

EMOA AGM Report

The EMOA AGM took place at Kegworth on the 6th October. The following officials were elected:

Treasurer: Roger Edwards

BOF Council: John Woodall

BOF Events Standards Committee: Ernie Williams

BOF Coaching Committee: Hilary Palmer

Fixtures Secretary: Ian Whitehead

Website Editor: Andy Portsmouth

EMEWS Editor: Mike Gardner



used for schools and universities.

Reading the above you will notice some key appointments missing. Your association needs you!

We had no volunteers for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Development Officer and Mapping Adviser. Please consider volunteering for these posts, otherwise we may not be able to function as an association.

All of the amendments to the constitution (see last EMEWS) were approved.

John Woodall was also elected as President of EMOA.

After the AGM a number of items were discussed:

- ❖ Should we run the Galoppen from year end to year end rather than from October to May? This would avoid the problem of people changing class mid year.
- ❖ Should we host a number of mid weekday afternoon orienteering events given the number of people who are now unemployed or retired? They could also be

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EMOA Night League

It's Autumn so time for the EMOA Night event series to get in to full swing. Why not use the Autumn to get ready for the British Night Champs to held in our region in February.

October 25th Thieves Wood

November 8th Fosse Meadows

November 15th Allestree Park

With further events to follow after Christmas.

Scoring will use a similar formula to the Galoppen with 4 from 6 events to count.

Chairman's Final Comments – Roy Denney

(Last words and testament)

This is my last opportunity to make comment as your Chairman.

I would firstly like to give testament to the sterling support I have received during the three years I have served as your Chairman. I would like to thank all the officers and members of committee who have assisted me during what has been a harmonious and constructive period in which the association has made many advances. To single out a few does not belittle the efforts of everyone else but I must make special mention of a number of people.

Firstly, I must mention my predecessor, John Woodall. As accommodated for in our constitution he remained on committee for one year after handing over, but did continued to attend many meetings in subsequent years and the hot-off-the-press knowledge he brought to the table by virtue of his role as Chairman of BOF was most useful. He was often there when I sought advice but never pressed his views on me and left me to plough my own furrow. Similarly I welcomed the support of my Vice Chairman, Ranald McDonald, who as a BOF Councillor, also brought us up-to-date detail of developments within the sport.

Given how invaluable this input has been I have suggested that any member of EMOA who achieves the position of elected BOF Councillor or Chair or Vice Chair should during their period in those positions be ex-officio members of the EMOA Executive Committee to provide similar support to my successor and the new committee.

John himself has now relinquished BOF office but in recognition of his service

to the sport and to retain the benefit of his experience I have proposed him for President of EMOA (*and this was agreed by the AGM – Ed*).

Andrew Hawkins is handing over as Secretary having held the post for three years and I have also been well supported by two very competent Treasurers in Bob Alderson and Roger Edwards.

Several members have played their part in the production of our newsletter, EMEWS, and our website but in Mike Gardner and Andy Portsmouth we have editors taking both publications from strength to strength.

Hilary Palmer has put great efforts into coaching and the juniors in particular. Many of us have an input into juniors but normally only for a few years whilst our own offspring are involved but Hilary has stuck with it to the benefit of many young athletes.

Ian Whitehead has done an excellent job with our fixtures and gets to most of our meetings despite having moved to the Deep South. Ray Barnes and Ernie Williams have ploughed their lonely furrows to Grewe on our behalf to attend BOF meetings and Mike Godfree has provided our link to the map group.

The club representatives play a major part and I would particularly like to thank those members of LOG who have managed to make the occasional meeting as it is a very real challenge to travel the distance involved for an evening meeting.

The major advance during my period in office has been the usage of electronic punching which is a great improvement

for competitors but it does put extra strain on event officials in particular the planners. Clubs are trying to address this point.

Our galloper continues to evolve and offers an incentive to support the activities of the local clubs. It provides a balanced programme of about 14 events spread from October to early May providing a very real competition for those who by choice or lack of time do not go further afield for their sport. Thanks are due to those who have produced the results for this competition over the years and to Roger Williamson in particular, the present overlord, given the demands of this expanded programme.

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We have not had a Night League as such in the recent past as we had not found a way of collating the results but we do have a good programme of such events throughout the dark days of winter for those of a masochistic bent and it is hoped that the results coordination problem has been resolved and overall winners will be identified.

Thanks to Ernie Williams our technical officer (events standards) we have regularly arranged coaching seminars for planners and controllers and did hold a very useful event officials conference during this year giving those of us who attended a very comprehensive breakdown of the new BOF rules and developing guidelines.

There were however a lot of long standing grade 3 controllers who did not attend and I can only hope they have studied the new rules to get up to speed

on the new regime. Unfortunately there are still fairly regular situations locally, where courses do not comply, leading towards gripes in the car parks.

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As I and many others have said many times before we need to learn to work together better as the sport is being bedevilled by people moaning at what they see as the imperfections of others who are all at the end of the day, volunteers.

A regional conference is being arranged fully supported by BOF to try and address some of these problems and I hope most controllers will be able to attend.

We still have a vacancy for a development officer and I would put this down as the biggest failure of the Association during my tenure. As an association we may come out of next years JK with some surplus and traditionally such funds have been used for development and it could provide a good opportunity for anyone interested in having a go at this role. We have considered a part time paid employee for this function but with so much time needed to travel from wherever they are based to the further outposts of our patch the cost would be disproportionate to the benefit.

I would like to use this opportunity to spread the word, as I see it, as to the way forward for the sport. Unfortunately it is far easier to see what is wrong than offer real solutions.

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As I mentioned above the first need is to come to terms with the unavoidable imperfections of people prepared to work for the sport as constant backbiting and moaning creates a poor environment and discourages those who are at least trying and certainly puts off anyone else who might otherwise consider putting their heads on the block. Several of those who shout loudest would be well advised to look closely in the mirror.

We are a very labour intensive sport dependent on the skills of volunteers and must at the same time strive to hone those skills. Seminars and training courses are all very well but we have no requirement for continual ‘professional’ development and little mechanism for actually assessing and monitoring performance.

We all attend events where courses do not conform to the guidelines but apart from moaning in the car park nothing is done about it. Perhaps all courses of grade 4 and above events should be sent into BOF where a team of assessors could actually score the planners / controllers work, keeping a central record. Constructive (and private) criticism should be welcomed by any controller and the membership at large could be invited to send in comments about any courses they run.

Should it be a requirement that to remain a controller you should have to participate in a given number of events each year or to have to attend a refresher course at least once every 3 years? BOF are moving in this direction. The downside is of course that if we

strive to achieve standards and consistency by any such requirement we may chase away some otherwise willing people and run out of controllers to cover the number of events we stage.

This begs the question – do we stage too many events?

“Should it be a requirement that to remain a controller you should have to participate in a given number of events each year...?”

This year has seen the introduction of the new badge scheme for the juniors and BOF have instigated a comprehensive review of how the other events in the programme should be run and how many events of the top standards should be held.

Too many ‘top’ events clutter up the calendar and too many courses at regional or local events make heavy demands on manpower. In a perfect world everything would be perfect but I feel we have to be a bit more modest in our expectations as the demands for help actually running events deters younger members from getting involved and we are an aging membership who could see the sport die away as we die off.

Mapping is another level of expertise which as a sport we are surprisingly well provided with. Having said this even the top professional firms have been seen to err by omission and actually get bits of maps wrong and those of us lower down the scale are prone to even greater errors. Clubs do have mapping advisers who assist their less experienced colleagues but BOF have no mechanism for checking or monitoring standards. Maps are sent in and assessed by members of the map group who do make constructive comment about the

cartography but to the best of my knowledge nobody ever checks the accuracy of the surveying.

At the end of the day we have to accept that every map is the interpretation by one person of an area as he or she sees it and it is unlikely that two people will ever agree.

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I still hold a report from the map group in my early days as a mapper where, I think, about 11 experienced mappers drew Black Rock and every version was different but none of them was wrong.

“The sport is in a state of flux with hard decisions required..”

The sport is in a state of flux with hard decisions required about the way ahead. BOF are working on several structural changes which should sharpen things up and are reviewing other aspects of the

sport and it is imperative that as many members as possible feed their views to them either by correspondence in one form or another or via EMOA.

In signing off as your Chairman I do not envisage being any less involved in these debates. As some of you will know I am a member of a ‘closed’ club which has, for many years, explored various innovative ideas both in electronic scoring, results, mapping and the staging of events.

We meet at least monthly throughout the year and such matters are always the subject of heated debate. We are effectively a ‘think tank’ but actively support events organised by open clubs to which most of our membership belong and work to develop and promote orienteering and the skills and technology required to support such endeavours.

Thank you all for your support during my period in office and good luck for the future.

Roy Denney

A naked woman in the forest & other excuses By Colin Drury (M55-LEI)

In July, I went to the orienteer's Mecca, the Swedish Ö Ringen. Past Decree Nisi & approaching nearly free for the first time in 35 years, so just the time to indulge myself in the opportunity. And while I was about it, why not make a job of it by tagging on the World Masters in Norway before it plus the Scottish 6 day immediately afterwards? So that's my first implausible excuse, as I went to the World Masters in Melbourne last year & have been to the Scottish 7 or 8 times. I met a few people who went to the French 5 as well, so I'm not quite the most obsessed orienteer. (The real reason was so I could respond to people who said "Did it rain dear" with "No, but I saw a few in the forest")

Internet entry is not my forte despite having done it a few times. After a few months I emailed the WM 2003 organisers & asked if my attempt had worked. They replied that it had & copied me the details I'd submitted – an Argentine in H35! I didn't mind disguising myself as an Argentine as after all it might come in handy if they conquered us at some future time in revenge for the Falkland Islands. However, the prospect of running H(M)35 mortified me & I emailed a correction which then forgot about until the week before departure. Checking the website, I discovered I was still H35 & panicked another Email off to them. No reply before I flew.

Everything was in English at the WMOC 2003 & every Norwegian I encountered spoke good English, *though they occasionally had trouble with my more flawed version*. I was still in H35 – 8.5Km instead of 5km! Patiently, they changed it, especially once I had explained that they might be out looking for me for a long time otherwise. So that's another excuse to bite the dust.

The model event gave some flavour of the terrain but left me bemused as to the difference between a brown spot, a black spot & a contour knoll. Rock mapping seemed erratic. "White" was reasonably runnable but visibility wasn't always good.

The results from the two qualifying events are solely to add together to establish whether you will be in the "A", "B" etc final. Once you are in say, the "D" final, however well you do, you finish lower than the slowest in the "C", "B" & "A" finals & higher than the best in the "E". If you mis-punch, you're allowed to run in the lowest final but your result doesn't count. Tough if you've travelled a few thousand miles! I assume this system is because 400 people can't all run the same course.

The first leg was 1 km. I drifted 80m south down the hillside, "skillfully" using control 2 as an attack point. *Decent time on leg 2!* I picked my way carefully after that with only minor errors trying to play safe & finished in a "C" final position.

Fredrikstan is a huge castle used for 400 years which enjoys commanding views over Halden, the location of the event centre & the fiord. I learned on my evening ramble around it that Norway only got independence from Sweden & Denmark in 1905 & that the Norwegian language was dead & rediscovered in the mid 1800s. *An information board explained that the 1m piece of rusty barbed wire in the foreground was the only piece remaining from that erected in 1905 & dismantled in 1906.*

On day 2, I was fast & accurate for the first two controls & to within 50m of 3 but charged with overconfidence & then with the irrational panic stricken & invariably unproductive desire to make up for mistakes, screwed up the next 5. I enjoyed Lake Thulethj so much that I visited it twice en route to 5, once from a southerly aspect & once to admire the view from the north east. (Once would have been once too often!) With a good 45mins of mistakes, I finished close to the bottom of the field & hence slipped into the "D" final. (Of A-E)

I caught the Gotthenburg - Oslo train from Halden for a day's sight seeing on the rest day. I was sniffed at by the customs officer's dog on the train & asked where my luggage was. (Not by the dog, I hadn't lost the plot that much) This was bizarre, given that there are no road border controls between Norway & Sweden. The train was late & got later, tarnishing my image of Nordic efficiency. ***It was even due to "following a slower train" – the globalisation of transport delay excuses!***

Oslo was marvellous, relatively traffic free, nice streets, grand vistas, the Munch museum, Viking boats & the unusual human sculptures by Gustav Vigeland in Frogner park. It also has the world's ugliest & possibly largest Town Hall. (If you're going for gross, go for gross gross!)

The event camp site was a bit far out of town, not much better than a White Rose one. The portable toilets had been of "Pullman" quality but their glory days were behind them. The large wash basins were rendered irrelevant by the failure of the water pumps & the inoperable soap dispensers. They had electric heaters, presumably to avoid hell freezing over in a Norwegian winter rather than providing warmth to the natives. The vicious Viking flies in the camping field drew blood with piercing, painful pincer power. However, we did have the benefit of an enchanting fiord, which hardy souls swam in to bathe or escape the 30C temperatures.

Local food specialities were a mixed delight. The gelatinised fish cakes were pleasantly different. The salt herring could have been salt anything it was so saline & the brunnost (the world's only brown cheese I was told proudly by Rune Erdal of Bergen who was in the next tent) has the texture of solidified sludge & tastes absolutely disgusting.

The final used the same assembly & finish as the other days but again used a different area. I had a middling run, finishing about half way. ***"Oh", you ask, "but what about the naked Norwegian?"*** My route choice to 9 was parallel to a stream, about 30m from it until I hit an intermittent ditch, then off at 90 degrees along the ditch. It was going well when I noticed two women bathing in the stream, stood up about calf deep. Then I saw that one was naked. Of course I re-checked to ensure that I wasn't mistaken. As I did, a fully clothed man with them mouthed my presence to the nature lover & she twisted round to face towards me in all her Rubinesque glory. I offered a typical Englishman's polite "hello" & a hint of an expression of admiration. Her slightly bemused but undisconcerted reply was lost across the runnable forest. I raced on, mind racing until I came to a stream bend & realised that I'd gone much too far. Perusal of the map showed that the bathers were opposite the ditch & that my best route was back to that attack point. However, I couldn't face being thought a peeping tom & took the risky direct route through the green – successfully as it turned out. ***It cost me two or three minutes but it was quite the most wonderful excuse I've ever had.***

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The O Ringen was 100km to the south in Sweden. The first challenge was to find the event centre as English wasn't the event language & I didn't know the Swedish for "event centre". (It's C-Torg) Eventually, I got there & then went round in circles for an hour or so sorting out which camp site of the 20 I was on. The site in a field belonging to Volvo had temporary toilets, heated wash basins & a shop. They were all owned by the O Ringen & of substantial construction. ***The toilet was a shock. It was a long 50mm dia plastic pipe with holes cut in & 20 toilet seats fixed in a line. Water continuously flowed in the pipe & one toilet roll dispenser was shared between two seats.*** However there was only one occasion when I had to alternate with my next-door neighbour in the tearing off of paper & only once when I witnessed two people taking advantage of the convenient conveniences to have a chat.

Once when I went at 3 in the morning, there was just one man in there in a trance like state as if he'd been there for hours. I walked a reasonable number of seats past him. We didn't speak but sat there silently, unacknowledging of one another, afraid to break the spell. He was still there when I walked out past him as if he didn't exist. Next morning he was gone.

There was one sheltered accommodation at the far end for the coy. I feared constipation due to my prudish disposition but quickly adapted my psyche & hence, that I'm relieved to say, didn't become an excuse.

Keith Streb, Kevin King & his daughter Ashley of NOC were camped opposite me & there were several ex MDOC colleagues on site together with Ivor Noot whom I'd got to know in Melbourne (Australia) last year.

We were a mile from the main event centre with its food emporia, shops, bars etc. Thousands of decrepit old bikes are available for hire it is quite a sight seeing shoals of cyclists & huge cycle parks. Typically 16,000 competitors participate, so there are some unusual aspects. A fleet of 100 buses in groups of five ferry competitors from the event centre. The first bus is only for those who have allergies & those who do not bring anything with them which might precipitate an allergy in those susceptible to them. The buses are filled with military efficiency, organisation & control through two compounds for each of the five buses. All five are filled & then leave together. The next five then glide in. I never worked out how they always managed to have the right number of allergic people. Frightening!

There is an average of 50 finishers per minute so the finish is split into nine parallel lanes, finishing under a massive overhead gantry structure. In order to allow free pedestrian flow around the assembly area, the finish lanes spread out from a ramp over a ship's container. The end doors are open to make a tunnel to allow spectators to pass underneath. There are hot open air showers at every event. These comprise two 100m fenced squares with 50 showers in each on a raised platform along one side. ***There are probably 500 people in at any one time in various stages of the showering process & it is quite a sight.*** The most surreal occasion was seeing people continue to shower during a massive thunderstorm with dramatic lightning & torrential rain. I gave up & showered the two mile walk back to my tent! It would be impossible to remove & re-erect structures between events, so they must own huge quantities of everything.

My poor form & crazy mistakes continued for 3 days. The effort of concentration along every metre of such difficult terrain seemed to take its toll & after reasonable starts, I either got carried away with over-confidence & couldn't relocate or just couldn't make the map talk to me. On one day, I took 25 minutes on the first six controls & 50 on the next two. However, I had an excellent mistake free run on my last day, day 4, finishing in the top 100. The journey time for my plane home from Oslo was too risky so I missed day 5.

Although, I was disappointed with a lot of my orienteering, the terrain is so good that I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. In fact, much to my surprise, I was still fit & enthusiastic for the Scottish 6 Day & did far better & far more consistently there than ever before. My day 6 was my best of all! So I didn't need to use the prepared twin excuses of tiredness & staleness for Scotland & can save them for another campaign.

But what a vision she was, what a wonderful two minute excuse!

Colin Drury LEI

Norwegian wood, a "final" experience at the

World Masters Orienteering Championships

Adorable vision, spectral nymph & fondest memory of Norwegian wood,
My earnest trudge, you inspired & made me feel good.

Visiting the lake *twice* on day two - whilst going to five,
Had given my C final hopes a terminal dive.
My progress in "D" wasn't too bad by eight,
But my run to nine was to be spiked by fate.

Control nine - 40m north east of junction with stream, on a ditch.
Keep stream to left, in sight & I'll find it without a glitch.
My confident charge stumbled as I glimpsed a dream,
Two maidens bathing, calf-deep in stream
Blind to the branch, which struck & proved I was awake,
I saw that one was naked & human frailty caused a double take.
They turned in dawning awareness towards my decelerating frame,
"She" was beautiful, slightly embarrassed but rightfully, no shame.
Her body, twisted at the waist,
Displayed to advantage, with a pretty face.
More Rubens than wire coat hanger model type,
Gentle all over tan - & no stripe.

With bizarre politeness I shouted hello,
As if meeting a neighbour in the street or in Tesco.
In good-natured response, perhaps "farewell", she bade,
Unrecognised Norwegian lyrics lost in the sun glistened glade.

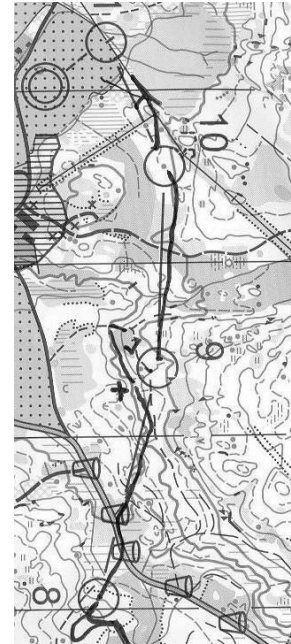
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With mind racing at fever pitch
I forgot to close in & check whether stream joined ditch
The moment gone, I sped headlong through the wood
Adrenalin supercharged & feeling super good.

Stuffing my excitement back in its place,
I started to look for my control in haste.
Transfixed left when I should have looked right.
I'd gone too far (but not far given such a sight)
"Back up the stream" was best to locate the kite from,
But dare I risk being thought a Peeping Tom?
No.
So,
I thrashed through the dense branched trees,
On a compass bearing of 220 degrees.
With kite in view, my spirits soared
As delicacy or more truthfully, cowardice found reward,

So as I hustled towards the finish
My joy & rapture were undiminished.

Oh beautiful womanly apparition,
(& inspiration of conversation)
Fully recovered from tent-induced & orienteering ache
I wholeheartedly forgive you my two minute mistake!



EMOA Galoppen Rules 2003- 2004

The rules for this year's EMOA Galoppen, along with the events are shown below:

Individuals gain points towards their league position from each Galoppen event they complete, with their six best results counted. The leagues are based on the Colour Coded courses, so if you choose to run in different Colours, you will score points in each of those Colours. The points will not be aggregated, though! The person with the highest points in each Colour - wins!

1. The Galoppen will take place at a number of specified Colour-Coded (C4) events and will be open to all members of EMOA clubs and affiliated schools and groups.
2. The Galoppen will comprise 14 leagues, with separate male and female leagues on the Colour-Coded courses White, Yellow, Orange, Light Green, Green, Blue and Brown. (There will be no league for Red courses.)
3. Any member may participate in any of the Colour-Coded leagues, with the exception that M/W 14s and above who are members of the EM Junior Squad will not be counted as competitors in the Orange league or below. When a person has run a given Colour-Coded course at 2 Galoppen events, s/he will be included as a participant in that league. A person may compete in more than one Colour league, both within the Galoppen as a whole and at any individual event, only the first course tackled will be deemed to be included. No person will be given more than one prize at the end of the Galoppen.
4. The results for each Colour-Coded league will be calculated on the basis of the best points scored by each participant at 50% of the events (rounded down).
5. At each event points will be allocated to each participant as follows:
 - (i) The race time of each competitor will be adjusted by an age-based percentage handicap (see below).
 - (ii) The winner of each league on the basis of these adjusted times will be given 1000 points.
 - (iii) Other competitors will be given points according to the formula:
$$\text{competitor's score} = 1000 \times \text{competitor's adjusted time} / \text{winner's adjusted time}$$
6. The percentage handicap adjustments will be as follows:

M/W 10 & below: 62%	M/W 12: 68%	M/W 14: 73%	M/W 16: 79%
M/W 18: 85%	M20: 97 %	W20: 94%	M/W 21: 100%
M/W 35: 94%	M/W 40: 88%	M/W 45: 82%	M/W 50: 76%
M/W 55: 71%	M/W 60: 65%	M/W 65: 60%	M/W 70: 55%
M/W 75 & above: 50%			

The above percentage adjustments will be applied to the race time of all competitors on all courses, with the exception that any Senior or Veteran competing on White, Yellow or Orange courses will be given a handicap of 100%.
7. The age class used for each person will be that which applies at the date of the event. (The class for some people will change as we move into 2003.)
8. The Organisers cannot guarantee to include competitors whose full details (name, sex & age class and club) do not appear in the official results of a given

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event. If a competitor uses different names at different events the computer will assume that they are different people. (Please use the same details at all events!)

9. Appeals against the results of any event in the Galoppen should be made in the first instance to the Organisers within 10 days of publication. If necessary, the Organisers will refer the appeal to the EMOA Committee.

The Galoppen events will be as below, with the best 6 to count:

October 12 th	Bagworth Woods	LEI
October 26 th	Byrons Walk	NOC
November 16 th	Stanton Moor	DVO
November 30 th	Bourne Woods	LOG
December 21 st	Bestwood	NOC (this event may only be to Blue)
January 18 th	Fineshade	LEI
January 25 th	Shining Cliff	DVO
February 8 th	Beacon Hill	LEI
February 22 nd	Twynford	LOG
February 29 th	Sherwood Pines	NOC
March 7 th	Rough Park	LEI
March 28 th	Linacre	DVO
April 18 th	Stapleford	LOG
April 25 th	Chatworth	DVO
May 8 th	Switland	LEI

Prizegiving will take place at the Grace Dieu badge event on June 6th 2004

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Editorial

I'll keep it short this month as I am trying to fit in the space available! Thanks for everyone who replied about electronic EMEWS. I hope to send this edition out to you electronically.

A new season is starting so I hope to get some more training in and look forward to getting out into the woods. Please send in your stories, comments, etc. to the editor.

Mike Gardner

Fixtures

This fixture list is intended to list all major events in the UK, and all East Midlands events. It includes all the information available to me about the event at the time of going to press. Unless otherwise stated, events offer entry on the day (EOD) to a range of colour coded (C4) course with start times from 10:30 to 12:30. Local events (C5) will only have a limited range of courses. Badge and National events (C3 & C2) provide a range of age related courses and are normally entered in advance using a Standard Entry Form (SEF); entry on the day (EOD) will usually be limited and more expensive. Most will offer a limited number of colour-coded courses for EOD. Cheques payable to organising clubs given at beginning of details, if not 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.

The East Midlands Orienteering Association has an answerphone which provides up to date information on events and also late cancellations. It is available on 0906 270 3419 at a cost of 25p a minute.

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12th EM **LEI Colour Coded Event.** Bagworth Heath & Woods, Leicester. SK/458067.

C4 Roger Williamson, 01509 412132. rwilliamson@rawlinscollege.org.uk £3.50/£1.50. EPS-SI. Dogs on lead. www.leioc.co.uk

12th SC **TVOC Colour Coded Event.** Kingswood, High Wycombe. SU/886936.

C4 Ken Warren, 01494 677691. ken.warren@virgin.net £3.00/£1.00. String course. www.tvoc.org.uk

12th WM **HOC Colour Coded Event.** Croft Castle, Ludlow. SO/450656.

C4 Rollo Rumford, 01905 726967. rollo.rumford@btinternet.com £4.50/£2.50. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. No dogs. www.harlequins.org.uk

12th EA **NOR Colour Coded Event & NSL.** UEA & Earlham Park, Norwich. TG/194083.

C4 Roger Stenson, 01603 507442. r.stenson@ntlworld.com £3.00/£1.00. String course. White to Blue courses only. Dogs on lead. www.norfolkoc.co.uk

18th- WOA **Senior Home International**

19th

O3X **18th - Senior Home International - Individual Event.** Tir Stent, Dolgellau. SH/701156.

Organiser: Garri Owen, 01938 570137.

R2X **19th - Senior Home International Relays.** Gwanas, Dolgellau. SH/770168.

Enquiries: Peter Jeavons, 01286 870168. peter@manora.me.uk Entries: addressee TBA. *CD: unknown.* Fees TBA. EPS-SI. Closed event for SHI only. Parking £1.00. No dogs.

19th YH **EPOC Badge Event.** Marsden Moor, Huddersfield. SE/029115.

C3 Organiser: Bill Hunter, 01484 361359.

Entries: Philip Martin, 16 Mullion Avenue, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6GN, 01484 321741. *CD: 30/09/03.* £6.00/£2.00. Lim EOD +£1.00/50p. Chq: EPOC. EPS-SI. String course. Lim CC courses. Dogs on lead in car park and assembly only.

19th WM **WRE Badge Event.** Hopton Wood, Leintwardine. SO/355782.

C3 Organiser and entries: Pat & Beryl Pay, 5 Captains Road, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 5JA, 01746 762198. *CD: 03/10/03.* £7.50/£3.00. Lim EOD +£1.00. Chq: Wrekin Orienteers. EPS-SI. String course. Lim CC courses. www.wrekinorienteers.co.uk

25th EM **NOC Local Night Event & EM Night League** (tbc). Thieves Wood, Mansfield. SK/543575.

C5N David Cooke, 01773 770278. d.cooke4@ntlworld.com Fees TBA. Dogs on lead.

26th NW **SELOC Badge Event.** Clowbridge, Burnley.

C3 Organiser: Clive Atty, 01204 301390. atty.family@ntlworld.com

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Entries: Mel Peters, 45 Kermoor Ave, Bolton, BL17HW, 01204 302967. *CD: 17/10/03*. Fees TBA.
Lim EOD. Chq: SELoc. EPS-SI. Lim CC courses. No dogs.

26th WM OD Charity Score Event. Kingsbury Water Park, Kingsbury. SP/203958.

S4 Keith Greenall, 02476 419854. Free. www.octavian-droobers.org

26th EM **NOC Colour Coded Event**. Byrons Walk, Nottingham. SK/512535.

C4 David Cooke, 01773 770278. d.cooke4@ntlworld.com Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on lead.

26th EA WAOCC Colour Coded Event & EAGAL. Mildenhall North, Mildenhall.

C4 Mike Capper, 01733 235202. mike.capper@virgin.net Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on lead.

November 2003

1st-2nd SOA **Tinto Twin Weekend**

C3N **1st - Night Badge Event**. Inshriach North, Aviemore.

C3 **2nd - Badge Event & SOL 7**. Inshriach North, Aviemore.

Organiser: Ross McLennan, 01555 664165. rossmclennan@hotmail.com

Entries: Rick Richardson, Glenora Ampherlaw, Carnwath, Lanarkshire, ML11 8LH.

rglenora@aol.com *CD: 20/10/03*. 1st - £8.50/£4.50, 2nd - £8.00/£4.00. Both days £15.00/£7.00. Lim EOD +£1.00 per day. Chq: Tinto OC. EPS-SI. String course. Lim CC courses. www.members.aol.com/tintooc/twin.html

1st SC JOK Chasing Sprint 2003. Hampton Ridge, Southampton.

O4S Organiser: Hedley Proctor, 023 8022 3404. hedleyproctor@yahoo.co.uk

Entries: Peter Huzan, 52 Camberley Avenue, London, SW20 0BQ, 020 8288 9241.

huzanp@logica.com *CD: 18/10/03*. £9.00/£6.00 (inc Studs) - Entries can be made on the website. No EOD. Chq: JOK. EPS-SI. Parking £1.00. www.jok.org.uk

2nd SC **SOC NATIONAL EVENT, November Classic & Southern Championships**. Burley Lodge, New Forest. SU/226047.

C2 Organiser: Tim Holt, 023 8081 4003. tim.holt2@virgin.net

Entries: Mary Nixon, Dalarna, Winchester Hill, Romsey, SO51 7NL, 01794 515224.

mary_david_nixon@yahoo.co.uk *CD: 15/10/03*. £9.00/£4.50 (non-BOF members £3/£1.50 surcharge). Late entries +£1.00/50p at Organisers discretion. EPS-Emit (hire included in entry fee). State Emit Number (version 3 only) or hire on entry form. No EOD. Chq: SOC. EPS-Emit. Long and Short Wayfarers courses, EOD only, £4.50/£1.50. Free String Course. Limited entry 1500. Dogs on lead in car park and assembly only. Need preferential parking?: 02380 266722 david@bonser.fsnet.co.uk. www.hants.gov.uk/soc

2nd YH SYO Colour Coded Event. Canklow, Rotherham. SK/437914.

C4 Keith Fletcher, 0114 2864951. £4.00/£1.00. String course. White to Blue courses only. Parking £1.00. www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk

2nd WM WCH Colour Coded Event. Brindley, Cannock Chase. GR/004147.

C4 Mike Thompson, 01785 660716. mike.p.thompson@ukgateway.net £4.00/£2.00 + £1.00 SI hire. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on lead. www.walton-chasers.co.uk

2nd EA SUFFOC Colour Coded Event & EAGAL. Tunstall Forest, Ipswich.

C4 Mike Sherwen, 01394 384067. £4.00/£1.50. EPS-SI. www.pdl.demon.co.uk/suffoc

8th EM **LEI Local Night Event & EM Night League**. Fosse Meadows, Hinckley. SP/490901.

C5N Andy Portsmouth, 0116 230 1337. andy.portsmouth@btinternet.com £2.00/£1.00. No dogs.

8th SOA **GRAMP Scottish Night Championships**. Balmedie Country Park, Aberdeen. NJ/976181.

C2N Organiser: Robert Hickling. hickling4@aol.com

Entries: Jayne MacGregor, 135 Desswood Place, Aberdeen, AB15 4DP, 01224 638906.

jayne.macgregor@grampoc.com *CD: 25/10/03*. £8.00/£4.00. Lim EOD. Chq: Grampian Orienteers. EPS-Emit. Lim CC courses. www.grampoc.com

9th NW **LOC Badge Event**. Stickle Pike, Broughton in Furness.

C3 Organiser: Graham Walkden, 015395 32793.

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		<p>Entries: Marion Inchmore, Newlands, Storth Road, Storth, Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7HS, 015395 62378. marioninchmore@aol.com CD: 24/10/03. £7.50/£3.00, Family £18.00. Lim EOD +£1.00. Chq: Lakeland OC. EPS-SI. String course. Lim CC courses. Parking £1.00. Dogs in car park only. www.lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk</p>
9th	EA	NOR Colour Coded Event & Club Jun Champs. Holt Country Park & Lowes, Holt. TG/083371.
	C4	Alan Bedder, 01603 424589. £3.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. Dogs on lead. www.norfolkoc.co.uk
9th	WM	HOC Badge Event. Postenplain, Bewdley. SO/743793.
	C3	<p>Organiser: Rollo Rumford, 01905 726967. rollo.rumford@btinternet.com</p> <p>Entries: Mike Farrington, Oak Lodge, Floyds Lane, Wellington Heath, Ledbury, Hfd, HR8 1NB, 01531 635502 (1900 - 2100 only please). mike.farrington@virgin.net CD: 27/10/03. £7.00/£2.50. Late entries +£1.00. Chq: Harlequins Orienteering Club. EPS-SI. String course. CC courses - Y, O & LG. Parking £1.00. Dogs on lead in car park only. www.harlequins.org.uk</p>
9th	SC	SN Badge Event, SN Trophy. Long Valley South, Aldershot. SU/840505.
	C3	<p>Organiser: John Brown, 01483 720903.</p> <p>Entries: Steve McKinley, SN Trophy, Paramali, Bagshot Road, Brookwood, Surrey, GU24 0EY, 01483 476914 (before 2100). CD: 20/10/03. £7.00/£3.50 + SI hire £1.00/50p. Lim EOD +£1.00. Chq: Southern Navigators. EPS-SI. String course. Lim CC courses - Y, O & LG. Dogs on lead in car park only. www.geocities.com/southern_nav</p>
16th	EA	SMOC Colour Coded Event & EAGAL. Bucknell Woods, Silverstone. SP/658448.
	C4	Roger Williams, 01280 847824 (before 2130). rogerwilliams@lineone.net £4.00/£2.50 + SI hire £1.00. EPS-SI. String course. No dogs. uk.geocities.com/smocweb
16th	SE	CHIG Michael Brandon Mitre Badge Event. Epping East, Theydon Bois. TQ/452992.
	C3	<p>Organiser: Carol Pearce, 020 8504 3542. johnccarolpearce@hotmail.com</p> <p>Entries: Derek Jenner, 19a Brook Road, Sawbridgeworth, Herts, CM21 9HA, 01279 726146. djenner@ciconia.co.uk CD: 01/11/03. £7.50/£3.00. Lim EOD +£1.50/50p. Chq: Chigwell & Epping Forest Orienteering Club. EPS-SI. String course. Lim CC courses £4.50/£1.50. Parking very limited; please share transport. Dogs under control. www.chig.org.uk</p>
16th	EM	DVO Colour Coded Event. Stanton Moor, Matlock. SK/242623.
	C4	David Bennett. davebderwent@aol.com Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. Dogs on lead in car park only. www.dvo.org.uk
23rd	EM	LEI Badge Event. Wakerley Woods, Corby. SP/962987.
	C3	<p>Organiser: Ian Wells, 01572 755419.</p> <p>Entries: Thelma Spalton, 31 The Burrows, Narborough, Leicestershire, LE19 3WS, 0116 275 1255. gerry.spalton@btinternet.com CD: 08/11/03. £7.00/£2.50. Lim EOD +£1.00. Chq: Leicestershire Orienteering Club. EPS-SI. String course. CC courses. Dogs on lead. www.leioc.co.uk</p>
23rd	EA	WAOC Colour Coded Event. Maulden Woods, Clophill. TL/072392.
	C4	Ian Smith, 01920 822421. smithfamilypuckeridge@hotmail.com £4.00/£1.50. EPS-SI. Dogs on lead. White to Blue courses only. www.waoc.org.uk
23rd	SOA	ESOC Scottish Score Championships. Devilla, Kincardine-on-Forth. NS/953881.
	S3	Organiser and entries: Janet Clark, 13 N.W.Circus Place, Edinburgh, EH3 6SX, 0131 225 7771. janetclr@aol.com CD: 07/11/03. Fees TBA. Lim EOD. Chq: ESOC. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00.
23rd	YH	AIRE Colour Coded Event & YBT Round. Meanwood Park & Adel Woods, Leeds. SE/286370.
	C4	Ken Patterson, 0113 294 8488. ken.patterson@geo2.poptel.org.uk £4.00/£2.00. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on lead. www.aire.org.uk
29th	NW	DEE Night Event & NW Night League. Delamere Forest (Linmere), Northwich. SJ/550704.
	C4N	Barry Barnes, 01606 888845. £3.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. Starts 1800 - 1900. Parking £1.00. www.deeside-orienteeing-club.org.uk
29th	YH	SYO Night Event. Blacka Moor, Sheffield. SK/303798.
	C4N	Hilary Bloor, 01433 650790. Hilary@glenthorne.freeserve.co.uk £4.00/£1.00. Dogs in car

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- park only. www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk
- 30th YH **SYO Badge Event.** Blacka Moor, Sheffield. SK/303798.
C3 Organiser: Alan Goddard, 07887 658 447. alangoddard10@hotmail.com
Entries: Guy & Beryl Seaman, 121 Dobcroft Road, Sheffield, S7 2LT, 0114 236 8263.
seagoon1@aol.com CD: 15/11/03. £7.50/£3.00. Lim EOD +£1.50/£1.00. Chq: SYO. EPS-SI.
String course. Lim CC courses - W, Y, O & LG. Dogs on lead in car park only.
www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk
- 30th NW DEE Colour Coded Event & Deeside Club Championships. Old Pale with Nettleford Wood,
Northwich. SJ/550704.
C4 Peter Sleigh, 01928 735322. £3.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. Lim CC courses. Parking £1.00.
www.deeside-orienteering-club.org.uk
- 30th WM POTOC Colour Coded Event & WM Championships & WM O league. Maer Hills, Newcastle-
U-Lyme. SJ/770393.
C4 John Pigott, 01538 383467. pigottbj@madasafish.com £4.00/£1.50. Full CC inc Red. Dogs
under control in CP and forest. www.syphus.demon.co.uk/POTOC
- 30th EA SOS Colour Coded Event & ESSOL. Hockley Woods, Rochford. TL/830920.
C4 Steve Robertson, 01206 242283. steve@robertson-sos.freemove.co.uk £4.00/£1.50. EPS-SI.
White to Blue courses only. stragglers.info

December 2003

- 7th NW MDOC Colour Coded Event. Bosley Cloud, Congleton. SJ/894628.
C4 Jenny Shaw, 0161 445 2900. thefamilyshaw@tesco.net £3.50/£1.00. EPS-SI. String course.
White to Blue courses only. www.mdoc.org.uk
- 7th YH HALO Colour Coded Event. Beverley Westwood, Beverley. TA/020390.
C4 Kenneth Hutson, 01482 632 529. ken.hutson@chs.eril.net £3.50/£1.50. No dogs. www.halo-orienteering.org.uk
- 13th SE **SLOW Night Badge Event & Southern Night Championships.** Hankley Common, Milford.
SU/887411.
C3N Organiser and entries: Andy Robinson, 85 Deacon Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey,
KT2 6LS, 020 8255 7176. andyloofa@aol.com CD: 24/11/03. £7.00/£3.00. Lim EOD
+£1.00/50p. Chq: SLOW. EPS-SI. www.sloweb.org.uk
- 14th WM OD Colour Coded Event. Wryley common, Wryley. SK/044061.
C4 Greta Shields, 02476 419854. greta@btinternet.com £5.00/£2.00. String course.
www.octavian-droobers.org
- 21st EM **NOC Colour Coded Event.** Bestwood Country Park, Nottingham. SK/565475.
C4 Gill Hatfield, 0115 981 4101. gill.hatfield@ntlworld.com £3.50/£1.50. EPS-SI. String course.
Dogs on lead. www.noc-uk.org
- 28th EM **LEI Novelty Club Event.** Beacon Hill, Loughborough. SK/522148.
C5 Andy Portsmouth, 0116 230 1337. andy.portsmouth@btinternet.com £2.00/£1.00. Parking
£1.00. Dogs on lead. www.leioc.co.uk

January 2004

- 1st WM OD Laurie Bradley New Years Score Event. Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield. SP/109971.
S4 Robert Brandon, 024 7650 5050. rbrandon@sbsc.siemens.co.uk £10.00/£2.00.
www.octavian-droobers.org
- 3rd NW MDOC Charity Score Event. Lyme Park, Stockport. SJ/964823.
S5 Peter Lomas, 0161 483 4332. peteandreae@zoom.co.uk Free. Dogs in car park only. Maas
start 1130.also Yellow course. www.mdoc.org.uk
- 10th EM **NOC Short Races.** Rufford Country Park, Mansfield. SK/641647.
C4S Organiser: David Cooke, 01773 770278. d.cooke4@ntlworld.com
Entries: Joy Cholerton, The Doves, 40 Fairdale Drive, Newthorpe, Nottm, NG16 2FG, 01773
715234. joycholerton@thedoves.fsnet.co.uk CD: 12/12/03. £5.00/£2.50, Family £12.50 +50p

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- SI hire. No EOD. Chq: NOC. EPS-SI. Separate SEF for each day. Early or late start for prologue. Dogs on lead in car park only. www.noc-uk.org
- 11th EM **NOC Robin Hood Trophy Badge Event & East Midlands Championships.** Sherwood Forest, Budby & Bilhaugh, Mansfield. SK/610680.
- C3 Organiser: Bob Alderson, 0115 845 0771. r.alderson1@ntlworld.com
 Entries: Joy Cholerton, The Doves, 40 Fairdale Drive, Newthorpe, Nottm, NG16 2FG, 01773 715234. joycholerton@thedoves.fsnet.co.uk CD: 12/12/03. £8.00/£3.50, Family £19.50, +50p SI hire. EOD no surcharge, but limited to map availability. Chq: NOC. EPS-SI. Separate SEF for each day. String course. EOD Lim CC courses - £3.50/£1.50. Dogs on lead in car park only. www.noc-uk.org
- 11th EA HAVOC Colour Coded Event. Weald Park, Brentwood. TQ/570940.
- C4 Garry Parmenter, 01375 376384. garrypar@lineone.net Fees TBA. EPS-SI. www.orienteeing-havoc.co.uk
 Full registration pending
- 18th WM HOC/BUOC Colour Coded Event. Sandwell Valley Country Park, West Bromwich. SP/025922.
- C4 Rollo Rumford, 01905 726967. rollo.rumford@btinternet.com £4.00/£1.50. White to Blue courses only. www.harlequins.org.uk
- 24th EA **WAO Night Badge Event & Midland Night Championships.** High Ash, Mundford. TL/815967.
- C3N Organiser: Mike Capper, 01733 235202. mike.capper@virgin.net
 Entries: addressee TBA. CD: *unknown*. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. Dogs on lead.
- 25th NW DEE Limited Colour Coded Event. Frodsham Hill, Cheshire. SJ/519753.
- C4 John Padget, 01928 733772. £3.00/£1.00. Parking £1.00. www.deeside-orienteeing-club.org.uk
- 25th EA **CUOC Icenian Trophy Badge Event & EAGAL.** High Lodge, Thetford.
- C3 Organiser: David Cottingham, 07811 314603. dnc25@cam.ac.uk
 Entries: Alison Ingleby, St Catherines College, Cambridge, CB2 1RL, 07919 343894. ari23@cam.ac.uk CD: 21/01/04. £7.00/£3.00 + SI hire 75p. Lim EOD +£1.00/50p. Chq: Cambridge University Orienteering Club. EPS-SI. Lim CC courses - W, Y, O & LG. Parking £3.50 cars, £10.00 minibuses, £20.00 coaches. Dogs on lead. All queries about the event should be addressed to the Organiser. Alison Igleby will only deal with Entries. www.cam.ac.uk/societies/cuoc/
- 25th SW **WIM Badge Event.** Gore Heath, Wareham.
- C3 Organiser: John Warren, 0142 54 74861. johnandbarbarawarren@yahoo.co.uk
 Entries: addressee TBA. CD: *unknown*. Fees TBA.
 Full registration pending
- 25th EM **DVO Colour Coded Event.** Shining Cliff, Belper. SK/326531.
- C4 John Northall, 01335 370592. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. No dogs. www.dvo.org.uk

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February 2004

- 1st YH **EPOC Badge Event.** Yateholme, Holmfirth. SE/115055.
C3 Organiser: Brian Mellor, 01422 378260. joymellor@alderstonerise.fsnet.co.uk
Entries: Graham Booth, Norwood, 54 Far Banks, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6NW, 01484 665676. gbmeltham@hotmail.com CD: *unknown*. £7.00/£2.00. Lim EOD +£1.00/50p. EPS-SI. String course. Lim CC courses. Dogs on lead in car park only.
- 1st SE **GO NATIONAL EVENT 1 & The 2004 Interland International, FCC Races & GBR Junior Tour Selection Races.** Blackheath, Farley Down & Albury Warren, Guildford. TQ/060462.
C2 Organiser: Tim Pugh, 01932 342366 (1930 - 2130 only). THJPugh@aol.com
Entries: GO National Event, 16 Ivydene, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey, GU21 2TA, 01483 487584 (1930 - 2130 only). gonational2004@btinternet.com CD: 20/01/04. £10.00/£4.50. No EOD for NE. Chq: Guildford Orienteers. EPS-SI. String course. EOD CC courses - £5.00/£2.50. Parking £1.00. On line entry for NE via GO Web site using debit or credit card from 1st Nov 03 to 24 Jan 04. No dogs. www.go-pages.fsnet.co.uk
- 7th EM **NOC Local Night Event.** Haywood Oaks, Mansfield. SK/611559.
C5N David Cooke, 01773 770278. d.cooke4@ntlworld.com £2.00/£1.00. Dogs on lead.
- 8th SC **TVOC Badge Event, Chiltern Challenge.** Woodcote/Checkendon, High Wycombe.
C3 Organiser: John Worth, 01367 243817. john@worthclan.fsnet.co.uk
Entries: addressee TBA. CD: *unknown*. Fees TBA. www.tvoc.org.uk
Full registration pending
- 15th EA **SMOC Badge Event.** Salcy Forest, Northampton.
C3 Colin Nicholson, 01638 750752. Fees TBA. EPS-SI.
Full registration pending
- 15th SC **BKO Badge Event, Concorde Chase.** Swinley Forest, Bracknell. SU/911667.
C3 Organiser: Liz Turbin, 0118 934 5412. liz.turbin@tiscali.co.uk
Entries: addressee TBA. CD: *unknown*. Fees TBA. String course.
Full registration pending
- 22nd SE **SAX Badge Event.** Hindleap Warren, Tunbridge Wells.
C3 Organiser: Jean Fitzgerald, 01622 686779. jean.fitzgerald@hri.ac.uk
Entries: addressee TBA. CD: *unknown*. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course.
Full registration pending
- 28th EM **DVO British Night Championships.** Crich Chase and The Hagg, Ripley. SK/355527.
C2N Organiser and entries: Paul Wright, 4 Ripley Road, Riversdale, Ambergate, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 2EU, 01773 856387. cpstwright@supanet.com CD: 14/02/04. £8.00/£3.00. Lim EOD +£2.00. Chq: DVO. EPS-SI. Starts from 1830. Parking £1.00. No dogs.
- 29th EM **NOC Colour Coded Event.** Sherwood Pines, Mansfield. SK/612645.
C4 Garry Drew, 0115 8406748. garry.drew@ntlworld.com £3.50/£1.50 + 50p SI hire. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on lead.
- 29th EA **SOS Leap Year Badge Event.** Roman Valley & Donyland Wood, Colchester. TL/986217.
C3 Organiser and entries: Steve Robertson, 9 Moatfields, Fordham, Colchester, Essex, CO6 3PG, 01206 242283. steve@robertson-sos.freemove.co.uk CD: 13/02/04. £7.00/£3.00, Family £18.00 +50p SI hire. Lim EOD while maps last +£2.00/£1.00. Chq: Essex Stragglers. EPS-SI. String course. EOD CC - W to O. stragglers.info
Full registration pending