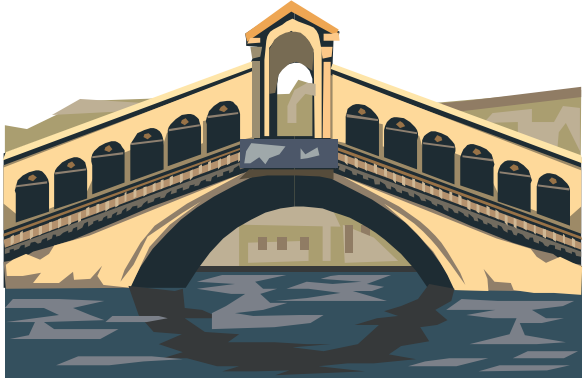




On the Sunday we set out for the event after a phone call from our daughter to tell us that she was going into hospital for an emergency C-Section two weeks earlier than expected!

We joined the other 3000 entrants on the walk to the start on St Mark's Basin. It must be the most picturesque start and finish area ever! With 15-20 competitors starting every minute along the side of the water it was really quite a spectacle. We had various routes around parts of the city that we would not necessarily have visited although part of my route was through St Mark's Square. Controls were on building corners, bridges and in small parks with the most important route choice decision being to ensure that you were on the correct side of the various canals for the next control.

The welcome we received from the Italian Orienteering organisation, the excellent job they made of running the event, the superb venue and brilliant sunshine made this a day to remember. There were a large cross-



section of Europeans taking part including Doug and Matt Dickinson who unexpectedly appeared on the start line!

The event is in mid-November each year and is certainly one that every orienteer should consider as a unique experience in the most amazing city.

*Simon Ford*

PS Baby Joseph arrived safely just after I crossed the finish line!

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has put paid to another couple of months of events and meetings. I also feel it is time for a "new" face to lead the Committee and our Club. I am sure you will choose wisely tonight. I would like to thank all those who have served the Club on the Committee under my Chairmanship. You have all done a great job and I personally thank you for your support.

I look forward to running with you all in the forests and woods of Britain very soon (and maybe passing some?!!!).

Have a good and enjoyable evening.

*Andy Portsmouth*  
*Chairman, LEI O.C.*

## LEI Club Annual Dinner and Awards Night 18<sup>th</sup> November 2006



**Introduction and announcements by Club Chairman Chris Phillips  
and presentation of awards by Club President Ernie Williams..**

Photographs of the evening are available on the club web site at [www.leioc.org.uk](http://www.leioc.org.uk)—go to the Members Area and click on Photo Gallery

### WINTER LEAGUE 2005-2006

#### Overall:

1. **Peter Hornsby**
2. James Hornsby
3. Peter Leake

#### Junior:

1. **James Hornsby**
2. Richard Martin
3. Rosalind Martin

#### Ladies:

1. **Liz Phillips**
2. Pauline Ward
3. Sue Bicknell

#### M21:

**Graham Watson**

#### W21:

**Rachel Simonetti**

### CLOCK TROPHY:

The assessors and adjudicators have, this year, changed the method of selection - only those performances achieved by LEI members in LEI events on LEI areas since the last Club Dinner have been chosen. Amongst the many candidates vying for the honour the top 3, in reverse order, are:

3rd Roger Kelly at Burbage Common and Woods on the Green Course:

1 hour 50 minutes 45 seconds

2nd Shirley Moir at The Outwoods Novelty Christmas Event (2005) on the Medium Course:

2 hours 4 minutes 0 seconds

1st Dave Toach at the Belvoir Badge Event on the M35L Course:

2 hours 16 minutes 32 seconds

### TIGER TROPHY:

This is the prestigious award given to the Club member who has provided valuable and enthusiastic help and assistance to the Club and the membership not only in the past 12 months but over many years: this year the award goes to a man who has contributed his time and energies to mapmaking of a consistently high standard:

**DONALD MOIR**

## CLUB LEAGUE 2006:

Based on 5 District Events:-

4th February 2006	Burrough Hill
23rd April 2006	Grange and Battram Woods
10th June 2006	Bradgate Park and Swithland Woods
8th October 2006	Burbage Common and Woods
12th November 2006	Bagworth Woodlands

### Senior Men:

1. Chris Bosley	3251 points
2. Roger Edwards	3168 points
3. Simon Ford	3022 points

### Senior Women:

1. Ursula Williamson	2125 points
2. Alison Hardy	2117 points
3. Mary Boothroyd	1450 points

### Junior Men:

1. Aleksi Davidson	1838 points
2. John Rocke	1834 points
3. Daniel Davidson	1810 points

### Junior Women:

1. Ruth Starkey	471 points
2. Rosalind Martin	457 points
3. Naomi Law	455 points

## THELMA SPALTON TROPHY FOR BEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE IN 2006:

7th out of a field of 53 in W55L at BOC  
2006

Top LEI Club member overall out of 70  
members in BOF Rankings List with 7437  
points (W55L)

**Judith Holt**

## SUMMER LEAGUE 2006

### Overall:

1. Bruce Bryant
2. Chris Bosley
3. Dave Bray

### Junior:

1. Chris Williamson
2. James Hornsby
3. Euan Tebbutt

### Ladies:

1. Liz Phillips
2. Ursula Williamson

### M21:

Roger Phillips

### W21:

Rachel Simonetti

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2006 - held at the NOC Blidworth District Event on 1st October 2006

### MEN - running Blue

1. Roger Edwards	51.10
2. David Bray	58.57
3. Alastair Paterson	66.40

### WOMEN - running Green

1. Ursula Williamson	49.40
2. Alison Hardy	50.01
3. Judith Holt	51.53

## LEI SCORE CUP - held at Watermead North on 10th September 2006

1. John Duckworth	DVO	430 points
2. Roger Edwards	LEI	340 points
3. C. Smith	SYO	310 points

# Development Report

### Yvette Baker trophy team.

This year for the first time LEI had enough juniors to make up a team at the Yvette Baker Trophy (YBT) regional heat. NOC were in the top five in the final in the previous year so if they won, the second placed club would send a team to the final as well. Although we had some very good results on the day some difficulties with the SI equipment meant a few days suspense before we knew that LEI had made it to second place.

We therefore had a place in the final to be held at Cold Ash in December. We had not prepared for this so some of our runners were not available but others stepped in to make up a full team. We unfurled the new club banner and were proud to be joining in a national final. This was truly a case where the Olympian ideal of "It's not the winning, it's the taking part" was paramount. This was the first time that LEI had entered the YBT and we had made it to the final. No one had any expectations of doing anything other than making up the numbers. However I believe that everyone just enjoyed the day, competing against their peers in an atmosphere of friendly rivalry.

*Judith Holt*





Several members of the club took advantage of a coaching session organised by BOF at Star Posts near Bracknell on Saturday 4th November. The session was run by BOF coach Phil Brown and mainly consisted of navigating a number of short courses on a "brown only" map. The purpose of this exercise was, of course, to get us to understand contour detail better. Whilst details such as paths, fences or walls can appear, disappear or move, the shape of the land doesn't change much, if at all.

This was followed by *après O'* in the tea shop and later a meal together in an Italian restaurant.

The following day offered the opportunity to put into practice (or not!) what we had learned as we moved on to the November Classic in the New Forest.



From left to right: John Cooke and Roger Edwards discuss the exercises, whilst Judith Holt looks over Roger's shoulder. Mark Foxwell Studies his map with fierce concentration. Rachel Simonetti and Dave Toach get advice from BOF Regional Development Officer Pauline Olivant. The gentleman next to Dave is BOF coach Phil Brown. Lee Powell was also there but seems to have avoided the the photographers lens. (Photo courtesy of David Olivant—NOC)

*John Cooke*

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## and for 2007.....

- ◆ More coaching for adults as well as juniors - see page 17 for details
- ◆ coaching at the next British Orienteering Coaching day March 10th
- ◆ a joint coaching programme with the other East Midlands Clubs
- ◆ Explorer Awards and Colour Coded Badges available through the club shop (see following page).
- ◆ Advice for newcomers at the National Forest Trophy event - volunteers needed see page 25
- ◆ Working towards Clubmark status,



## explorer challenge

### What is it ?

This is an award scheme to encourage and reward young orienteers who are new to the sport.

### How does it work ?

This is a four stage incentive scheme based on participants successfully locating controls. The four stages are as follows:

- ◆ Acorn Certificate - 10 controls
- ◆ Tree Award - 25 controls
- ◆ Copse Award - 50 controls
- ◆ Wood Award - 75 controls
- ◆ Forest Award - 100 controls

The Acorn certificate is a quick introductory incentive

The awards are achieved in blocks of 25 controls. For each award a multi coloured woven badge and an A4 certificate is awarded. The certificate is free but there is

a charge for the badge of £1.50.

Achievement is monitored by recording controls on a progress card, called a log book. Controls located for one award count towards the next.

### How do I earn a control ?

Coaching sessions will be allocated a set number of controls that you can count towards an award. These will be agreed by the lead coach at the coaching session and may vary from one coaching session to another. If you are competing in an event, every control you visit will count as one control. You may only count one course from any event. All claimed for controls must be signed off on your log book by a member of the Development Committee.

### How do I get my award ?

Simply take your fully signed log book and £1.50 to the club shop at an event and you can get a certificate and badge.

*Judith Holt*

## explorer challenge



## EM Coaching programme Spring 2007

The EM clubs have again co-ordinated a programme of coaching activities. The majority are at the beginning of the district events, but a couple are stand alone coaching sessions.

The dates/venue (club area) are as follows:

4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	The Outwoods (LEI)	Coaching only session (11.00-13.00)
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Lindop (DVO)	District event (10.00-11.00)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Stanton Moor (DVO)	District event (10.00-11.00)
25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Ratby, National Forest Trophy (LEI)	District event (10.00-11.00)
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Bramcote (NOC)	Coaching only session (Timing to be confirmed)
21 April	Bradgate (LEI)	District event (10.00-11.00)
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Ilam (DVO)	Local event (10.00-11.00)

The sessions will cover a variety of coaching activity, but will primarily be targeted to help learn AND practice the skills to do white to orange courses.

Everyone is welcome, more details about each session will be available nearer the time, but please contact YOUR club coaching co-ordinator, if you wish to attend, to enable them to ensure there are sufficient coaches and maps to meet demand.

DVO	Val Johnson	<a href="mailto:gmjandfam@aol.com">gmjandfam@aol.com</a>	
LEI	Judith Holt	<a href="mailto:judith.holtcooke@btinternet.com">judith.holtcooke@btinternet.com</a>	01827 61663
	Lee Powell	<a href="mailto:lspracgster@hotmail.com">lspracgster@hotmail.com</a>	0116 247 7985
NOC	Andrew Powell	<a href="mailto:coaching@noc-uk.org">coaching@noc-uk.org</a>	
LOG	Steve Bones	<a href="mailto:Steve.Bones@logonline.org.uk">Steve.Bones@logonline.org.uk</a>	

The East Midlands Junior squad will have their own coaching programme, but they are always welcome to either help or take part in the session.

# Summer League 2007



The 2006 summer league is behind us and becoming a distant memory. My joint coordinator has provided results and statistics and his own observations. When Vernon & Geraldine Davis moved away Mark Foxwell expressed an interest in looking after the summer league but had very little experience of the considerations that go into working out a balanced programme.

I therefore offered to share this joint role to show him the ropes but since putting together the programme and finding the event organisers this has been very much Mark's baby with him distributing the equipment and doing the results. I am sure that you will agree with me that he has done an excellent job. I now feel he is ready to be turned loose on you all by himself.

I have helped him put together recommendations for this year's programme but will now bow out and let him get on with it. I and the other previous coordinators are always around if any advice is sought.

Last year we had joint events with LOG and OD which worked very well, both giving us additional areas, and providing two events which we did not need to organise. This year we will also have joint events with DVO. Strangely enough all the areas we visit in these 'foreign' patches are nearer than some of our own, down in the far south of our own territory.

DVO events are on Fridays so we will be offering 2 Friday events in our league for the first time. Friday nights may not be

popular with some members but that can be said for every night where commitments clash and we are recommending trying this for at least one season. Our league is based on the best few events out of a longer programme which means no one is disadvantaged by events on any particular night when they cannot attend.

We will also have two Sunday events in the summer league as we have for the last few years. Some members cannot make midweek evenings and for those who do not travel to distant events this means no sport during the summer unless the club is staging one of its summer C4s. As things stand the ones we have chosen do not clash with other EMOA or National fixtures but if local clubs arrange anything belatedly, we have found in the recent past that we still attract enough members to justify the effort.

This year's programme is I think one of the best we have been able to offer for some time. Not easy when we have to avoid areas with ground nesting birds, shooting interests, bramble growth etc, not to mention trying as hard as possible to not clash with midweek events of neighbouring clubs. We also try and use areas suitable for school groups before schools break up.

Belated congratulations to those who did well in last year's competition and commiserations to those who felt they should have done better. It is no doubt the fault of the planner or mapper.

*Roy Denney*



## for the Royal Bank of Scotland Shield



The schedule for this years summer league is published on the following page As in previous years we have a large range of events including joint events with three neighbouring clubs- DVO, OD and LOG. I think there will plenty to interest everyone and there will be a mix of both traditional format events and possibly some more unusual forms, recent years have seen micr-o, map memory, norwegian line and score courses. At all events there will be a course suitable for newcomers to the sport as well as courses for more experienced orienteers.



SI electronic punching was used for 4 events last year and will be used again this year, so don't forget your electronic punch card if you have one.

A big thank you to all those who have volunteered their time to take on organisation and planning of the events this year. You may see a couple of events do not have organisers. If you are interested in helping, please let me know.

*Mark Foxwell*

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.

It is hoped that events marked ( > ) will have electronic punching

Entry fees - Adults £2.50 - Juniors £1

For results please see [www.leioc.org.uk](http://www.leioc.org.uk) or contact Mark Foxwell

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

PTO for 2007 Summer League programme

## Summer League 2007 for the Royal Bank of Scotland Shield

Events are provisional, awaiting permissions etc. Please confirm arrangements either with the organiser or league coordinator Mark Foxwell 01509 646695 or visit [www.leioc.org.uk](http://www.leioc.org.uk) or [www.octavian-droobers.org](http://www.octavian-droobers.org) or [www.logonline.org.uk](http://www.logonline.org.uk) or [www.dvo.org.uk](http://www.dvo.org.uk)

Date	Day	Event		Organiser	Notes	Grid	Social Venue
<b>April</b>							
3rd	Tue	Burbage Common		Mark Foxwell	Main Visitor Centre CP Starts from 5.30	SP447953	George & Dragon, Stoke Golding
11th	Wed	Battram & Grange Woods		Peter Hornsby	From Battram Village - Starts from 11.00—12.00 & 18.00—19.00	SK425093	Queens Head, Heather
19th	Thu	Fermyn Woods		Liz Roche	Pay car park	SP952850	Three Cocks, Brigstock
25th	Wed	Beaumanor	*	Dev. Team- Lee Powell	Training event	SK538155	Curzon Arms, Woodhouse Eaves
<b>May</b>							
2nd	Wed	Brandon Wood		OD	<a href="http://www.octavian-droobers.org">www.octavian-droobers.org</a>	SP401774	Bell Inn, Monks Kirby
6th	Sun	Watermead North		TBD	Starts 11.00 -12.00 Pay on entry car park	SK606114	Hope & Anchor
10th	Thu	Snibston Discovery Park		Iain Tebbutt	Golf Club Car Park	SK413142	Kings Arms Colleorton
17th	Thu	Belvoir Castle		Andy Portsmouth	Joint with LOG	SK816336	Plough, Stathern
23rd	Wed	Outwoods	>	Becca Roberts SROC	Woodhouse Lane	SK514159	Priory, Nanpanton

Date	Day	Event		Organiser	Notes	Grid	Social Venue
<b>June</b>							
1st	Fri	Foremark Reservoir		DVO	Joint with DVO	SK336241	Smisby Arms
7th	Thu	East Carlton Park		Simon Ford		SP833894	Red Lion, Middleton
13th	Wed	Altar Stones	*	Dev Team- Judith Holt	Training event	SK485108	Coach & Horses Markfield
21st	Thu	Callens Lane Wood		LOG	Joint with LOG	TF061270	Coachman, Corby Glen
27th	Wed	Swithland & The Brand		Pete Leake	Swithland North CP	SK537130	Griffin, Swithland
<b>July</b>							
4th	Wed	Cademan		Dave Bray	Man in Compass, Joint with OD	SK441166	Man in Compass, Whitwick
13th	Fri	Willesley Woods		Mark Sherriff	Woodside Road, joint with DVO	SK336143	Mason's Arms, Donisthorpe
17th	Tue	Fosse Meadows		TBD	Fosseway CP	SP490909	Countryman Sharnford
22nd	Sun	Donisthorpe Woodland Park		Bob Haskins	Starts 11.00-12.00	SK312152	Masons Arms, Donisthorpe
26th	Thu	Treasure hunt	*	Ian Wells	To be advised (Oakham?)		Grain Store Oakham
31st	Tue	Orchards		Dave Toach	City Farm CP, Gorse Hill	SK569063	Railway, Glenfield
<b>August</b>							
8th	Wed	Aylestone Riverside		Dave LeBoutillier	Aylestone Rd CP	SK579017	Black Horse, Aylestone
14th	Tue	Burrough Hill		Williamsons	Pay car park	SK766115	Stag & Hounds
23rd	Thu	Evington		Lorna Benson	Arboretum car park	SK626022	Cow & Plough
28th	Tue	Beacon & Windmill Score		Roger Edwards	Bottom CP. Assemble 6.30 for 6.45 Mass Start	SK521148	Presentation Woodman's Stroke

# Keeping up with the Marriotts



Have you seen Ernie's drawing of the orienteer rearranging the finish tapes into a slalom ski run? The exploits of my

intrepid husband John have reached the front cover of EMEWS.

I did not see this incident but Rachel S appeared at the club shop inquiring after John's whereabouts and as he wasn't within earshot she begged me not to let him go back to the finish. Now I know why.

For early autumn Watermead was very hot. Margaret Anderson and I were discussing the evolution of the car spider, the one that spins its web between the door mirror and the car body. We were posing such questions as to whether different spider species were associated with different makes and models and cars because the door mirror angles and gaps would vary. Meanwhile the temperature was rising and rising and some very hot orienteers, such as Roger P, were rushing by. Rumour has it that after orienteering and a visit to the pub, his next stop was the casualty department having passed out with de-hydration. I think we should make our first aid person aware of such possibilities.



Now, who is this??.... Oh, dear it is Roger P.

### Club Treasurer caught money laundering

October saw the Marriotts with Roger and Helen Edwards enjoying a week long walking holiday on the Devon coast. One evening I caught Roger pegging out wet £5 and £10 notes on a makeshift washing line. Suspicious eh! He tried to explain that it had rained so much that day that even the money in his wallet was soaked. He is also denying that isn't him who stars as Joe Fenton on "Doctors" BBC1 Lunchtimes.

### Three eventful days in November

#### 18<sup>th</sup> November Club dinner

There was a surprise guest at the dinner when Elvis Presley turned up and serenaded John with "Love Me Tender" and "I'm All Shook Up". Thank you, nearly £50 was donated and forwarded to the children of Birkett House special school.

#### 19<sup>th</sup> November Annesley

Roger E and Chris Bosley were all smiles and chat when they arrived at my house to take John off orienteering. But when they returned in the afternoon they dumped him in the porch and ran. My poor husband's face

was streaked with clotted blood and grime. With the grot washed off, John's scratched eyelid looked fairly presentable but developed further overnight.

## 20<sup>th</sup> November

Our Silver Wedding anniversary photograph guess which one of the happy couple is sporting a big black eye?



John Marriott being entertained by a certain E Presley to celebrate his and Irene's Silver Wedding Anniversary. Irene obviously knew something about this as she disappeared completely whilst Elvis was around.

## Beacon Hill ▯ New Years Day 2007

My face wrapped in a scarf with only my eyes showing and topped off with a Santa hat, I was frightening the little children, but I don't think I have ever been so cold. It took two large glasses of hot mulled wine at the Woodman's Stroke to thaw out. Ladies, after the success as home grown entertainment, the breaking news is the possibility of three naked men dancing with balloons at the next club dinner. I have a father and son team looking for a third "member". (no pun unintended).

These two orienteers were a little worse for alcohol at the time and may only have a vague recollection of volunteering, but I know who you are.

"There is no such thing as bad publicity

except your own obituary"▯ (Brendan Behan)

I have been researching into the problem of promoting orienteering in general and LEI in particular. Here are various ideas: some subtle, some sledgehammer.

- ◆ **Product Placement.** Imagine you are watching the telly and EastEnders character Peggy Mitchell (Barbara Windsor) is nonchalantly looking at an O map and compass while discussing other matters in the Queen Vic.
- ◆ **Product endorsement** takes us to a higher level. Tom Cruise is cruising through the forest, leaping walls and streams, sweat pouring down his handsome face as the music to

Mission Impossible 2 rings out. Is he being pursued by helicopter gunships or spies on motorbikes?? No, he is orienteering of course. (Ladies, would anyone like to volunteer to help me with the arduous task of auditioning all the good looking men?)

- ◆ **Viral marketing** This hit the headlines recently when Threshers advertised money off vouchers on champagne just in time for Christmas and New Year. These vouchers spread like a virus as the legitimate recipients emailed copies of the voucher to all their friends. Threshers did not lose out; they were rather hoping this would happen as a way around the spam laws. Now our treasurer is probably not happy with less income, so the subtle ploy is that we put a use by date on our half price vouchers but double the entry fees until the vouchers expire!
- ◆ **Strap line**, a sort of catch phrase. I am hoping that my readers will send in some ideas as "You need a compass to orienteer" or "Can you handle the no whistle, no go sport" do not have the zing of "You need balls to play golf".
- ◆ How about a catchy tune like the Sheila's Wheels theme?

*Leicestershire are Superstars  
Girls try orienteering  
Dashing through that clearing  
Girls get on to Leicestershire*

*For bonzer orienteering  
You'll find us most endearing  
Leicestershire are Superstars*

I have got the hat with the dangly corks, now all I need is a scrawny, hairy bloke willing to dress up in a pink sequined dress.

- ◆ **What about an advert on the telly?** similar to the one for M&S food. Cue music. Santana's Samba Pa Ti. As the camera pans across scenes of idyllic forests and streams in the early morning mist.

*"Traditionally drawn maps  
handcrafted by our very own  
experts, lead you through mellow  
golden wild flower meadows, by  
babbling brooks and into the serene  
woods of Middle England.*

*Follow our connoisseur controls  
delicately sprinkled over the  
historic estates of Bradgate and  
Belvoir.*

*Meander by the gentle streams of  
Swithland and hear the powerful  
steam engines of the Great Central  
Railway go puffing by."*

Close with scenes of plump, succulent orienteers gently roasting by the pub fire.

*"This is not just orienteering this is  
Leicestershire orienteering"*

*"Because you're worth it"*

*Irene Marriott*

# National Forest Trophy Event

LEI are to stage the 10<sup>th</sup> running of the National Forest Trophy in March and to celebrate this anniversary we have agreed a sponsorship deal with the National Forest Company. We are to use this to advertise the event to the general public to try and attract novices, particularly families.

The Club's development team will be on hand to assist the beginners and we hope to boost our membership by mentoring these potential recruits throughout the summer.

Over and above the normal helpers we will be seeking volunteers to help assist these novices (contact Chris Phillips to volunteer).

We are to advertise in the local press and I still require details of some local papers especially those within 20 miles of the event area. (title and contact telephone number or email)

We have got Birstall, Wanlip, Mountsorrel, Rothley, Loughborough and Glenfield covered but what about Markfield, Groby, Ratby, Thornton etc?)

I have details of the Coalville paper and can pursue this but any more suggestion?

We are also working with the National Forest to involve radio and the major regional papers.

This is a once-in-a-long time chance to really put the sport and the club on the map and try and win some new members and I hope you all can help in some way. The event will be partially a come and try it for novice courses and partially a serious event

including a 15k Long O. It is not part of the East Midlands League so anyone who normally runs in a colour class will not lose out by having a go at the Long O. There will be two separate starts and whilst the novices will remain within Martinshaw the senior courses will use various blocks of woodland within the new National Forest, mostly Woodland Trust owned. The area has been extended and extensively remapped.

The entry fees have been reduced thanks to the sponsorship deal so no further discounts will be available to BOF members.

As part of our promotional effort we seek all members' assistance. We have produced several flyers: one is aimed at orienteers and will be circulated in the normal way but one is aimed at the general public and another at 'runners'. We have now approached 35 running clubs but if you are involved in one still see what you can do.

An A4 colour poster is included with this newsletter and if you are involved in any youth group or school etc could you get this put on their notice board. If you could get one displayed in either a library or doctors surgery even better.

Many of you will already have received electronic copies of these documents by email from Roy Denney. If you would like more copies of either the poster or any of the flyers then contact Roy or myself. Please display whatever seems most appropriate in whatever locations you can.

# Out and About



I had the pleasant surprise during the autumn to see a large bird of prey in my garden.

It was the tawny owl which was once our most common breeding owl and is found throughout Britain but strangely not in Ireland. There were about 20,000 breeding pairs in the eighties but it is feared this may now be down to about 8,000. You are far more likely to hear one than see one.

They will live almost anywhere with old tall trees and are often found in churchyards being particularly fond of roosting in yews. The number of old trees is reducing not least as schools and churches have them felled for 'safety' reasons and this is a major problem for these birds. Whilst not strictly nocturnal they prefer hunting at night if there is a little light; normally just after nightfall when their prey is still about. They also very occasionally hunt during the day when desperate, but they do need quiet and falling rain muffles any sound being made by potential prey. It will eat almost anything it can get hold of and only rarely gets enough to feed its brood of up to five young. These are actually hatched progressively with the first egg being incubated whilst the hen is still laying and the smallest fledglings often fail to survive unless food is plentiful. Even the survivors rarely get past their first winter as food is of course scarce and they are chased from the territories of older birds.

This creature lives for about 18 years and as much as 21 but does not normally wander far from its territory which it will know intimately. This is just as well as their eyes and ears are little better than man's and they rely on knowing their patch inside out to avoid flying into objects and to know where food sources are. It is about 15 inches long with a wing span of over three feet and is a ruddy brown near chestnut colour with a paler underside. This bird is the image seen in drawings of owls; it has facial feathers giving it the traditional spectacled look which probably gave rise to the saying 'wise old owl'. It is probably also the origin of the reputed twit-two sound which is actually something of a myth. The male bird is the source of the 'hoo-hoo, huh-hoo' sound often haunting woodland and the traditional noise is probably a male and female 'talking'

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to each other as the female makes a sound something like ke-wick which the males normally responds to with a 'hoo'. Attempts are currently in hand to try and count how many of these birds are still about.

One creature getting ever rarer is the harmless grass snake; I last saw one about three years ago, sunning itself by a canal bank although I used to see them fairly often. Adders also seem thinner on the ground although I have seen a few this year including Fineshade, Bradgate and Watermead. I well remember my sighting which did come as a bit of a shock. I was walking across a headland in North Devon covered with bracken and gorse and there was little doubt as to what it was with its zigzag pattern along its back.

If anyone planning an event wants to be warned of areas to avoid I can let them know specific locations.

Adders often bask and are usually easier to find than grass snakes which do so much less frequently and are more normally found in dark damp places near water and are good swimmers. Most people are familiar with the renowned pattern of the adder but the grass snake is olive coloured with rows of black spots and a yellow collar. Adders occur throughout Britain in many habitats including sand dunes, moorland, heaths and most areas of rough ground with cover and sites for the creature to bask.

The adder is Britain's only poisonous snake and obviously needs to be treated with some caution, but there are many myths engrained in our culture. Adders are very shy and will normally be long gone by the time you arrive where they had been just minutes before.

They will always do their best to avoid people and large animals but, if threatened, the adder may bite. Adders see and hear very well but they can also sense vibration with their bodies and smell the air with their tongues.

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

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

Adder bites can be fatal but deaths in normally healthy humans are extremely rare and to the best of my knowledge have not happened in Britain for many years. If you are bitten it is not recommended that you try to suck out the poison or apply a tourniquet contrary to popular myth. You should seek medical help but anti-toxins are

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rarely necessary. April is a good month to see adders or is a month to take care as they will have emerged from hibernation and spend a much of their time basking in the sun. Once we get into summer the midday heat becomes too much for them and they are about as sun comes up but they disappear underground or into stone walling for long periods to avoid the intensity of the mid day sun.

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

Snakes predators include some birds of prey and occasionally hedgehogs and their prey ranges from insects to common lizards and field voles.

The common lizard is well named if you know where to look for them and they abound in the forests of Northamptonshire. Full grown they are just less than six inches long, live about 5 years and eat mainly spiders.

Hen Harriers are quickly being driven towards extinction and whilst there are only about 800 pairs in Britain very few are in England apart from the Isle of Man. It is one of Britain's most endangered species and English Nature reports that it has vanished from the 12,000 acre Geltsdale Reserve in Cumbria. This reserve is surrounded by managed moorland and they suspect the activities of gamekeepers are responsible. Suspecting game keeper

activity, English Nature is to investigate several large private estates.

Prosecutions are rare but recently a keeper on a large Scottish estate pleaded guilty to shooting a hen harrier having been captured on film and was fined £2000. Whilst this is a considerable sum if found from his own resources were any landowner to compensate an employee for any fines incurred they would probably consider it fairly cheap to maintain stocks of valuable game birds. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds in Scotland claims that hundreds of hen harriers have been systematically killed over the last decade.

This beautiful bird nests on the ground but the nests, eggs and young are regularly stamped on with the adults being shot or poisoned. Unfortunately the bird does take young grouse but in a few areas the practice of feeding the bird with dead rabbits during its rearing season has been shown to reduce predation by 85%. Few estates are prepared to go to the trouble of doing so.

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breeding in 2001 and there is an apparent disparity between the successes of the birds on adjoining moorland areas where the only obvious difference is the attitude of the landowners. One such location under constant review is the Forest of Bowland near to my climbing club's cottage in Clapham.

After privatisation United Utilities became the owners of the old Water Board area which was opened to the public and has a resident RSPB warden and is where five of the successful broods were found.

The following year a pair of hen harriers raised a clutch in Cornwall, the first time for over 150 years. These were probably immigrants from Spain but with only 6 other recorded breeding successes by this bird throughout England in 2002 it was a good sign.

During the years to 2006 numbers increased slowly in England but this is not as healthy as it sounds as they were virtually all in Bowland more of which is now open to the public under Right to Roam.

In the Peak District 5 chicks took wing from one brood last year, only the second family in the area for 130 years. This was due to the valiant efforts of the mother as the male vanished shortly after the eggs were laid. Of 22 breeding attempts last year 12 nests produced 46 young.

Whilst some creatures are getting rarer other are becoming more common some of which are not very welcome. As our waters warm, a day at the seaside with a swim in the surf may be a little less inviting. Quite apart from increased numbers of jelly fish, there have been several unconfirmed but fairly

reliable sightings of great white sharks from the Scillies up to the Scottish Islands and during last year fishermen off the coast of Northumberland and Durham have landed both a large swordfish and a 25 foot shark.

This was not a basking shark but the predatory porbeagle. There have also been occasional sightings of killer whales.

Another unwelcome visitor is a moth accidentally imported into Britain on young oak trees which has started successfully breeding thanks to our warmer climate. This moth can strip the leaves from oak trees but more worryingly it has toxins in its hairs which can be fatal to humans.

Pest control officers in breathing equipment are trying to eradicate them wherever they appear but the hairs can easily break off and become windborne causing rashes and conjunctivitis and if inhaled far more dangerous ailments.

The oak progressive moth as it is called is presently being found in the area round Kew Gardens where trees imported for a housing estate are thought to be the source.

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*Roy Denney*

# What do you do?



You may recall that our Chair, Andy Portsmouth, began a series of articles some time ago to introduce various members of the club to LEIOC readers. Andy has just sent me a few more which he found lurking in his email system. I will print these articles over the this and the next couple of editions. These articles date back to 2002 so bear that in mind whilst reading them. *Ed.*

## Chris Bosley

**How long have you orienteered?** *about 20 years*

**How did you get into the sport originally?**

*A friend was attending a short 'Introduction to Orienteering' evening course run by Ernie. I joined in the last session and competed on the Orange course at Cademan Woods the week after. Despite reaching the second control whilst still looking for the first, I persevered. The friend dropped out but I am still persevering with learning the sport.*

**What sports did you or do you also follow? If none, what sport did you enjoy at school? How did you do?**

*Other than hill walking, before orienteering I was not active in any other sport. I then did some running to get fit for orienteering. Having broken my 3 hr target for the marathon, and wishing to conserve the knees until I'm an M75, I don't run in road races any more. Other non-competitive activities include an annual skiing trip and occasional cycling.*

**What aims do you have in orienteering?**  
*To have that elusive perfect run in*

*a Championship Event.*

**Is there anything you'd like to say to fellow orienteers?**

*Can you show me where I am?*

**If you had it in your power, what one thing would you change about any aspect of orienteering and why?** *Speed up the growth of the National Forest so that it is mature enough for the British Champs before I am an M75.*

**About yourself - what job do you do? If retired, how do you fill your days?**

*My work is mainly research, consultancy and development in the use of computers in careers guidance. Currently advising the Estonian government on development of their careers service website. Estonia is 40% forests with few contours (highest peak is around 300 metres. ) see <http://www.orienteerumine.ee> for fixtures.*

**Optional personal details - married? children? ... anything else interesting, such as hobbies?**

*Married to Sara (a very tolerant non-orienteer*

**Simon Ford**

**How long have you orienteered?**

*I started in 1986 - about 15 years ago - but as we were living abroad until 1995 did not orienteer regularly until then.*

**How did you get into the sport originally?**

*I previously did a lot of road running - marathons etc. - but became a bit bored and was ready for a new challenge. Our friends Roger and Margaret Keeling took us to a DVO event and the rest, as they say, is history!*

**What sports did you or do you also follow? If none, what sport did you enjoy at school? How did you do?**

*I now play golf regularly, still do some road running and try to do a circuit class each week. Previously I played rugby, cricket and badminton for many years. I started road running when I felt my rugby days were over!*

**What aims do you have in orienteering?**

*To win the M80s long course! M60 next year so some way to still to go!*

**Is there anything you'd like to say to fellow orienteers?**

*Enjoy it - at whatever level! Get involved in your local club - everyone is very friendly! Try badge and multi-day events - you will add to your skills and see some different areas of Britain (and overseas too!).*

**If you had it in your power, what one thing would you change about any aspect of orienteering and why?**

*I would like to see a better co-ordination of local events in East Midlands, West Midlands and Yorkshire, for example, to avoid a clash one weekend followed by a blank weekend.*

**About yourself - what job do you do? If retired, how do you fill your days?**

*I am General Manager of a franchise operation in the Diet and Fitness industry.*

**Optional personal details - married? children? ... anything else interesting, such as hobbies?**

*I am married to Di who also orienteers. We have two children both living and working in London. Lou was married last year and Matt plans to be married next June. Both enjoy sport and have tried orienteering up here but sadly are not yet converted!*

*(see Simon's article "Now for something completely different" for an update on this subject)*

**My most memorable cock-ups!**

*Omitting to copy down the start triangle!*

*Picking up the wrong control descriptions at a map exchange!*

# Access Development Report



An old problem which has reared its head again is that of Natural England. Despite the fact that we have been orienteering without problem on Beacon Hill for about 40 years and the flora has coped with our occasional visits without any detriment and the birds do not seem to mind our presence and we always avoid any areas of ground nesting birds either by marking areas out of bounds or by avoiding sensitive months, Natural England are now trying to exclude us from it for much of the year. The park management plan envisaged orienteering in the park and we had some initial words with the wardens to assist in putting in a permanent course for youth groups etc. This is on hold till the map settles down given the programme of works there. Paperwork we received for the New Year event suggested English Nature, or Natural England as it now is, will ban any orienteering from the beginning of March till the end of August. Being the environmentalist I am I am surprised that they think birds will be nesting in August.

If this policy is to prevail we can forget a permanent course. School and scout groups etc will not turn out in the winter and in any event normally do so in an evening and the dates allowed in future will have dark nights. Our summer league events will also have to go.

As English Nature is no more, I had hoped the new regime would be more user-friendly as the government and all agencies are trying to encourage people to take exercise

but it seems not. I have asked the people at County Hall to talk to them and it will be on the agenda of the next Access Forum which I have just been elected to Chair for a further period. We are also to set up a regional meeting with the new head of Natural England which will give me another opportunity to raise this issue.

Another problem remains that of Grace Dieu. New shooting tenants have the rights to 'Gracedieu Woods' but in reality they can only shoot in that part known as High Sharpley. However the land agent will not give us permission to use any of their woods unless the shooters concur and they cannot seem to understand that we do not need to go within half a mile of their activities. For reasons of circumstance when this blew up our President is in contact on this issue but I am afraid even with his persuasive powers progress is very slow to stop.

On a more encouraging note, 49 blocks of woodland are under review as potential sites for events. Given lack of mappers and members and manpower to stage events down there many in the Rutland and Northampton area are on hold.

Of those I am actively pursuing I give details below. In addition we have casual permission for a large block linking Benscliffe to Bradgate and we are to try and map the area. We do appear to have negotiated new facilities for parking which will service this area and also Bradgate Park. We expect to use it for our next event

there.

There are also numerous smaller tender schemes around the National Forest which can be added to existing maps.

In the medium term we are currently mapping two sizeable new areas both large enough for C4s. One is around Lount based from Staunton Harold which is almost complete and the other is land in a number of blocks which could be used with Willesley. Shellbrook Wood is Forestry Commission and doubles the size of Willesley but the links between the two are not good and parking is a problem. In addition the same amount of land again is available north of Shellbrook and is big enough for events from Moira where the Community Centre has adequate parking and is only a few hundred yards from the area. Shellbrook could be used in conjunction with this area to make it big enough for a C4. The overall area is enormous. Mapping is underway.

In the short term the new map of Ratby with its extensions is now complete and ready for use at the National Forest Event this year. Last minute changes will be required as Woodland Trust continue to actively manage the area.

For the longer term:-

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## **Church View Wood and Wynn's Wood, near Swepstone**

This large (100 acres) scheme is a most attractive scheme in terms of its size and the wide range of woodland habitat types that will be created. It is 300 yards from the Odd House Pub which has a large car

park and caravanning field and should be able to host events. The aims of the scheme are to enhance the landscape, creating mixed broadleaf woodland consisting of a number of habitats: 70 acres of mixed broadleaved woodland, ten of commercial poplar, four of native wet woodland, an orchard (three acres) and a grassland area of a similar size. The site is visible from the Measham to Swepstone Road, two footpaths that bisect the site and from nearby Swepstone. They will allow access to 94% of the site, excluding the orchard and the grassland next to Valley Farm. The site lies opposite a Tender Scheme (Nethercote Farm Wood, about 70 acres, planted in 2005/06) and helps to establish a significant wooded area in this part of The National Forest. The site has climb and ponds and existing copses and old hedgerows with mature trees in addition to the new plantings going in. Together with successful applications at Tempe Farm and Gilwiskaw Valley, both of which are talking to us about possible use, these woodlands cover over 300 acres and will be visible by many people and have huge landscape impact. I have had a site meeting with the agents and have visited the following two additional schemes with real hopes of new event areas but Nethercote may not be so easy to add.

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## **Tempe Farm, near Swepstone,**

This 140 acre scheme comprises new broadleaved woodland (100 acres), a little new parkland and the creation of an area of 40 acres wet unimproved grassland. Works include the creation of a large otter holt and

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bluebells. In order to create a true wet grassland habitat, existing water features will be restored, man-made drains broken and shallow scrapes excavated. This will serve to raise the water table and restore (over time) past water levels when the field occasionally flooded. They will pollard and plant a number of willows and create a buffer strip adjacent to the stream. There will be access to 95% of the site - excluding the parkland and the meadow side bank of Gilwiskaw Brook. The site links to the new woodland at Gilwiskaw Wood (see below).

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## **Gilwiskaw Wood, near Sweptstone, Leicestershire**

Nestled up against the woodland at Tempe Farm (see above), this 37 acres scheme adds greatly to creating a diverse and extensive woodland. The scheme comprises 25 acres of mixed broadleaf/conifer woodland some nature conservation rich wetland adjacent to Gilwiskaw Brook. The main aims are to create a site primarily for landscape and conservation objectives. An additional objective, and one that is unique to this scheme, is the inclusion of trees (such as particularly "white" varieties of Silver birch and "red" Horse chestnuts), which will stand out for the partially sighted. The owner will install five log seats set around unusual trees. The owner has made a conscious effort to increase the nature conservation interests of the land next to Gilwiskaw Brook.

Both the above sites are managed by the same agent with whom I have discussed the prospects which seem quite positive. The

schemes are generally supportive but have wildlife / nesting bird concerns which I think I have satisfied. The agent is to talk to them again and all being well set up a meeting and provide planting diagrams. These are attractive sites but parking may be a problem.

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## **Owston Woods**

260 Acres of Forest Enterprise woods. Chris Phillips and I did an initial visit which was not encouraging. Parking would be very difficult. A further detailed survey and enquiries show it as an SSSI protecting wet woodland plants. These extensive woods are not as bad as they initially seem when looking in. I have now been through them and whilst the rides are very wet they are being opened up by coppicing to help them dry out to an extent. Under the canopy there is not a lot of bramble but the woods are badly managed and a lot of deadwood clutters the ground. I will ask FE if we could use it just to test the water but I have doubts both on permission and suitability although we would like a sizeable site to the Rutland side of our patch for larger events. This wood is actually in Leicestershire but forms the border with Rutland.

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## **Oakham Tops (between Braunston and Oakham)**

Mapping underway incorporating two blocks slightly separated but with car parking possibilities between them. The first comprises two Woodland Trust woods (Gorse Field Wood 21 Acres and Harris Grove & Ball's Meadow 14 Acres) and some adjoining



fields. GFW is a valley with mature copses to both sides and a field through the centre with landforms, a pond and numerous clumps of gorse. It can be accessed from the north via a public footpath from the road on which the other block is located (The Seek) where there is some off road parking. To the east there are disused meadows which could be added linking it to a primary school with sufficient parking for a C5. To the south H6&BM is a steeply sloping hill with land features and newly planted trees and fence enclosed copses. All together without any farmers' fields we are looking at about 50 acres. The Seek is about a third of a mile from the first block and is about 25 acres of now mature woodlands with rides. Steeply sloping up from a wooded stream levelling into a dome dropping away in the other direction. Woodland Trust property. OK for electronic C5 event.

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## **Poplar House Farm Woodland, near Bagworth,**

This 60 acre scheme sits on the sides of a low hill and involves the planting of mixed broadleaved woodland. The site is visible from the PROW (a combined bridleway and part of the Ivanhoe Way). The site is also visible from the B582. The best views from the site are to the south west, in particular towards the churches at Nailstone and Market Bosworth. There will be 100% informal access to the site, a new public footpath and a permissive horse riding). The new footpath will create an attractive circular route off the Ivanhoe Way.

This site is contracted to support orienteering as is the next prospect. I have

spoken to the agent and will be meeting with him again. There is a second site which is in DVO country but with the same agent I will initially include it in my discussions with him. It is Crossroads Wood, near Coton in the Elms, Derbyshire, a 35 acre scheme lying immediately to the west of the woodlands created at Grangewood Farm and near to, but not touching, the woodlands at Beehive Farm and Coton in the Elms. The scheme adds to a wooded "mosaic" of 450 acres of woodland planted in the area since the birth of the Forest in 1995. The site is very visible from the roads that extend on three sides and has immediate presence and significant landscape impact. The site comprises one field that was most recently set to oil seed rape. Although the field appears to be relatively flat there is higher ground towards to the north east corner. The broader landscape is of a mixed agricultural and wooded setting with nearby woodlands at Beehive Farm and Grangewood being particularly prominent. There will be 100% informal access, a new public footpath, permissive horse riding and an orienteering route. The applicant will create shallow pools, gap up hedging and plant four native Black poplars.

The agent handling these has been responsible for a number of other larger schemes around Thornton and Bagworth which are now maturing and I am to go round them with him to see which others may be useable. There are certainly two big enough for C5s and one a possible C4.

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It seems the various agents will have time to help us with these prospects as there is not to be a tender round this year. The National

Forest Company has recently announced that the Tender Scheme will not operate in 2007/08. The reason for this decision is that the regulations underpinning the new Rural Development Programme for England (the strategy which determines woodland creation and countryside management schemes in England), have not yet been approved by the European Parliament. The date by which the programme will be approved, and the criteria for its new schemes, are not yet known. As part of this process, the NFC needs to ensure that any scheme it wants to run as part of the RDPE meets the latter's legal and financial

requirements. Therefore, the NFC considered that would not be possible to operate the Scheme without the information both it and applicants need in order to make clear and long lasting decisions on possible Tender Scheme proposals.

This year they will use such resources as they have to target support for projects within the forest such as our March event and on creating or encouraging links and improvements to the existing infrastructure of the forest.

*Roy Denney*

## Quotation Corner

Once in a while you come across a quotation which rings a chord and this one is quite appropriate to our sport. It comes from the pen of Stephen Pern from 'The Great Divide' \*\*

*Roy Denney*

" For the past three miles I had been walking East instead of North, but getting lost creeps up on you slowly as, little by little, you bend the world to your expectations until you have completely remoulded the landscape. If the map says 'let there be mountains', you will see them where ever you look. If it indicates a small stream, great rivers will instantly shrink. Never mind compass bearings - you can always dismiss them with old chestnuts like 'magnetic rock'."

*\*\*The Great Divide explores one man's trip from Mexico to Canada along the Continental Divide (approximately 2,500 miles).*

# EMOA League-2006



The presentations for the EMOA League 2006 were made before the Robin Hood Trophy event at Sherwood Pines on 28th January 2007. I have listed below the top three in each category. I think that you will agree that this emphasises the area that the

Development sub-committee need to be focussing on. Whilst the club is well represented in the senior mens' classes (a clean sweep of the top three in Men's Blue for example) the junior and ladies classes show a different story.

## *White Course—Boys / Men*

1st	Jack Lord	NOC
2nd	Euan Tebbutt	LEI
3rd	Ethan Tebbutt	LEI

## *Yellow Course—Boys / Men*

1st	Nathan Lawson	DVO
2nd	Ben Lord	NOC
3rd	William Parkinson	NOC

## *Orange Course—Boys / Men*

1st	Matthew Schaanning	DVO
2nd	Aleksi Davidson	LEI
3rd	Max Elliott	NOC

## *Light Green Course—Boys / Men*

1st	Gary Boothroyd	LEI
2nd	Daniel Davidson	LEI
3rd	Roger Williamson	LEI

## *Green Course—Boys / Men*

1st	Ernie Williams	LEI
2nd	Peter Cholerton	NOC
3rd	John Woodall	NOC

## *Blue Course—Boys / Men*

1st	Simon Ford	LEI
2nd	Roger Edwards	LEI
3rd	David Bray	LEI

## *Brown Course—Boys / Men*

1st	Chris Bosley	LEI
2nd	David Lawson	DVO
3rd	Ian Wells	LEI

## *White Course—Girls / Ladies*

1st	Frances Littlewood	NOC
2nd	Jessica Beresford	DVO
3rd	Claudia Smith	NOC

## *Yellow Course—Girls / Ladies*

1st	Victoria Littlewood	NOC
2nd	Rachel Schaanning	DVO
3rd	Hannah Horsewill	NOC

## *Orange Course—Girls / Ladies*

1st	Harriett Lawson	DVO
2nd	Helen Parkinson	NOC
3rd	Samantha Vincent	DVO

## *Light Green Course—Girls / Ladies*

1st	Elizabeth Parkinson	NOC
2nd	Mary Boothroyd	LEI
3rd	Margaret Buckland	NOC

## *Green Course—Girls / Ladies*

1st	Pauline Ward	DVO
2nd	Jen Gale	DVO
3rd	Ruth Ellis	DVO

## *Blue Course—Girls / Ladies*

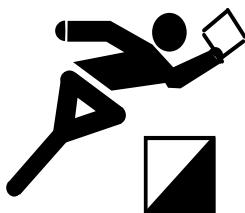
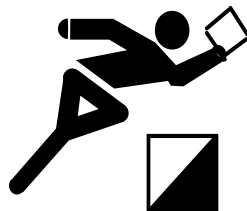
1st	Ursula Williamson	LEI
2nd	Rachel Davies	DVO
3rd	Margaret Keeling	DVO

## *Brown Course—Girls / Ladies*

1st	Catherine Hughes	NOC
2nd	Sal Chaffey	DVO

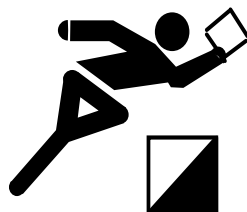
## Forthcoming LEI Events

**Tuesday 13th February 2007**  
**Local Event & Winter League.**  
**Watermead Country Park (West)**



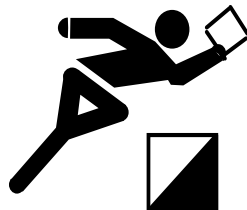
**Sunday 4th March 2007**  
**Regional Event. Fineshade, Corby.**  
**Parking at Wakerley**

**Sunday 25th March 2007**  
**National Forest Anniversary**  
**Event. Ratby Woodlands**



**Tuesday 3rd April 2007**  
**First Event of Summer League**  
**Burbage Common, Hinckley.**

**Saturday 21st April 2007**  
**District Event. Bradgate Park &**  
**Swithland Woods**



# 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 District events offer entry on the day (EOD) to a range of colour coded (C4) courses with start times from 10.30 to 12.30. Local events (C5) will only have a limited range of courses. Regional and National events (C3 & C2) provide a range of age related courses and are normally entered in advance using a Standard Entry Form (SEF); 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 TITLES IN FIXTURE LISTS

Please note that the new terminology for event titles described in the Autumn edition of LEI News has been introduced for the current and future fixture lists as follows:

- All C3 Badge Events will be titled **Regional Events**, but will retain the specific event titles (eg. Concorde Chase Regional Event).
- All C4 Colour Coded Events (5 or more CC courses inc Blue) will be titled **District Events**.
- All C5 or C4 Limited Colour Coded Events (4 or less CC courses) will be titled **Local Events**.
- Events that have specific titles not falling into the above categories will remain unchanged, but dependent on level of event (Score, Short, Night etc), they may be prefixed by Regional, District or Local.

## February 2007

10th	EA	NOR British Night Championships. Sheringham Park & Weybourne Forest, Sheringham. <a href="#">TG139412</a> .
	C2N	Organiser: Alan W Bedder, 01603 424589. <a href="mailto:alan.bedder@virgin.net">alan.bedder@virgin.net</a> Entries: Pam Jermy, 84 Bush Road, Hellesdon, Norwich, NR6 6UD, 01603 482773 (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm only). <a href="mailto:pamjmy@hotmail.co.uk">pamjmy@hotmail.co.uk</a> CD: 31/01/07. £7.50/£3.50. Combined fee for both days (10th & 11th) £13.00/£4.00. EOD +£1.00/50p. Chq: Norfolk O Event. EPS-SI. No dogs.
Entry form with details of both events at <a href="http://www.norfolkoc.co.uk">www.norfolkoc.co.uk</a>		
11th	EA	NOR Single Norfolk Dumpling Regional Event. Sheringham Park & Weybourne Forest, Sherringham Norfolk. <a href="#">TG139412</a> .
	C3	Organiser: Stephan Searle, 01760 337189. <a href="mailto:stephensearle@btinternet.com">stephensearle@btinternet.com</a> Entries: Pam Jermy, 84 Bush Road, Hellesdon, Norwich, NR6 6UD, 01603 482773 (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm only). <a href="mailto:pamjmy@hotmail.co.uk">pamjmy@hotmail.co.uk</a> CD: 31/01/07. £7.00/£2.50 +£2.00 Sen non-member. +£1.00/+£1.00. Non o club member +£2. Chq: Norfolk O Event. EPS-SI. Dogs on lead in Sheringham Park only.
11th	WM	WCH Regional Event. North Sherbrook, Stafford. <a href="#">SJ994210</a> .
	C3	Organiser: Rod Niven, 01785 662486. <a href="mailto:roderick.niven@yahoo.co.uk">roderick.niven@yahoo.co.uk</a> Entries: Safestart, 22 The Willows, Raglan, Usk, NP15 2HB, 01291 690702. <a href="mailto:powell@tiscali.co.uk">Email: j-powell@tiscali.co.uk</a> CD: 28/01/07. £9.00/£3.00 +£2.00 Sen non-BOF +SI hire £1.00/50p. No EOD. Chq: Walton Chasers Orienteering Club. EPS-SI. String course. EOD CC courses - White, Yellow, Orange, Red, Lt G only - £5.00/£2.00 (+£2.00 Sen non-BOF). Parking £1.00. Dogs on leads. Full range of courses: JM/JW 1- 5 and M/W21 - 75 L/S. Online entry preferred via <a href="http://www.fabian4.co.uk">www.fabian4.co.uk</a> . Late entry online only until 8/2/07 + £2.00. <a href="http://www.walton-chasers.co.uk">www.walton-chasers.co.uk</a>
11th	EM	DVO District Event. Lindop, Bakewell. <a href="#">SK255655</a> .
	C4	Dai Bedwell, 01509 260 751. <a href="mailto:daiandkaren@tesco.net">daiandkaren@tesco.net</a> £7.00/£1.00 £2 discount for senior members. EPS-SI. String course. <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk">www.dvo.org.uk</a>
13th	EM	LEI Local Event & Winter League. Watermead Country Park (West), Leicester. <a href="#">SK603097</a> . Roy Denney, 0116 2338604. £2.50/£1.00.
	C5	Courses—Short(2.1 km Yellow/Orange), Medium(4.2km Light Green) and Long(6.5km technical). Starts 11.00am - 12.00 or earlier if controls in place. The maps (2006) will be pre-marked whilst overprinted stocks last - traditional pin punching. Parking free in west (Birstall) car park down Meadow Lane (down Lamborne Rd., by the fish shop, then left into Blenheim then right). Overflow parking if required along river bank in Birstall <a href="http://www.leioc.org.uk">www.leioc.org.uk</a>




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18th	WM	HOC/BUOC District Event & WM League 2. Lickey Hills, Birmingham. <a href="#">SO997753</a> .
	C4	Kath McMillan, 07870585591. <a href="mailto:kam474@bham.ac.uk">kam474@bham.ac.uk</a> £7.00/£2.00. EPS-SI. <a href="http://www.harlequins.org.uk">www.harlequins.org.uk</a>
25th	SE	MV NATIONAL EVENT & FCC. White Downs, Dorking. <a href="#">TQ171506</a> .
	C2	Organiser and entries: Michael White, 19 Sheephouse Green, Wotton, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6QW, 01306 888886. <a href="mailto:mandj@white1966.freereserve.co.uk">mandj@white1966.freereserve.co.uk</a> CD: 08/02/07. £14.00/£6.00. No EOD. Chq: MVOC. EPS-SI. String course. Lim CC courses - Yellow, Orange, Lt Green. Online entry preferred (CD: 15/02/07) via <a href="http://www.fabian4.co.uk">www.fabian4.co.uk</a> , <a href="http://www.mvoc.org">www.mvoc.org</a>
25th	WM	WRE District Event & West Midlands League. Lizard Hill, Shifnal. <a href="#">SJ775108</a> .
	C4	Brian Morris, 01952 770308. <a href="mailto:eassom@tinyonline.co.uk">eassom@tinyonline.co.uk</a> £7.00/£2.00, £2 reduction for BOF members. EPS-SI. No dogs.

## March 2007

3rd-4th	WOA	Welsh Championships Weekend
	C3S	3rd - Welsh Short Open Championships. Glan Faenol, Bangor. <a href="#">SH531694</a> . Organiser: Helena Burrows, 01407 710528. <a href="mailto:helena@alma-hall.freereserve.co.uk">helena@alma-hall.freereserve.co.uk</a>
	C3	4th - Regional Event & Welsh Championships. Braich Bryn Engan, Capel Curig. <a href="#">SH726578</a> . Organiser: Dave Tindall, 01492 548237. <a href="mailto:david_tindall@onetel.com">david_tindall@onetel.com</a> Entries: SafeStart (Eryri), 22 The Willows, Raglan, USK, NP15 2HB. CD: 11/02/07. Fees: Day 1: £9.00/£3.00. Day 2: £12.00/£5.00. No EOD. Chq: Eryri Orienteering Club. EPS-SI. No dogs. Parking £1.00/day. The Short Open Championship will take place on one course using handicapping to determine winners. Pre-entry only. A second junior/novice course will be available for EOD only. Day 1 Starts 1300-1500. Online entry <a href="http://www.fabian4.co.uk">www.fabian4.co.uk</a> (preferred method). <a href="http://www.eryri.org.uk">www.eryri.org.uk</a>

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3rd	EM	DVO District Event & EM League. Stanton Moor, Birchover, Matlock. <a href="#">SK243622</a> .
	C5	Brian Denness, 01332 553658. <a href="mailto:briandenness@naims.co.uk">briandenness@naims.co.uk</a> £7.00/£1.00 £2 discount for senior members. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk">www.dvo.org.uk</a>
4th	EM	LEI Regional Event. Fineshade, Corby. <a href="#">SP978983</a> .
	C5	Organiser: Gary & Mary Boothroyd, 01572 756097. <a href="mailto:gboothro@stamford.ac.uk">gboothro@stamford.ac.uk</a> Entries: Roger Williamson, 63 Loughborough Road, Quorn, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 8DU, 01509 412132. <a href="mailto:rwilliamson63@aol.com">rwilliamson63@aol.com</a> CD: 11/02/07. £8.50/£3.50 - Non BOF +£2.00. Lim EOD + £1.00/£1.00, non BOF +£2.00. Chq: Leicestershire Orienteering Club. EPS-SI. EOD CC - White, yellow, orange - £5/£1.50. Dogs on leads. Online entries preferred via <a href="http://www.fabian4.co.uk/">www.fabian4.co.uk/</a> Late entries online only up to 25/02/07 +£1. <a href="http://www.leioc.org.uk">www.leioc.org.uk</a>
		
4th	WM	HOC District Event. Hawkbatch, Bewdley. <a href="#">SO758783</a> .
	C5	Charlie Nelson, 01527 545030. <a href="mailto:cpnredditch@blueyonder.co.uk">cpnredditch@blueyonder.co.uk</a> £7.00/£2.00. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. <a href="http://www.harlequins.org.uk">www.harlequins.org.uk</a>
10th	NW	BOF British Orienteering Training Day. Bishop Wood, Graythwaite, Newby Bridge.
	O4	Carol McNeill, 01229 861507. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. No dogs.
10th	SW	BOK Local Night Score Event & Western Night League. Moseley Green, Forest of Dean, Parkend. <a href="#">SO632082</a> .
	S5N	Mark Blackstone, 0117 962 3288. £4.00/£1.00. Start I hour after nightfall. <a href="http://www.westernnightleague.org.uk/">www.westernnightleague.org.uk/</a>
11th	NW	SROC NATIONAL EVENT & UK Cup, FCC & Junior Selection Race. Whitbarrow Scar, Kendal. <a href="#">SD468865</a> .
	C2	Organiser: David Hargreaves, 01772 628026. <a href="mailto:dave@hargreaves2793.fsnet.co.uk">dave@hargreaves2793.fsnet.co.uk</a> Entries: David Johnstone, 120 Hacking Drive, Longridge, Preston Lancs, PR3 3FP, 01772 783745 (before 10pm). <a href="mailto:david@dsjvj.freeserve.co.uk">david@dsjvj.freeserve.co.uk</a> CD: 19/02/07. £11.00/£4.50 +50p SI hire. No EOD. Chq: SROC. EPS-SI. String course. No dogs. See website for details. <a href="http://www.sroc.org">www.sroc.org</a>
11th	EM	NOC District Event. Harlow Woods, Mansfield. <a href="#">SK550568</a> .
	C5	Garry Drew, 0115 8406748. <a href="mailto:garry.drew@ntlworld.com">garry.drew@ntlworld.com</a> Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. <a href="http://www.noc-uk.org">www.noc-uk.org</a>



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18th	EM	LOG Compass Sport Cup First Round. Stapleford Woods, Newark. <a href="#">SK861566</a> . Steve Bones, 01522 541449.
	O3	<a href="mailto:steve@logonline.org.uk">steve@logonline.org.uk</a> Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. Dogs on leads. <a href="http://www.logonline.org.uk">www.logonline.org.uk</a> Full registration pending
24th	EM	DVO Local Event. Poolsbrook, Chesterfield. <a href="#">SK435735</a> .
	C5	Val Johnson, 01773 824754. <a href="mailto:gmjamdfam@aol.com">gmjamdfam@aol.com</a> £3.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. No dogs. <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk">www.dvo.org.uk</a>
25th	WM	POTOC/DEE Regional Event. Weston Heath & Bury Walls, Market Drayton. <a href="#">SJ559286</a> .
	C5	Organiser: Geoff Hollins, 01782 503385. <a href="http://geoff@hollins28.fsnet.co.uk">geoff@hollins28.fsnet.co.uk</a> Entries: Jenny Beasant, 9 Primrose Hill, Cuddington, Northwich, CW8 2TZ. <a href="mailto:jenny@beasantn.freeserve.co.uk">jenny@beasantn.freeserve.co.uk</a> CD: 04/03/07. £10.00/£3.50. Lim EOD +£2.00/50p. Chq: Deeside Orienteering Club. EPS-SI. String course. Lim CC courses - EOD only £6/£2. No dogs. Parking £1.00. Internet entry via website. Closing date for Internet Entries: 07/03/07. <a href="http://www.deeside-orienteering-club.org.uk">www.deeside-orienteering-club.org.uk</a>
25th	EM	LEI National Forest Trophy District Event & Long O. Ratby Woodlands, Leicester. <a href="#">SK518070</a> .
	C5	Chris Phillips, 0116 255 0330. <a href="mailto:onecphillips@lineone.net">onecphillips@lineone.net</a> £4.00/£1.00. White-Orange Senior £2. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on leadd. The event will include a 15K Long O and "come and try it" courses for families and juniors. The event is being sponsored by the National Forest Company. <a href="http://www.leioc.org.uk">www.leioc.org.uk</a>




## April 2007

1st	WM	WCH District Event & West Midlands League. Miflins Valley, Rawnsley, Cannock Chase, Cannock. <a href="#">SK028158</a> .
	C4	Mike Thompson, 01785 660716. <a href="mailto:mike.thompson56@tiscali.com">mike.thompson56@tiscali.com</a> £7.00/£2.00. SI card hire £1.00 and 50p. EPS-SI. Parking £1.00. Dogs on leads. Signed from A460 south of Rugeley. <a href="http://www.walton.chasers.co.uk">www.walton.chasers.co.uk</a>
6th-9th	BOF	JAN KJELLSTROM ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL & UK CUP, FCC & JUNIOR SELECTION RACES C5 6th - JK Training Day. Gloucester.
	C1	7th - JK DAY 1 & UK CUP & FCC. Sallowvallets/New Beechenhurst, Cinderford. <a href="#">SO595117</a> .
	C1	8th - JK DAY 2 & UK CUP & FCC. Sallowvallets/New Beechenhurst, Cinderford. <a href="#">SO620121</a> .
	R1	9th - JK Relay & UK Relay League. Caer Went, Chepstow. <a href="#">ST471912</a> . Co-ordinator: Mike Forrest. <a href="http://www.jk2007.org.uk/">www.jk2007.org.uk/</a> Full registration pending

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15th	WM	HOC District Event (provisional). Breakneck Bank, Wyre Forest, Bewdley.
	C4	David Barwick. EPS-SI. <a href="http://www.harlequins.org.uk">www.harlequins.org.uk</a> Full registration pending
21 <sup>st</sup>	EM	LEI District Event. Bradgate Park & Swithland Woods SK??????
	C4	Organiser: ??????. Fees £7.00/£2.00 £2 discount for senior members. EPS-SI. String course
22 <sup>nd</sup>	WM	OD Regional Event & FCC. Bentley Wood, Atherstone. <a href="http://SP291966">SP291966</a>
	C3	Organiser: Bob Brandon, 02476-505 050. <a href="mailto:robertbrandon06@aol.com">robertbrandon06@aol.com</a> Entries: Lesley Ross, Four Elms Farm, Studley, Warks, B80 7EG, 01527 857646. <a href="mailto:entries@fourelmsfarm.co.uk">entries@fourelmsfarm.co.uk</a> CD: 07/04/07. £10.00/£3.00. Fees include Emit hire - own brick £1 off. Lim EOD + £2.00/£1.00. Chq: Octavian Droobers. EPS-Emit. Orange, Lt Green. Parking £1.00. Regional Starts from 11/11-30am on some courses. See advert on website closer to the event. <a href="http://www.octavian-droobers.org">www.octavian-droobers.org</a>
22nd	EM	NOC District Event. Manton and Clumber, Mansfield. <a href="http://SK616781">SK616781</a> .
	C4	Bob Alderson, 0115 845 0771. <a href="mailto:r.alderson1@ntlworld.com">r.alderson1@ntlworld.com</a> Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. <a href="http://www.noc-uk.org">www.noc-uk.org</a>
29th	EM	DVO District Event. Riber Hillside, Matlock. <a href="http://SK308584">SK308584</a> .
	C4	Rob Shooter, 0115 932 2945. <a href="mailto:shooterfamily@hotmail.com">shooterfamily@hotmail.com</a> £7.00/£1.00 £2 discount for senior members. EPS-SI. String course. <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk">www.dvo.org.uk</a>

## May 2007

5th-6th	WOA	BRITISH ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007
	C1	5th - BRITISH ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS & UK Cup. Pwll Du, Blaenafon. <a href="http://SO230103">SO230103</a> . Organiser: Paul Chamberlain, 01824 790671. <a href="mailto:chamberlain.brynyhyfryd@nasuwt.net">chamberlain.brynyhyfryd@nasuwt.net</a>
	R1	6th - BRITISH RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS & UK Relay League. Pwll Du, Blaenafon. <a href="http://SO230103">SO230103</a> . Organiser: John Richards, 01432 761 906. <a href="mailto:john.richards1@tiscali.co.uk">john.richards1@tiscali.co.uk</a> Entries: Judith Powell, 22 The Willows, Raglan, Usk, , (online Entries Will Be Taken Via Event Website), NP15 2HB, 01291 690702. <a href="mailto:j-powell@dial.pipex.com">j-powell@dial.pipex.com</a> CD: unknown. Fees TBA. Chq: BOC2007. EPS-SI. No dogs. <a href="http://www.woa.org.uk/">www.woa.org.uk/</a> or <a href="http://www.btinternet.com/~w.o.a/BOC2007/">www.btinternet.com/~w.o.a/BOC2007/</a> Full registration pending

## May 2007 (continued)

12th	EM	DVO Local Event. Ilam Hall, Dovedale. <a href="#">SK131505</a> .
	C5	Val Johnson, 01773 824754. <a href="mailto:gmjandfam@aol.com">gmjandfam@aol.com</a> £3.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. Dogs in car park on lead. <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk">www.dvo.org.uk</a>
20th	NW	LOC NATIONAL EVENT. Caw Fell, Broughton in Furness. <a href="#">SD230945</a> .
	C2	Organiser: Graham Walkden, 015395 32793. Entries: Marion Inchmore, Newlands, Storth Road, Storth, Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7HS. <a href="mailto:marioninchmore@aol.com">marioninchmore@aol.com</a> CD: 21/04/07. £11.00/£4.50, Family (2 adults + 2 or more children) £29.00. No EOD. Chq: Lakeland OC. EPS-SI. String course. CC courses - Y, O & LG. Parking £1.00. Dogs in forest road car park only. Internet entry available - CD: 3/5/07. <a href="http://www.lakeland-orienteing.org.uk">www.lakeland-orienteing.org.uk</a>
26th-28th	WM	Springtime in Shropshire Weekend
	C3	26th - HOC Day 1 Regional Event. Titterstone Clee Hill (Provisional), Cleobury Mortimer. <a href="#">SO592776</a> .
	C3	27th - WRE Day 2 Regional Event. Bucknell, Ludlow, <a href="#">SO341752</a>
	C3	28th - HOC Day 3 Regional Event. Brampton Bryan (Provisional), Ludlow. Co-ordinators: Lynden & Lester Hartmann, 01684 577062. <a href="mailto:lester@mado.org.uk">lester@mado.org.uk</a> Entries: Mike Farrington, Oak Lodge, Floyds Lane, Wellington Heath, LEDBURY, HR8 1NB, 01531 635502. <a href="mailto:mike@farrington.me.uk">mike@farrington.me.uk</a> CD: 23/04/07. Adults £10.00per day, £28 for 3 days £2.00 per day discount for BOF members. First junior, £3 per day, £6 for 3 days. Second and subsequent juniors, £1.50 per day, £3 for 3 days. Late entries CD: 13/05/07 + £2.00/£1.00. & Lim EOD +£4/£2. Lim colour coded W,Y,O, R, LG £5/£2.Chq: SINS. EPS-SI. String courses. Dogs on leads at all times. <a href="http://www.harlequins.org.uk">www.harlequins.org.uk</a>

## June 2007

2nd	SW	KERNO Harvester Relay. Penhale Sands, Newquay. <a href="#">SW769548</a>
.	R2N	Organiser: Roger Hargreaves, 01872 277320. <a href="mailto:roger@hargreaves9999.freemove.co.uk">roger@hargreaves9999.freemove.co.uk</a> Entries: TBA. CD: unknown. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. <a href="http://www.btinternet.com/~kerno.orienteing/">www.btinternet.com/~kerno.orienteing/</a> Full registration pending
2nd	EM	DVO Local Event. Holmebrook, Chesterfield. <a href="#">SK360730</a> .
	C5	Val Johnson, 01773 824754. <a href="mailto:gmjandfam@aol.com">gmjandfam@aol.com</a> £3.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. No dogs. <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk">www.dvo.org.uk</a>

## June 2007 (continued)

3rd	YH	SYO District Event. Beeley Woods, Sheffield. <a href="#">SE318927</a> .
	C4	Mick Hughes. <a href="mailto:mike.l.hughes@telewest.co.uk">mike.l.hughes@telewest.co.uk</a> £6.00/£1.00 Discount of £2 to British Orienteering senior members. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on leads. <a href="http://www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk">www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk</a>
9th-10th	NW	Twin Peak Regional Event
	C3	9th - Twin Peak Regional Event - Day 1. High Dam, Newby Bridge. <a href="#">SD365872</a> . Peter Lomas, 0161 483 4332. <a href="mailto:peteandrae@zoom.co.uk">peteandrae@zoom.co.uk</a> Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs in car park on leads. <a href="http://www.mdoc.org.uk">www.mdoc.org.uk</a> <i>Full registration pending</i>
9th	EM	DVO Local Event. Rosliston Forestry Centre, Burton on Trent. <a href="#">SK243176</a> .
	C5	Rex Bleakman, 01283 733363. <a href="mailto:bleakmanhome@btinternet.com">bleakmanhome@btinternet.com</a> £3.00/£1.00. No dogs. <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk">www.dvo.org.uk</a>
16th-17th	SOA	NATIONAL EVENT & SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIPS & UK RELAY LEAGUE
	C2	16th - NATIONAL EVENT & Scottish Championships, Individual. Loch Doon, Dalmellington. <a href="#">NS477276</a> . R4 17th - Scottish Relay Championships & UK Relay League. Loch Doon, Dalmellington. <a href="#">NS477276</a> . Organiser: Dougie Condy, 01292 318190. <a href="mailto:dougiecondy@aol.com">dougiecondy@aol.com</a> Entries: Pat Flanagan, 47 Arrol Drive, Ayr, KA7 4AL, 01292 267063. <a href="mailto:pfayr@tiscali.co.uk">pfayr@tiscali.co.uk</a> CD: unknown. Fees TBA. Chq: tba. EPS-SI. Dogs in Car Park only. <a href="http://www.ayroc.co.uk">www.ayroc.co.uk</a> <i>Full registration pending</i>
17th.	WM	HOC Local Event. Highgate Common, Stourbridge
	C5	David Barwick. EPS-SI. <a href="http://www.harlequins.org.uk">www.harlequins.org.uk</a> <i>Full registration pending</i>
24th	EM	LEI District and EM League Event. Burrough Hill, Melton. <b>SK766115</b>
	C4	Organiser: ??????. Fees £7.00/£2.00 £2 discount for senior members. EPS-SI. String course
Jun 29th-	SOA	WOC Selection Races
Jul 1st	C3	5 29th - WOC Selection Race - Sprint Distance & UK Cup. TBA, North of Scotland.
	C3	30th - WOC Selection Race - Classic Distance & UK Cup. Creag Leach, Inverness. <a href="#">NH604411</a> .

## July 2007

1st	EM	NOC Little John Relays. Bramcote, Nottingham. <a href="#">SK500384</a> .
	R5	Catherine Hughes, 0115 8774089. <a href="mailto:catherinehughes@hotmail.com">catherinehughes@hotmail.com</a> Fees TBA. EPS-SI. <a href="http://www.noc-uk.org">www.noc-uk.org</a> <i>Full registration pending</i>
7th	EM	DVO Local Event. Rosliston Forestry Centre, Burton on Trent. <a href="#">SK243176</a> .
	C5	Val Johnson, 01773 824754. <a href="mailto:gmjandfam@aol.com">gmjandfam@aol.com</a> £3.00/£1.00. No dogs. <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk">www.dvo.org.uk</a>
14th	EM	DVO Local Event & Derbyshire Schools Championships. Shipley Park, Shipley. <a href="#">SK430450</a> .
	C5	Val Johnson, 01773 824754. <a href="mailto:gmjandfam@aol.com">gmjandfam@aol.com</a> £3.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. No dogs. <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk">www.dvo.org.uk</a>

## August 2007

5th-11th	SOA	Spey 2007 - Scottish 6 Days
	C3	5th - Day 1 Regional Event. Alvie, Kingussie. <a href="#">NN839077</a> .
	C3	6th - Day 2 Regional Event. Balavil, Kingussie. <a href="#">NN788023</a> .
	C3	7th - Day 3 Regional Event. Inshriach West, Kingussie. <a href="#">NN838042</a> .
	C3	9th - Day 4 Regional Event. Culbin, Forres. <a href="#">NH998608</a> .
	C3	10th - Day 5 Regional Event. Camerory, Grantown on Spey. <a href="#">NJ034303</a> .
	C3	11th - Day 6 Regional Event. Anagach & Heathfield, Grantown on Spey. <a href="#">NJ037284</a> . Co-ordinator: Donald Petrie, 01505 613094. <a href="mailto:donald@scottish-orienteeing.org">donald@scottish-orienteeing.org</a> Entries: addressee TBA. <i>CD: unknown. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course.</i> <a href="http://www.scottish6days.com/2007/2007index.htm">www.scottish6days.com/2007/2007index.htm</a> <i>Full registration pending</i>
25th-27th	YH	White Rose Weekend
	C3	25th - Day 1 Regional Event. Pickering.
	C3	26th - Day 2 Regional Event. Pickering.
	R4	27th - White Rose Relays. Pickering. Organiser: Bill Griffiths, 01723 850982. Entries: TBA. <i>CD: unknown. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. Parking TBA. Dogs allowed on lead in assembly area only.</i> <a href="http://www.eborienteers.org.uk">www.eborienteers.org.uk</a> <i>Full registration pending</i>

# **Next LEI Event**

**Sunday 4th March 2007**

## **LEI Regional Event**

**Fineshade Woods, Corby  
SP978983**

**Gary & Mary Boothroyd  
01572 756097**

**£8.50/£3.50 EPS-SI**

**Parking at Wakerley Woods  
Bussing to Fineshade**

**(it is possible that this event may need to be moved to 18th  
March and changed to a round of the CompassSport Cup)**