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### Cover Picture

Thanks again to Ernie Williams for his cover which wonderfully illustrates the mud at Day 1 of this year's JK. I know the DVO tent is still well splattered in mud.

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**Editorial**

The move to electronic EMEWS seemed to go fairly well. In fact I have had no comments at all from members. I am not sure if this is good or bad. I did check with a number of people that they did receive their EMEWS, and everyone seemed to have done so. Please let me know your comments and whether this does seem to be working.

One of the major decisions at the BOF AGM was the movement back to a 4 tier fixture structure (from the 3 tier structure we have been using). Hopefully this should make it easier to identify the standard of the event you are going to. It is hoped that the new structure will be implemented next year, but there are still a number of things to resolve. There are arguments for retaining the 3 tier structure, but I personally think the 4 tier structure is going to be easier to understand, especially for those folk who are not regular orienteers. The one thing I would recommend is that we don't rush the change, and communicate to all the members what is going on and why (I think this was part of the problem of moving to the 3 tier structure). So here would be my recommendations for implementing the 4 tier structure:

1. Communicate with all members clearly defining which type of events fit in to which level of the 4 tier structure.
2. Make sure that the role of all officials is clearly thought through (e.g. what level of controller can control what type of event?)
3. Make sure the Fixtures list clearly show the level of event so that members know what type of event they are attending.
4. Keep communicating the status of the change on a regular basis to all members.

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**EMOA Committee Meeting Report - April 19<sup>th</sup> 2010**

**Vacant Positions** - The main role that we needed to fill was that of Treasurer. It was agreed that we should look at ways of simplifying the role, while still ensuring we were able to meet the accounting standards required for managing money from the Sports Council (such as that for the satellite club projects). Some of the things we are looking at are:

- Simplifying the accounts for the AGM and what financial standards need to be applied
- Could we move to use more electronic banking rather than all of the requirements for getting multiple signatories on larger cheques, etc,
- Ensure that members are able to quickly respond to requests from the Treasurer
- In addition we may want to consider whether the role of insurance for EMOA is still so important, particularly if the SI kit which is the largest insurance item for EMOA is now going to be distributed to clubs (see later notes).

Given these notes (and after the meeting) and that we will continue to look to simplify the role, Viv MacDonald has agreed to take over the role of EMOA Treasurer.

**BOF AGM** - A number of decisions were made at the BOF AGM:

- Move to 4 levels of events as opposed to the current 3 levels of event structure in 2011
- Confirmed that the differential of £2 for members at events applied to Level 1 and Level 2 events only.
- Event levies were agreed with 3 juniors equal to one senior, and no exemption for junior only events.

**Midland Champs** - The Midland Champs at Belvoir Castle seemed to go well. There were no major complaints at the event.

**Future Events** - The following future events are planned for the Region:

- 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010 - It was agreed that the Yvette Baker Trophy round would be hosted at DVO's Carsington event.
- 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010 - The Midland Middle Distance Championships are to be held at Irchester (organised by LEI). The day before the Midland Sprint Championships which will be held at the Open University campus in Milton Keynes (organised by SMOC).
- 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011 - Compass Sport Cup Final - Planned for Longshaw.
- 2013 - East Midlands due to host British Schools Champs and clubs have been asked to consider hosting the event
- 2013 - British Sprint Champs - A formal bid to host these at an East Midlands University has been accepted. There may be an opportunity to host the British Middle Distance Champs on the same weekend, so clubs were asked to see if they wished to do that.
- 2013 - Yvette Baker Trophy Final - LOG are going to host this event.

**Shadowing of Juniors at EM League Events** - There had been some comments that for EM League Events, especially on the shorter courses, juniors were being shadowed and still counted in the League. There was also a problem that some of those shadowing were then going out and completing a course, having already been on the area. While the East Midlands committee does not want to discourage new members, especially youngsters, we need to make sure that the EM League is not won by someone being shadowed. One option was to make those being shadowed non-competitive but this was felt to be too much of a discouragement. It was therefore agreed that for EM League events:

- A note should be displayed prominently at Registration stating:
- All competitors being shadowed shall be registered as "+1" in order to show they are being shadowed, but allowing them to still be competitive in the event.
- All competitive orienteers should run first, and shadow second.

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**Coach of the Year Award** - Catherine Hughes of NOC has been awarded the BOF Peter Palmer Coach of the Year Award.

**Walsh Trophy Award** - David Olivant of NOC has been awarded the Walsh Trophy 2009 for the best City/Sprint map for hi Nottingham University map used for the British Sprint Championships.

**Senior Competitions Group** - One thing being considered is how Relays at the JK and British Champs can be more inclusive for older competitors. What new categories would be appropriate?

**Satellite Clubs Project** - Six clubs are now in operation at Buxton, West Notts, Basstelaw, Derby, Chesterfield and Bramcote, and 5 coaches have been appointed. The funding for the Buxton coach is about to cease, and the clubs will need to train up their own coaches for the clubs to continue in to the future.

An assessment of the effectiveness of this approach to bringing in new members also needs to be undertaken. Is this bringing in new recruits to the sport on a long term basis? Or is this simply taking a lot of resources and when finished the new satellite clubs wither and die. This needs to be part of the assessment in to the future.

**SI Kit** - NOC have been successful in getting funding for additional SI kit, while DVO are still awaiting the outcome of their submission. If DVO can get their application approved then each club in the East Midlands should then have sufficient kit to host their own events, making the need for East Midlands to co-ordinate the kit no longer appropriate. There would still be a need to pool kit for some of the larger events, but we would look to then let the clubs take over their share of the kit. The clubs would also then need to take over insurance of the kit. In addition there would no longer be a need for the EMOA SI levy at events which might help clubs keep their event prices down. However, we still need to find out if DVO get their kit submission approved.

**East Midlands AGM** - It is currently proposed that the AGM should take place in a similar way to last year at an event, and the proposed date is the DVO Carsington event on 19<sup>th</sup> September. We will get another EMEWS out before the AGM which will provide the ability to see the agenda. Given we are sending EMEWS electronically it may be we can send a short email close to the AGM to remind members of the AGM and give them chance to have an input.

**EMOA Committee Meetings** - A reminder that any member can come and attend the EMOA committee meetings if they wish to do so (though they cannot vote). Next meetings will again be at Clifton Village Hall starting at 7:30pm on 21<sup>st</sup> June, with a provisional date of 16<sup>th</sup> August 2010 for a future meeting.

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# The National Forest – A National Success Story



The following is part of a press release from the Government Department on Environment, Food & Rural Affairs in March.

Fifteen years on from its inception, The National Forest is successfully delivering tangible environmental, economic and social benefits across a 200 square mile swathe of the Midlands, says the Environment Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee at the House of Commons. Lessons from this experience need to be

disseminated more widely and the government should give long term support to enable the project to deliver its full potential.

Launching the report of their short inquiry, EFRA committee chairman Rt.Hon. Michael Jack MP said, "This report highlights the opportunity for DEFRA to lead on replicating the success of The National Forest in other parts of England. It's achievements — in combining the aforestation of derelict mining sites with the creation of a new leisure industry which is both biodiverse and sustainable — are remarkable. At a challenging time for the economy the project shows just how much forest development can be the catalyst for both job creation and inward investment.

"This success has been built on commitment and skills of all The National Forest's partner organisations. Strong leadership has enabled the project to deliver significant multiple benefits to an area that had previously been in economic and environmental decline," added Mr Jack.

Nevertheless, the cross party group of MPs warns ministers that the full potential of the project will not be realised unless a more systematic approach is taken to disseminating the experience of The National Forest across England. To remedy this Defra should set out a detailed plan within the next 18 months for sharing the lessons learned by the National Forest Company more widely.

Mr Jack adds, "Growing a forest is a long term project that requires the continued engagement and enthusiasm of many local and national partners. The National Forest offers a strong model for tree planting at the kind of pace required to mitigate climate change, while balancing other environmental social and economic aims. The project deserves strong commitment from Government, including limited financial support, for many years to come."

To that end the Committee also concludes:

- The 300 hectare limit on land area that may be held by the National Forest Company (NFC) at any one time is unnecessarily restrictive and there is also scope

to make the purposes for which the NFC may acquire land more flexible. Defra should address both these matters at its next review of the NFC Financial Memorandum;

- HM Revenue and Customs and Defra should publish clear and comprehensive guidance about inheritance tax (IHT) relief available for woodland and disseminate this widely within The National Forest and beyond. They should also examine whether the IHT regime deters individuals from taking up grants or continuing participation in woodland schemes or other long - term environmentally beneficial government schemes;
- DEFRA and DECC should review the impact of the Code of Good Practice for Forest Carbon Projects within one year of its inception in order to evaluate the scope to develop tradable carbon credits for UK forestry projects;
- Priority should be given to improving public transport access to The National Forest for all segments of society.

#### **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

1. Further details about this inquiry can be found at:

[http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary\\_committees/environment\\_food\\_and\\_rural\\_affairs](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/environment_food_and_rural_affairs)

. Key achievements of The National Forest in its first 15 years include:

##### **Environmental:**

- Planting more than 7 million trees and increasing the area's tree cover from 6% to 18%;
- Creating nearly five and a half thousand hectares of new Forest - 64% of this through grants to landowners and 14% (759 hectares) through directly land acquisition;

##### **Economic:**

- Leveraging inward investment to the Forest, including over £40 million for forest projects by the National Forest Company's partners as well as £44 million of Government grants to the company;
- Creating or safeguarding 250 jobs in forestry and woodland businesses;
- Spurring and supporting the local tourism industry which is now worth more than £270 million and employs over 4,000 people;

##### **Social:**

- Improving access to nature for the 10 million people living within an hour's travel of the Forest and 200,000 local residents;
- Providing a range of visitor sites and facilities for leisure and recreation (e.g. Conkers, Rosliston Forestry Centre, Snibston Discovery Centre);
- Opening 85% of National Forest sites to the public: 1,731 hectares of fully open sites have been created in the last five years alone.



## Midland Championships

The Midlands Champs were held at Belvoir Castle using a new area that had not been used for many years. The following are East Midland members who became Midland Champs (I can't see a formal list so have done this by reviewing the results, so apologies for any I get wrong):

M10 - James Lowthian (NOC)  
M20 - James Taylor (NOC)  
M21 - Richard Robinson (NOC)  
M40 - John Duckworth (DVO)  
M45 - David Lawson (DVO)  
M50 - Kevin Lomas (NOC)  
M55 - Michael Napier (NOC)  
M70 - Peter Leake (LEI)

W16 - Harriet Lawson (DVO)  
W35 - Jill Barker (NOC)  
W65 - Pauline Ward (DVO)



Peter Leake being presented with the Midland Championship M70 Trophy.

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## British Champs Results for EMOA members

The British Champs this year were held in the West Midlands on Cannock Chase, so quite a lot of East Midlands members were able to attend, either for just one day or even for the whole weekend. The weather turned out to be cold (certainly not a typical May day), but dry, so at least the relays were able to have good spectator weather. Cannock on the individual day used a lot of complex contour detail that caught on quite a few folk, while the relay used more typical undulating, runnable forest.

The following are those members I could find from East Midlands clubs reaching the first three in an A class (apologies to anyone I missed):

M70L 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter Leake (LEI)  
W45L 1<sup>st</sup> Sal Chaffey (DVO)  
W60L 3<sup>rd</sup> Liz Godfree (DVO)  
W65L 2<sup>nd</sup> Pauline Ward (DVO)  
W60 Relay 1<sup>st</sup> DVO (Liz Godfree, Pauline Ward, Jen Gale)  
DVO's winning W60 British Championship Relay Team

## **British Orienteering Event Safety & Welfare Workshop**

**When:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2010

**Where:** Groby Community School, Ratby Road, Leicester, LE6 0GE

**Time:** 1.30 - 4.45pm

**Cost:** No charge

**Who is this for:** EMOA club members.

Anyone considering or already booked to be an event official in autumn 2010 and onwards. Organisers, planners, controllers (of all grades) or any club member who helps at orienteering events. This is part of a new modular training system for event officials and attendance at this workshop will be part of all planner / controller / organiser training in the future.

**Aims of the workshop:** To provide event volunteers with an overview of safety and welfare issues which may arise as a result of staging an orienteering event of any size / level. Particular attention will be paid to practical measures which event volunteers can employ to minimize risks and what to do in the event of an accident or incident occurring.

**Learning Outcomes:** By the end of the workshop the participants will understand how to:

- establish a safe environment for competitors, officials, spectators and members of the public
- establish good working relationships with volunteers, event helpers and other partners
- comply with the relevant rules and guidelines for the staging of orienteering events

The workshop will be led by an experienced British Orienteering tutor and there will be plenty of opportunities to share experiences and to learn from each other.

All participants will receive an attendance certificate. Attendance at this workshop will be required for future event official qualification.

This is a newly revised unit for event officials and this workshop is part of a pilot so your participation and comments will be most welcome.

**To book on the course please email Hilary Palmer: [hjpalmer@ntlworld.com](mailto:hjpalmer@ntlworld.com) by 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

## East Midlands League - 2010

There have been 5 events as part of the 2010 East Midlands League so far. The following are the list of events still to take place as part of the 2010 East Midlands League.

May 9 <sup>th</sup>	DVO	Cromford Moor	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	NOC	Clumber Park
Jun 12 <sup>th</sup>	LEI	Bradgate Park	Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	DVO	Stanton Moor
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	NOC	Bestwood Park	Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	LEI	The Outwoods
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	DVO	Shining Cliff	Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	NOC	Walesby
Dec 28 <sup>th</sup>	LEI	Beacon Hill			

As we now have 16 events we will continue to have 8 events scoring.

The current events included are:

1 = Bagworth;      2 = Allestree Park;      3 = Thieves Wood;      4 = Stapleford  
 5 = Crich Chase      6 = Charnwood South

The current tables are provided below for top ten in each class with only those with more than 1,000 points included.

### White Course - Boys/Men

Forename	Surname	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	Best 8	Pos
James	Peet	NOC	10		1000	1000	1000	1000		4000	1
James	Lowthian	NOC	10		979		915	958	1000	3852	2
Samuel	Davis	DVO	10				760	799		1559	3
Ben	Mackervoy	DVO	10		699			756		1455	4
Peter	Mackervoy	DVO	8		505			763		1268	5

### White Course - Girls/Ladies

Rhiannon	Emery	NOC	10		1000	993	1000	1000	1000	4993	1
Sarah	Duckworth	DVO	9		866	1000		834		2700	2
Elisa	Wayles	NOC	10		747	645	694			2086	3
Rachel	Duckworth	DVO	10			793		646		1439	4
Charlotte	Crane	DVO	10		523			668		1191	5
Sophie	Vincent	DVO						399	704	1103	6
Alice	Crane	DVO	10		608			396		1004	7

### Yellow Course - Boys/Men

Ethan	Tebbutt	LEI	10	1000	1000	977	677	1000	1000	5654	1
Matthew	Whelton	RAFO	14	342	624	1000	1000			2966	2
Russell	Kirk	RAFO		318		435	371	503	586	2213	3
Andrew	Oxby	RAFO						876	433	1309	4

### Yellow Course - Girls/Ladies

Imogen	Wilson	LEI	10		960	854	847	967	733	1000	5361	1
Joanna	Goodhead	DVO	12		947	765	918	856			3486	2
Emma	Schaanning	DVO	12			1000	1000				2000	3
Alice	Mabon	NOC					550		706		1256	4

### Orange Course - Boys /Men

Nicholas	Wilson	LEI	12	1000	973	1000	943	940	954	5810	1
Simon	West	LEI				709	722	355	782	2568	2
Luke	Fortune	RAFO				862		865		1727	3
Thomas	Webster	NOC			408		467	351		1226	4
Joel	McGraw	DVO			563			566		1129	5

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## Orange Course - Girls /Ladies

Hannah	McNab	RAFO	14	1000	1000			962	1000	3962	1
Georgia	Davey	RAFO		752		1000		854	514	3120	2
Charlotte	Webster	NOC	12		595	746	702	692		2735	3
Barbara	Tebbutt	LEI					1000	573	793	2366	4
Wendy	West	LEI		261		682	471	465		1879	5
Tamsin	McGraw	DVO			782			974		1756	6
Joanna	Goodhead	DVO						674	783	1457	7
Anne-Marie	Schaanning	DVO	40		491	700				1191	8

## Light Green Course - Boys /Men

Euan	Tebbutt	LEI	12	783	606	674	930	558	748	4297	1
Mark	Goodhead	DVO	16	544	548	586	971	587		3236	2
Craig	Youngs	RAFO	16	710	553		661	301	579	2804	3
Jack	Lord	NOC	14	565	644	702		544		2455	4
James	Mellor	NOC			611	710			705	2026	5
Max	Elliott	NOC				829	1000			1829	6
William	Parkinson	NOC			1000			713		1713	7
Chris	Heaton	LEI	21	604	553	492				1649	8
Brian	Ward	DVO				739	899			1638	9
Peter	Chick	LEI			485			404	681	1570	10

## Light Green Course - Girls /Ladies

Jessica	Beresford	DVO	14	1000	978	1000	1000	966	1000	5944	1
Cathryn	Goodhead	DVO	45	545	686	629	684	583	675	3802	2
Islay	Sellar	DVO			919		904	1000	909	3732	3
Margaret	Buckland	NOC	65	767	765	651	599			2782	4
Sarah	Fletcher	RAFO	18	724	606			655		1985	5
Elaine	Smith	NOC				766		912		1678	6
Vivien	Law	LEI		892					741	1633	7
Diane	Ford	LEI	60	713	695					1408	8
Liz	Harvey	LEI	21		612	733				1345	9

## Green Course - Boys /Men

David	Anderson	LEI	70	1000	967		877	1000	988	4832	1
Ernie	Williams	LEI	65	783	669	886	811	649	846	4644	2
Andy	Hawkins	DVO	60	889	900		921	963	953	4626	3
Neil	Fraser	NOC	45	641	657	683	647	667	766	4061	4
David	Bray	LEI	55	963	1000	990			948	3901	5
John	Woodall	NOC	70	724	729	750	791		791	3785	6
Peter	Hubberstey	NOC	65		923	987	957	875		3742	7
Tony	Buckland	NOC	70	846	875	973		828		3522	8
Gary	Peet	NOC			672	805	716	552	746	3491	9
Dave	Skidmore	DVO			761		810	833	1000	3404	0

## Green Course - Girls /Ladies

Pauline	Ward	DVO				1000	1000	1000	1000	4000	1
Jean	Sellar	DVO			767		771	742	719	2999	2
Ruth	Ellis	DVO			816		741	658	703	2918	3
Jane	Booker	NOC			862			743	752	2357	4
Viv	McDonald	DVO			778		788	629		2195	5
Rachel	Davis	DVO				734	668	540		1942	6
Diane	Ford	LEI				631	586		602	1819	7
Molly	Smith	LEI	65		656	650	505			1811	8
Victoria	Littlewood	NOC	16	725	929					1654	9
Margaret	Keeling	DVO	60	714	914					1628	0

## Blue Course - Boys /Men

Glynn	Smith	LEI	65	898	973	1000	865	1000	926	5662	1
Michael	Nell	RAFO	60	769	878	908	700	765	806	4826	2
Simon	Ford	LEI	65	963	895	992	959		934	4743	3
Robert	Hatfield	NOC	60	816	927	720	833	838		4134	4

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Mike	Gardner	DVO	50	822	806	879		766	814	4087	5
Ian	Wilson	LEI	40	715	810	831	725		736	3817	6
Keith	Roberts	NOC	50	698	762	691	722	783		3656	7
Michael	Lindsay	DVO		638	746	708		667	699	3458	8
Robert	Haskins	LEI	55	739	739	663	654	597		3392	9
Dave	Denness	LOG		837		886	771	849		3343	0

### Blue Course - Girls /Ladies

Joanne	Nell	RAFO	45	1000	946	951	944	1000	937	5778	1
Kim	Buxton	DVO	45	845	808	736	902	879	776	4946	2
Ursula	Williamson	LEI	45	939	744	790	813	830		4116	3
Alison	Hardy	LEI	40		959	991			1000	2950	4
Fiona	Sellar	DVO			923		947		860	2730	5
Margaret	Keeling	DVO				665	910		817	2392	6
Helen	Chiswell	DVO		924			860			1784	6
Val	Johnson	DVO	50		743	895				1638	7

### Brown Course - Boys /Men

Russell	Buxton	DVO	50	743	971	839	912	953	1000	5418	1
Paul	Goodhead	DVO	45	807	830	816	843	694	957	4947	2
Ian	Wells	LEI	55	743	791	753	730	706	793	4516	3
Steve	Green	NOC	50		862	831	1000	699	914	4306	4
Matthew	Green	NOC	16		870	799	879	667	880	4095	5
Paul	Beresford	DVO	40	765	713	696	871		799	3844	6
Peter	Helme	BAOC		913	946			839	835	3533	7
Mark	Webster	NOC			731	701	719	619		2770	8
Paul	Murgatroyd	LOG	40	909	992			845		2746	9
David	Gourlay	LOG			1000	834			860	2694	0

### Brown Course - Girls /Women

Helen	Chiswell	DVO	21		1000	1000		1000		3000	1
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## Around the Clubs



[Leicestershire Orienteering Club \(LEI\)](#)

LEI have an interesting innovation on their website. One of the first ever streetview-O competitions. Using a map of Ibstock, Peter Hornsby has created an event using an O-map of Ibstock and Google Street View. You can view the course on the LEI web site and then try to solve the clues by using Google Street View. I found it quite an interesting

challenge, so well done for Peter for creating it. I'd recommend others to have a go, and look forward to other similar challenges.

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[Derwent Valley Orienteers \(DVO\)](#)

DVO have established 3 new bases as part of the Satellite Club project. In each case regular weekly sessions have been established:

Buxton have sessions on a Tuesday night which take place at Gothic Hall, Buxton Community School from 6:30 to 8:00pm

Chesterfield have sessions which take place from 6:30 to 8:00pm at St Mary's High School, Newbold Road.

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Derby have sessions on a Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Darley Barn, Darley Abbey.



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NOC also have new club evenings taking place as part of the satellite club project.

West Notts Orienteers are based in Mansfield on a Tuesday night

Bassetlaw District Orienteers are based in Retford on a Wednesday night.

Bramcote Orienteers are based in Bramcote on a Thursday night.

At the Clumber Park event, three students provided free sports massage as part of their sports massage course from Retford college. Unfortunately I could not attend due to having to work that day. Hope those of you who took up the massage found it useful!

Since the last EMEWS NOC hosted the city centre sprint event. Having never attended one of these events previously I decided to take part. It was interesting watching the reaction of other folk as we started and finished in front of the Council building in the market place. Having attended this event I look forward to attending other city centre events in the future.

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[Lincoln Orienteering Group \(LOG\)](#)

LOG's summer series is underway with the next events taking place at Stapleford, Ostler's Plantation and then RAF Cranwell.

## Out and About – Elvaston Castle

DVO are hosting the Derbyshire Schools Championships in Elvaston Castle in June so this edition's Out and About focuses on Elvaston.

The history of the Elvaston estate can be traced back to the 11th century and earlier with ownership changing hands several times in the proceeding centuries. Records show

Sir Thomas Hanselin as one of the original estate owners before it passed into the hands of the Musards of Staveley, followed by the Frenchvilles before being purchased by Sir Walter Blount in 1420. After further changes of ownership, 1742 saw the Elvaston Stanhopes take up the title of Earl of Harrington, but the house as we know it today really started to take shape when the third Earl of Harrington, Charles Stanhope, commissioned James Wyatt to remodel the old house. Wyatt didn't live to see his plans to fruition, the designs instead being executed by Robert Walker between 1815 and 1829.

Amongst the changes designed by Wyatt were the gothic façades which still grace the house today. A new great hall was added to the west and a new wing added to the north-west. Much of the existing interior was also Wyatt's design, including the spectacular screen of four-centred arches, niches, fan vaulting and pendants in the great hall.

The fourth Earl of Harrington, Viscount Petersham, was nearly 50 when he inherited the title and estate in 1829. He had a reputation as something of a Regency buck, renowned for his stylish dress, tall and handsome looks, charming personality and way with the ladies. When he finally married in 1831, it was to Maria Foote - a Covent Garden actress seventeen years his junior. Prior to their marriage, their affair had been the talk of the town in both London and Derbyshire and their relationship had been heavily frowned upon by the previous Earl and many other members of the family.



Lord Petersham (left) and his wife took up residence at Elvaston shortly after their marriage. The couple were inseparable and besotted with one another. The Earl would never allow Maria out of the grounds - nor would he allow visitors in - such was his love and obsession for his wife. To that end, the Earl set about creating an private and secluded oasis of great beauty for himself and the love of his life - a Gothic paradise designed as a symbol of his undying love for her. It is here that the Elvaston estate as we know it today began to take shape.

The final phase of building at the house began in 1836 when Lewis Cottingham was called in to rebuild the south front with the brief to give the facade, still the original from 1633, a more harmonious look to match the rest of the newer building work on the house. The Earl also commissioned the work on the surrounding grounds. Respected landscaper Humphrey Repton had originally been called in by the third Earl to oversee the project, but Repton turned down the commission, daunted by the unerring flatness of the estate. So, in 1830, the fourth Earl turned to previously untried gardener William Barron.

Barron spent the next 20 years working on the surrounding gardens, woodlands and pleasure grounds, introducing many revolutionary designs and techniques to the grounds including spectacular topiary, intricate drainage methods and a pioneering technique for



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transporting fully-grown trees from one location to another - a method necessitated by the Earl's impatience to see his gardens in full splendor which forced Barron to bring in and plant full-grown trees for instant impressive effect rather than planting saplings. Barron's work at Elvaston established him as one of the most respected landscapers of his time and he and his successors enjoyed much prominence in the business for the next century. The gardens today, deservedly so, retain Grade II Listed status.

Following the completion of Barron's work, the estate remained shrouded in privacy as the Earl and his Countess craved their seclusion. However, following the death of the Earl in 1851, his successor, Leicester Stanhope - the Fifth Earl of Harrington - finally opened Elvaston to the public. The estate had amassed a huge reputation of the preceding years and thousands flocked to Elvaston to see the glory of the house and gardens finally revealed.

The estate remained under the ownership of the Harringtons for the remainder of the 19th century and for much of the 20th, being occupied by the Harrington's kinsmen the Lillingstons up to the onset of World War II. During the war, the house was taken over by young women and turned into a teacher training college after the original college in Derby was evacuated for safety. The college vacated the house in 1947 and it remained mostly empty for the next two decades.



With the house in a state of neglect and the grounds mostly unkempt and overgrown, the estate was finally put up for sale by the Harringtons in 1966. Derbyshire County Council and the then Derby County Borough Council were the joint purchasers. They set about a restoration project which brought much

of the grounds back to beauty (although sadly, some were beyond restoration back to their full former glory) and the estate opened to the public as a Country Park, the first of its kind in England, on Good Friday, 1970. However, by the late Nineties, the castle had fell into such disrepair that much of it was closed to the general public, reopening only on occasions for rare open days.

By 2000, Derbyshire County Council had admitted that they could no longer afford the ongoing running costs, let alone the estimated £3million repair costs to the estate. The Council therefore opened up bidding for the lease of the estate to private bidders - a process which is still dragging on with a hotel group now favourites to take over ownership, but what this would mean for access to the grounds is unclear.



## 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, Local events offer entry on the day (EOD) to a range of colour coded courses with start times from 10:30 to 12:30. Some will provide a wider range of courses than others. Regional events provide colour coded within which age classes can be run. National events 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. 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.

### May

Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	WM	<a href="#">HOC</a>	Regional	Regional/WM League / Malvern Mini League 7	Kinver Edge	EOD	<a href="#">SO833830</a>
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	YH	<a href="#">EBOR</a>	Regional	EBOR Prize Event	Hovingham	EOD	<a href="#">SE645752</a>
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">NOC</a>	Local	EM League	Clumber Park	EOD	<a href="#">SK620752</a>
Org: Roger Billeter 01159 233529							
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	NW	<a href="#">LOC</a>	Regional	Regional Event	Pike of Blisco	EOD O: & P:TBD	<a href="#">NY284055</a>
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Local	LEI Summer League	Swithland	EOD	<a href="#">SK537118</a>
Org: Peter Hornsby Tel: 01530 456066 Starts: 6:30 - 7:30pm £5/£1							
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LOG</a>	Local	LOG Summer Series 4/9	Stapleford Woods	EOD	<a href="#">SK860565</a>
Org: S. Harrington 01522 791344							
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Local	LEI Spring Series	Snibston Discovery Park	EOD	<a href="#">SK414142</a>
Org: Roger Edwards 01162 127547							
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	EM	<a href="#">NOC</a>	Local	NOC Event	Berry Hill	EOD	<a href="#">SK550595</a>
Org: Gary Peet 07955 183701 <a href="mailto:org20100523@noc-uk.org">org20100523@noc-uk.org</a> £3/ £1. Starts 10:30am - 11:30am							
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	SE	<a href="#">SO</a>	Regional	SO Regional Event - Angmering Park, Arundel	<a href="#">Angmering Park, Arundel</a>	EOD	TBC
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	YH	<a href="#">HALO</a>	Local	Lincolnshire Poacher 7	<a href="#">Spur Chase Woods</a>	EOD	<a href="#">TA133118</a>
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Local	LEI Summer League	Fineshade	EOD	<a href="#">SP978983</a>
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	Scot	<a href="#">CLYDE</a>	National	Scottish Championships - Individual - World Ranking Event	<a href="#">Rannoch Forest - Kilvrecht Campsite</a>	EOD: 23/05/10: 07/05/10	<a href="#">NN615564</a>
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	SW	<a href="#">KERNO</a>	Regional	Tamar Triple Regional Event	<a href="#">Penhale Sands</a>	EOD:	<a href="#">SW</a>

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						16/05/10 16/05/10	<a href="#">766586</a>
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	Scot	<a href="#">CLYDE</a>	Regional	Scottish Championships - Relays	<a href="#">Rannoch Forest - Kilvrecht Campsite</a>	EOD: 23/05/10 14/05/10	<a href="#">NN615564</a>
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	SW	<a href="#">DEVON</a>	Regional	Tamar Triple Regional Event	<a href="#">Penhale Camp</a>	EOD: 16/05/10 16/05/10	<a href="#">SW</a> <a href="#">785565</a>
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	SW	<a href="#">KERNO</a>	Regional	Tamar Triple Regional Event	<a href="#">Perran Sands</a>	EOD: 16/05/10 16/05/10	<a href="#">SW</a> <a href="#">769548</a>

## June

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	YH	<a href="#">HALO</a>	Local	Lincolnshire Poacher 8	<a href="#">Halliday Hill</a>	EOD	<a href="#">TA107068</a>
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LOG</a>	Local	<b>LOG Summer Series 5/9</b>	<a href="#">Ostlers Plantation</a>	EOD	<a href="#">TF216628</a>
Org: S. Harrington 01522 791344							
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">DVO</a>	Local	<b>DVO Summer League Event</b>	Ilam	EOD	TBC
Org: Val Johnson.. Starts 10:00 - 12:00. Terrain = Open parkland, a really good area for practising compass skills. <b>Plus, a first for DVO - Micro O on a 1:750 scale map.</b>							
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	EM	NOC	Local	<b>NOC Event</b>	<a href="#">Bramcote Hills</a>	EOD	<a href="#">SK500384</a>
Org: R. Billeter 01159 233529							
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	YH	<a href="#">AIRE</a>	Regional	AIRE Middle Distance Event	<a href="#">Bingley St Ives</a>	EOD	<a href="#">SE099388</a>
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	YH	<a href="#">HALO</a>	Local	Lincolnshire Poacher 9	<a href="#">Primrose Warren</a>	EOD	<a href="#">SE950065</a>
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	EM	LEI	Local	<b>LEI Summer Series</b>	<a href="#">Melton Country Park</a>	EOD	<a href="#">SK760205</a>
Org: M. White 01664 565894							
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Regional	<b>Regional &amp; EM League Event</b>	<a href="#">Bradgate Park</a>	EOD	<a href="#">SK542114</a>
Org: R.Simonetti 01162 996174							
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">DVO</a>	Local	<b>DVO Summer League Event</b>	Darley Park	EOD	TBC
Org: Gale Family							
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	SC	<a href="#">BAOC</a>	National	British Age Class Sprint Championships	<a href="#">HMS Sultan</a>	EOD O: 31/05/10	
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	EM	LEI	Local	<b>LEI Summer Series - Urban Sprint</b>	<a href="#">Beauchamp Campus</a>	EOD	<a href="#">SP629994</a>
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LOG</a>	Local	<b>LOG Summer Series 6/9</b>	<a href="#">RAF Cranwell</a>	EOD	<a href="#">TF005500</a>
Org: S. Harrington 01522 791344							
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">DVO</a>	Local	<b>Derbyshire School Champs &amp; DVO Summer League Event</b>	Elvaston	EOD	<a href="#">SK407330</a>

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	Org: Rex Bleakman 01283 733363						
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	EM	NOC	Local	NOC Event	<a href="#">Wollaton Park</a>	EOD	<a href="#">SK533393</a>
	Org: R. Billeter 01159 233529						
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	SC	<a href="#">BADO</a>	Regional	BADO Regional and SCOA League Event	<a href="#">Chawton Park</a>	EOD	<a href="#">SU672361</a>
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Local	LEI Summer Series	<a href="#">Linford Woodlands</a>	EOD	<a href="#">SK499105</a>
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">DVO</a>	Local	DVO Summer League Event	<a href="#">Bakewell Street Event</a>	EOD	TBC
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> / Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	NW	<a href="#">MDOC</a>	Regional	MDOC Regional Event Weekend	<a href="#">TBC</a>	EOD: 21/06/10 17/06/10	<a href="#">SJ965725</a>
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup>	EM	LEI	Local	LEI Summer Series	Foxton Locks	EOD	<a href="#">SP691891</a>
	Org: C. Phillips 01162 550330						
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">DVO</a>	Local	DVO Summer League Event	Oakwood Street	EOD	TBC
	Org: Mike Gardner 01332 665671: New Sprint Standard map						

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Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LOG</a>	Local	LOG Summer Series 7/9	Sleaford Town	EOD	<a href="#">TF067458</a>
	Org: S. Harrington 01522 791344						
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	YH	<a href="#">EPOC</a>	Regional	Regional Event	Holmfirth Streets and Woods	EOD	TBC
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">NOC</a>	Local	NOC Summer League Event 5	Bevercotes pits wood	EOD	<a href="#">SK700741</a>
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Local	LEI Summer League 14-Loughborough Outwoods	Outwoods	EOD	<a href="#">SK515163</a>
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">DVO</a>	Local	DVO Summer League Event	Holmebrook Valley Park	EOD	TBC
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Local	LEI Summer League 15/Urban series 5 Sence Valley	Sence Valley Urban Event	EOD	<a href="#">SK400112</a>
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LOG</a>	Local	LOG Summer Series 8/9	Nettleham Village	EOD	<a href="#">TF008753</a>
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	WM	<a href="#">OD</a>	Local	OD Colour-coded Event Burton Dassett Hills Country Park	Burton Dassett Hills Country Park	EOD	<a href="#">SP396519</a>
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">NOC</a>	Local	NOC Summer League Event 6	Colwick Park	EOD	<a href="#">SK603392</a>
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Local	LEI Summer League 16-Ratby Burroughs	Ratby Burroughs	EOD	<a href="#">SK501065</a>
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LOG</a>	Local	LOG Summer Series 9/9	Stamford Town	EOD	<a href="#">TF028071</a>

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Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	EM	<a href="#">NOC</a>	Local	NOC Summer League Event 7	Rushcliffe Country Park	EOD	<a href="#">SK575320</a>
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Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Local	LEI Score Cup & Summer League 17- Bagworth	Bagworth Woods	EOD	<a href="#">SK458067</a>
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Local	LEI Summer League 18- Fosse Meadows	Fosse Meadows	EOD	<a href="#">SP484912</a>
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LOG</a>	Local	LOG Summer League Chasing Sprint	University of Lincoln	EOD	<a href="#">SK966712</a>
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Local	LEI Summer League 19/Urban series 6- Loughborough University	Loughborough University	EOD	<a href="#">SK516187</a>
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">NOC</a>	Local	NOC Summer League Event 8	The Forest and Arboretum	EOD	<a href="#">SK565407</a>
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Local	LEI Summer League 20- Oakham	Oakham Woodlands	EOD	<a href="#">SK847075</a>
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	NW		Regional	Lakes 5 Day Regional Events	Various	EOD: 08/08/10 20/06/10	Various
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	EM	<a href="#">LEI</a>	Local	LEI Summer League 21- Evington park and Arboretum	Evington	EOD	<a href="#">SK624033</a>
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	YH	<a href="#">EBOR</a>	Regional	White Rose Weekend - White Rose Regional Event (EBOR Prize Event)	Collis Rigg		TBC

### Key Events for rest of the year

Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	SYO – Sheffield City Race
Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>	LOG - Lincoln City Race
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	DVO – Carsington
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Milton Keynes Sprint-O – Midland Sprint Champs
Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	LEI – Irchester – Midland Middle Distance Champs
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup>	EM League – DVO – Stanton Moor
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	EM League – NOC - Bestwood Park
Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	SYO Regional Event – Ecclesall Woods
Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	EM League – LEI – The Outwoods
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	EM League – DVO – Shining Cliff
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	EM League – NOC – Walesby
Dec 28 <sup>th</sup>	EM League – LEI – Beacon Hill