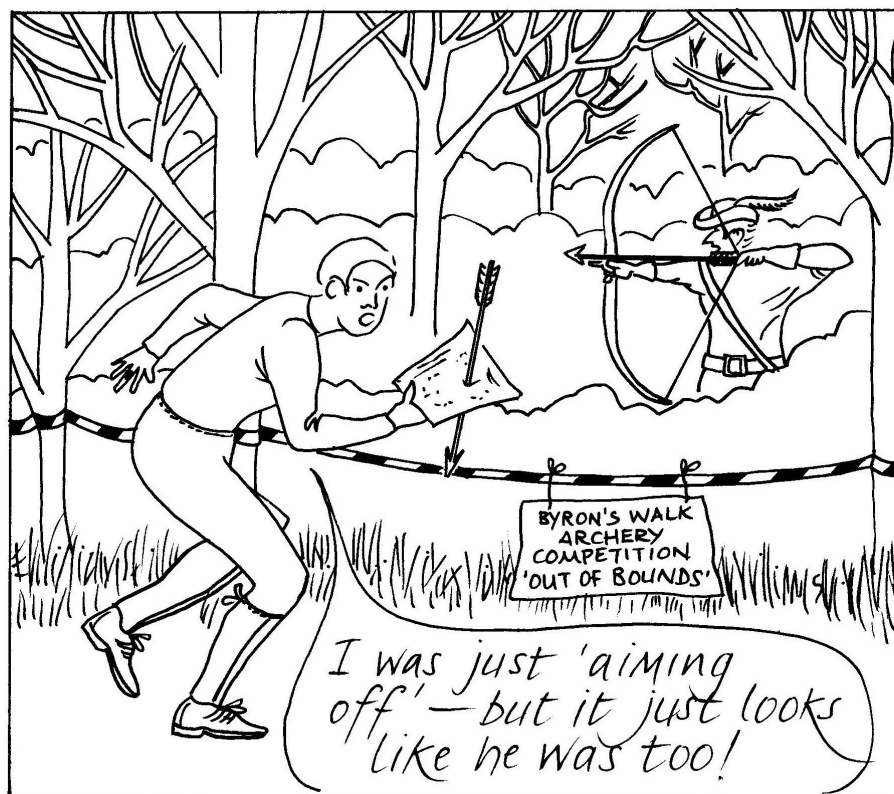


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As can be seen from the list above we need you. We need a new chairman, vice-chairman, mapping and development officer as a minimum. Do you want EMOA to continue? Could you afford a little of your time to put something back into the sport? **Please volunteer** for one of the posts.

**MINUTES OF THE 39th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EAST MIDLANDS
ORIENTEERING ASSOCIATION HELD ON MONDAY OCTOBER 6TH 2003 AT THE
RED LION, KEGWORTH**

Present : J.Woodall (NOC), D. Woodall (NOC), M.Godfree (DVO), L.Godfree (DVO), D. Walker (DVO), J. Hurley (DVO), B. Haskins (LEI), H.Palmer (NOC), R.Denney (LEI), P. Olivant (NOC), D. Skidmore (DVO), J.Bennett (LOG), R.Edwards (LEI), M. Gardner (DVO), A.Hawkins (DVO).

1. Apologies for absence : I.Whitehead, E.Williams, P.Leake, P.Hornsby, C.Philips, R.Philips, R.McDonald, A.Portsmouth.

2. Minutes of the 37th AGM. These were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposer J. Woodall

Seconder M. Gardner

3. Chairman's Report

This is my last report as your Chairman and I would like to start by thanking all the officers and members of committee who have assisted me in the three years I have served as your Chairman. I trust you will all agree that it has been a harmonious and constructive period which has not always been the case elsewhere in the sport.

I would also like to thank John Woodall, my predecessor. As accommodated for in our constitution he remained on committee for one year after handing over, but did continue 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, Randal McDonald, who as a BOF Councillor also brought us up-to-date detail of developments within the sport.

Given how invaluable this 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. Unfortunately my suggested amendment to the constitution seems to have been corrupted in transmission and I will be offering a slight amendment to it.

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.

Electronic punching has become widespread and is a great improvement for competitors but it does put extra strain on event official in particular planners and the clubs need to address this point.

We held 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 that 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 to gripes in the car parks.

As I and many others have said 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.

I would like to congratulate all winners in our championships and those who did well in the Gallophen. Both the East Midlands and Midlands Championships were on our patch and seemed to go down well and we had 13 diverse events in the Gallophen. It was nice to see RAFO providing one. Running from October to early May as it does, with enough foresight we should be able to get in the equivalent of 2 each month and I trust we will see another interesting programme this year.

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. 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.

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On the subject of the JK things seem to be moving along well but we will need to provide considerable manpower on the day.

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 we may have time to bounce ideas around at the end of the formal meeting.

Once again many thanks to everyone who helped make my task relatively straightforward and good luck to my successor.

Roy Denney, Retiring Chairman

The retiring chairman was given a vote of thanks.

4. Secretary's report

EMOA had just over 400 members last season. We have a total of 40 controllers at the various Grades. 5 coaching skills courses, 3 courses for coaches, 2 controlling courses and 1 planning course have been held in the region last season.

5. Treasurer's report .

Income from Fees is down , and that from levies is up from last year. Emews now has more issues per year, and more have had to be posted, notably the summer issue. Insurance of S.I equipment has increased. Overall there was a slight surplus . The balance has been moved into a 60-day tracker account.

6. Approval of Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Statement

Thanks were given to Dave Walker for his work in "independently financially examining" the Association's books. The final accounts for the year were circulated and accepted.

Proposer: M.Gardner

Seconder: D. Skidmore

7. Amendments to the Constitution

All the amendments, most of which were of a minor nature, were carried unanimously.

8. Election of principal officers

President -	John Woodall was elected unopposed.
Chairman -	No volunteers
Vice Chairman -	No volunteers
Secretary -	No volunteers
Treasurer -	Roger Edwards was re-elected unopposed

Clubs were urged to try to find people to fill these positions.

9. Election of other officers

BOF Council -	John Woodall
BOF Event Standards Committee -	Ernie Williams
BOF Coaching Committee -	Hilary Palmer
EMEWS Editor -	Mike Gardner
Website editor -	Andy Portsmouth
Fixtures Secretary -	Ian Whitehead

The above were re-elected unopposed

Development Officer -	No volunteers
Mapping Adviser -	No volunteers

10. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner

Dave Walker agreed to continue in this role.

11. Budget Projections and Fixing of Charges

In view of the healthy state of reserves, next year's budget would run at a loss. There was no need to change fees or levies, and after some discussion the S.I hire charges were also left unchanged.

Proposer : R. Denney

Secunder : J. Woodall

12. Plans for the coming year

In the absence of a new Chairman, this item was dropped from the agenda.

Meeting closed at 8.20p.m., and was followed by an interesting and thought-provoking open forum on whether the Galoppen should run per calendar year and whether events might be put on on Saturdays and possibly weekday afternoons.

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EMOA Committee Meeting Report – December 1st 2003

This column is going to be a regular part of EMEWS and it's intention is to provide a direct conduit from the EMOA committee to you. Items in here will be those mentioned at the EMOA committee meeting that might be of interest to the members.

Return of EMOA Champs Trophies – Anyone who has a trophy from last year needs to return it to Keith Roberts ready for this year's EMOA champs at Sherwood Forest in January. Keith can be contacted on 01773 570016.

DVO Grant application - EMOA agreed to support an application from DVO to the BOF development fund for support of a programme with schools orienteering.

Plaid Coalville – The application by Plaid Coalville to be a BOF affiliated club has been withdrawn as they have been set up as a group affiliated to LEI.

CLUBMARK – BOF, in association with Sport England, has developed a club accreditation scheme called CLUBMARK. This provides for those clubs which are working with young people to have their good practice recognised with a Clubmark Award. More details are available with club secretaries.

BOF EGM – At the EGM it was agreed to accept the British Schools Orienteering Association (BSOA) as the 13th BOF association.

The BOF EGM discussed how to get the AGM quorate. How can we encourage more people to turn up? Any ideas would be gratefully received. This 2004 AGM will be held in association with the JK in the Lakes.

There was also discussion about the validity, or not, of separate BOF championships (i.e. splitting out the junior from the senior). Any comments would be gratefully received.

World Cup event 2005 – It looks likely that a World Cup event will be held in the south of England in 2005.

Streamlining Organisation – The new BOF organisation structure is taking shape and should provide more direct accountabilities. The basic structure has been approved by Council, though some further work is still required which should be back to Council in January.

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Independents at events – It is now possible for independents (i.e. not affiliated to BOF) to enter regional events. The recommendation is that if they do so it should be at a surcharge of £3 to encourage them to join BOF.

M/ W80 – For BOC and JK in 2004 there is to be a new age class – M/ W80 – who will run the same course as M/ W75S.

Dibbing correctly – There will be a short piece written for inclusion in the next 'Focus' re it being the competitors responsibility to ensure that they punch/ dib correctly. This follows some high profile cases where there had been problems.

Event Nomenclature – There has been a decision to change from the traditional names of events to Regional, District and Local events. You will see this in the Fixtures list. However, it has been agreed that there can *be a compromise if people felt appropriate, e.g. Regional Badge Event, District Colour Coded Event, Local Limited Colour Coded Event, etc.*

Dogs at events – The current statement on this is "The default rule is 'no dogs' unless the Organiser, who should make the effort to do so at all times, has agreed with the Landowner(s) exactly what can and cannot be told to competitors in pre-event details about dogs at the event".

Galoppen – At the AGM it was proposed to make it a January to December timeframe. The EMOA committee agreed that this seemed to be a good idea and felt that this should take place from 2005 onwards. It may be appropriate to start some events in Autumn 2004, but will discuss once we see the full fixture list. So after this current galoppen the next will finish around end of 2005. On the topic, what should we call it? Is galoppen too grand a name? Does anyone know how to spell it? Should we really call it simply League? Please let me know your views.

Mid-week Events – These were discussed at the AGM as well, but it was felt appropriate to ask clubs to consider whether they could do this. It may be a good idea, but it will be dependent on club manpower, etc.

Under- 21 Badge Scheme – The Under 21 badge scheme is now under way. Rules were in previous EMEWS.

JK2004 – Message for Helpers

Helpers should enter as normal. They will receive start times but they will receive nearer the event date a helper start permit which will allow them to start at whatever is convenient to their job. When they start it will be a punching start for them which will override their allotted time.

JUNIOR TRAINING AT LAKESIDE

A watery sun was shining on the heather-covered knoll high up on the Lake District fell. The view was magnificent looking down over cloud filled valleys when suddenly a great cheer rang out from those standing on the knoll. The orienteers just finishing the second line course of the morning looked up inquisitively. It was nearly 11 am on Saturday, 22 November and Johnny Wilkinson had just kicked the winning drop goal in the Rugby World Cup.

Ten M and W16s in the East Midlands Junior Squad had travelled up to the YMCA Lakeside Centre the previous evening to join 50 M and W16s from the other regional squads for a coaching weekend.

Most of Saturday was spent in some of the more complex parts of High Dam followed by a 13 control, 1.9 km sprint race in the wooded grounds of the YMCA centre. Richard Robinson was one of the EMOA coaches present and he maintained the credibility of the adults by getting round in 12 minutes just beating all the juniors although Andrew Llewellyn was only 25 seconds behind.

Following tea, and England's success down under, an impromptu game of touch rugby started. This came to a rapid halt after a vicious attack on Rhys Roberts by a metal post holding up a roof extension. This seemed particularly unsporting as, being Welsh, Rhys was not quite as ecstatic as the others and also he did not have the ball when he was tackled. As Rhys went off to Barrow hospital, where a broken collar bone was diagnosed, the rest of us gathered for a talk by W2003 World Championships team member, Heather Monro.

Heather, who won the women's super elite class at this year's Swedish O-Ringen, was among a number of BOF stars who were present and she gave an interesting talk on why you no longer need to live in Scandinavia to reach the top in orienteering.

Next morning most of us went to Havertwaite for more training. This technical area was the venue for the 2003 British Elite short race and was an excellent place for our route choice and control picking exercises. An even greater challenge was presented with a course on a contour-only map which our M/ W16s seemed to cope with very well. Unlike the East Midlands it was dry, sunny and warm for most of the day which enabled all our juniors to spend valuable time practising techniques on difficult terrain.

Sunday afternoon was spent travelling down a very busy M6 before heading for home to try and find a video recording of the rugby match.

All of us would like to wish Rhys a speedy recovery and to thank EMOA for their support for this valuable coaching weekend.

Mick Lucking

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 at Crich Chase on February 28th next year.

The current top 5 in each course, scored in a similar system to the Galloper, with all 5 events to count.

Long Course				Total	Fosse	Allestree	Thieves
1 st =	Nigel Mockridge	NOC	M40	1000	1000		
1 st =	Stephen Kimberley	DVO	M45	1000		1000	
1 st =	David Hodgkinson	NOC	M20	1000			1000
4 th	John Middler	NOC	M50	939	939		
5 th	Ian Tebbutt	LEI	M35	933	933		

Medium Course

1 st	Ursula Williamson	LEI	W40	2000	1000		1000
2 nd	Pauline Ward	DVO	W55	1775		1000	775
3 rd	Chris Williamson	LEI	M16	1635	998		637
4 th	Brian Ward	DVO	M65	1491		815	676
5 th	Roger Devey	Ind	M50	999	999		

Short Course

1 st =	Nigel Percy	DVO	M45	1000		1000	
1 st =	Monica Cooper	SYO	W55	1000			1000
3 rd	E. Parkinson	NOC	W10	820			820
4 th	Sam Duke	NOC	M12	756			756
5 th	Emily Hopper	DVO	W21	584		584	

Future Events

February 7th LEI Beacon Hill

February 21st NOC Haywood Oaks

and don't forget the British Night Champs at Crich Chase on 28th February.

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Plea Form Computer Tent

Life is much simpler in the computer tent if your SI card is already known to the system as that saves (mis)typing your name and details. But a depressing number of your e-cards are not on the BOF database for whatever reason. So, if you haven't renewed yet, when you send your renewal check that your e-card number is correctly shown and if it is not, please take the trouble to fill it in and draw attention to the change.

The Outdoors Show 2004 2- 4 April, NEC, Birmingham

Dear All

Orienteering is going to be at the Outdoor Show in 2004 after a huge success this year with approximately 3000 visitors to the Orienteering stand. In 2004 we have 3 orienteering challenges lined up including an indoor and outdoor course and a computer challenge which is from the new Y.O! cd-rom for new orienteers!!

Sir Chris Bonington, Mike Harding and others will be speaking in the Berghaus Super Theatre and there are 6 workshops around the show as well. There's live action in the Renault Kangoo Indoor Adventure Racing, and World Cup Bouldering action. Also you can see Trail Kit Testing, the Ray Mears Survival Challenge with the Scouts, the Canoe and Go Diving pools, and the Outdoor Pavilion. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award are running a 'have-a-go' challenge and there's lots of climbing walls to try, and competitions to watch during this great day out!

If you are a British Orienteering Federation Member check out the latest Focus for the special offer on Outdoor Show Tickets valid until 1 April 2004.

For more information about the show visit www.theoutdoorsshow.co.uk

HELP!!! SPREAD THE WORD

It is that time of year again and I am on the hunt for Volunteers for the Outdoor Show 2004.

The stand requires a maximum of 5-6 volunteers per day. To enable us to reach all target markets the stand will need a GB squad member and a junior each day or ½ day to help out.

WE CAN OFFER VOLUNTEERS IN RETURN:

- EXPENSES PAID (travel expenses & accommodation if necessary)
- FREE PARKING
- FREE GOODY BAG - LAST YEAR VOLUNTEERS RECEIVED A HAGLOFS POWERSTRETCH TOP – TBC what it will be for 2004
- FREE ENTRY TO OUTDOOR SHOW – ON THE OTHER DAYS
- HELP PROMOTE ORIENTEERING

Comments from volunteers last year include

'An enjoyable and useful day' 'We really enjoyed it'

If you would like further information please contact Sophie Furness, Marketing and Communications Manager on 01629 734042 or email: sophie@britishorienteering.org.uk

I look forward to hearing from you soon, if you could please circulate this information around your club and try to include within your next newsletter, it would be greatly appreciated.

Warmest wishes

Sophie Furness

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Club Coaching

Sunday 4th January at Bestwood Country Park

Runoff your Christmas excesses and practice some 'O' skills.

Exercises suitable for all from White to Green standard.

Club training day (run or walk this is open to all) based at the Study Centre at Alexandra Lodge from 10.30 to 2.30

Bring your own lunch and drink for a picnic in the classroom between exercises

NO parking at the classroom

Park in the car park in Bestwood Village by the old winding house or in the southern car park and walk/jog in

For more details and to let me know you are coming please contact Hilary Palmer 0115 9820651 or email: hjpalmer@ntlworld.com

A Brief History of Orienteering

Orienteering began in the forests of Scandinavia, where it was introduced as a form of army training. The word 'orienteering' was used in military circles to mean "crossing unknown territory with the aid of a map and compass" as early as 1886, and by 1895 orienteering competitions were being held between military garrisons in what was then the United Kingdom of Sweden and Norway. Strong links remain between the military and orienteering in many parts of the world, and Hitler banned the sport in occupied Norway because orienteers with detailed terrain knowledge were of great help to resistance groups.

Interestingly, the word 'orienteering' appears to have been registered (as a trade name) in Canada and the USA around the same period. It is also known that 'compass and map' races were held in British army sports events in the early years of the 20th century. However, the origins of orienteering as a sport are generally recognised to be Scandinavian.

The first public orienteering competition was held by the Tjalve Sports Club near Oslo in Norway on October 31st 1897, making 1997 the sport's centenary year. The course of 19.5km with three control points in wilderness terrain was won in 1 hour, 47 minutes and 7 seconds. A similar competition organised in 1901 near Stockholm in Sweden by the

Sundbyberg Club had six entries for a 14km course with four control points, and the winner took 1 hour, 35 minutes and 34 seconds.

It is believed that in 1899 the first public ski-orientering event took place.

But modern orientering racing did not begin until 1918. Major Ernst Killander, President of the Stockholm Amateur Athletic Association, was concerned at the declining interest of youngsters in track and field athletics and decided to use the natural environment of Sweden for a new type of running activity. He devised a cross-country competition where runners not only ran a course but had to choose their own routes using a map and compass. Orientering on the Killander model demanded strength, stamina, running ability, mental agility, and the application of navigational skills in challenging terrain. It proved a great success from the start and the first event on March 25th, 1918, received a lot of press publicity. 220 runners competed over a 12 km course with three control points, with the winner taking 1.25.39. Killander went on to lay down all the basic principles of competitive orientering, including rules, types of courses, choice of control sites, age groups and organisation. He is rightly recognised as the "Father of Orientering."

The sport proved to be attractive to a wide range of people and quickly spread throughout Sweden in the 1920's. The first night orientering event was held near Stockholm in December 1922, and Sweden also held the first regional championships in 1923. The first ladies event was held in Gothenburg in 1925. The Swedish elite championships started in 1926, and in 1927 a District Relay Championship was organised in Uppsala. Eric Tobe, a member of the winning team, went on to become the first President of the International Orientering Federation when it was set up in 1961.

The first international match was held near Oslo, with Sweden defeating Norway in 1932.

The maps used by these early orienteers were neither detailed nor accurate. They were black and white - sometimes with blue for water features - usually at a scale of 1:100,000 with hachure lines rather than contours to indicate height. Specialist full-colour orientering maps were not produced until 1952, and compasses were either the conventional 'watch' type or wooden box compasses until the development of the Silva protractor compass in 1933. This was developed by the Kjellström brothers, Björn and Alvan, and their friend, Brunnar Tillander. They were among the best Swedish orienteers of the thirties, with several individual championships among them.

By 1934 orientering had spread to Switzerland, Hungary and the USSR. The first orientering event in North America took place on November 10th, 1941. The first nucleus for international co-operation was the Nordic Committee for Orientering set up in 1946, and in May 1949 the Swedish Orientering Association held an international conference in Sandviken in which 11 nations took part. The first events were held in Australia in 1955.

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An open international competition held outside Stockholm in 1960 attracted seven nations, and was followed in 1961 by the inauguration of the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) at a meeting in Copenhagen. There were ten founder members: Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, East Germany, Finland, Hungary, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and West Germany.

The first European Championships were held at Løten in Norway in 1962, with Magne Lystad, a forestry worker from the host country, as men's champion, and Ulla Lindquist from Sweden the women's champion. In Finland in 1966 this event became the World Championships, with Ulla Lindquist again women's champion, and the men's champion again a Norwegian, Age Hadler.

(Taken from the BOF site with some additions – next month – History of Orienteering in the UK)

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Chairman's Spot – John Woodall

At the AGM on 6 October 2003 Roy Denney's term as Chairman came to an end. Roy has worked tirelessly for EMOA and the Association has come a long way in his period of office. In particular we must thank him for his efforts working with The National Forest to get new areas for our use in the new woods they are planting. Unfortunately nobody was prepared to stand as a replacement for him as Chairman and the Constitution does not allow him to stand for a fourth year – is there no-one out there willing to do the job?

“...thank him for his efforts working with The National Forest to get new areas for our use...”

In the meantime, having been elected President – and I can't say strongly enough how honoured I am by that – I

have said that I will act as Chairman for as long as necessary. I seem to think I have been here before – I only became Chairman last time as the post had been vacant for some time after the AGM!

So you have got me again, but this time I have no plans made for the future, and we shall have to develop them as we go along. Luckily, after the AGM Bob Alderson volunteered to be Secretary and he was formally co-opted to the post at the first executive committee meeting on 1 December 2003 – Thanks Bob. I think Bob and I can work together and keep orienteering going in the East Midlands.

Have a very merry Christmas, a happy New Year and lots of wonderful orienteering in 2004.

John Woodall

EMOA Galloppen

So far the East Midlands galloppen has encompassed events at Bagworth (LEI), Byron's Walk (NOC), Stanton Moor (DVO) and Bourne Woods (LOG). The following is a list of the remainder of the East Midlands galloppen events for 2003/2004:

Dec 21 st	NOC	Best wood	Mar 7 th	LEI	Rough Park
Jan 18 th	LEI	Fineshade	Mar 28 th	DVO	Linacre
Jan 25 th	DVO	Shining Cliff	Apr 18 th	LOG	Stapleford
Feb 8 th	LEI	Beacon Hill	Apr 25 th	DVO	Chatsworth
Feb 22 nd	LOG	Twynford	May 8 th	LEI	Switland
Feb 29 th	NOC	Sherwood Pines			

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

Below are detailed the top 10 in each grouping so far.

White Course – Boys / Men

Forename	Surname	Club	Class	Bagworth	Byron's Walk	Stanton Moor	Bourne Wood	Best 6 Scores	Position
Aleksi	Davidson	LEI	M9	1000		1000	699	2699	1st
William	Parkinson	NOC	M7		1000		1000	2000	2nd
Daniel	Rawsthorne	LEI	M5	839			909	1748	3rd
Nathan	Lawson	LEI	M6	882			766	1648	4 th
Matthew	Drew	NOC	M10	690	824			1514	5 th
Euan	Tebbutt	LEI	M5	564		751		1315	6 th
Miles	Plaskett	LEI	M9		350	600		950	7 th
Khem	Sattaur	DVO	M10			822		822	8 th
Jethro	McGraw	DVO	M6			807		807	9 th
Adam	Sattaur	DVO	M10			717		717	10 th

White Course – Girls / Women

Victoria	Littlewood	NOC	W10		962		1000	1962	1st
Kathryn	Drew	NOC	W10	960	1000			1960	2nd
Harriet	Lawson	LEI	W8	1000			715	1715	3rd
Claudia	Smith	NOC	W8			1000		1000	4 th
Hannah	Horsewill	NOC	W7		564			564	5 th
Francesca	Littlewood	NOC	W4				522	522	6 th
Nicola	Jackson	DVO	W7	458				458	7 th

Yellow Course – Boys / Men

Daniel	Davidson	LEI	M9	986		1000	1000	2986	1st
Daniel	Parsons	LEI	M9	1000				1000	2nd
James	Taylor	NHS	M12		1000			1000	2nd
Matthew	Burton	NOC	M12		897			897	4 th
Jamie	Martin	NOC	M10	851				851	5 th
James	Mayley	LOG	M12		651			651	6 th
Jonathon	Goodger	LEI	M15	553				553	7 th
James	Hornsby	LEI	M15	546				546	8 th

Yellow Course – Girls / Women

Elizabeth	Parkinson	NOC	W10		1000		1000	2000	1st
Joy	Hodkinson	NOC	W10			1000		1000	2nd
Alison	Percy	DVO	W8		471	446		917	3rd
Rebecca	Mead	DVO	W10			749		749	4 th
Leanne	Durrant	LOG	W9				525	525	5 th
Laura	Wilson	DVO	W10			455		455	6 th
Ashleigh	King	NOC	W12		410			410	7 th

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Orange Course – Boys / Men

Forename	Surname	Club	Class	Bagworth	Byron's Walk	Stanton Moor	Bourne Wood	Best 6 Scores	Position
Bertie	Tapp	Scotting	NOC M12		1000		1000	2000	1st
Matthew	Hallam	NOC	M8	1000		921		1921	2nd
Thomas	Wright	DVO	M12		877	881		1758	3rd
Simon	Wright	DVO	M12		749	1000		1749	4 th
Julius	Percy	DVO	M10		928	792		1720	5 th
David	Jenkinson	LEI	M40	895				895	6 th
Edward	MacDonald	NOC	M13		570			570	7 th
James	Taylor	NOC	M12		552			552	8 th
Omar	Sattaur	DVO	M45			254		254	9 th

Orange Course – Girls / Women

Catherine	Sellars	DVO	W21			1000		1000	1st=
Irene	Marriott	LEI	W50	1000				1000	1st=
	Tucker	DVO	W13		1000			1000	1st=
Kathryn	Thompson	LEI	W55	886				886	4 th
Cliona	Joyce	NUOC	W21	500				500	5 th

Light Green Men

Matthew	Wallace	NOC	M14	820	805			1625	1st
Dave	Tongue	NOC	M35		819		777	1596	2nd
David	Disney	DVO	M45	691	681			1372	3rd
Alan	Jones	NOC	M70	537		808		1345	4 th
Richard	Pickworth	LOG	M55			783	498	1281	5 th
Mel	Clark	LOG	M45	584	667			1251	6 th
Barry	Mawby	NOC	M60		1000			1000	7 th =
Ian	Hodson	DVO	M21			1000		1000	7 th =
John	Thompson	LEI	M55	1000				1000	7 th =
Martin	Wheeler	LOG	M45				1000	1000	7 th =

Light Green Women

Mary	Mills	NOC	W50	809	992		1000	2801	1st
Geraldine	Davis	LEI	W55	665	725		820	2210	2nd
Margaret	Buckland	NOC	W60	802	990			1792	3rd
Norah	Jones	NOC	W70	744		797		1541	4 th
Erin	Malley	DVO	W14		1000			1000	5 th =
Kate	Johnson	DVO	W18			1000		1000	5 th =
Ros	Bourne	DVO	W60	1000				1000	5 th =
Jennifer	Cook	NOC	W50		987			987	8 th
Valerie	Gebbett	NOC	W65		920			920	9 th
Deborah	Clark	LOG	W21	413	433			846	10 th

Green Men

John	Woodall	NOC	M65	861	819	724	1000	3404	1st
David	Cooke	NOC	M55	1000	1000	758		2758	2nd
Dave	Skidmore	DVO	M55	953	901	768		2622	3rd
Brian	Ward	DVO	M65	884	801	743		2428	4 th
Vernon	Davis	LEI	M60	760	618		885	2263	5 th
Roger	Keeling	DVO	M60	827	715	678		2220	6 th
Christopher	Mills	NOC	M15	827	677		684	2188	7 th
Michael	Lindsay	DVO	M50	658	672	653		1983	8 th
Andrew	Wallace	NOC	M45	603	618	531		1752	9 th
Andrew	Tongue	NOC	M18		717		932	1649	10 th

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Green Women

Forename	Surname	Club	Class	Bagworth	Byron's Walk	Stanton Moor	Bourne Wood	Best 6 Scores	Position
Pauline	Ward	DVO	W55	1000	980	1000		2980	1st
Ruth	Ellis	DVO	W50	718	978	740		2436	2nd
Diane	Ford	LEI	W55	828	777	645		2250	3rd
Alison	Hayes	DVO	W40	602	752	733		2087	4 th
Rachel	Davis	DVO	W35	652	728	587		1967	5 th
Silvia	Ruiz	LEI	W21	544	552	554		1650	6 th
Ann	Armistead	DVO	W50		856	683		1539	7 th
Christina	Wright	DVO	W45		669	637		1306	8 th
Pauline	Jones	NOC	W40		691	593		1284	9 th
Maria	Roberts	NOC	W40	555	641			1196	10 th

Blue Men

Liam	Harrington	LOG	M16	1000	974	830	1000	3804	1st
Simon	Ford	LEI	M60	990	1000	852		2842	2nd
Roger	Edwards	LEI	M50	917	744	901		2562	3rd
Sean	Harrington	LOG	M45	557	529	492	611	2189	4 th
Roger	Williamson	LEI	M55		550	652	651	1853	5 th
Tony	Buckland	NOC	M65	933		856		1789	6 th
Oscar	TappScotting	NOC	M16	805	877			1682	7 th
Andy	Hawkins	DVO	M55	852		829		1681	8 th
Paul	Beverley	NOC	M50	858		744		1602	9 th
Rhys	Roberts	NOC	M16	737	847			1584	10 th

Blue Women

H	Galloway	LOG	W50	951	789		1000	2740	1st
Sarah	O'Neil	NOC	W18	972	1000			1972	2nd
Sian	Roberts	NOC	W18	961	900			1861	3rd
Margaret	Keeling	DVO	W55	1000	855			1855	4 th
Jayne	Malley	DVO	W45	938		659		1597	5 th
Ursula	Williamson	LEI	W40		723		789	1512	6 th
Rosemary	Hodkinson	NOC	W16			1000		1000	6 th
Jane	Booker	NOC	W45	993				993	7 th
Emily	Parkin	NUOC	W21	852				852	8 th
Helen	O'Neil	NOC	W45		831			831	9 th
Val	Johnson	DVO	W40			737		737	10 th

Brown Men

David	Bray	LEI	M50	916	975		1000	2891	1st
Chris	Bosley	LEI	M55	896	852	936		2684	2nd
Ian	Wells	LEI	M50	892	819		936	2647	3rd
David	Gourley	LOG	M40	704		883	895	2482	4 th
Steven	Davidson	LEI	M40	683		783	830	2296	5 th
David	Lawson	LEI	M40	1000			973	1973	6 th
Andrew	Jackson	DVO	M40	869		941		1810	7 th
Chris	Williamson	LEI	M16		1000		771	1771	8 th
John	Malley	DVO	M45	824		922		1746	9 th
Keith	Picksley	NOC	M65	747	902			1649	10 th

Brown Women

Sal	Chaffey	DVO	W35			1000		1000	1st
Sue	Russell	DVO	W40			744		744	2nd

You've Been Quangoed

There are literally tens of thousands of quangos and these unelected bodies control most aspects of our lives in one way or another. These quasi autonomous non governmental organisations have powers and budgets delegated to them and get involved in all sectors of public life. There is no specific definition and I have been unable to find any list of them but I no longer feel left out as I have joined an advisory group set up by the local authority on instructions from the Government.

There are certainly too many of them and they have overlapping responsibilities making it very difficult for people to know who they have to consult whenever they wish to start any project.

A classic example is the way of life in the countryside and the sporting and environmental considerations impacting on everything which takes place there.

Lord Chris Haskins has been appointed the Government adviser on rural affairs and has just issued a report on the delivery of rural services. I had the opportunity to listen to him and have a brief chat when I attended his presentation of the awards to successful tender schemes for the National Forest recently. He brings a commercial view to the situation having retired in 2002 as Chairman of Northern Foods having been with them for 40 years and this is generally welcome.

He has confirmed what we all know – i.e. that the Stakeholder (to use the in jargon) does not know who to turn to in the plethora of responsible bodies and the major thrust of his suggestions is to do away with many including English Nature.

I have had my difficulties with English Nature in the past when trying to get access to woodlands but this is a fairly drastic step. English Nature is one of the biggest quangos and its biggest problem is that it is a mixed bag of specialities and they do not all speak with one mind.

Haskins recommends creating a super quango replacing numerous existing ones having an impact on rural matters but whilst this is ideal in theory it would probably be even more riddled with inconsistencies as none of these bodies ever impresses with focused management structures. It would cut down on the number of agencies and the required reports to them and the form filling that drives so many people daft but the downsides are numerous.

Such bodies could be said to include non profit making companies (Railtrack) and other companies where the government is the shareholder (Post Office) and also trusts like the National Trust.

Government always has a major influence either by virtue of its right of appointment or by dint of the funds it provides and one argument is that these are really government functions and should be carried out by our elected and supposedly accountable government.

We all saw however what problems there were with the late and unlamented MAFF where the consumer's protection and farmers interests were seen to be in conflict. I need not highlight the farce of Foot and Mouth.

DeFRA (Dept of Food and Rural Affairs) has replaced it but is largely comprised of the same people with a different label.

They have set up a further quango in the Food Standards Agency but there are disputes as to how independent this body is.

English Nature (EN) has been reasonably independent of the government's line, in particular in regard to GM crops, and wildlife would lose a champion if it was only one consideration of this proposed super quango.

If EN is to resist this pressure to be absorbed it needs to get its own house in order. My contacts with it suggest that at national level it has many good aspirations but locally it is served by many traditionalists with narrow views leading to the apparent obstructiveness which thwarts farmers, landowners and land users such as ourselves.

At a recent meeting under the auspices of the Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR) a senior representative of EN explained their position on access to the countryside and on recreation and nature conservation and confirmed that they welcome action to improve access to the countryside. They want people to experience and benefit from contact with nature and recognise that recreation plays an important part in improving people's quality of life and sense of well being. They advocate an environmentally sustainable approach which enhances both wildlife and recreation which must surely be in everyone's interest and particularly ours.

EN nationally has a close working relationship with many sporting interests, including anglers, canoeists, climbers, cavers and orienteers. They have in fact sponsored BOF's Environment Practice booklet. They did conceive however that there is a problem, because whilst at a national level there is an overall integration of sport and nature conservation, at a local level there are difficulties. Certainly not all SSSIs or other protected areas are suitable for all or any types of recreation, nor at all times of year.

There are many people with concerns where they have been unable to get what they seek on a particular site. Further, as CCPR acknowledges, not all forms of recreation are compatible amongst themselves. The CCPR is of course yet another quango.

There is an argument that agriculture and environmental concerns are now of one mind since farmer support is now being directed at grants for sustainable development and environmental protection rather than production grants which is something I have been advocating for years. However, increasing amounts of land dedicated to wildlife and / or sporting use are not pastoral or arable land and could lose out in this equation.

The wilder parts of Britain which we enjoy have thriving wildlife populations which are best left in natural balance without bureaucratic control which if well intentioned, is often misguided or plain stupid.

I recently sought access for a small area which we had used informally for years only to find that it had been fenced off to protect rare lichens which only thrive there because footfall has kept other wild plants at bay. We started mapping a superb potential orienteering area capable of staging badge events and near to Fineshade only for EN to designate it a National Nature Reserve and withdraw their agreement. This was despite the support of the District Manager of the landowners, The Forestry Commission (a quango).

One of my favourite areas consisting of eroding sand cliffs, brackish coastal marshes, sandy heaths and stony scrapes is known as the Brecklands, and is home to many rare species of flora and fauna which has survived largely due to the careful activities of local people.

Bodies like the RSPB have been actively involved but landowners have shown unusually sensitive attitudes to the needs of many creatures and the success of these partnerships should be an example to all. You are however unlikely to see it replicated elsewhere as EN has stepped in with heavy boots.

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Farmers who made a success of these voluntary schemes have been rewarded by the imposition of a statutory reserve status on them (SSSI) which means in many aspects of their activities they cannot carry out their normal functions without the permission of EN.

The justification for this action (which they say they have to carry out under EU rules) is that this area of about 30,000 acres is home to 40% of the national population of stone curlews. This bird, whilst still threatened, has doubled in number over the last ten years and there are now over 400 thought to reside in Britain. It has managed this without statutory protection.

The ludicrousness of this action is even more apparent when you realise that farmers are now going to be paid compensation for leaving areas of bare earth for the birds to breed and for management they are already doing voluntarily.

EN does have legal responsibilities to protect areas but a bit more common sense in interpreting these matters would not go amiss. In my experience, EN in some localities seems to see no good in any of man's activities.

No matter what its aims, if it continues to make it difficult for voters to enjoy what they are preserving, then eventually the political support for their existence may well dry up.

Having no illusions about the need for EN to improve, I do not favour one monstrous quango as despite what anyone might say this would be even closer to DeFRA and more susceptible to political pressure.

Even government has no clear demarcation lines as much of what goes on in the countryside comes under the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister rather than the Department of Food and Rural Affairs.

My own experience of DeFRA leaves me with little comfort. In my own role as Chairman of the Leicestershire Local Access Forum I recently attended the National Access Forum.

This was set up at DeFRA's behest by the Countryside Agency (another giant quango with a big hand on rural matters) as part of the roll out of the government's flagship CRoW legislation (Countryside & Rights of Way Act).

It brings together representatives of numerous organisations (many of them quangos) to advise DeFRA and other authorities on the progress and implementation of this act. At the last meeting DeFRA could not even find a representative to attend.

Sport England and the Lotteries Board (both quangos) have a role to play and there is, as I see it, a need for a wildlife advisory body able to advise all government departments, local government and other authorities, but all need to be sensitive to each others concerns.

One mega grouping would just become an arm of government and perhaps the best way forward would be an umbrella group where the senior players in each organisation could get together regularly to compare notes. Unfortunately this would need a secretariat and would itself become yet another quango.

Roy Denney

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British Relay Championships

The withdrawal of permission to use two areas and the lack of availability of other suitable areas has caused the NEOA to withdraw from hosting the British Relay Championships 2004, scheduled for March 21st. Official notification of this was received on Monday 1st December 2003. In the meantime, the available alternatives have been reviewed and attempts are being made to put a solution in place so that any ill effects on the individual championships are minimised. These attempts are ongoing and we are unable to be any more definite at this stage. Given the uncertainty of the situation it might be wise to delay any personal decisions regarding accommodation at the Championships until all possible solutions have been tested.

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Editorial

Some of you may have noticed the number on the front of EMEWS rising towards the 200 figure. For the 200th edition I would like to include any memories of orienteering when EMEWS started, or history of EMEWS. Please dredge your memories and contribute any articles about orienteering back then, or any memories of EMEWS and send them to me for inclusion in the 200th edition.

Due to work commitments, illness and various other activities, I have done very little orienteering in last couple of months, and hardly any training. However, a few weeks ago I was wading through the bracken on Crich Chase taping sites ready for the British Night Champs and I wondered how anyone could ever orienteer in the autumn (I was expecting to meet wild creatures at any moment, or maybe Duncan Goodhew swimming through the bracken). Yet, just a few weeks later I was back on the area, and after a few frosts, the bracken has become brittle, sites that were almost impossible to reach are becoming accessible, and it was a beautiful cold, but sunny day and it was great to be outside enjoying the countryside.

Hopefully, we can start to look forward to orienteering in areas that are much more runnable as the new year dawns.

I look forward to seeing you all out in the forest. - 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, District 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. Regional and National events (C3 & C2) provide a range of age related courses and are normally entered in advance using a Standard Entry Form (SEF); 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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| 7th | NW | MDOC District 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 District 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-orienteeing.org.uk |
| 7th | EA | WAOC Yvette Baker Trophy Final. High Ash, Mundford. TL/815967. |
| | C4X | Ursula Oxburgh, 01223 357199. u.oxburgh@esc.cam.ac.uk Fees TBA. EPS-SI. Yellow to Green courses. No senior courses. Closed event for YBT only. Dogs on lead. |
| 14th | WM | OD District Event. Wryley Common, Wryley. SK/044061. |
| | C4 | Greta Shields, 02476 419854. greta@btinternet.com £5.00/£2.00. String course. www.octavian-droobers.org |
| 14th | NW | WAROC Warrior O Trial - 2 hr Fell-O Score Event. Three Shires Stone, Ambleside. |
| | O4 | Martin Bagness, 015394 34184 (Hm). martinbagness@aol.com Fees TBA. EPS-SI. Check website for confirmation. Starts 1000 -1100. Compulsory gear - full thermals, waterproofs, hat, gloves, whistle, food, survival bag. May be pairs if weather bad. Limited parking - share cars!. No dogs. www.waroc.org.uk |
| 14th | EA | NOR District Event & NOR Club Championships. Felbrigg, Cromer. TG/195394. |
| | C4 | Pat Bedder, 01603 424589. pat.bedder@virgin.net £3.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. Dogs on lead. www.norfolkoc.co.uk |
| 20th | WM | OD Local Night Score Event. Hay Wood, Chadwick End. |
| | S5N | Tony Feltbower, 01926 864465. tony.feltbower@totalise.co.uk £4.00/£2.00. www.octavian-droobers.org |
| 21st | EM | NOC District Event. Bestwood Country Park, Nottingham. SK/565475. |
| | C4 | Gill Hatfield, 0115 981 4101. gill.hatfield@ntlworld.com White to Blue and String £3.50/£1.50. EPS-SI. Dogs on lead. www.noc-uk.org |

- 28th EM **DVO Street Event.** Wirksworth. SK/522148.
 C5 One hour score event; Mass start at 11:00am from Wirksworth Market Place. £2.00/£1.00.
- 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

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- 1st EM **DVO Local New Year Score Event.** Hardwick Hall. Signed from SK452654
 S4 Dave Skidmore, 0115 922 4587. Mass start at 11:00am for one hour score; also Orange course. Car park 50p. £2.00/£1.00 www.dvo.org.uk
- 1st EM **LEI Local New Year's Day Foot & Bike O.** Botcheston, TBA.
 C5 Robert Haskins, 01509 842449. bobh@piperdrive.co.uk Fees TBA. Short & Long Bike-O, Y & O Foot-O. www.leioc.co.uk
- 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 £5.00/£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. Mass start 11:30am. also Yellow course. www.mdoc.org.uk
- 10th EM **NOC Short Races.** Blidworth Woods, Mansfield. SK/591125.
 C4S Organiser: David Cooke, 01773 770278. d.cooke4@ntlworld.com
 Entries: Joy Cholerton, The Doves, 40 Fairdale Drive, Newthorpe, Nottm, NG16 2FG, 01773 715234. joycholderton@thedoves.fsnet.co.uk CD: 12/12/03. £5.00/£2.50, Family £12.50 +50p 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
- 10th EA **HAVOC Local Event & SWELL.** Weald Park, Brentwood. TQ/570940.
 C5 Barbara Fothergill, 020 7332 1970. paul-barbara@chestneys.freemove.co.uk £1.50/£1.50. EPS-SI. W, Y, O, LG and 6km training course (Blue). Parking £2.00. www.orienteeing-havoc.co.uk
- 11th EM **NOC Robin Hood Trophy Regional Event & East Midlands Championships.** Sherwood Forest, Budby & Bilhaugh, Mansfield. SK/610680.
 C3 Organiser: Bob Alderson, 0115 845 0771. r.alderston1@ntlworld.com
 Entries: Joy Cholerton, The Doves, 40 Fairdale Drive, Newthorpe, Nottm, NG16 2FG, 01773 715234. joycholderton@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 SE **HH Regional Event.** Ashridge Estate, Berkhamstead. SP/979128.
 C3 Organiser: Robin Barris, 01707 266030. r.barris@btinternet.com
 Entries: Susan Marsden, 24 Glen Way, Watford, Herts, WD17 3JL, 01923 225197. ashridge@gpproducts.net CD: 15/12/03. £7.50/£3.00, +£1.00 late entry. No EOD. Chq: HHOC. EPS-SI. String course. CC courses W, Y, O & LG pre-entry only - £7.50/£3.00. Entry limited to 500. Dogs on lead in car park only. www.happyherts.org.uk
- 18th YH **SYO District Event.** Gleadless Valley, Sheffield. SK/360834.
 C4 Kevin Walters, 0114 250 9180. kevin.walters@cancer.org.uk £4.00/£1.00. String course. Parking 50p. www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk
- 18th WM **HOC/BUOC District Event.** Sandwell Valley Country Park, West Bromwich. SP/025922.
 C4 Peter Broad (BUOC) charcoalburner@hotmail.com £4.50/£2.00. White to Brown

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- 18th EM **LEI District Event.** Fineshade Wood, Corby. SP/979984.
C4 Chris Phillips, 0116 255 0330. onecphillips@lineone.net £3.50/£1.50. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. Dogs on lead. www.leioc.co.uk
- 24th EA **WAOE Night Regional Event & Midland Night Championships.** High Ash, Mundford. TL/815967.
C3N Organiser: Tony Wadeson, 01438 740965.
Entries: addressee TBA. *CD: unknown.* Fees TBA. EPS-SI. Dogs on lead.
- 25th EA **CUOC Icenian Trophy Regional 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: 17/01/04.* £7.00/£3.00 + SI hire 75p. Lim EOD +£1.00/50p. Chq: Cambridge University Orienteering Club. EPS-SI. CC courses - O & LG only. The Junior Badge Courses will use the BOF Under-21 Badge Scheme and entries should be submitted consistent with this code. 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 Ingleby will only deal with Entries. www.cam.ac.uk/societies/cuoc/
- 25th SW **WIM Regional Event.** Gore Heath, Wareham. SY/934902.
C3 Organiser: Peter Brett, 01202 813609.
Entries: Cris Tween, Blackthorn Cottage, Fiddleford, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, DT10 2BX, 01258 861804. cris@thetweens.freeseve.co.uk *CD: 13/01/04.* £7.00/£3.00. Lim EOD subject to parking space +£1.00/50p. Chq: Wimborne Orienteers. EPS-SI. Please pre-enter and share transport as parking is very restricted. There will be no EOD if all parking has been allocated to pre-entry. Limited CC (W, Y, O & LG) EOD only (£4/£2) if parking still available. String course. No dogs. www.wimborne-orienteers.org.uk
- 25th EM **DVO District Event.** Shining Cliff, Belper. SK/326531.
C4 John Northall, 01335 370592. Signed from A6 at Whatstandwell. Fees £4/ £1. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. No dogs. www.dvo.org.uk

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- 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
- 1st YH **EPOC Regional 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. gboeltham@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.
- 7th EM **LEI District Night Event & East Midlands Night league.** Beacon Hill, Loughborough. SK/522148.
C4N Chris Phillips, 0116 255 0330. onecphillips@lineone.net £3.00/£1.00. Parking £1.00. Dogs on lead. www.leioc.co.uk
Full registration pending
- 8th YH **SYO Regional Event.** Burbage, Sheffield. SK/273805.
C3 Organiser: Phil Haywood, 0114 236 3003. philhsyo@aol.com

- Entries: Doreen Best, 94 Ringstead Crescent, Crosspool, Sheffield, S10 5SJ, 0114 230 2621. doreenanglissbest@hotmail.com CD: 19/01/04. £7.50/£3.00. Lim EOD +£1.50/£1.00. Chq: SYO. EPS-SI. String course. Lim CC courses up to Lt Green. Parking £1.00. Dogs on lead in car park only. www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk
- 8th SC **TVOC Regional Event, Chiltern Challenge.** Christmas Common, Watlington. SU/720910.
C3 Organiser: Colin Duckworth, 0118 972 2490. tvoc2004@yahoo.co.uk
Entries: addressee TBA. CD: *unknown*. Fees TBA. String course. www.tvoc.org.uk
- 8th WM WCH District Event & joint event with Forestry Commision. Birches Valley, Rugeley. SK/017171.
C4 Philip Green & Barbara Heathcote, 01889 882436. philip.green@btinternet.com £4.00/£2.00 + SI hire £1.00/50p. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on lead. www.walton-chasers.co.uk
- 8th EM **LEI District Event.** Beacon Hill, Loughborough. SK/522148.
C4 Chris Phillips, 0116 255 0330. onecphillips@lineone.net £3.50/£1.50. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. Dogs on lead. www.leioc.co.uk
Full registration pending
- 15th EA **SMOC Regional Event.** Salcy Forest, Northampton.
C3 Colin Nicholson, 01638 750752. Fees TBA. EPS-SI.
Full registration pending
- 15th SC **BKO Regional Event, Concorde Chase.** Swinley Forest, Bracknell. SU/911665.
C3 Organiser: Liz Turbin, 0118 934 5412. liz.turbin@tiscali.co.uk
Entries: addressee TBA. CD: *unknown*. Fees TBA. EPS-Emit. String course.
- 15th WM HOC District Event. Dudmaston Hall, Bridgnorth. SO/746888.
C4 Rollo Rumford, 01905 726967. rollo.rumford@btinternet.com £4.00/£1.50 + £1.00 SI hire. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. No dogs. www.harlequins.org.uk
- 21st EM **NOC Local Night Event.** Haywood Oaks, Mansfield. SK/611559.
C5N Steve Martin, 0114 274 7437. s.j.martin@sheffield.ac.uk. £2.00/£1.00. Dogs on lead.
- 22nd SE **SAX Regional 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
- 22nd EA NOR District Event & EAGAL & Norfolk Schools League. Swaffham Heath, Swaffham. TF/767095.
C4 Garry Moore, 01553 671717. £4.00/£1.00. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on lead in car park only. www.norfolkoc.co.uk
- 28th EM **DVO British Night Championships & UK Cup.** 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. Limited EOD +£2.00. Chq: DVO. EPS-SI. Starts from 1830. Parking £1.00. No dogs.
- 29th EA **SOS Leap Year Regional Event.** Roman Valley & Donyland Wood, Colchester. TL/985209.
C3 Organiser: Lyn West, 01206 322905. lynwest.ghh@tesco.net
Entries: Julia Robertson, 9 Moatfields, Fordham, Colchester, Essex, CO6 3PG, 01206 242283. Badge@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 - White to Orange. stragglers.info
- 29th WM OD District Event. TBA, Warwickshire.
C4 Stephen Bates, 01926 641866. stephen.batesl@virgin.net Fees TBA. www.octavian-droobers.org

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- 29th EM **NOC District 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.

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- 7th SE **DFOK Junior Regional Event & Senior District Event.** Shorne/Ashenbank, Gravesend. TQ/685700.
C3 Organiser: Andrew Evans, 01959 522759. andrew.sueevans@talk21.com
Entries: addressee TBA. CD: *unknown*. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. SE Answerphone 020 89486056.
www.dfok.co.uk
- 7th EM **LEI District Event.** Rough Park, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. SK/390190.
C4 Chris Phillips, 0116 255 0330. onecphillips@lineone.net £3.50/£1.50. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. Dogs on lead. www.leioc.co.uk
Full registration pending
- 7th EA **WAOC District Event & EAGAL.** Warden Warren, Shefford. TL/145441.
C4 Mike Capper, 01733 235202. mike.capper@virgin.net £4.00/£1.50. EPS-SI. Parking £1.00. Dogs on lead. www.waoc.org.uk
- 14th SOA **Compass Sport Cup - 1st Round.**
NW – MERO, Squirrel Reserve, Formby, SD/274083
YH - SYO, Cawthorne, Barnsley. SE/297097.
WM – WCH, Cannock Chase, Rugeley. GR/038162.
EA – EAOA, Lynford, Thetford
- 20th- NE **BRITISH ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS & UK CUP & FCC**
21st C1 **20th - BRITISH ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS & UK CUP & FCC.** Simonside, Rothbury. NZ/035998.
R1 **21st - British Relay Championships.** Lordenshaws, Rothbury. NZ 058995.
Co-ordinator: John Crosby, 0191 268 5449. john@nsoa.freesevice.co.uk
Entries: Andrew Nicoll, BOC2004, 47 Holywell Avenue, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear, NE26 3AQ, 0191 252 2383. andrew@nicoll.co.uk CD: 20/02/04. Fees TBA (see website for full details). Chq: BOC 04. EPS-SI. String course. Lim CC courses. Parking £1.00 each day. Dogs in car park and assembly only. Relay entry forms will be sent to Club Secs. www.muddy.org/boc2004
NOTE: Statement in magazine about Relay been cancelled.
- 28th SOA **CLYDE Regional Event & SOL 2, including FCC.** Airds Park, Oban. NM/964341.
C3 Organiser: Andrew Macpherson, 01413 349548. andrew.macpherson@syngenta.com
Entries: Robin Orr, 40F Buchanan Street, Milngavie, Glasgow, G62 8AN, 0141 9562434. rorr@bioreliance.com CD: 14/03/04. £8.00/£4.00 (inc unwaged). Lim EOD +£1.00. Chq: Clydeside Orienteers. EPS-SI. String course. Supply SI numbers or 50p hire. Dogs on lead in car park only.
- 28th SW **WSX 16th Dorset Delight Regional Event.** Rushmore Estate, SE of Shaftesbury. ST/969172.
C3 Organiser: Tracy Crickmore, 01929 550 680. roger.tracy@virgin.net
Entries: Alan Brown, 43 Kings Avenue, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 1NA, 01202 473714. alan@wsx.cix.co.uk CD: 12/03/04. £5.50/£2.50, Family (max 2+4) £13.00. Lim EOD +£1.00, Family 50p each. Chq: WSX OC. EPS-SI. Punching start. String course. Lim CC courses - W, Y, O & LG - £3.00/£1.50. Parking £1.00. Dogs on lead at all times in car park only. www.wessex-oc.org

Some Future Badge Events

3 rd -4 th April	SOA	Senior Home International
4 th April	EA	WAOC Badge Event, Rowney Warren
9 th -12 th April	NW	JK Weekend
18 th April	WM	HOC Badge Event, Breakneck Bank & Stuart
25 th April	SOA	INT Badge Event, Mill of Fortune
9 th May	NW	WCOC Badge Event, North Lakes
16 th May	SOA	SOLWAY Badge Event, Troston Forest
23 rd May	NW	LOC NATIONAL Event, Holme Fell