

British Sprint Championships Host 2013



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# LEI NEWS

**The Newsletter of the Leicestershire Orienteering Club**



**The 2012 Summer BBQ  
Junior Spotlight 1, 2 & 3**



**Photo Gallery**

**Retired Man  
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*Front cover photograph: Rory Shedden at the JK by Ruth Shedden*

## Points from the Editors



Welcome to another bumper edition of the LEI News. Our plea to the juniors in the last edition has definitely paid off. We have received not one, not two, but three articles for our Junior Spotlight section, so well done to those juniors for putting pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard). You can read about our new Junior Representative, Matt Cox, on page 15. On pages 16 and 17 are details of the fantastic achievements of two other juniors. Pages 6 and 7 highlight further achievements from members of our club, both junior and senior, so well done to one and all!

On page 8, we have a new feature called Club Chat. Have a go at the competition—you never know your luck! Keep us updated with all your Club Chat for future editions.

Also in this edition, there are some very interesting articles. I (Wendy) particularly found Julie Ferris' article on page 29 of great interest, especially as my compass was misbehaving at the Brereton Spurs event!

Another junior orienteer in the making is Rory Shedden (front cover). He's just got to grow a bit first so that he can actually get his dibber in the control boxes! Please note details of the Shedden's BBQ and O event in July on page 9. See you there!

Please send all articles to [wenandal@talktalk.net](mailto:wenandal@talktalk.net) Happy Reading!

*Wendy and Alan West*



# Ramblings from the Chair

Well, happy Spring everybody. I hope you've been enjoying your running through the 'drought'. We've just done three rather wet events in a row: LEI Summer League at Charnwood South, DVO Summer League at Elvaston Castle and then bog snorkelling around Linford Woodlands and John's Lee Wood.

I want to return to one or two themes from my last ramble. The question over membership fees and levies is now clearer, but we now have to decide as a club committee how to accommodate these changes. The text is available on the BOF website, but in terms of levy, it will be £1 per participant at all events (with Juniors counting as 1/3). Up until now, under the current system, most of our Summer/Winter League events have been levy free. Membership will be cheaper, but regular orienteers will be paying more, as it seems that we will have to put up event costs in some way to cope with the new levies. The theory is that total cost of membership will be more proportional to events done.

Talking of the cost to take part in an event, we sometimes hark back to "the old days", and were amused at a recent Winter League event because newer orienteers were surprised at having to have a pen available to compete and write things down en route. I've not been around in orienteering for as many decades as some, but still remember what it was like before technology came to help. Gradually, electronics came in (SI in our case), which also brought new possibilities for course planning and easier result production; we started to produce pre-printed maps (so no copying the course down while kneeling in the wet grass) and then maps on waterproof paper, so there is no need to even put it

into a waterproof bag. Compared with the days of copying your own course down from a master map as part of your course time, and using pin punches, things have moved on significantly, and everyone now expects electronic timing, even at Level D events. Of course, these changes have come at a cost, but have also made improvements to participation in the sport. Hopefully, however we decide to collect the new levies, you will all still feel that orienteering is good value for money (despite the weather).

There have been successes within the club since the last LEI News, many of which will be reported, but I'd like to mention the CompassSport Cup where we had a superb turnout at Cannock. Not sure how our club captain (Roger Phillips) did it, but it was great to see so many LEI members out at the event and having a good day out. I'll be returning to the British Sprints at a later date, but this year's event at York, followed by the British Middles, made an excellent weekend. Podium places were achieved by Finn Lydon and Peter Leake in the Sprints and Euan Tebbutt in the Middles. I'd also like to congratulate Peter Leake for being nominated for the Walton Trophy in the BO Mapping Awards for his new map of Spring Cottage.



Hope to see many of you at an LEI event in 2012, but please don't overtake me too quickly!

*Bob Haskins*



# Captain's Corner

Thank you to those 58 brave souls who battled for the club at Brereton Spurs in the CompassSport Cup Heat back in February. Sadly, LEI only managed 6<sup>th</sup> place behind DVO, but ahead of NOC. I am sure with another season of Club Night training we will qualify for the 2013 Final at the regional heat in February at Fineshade.

It's that time of year again in the orienteering calendar when quality competitions take place, these being the Midland Championships, the British Championships (Sprint, Middle and Long), the JK and of course the start of the LEI Summer League. For me, the Summer League is the highlight of the orienteering season; it is not because the league offers quality TD5 areas every week (it doesn't by the way), but because it offers, after a day at work, orienteering and a chance to catch up and unwind with friends at the post-event social. Like many summer leaguers, I study the league table to work out who I need to "run" faster than to move up those all important league positions! This year, with the best 10 counting, the challenge is going to be to try and drop off those mis-punches from the counting scores- 1 mis-punch so far for me this season.

As we are already well into 2012, there are a couple of dates you should already have in your diary. The Club Championships on 15th September and

the Yvette Baker Trophy/East Midlands League Event on 21st October. The Club Championships is an LEI only event and this year it is at Gresley Woods in the National Forest. I have been told by the planner that the courses will offer a real test of orienteering to find LEI's champions. As in previous years, the format will be a variety of age-specific courses, followed by a formal presentation at the post event social. See the club website for further details.

## Stop Press!!!

### **New Style Junior Club Tops**

As this newsletter goes to print, we should be taking delivery of a small sample of new style club tops from Siven Sports, based in Bulgaria. These have been ordered in junior sizes so we can assess the quality. All being well, I will be able to offer new style tops to all members in June.



*Roger Phillips*

## **Own a Kindle?**

If you would like to read the LEI NEWS on your Kindle, then just let the editors know your Kindle e-mail address and we will send it to you.



# AGM Date

The Leicestershire Orienteering Club 2012 Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 29th October at Glenfield Parish Rooms, Stamford Street, Glenfield. LE3 8DL. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm and will be followed by an open forum and light refreshments. The Agenda and further details will be sent to members nearer the date.

*Bob Haskins*

## Leicestershire Orienteering Club Club Championships 2012

As previously announced, the 2012 LEI Club Championships will take place on Saturday 15th September, 2012. The venue will be Swains Park, Gresley, and Pick Triangle Wood, near Albert Village.

Car Parking will be at Grid Ref SK298173 (off the minor road between Albert Village and Linton). This is a new location, recently mapped by Peter Leake, the north of the area which was used last year for the Club Championships. It is a large area with a mixture of old woodland with interesting contour detail, new planting and areas of rough open.

Championships Courses will be:

**Yellow: M/W10 and under.**

**Orange: M/W12 and under.**

**Light Green: M/W14 and under. W60+**

**Green: M/W18 and under. M60+ and W20 to W55**

**Blue: M20 to M55.**

The event will use SI punching.

Registration will be from 10.30am to 11.30am, with starts from 11.00am to 12.00 noon. This is a closed event, restricted to club members.

Post event there will be presentations and a buffet lunch in The Navigation Inn at 1.30pm. The cost of the buffet is included in the event fee.

Event Fees: Seniors £6, Juniors £3, Digger Hire £1.00

In order that we can give the Navigation Inn some idea of numbers, please let the organiser (Bob Haskins) know if you will be attending the event:

E-mail [boh@piperdrive.org.uk](mailto:boh@piperdrive.org.uk)

Winners of the junior courses will receive their trophies and certificates on the day. Senior trophies will be presented at the Club Dinner and Awards Evening in 2013. Senior winners will receive a certificate at the Buffet.

*Chris Phillips*



# Top Performances from Major Championships

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

## CompassSport Cup, Brereton Spurs 9th February 2012

White	3rd .....	Harrington Leake
	6th .....	Ngaia Herd
Yellow	5th .....	Daisy Herd
Orange	4th .....	Tom Barber
	5th .....	Ethan Tebbutt
	9th .....	Matthew Coates
Light Green M	8th .....	Euan Tebbutt
Light Green W	6th .....	Hannah Cox
Green	2nd .....	Roger Edwards

## Midlands Championships, Hereford 11th March 2012

White	3rd .....	Harrington Leake
M12A	4th .....	Ethan Tebbutt
M14A	4th .....	Euan Tebbutt
M16B	1st.....	Simon West
M35L	4th .....	Roger Phillips
M50S	6th .....	Alan West
M65S	6th .....	Chris Phillips
W45S	5th .....	Barbara Tebbutt
W65S	4th .....	Molly Smith

## British Sprint Championships, York University 24th March 2012

M12B	1st .....	Ethan Tebbutt
M14A	3rd.....	Finn Lydon
	6th .....	Euan Tebbutt
M70A	3rd .....	Peter Leake
W45B	5th .....	Alison Hardy
	10th.....	Barbara Tebbutt
W50B	4th .....	Ursula Williamson

## British Middle Distance Championships, Strensall Common 25th March 2012

M12	7th .....	Ethan Tebbutt
M14	3rd.....	Euan Tebbutt
M70	9th .....	Peter Leake

## JK Festival of Orienteering, Scotland 6th-9th April 2012

### JK Day 1 Sprint

M35	4th .....	Angus Shedden
M70	6th .....	Peter Leake
W35	5th .....	Ruth Shedden

### JK Day 2

M14A	3rd.....	Euan Tebbutt
M35L	10th.....	Angus Shedden
W35S	1st .....	Ruth Shedden
Orange	5th .....	Iain Tebbutt



### JK Day 3

W35S 1st..... Ruth Shedden

W65S 6th..... Molly Smith

### JK Day 2 and Day 3 Combined

M14A 4th..... Euan Tebbutt

W35S 1st..... Ruth Shedden

### JK Day 4 Relays

Class N—Mixed Ad Hoc 2nd

Euan Tebbutt—Angus Shedden—Wilbert Hollinger (Ruth's Dad)

### Interland 2012, Habay-la-Neuve, Belgium 22nd April 2012

M14 3rd.....Euan Tebbutt

helping England win this event.

### British Long Distance Championships, Dalegarth 5th May 2012

White 4th .....Ben Hardy

6th .....Hannah Anstee

## Congratulations



*Presentation of certificates for members finishing in the top three places for the EMOA colour coded league 2011. The presentation took place at the NOC event at Blidworth on 22nd January 2012. (L to R) rear row, David Anderson, Alison Hardy, Simon Ford, Molly Smith, Glynn Smith, Roger Edwards,. Front row Ben Hardy, Finn Lydon, Reed Lydon, Imogen Wilson, Daisy Herd, Ethan Tebbutt.*



# Club Chat

Welcome to our new area of the newsletter where we hope to keep you up to date with the latest and greatest in our club. We would like to give a big LEI welcome to the following new members:

Jason and Liz Sampson with son Kieran  
Parmdeep Vadesha

## Congratulations

to Tanya Taylor (a LOG member but a very familiar face at LEI events and activities) on finishing the London Marathon in 3 hours, 14 mins, 36 secs.

**Treasurer's Note:** Please send me your expenses in time for them to get to you by the end of July. Also pay in any event income promptly! Thanks.

*Roger Edwards*

## Childcare at Events

Sylvia Ruiz (LEI member) is looking for somebody who would be happy to do a split run/childcare arrangement at events. Alternatively, she is happy to pay somebody to look after her children while she runs. For further information, please contact Sylvia by e-mail on [majalenruiz@hotmail.com](mailto:majalenruiz@hotmail.com) or Tel: 07957 566235.

## \*\*\*\*\* Competition Corner \*\*\*\*\*

We are offering a prize for the best caption sent in to accompany the photograph below of our president, Ernie Williams, at the presentation evening. E-mail your suggestions to the Editors by 15th September, 2012.



## Privacy and Your Club

In order to provide an effective administration for the club with the limited time available to volunteer officials, it is essential that we make full use of word processing and spread sheets and, as such, most of our records are on computer. On the understanding that we have your consent to hold this information in this fashion, we do not have to register under the Data Protection Act, provided that the information is not disclosed to third parties without your specific consent. You are reminded, however, that if you do not wish to have your details included, you may object, in which case we will try to find alternative ways of accommodating your requirements.



# The 2012 Summer BBQ & Novelty Orienteering Event

On Sat 14th July, 2012, we - Angus, Ruth, Rory and 'Bump' Shedden - are hosting a summer BBQ with a short novelty orienteering event for LEI club members. The event will be held at our house in Loughborough. We will provide the fire, salad, bread, soft drinks, etc. and ask that you bring your own meat and any booze! The event will start with a short 20 minute novelty orienteering event to be held on the playing fields at the rear of the house. The course will open at 11am and remain open until 1pm. The BBQ will be lit at 11:30am.

Final details will be posted on the club website closer to the time.

*Angus, Ruth, Rory and 'Bump' Shedden*

## Know Your Orienteer

Can you identify the club member from the description?

1. Summer league competitor who LEADS other runners astray, especially in sprints.
2. Club officer who is unable to follow tapes from car-park to start and leads other club members across fields in the wrong direction.
3. Runs the British Championships carrying address label and pen to ensure that at least his map finishes in the correct place – or maybe it is the return address if he is found on the fells?
4. Is so house-proud that she puts her dibbers through the washing machine.
5. Has a liking for pink tennis balls but, as yet, his mouth is still too small to accommodate one whole, despite regular consumption of beer and chips.
6. Invites a friend to join them on holiday, failing to mention that the campsite just happened to be next to the British Championships event and that the friend was expected to compete at her first orienteering event.
7. A junior member, who may soon be sporting a pink O-top in order to match the rest of his relay team.

More next issue – so watch out! Contributions welcome (don't let the truth get in the way of a good story!).

As usual, a highly valuable prize will be awarded indiscriminately based on entries received.

*Observations by Iain Tebbutt*



# Annual Presentation Dinner

The following presentations were made at the presentation Dinner on 3rd March, 2012 by President Ernie Williams.



*Iain Tebbutt: Summer League 2012 senior men winner & Summer League 2012 best score before handicap.*



*Roger Edwards: Winter League 2011/2012 winner and Men's 60+ Club Champion.*



*Angus Shedden: Summer League 2012 sprint/urban winner & Men's M20 to M55 Club Champion.*



*Alison Hardy: Summer League 2012 senior women winner & Women's W20 to W55 Club Champion.*



*Steve Edgar: The Clock Trophy - 165 minutes, 50 Seconds - at the EMOA Championships held at Cademan Woods.*



*Howard Alcock: Score Cup*



*Steve Edgar: President's Salver - awarded to someone who has put in outstanding effort over the last twelve months.*



*Chris Phillips: Tiger Trophy - awarded to someone who has worked tirelessly for the club over a number of years.*



*Wendy West: awarded the Light Green standard.*



*Tracey Brookes: awarded the Green standard and the Blue standard.*



*Alan West: awarded the Green standard.*

*A special thank you presentation to Steve Edgar from Alison Hardy, on behalf of members, for his efforts each day at the Scottish 6 Days by arriving early and erecting the club tent and flag.*



# Letter from America No. 3

## LEI NEWS Overseas Correspondent: Recon Training in Moss Park and Split Oak Forest

The humidity levels reduce considerably in Florida from October onwards. Temperatures are still in the high 80s/low 90s (F), but mornings and evenings are much more bearable. The torrential rainfalls, thunder and lightning have also reduced in frequency. Although they tend to create havoc on the roads, with axle deep water in places, these spectacular lightning storms are relatively short lived, hence the surprise at the day-long rain that accompanied the October Florida Orienteering club event at Moss Park country park. As soon as I left Tampa on the Inter State 4 route towards Orlando, it was clear from the grey skies and breaching the wall of rain that it was going to be a wet day. As ever, the wet weather plan was just to get wet, but I was in for a surprise.

Florida is fairly low lying in most places. Not surprisingly, they take hurricane season seriously. The only problem is that everyone's evacuation plans all lead to the same few areas of safer, higher ground. Moss Park is equally low lying and is surrounded by lakes. It doesn't take much rain for a carpet of ankle deep water to emerge. Ironically, I felt at home: I could have been at an orienteering event in the Lake District, Wales or the Scottish Highlands. Then I crossed the causeway between controls 1 and 2 into the Split Oak Forest part of the Red course (at over 8 km, it was more akin to a short brown or long blue). I looked down the obvious ride between controls 2

and 3 and saw a newly formed stream. Undaunted, I ploughed on (like everyone else who had travelled long distances to the event). However, wet weather orienteering reached a new depth – literally. Very quickly I was wading along this forest ride in up to waist deep water, wondering whether any stray alligators lay ahead.



*Eric, pictured right at the end of his run (or swim!).*

Amongst the nearly 2000 channels on offer on the TV at my flat, there is one called the Military Channel. Like all the channels, it features many repeat offerings (beware this repeat curse undermining the BBC). One of them is a series called "Surviving the Cut". All very formulaic, a bunch of soldiers or marines are put through their paces over some 60 or so days to earn the right to wear the Ranger, Recon or some other specialist military badge and be a part of an elite



squad. Invariably, less than a third of the original course intake makes it successfully to the end. As I made my way along the ride, it was strangely reminiscent of one of the scenes from an episode I saw about soldiers undergoing selection for "recon". Then I thought,

"Wouldn't this be an excellent LEI OC canoe-O event!"

*Eric Heritage*

*(Editors' note: refer to the rear cover to see the map of Eric's course.)*

## Horologist on the Up

For those of you who remember Steve Davidson when he was a member, he is alive and reasonably well, and wishes to be remembered to old friends. Several years ago now he moved down to Windsor to look after the Queen's clocks with an apartment in the castle, and eventually transferred to BKO.

Due to injury, he can no longer run and has taken to Mountain Bike Orienteering, and was contemplating rejoining LEI. In the end, he did nothing about it as he thought it would be confusing having a member who does not orienteer on foot and is rarely able to come and help at events. Also, he felt that being absent from the region would make him look like a free loader who is not prepared to do his bit.

To quote Steve: "The reason I thought of it was it would be one way of hearing about old friends and also areas where I enjoyed orienteering for so many years. LEI was easily the best and most friendly club I was ever a member of. In the end, I offered to stay with BKO to promote mountain bike orienteering, but they were not interested. The sad truth is, as soon as you mention mountain bikes, people get the wrong impression."

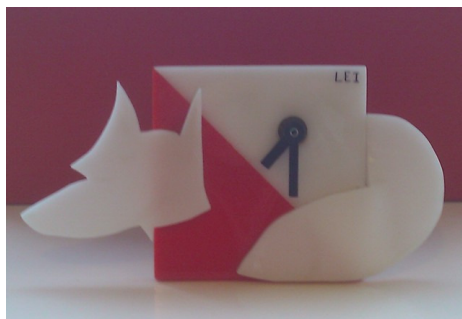
Steve has said, however, that if we ever try to put on a Mountain Biking event, we should let him know so he can help.

He did have an exciting 'event' to relay when last we chatted. He was made an MVO (Member of The Victorian Order) in the New Year's Honours List and received it at the castle from the Queen at an investiture on 2nd March.

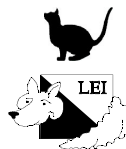
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*Roy Denney*



*(The one clock Steve will not be able to get his hands on, unless he rejoins LEI, is the LEI Clock Trophy. Editor).*



# Appointments

As some members of LEI may have become aware, following the posting on the National website on Thursday 5th April, 2012, Chris Phillips, who has recently stood down as Chairman of LEI, has been selected to be a member of the new Events & Competitions Committee (E&CC) for British Orienteering. Knowing Chris Phillips as so many of us do will not be a surprise, but I thought that it would be worthwhile to let members of the club have some background information to the appointment.

Late last year, British Orienteering asked for applications from suitably qualified individuals to fill six places on the Committee – four in the first instance, followed by two more at a later date.

Twelve people completed the extensive application form, complete with CV and personal statement. The selection panel consisted of Mike Forrest (Chair of E&CC), Scott Collier (BO Director), Helen Errington (BO Events Manager), Dave Peel (BO Events Manager) and myself, representing the twelve Regions. Prior to our deliberations, I made it known that I would stand back as far as possible from the initial deliberations of any applicant from within EMOA, but would take an active part from then onwards. The selection panel, after very detailed discussion and debate based on previously agreed criteria, which covered a wide range of requirements and expectations, selected the first four – Keith Downing (SMOC/EAOA), Graham Gristwood (SHUOC/SEOA), David May (SWOC/WOA) and Katy Stubbs (BKO/SCOA).

British Orienteering then sought further applications and/or nominations and asked the remaining eight from the original twelve to confirm their

applications. Two withdrew their applications and the six were then joined by an application from one other, namely Chris Phillips.

Following further intensive discussions, Barry Elkington (OD/WMOA) and Chris Phillips (LEI/EMOA) were selected. Each of the six selected applicants have a wide range of skills and experiences, both within orienteering from grassroots community activities to international competition, and in various aspects in their working lives outside of orienteering. The other applicants who have not been selected for the E&CC have all been asked if they are prepared to be considered for membership of any groups, sub-committees or working parties that will be set up, with approval from the British Orienteering Board, following the initial meeting of E&CC on 21<sup>st</sup> April and other meetings thereafter.

It must be noted from the outset that the members of E&CC do not specifically represent either their club or the Regional Association – they are representing British Orienteering as a corporate group and, as such, will have a responsibility to orienteers throughout the UK. Needless to say, we will learn of their meeting discussions and decisions in due course.

Finally, we can wish Chris Phillips and the other members of E&CC 'Good Luck' and appreciate that if any of them says something such as, "I hear what you say and it has definitely been noted, but at the present time I cannot possibly comment", then we should accept at face value that they actually mean it. As Peter Hornsby has commented, "Now the hard work starts!".

*Ernie Williams*



## Junior Spotlight 1: Your New Junior Representative

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Matt Cox and I am your new Junior Representative on the LEI Committee. This time last year, my only experience of orienteering had been at school and I didn't know much about it, but through running I was told about an event at Loughborough University by a coach. After running helplessly around a building on the wrong side of the road and discovering that during that time Hannah (*Matt's sister, Editor*) had run past and beaten me to the finish. I decided to attend a few more events in the summer to improve. I continued to enjoy the sport as it used running and also offered a different challenge, and I began to come to club nights which really helped me to improve. I was then asked to join the EMJOS squad and I have been on two of their training weekends to the Lake District and the Forest of Dean,

which have been challenging, but very enjoyable, and it's good to see many other LEI juniors there. I hope to continue improving and enjoying the sport that I seem to be doing every other day now!

In August, Hannah and I are intending to go to the White Rose weekend. If anyone can give us more info on which events to enter, or would like to make up a relay team with us, please let us know.



*Matt Cox*

## Organisers, Planners and Coaches

Due to the large number of events run by the Club, we need to schedule and plan use of the SI Kit in advance. We now have a couple sets of SI kit, which are rotated around different events, and the LEI SI Kit rota has now been made available via our website to see what is planned. The kit rota can be viewed at

[www.leioc.org.uk/members/guides.php](http://www.leioc.org.uk/members/guides.php) and by following the link on the Guides page. Club members will have 'view only' access to the document; if you wish to book any equipment or make any changes to the kit rota, please contact Peter Hornsby, Roger Edwards or Steve Edgar.

### Did you know?

**East Midlands Orienteering Association league events results can be found at [www.emoa.org.uk/league/index.html](http://www.emoa.org.uk/league/index.html)**

## Junior Spotlight 2: British Sprint Championships 2012

On the night before the event, we drove to York and stayed in a Premier Inn for the night. This was great, but at breakfast, Dad and I had to have porridge and cereal, whilst Reed and Mum had a full English...I was not happy! I was not nervous the day before, only excited and curious as to what it would be like. However, by the morning I was very nervous and anxious. We packed our bags and headed for the event. After registering and familiarising ourselves with the assembly point, Dad and I readied ourselves for the heats. Luckily, I came fifth in my heat, so I just managed to scrape through into the A final. I was full of adrenaline and was ready for the final, but I had a three hour wait so I had to keep myself warm and have a bite to eat to keep up my energy. Soon it was time for the final. I was the first person off in the final. I was bombarded with nervousness, excitement and determination. At the end of the race, there was a sigh of relief. The hard work paid off because I had come 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. During the event, I also made good friends with an orienteer from another club. After the event, Dad treated us to a Toby Carvery with most of the other LEI members, which was great. Then we travelled back home that night. It

seemed to take for hours. The whole weekend was fantastic!

*Finn Lydon*



*Finn in action during the British Sprint Championships around York University.  
Photo: Wendy Carlyle, flickr*

**Don't forget to visit the BOF website at  
<http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk> to check the latest  
information on fixtures.**



## Junior Spotlight 3: Interland 2012

Interland is a competition with an English team competing against two Belgian teams (Flemish and French speaking), a Northern French team, the Dutch and the Nordrhein-Westfalische (NW Germany). The competition is truly a team effort spanning age groups from top year W and M14 to W and M60+: 42 team members in all.

After some successful selection races, I was pleased to be selected for the competition in the south of Belgium. The team members were from clubs all over England, though the North West seemed to be well represented.

On the Friday, Richard Robinson drove Nick Malbon and me (Richard and Nick are both from NOC) down to the rendezvous at Beaconsfield. The whole team then travelled by coach to Dover. After a short, 90 minute crossing, we drove to a youth hostel in Belgium.

After a short trip back into France on Saturday, we took part in the "Citadelle de Montmèdy" middle distance event as a warm-up. The "H. Espoirs" race consisted of a short section around the Citadelle followed by a treacherous run down the 100m high hillside.

There were then a number of controls in the town below the Citadelle. This was followed by a slog back up to the Citadelle and then a quick sprint around the Citadelle and its numerous candlelit

passageways! The age classes were different from ours with a mixture of M15 and M14. I was 7th overall but 2nd M14, which was a good warm-up.

On the Sunday we had an early start (all the M14s managed to sleep through their alarms!) to drive from our accommodation in an ADEPS centre to the event area at Habay la Neuve in Belgium. The area has been used previously for a middle distance world cup race. It is a very runnable forest, with not much complex contour detail but plenty of intricate point features – charcoal burning platforms, pits and tiny clearings. As we were using Emit, the start was very different from what I am used to: everybody had a start control which was next to their map bag. This was to enable a fast way of starting with Emit where you put the brick in 5 seconds before you start and then, when you take it out, the timer starts. After a challenging course, both physically and technically, I was thrilled to come in 3rd with a time of 35:23 for a 4.1 km course.

With a number of successful results, England came 1st overall and in the junior category, both of which my result counted for.

Finally, after 12 hours of travelling, we got back home on Monday morning, all ready for school...

*Euan Tebbutt*

### Did you know?

**East Midlands Orienteering Association league events for 2012 now include a short green course.**





*The Orienteering England Interland 2012 team photo: Euan is at the right-hand end of the front row. Photo: Philip Gristwood.*

## Chairman's Trophy Awards Evening

The Chairman of Leicestershire County Council presented awards on behalf of Leicester-Shire & Rutland Sport on 15th May. Club nominations for the most improved Leicestershire based athletes were all Leicestershire Orienteering Club members: Euan Tebbutt, Finn Lydon, Hannah Cox and your new Junior LEI Committee Representative, Matt Cox.

A previous nominee, Harriet Lawson (DVO), was joined this year by Euan Tebbutt in representing England in the Interland Event in Belgium on 22nd April. Both Harriet and Euan achieved 3rd places and helped England to win in the overall and junior competitions.



*Hannah, Finn and Matt pictured with their certificates. Unfortunately, Euan was absent as he was planning a summer league event. Photo: Roger Phillips*

# Try Orienteering Sessions

In previous years, we have offered free taster sessions at various country 'fairs'. However, we have changed tack slightly this year. Instead, we have run a taster session at Loughborough High School in early May and later on we ran an evening session for a Beaver colony at Fosse Meadows. We also offered a pair of short courses as part of Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre Open Weekend on Sunday 20th May.

At the Martinshaw event in April, we raised some money for the Woodland Trust; this sum was matched by the club and some club members have further matched this new figure, so we have raised just over £200. The money all goes towards the million pounds needed for the Diamond Wood. On Friday 1st June when the forest is inaugurated by Princess Anne, we are offering another taster event where there is a celebration in this flagship wood at Ravenstone. We are planning some courses for you to race on, too.

At 9.15am on Saturday 16th June following the (free) 5km Park Run, we are offering Amble/ Jog /Run courses in Braunstone Park.

In February, we were awarded a

Certificate of Excellence for our work in the Hinckley & Bosworth Sports and Health Alliance area. We were up against stiff opposition with the Leicestershire Youth Sailing winning the outstanding club trophy.

We have been working with the Physical Activity Development Officer at Hinckley and Bosworth Council on a new promotion. For this summer's school holidays, for the first time we are offering a summer scheme programme. We are seeking families, active adults and the retired to have a go. Publicity will be sent out shortly. There will be two chances for newcomers to attend: Market Bosworth Country Park on Wednesday afternoons - the lead Coach will be Chris Bosley, and Burbage Common Visitor Centre 6.00pm to 7.30pm on Mondays - the lead coach will be Howard Alcock. We are expecting help at each session from H&B's university work placement students.

Other club coaches will be taking on the role when Chris and Howard are on holiday or at the Welsh 6 Days. There will be a small charge similar to our club night arrangement.

*Roger Edwards*

Keep yourself fit for Orienteering.

Either at Braunstone Park or Conkers Park

A weekly free 5Km timed run.

For details, see either:

[www.parkrun.org.uk/braunstone/home](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/braunstone/home)

or [www.parkrun.org.uk/conkers/home](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/conkers/home)

Note: it is necessary to register on the website before your first race.



# Roger Alan Williamson

2nd December 1946 to 11th February 2012

As many club members will know, Roger died peacefully in his sleep in early February, 2012. In March, 2003, Roger was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and in August, 2007, this was changed to Multiple System Atrophy, a form of Parkinson's Disease.

Roger was introduced to orienteering by LEI members, Dave & Marian Meats, in 1979/80. For several years, Roger had been the Club's Membership and Event Entries Secretary. These two 'backroom jobs', essential to the smooth running of the club, are something most of us take for granted. As the organiser of several of our Level A events, I have, on occasions, been mightily reassured by Roger's calmness and clear control of the situation when our entries and the seeding system seemed to be falling down around our ears.

A lifelong Teacher, outside of Orienteering, Roger's interests were many and varied. A passion for trains and trams, an ardent Liverpool Football Club supporter, sailing, basketball and bridge – to name but a few! At Roger's funeral, the Chapel at Loughborough Crematorium was full to overflowing with many people standing. A reflection not only on Roger's wide interests, but on the great respect, affection and esteem that he was held in by so many people.

*Roger pictured on his 65th birthday.  
Photo: Jack Edwards*

As a Club we will miss Roger. As individuals, many of us will miss Roger's friendship, his humour and his great sense of fun. During the last years of his illness, his fortitude and sense of calm have been a great inspiration to us. May he Rest in Peace. Our love and condolences go to Ursula, Jenny and Chris.

*Chris Phillips*



## Colour Coded Awards

As well as the British Orienteering Incentives, the Racing and the Navigation Challenges, as explained in the Spring LEI NEWS, the East Midlands Orienteering Association operates a competitive colour-coded award scheme. In simple terms, you need to get **three** qualifying standards, i.e. race round a course within the winner's time plus 50%. The time standard for each event is normally shown on the results front page, so you can easily work out if you have met it.

Many of our newer or younger members have improved significantly and have achieved the awards over the last year. Well done to ...

White	Harrington Leake Oscar Wilkinson	Ben Hardy Sian Edwards	Ngaia Herd
Yellow	Reed Lydon	Daisy Herd	Holly White
Orange	Ethan Tebbutt	Imogen Wilson	
Light Green	Hannah Cox	Wendy West	
Green	Finn Lydon Euan Tebbutt	Matt Cox Alan West	Simon West Liz Heaton
Blue	Nigel Lydon Chris Heaton	Trish Lydon Ian Wilson	Tracey Brookes

If you have been missed out and want a certificate, please ask David Anderson to add you to the list.

*Roger Edwards*

## Attention all Mappers!

### MAPPING FORUM

There is an informal meeting for all those involved or interested in the mapping of our club areas. Subjects to be covered include: areas being mapped and developments in mapping technology (GPS, LIDAR, OCAD).

All welcome, no experience necessary.

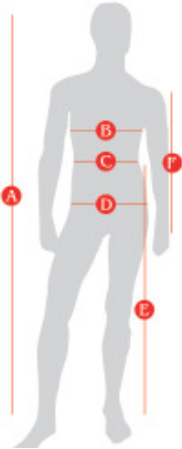
**Monday 11th June 2012**  
**Groby Community College**  
**7.30pm**

*Peter Hornsby*



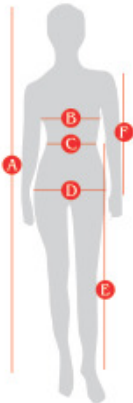
# Club Shop

As mentioned in Captain's corner, below is a picture of the new LEI tops that have been purchased so far in **junior** sizes. Also below is a size chart .



## Men /unisex/

SIZE	S
Measure	
A Height	168-174
B Chest	88 - 94
C Waist	80 - 84
D Hip	92 - 96
E Side seam	96 -100
F Arm	62 - 65



## Women sizes

SIZE	XS
Measure	
A Height	158-164
B Chest	76-82
C Waist	62-66
D Hip	86-90
E Side seam	90-93
F Arm	58-60



## Kids sizes

SIZE	120	130	140	150
Age	6-7	8-9	10-11	12-13
Measure				
A Height	116-122	128-134	140-146	152-158
B Chest	60-64	64-68	68-72	72-76
C Waist	56-59	59-62	62-65	66-70
D Hip	66-70	70-74	74-78	78-82
E Side seam	52-56	56-60	62-66	68-72
F Arm	41-44	44-48	48-52	52-56



# Club Shop

## Clothing

Currently, we have the following sizes in the **current** design of LEI tops

- **One short-sleeved extra large XL 48inches/122cm reduced to £20**
- **One short-sleeved extra, extra large XXL 54inches /137cm reduced to £20**
- **Two long-sleeved large L 46 inches/ 117cm £32**
- **One long-sleeved extra large XL 48inches /122cm reduced to £20**

Measurements are made around the chest at underarm level.

These LEI tops are made of stronger, more durable material than the new junior tops which are about to make their appearance. Prices are reduced on unpopular sizes.

## **Also:**

- **2 pairs of O socks (blue or green ) £9.90**
- **LEI fleece hats (navy - 6, grey—2 or red - 1) £6**
- **5 pairs of one size gloves £1**
- **3 navy club polo shirts with fox logo XL (50inches/128cm) reduced to £4**

## Sundries

Long control card holder £5, whistle & string 65p, banana protector £2 20

Boot Laces, e.g. Doc Marten 50p, polythene map bags 10p, 15p.

You can always contact me through John (Retired Man) or e-mail [irene.marriott@ntlworld.com](mailto:irene.marriott@ntlworld.com) or phone 0116 2364295

Don't forget rankings can be found by looking on the British Orienteering website at [www.britishorienteering.org.uk/page/rankings](http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/page/rankings) although this site only lists six events.

For a greater listing of events, try Oliver O'Brien's UK Orienteering Athlete Stats at [www.oobrien.com/stats/index.php](http://www.oobrien.com/stats/index.php) for both rankings and a toughness ranking.



# Burleigh Club Night at Loughborough

With the support of the Charnwood Borough Council Active Together Scheme and funds from British Orienteering, we have now been operating a Monday night Community Orienteering Club at Burleigh College, Loughborough, since 20th February, led by myself and Ruth Shedden.

An initial flurry of publicity work and a couple of small 'taster' events on the campus led to interest from a variety of people. The club now consists mainly of family groups and has tried to emphasise the fun and enjoyment that can be had running around with map in hand, while at the same time introducing those orienteering techniques and skills that so many of us take for granted. We now have a small group of regular club members with skills and abilities at all levels.

Newcomers, individuals or family groups are always welcome with the most recent beginners only starting in mid April. We meet from 6.30pm to 8.00pm on Monday nights, school holidays permitting.

We have also now held one successful evening away from the Burleigh campus when we teamed up with the Monday night Groby club to hold a session at Johns Lee Scout Site. This was enjoyed by all and it is hoped that further off-site

sessions can be organised.

You may have seen some of the new Burleigh Club members at recent LEI events, where they have competed and had a good time. I am sure you will see more of them at future events.

The school campus at Burleigh College and a small patch of woodland off the playing fields have been re-mapped for us and the campus now has permanent course markers. The members of Burleigh Community Orienteering Club would like to publicly thank all those people in the background, whose hard work has gone into setting up the club, and we hope to be using these facilities for a long time to come. As the club grows and orienteering abilities develop, we will be on the look out for other coaches to come and lead sessions for us..... you have been warned!



*Mark  
Sherriff*

## Out and About

One thing I have not been of late is out and about. A stubborn back problem has curtailed my activities more than a little, although I have walked around the odd orienteering course. As I pen this, I am just off to Connemara for a week's walking holiday with my climbing club and

with our Chairman as my guest. Kill or cure is a term that springs to mind, coupled with drowning rats, given recent weather. More of Ireland later.

Statistics being compiled for the last year show depressing signs for several bird species. In the last 50 years hen harriers





have been re-colonising England despite the activities of gamekeepers on the grouse moors. Last year, however, there were only four successful breeding pairs, and they are close to vanishing from England for the second time. The four successes were all on the Bowland moors in Lancashire. Another species rapidly vanishing is the Turtle Dove - down 95% over the last half century. Habitat and food sources in England are a major problem for them, but changing habitats in Africa where they migrate to, and from, are also a problem, and as always they are hunted as they fly between these areas.

Farming practices have put lots of farmland birds at risk, in particular once fairly common Skylark, Grey Partridge, Yellow Wagtail, Lapwing and Corn Bunting. The first two of these are doing quite well locally, as the transition from once arable or pasture land to the new National Forest takes place. Until the newly planted trees suppress the wild grassland understorey, it is ideal terrain for them, which does show they have a capacity for fighting back if we can recreate suitable habitats for them.

There are over fifty species in Britain causing real concern. Amongst woodland species, the Tree Pipit, Wood Warbler, Lesser Redpoll, Hawfinch, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, and Willow and Marsh Tits are in trouble. Recent widespread breeding failures have raised worries about important seabird populations, especially Roseate Terns, Arctic Skuas and perhaps, surprisingly, the Herring Gull. Even that most iconic of visitors, the Cuckoo, is in decline. One bright spot on the horizon is the Black Grouse. Still fairly desperately clinging on with man's help, in those areas where it has been re-introduced, the population in the north of England doubled last year to 1,000 birds.

One find which may interest you was close to Clapham where my climbing club has one of its cottages - signs of early residents of the dales have been uncovered by members of the Ingleborough Archaeology Group. After weeks investigating a remote site on the slopes of Ingleborough to the west of Selside, they discovered the first seventh-century construction to be positively identified in the park – and one of the first in the north of England.

They uncovered a small, rectangular, partly stone-built building with two rooms, and in it found sixteen pieces of charcoal impressed into the compacted soil floor. Two of these were sent for radiocarbon dating and returned identical dates – between AD 660 and 780, which puts the end of the site's use firmly within the Anglo-Saxon period. That makes this building the only firmly-dated, post-Roman archaeological site in Ribblesdale, which is of more than local significance. They also found small pieces of chert, the dark, rock-like flint that was knapped to make small tools, and these are likely to date from the early Neolithic period, possibly 6,000 years ago, and it was probably pure chance that the pieces found their way into the building – they may have been trapped in turfs used for sealing the walls or roof.

Members have this year again stayed at my club's Little Langdale Cottage for the British Champs, and if any group of members wishes to use either property they should contact me.

I would like to turn to the Brand now as I have just finished remapping it and, in the process, have researched matters that I did not previously know. I also dug about in the annals to explain it to members of my club when I organised a meet for them in the National Forest. A 13 mile Charnwood circular for the walking members passed by the Brand. Old



climbing guides talk of the larger quarry in the garden - "this crag-like quarry offers some very fine climbing on steep, often perfect, slate. The setting is idyllic, especially in the sun on a summer's evening. The rock is smooth but blocky, some of the blocks having razor sharp edges. The routes are long." This garden is also an area of special scientific interest because of rare lichens and other plant rarities.

Before the enclosures, each year stock used to be driven off the hills of Charnwood Forest to places on the edge, to be marked with the brands of the owners. The Brand was one such place. Slate quarrying was a growth industry in the Brand area in the 17th and 18th centuries, with the product being used for headstones, gate posts, buildings, walling and flagstones. Swithland slate is still in high demand for matching work, as it is almost indestructible. The Brand is almost like something out of Lord of the Rings, as those of you who have run in there will know. The quarrying works cut the solid slate hill into a myriad of large and small quarry workings, and pumping stations were built; rivers were diverted and on one level the area could be said to be a mess. Eventually, however, quarrying ceased and the owners of the Big House landscaped the site, amongst other things, by part filling the middle of a long, thin quarry to give Trout Water and Perch Water (the main climbing quarry). The Brand Estate was sold to the Martins in 1887, and further landscaping has been done and the area allowed to naturalise. You now have an ecological oddity rich in wildlife, but with streams appearing to run through rock faces and complexity of landforms, such that people get lost in there without any difficulty at all! I have. Ten foot high bracken in areas does not help. I cannot imagine any area of a similar size having so many landform features. The land is strictly

private, but any reasonable approach is usually accommodated and we are always welcome. I have bumped into scouts, pond dippers, twitchers, bug collectors and all manner of people in there. One good reason for asking permission is that shooters are also allowed in occasionally.

Going further afield, the government has announced the route of the first stretch of the English coastal path, bringing the vision of a continuous coastal path one step closer to reality. The path runs around Weymouth Bay and we can only hope the government can find the fairly modest monies to press on with the next stages of this exciting project and bring the benefits to the rest of England. The Minister responsible has, however, warned about holding our breath. The 870 mile (1,400 km) all-Wales coastal path is now complete and will be officially opened in May.

The path stretches from the Dee Estuary in north east Wales, west to Anglesey, Gwynedd, and down the south west Wales coast, going east to Cardiff and Newport, with views over the Bristol Channel. It is as near to the coast as legally and physically practicable, and in tourist speak, "The Coast Path winds its way through towns and villages, across cliff tops and sandy beaches, sometimes darting inland before emerging once again at a sheltered cove or tiny hamlet that you would forever miss when travelling by car, bus or train."

Good news from the White Peak! The threat hanging over the Roaches appears to have been removed. On the market since last year, this area has now been withdrawn from sale and the local Wildlife Trust has taken out a 125 year lease on it. The Trust has undertaken to keep it open to walkers, etc.

*Roy Denney*



# Magnetic Storms at Brereton Spurs

Well, we all know that a poor workman blames his tools... BUT

At the Compass Sport Cup at Brereton Spurs on 19th February, a number of us felt that something funny was going on with our compasses. My compass was rotating erratically and I vowed that I would log on and purchase a posh one like Nigel's immediately after I got home. It wasn't until we were making our excuses later in the pub that we realised that each of us was not alone.

After 16 years as a Geophysicist measuring and making maps of the Earth's magnetic field, I felt sure that I must be able to come up with a valid excuse for my tragic performance for the club that we'd only just joined!

So, there are three likely causes:

1. The company that makes very large magnets for the military, down on the industrial estate on the edge of the town.

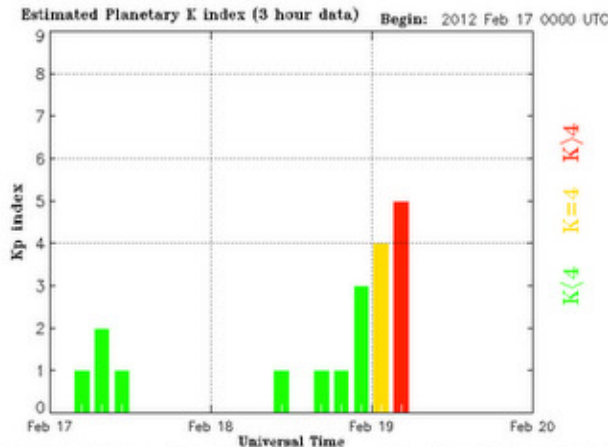
Their website didn't give too much away for obvious reasons.

2. Geology. Coal measures don't usually produce a magnetic anomaly and there are no other suspicious features on the local geology map.

3. Magnetic Storm Activity. We are currently at the peak of an eleven year cycle for magnetic storm activity. Coronal mass ejections send high energy charged particles towards Earth that connect with the Earth's Magnetic Field, and stream into the North and South Magnetic Poles. The Northern Lights have been spotted as far South as Northumberland, which has not happened since the 1960s. On the 19th February, Sunspot regions 1402 and 1401 (ooh, those two!) were active and produced a sudden onset of a magnetic storm that began in the USA at 00.42 and was classed as a G1 magnetic storm (proper big 'un). I have not found out what time it hit Brereton Spurs

because no-one was recording there, but by way of consolation, the BGS were recording at Keyworth and the Kp index was twice as bad on the 22nd Feb!

An ex-colleague at BAS confirmed to me that the largest magnetic deflection that he can imagine to an orienteering compass under these conditions might be up to 8 degrees. Does that get me off the hook for that performance? And in anyone's language .... red stripes on a graph must be bad.



Editor. For those with a hard copy, the right hand bar is red. To view the colour bar chart, look us up at: [www.leioc.org.uk/members/lej\\_news.php](http://www.leioc.org.uk/members/lej_news.php)

*Julie Ferris*



# Photo Gallery



*Ben Hardy powering his way to 4th place on the white course at the British Long Distance Championships. Photo: Alison Hardy.*



*Ruth Shedden, with son Rory, collecting her prize for winning the W35S course at the JK. Photo: Angus Shedden.*



*Team 5076 after finishing second at the JK in the Mixed Ad Hoc class relay event.— l to r: Wilbert Hollinger (Ruth's Dad), Euan Tebbutt and Angus Shedden. Photo: Ruth Shedden.*





*Peter Hornsby on the run to the finish at the Midlands Championships. Photo: Alan West.*



*Peter Leake on the run to the finish at the Midlands Championships. Photo: Alan West.*



*Members and guests waiting for the starters to be served at the presentation dinner. Photo: Alan West.*

# Retired Man or should that be: Iron Man

On 29th December, 2011, the fan on our gas boiler is threatening to stop working. John orders a new part which arrives just before he goes skiing, but he has no time to fit it.

On New Year's day, Retired Man sets off skiing with son, Andrew, to join daughter, Suzi, and her husband, Edd, in Valmeinier. Savoie, France.

On 4th January, the boiler breaks down. I fetch the electric heaters down from the loft; they are a bit dusty and so they pong when switched on. The January weather is cold and windy.

Meanwhile, on 6th January, John phones home—"I'm on the train", but it's the train to Milan and Verona to join his other skiing buddies, including Chris Bosley for his second skiing jolly, while wifey at home retreats into just a few rooms and wraps up well to survive the harsh weather without a boiler for another week.

It is not until 14th January that Retired Man returns from skiing and fixes the boiler after a tricky time trying to get the bits of the fan apart.

He has been home for only sixteen hours when it is time to orienteer again: at Shining Cliff with Sue Bicknell. In Cropston, the boiler breaks down again, but it's only a safety button that's tripped and Retired Man soon sorts that out on his return.

The icy -cold weather continues, but does not deter LEI's Post Bashing gang at Burleigh School. Retired Man returns home very cold. It is just starting to snow,

continuing through the night, and we wake to four inches of snow all around. Andrew has cleared most of the snow from the drive when John goes to help, and within a few minutes has injured his back.

But he is able to hobble round the night O at Market Bosworth and come in 10th place.

It does have pockets....if you're not wearing it inside out!

After more post bashing (or putting up plaques for those with a bad back), John returns home very cold, wishing his fleece had pockets. "It does have pockets," I reply, "if you're not wearing it inside out!"

It's 14th February and Retired Man is off for his third skiing holiday. (This time I come along, too, but I don't ski.) Although we travel there with Sno coach, the journey home is a Retired Man Special involving the hotel handiman's van, TGV (Train Grande Vitesse) changing stations across Paris, more trains to Calais, then a bus with the local drunks and finally a long walk to the ferry terminal dragging those suitcases with little wheels across the cobbles. Thank goodness it wasn't raining. We are grateful for the rest as we make the ferry crossing. Do we look like suspicious characters or drug smugglers? Don't they like foot passengers? Why are we bombarded with questions by passport/customs on landing in the UK? Where



have you been? Why? How long for? What were the transport arrangements? (The Retired Man Special travel plans could take a lot of explaining!)

The following afternoon, we travel with Roger Edwards to a most amazing funeral. Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Roger Williamson .

The chapel is full to bursting with thirty or more orienteers, and many teachers from Rawlins where he taught Chemistry. There are people standing round the walls - all the seats are taken. There are no hymns to sing, so no embarrassing quiet congregation who don't know the words or the tune. Ursula, Chris and Jenni lead us in a celebration of his life with stories to retell of such a gentle man, poems and a song from Ewan MacColl. I'm sure we all learnt something about Roger we never knew before .

Afterwards, Ursula invites us to 'play sardines' as a great many people are able to return to their Quorn home for an incredible variety of food and drink.

I am not surprised that many people declared that "I want a funeral like that."

We will all miss Roger and our sympathies go out to Ursula and family.

At the Club Dinner we saw the first appearance of the new trophies - are they egg cups or whisky shot glasses? Retired Man does not win a trophy so this problem is theoretical. Congratulations to all trophy winners and especially to Chris Phillips for all those years of hard work. Earlier in that week, the football final between Liverpool and Cardiff had to be decided on penalties. After nail biting, heart stopping, 'what a plonker!' shots at goal, Liverpool won 3:2. As it was extremely difficult to decide the winner of the summer league, perhaps a penalty shoot out would have been appropriate.

On Monday 26th March, John trips over a ramp-thing at Groby club night and grazes his hands and knees, and rips his jeans at the knee. Never mind, ripped jeans can be converted to shorts. It doesn't seem right that you can orienteer in brambles, gullies, rocky outcrops and then get injured at a school!

In March, lots of red and white metal signs belonging to the National Grid started to appear around the villages from Quorn, Rothley, Thurcaston, Cropston, Anstey and Glenfield. The signs read 'SITE ACCESS AHEAD' or 'SITE ACCESS', but nothing happened for weeks. Then, in early April, teams of bright yellow little men can be seen working high up in the pylons. They are changing the dark grey double insulators (the dangling things) for glassy-green single insulators.

From the upstairs 'Orienteering Room' (Suzi's old bedroom), John watches through binoculars and is fascinated by the work of the pylon men just a field away. Our pylon line, alongside Rothley Brook, connects to Ratcliffe power station and the men are working on one side of the tower with the electricity switched off, while the other side is still live.

When the men have gone home, he goes to investigate the long wooden boxes on the floor that contained the insulators.

Retired Man researched on the internet and was soon quoting all sorts of nerdy facts and figures about Pylons, e.g. in the UK, we use the term electricity pylon but in the USA it is a transmission tower, hydrotower in Canada and, wait for it, in

John watches  
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Australia it is IRONMAN. So, if I call him Ironman, it's not because he is like Robert Downey Jr. from the Ironman film, nor is it because he has swum 2.4 miles in open water, jumped on a bike and cycled 112 miles and finally run 26.2 miles. No, it's because he has become fascinated by pylons and the little yellow figures working in this dangerous environment.

There is a Pylon Appreciation Society with a field guide to British Electricity Pylons at £15 life membership. I could not resist putting his name forward and I am now waiting for the welcome pack with photocards, a 10" x 8" print called 'parts of a pylon', minicards and a metal badge. Junior members receive a word search and instructions on how to draw a pylon, too. There is a photo gallery of exhibition images taken by a lady photographer called Flash, from Leytonstone.

To celebrate Andrew's 30th birthday at the end of April, the Marriott clan (John, Irene, Andrew, Suzi and Edd) went for a short break to Center Parcs, Longleat, Wiltshire. On the long journey, Ironman found it impossible not to look at, and comment on, the pylons.

From Center Parcs, John still found time to go orienteering at Grovely Hill, organised by Sarum O. They were very interested at Registration to see that John has replaced the battery in his emit card - there is sticky red glue on it (which dribbled down my Fairy Liquid bottle, too). Is he starting a revolution for orienteers who want to change the battery themselves?? I wander through the area, photograph some amazingly shaped tree trunks and then wait at the finish where I am amused by the number of people covered in sticky burrs. John, too, has his share of sticky burrs. Isn't nature's way of spreading seeds fascinating?

John spends his time at Center Parcs keeping up with Edd and Andrew, as they go swimming, biking and on the high-in-the-trees ropes course which ends with a zip wire across the lake.

What a horrid, miserable, wet start to 25th April, the day of the summer league event at Charnwood

Forest South, organised by Retired Man. Wednesday night is Brownies and Guides night and I have secretly arranged to have the evening off, so John is very pleased, but surprised, to see me, bringing hot coffee and helping out with registration under the Christmas tree shelter. From the panoramic view on the hilltop, the dark shower clouds can be seen rolling in, but there is another drama unfolding. Most folks have gone home or to the Bradgate Arms in Cropston for curry night. It's getting late, going dark and there is still one woman out there orienteering while her friend waits in the car. John, Chris Bosley and the Christmas tree man start to search, but the woman soon emerges. Too late and too dark to bring in any more controls, we head for the pub and are grateful they are still serving curry.

In the pub, much discussion follows about the lost woman. Would anyone have formed a search party now that they were changed into dry clothes and sunk a few pints? When do you call 999? Getting lost on a daytime course is not so bad as it is not about to go dark. Bringing in controls does not help any lost person to relocate themselves.

Early next morning, my friend, Christine,

## There is a P y l o n Appreciation Society ...





Milo the dog and I went back to collect in ten controls, while John is across the road in Benscliffe. However, John spent much of the next day searching at home for the start box. He must have searched the car and all those kites and canes at least four times. The start box was eventually found inside his wet O shoes and now he could begin to process the results data.

## When do you call 999?

Thursday evenings find me helping out the Duke of Edinburgh teams at Rawlins College, Quorn. On 3rd May, I recognise someone reading the notice board: it's Ursula. She has come along to help.

Retired man has been trying out a map and compass GPS application from a chap in North Carolina, USA. "It can't be working properly, it thinks I'm at the North Pole." More consultation: "now it's the South Pole." Even more adjustments gives 'latitude 0 degrees, longitude 0 degrees' which is.....I do know where, but leave my readers to find out for themselves. A little more consultation and at last the app puts John in Cropston and he can set off walking round the block and near the pylons, putting in more data. He is hoping to use the app to simulate O

events, both normal and radio orienteering.

He has made a virtual radio O course by finding the bearings for our local pylons and using them as radio O controls. The pylons have been given Ironman codes PX1, PX2, etc

Ursula is persuaded by John and Captain Bob to go to Beaudesert, in Cannock Chase, to try radio O, but I don't think they tell her it's the British Championships! Perhaps John's virtual radio O has helped him? Perhaps not? On Day One, on wavelength 3.5MHz in M60 age group, Retired Man only manages 6th out of 8, but shines on Day 2, 144 MHz, becoming **M60 champion. Captain Bob wins M70 on both days.** Ursula competed on just the first day, coming second of two at W50. Hopefully she wasn't put off. She has now borrowed a book, written by Bob Titterington, on radio orienteering techniques. If you want to know more, try the ARDF website (Amateur Radio Direction Finding) <http://www.rsgb.org/radiosport/ardf/>

Well, there's lots more orienteering to look forward to, perhaps a trip to Bulgaria, and the little yellow men have still to come back and change the insulators on the other side of the towers. In summary, a lot more stories waiting to unfold. Happy orienteering!

*Irene Marriott*

## STOP PRESS

A date for your diaries.

The next annual presentation evening will take place on Saturday 16th March, 2013.



# Summer League Table (abbreviated) top 40 places as at 15th May, 2012

Pos	Name	Club	Class	Best 6 to date	Handicap	Events	Total
1	Howard Alcock	LEI	M40	640	691	60	751
2	Euan Tebbutt	LEI	M14	553	641	60	701
3	David Bray	LEI	M55	490	588	60	648
4	Alastair Paterson	LEI	M45	518	580	60	640
5	Simon Ford	LEI	M65	446	571	60	631
6	Alison Hardy	LEI	W45	480	557	60	617
7	Ian Wilson	LEI	M45	452	507	60	567
8	Mark Sherriff	LEI	M50	432	502	60	562
9	Ursula Williamson	LEI	W50	417	501	60	561
10	Finn Lydon	LEI	M14	417	484	60	544
11	Jeffrey Baker	LOG	M60	390	483	60	543
12	John Marriott	LEI	M60	383	475	60	535
13	Trish Lydon	LEI	W40	417	467	60	527
14	Robert Haskins	LEI	M60	381	472	50	522
15	Peter Hornsby	LEI	M55	393	472	50	522
16	Tracey Brookes	LEI	W45	395	458	60	518
17	Tanya Taylor	LOG	W40	404	453	60	513
18	Imogen Wilson	LEI	W12	361	448	60	508
19	Robert Titterington	LEI	M70	343	452	50	502
20	Matthew Cox	LEI	M18	399	431	50	481
21	Stuart Tyler	LEI	M45	354	396	50	446
22	Roger Phillips	LEI	M35	377	392	50	442
23	Hannah Cox	LEI	W16	332	385	50	435
24	Derek Herd	LEI	M40	355	383	50	433
25	Chris Bosley	LEI	M65	280	358	60	418
26	Keith Willdig	OD	M60	303	375	40	415
27	Kevin Gallagher	LEI	M60	286	355	50	405
28	Peter Leake	LEI	M70	269	355	50	405
29	Angus Shedden	LEI	M35	302	314	40	354
30	Steve Edgar	LEI	M45	261	292	50	342
31	Nigel Lydon	LEI	M45	268	300	40	340
32	Reed Lydon	LEI	W10	212	272	60	332
33	Alan West	LEI	M50	237	275	50	325
34	Nicholas Wilson	LEI	M14	236	273	40	313
35	Chris Phillips	LEI	M65	208	266	40	306
36	Gabriel Rawlinson	LEI	W14	218	262	30	292
37	Jamie Sutherland	LEI	M40	236	255	30	285
38	Barbara Tebbutt	LEI	W45	215	250	30	280
39	Ethan Tebbutt	LEI	M12	188	230	30	260
40	Roger Edwards	LEI	M60	168	208	40	248



# Fixtures News

## The Maize is Back Again!

After last year's successful 'BEE Amazing' event, the club has once again been able to negotiate with the good folk at Wistow for the use of the Wistow Maze for an Orienteering Event. This year's event will be on Saturday 29th September. The theme of the Maze this year will be the Olympics - but it's still got to grow! More details on the club web site later in the Summer.

## EMOA Urban League

This year, the East Midlands Orienteering Association (EMOA) have introduced an Urban League. There are four events in the League. LEI's contribution is the Ashby Urban Event on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Further details available later in the summer, but we are provisionally looking at the event starting at 2.30pm.

For more details on the EMOA Urban League: <http://eastmidlandsurbanleague.wordpress.com>

## Midlands Night Championships

The Club's bid to host the 2012 Midlands Night Championships has been accepted and they will take place in the Spring Cottage Area on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012.

## British Sprint Championships - 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2013

A reminder to everybody that this premier event is less than 12 months away. This is a major event and will require help from everybody in the club, so please make sure the event is in your diary.

## British Night Championships

The club is currently bidding to hold the British Nights in either 2015 or 2016. We shall know in the autumn whether we have been successful in our bid.

*Chris Phillips*

# Club and Activity Night Contacts

Monday night, Groby Community College, contact Birthe Richter-Wilson

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[rwmhedwards@gmail.com](mailto:rwmhedwards@gmail.com)

Thursday night, Groby Community College, contact Howard Alcock

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# Fixtures

This fixture list is intended to list events in and around the Midlands and neighbouring areas, plus other items likely to be of interest. Unless otherwise stated, local events offer entry on the day (EOD) to a range of colour-coded courses, with start times from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Local events will only have a limited range of courses. Regional and National events provide a range of age-related courses and are normally entered in advance online. EOD will usually be limited and more expensive. Most will offer a limited number of colour-coded courses for EOD.

The OS map reference is either the car park or point from which the event will be signposted. The list is based on BOF registration, but events are sometimes cancelled. If you are uncertain as to whether an event will take place, check with the organiser, check on [www.leioc.org.uk](http://www.leioc.org.uk) or check on [www.britishorienteering.org.uk](http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk). The editors take no responsibility for wasted journeys !

## EVENT STRUCTURE IN FIXTURE LISTS

- Level D = Relatively low-cost events providing local competition and aimed at increasing participation.
- Level C = Local events providing a wider variety of venues and competitors.
- Level B = Events providing opportunities for more experienced competitors, giving a wider variety of terrain and competition for those who are prepared to travel longer distances.
- Level A = Major UK Events.

## June 2012

7th	LEI EMOA Level D	Summer League 9. See list on pages 40/41.
10th	DVO EMOA Level C	DVO EM League, Allestree Park, Derby, <a href="http://SK352408">SK352408</a> Organiser: Kim Buxton <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk/">www.dvo.org.uk/</a>
12th	LEI EMOA Level D	Summer League 10. See list on pages 40/41.
17th	LEI EMOA	EMOA League Event, Burbage Common, Burbage Common and Woods, Hinckley <a href="http://www.leioc.org.uk">www.leioc.org.uk</a>



<b>June 2012 cont.</b>		
20th	LEI EMOA Level D	<b>Summer League 11. See list on pages 40/41.</b>
23rd/24th	NOR EAOA Level B	Junior Inter-Regional Championships, Sandringham Country Park, King's Lynn, <a href="http://TF690290">TF690290</a> Organiser: Alan Bedder <a href="http://www.norfolkoc.co.uk">www.norfolkoc.co.uk</a>
24th	SAX SEOA Level B	SAX Canterbury Urban Race, Canterbury, Canterbury, <a href="http://TR152579">TR152579</a> Organiser: Sarah Howes , sarahmhowes@hotmail.co.uk , 01892 723327 <a href="http://www.saxons-oc.org">www.saxons-oc.org</a>
26th	LEI EMOA Level D	<b>Summer League 12. See list on pages 40/41.</b>
<b>July 2012</b>		
1st	LEI EMOA Level D	<b>Summer League 13. See list on pages 40/41.</b>
8th	NOC EMOA Level C	<b>Nottingham City Race</b> , Nottingham City, Nottingham, <a href="http://SK572399">SK572399</a> <a href="http://www.noc-uk.org">www.noc-uk.org</a>
10th	LEI EMOA Level D	<b>Summer League 14. See list on pages 40/41.</b>
15th	NOC EMOA Level D	Summer League 3/6, Colwick Park, Nottingham, <a href="http://SK603392">SK603392</a> Entry times: 10:00 - 11:00. <a href="http://www.noc-uk.org">www.noc-uk.org</a>
18th	LEI EMOA Level D	<b>Summer League 15. See list on pages 40/41.</b>
22nd-28th	SWOC WOA Level B	<b>Welsh 6 day CROESO</b> , Gwanas, Aberystwyth, <a href="http://SH771166">SH771166</a> Organiser: Peter Nicholson <a href="http://www.croesomultiday.org.uk">www.croesomultiday.org.uk</a>
24th	LEI EMOA Level D	<b>Summer League 16. See list on pages 40/41.</b>
29th	NOC EMOA Level D	Summer League 4/6, Wollaton Park, Nottingham, <a href="http://SK533393">SK533393</a> Entry times: 10:00 - 11:00. <a href="http://www.noc-uk.org">www.noc-uk.org</a>



<b>July 2012 cont.</b>		
31st	LEI EMOA Level D	Summer League 17. See list on pages 40/41.
<b>August 2012</b>		
5th	LEI EMOA Level D	Summer League 18. See list on pages 40/41.
9th	LEI EMOA Level D	Summer League 19. See list on pages 40/41.
14th	LEI EMOA Level D	Summer League 20. See list on pages 40/41.
19th	NOC EMOA Level D	Summer League 5/6, Rushcliffe Country Park, Nottingham, <a href="#">SK575320</a> Entry times: 10:00 - 11:00. <a href="http://www.noc-uk.org">www.noc-uk.org</a>
22nd	LEI EMOA Level D	Summer League 21. See list on pages 40/41.
25th	EBOR YHOA Level B	<b>White Rose Individual 1</b> , Wykeham Forest, Scarborough, <a href="#">SE932867</a> Dogs: On lead and in assembly area only. Organiser: Mike Ridealgh , wr2012organiser@gmail.com , 07710002961 <a href="http://www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk">www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk</a>
26th	EBOR YHOA Level B	<b>White Rose Individual 2</b> , Wykeham Forest, Scarborough, <a href="#">SE932867</a> Dogs: On lead and in assembly area only. Organiser: Mike Ridealgh , wr2012organiser@gmail.com , 07710002961 <a href="http://www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk">www.whiteroseweekend.org.uk</a>
30th	LEI EMOA Level D	Summer League 22 (final). See list on pages 40/41.
<b>September 2012</b>		
2nd	LOG EMOA Level B	<b>Lincoln City Race</b> , Lincoln City, Lincoln Organiser: Sean Harrington , sean@logonline.org.uk , 01522 791344 <a href="http://www.logonline.org.uk">www.logonline.org.uk</a>
9th	DVO EMOA Level C	DVO EM League, Longshaw, Bakewell, <a href="#">SK265799</a> Organiser: Zoe Gordon , z.gordon@ntlworld.com , 01332 835852 <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk/">www.dvo.org.uk/</a>



<b>September 2012 cont.</b>		
15th	LEI EMOA Level D	<b>LEI Club Championships, Gresley Wood and Pick Triangle, Ashby de la Zouch</b> Entry times: 11.00am to 12.00noon. Dogs: On lead. <b>Organiser: Robert Haskins , bobh@piperdrive.co.uk <a href="http://www.leioc.org.uk">www.leioc.org.uk</a></b>
22nd	SLOW SEOA Level B	The Fifth City of London Race, London City, Temple No dogs allowed. Organiser: Vince Roper , london@cityrace .org <a href="http://www.slweb.org.uk">www.slweb.org.uk</a>
23rd	CHIG SEOA Level A	<b>Southern Championships</b> , TBC, Epping, <a href="http://TQ428985">TQ428985</a> Dogs: Keep under control. Organiser: Jennifer Taylor , jennifer.taylor4@btinternet.com , 0208 440 9962 <a href="http://chig.org.uk">chig.org.uk</a>
23rd	NOC EMOA	Summer League 6/6, Brierley Country Park, Sutton-in-Ashfield, <a href="http://SK481598">SK481598</a> Entry times: 10:00 - 11:00. <a href="http://www.noc-uk.org">www.noc-uk.org</a>
<b>October 2012</b>		
7th	DVO EMOA Level C	EMOA Urban League - Wirksworth, Wirksworth, Wirksworth <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk">www.dvo.org.uk</a>
13th	OD WMOA Level B	British Schools Score Championships, Kingsbury Water Park, Kingsbury, <a href="http://SP204958">SP204958</a> No dogs allowed. Organiser: John Bowman , 01926 853720 <a href="http://www.octavian-droobers.org">www.octavian-droobers.org</a>
13th	CLOK NEOA Level B	CLOK October Odyssey Weekend Day 1 Sneaton Forest West & Parsley Beck (Masters Cup) , Sneaton Forest West & Parsley Beck, Whitby, <a href="http://NZ881023">NZ881023</a> Organiser: Joe Dobbs , fredrick.dobbs1@ntlworld.com , 01642 481135 <a href="http://www.clok.org.uk">www.clok.org.uk</a>
14th	CLOK NEOA Level B	CLOK October Odyssey Weekend Day 2 Sneaton Forest East & Biller Howe Moor (North East Champs), Sneaton Forest East & Biller Howe Moor, Whitby, <a href="http://NZ886002">NZ886002</a> <a href="http://www.clok.org.uk">www.clok.org.uk</a>
20th	LEI EMOA Level C	<b>EMOA Urban League Ashby, Ashby de la Zouch</b> Entry times: 2.00pm to 3.30pm. Dogs allowed. <a href="http://www.leioc.org.uk">www.leioc.org.uk</a>
28th	DVO EMOA	DVO EM League, Carsington Pastures, Ashbourne, <a href="http://SK245548">SK245548</a> <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk/">www.dvo.org.uk/</a>
<b>November 2012</b>		
3rd	LEI EMOA Level C	<b>Midlands Night Championships, Spring Cottage, Ashby de la Zouch</b> Organiser: Iain Tebbutt <a href="http://www.leioc.org.uk">www.leioc.org.uk</a>



## November 2012 cont.

4th	LEI EMOA Level C	EMOA League Event Spring Cottage, Spring Cottage, Ashby de la Zouch <a href="http://www.leioc.org.uk">www.leioc.org.uk</a>
10th	NOC EMOA Level D	NOC Night Event, Ollerton Pit Wood, Ollerton, <a href="http://SK668673">SK668673</a> <a href="http://www.noc-uk.org">www.noc-uk.org</a>
11th	NOC EMOA Level C	Colour Coded Event, Wellow Park, Ollerton, <a href="http://SK686672">SK686672</a> Entry times: 10:00 - 12:00. <a href="http://www.noc-uk.org">www.noc-uk.org</a>
18th	DEE NWOA Level B	British Schools' Orienteering Championships, Delamere Forest, Delamere, <a href="http://SJ540720">SJ540720</a> Organiser: Mike Smithard , 01244 380565 <a href="http://www.deeside-orienteering-club.org.uk">www.deeside-orienteering-club.org.uk</a>
25th	DVO EMOA	Regional Event, Eyam Moor & Bretton Clough, Bakewell, <a href="http://SK210778">SK210778</a> Organiser: Stuart Swalwell , stuart.swalwell2412@mac.com , 01335 347814 <a href="http://www.dvo.org.uk/">www.dvo.org.uk/</a>

## THE LEICESTERSHIRE ORIENTEERING CLUB

### Remaining events:

DATE	DAY	EVENT		ORGANISER
Jun 7th	Thu	Cademan		David Bray 0116 285 7442
Jun 12th	Tue	Burrough Hill		Peter Hornsby 01530 456 066
Jun 20th	Wed	Swithland Woods		Nigel Lydon 0116 289 7916
Jun 26th	Tue	Foxton Locks	S	Chris Phillips 0116 255 0330
Jul 1st	Sun	Irchester		Steve Edgar 07854 788 438
Jul 10th	Tue	Melton CP		Jeff Baker 01733 689 291
Jul 18th	Wed	Fosse Meadows		Roger Phillips 0796 700 9504
Jul 24th	Tue	Watermead		Kevin Bradley 01664 424 163
Jul 31st	Tue	Snibston		Peter Leake 01530 461 561
Aug 5th	Sun	Outwoods		Bob Haskins 01509 842449
Aug 9th	Thu	Treasure Hunt – venue TBC	*	TBC
Aug 14th	Tue	Willesley		Simon Starkey 01530 415 718
Aug 22nd	Wed	Oakham Woodlands		Simon Ford 0116 259 9448
Aug 30th	Thu	Donisthorpe		Mark Sheriff 01530 417 188





<b>December 2012</b>		
1st	SLOW SEOA Level B	Southern Night Champs, Esher, Esher <a href="http://www.sloweb.org.uk">www.sloweb.org.uk</a>
9th	SARUM SWOA Level B	Yvette Baker Trophy Final, Collingbourne Woods, nr Ludgershall, South West No dogs allowed. Organiser: Chic Young , chic.young693@tiscali.co.uk
16th	OD WMOA Level C	OD Colour-coded Event & WMOA League 10, Hopwas Wood, Tamworth, <a href="http://SK158072">SK158072</a> Entry times: 10am to 12noon. No dogs allowed. <a href="http://www.octavian-droobers.org">www.octavian-droobers.org</a>
23rd	NOC EMOA Level C	NOC Christmas Event and EM League, Walesby, Ollerton, <a href="http://SK664703">SK664703</a> Entry times: 10:00 - 12:00. <a href="http://www.noc-uk.org">www.noc-uk.org</a>
30th	LEI EMOA	<b>EMOA League Event Beacon Hill, Beacon Hill, Loughborough</b> <a href="http://www.leioc.org.uk">www.leioc.org.uk</a>

## SUMMER LEAGUE 2012 FOR THE RBS SHIELD

NOTES	GRID	SOCIAL VENUE
	SK433167	Hare & Hounds, Whitwick
	SK765115	Saddle Inn, Twyford
	SK537118	Bradgate Arms, Cropston
Sprint League	SP691897	Foxton Locks Inn
Mass start 11.30am	SP911658	Cherry Tree, Catthorpe
	SK756208	The Welby, Nottingham Rd, Melton
	SP489910	The Countryman, Sharnford
South Car Park	SK602083	Hope and Anchor, Wanlip
	SK416144	Kings Arms, Coleorton
Score Cup (Beacon Hill Car Park) 11am-12pm	SK521148	Curzon Arms, Woodhouse Eaves
	TBC	
South End	SK337144	Masons Arms, Donisthorpe
	SK840074	Old Plough, Braunston
Score – Mass Start 6:30	SK312152	Navigation, Overseal



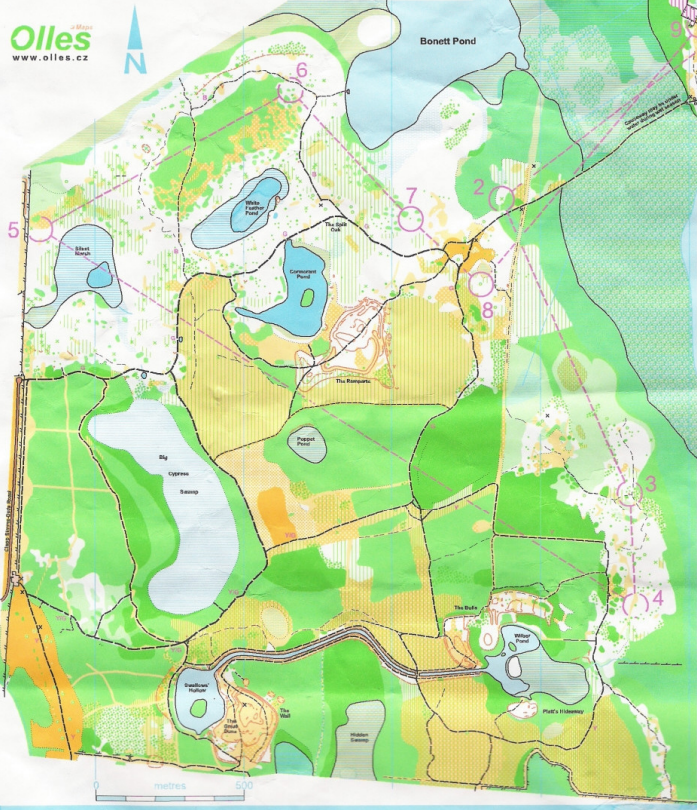
# Moss Park & Split Oak Forest

Scale 1:15,000  
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**LEGEND**

		<b>SPECIAL SYMBOLS</b>
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MP-SOF October 8, 2011	
RED	8.3 km
1 31	
2 22	

**SAFETY BEARING: Northeast to campground**  
**EMERGENCY/LOST: 3 whistle blasts every minute and stay put.**  
**Controls are removed at 3:00 PM**

