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Copy Date for next issue: **1st February 2026 for next EMEWS (EMEWS 300).** Contributions are always welcome but especially by e-mail (mikegardvo@sky.com).

I will then get the next edition out in mid February 2026.

Cover - Thanks again to Ernie for the cover. He realised that the time period would be in run up to Christmas, then the New Year and still in Winter officially after that, so had the idea of two elderly gentlemen like Old Father Time and Father Christmas having a bit of a grumble about the younger generation!

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EMOA EGM – 20th October

The EMOA EGM was quorate as we had a good turn out on zoom. The meeting ratified all of the decisions that were shown in the AGM meeting minutes in last EMEWS.

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Notes from East Midlands Meeting – 10th November

EMOA Vice-Chair – We need a new vice-chair for EMOA. The role is not onerous and can' be from DVO as we already have a DVO Chair, Development Officer and Secretary. Volunteers would be welcomed.

Financial Secretary Report –**Income**

Busy event-wise with event levies received for Lincoln Euro City Race (LOG), Nottingham City Race (NOC), Lutterworth (LEI), Hamilton (LEI), Chinley Churn (DVO), Newark (LOG), Retford (NOC) and Burbage (LEI) - £605 in total. Also £37 in membership fees, £66 in bank interest and EMJOS received £314 from cake sales at Chinley Churn. Finally nearly £1,000 in receipts for EMJOS activities - exact make-up of them to be determined with Ann-Marie's help - but looks to be £300 for JIRCS, £630 for South Wales and £60 for local training activities.

Expenditure

The catering for the development conference was paid out. Bank charges totalling £10 were paid and these have now ceased for future months. EMJOS costs totalled nearly a £1,000 too - being £355 for JIRCS, £600 for South Wales and £39 for other local activities.

Current bank balance = £13,315.

Development –

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Development Projects

Firm Applications for Funding

- None currently in progress

Preliminary Applications of Interest

- DVO/25/1 - Club Development Officer new role - details still under discussion with DVO.

Club-funded development projects

- DVO/24/3 MapRuns 2024/25/26. DVO have been awarded a Sport England grant which will fund most of the costs of 36 MapRun events over the next two years, which are to be co-ordinated by the Club Development Officer with the aim of attracting new participants from running and other sporting clubs.
- DVO/24/4 MapActive courses and level D events 2024/25. DVO have been awarded a grant from the Orienteering Foundation, delivered in 2 tranches, the second conditional on demonstrating delivery of phase 1. This grant covers 2 MapActive courses, a Level D programme of 10 events and a Navigation festival for newcomers at Hardwick or a similar venue.
- NOC/25/1 - Club Coaching. Training for 20 NOC members on 18/1/2025. (Joined by 7 from DVO).
- LEI - no information supplied
- LOG/25/1 - LOG are holding an autumn MapRun series and continue to provide coaching at weekly club nights

EMOA Officials Conference 2025

There were 17 other delegates (DVO 6, LEI 5, LOG 1, NOC 5). Ann-Marie has written a short report on the Conference which can be found at <https://derwentvalleyorienteers.org.uk/2025/10/01/emoa-officials-development-conference-2025/>

EMJOS - See report below.

Safeguarding / Welfare Officer - British Orienteering require all associations to have a safeguarding /welfare officer (as well as clubs). Karen Bedwell has agreed to step into this role for EMOA.

Fixtures - The League and Urban League fixtures are covered separately in EMEWS.

- **Future Major Events**

- a. **15 Feb 2026 - East Midland Champs** - DVO - Longshaw
- b. **10 Oct 2026 - British Schools Score Champs** - DVO - Shipley Park
- c. **7 Feb 2027 - CompassSport Cup Heat** - DVO - Stanton Moor (tbc)
- d. **5 Feb 2028 - British Night Champs** - LEI - Irchester / Cademan
- e. **6 Feb 2028 - Midland Champs** - LEI - Cademan / Belvoir

- **Future Possible Events**

- a. EMOA Champs 2027 (NOC scheduled to host)

- b. EMOA Champs 2028 (LOG scheduled to host)
- c. VHI 2028 - Ant Squire is looking at how this can be achieved. DVO may be able to support.
- d. EMOA Champs 2029 (LEI scheduled to host)
- e. CompassSport Cup heat 2029 (LEI or LOG scheduled to host)
- f. JIRCS 2030
- g. EMOA Champs 2030
- h. Midland Champs 2031 (EMOA scheduled to host)

EMOA Champs Competition Rules - Iain Phillips fed back results of member survey and proposed course / class combinations for EMOA Champs. He also proposed the introduction of Novice Classes for juniors (aimed at "new" orienteers) to allow them to take part without pressure of a major competition. No trophies would be awarded for novice classes, but prizes could be given. The exact rules for eligibility are being defined. The proposed course / class combinations are in the table below:

Colour	Trophy Class	Novice Classes	BO (where different)
Black (1.0)	M21		
Brown (0.85)	M20, M35, M40		W21
Short Brown (0.69)	M18, M45, M50, W21		W20, W35
Blue (0.56)	M16, M55, M60, W20, W35, W40		W18, W45
Short Blue (0.45)	M65, W18, W45, W50		M70, W16, W55
Green (0.39)	M70, W16, W55, W60		M75
Short Green (0.33)	M75, M80, W65, W70		
Very Short Green (0.28)	M85+ W75+		
Light Green (0.3)	M14, W14	M16N, M18N, W16N, W18N	
Orange (0.25)	M12, W12	M14N, W14N	

It was agreed that, if appropriate, middle distance races could be used for EMOA Champs (not just long). If the area does not support a Black course, then M21 would compete on Brown. Also, if the EMOA Champs and Midland Champs take place on same event, then the Midland Champs class / course combinations will take precedence.

2026 Rules Changes - The following are some of the major rule changes talked about at the Major Events Conference in October:

- 1 There will be changes to the class/course tables for JK, British Long and Area Championships.
- 2 There will be changes to relay class start times, and the Ad Hoc relay will run medium/short/long for all teams.
- 3 There is a change in principle over relay alliances between neighbouring clubs for JK and British relays. For Men Open and Women Open there is an objective to attract more elite teams. In these classes alliance teams will be permitted even if the clubs concerned could field club-only teams. In Junior classes alliance teams will be permitted only where this allows for participation by juniors in clubs which could not

field a club-only team : "all-star" alliance teams will not otherwise be permitted. It is not clear how these principles will be enforced.

- 4 Shadowing of juniors on championship courses at level A events will not be allowed.
- 5 Assistance dogs are permitted by default if pre-notified to the Organiser and the landowner does not object.
- 6 Significant changes to Selection and Seeding procedures (Appendix A) and Safety (Appendix E).
- 7 In general, it is claimed that the 2026 Rules remove ambiguity and duplication, and recognise that electronic punching is now standard for level C and above.

Next Meeting - The next EMOA Committee meeting will be via zoom on 26th January 2026. The following meeting is scheduled for April 27th 2026. If anyone wants to attend the zoom call then please contact the secretary.

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East Midlands Junior Squad Report – June to November 2025

JROS Camps

We only had Eoin go on the Findhorn (M/W15) tour in the summer. But we have 2 athletes going to Hawkshead weekend at the end of November (Eoin and Isabele with Andy as coach).

Training events

Burbage Common 19th October

We joined the West Midlands squad who had arranged with LEI to use the area at the same time as the regional colour coded event - the coaches felt the session being mixed with the event worked well. Only 3 from EMJOS (Ben Jessica and Cara) joined so a range of ability to practise using the compass to make more precise bearings.

Orienteering Foundation training day 8th of November South Wales

Swansea Bay Orienteering Club organised for controls to be scattered across Merthyr Mawr, so there was a session in the north for the morning and then a move to the southern area and a fresh clutch of controls on the sunny, dry, intricate sand dunes and scrub terrain. The day finished with a sand dune race up the Big Dipper - open to everyone. A great way to bring the individual adults on the training day too and the 5 different junior squads, all together.

Ann-Marie led the sessions catering for the TD3 to TD5 athletes from both EMJOS and West Midlands squads. The theme for the day was to plan for attack points and beacons on the route. With the more experienced using simplification ideas to allow for faster running.

We shared accommodation in a Boys and Girls Club Wales activity centre near Bridgend - this worked well sharing cooking and evening entertainment and games, and also giving lifts to the night event. All of the EMJOS athletes went to the night event at Briton Ferry (very steep forest, near Swansea). For some juniors this was their first event in the dark so the 1 hour score format having 9 controls at yellow standard for the novices, was very welcomed. The athletes were paired up to run in the dark or in pairs on relocation exercises in the sand dunes

The Sunday event was back on Kenfig Burrows, previously used for JIRCS 2023 - had more sand dunes and some very good race results. Sand dunes are no longer a mystery to this group of juniors.

Using the minibus transport worked well and gave the opportunity for the juniors to get to know each other. Pairing up juniors with WMJS juniors worked to forge new friends from other clubs who will be a friendly face at future events and training

Future Training

There is a possibility for shared training on the 13th of December to join WMJS when they do their Christmas session at Hartshill Hayes.

Then on the 31st of January 2026 EMJOS are hosting training on Crich Chase (DVO) for Yorkshire and Humberside and West Midlands squads - so there will be 60 juniors going mad on the slopes of the Derwent valley.

Other things to note:

Safeguarding in our sport has been refreshed with the appointment of Jeanette Downing as lead safeguarding officer at the BOF office. The review of safeguarding in our sport does mean a careful review of the level of training for the coaches and helping parents associated with EMJOS.

Some of the longer standing coaches will have to take the live 3 hour course, while the most recently accredited coaches (within the last three years) will need to take a one hour refresher e-learning course after 3 years coaching. Parents who help will be expected to do the one hour e-learning course.

The EMJOS page on EMOA website has been refreshed to include a contact e-mail for the squad safeguarding officer (Anne Kayley-Burgess) and a link to the BOF full page for reporting a concern.

In conclusion, the squad is growing in numbers again which was noted at the weekend by other regions seeing our happy and enthusiastic athletes. More juniors brings advantages, by creating and maintaining a youthful atmosphere and helping to create those long term friendships.

Ann-Marie Duckworth EMJOS coach and coordinator

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East Midlands Urban League 2025

The following is the current table for the EMOA Urban League 2025 which comprises of the following events:

1st January - Derby City (DVO) - (UL1)

29th June - Wirksworth (DVO) - (UL2)

12th July - The Meadows (EuroCity weekend) (NOC) - UL3

13th July - Lincoln (Eurocity race) (LOG) - UL4

10th August - Lutterworth (LEI) - UL5

6th September - Hamilton (LEI) - UL6

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28th September - Retford (NOC) - UL7

12th October - Newark (LOG) - UL8

Your best 4 scores will count from the 8 events. Note: we have reverted to the original scoring system of counting all competitors. Below is the final 2025 table showing the top 10 and omitting non-EMOA members. Prizegiving will be at the DVO Matlock Urban event on January 1st 2026, hopefully soon after 10:00am.

Junior Men

	Name		Club	best 4	UL1	UL2	UL3	UL4	UL5	UL6	UL7	UL8
1	Michael May	M12	LOG	100								100
2	Jonah Newton	M14	DVO	93		93						
3	Ben Shambrook	M12	DVO	91		91						
4=	Peter Birchall	M16	DVO	89	89							
4=	Bodie Milsom	M14	NOC	89			89					

Junior Women

	Name		Club	best 4	UL1	UL2	UL3	UL4	UL5	UL6	UL7	UL8
1	Imogen Satherley	W14	DVO	389		96	93	100		100		
2	Isabel May	W16	LOG	96				96				
3	Cara Tolley	W14	LEI	93						93		

Open Men

	Name		Club	best 4	UL1	UL2	UL3	UL4	UL5	UL6	UL7	UL8
1	Nerijus Rozkovas	M35	DVO	385	91	96	93	89			96	100
2	Mike Chapman	M45	LOG	359	84		0	82		93	93	89
3	Andrew Evans	M45	LOG	345	77				91	90		87
4	George Carley	M21	NOC	276			89	87			100	
5	Ed Cochrane	M35	NOC	246	82		83	81				
6	Richard Robinson	M40	NOC	196	96			100				
7	Craig Lucas	M21	LOG	169			79					90
8	Liam Harrington	M35	LOG	165				74				91
9	Ant Squire	M45	NOC	163			85	78				
10	Josh Bones	M18	LOG	150				62				88

Open Women

	Name		Club	best 4	UL1	UL2	UL3	UL4	UL5	UL6	UL7	UL8
1	Andrea Page	W45	LOG	380	85		82	0	96	93	100	91
2	Jessica Williams	W18	DVO	373	84	100			93	90		90
3	Kirsty Buxton	W35	DVO	176	90		86					
4	Rebecca Sindall	W35	LEI	168			77			91		
5	Esther Revell	W40	LEI	96						96		
6	Anna-Kaisa Koskela-Brook	W40	LOG	93								93

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7	Sophie Vincent	W21	DVO	90			90					
8	Hannah Mather	W20	LOG	86				86				
9	Monica Henderson	W35	NOC	81			81					
10	Hebe Parr	W21	NOC	80			80					

Veteran Men

	Name		Club	best 4	UL1	UL2	UL3	UL4	UL5	UL6	UL7	UL8
1	Andy Nicholls	M50	LEI	391	85	100	91	91	100	100		
2	Jake Warwick	M40	DVO	373		93	81		91		96	93
3	Rob Williams	M45	DVO	362	82				88	96		96
4	Andrew Selby	M40	DVO	342	78		83	76	90			91
5	Roger Phillips	M45	LEI	267					87	90		90
6	Edward de Salis Young	M55	LEI	189	89						100	
7	David Jolly	M50	RAFO	180	87			0			93	
8	Hywel Satherley	M45	DVO	171			78	0		93		
9	Stephen Bones	M45	LOG	161				72				89
10	Chris Millard	M40	DVO	100	100							

Veteran Women

	Name		Club	best 4	UL1	UL2	UL3	UL4	UL5	UL6	UL7	UL8
1	Tanya Taylor	W50	LOG	396	96	96	91	100	96		100	100
2	Sally Calland	W50	DVO	391		100		91	100	100		
3	Emily Williams	W45	DVO	371	89				93	93		96
4	Jo White	W50	LEI	270		89			91	90		
5	Claire Selby	W50	DVO	160	88			72				
6	Katy Butterfield	W40	NOC	96							96	
7	Hayley Fox	W50	LOG	93								93
8=	Helen Chiswell	W45	DVO	91		91						
8=	Alison Foord	W50	LEI	91						91		
10	Jane Deville	W50	LOG	89				89				

Senior Veteran Men

	Name		Club	best 4	UL1	UL2	UL3	UL4	UL5	UL6	UL7	UL8
1	Matt White	M55	LEI	378	91	91	87	91		96		100
2	Andrew Ridgway	M60	NOC	363	80	86	69	77	91	93		93
3	David Cladingboel	M55	LEI	354	85	83	56	74	93	88		88
4	Alastair Paterson	M55	LEI	346	83	82	77	65	89	84	0	90
5	Ian Buxton	M60	LEI	342	82		78		87	86		87
6	Murray White	M55	DVO	324	81	79	68	68			96	
7	Jonathan Lee	M60	LEI	300				49	85		85	81
8	Paul Goodhead	M60	DVO	248		74					91	83
9	Robert Orgill	M55	NOC	238	70					81	87	

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10	Dave Chaffey	M60	DVO	221	74		65	82				
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Senior Veteran Women

	Name		Club	best 4	UL1	UL2	UL3	UL4	UL5	UL6	UL7	UL8
1	Helen Parkinson	W55	NOC	384	100	100	73	83			93	91
2	Amanda Roberts	W60	LOG	379	89	96		92	91			100
3	Carol Stynes-Martin	W55	LEI	378	84	93	84	88	93		96	96
4	Jane Dring-Morris	W55	LEI	358		86				96	88	88
5	Sarah Buxton	W60	LEI	355.5	85		81.5		100			89
6	Anne Kayley-Burgess	W55	DVO	347			63	58	82	93	85	87
7	Nicola Hart	W60	DVO	341	82	83	65	70	86		90	
8	Tracey Brookes	W60	LEI	337	79		70		85	89		84
9=	Kim Buxton	W60	DVO	334	74		77	71	83		89	85
9=	Ursula Williamson	W60	LEI	334	72	84	64	62	80	88		82

Ultravet Men

	Name		Club	best 4	UL1	UL2	UL3	UL4	UL5	UL6	UL7	UL8
1	Paul Morris	M65	NOC	396		96	87		100	96	100	100
2	Graham Johnson	M65	DVO	382		100	82	84	93	100		89
3	Stephen Martin	M65	LEI	363	96		0	81	96		90	
4	Mike Gardner	M65	DVO	360	89	90	0	73	89	90	89	91
5	Robert Parkinson	M65	NOC	350	87	86		69			91	86
6=	Stephen Kimberley	M65	DVO	347	83		81	77			93	90
6=	John Hurley	M70	DVO	347		91	77	76	88	91		
8	John Hopper	M70	DVO	346	80	89	69	58	85	86	86	
9	Andrew Wallace	M65	NOC	326	78			55	80		85	83
10	Ian Wells	M70	RAFO	324		87	72		81	84		

Ultravet Women

	Name		Club	best 4	UL1	UL2	UL3	UL4	UL5	UL6	UL7	UL8
1	Val Johnson	W65	DVO	391		100	0	91	0	100		100
2	Jane Kayley-Burgess	W65	DVO	389			91	80	100	96	100	93
3	Ruth Ellis	W70	DVO	366	84		76	75	93	93	90	90
4=	Jane Booker	W70	NOC	361	87	90	88	82			96	
4=	Maureen Webb	W70	LEI	361	80	88	74	71	96	90		87
6	Trudy Crosby	W65	LOG	347	86	89	84					88
7	Anne Kimberley	W65	DVO	332	81		75	68			87	89
8	Amanda Mylett	W70	LOG	178			0	85			93	
9	Judith Evans	W70	DVO	173	82						91	
10	Viv Macdonald	W70	DVO	165	78	87						

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Hypervet Men

	Name		Club	best 4	UL1	UL2	UL3	UL4	UL5	UL6	UL7	UL8
1	Doug Dickinson	M75	DVO	388	88		96	93	96	96		100
2	Roger Edwards	M75	LEI	376	96	88	86		91		93	96
3	Kevin Gallagher	M75	LEI	374	91	100	88	89	90	93		
4	Derek Gale	M80	DVO	370	84	91	85	85	86	88	100	91
5	Pat Squire	M75	NOC	364	86					89	96	93
6=	Peter Chick	M80	LEI	351		89	82	86	88			88
6=	Dave Skidmore	M75	DVO	351	80		79		84	86	91	90
8	John Palmer	M75	NOC	337	76				82	82	88	85
9	John Woodall	M85	NOC	325	72	79	75	71	75	80	85	81
10	Ernie Williams	M80	LEI	319	73	80	77	75	78	81		80

Hypervet Women

	Name		Club	best 4	UL1	UL2	UL3	UL4	UL5	UL6	UL7	UL8
1	Hilary Palmer	W75	NOC	396	100		96	100	96	96		100
2	Sue Bicknell	W80	LEI	368	90	90	88	82	91	93	93	91
3	Jen Gale	W75	DVO	358	89	89	0	80	89	90	90	87
4	Tricia Neal	W75	NOC	345	87		81	81	90	87		
5	Diane Blount	W75	DVO	185		96						89
6	Di Ford	W75	LEI	174					88			86
7	Judith Holt	W75	DVO	100							100	
8=	Ann Armistead	W75	DVO	96							96	
8=	Anne Gibbs	W80	LOG	96								96
10	Christine Middleton	W75	DVO	93		93						

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East Midlands Urban League 2026

The following is the current table for the EMOA Urban League 2026 which comprises of the following events:

- **EMUL 1** Monday 01 January: Matlock (DVO)
- **EMUL 2** Sunday 07 June: Nottingham University (TBC) (NOC) -UKUL 13
- **EMUL 3** Sunday 05 July: Swadlincote (DVO)
- **EMUL 4** Sunday 12 July: Hinckley (LEI) - UKUL 16
- **EMUL 5** Sunday 09 August: Bilborough (NOC)
- **EMUL 6** Saturday 16 August Wellingborough (LEI)
- **EMUL 7** Sunday 23 August: Lincoln (LOG) - UKUL 18
- **EMUL 8** Sunday 11 October: Sleaford (LOG)

Your best 4 scores will count from the 8 events. Note: we have reverted to the original scoring system of counting all competitors.

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East Midlands League 2025

The tables below provide the latest standings for the EMOA League 2025. With a total of 13 events, the best 7 scoring events count towards the league. Tables below are based on standing in the league counting in at least 2 events, scoring more than 1000 points in total, and in the top 10 for that class. Prizegiving will be at the LEI Cademan Woods event on January 11th, soon after 10:00am.

The events included are:

1. 19th January - LEI - Hanging Hill and Boothorpe
2. 9th February - LOG - South Common
3. 23rd March - NOC - Silverhill Woods
4. 18th May - NOC - Bramcote Hills & Hemlock Stone
5. 1st June - DVO - Carsington Pastures
6. 8th June - LEI - Irchester
7. 19th October - LEI - Burbage Common
8. 2nd November - DVO - Shipley Park
9. 9th November - NOC - Wellow
10. 23rd November - DVO - Cromford Moor
11. 30th November - LEI - Beacon Hill

The events still to come are:

12. 21st December - NOC - Strawberry Hill
13. 28th December - LEI - Martinshaw

White - Male

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score	Pos
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White - Female

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score	Pos
Suranne Tolly	LEI	W10	1000					1000	1000				1000			4000	1
Lara Schorah	NOC	W10				1000				1000						2000	2

Yellow - Male

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	score	Pos
Darwin Buxton	DVO	M12	1000	1000		1000	762		1000	1000						5762	1

Yellow - Female

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	score	Pos
Lily Robinson	NOC	W10			1000	1000	946			1000	910		908			5764	1
Elodie Booker	NOC	W10				965				539	1000		1000			3504	2
Katherine Terry	DVO	W12								643		1000				1643	3
Maija Brook	LOG	W10		1000	557											1557	4
Kristy Nicholls	LEI	W45				505	669									1174	5
Eila Brook	LOG	W12		662	491											1153	6

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Orange - Male

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	score	Pos
Ben Shambrook	DVO	M12							1000	969		1000	1000			3969	1
Hugh Chester	LEI	M12				714		1000				861	472			3047	2
Alan Blackwell	NOC	M50								370		444	383			1197	3

Orange - Female

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score	Pos
Grace Robinson	NOC	W12			1000	1000	1000									3000	1
Donna Tolley	LEI	W40							1000				1000			2000	2
Sindy Chafer	LEI	W55	1000										939			1939	3

Light Green - Male

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score	Pos
Jacob Miles	LEI	M16	1000	1000	1000						1000	1000	1000			6000	1
Aidan Chester	LEI	M14		636	759	1000		1000				859	879			5133	2
Bodie Milson	NOC	M14								1000		658	920			2578	3

Light Green - Female

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score	Pos
Imogen Satherley	DVO	W14		1000	1000					1000			1000			4000	1
Cara Tolley	LEI	W14			881			1000	1000				821			3702	2
Alison Foord	LEI	W50			500	1000			718							2218	3
Grace Robinson	NOC	W12								956			734			1690	4
Emilie Milsom	NOC	W50								498		524	499			1521	5
Emma Miles	LEI	W50				830							416			1246	6
Tina Brindley	NOC	W60		210	291	611										1112	7

Very Short Green - Male

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	score	Pos
John Woodall	NOC	M85			1000	864	1000	1000	868			553	737			6022	1
David Bray	LEI	M70	701					986		981	1000	1000	1000			5668	2
Chris Phillips	LEI	M75		954	739	596		963	727	582			481			5042	3
Ernie Williams	LEI	M80	655	1000		704	851				419		736			4365	4
Donald Moir	LEI	M90	1000						960				841			2801	5
David Anderson	LEI	M85	920		905				844							2669	6

Very Short Green - Female

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	score	Pos
Sue Bicknell	LEI	W80	1000	1000		1000		1000	1000	1000	1000		1000			7000	1
Margaret Keeling	DVO	W75				932				992		1000				2924	2
Maureen Webb	LEI	W70		816		733										1549	3
Jen Gale	DVO	W75		721					798							1519	4
Tricia Neal	NOC	W75		459									716			1175	5

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Short Green - Male

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	scores	Pos.
Roger Edwards	LEI	M75	1000		897	919	1000	1000	857	1000		1000	1000			6919	1
Chris Bosley	LEI	M75	806		827		817	728	666	770	833	850	852			5755	2
Robert Titterington	LEI	M80	710		901		815		724	848	838		788			5624	3
Peter Chick	LEI	M80		461	633	539	852	713	609	829		891	873			5400	4
Jeffrey Baker	LOG	M70	803	753		689	541		510	681			681			4658	5
Dave Skidmore	DVO	M75	744	846	876	693			655				705			4519	6
Rex Bleakman	DVO	M80	900		1000		869		755	993						4517	7
John Cooke	DVO	M75		577	723		582		523	638		607	547			4197	8
George Normand	LEI	M80				876		969	1000				924			3769	9
Doug Dickinson	DVO	M80		1000		952						799	945			3696	10

Short Green - Female

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	score	P
Jane Booker	NOC	W70	976	605	1000	1000	1000			985	1000	1000				6961	1
Elaine Smith	NOC	W65	745		789	751	892					964	1000			5141	2
Christine Middleton	DVO	W75	900				784			765	610	953	951			4963	3
Ruth Ellis	DVO	W70	836	742	840	795			895				775			4883	4
Trudy Crosby	LOG	W65	792	664		756		1000		773	642					4627	5
Felicity Manning	LEI	W70		875		777			1000			951	811			4414	6
Wendy West	LEI	W60	556		462	607	605			564			798			3592	7
Karen Bedwell	DVO	W55		516	529		725		768				525			3063	8
Viv Macdonald	DVO	W70		620		530				572		608	637			2967	9
Diane Blount	DVO	W75	573		654		856									2083	10

Green - Male

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	scores	P
John Marriott	LEI	M75	1000		904	693	864	1000	938	491			1000			6399	1
John Hopper	DVO	M70	950	918	843	911	848	658	825	697	788	834	840			6144	2
Russell Buxton	DVO	M65	839	507		736	764	822		757		857	907			5682	3
Mike Gardner	DVO	M65		986		1000	1000			887	781	1000				5654	4
Stephen Martin	LEI	M65		1000			958		628	1000		957	924			5467	5
Malcom Spencer	DVO	M65	978		727				1000	911	825		865			5306	6
Alan West	LEI	M65	740	762	629		749		740	634		642	919			5186	7
Peter Cholerton	NOC	M70	844		555	736	758			742	542	550	801			4986	8
Andrew Middleton	DVO	M75	979				994				1000	855	858			4696	9
John Hurley	DVO	M70	911		982				823	941			835			4492	10

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Green - Female

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	scores	Pos
Judith Holt	DVO	W75			1000		1000		1000	1000	756	1000	1000			6756	1
Amanda Roberts	LOG	W60	693	1000		1000	912	913		886	1000					6404	2
Kim Buxton	DVO	W60	819			729	752	1000	813	819	767	791	745			5761	3
Judith Evans	DVO	W70	1000	948	914		783					751	917			5313	4
Ursula Williamson	LEI	W60		682	658	719		715	780	626	615	486	760			4940	5
Jane Dring-Morris	LEI	W55	649	700	614	766	657			695			754			4835	6
Tracey Brookes	LEI	W60	777	667	612	786						487	784			4113	7
Emily Williams	DVO	W45	525	485		565	509		499	585		500	380			3668	8
Jessica Williams	DVO	W18	482	440	402	554	450			443			449			3220	9
Carol Stynes-Martin	LEI	W55					606		536	753	485	535				2915	10

Blue - Male

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	scores	Pos
Andrew Ridgway	NOC	M60	989	794	865	980	727	1000	867		579	809	862			6372	1
Ian Buxton	LEI	M60	900			1000	663	930	835	824		709	814			6012	2
Toby Miles	LEI	M55		765	886	916	696	910	820			575	862			5855	3
James Prince	DVO	M55	847		883	996	706			751	732	812	796			5817	4
Alastair Paterson	LEI	M55		740	809	825	673	936	824	699		637	796			5629	5
Dai Bedwell	DVO	M55		870	1000		816		965			907	1000			5558	6
Tom Hartland	DVO	M50			832	828		719		741	609	713	763			5558	7
Paul Goodhead	DVO	M60	800	695					781	693		705	749			5204	8
David Cladingboel	LEI	M55	751	588	674	785	502	780	878							4958	9
Ian Wells	RAFO	M70	847	673			564	807		568	643	586	771			4895	10

Blue - Female

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	score	Pos
Tanya Taylor	LOG	W55	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000		1000	937	1000		953			7000	1
Helen Chiswell	DVO	W45	827				796		833	666	941	1000				5063	2
Nicola Hart	DVO	W60	819		939		824					995	854			4431	3
Catherine Hughes	NOC	W55	911							1000		791	1000			3702	4
Alison Hardy	LEI	W55	943	784	968								734			3429	5
Monica Henderson	NOC	W35	686	580		691	620					679				3256	6
Sal Chaffey	DVO	W60	805				768			938						2511	7
Hebe Parr	NOC	W21		558	703	587			633							2481	8
Kirsty Buxton	DVO	W35				595				695		763				2053	9
Katy Butterfield	NOC	W40					527			540	427		472			1966	10

Brown - Male

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	score	Pos
Richard Robinson	NOC	M40			972	1000	999			1000			1000			4971	1
Nerijus Rozkovas	DVO	M35	853			902	897				1000					3652	2

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Roger Phillips	LEI	M45	594		621	595		613					708			3131	3
Chris Millard	DVO	M40					850			917		926				2693	4
David Newton	DVO	M45			749		732					947				2428	5
Richard Parkin	DVO	M55		1000	1000											2000	6
Andrew Powell	DVO	M40					1000			907						1907	7
Roy Mitton	NOC	M55	618		620	594										1832	8
Stephen Chafer	LEI	M55						812	1000							1812	9
Andy Nicholls	LEI	M50								748		809				1557	10

Brown - Female

Name	Club	Age	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score	Pos
Emily Bass	DVO	W35								1000		1000				2000	1
Anna-Kaisa Koskela-Brook	LOG	W40		638	1000											1638	1

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East Midlands League 2026

Below are the planned events for the EM League for 2026. With a total of 14 events, the best 8 scoring events count towards the league.

The events included are:

- 11th January - LEI - Cademan
- 18th January - NOC - Thieves Wood
- 8th February - LOG - Harlaxton Manor
- 8th March - LEI - Aylestone Meadows
- 15th March - NOC - Watchwood & Calverton
- 22nd March - DVO - Bow Woods & Lea Woods
- 26th April - LEI - Castle Hill
- 21st June - DVO - Allestree Park
- 27th September - DVO - Longstone Moor
- 1st November - LEI - QEDJW - tbc
- 15th November - NOC - Clumber Park North - tbc
- 22nd November - DVO - Linacre
- 6th December - LEI - Outwoods
- 20th December - NOC - Walesby

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A history of Thieves Wood

Thieves Wood is to be used for a NOC event in January so I thought a little history on the area might help. The wood is officially part of the old Royal Wood of Lyndhurst. It is now managed by the Forestry Commission and is part of the Royal Forest of Sherwood. It consists of 200 Hectares of mainly Pine forest.

It is believed that when the original motte and bailey of Nottingham Castle's were built in 1068, trees from these woods provided timber for it's construction.

The obvious first person you might think of is Robin Hood, the famous thief who stole from the rich and gave to the poor. In days gone by Thieves Wood was once part of the Royal Wood of Lyndhurst owned by the King. The main route north from Nottingham, called Kings Great Way, was a road that linked London to Nottingham and then on towards Lincoln and York (it seems to have become the main road north when the old roman road (Ermine Street) fell into disrepair. However, the area north of Nottingham running through the woods and heathland was a haven for thieves and hence the reason the wood got it's name.

Close by is Fountindale, a small moat in the region of Lyndhurst, near Blidworth. Formed by a natural source of spring water, it was established as a Holy place long before the days of Robin Hood or even Christianity. Once the site of a Pagan Shrine, the moat was formed in order to protect its relics. Those relics were moved from the shrine and buried by a loyal priest to safeguard them from invading Vikings. They've never been found. During later Christian times a similar small shrine or chapel here was said to be maintained by Friar Tuck, perhaps attached to nearby Newstead Abbey (then known as Saint Mary's Priory.)



It was said Will Scarlet alerted Robin Hood to Friar Tuck's prowess with both bow and sword. Robin, feeling he must have such an accomplished fighter in his band of outlaws, was so wary of Tuck, he even wore armour before making his trip to Lynhurst, probably setting out from nearby Thieves Wood. The story of their meeting, carrying each other back and forth over the river, became one of the most popular stories associated with the legend.

Another notable item in Thieves wood, although not so legendary, is the 'Bird Stone'. It is inscribed: 'This stone was placed here by J. Whitaker of Rainworth Lodge [Nottinghamshire], to mark the spot where the first British specimen of an Egyptian nightjar was spotted by A. Spink's on 23 June 1883. It is only the second occurrence of the bird in Europe.'



Albert Spink's was a gamekeeper who lived opposite the Bessie Sheppard stone on the edge of Harlow Wood. He was firing at a rabbit and the sound caused the bird to fly out, so Spink's shot it. It was only by chance that he mentioned this to Whitaker - a naturalist and writer of sorts - before disposing of it. The very grateful Whitaker salvaged the bird and had it stuffed.

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Joseph Whitaker was the elder son of Joseph Whitaker of Ramsdale, where the younger man was born. He was educated at Uppingham School and inherited a love of the outdoors from his father, who was one of the backers of the local boxer Bendigo. Whitaker lived most of his life at Rainworth Lodge, where his house resembled a museum, containing cases of stuffed birds and other natural history exhibits. Whitaker was a keen sportsman, botanist, fisherman and collector of curios. He published a book on medieval dovecotes in Nottinghamshire, although not all the examples were medieval and not all were even in the county. He also had his own deer park and collected deer horns.

The original Bird Stone that Whitaker put in Thieves Wood was vandalized in the 1980s, and the replacement erected to remind passers-by of the event. At the same time, it keeps alive the memory of one of Nottinghamshire's eccentric characters who furthered our knowledge of birds, dovecotes, and other topics. Mansfield Museum and Art Gallery holds the Whitaker Collection of exhibits in its archive, which include the Egyptian nightjar.

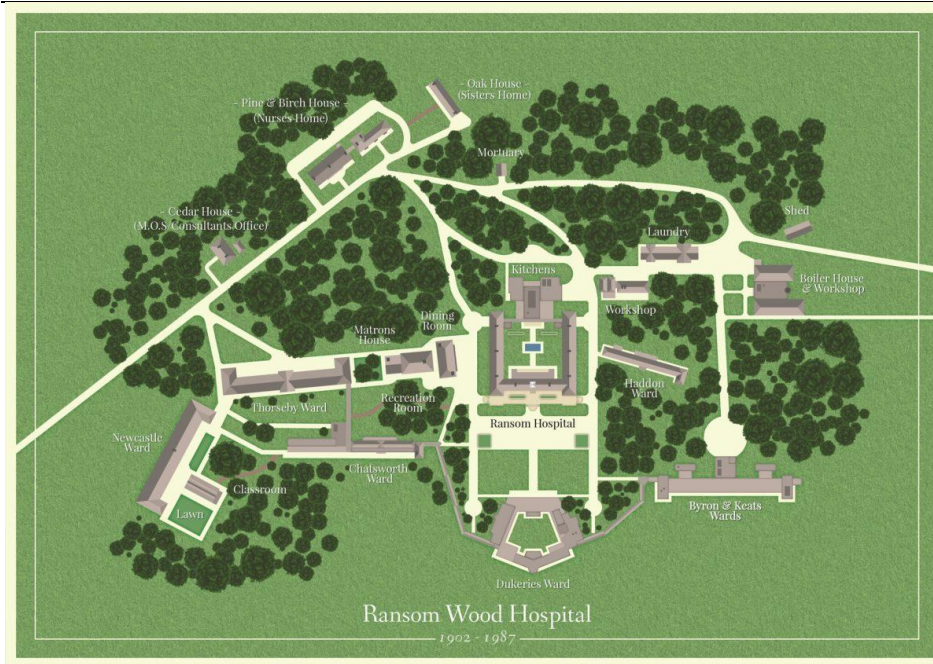
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A little history from Strawberry Hill & Ransom Wood

When I ran at Strawberry Hill in January 2020, I was struck with the elegance of the buildings in [Ransom Wood Business Park](#), the location of the event parking. Sure enough, a quick search revealed that the wooden building on the footprint of the current brick building was a TB hospital built in 1902. The photo shows one of the five wards, with wooden verandahs where the patients would sleep in the fresh air. It seems there were plenty of blankets for warmth, and the main complaint was the [nightjars](#) keeping them awake! The out-of-bounds area in the NW corner of the map is protected habitat for these curious birds.



One of the wards of the TB Hospital built in Ransom Wood in 1902



The wooden buildings were replaced in around 1947 with brick ones, but only the central quadrangle of the actual hospital remains.



Ransom Hall Business Park, showing the TB hospital building built in 1947. From the Park's website: <https://www.ransomwood.co.uk/office-space/our-buildings/ransom-hall/>

The clock was presented to the hospital on 1 May 1947, so it's assumed that the clocktower was built at the same time. Read the plaque; they say that time heals all things.



The 1947 hospital clock remains a focal point

The hospital closed in 1987, due to subsidence affecting the surrounding wards. These areas now provide ample parking for the business park.

Strawberry Hill Plantation

The area is named after a plantation of sessile oaks, surrounded by a circular walkway some 190m in diameter. The trees are thought to have been planted in the 1850s, when the [Welbeck Estate](#) - home of the Lords of Portland - was 'gentrifying' itself. The southern approach is a sunken lane, and many more of these cross the area, some dating from medieval times.

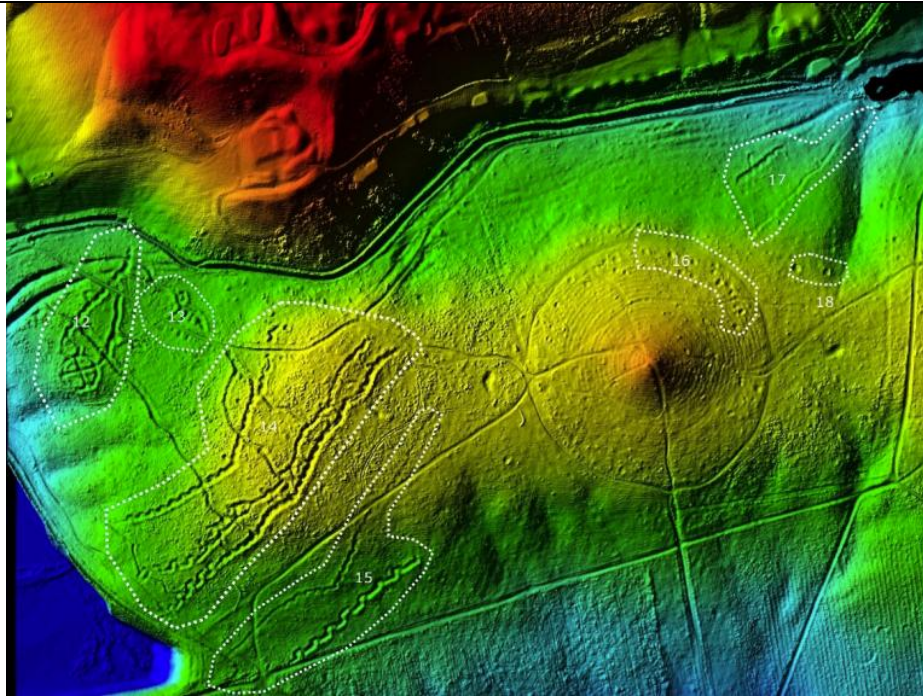


Part of the orienteering map, showing Strawberry hill and the nightjar protected habitat (pink; top left)

The area was used for military training in both the World Wars:

"Strawberry Knoll was known for the two heavy machine guns mounted on its summit known particularly well by the soldiers who had to crawl up that hill under live ammunition fire as a final part of their training. A local retired post-master tells of how his father used to make deliveries to our site in around 1913 and of how he recalled that you couldn't see the trees for the troops that streamed through this site at the time and how he remembered two tanks parked up in the car park."

The Lidar image for a [2021 archaeological survey by Nottinghamshire County Council](#) shows the wartime legacy nicely.



Lidar image of Strawberry Hill with wartime features picked out in white

11	Not located. Would recommend returning when the vegetation has died back further.
12	Unusual set of deep trenches that are probably all part of the military trench training activities. Two approx. sw-ne trenches lead to a circular trench with a cross of smaller works in the centre. The circular feature sits on a promontory of land which drops away sharply on the south side. A nw-se trench appears to link this set of trenches to the ones recorded under 14. Undergrowth made it difficult to establish much more about these trenches or possible relative dating. Part of it intersects with one of the deep hollow ways recorded under 10.
13	Not located. Would recommend returning when the vegetation has died back further.
14	The ground cover in this area is very dense so it was difficult to examine the trenches in much detail. Where they were visible from the footpath they appear to be deep-cut features of at least 1m set in parallel rows with communication lines between them. They appear to feature the characteristic zig-zag shape. There is probably a lot more information could be gathered from this well-preserved set by a specialist when there is less ground cover.
15	Two parallel trenches of differing construction. The most southerly one is well-defined in shape and form, whereas the one to the north appears to be much rougher. These are in reasonably open woodland and not too difficult to access. They are part of the wider landscape of 20 th century military training activity.
16	Area of activity relating to military training. There are lots of small pits across an area to the north and north-east of the hill. They range in size from approximately 1x0.4m to 3x4m. They may represent ammo stores or dugouts.
17	Two parallel ditch features that may be related to the 20 th century military training activities. These are less well defined than other trenches on the site but run in the same orientation.
18	Not located. Would recommend returning when the vegetation has died back further.

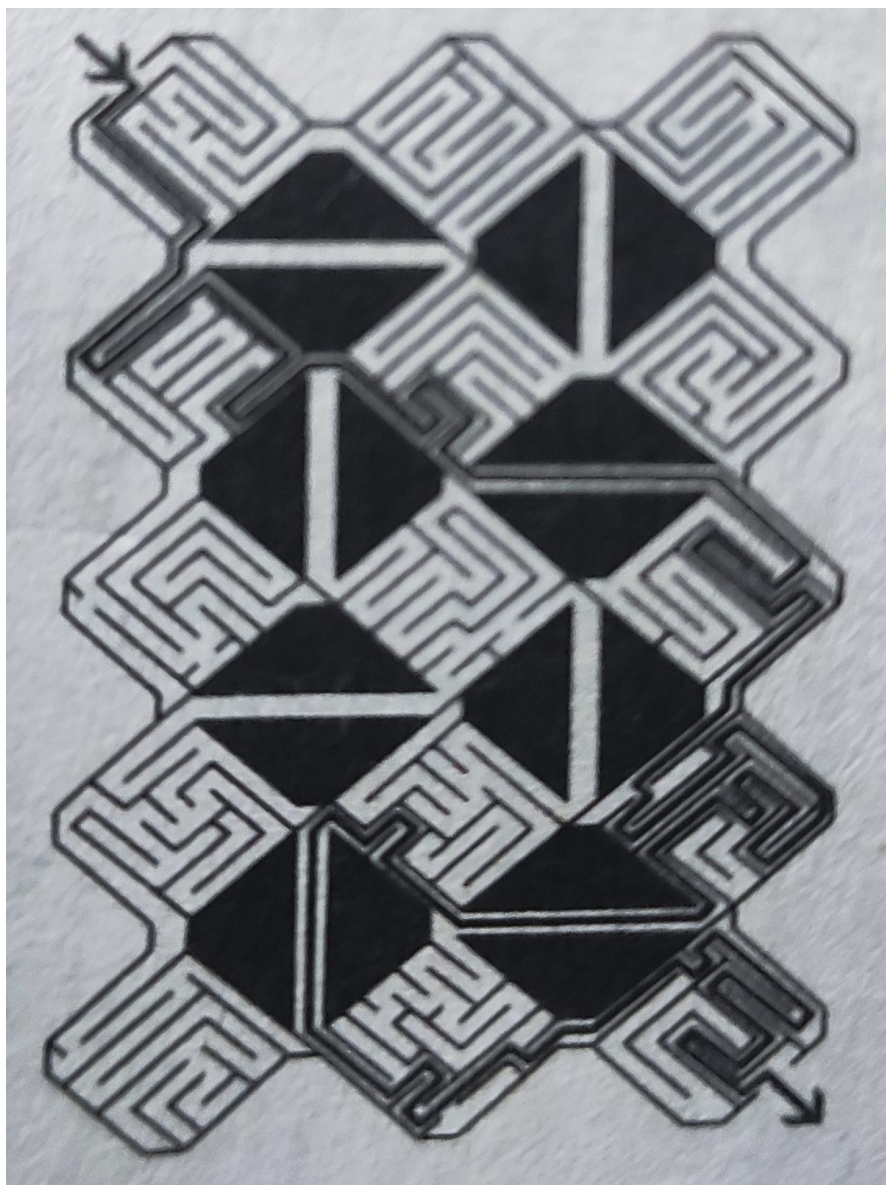
Emily Gillott's interpretation of the Lidar features is above

I look forward to my run on December 21st - I hope I don't find the ghosts too distracting!

By Sal Chaffey

Puzzle Page






Answer to EMEWS 298 Puzzle



This month's puzzle:

This month we can go back to the plantation grid and see how competitors get from the start to the finish. The numbers along the edges of the grid indicate how many sections of the plantation are used in the route (the numbers include the use of start and finish). The route cannot cross itself and only uses a plantation section once. The direction out of the start and into the finish are provided, along with a short section of the route.

Complete the route that gets you from the start to the finish, while meeting the number of plantation sections shown at the top of each column, and row. I'll provide the answer in next EMEWS.

	2		4		2		1		6		4		4		3	
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START																3
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										FINISH						

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Entering Events on Startkite

Just a quick note for those entering events on Startkite.

It is much more cost effective for the organising club if you enter using bank transfer, rather than online card payment (at least 20p per entry). This means more money goes to the organising club.

Some orienteers have a concern about bank payments and the security of their account details. First, Lloyds Bank (who process Startkite) do not include the account number in the payment details that Startkite itself receives. Added to this, the bank payment matching is done offline. Details of the payment (account name, sort code, reference) are never stored online on The Start Kite website.

When entering the individual gets a code that is assigned for all future events. So, next time it should simply be a matter of going into your bank account and finding Startkite and the code should already be assigned. You can use one payment to cover multiple events.

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Editorial

I know that many orienteers are of the more mature end of the age spectrum, so many of you may already have faced the problems I have had in the last few months. But, I wanted to highlight this to encourage all the men to ensure they insist on a PSA test (and press their doctors if they have to).

I have for the last few years had a slightly high PSA reading, so have been able to get my doctor to get me regular 6 month tests. Back in September the number rose a little, so I was called in to see the doctor and after a brief chat it was decided to get me an MRI scan. The scan took place and seemed to identify the need for a more detailed look. (And to add to my problems after the MRI scan I went into a number of fits so ended up in emergency and though everything seemed fine I was told I could not drive until I see a neurosurgeon (wait is currently on average 17 weeks) - so can't get to events on my own).

The follow up treatment was a biopsy. This sounded horrible but in fact was not bad at all. The bad news came when saw the consultant afterwards and he told me I did have prostate cancer, and it seemed to be quite aggressive. The next thing is, has it spread? So, I was sent for a number of scans including a nuclear x-ray (I had never heard of one before, and didn't even know there was such a facility on the top floor of Derby Royal hospital). The time was not fun waiting for the results.

The session with the consultant afterwards started with him giving me the test results. It had not spread anywhere else and the only problem with my bones seemed to be some arthritis in the knee and ankles (not a surprise for an orienteer). We had to decide on a course of action. One option was a 6 month course of hormone therapy followed by radiotherapy for a number of weeks. The alternative was to have the prostate out. Given the aggressiveness of the cancer I felt the only option was to have the prostate out. So, I am sitting here having had the operation, and hoping I will recover and get back to orienteering soon (I still need to have a catheter removed next week and then will have to wait for results of further scans and tests to see if it has been successful, but my consultant seemed positive).

The main reason I have written this editorial was if I had not been having regular PSA tests then we would not have spotted the increase in value, and my doctor would not have sent me for the MRI scan. Yet it seems the government (or is it health professionals?) does not seem to think it is worth giving men regular PSA tests! Without them there is a good chance I would not be around in a year's time).

PS: Next EMEWS is the 300th edition. I do have every issue (many of the old ones paper photocopies). If anyone has any stories they want to relate about EMEWS history or any particular articles they want to see again let me know.

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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. Details on entry are normally available on the club sites. 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.

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.

Many events are pre-entry only, so please check the event details before travelling.

December 2025

Sat 6 th	LEI Winter League 3 Donisthorpe	Locl	LEI	EM	Donisthorpe	Ashby	SK317142
Sat 6 th	Belper Parks Local Event	Locl	DVO	EM	Belper Parks	Belper	SK350474
Sun 7 th	(Cancelled) HALO Regional Event Beverley Westwood	Regl	HALO	YH	Beverley Westwood	Beverley	
Sun 7 th	WCH WMOA League Event	Regl	WCH	WM	Brindley Valley	Cannock	SK004147
Tue 9 th	Maprun Training tbc	Act	LEI	EM	City Centre tbc	Leicester	
Wed 10 th	Technical Training	Act	LOG	EM	Hartsholme Park	Lincoln	
Sat 13 th	MDOC Autumn Park Series (4)	Locl	MDOC	NW	Bramhall Park	Bramhall	
Sat 13 th	LEI Winter League 4 Evington Park & Arboretum	Locl	LEI	EM	Evington Park & Arboretum	Leicester	SK625030
Sat 13 th	Steel City day 1 morning– Sheffield University Indoor O	Regl	SHUOC	YH	University of Sheffield Student's Union	Sheffield	
Sat 13 th	Steel City day 1 afternoon – Sprint Relay/Individual	Locl	SHUOC	YH	Westfield	Sheffield	
Sat 13 th	MapActive coaching course	Act	NOC	EM	Burntstump Country Park	Nottingham	
Sun 14 th	Steel City day 2 – Ramsley Regional & YHOA Superleague	Regl	SYO	YH	Ramsley Moor	Sheffield	
Sun 14 th	Brandon Wood WML Middle Event	Regl	OD	WM	Brandon Wood	Coventry	SP386762
Sat 20 th	YHOA Night League	Regl	EPOC	YH	Oakwell Hall	Cleckheaton	
Sun 21 st	EPOC Regional	Regl	EPOC	YH	Oakwell Hall	East Pennines	
Sun 21 st	East Midlands League 2025	Regl	NOC	EM	Strawberry Hill	Mansfield	SK582596
Sun 21 st	SO Brighton City Weekend - Stanmer Park middle distance	Regl	SO	SE	Stanmer Park	Brighton	TQ342087
Sun 28 th	EBOR Regional	Regl	EBOR	YH		York/North Yorkshire	
Sun 28 th	EMOA League (Martinshaw North, Middle Distance)	Regl	LEI	EM	Martinshaw	Leicester	SK498076

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Thu 1 st	DVO EMOA Urban League - Matlock	Regl	DVO	EM	Matlock	Matlock	
Thu 1 st	Laurie Bradley New Years Day Score	Locl	HOC	WM	Hartlebury Common	Stourport	
Sat 3 rd	Rough Close "Christmas Relays"	Locl	OD	WM	Rough Close Scout Camp	Coventry	SP264780
Sun 4 th	CHIG Mitre (SE League and SWELL)	Regl	CHIG	SE	Epping N	Theydon Bois	TQ450992
Sun 4 th	AIRE Regional Event	Regl	AIRE	YH	Buck Wood	Shipley	
Sun 4 th	SCOL03 and TVOC Regional Event	Regl	TVOC	SC	Penn Street	High Wycombe	SU923956
Sat 10 th	YHOA Night League	Regl	SYO	YH	Tankersley	Sheffield	
Sat 10 th	Walton Chasers Local Event	Locl	WCH	WM	Milford	Stafford	
Sat 10 th	Park-O Wandlebury Country Park	Locl	WAOC	EA	Wandlebury Country park-stables	Cambridge	
Sun 11 th	SROC urban event	Regl	SROC	NW	UCLAN and north Preston	Preston	
Sun 11 th	EMOA League 2026 Cademan	Regl	LEI	EM	Cademan and Thringstone Woods	Whitwick	SK440182
Wed 14 th	LEI Winter League 5 Ibstock	Locl	LEI	EM	Ibstock	Coalville	SK406104
Thu 15 th	Heanor MapRun	Act	DVO	EM	Wilmot Street Car Park	Heanor	
Sat 17 th	TVOC Saturday Series	Locl	TVOC	SC	Kings Wood	High Wycombe	
Sat 17 th	Saturday Series 4	Locl	SYO	YH	Ecclesall Woods	Sheffield	
Sun 18 th	East Midlands League 2026	Regl	NOC	EM	Thieves Wood	Mansfield	SK549566
Sun 18 th	WM League Event - Lickey Hills Country Park	Regl	HOC	WM	Lickey Hills Country Park	Longbridge	
Tue 20 th	Roger Edwards	Act	LEI	EM	Markfield Close Leisure Centre	Leicester	
Thu 22 nd	Chaddesden MapRun	Act	DVO	EM	Travelodge	Derby	
Sat 24 th	Concorde Chase Urban (UKOL)	Regl	BKO	SC	Woosehill?	Wokingham	SU786688
Sat 24 th	Northern Night Championships and YHOA Night League	Regl	CLOK	NE	Wilton Woods	Eston	
Sat 24 th	DEE Winner series - Bickerton Hill	Regl	DEE	NW	Bickerton Hill	Chester	SJ510535
Sat 24 th	DEE Night event - Bickerton Hill (NWNL)	Locl	DEE	NW	Bickerton Hill	Chester	SJ504533
Sun 25 th	Concorde Chase & Southern Championships	Natl	BKO	SC	Star Posts	Bracknell	SU875659
Tue 27 th	Roger Edwards	Act	LEI	EM	Markfield Close Leisure Centre	Leicester	
Thu 29 th	Whitemoor MapRun	Act	DVO	EM	Whitemoor Rec	Belper	
Sat 31 st	LEI Winter League 6 Loughborough Uni	Locl	LEI	EM	Loughborough Uni	Loughborough	SK512186
Sat 31 st	MDOC NW Night League	Locl	MDOC	NW	Teggs Nose Country Park	Macclesfield	SJ949732

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Sun 1 st	SYO National Event	Natl	SYO	YH	Burbage	Sheffield	
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Sun 1 st	Sandringham - East Anglian League Event (EAL)	Regl	NOR	EA	Royal Estate Sandringham	Kings Lynn	TF6893328645
Tue 3 rd	Roger Edwards	Act	LEI	EM	Markfield Close Leisure Centre	Leicester	
Wed 4 th	Fight the Night #1	Locl	LOG	EM	Hykeham South	Lincoln	
Thu 5 th	LEI Winter League 7 Hugglescote	Locl	LEI	EM	Hugglescote	Hugglescote	
Sat 7 th	British Night Championships	Majr	HH	SE	Egypt and Hangings Woods	Slough	SU940866
Sat 7 th	Bathpool Park	Locl	POTOC	WM	Bathpool Park	Kidsgrove	
Sat 7 th	Saturday Series 5	Locl	SYO	YH	Norfolk Park	Sheffield	
Sun 8 th	HH Ace of Herts (UKOL)	Natl	HH	SE	Egypt & Hangings Woods	Slough	SU940866
Sun 8 th	YHOA SuperLeague	Regl	CLARO	YH	Brimham Rocks	Pateley Bridge	
Sun 8 th	WCH League Event	Regl	WCH	WM	Shoal Hill	Cannock	
Sun 8 th	EMOA League 2026 Harlaxton Manor	Regl	LOG	EM	Harlaxton Manor	Grantham	
Mon 9 th	Spondon MapRun	Act	DVO	EM	Derby Runner	Derby	
Tue 10 th	Roger Edwards	Act	LEI	EM	Markfield Close Leisure Centre	Leicester	
Wed 11 th	Fight The Night #2	Locl	LOG	EM	Saxilby	Lincoln	
Thu 12 th	MDOC Night Street League (7)	Locl	MDOC	NW	Chapel en le Frith	Chapel en le Frith	
Sat 14 th	Long Mynd	Regl	WRE	WM	Carding Mill Valley - tbc	Church Stretton	SO447943
Sun 15 th	MV National	Natl	MV	SE	White Downs and West Ranmore	Dorking	
Sun 15 th	East Midlands Championships 2026	Natl	DVO	EM	Longshaw	Bakewell	
Tue 17 th	Roger Edwards	Act	LEI	EM	Markfield Close Leisure Centre	Leicester	
Wed 18 th	Fight The Night #3	Locl	LOG	EM	Birchwood	Lincoln	
Sat 21 st	LEI Winter League 8 Burbage Common	Locl	LEI	EM	Burbage Common	Burbage	SP446953
Sun 22 nd	CompassSport Cup Heat	Natl	OD	WM	Sutton Park South	Sutton Coldfield	
Sun 22 nd	CompassSport Cup Heat	Natl		EA	Brandon Park	Thetford	
Tue 24 th	Roger Edwards	Act	LEI	EM	Markfield Close Leisure Centre	Leicester	
Wed 25 th	Fight The Night #4	Locl	LOG	EM	Lincoln Central	Lincoln	
Thu 26 th	Allestree MapRun	Act	DVO	EM	Bar 189 (Blenheim Pde)	Derby	
Sat 28 th	British Orienteering Championships including Welsh Championships	Majr	SBOC	WOA	Carreg Goch	Ystradgynlais	SN842163

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Sun 1 st	British Relay Championships	Maj or	SWOC	WOA	Margam Country Park	Neath, Port Talbot	
Tue 3 rd	Roger Edwards	Act	LEI	EM	Markfield Close Leisure Centre	Leicester	
Thu 5 th	Ilkeston MapRun	Act	DVO	EM	Pimlico Car Park	Derby	
Sun 8 th	EMOA League 2026 Aylestone Meadows	Regl	LEI	EM	TBC	Leicester	

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Tue 10 th	Roger Edwards	Act	LEI	EM	Markfield Close Leisure Centre	Leicester	
Thu 12 th	Duffield MapRun	Act	DVO	EM	Duffield Library	Derby	
Sat 14 th	Park-O Cherry Hinton Hall Park	Locl	WAOC	EA	Cherry Hinton Hall Park	Cambridge	
Sun 15 th	East Midlands League 2026	Regl	NOC	EM	Watchwood & Calverton	Arnold	SK596508
Tue 17 th	Roger Edwards	Act	LEI	EM	Markfield Close Leisure Centre	Leicester	
Thu 19 th	Mickleover North MapRun	Act	DVO	EM	Ladybank Open Space	Derby	
Sun 22 nd	TVOC Chiltern Challenge National Event	Natl	TVOC	SCO	Christmas Common	High Wycombe	
Sun 22 nd	EMOA League 2026 Bow Woods and Lea Woods	Regl	DVO	EM	Bow Woods and Lea Woods	Cromford	SK315564
Sat 28 th	CHIG London (Beckton) UK urban league	Regl	CHIG	SE	Beckton	London	
Sun 29 th	HALO Urban Event	Regl	HALO	YH	Willows and Freshney, Grimsby	Grimsby	
Sun 29 th	Yvette Baker Trophy Heat + West Midlands League event	Regl	POTOC	WM	Whitfield Valley	Tunstall	
Tue 31 st	Manchester Urban Sprint1	Locl	MDOC	NW	Central Manchester (Heineken)	Manchester	

April 2026

Fri 3 rd	Jan Kjellström Orienteering Festival - Sprint (UKOL)	Maj or		SOA	Perth City Centre	Perth	
Sat 4 th	Jan Kjellström Orienteering Festival - Middle (UKOL)	Maj or		SOA	Rannoch	Kinloch Rannoch	
Sun 5 th	Jan Kjellström Orienteering Festival - Long (UKOL)	Maj or		SOA	Rannoch	Kinloch Rannoch	
Mon 6 th	Jan Kjellström Orienteering Festival - Relay	Maj or		SOA	Tullochroisk	Kinloch Rannoch	
Sun 12 th	SYO Regional Event and Yvette Baker Trophy Heat	Regl	SYO	YH	Canklow	Rotherham	
Sun 12 th	Cambridge Urban	Regl	WAOC	EA	Cambridge	Cambridge	
Sat 18 th	British Middle Championships (UKOL)	Maj or	HOC	WM	Brown Clee	Bridgnorth	
Sun 19 th	Midlands Championships (UKOL)	Natl	OD	WM	Brown Clee	Midlands	
Sat 25 th	silverdale country park	Locl	POTOC	WM		Newcastle under Lyme	
Sat 25 th	Saturday Series 7	Locl	SYO	YH	Parkwood Springs	Sheffield	
Sat 25 th	MDOC Spring Park Series (4)	Locl	MDOC	NW	Manor Park	Glossop	
Sun 26 th	Blickling	Locl	NOR	EA	Blickling NT	Norwich	TG1759328573
Sun 26 th	EMOA League 2026 Castle Hil	Regl	LEI	EM	TBC	Leicester	