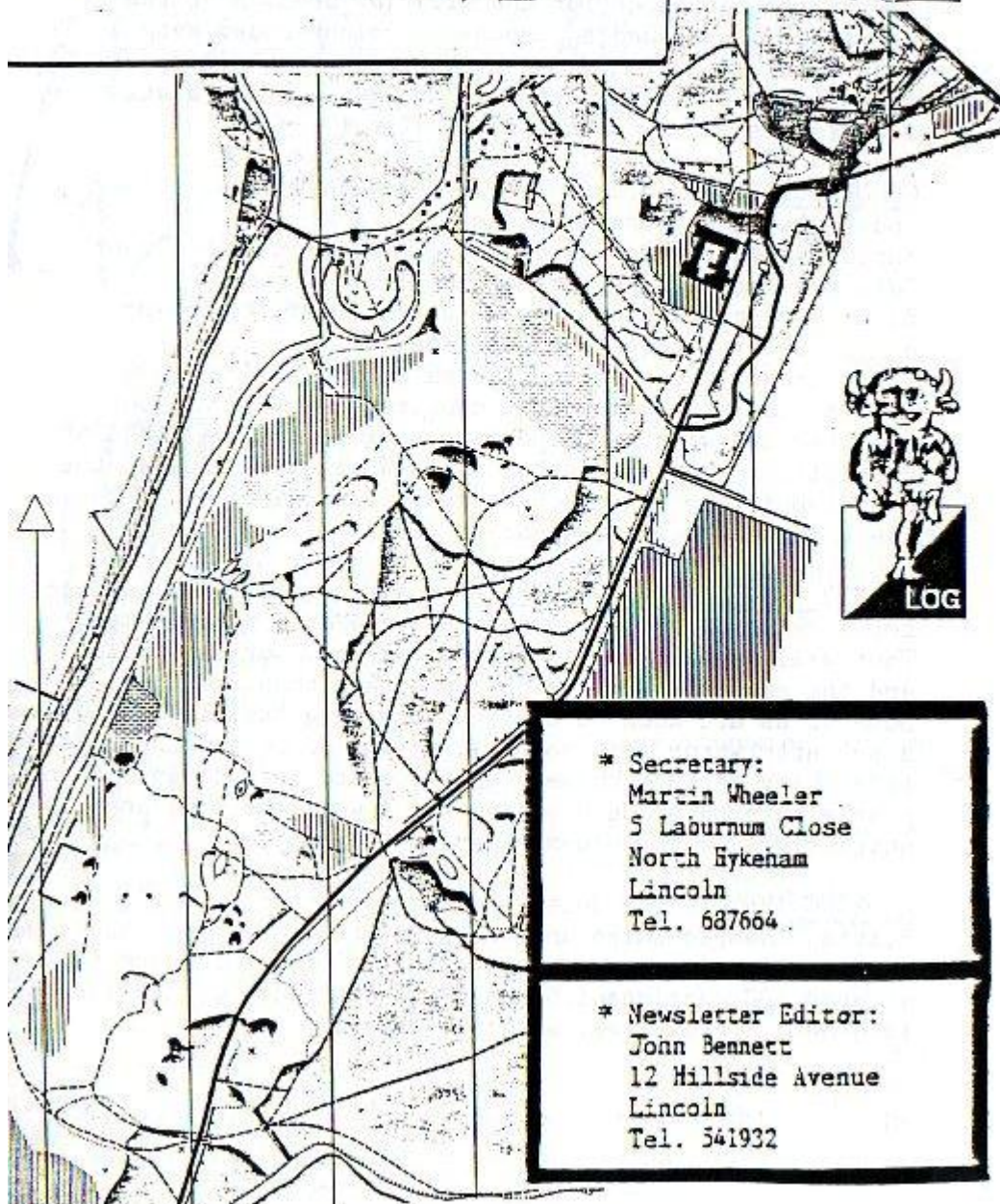


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News

HARTSHOLME:- Despite a grey and drizzly morning about 100 people turned up for the official opening of the permanent course and accompanying colour coded event. Many thanks to all of you who turned up to help, especially if you didn't have time for a run yourself. There are more details elsewhere in this newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS:- Ian Moir has gained his Green colour coded award, and Bronze Badge. Martin Wheeler came third in the 1993/94 East Midlands Galloper series of events on the Blue courses. By my own calculations I was fourth, but only the top three on each course have been published. After noting the success of some of our younger members in the last newsletter this confirms the high standard of orienteering within LOG. Despite having far fewer regular competitors than most other clubs. With some of us in the club looking to get coaching qualifications too we should see a continued improvement in standards.

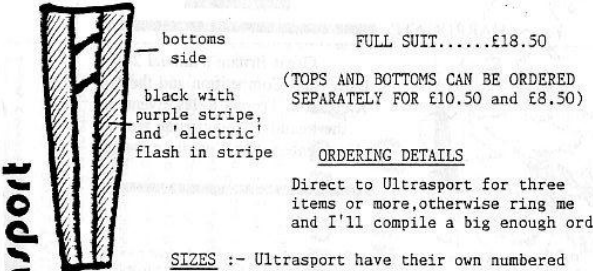
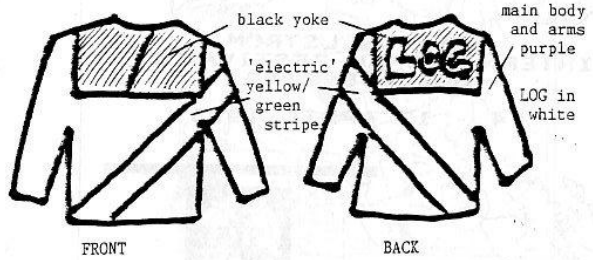
SUMMER EVENING EVENTS:- There is a groundswell of feeling for some local evening orienteering events this summer. They will probably be in Stapleford Woods or Hartsholme, and the emphasis will be on fun rather than competition. Some of us are keen to test our coaching "skills", and a pub afterwards is a possibility (but of course the latter is nothing to do with me!) Again we are very dependent on people turning up on the night so I would welcome any suggestions as to venues, dates, and format.....

LOOKING AHEAD:- The dates and venues for next year's British Championships and Jan Kjellstrom festivals have been announced, see centre pages. I'm looking forward to a large LOG contingent heading for Harrogate and the JK, it's only a relatively short drive away.

Copy date for the next newsletter is the end of August.

THE NEW LOG ORIENTEERING SUITS ARE HERE AT LAST!!!!!!

Problems at the manufacturer's meant they weren't ready for Hartsholme as hoped, but they're here now and most impressive they look too.



Ultrasport

The bottoms are traditional '0' style, lycras would be too expensive, but tights are available 'off the peg' in matching colours (plain black or purple, or black with a purple side stripe)



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is hosting the

JAN KJELLSTRÖM INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ORIENTEERING

14 - 17 APRIL 1995




HARROGATE



Great Britain's annual 2-day Individual Competition and the Jan Kjellström Trophy Relay Event, in the beautiful countryside around Harrogate in the Yorkshire Dales.

The Event Centre, at the Yorkshire Show Ground in Harrogate, will be the focal point for the weekend. Caravanning and sheltered camping is available at the event centre and there are limited bedrooms in a block for hire. There is plenty of room at the centre and a full programme of socials is planned, including on-site bar. There is good access and ample parking.

Entry Forms will be mailed to B.O.F. members in December 1994. Overseas entrants, please send an International Postal Reply coupon (from November 1994) to the address below or fax the British Orienteering Federation National Office: +44 639 733769

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The British 1995 Orienteering Championships

The Individual Day will be in Newborough Forest on the Isle of Anglesey. This fantastic area of mature, runnable conifers on complex sand dunes and rocky ridges has never been used for orienteering. It is simply one of the best areas in Britain.

March 18th/19th

North Wales

British Orienteering at its best..... in Wales

HARTSHOLME Country Park

So much happened both in the lead up to the event and on the day itself that it would fill a newsletter on it's own, so I'll keep it brief (relatively!)

Our first problem was the car park. We'd hoped to use Hartsholme cricket club to avoid competitors having to cross the busy Skellingthorpe road, and started to plan courses accordingly. Unfortunately we didn't get permission in time and had to switch to the other side of the road anyway. Some of you still got away with parking in the Country Park, but if the weather had been better and the park busier we would have been in trouble. Anyway, having to re-jig the courses wasn't too bad, but finding a new start area was. The problem was finding a start that gave us enough length on the white course, without restricting the longer ones by cutting the park in half.

We decided that Ian would plan the short courses while I did the Green and Light Green, I think he drew the short straw! His problem was the myriad of small paths that meant if he was to follow the letter of the BOF guidance we would have had a 1km White with 35 controls. Luckily our controller Kevin did not insist on this, and the course was fine on the day.

From my point of view it soon became obvious that the map was too small to accommodate a Blue course, so with Kevin's encouragement I set out to make the Green 'extra interesting'. This certainly proved true on the day, especially for the orienteer who tried to jump an uncrossable dyke and went waist deep into the mud...

Generally the course went well, and people did seem to enjoy their runs, with those on the long courses concluding that it wasn't a cosy little park after all.

We had two problems on the day though, both of which should have been foreseen.

The first was control site vandalism, which was actually less than expected, but still spoiled some runs. The only answer would be a roving army of troubleshooters armed with spare kites (and machine guns?). Unfortunately we have neither. This leads on to the other problem which is a

Hartsholme contd.

shortage of experienced helpers for LOG events, as opposed to willing hands. I understand that the start was a bit chaotic for a while, but no one suffered unduly apart from gaining a few more grey hairs. This may be something to address at our summer evening sessions, because as I say there is no lack of enthusiasm, only experience.

POWERGEN IN THE WOODS

I've always found planning a 'serious' orienteering event great fun, and I'm looking forward to being a bit more imaginative with our summer events. The seed for this was sown by my partner in crime from Hartsholme Ian Moir who recently organised an orienteering based event in Stapleford for Cottam Power Station. The weather was diabolical and the competition even more devious. Who will ever forget the 'toilet tent' exercise and the forlorn cry of 'for God's sake what are you doing you silly old cow?!' You just had to be there...

Apart from Ian's mammoth efforts the St. Vincent Arms at Norton Disney also went above and beyond the call with their superb buffet lunch. I wonder if they do the same on a summer's evening?...

SUMMER FESTIVALS

The next newsletter promises to be another holiday special with so many LOG members travelling far and wide to big events. I'm off to the Capricorn Mountain Orienteering weekend in The Lakes, followed by the World Vets in Scotland then back south for the Lakeland 5 Days. My leave entitlement wouldn't stretch to the White Rose too, but I hope to get a report back from the Wheelers. If anyone else is doing anything exciting you know what to do!

This includes Ian Hudson from Stamford who is totally insane like me and should be competing in The Karrimor Mountain Marathon in October. I say that we are insane, but then at least brambles don't normally grow up mountains, and that's what awaits us in the woods this autumn!

DON'T FORGET TO LET ME KNOW IF YOU ACHIEVE A COLOUR CODED AWARD OR BADGE.