

**THE LINCOLN ORIENTEERING GROUP  
and  
ROYAL AIR FORCE ORIENTEERS**

**Proudly Present**

**THE  
LINCOLNSHIRE BOMBER  
WEEKEND**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January Relays – RAF Cranwell, Sleaford Grid ref. SK997496**

**Courses:**

Orange, Light green and Green (approx 2.5km, 3.5km and 4.5km)

Registration 09:30 – 10:15, Mass start 10:30, Courses Close 14:00

Fees; £9 per team for pre-entries, £12 per team on the day

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January Park Race and Long-O, The Lawn, Lincoln SK973719**

<b>Courses;</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Distance (Approx)</b>	<b>Climb (Approx)</b>
Park Race: A	Men's Open	4.5 Km	100m
B	Women's Open	4.0 Km	100m
C	Boy's Open & Men's Vet	2.5 Km	50m
D	Girl's Open & Women's Vet	2.5 Km	50m
Long O: E	M/W16 and over	20.0 Km	250m

Long-O competitors will be bussed from the Lawn to the Start on South Common.

Fees; Park Race; adults £5 (£7 on day), juniors £2. Long-O £10 (£12 on day)

Entries to; Andy Lucas, 17 Garratt Close, Heighington, Lincoln, LN4 1RN

Full details, including photographs at [www.lincsbomber.co.uk](http://www.lincsbomber.co.uk)

# LOG-NEWS

The Bi-Monthly Newsletter of The Lincoln Orienteering Group



[groups.yahoo.com/group/lincolnschireorientinggroup](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/lincolnschireorientinggroup)

[www.logonline.org.uk](http://www.logonline.org.uk)

**Part of the amazingly detailed map of Oxford  
City Centre used for the event on 4.11.06.  
A report from the LOG contingent inside.**

## NOV/DEC '06



## CHAIRMAN'S PIECE

A new season is upon us along with a new committee. This year has seen some new blood injected into the committee along with a few old faces taking on new roles. I would like to thank Sean for taking on the role as Vice-Chair, a position often underestimated yet plays a crucial role within the club. Also I would like to thank Tim Staniland and Dave Denness for taking on the roles of Publicity Officer & Membership Secretary.

The year ahead will be bringing changes to the club, all positive I hope! We agreed at the AGM to change our membership scheme, details are elsewhere in this newsletter and on the website. We are also going to be making an effort to put on more local events, this is a national issue and one the club has been talking about for a while. We have 2 small events planned for November and will be holding a 3<sup>rd</sup> small event in February. Between them will be our biggest event to date, the Lincolnshire Bomber weekend. I can't tell you how excited I am over this already, the maps are looking fantastic, courses are taking shape and final details are being put into place. The British Squad have been invited and media interest is growing. I hope all LOG members will be able to make it to what will be LOG's best ever event.

On a final note I would like to point out to you all that next year is our 20<sup>th</sup> year. We will be celebrating this at all our events with the aim to finish the year in style with a large social gathering towards the end of the year. If you have any suggestions on what we should do for this please let your feelings known to the committee.

See you in the woods

Steve Bones

*Editor's Note:- Look out for our special 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary LOG Imp logo in the New Year. You will be seeing a lot of him over the next 12 months*



## ED'S BITS

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who has contributed articles to make this a bumper issue, it makes the job of putting a newsletter together so much easier.

So what's new in orienteering? For those of you who don't know, a group of us travelled down to Oxford for their City Race. Orienteerign round the city centre and University Colleges of Oxford. This is much harder than it sounds, after all one street corner looks much the same as the next so re-locating is very hard – lose map contact at your peril! More about this later, including a link to a video of the event, and yes, the most of the grass was out of bounds.

There is a suggestion that there should be a Park Race/City Race Series in 2007, and Lincoln could feature in the series – watch this space for more details.

Don't forget the Lincolnshire Bomber Weekend in January, this is a great event so if you can't run please offer to help out. And as a bit of fun it's competition time.... How long do you think it will take me to complete the Long-O in 2007. As a guide it took me 339 minutes 11 seconds in 2006. Answers to Ed and I might print them in the newsletter after the event, oh and keep the articles coming.

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# LOG CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS WALESBY 17.12.06

Come and join in! Come to NOC's event at Walesby and take part in the first ever LOG club champs and pre-Christmas social. There will be two handicap races and a straight 'fastest wins' competition, prizes and our club tent. Bring a picnic, go Orienteering, win something and meet up with fellow LOGers.

Put it in you diary, see you there  
More info to come. See <http://noc-uk.org> for event details.  
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## CHANGES TO LOG CONSTITUTION

No! Don't fall asleep, I know as far as headlines go it's not exactly "World War II bomber found on the moon" but stick with me this as its important and does affect you.

It has become necessary to change our constitution. There are two reasons for this, to match how we as a club work and as a start towards Clubmark.

Sport England have a programme aimed at improving all sports clubs, in particular to promote well run clubs that are safe and positive environments for young people. Clubmark is the British Orienteering version of this. This will help us become a better club for all of us with improved coaching, openness and duty of care, and especially for our junior members. From an operating stand point our constitution is rather old, and in some ways doesn't reflect the clubs current set up. Also the new constitution makes us more attractive to the bodies that give out grants. Expect to see a series of policies backing this up being adopted over the coming months.

Anyway enough mucking around. Please read the new constitution, delivered with this LOG-NEWS. There will be an EGM at the Victoria, Lincoln on 14 December starting at 7:30pm. We must have 25% of the membership present to make this important step forward, please support it.

If you have any comments or questions please get in touch with me.  
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## LOG AGM 12.10.06

**Present:** Liam Harrington, Jon May, Dave Denness, Tim Staniland, Sean Harrington, Phil Longstaff, Andy Furnell, Kaele Pilcher, Paul Murgatroyd, Andy Lucas, Richard Pickworth, Karl Pickworth, Ian Durrant & Steve Bones.

**1. Apologies:** Ian Pilcher & John Bennett

**2. Minutes of 2005 AGM:**

These were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting  
Proposed by: Steve Bones      Seconded by: Liam Harrington

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Some very personal reflections from "Ian D";**

It was my intention to stand down last year but was persuaded by Steve Bones that he would do Vice Chair if I continued as Chairman. Seeing all the effort and hard work that Steve has put in over the last 12 months it was a good decision to stay on as Chairman, even if my own input has been lacking.

It has been a good year for the club with regard to orienteering. The summer league was extremely successful due to good organisation, good planning good publicity and the continued support by members. I was going to congratulate all the LIMP winners at this stage but I found as I typed this at 6.15 this evening I could not open the file! Anyway, they know who they are and I do congratulate them, with the increase in numbers it makes winning that much more satisfying.

The first Bomber went well, if a little over budget, but we learn by our mistakes and next year's event is already looking very promising and rather unique. With the right publicity I think it can be bigger than we imagine. Our colour coded events were successful as they always have been again thanks to good planning, organisation and the volunteer force. Hopefully there will be even more members eager to plan an event this coming year, both regional and summer series. Membership across the region is dropping but LOG maintains a constant level. In theory it could be a lot bigger than it is but we are financially sound so we can afford to put some effort into attracting more members.

On a personal note, I do feel guilty about taking the position of Chair and then not doing it justice by taking on a fair level of the work. However, I think I have done Chairman, on and off, for a total of some 12+ years so it is time for a change. For those new to the club, who see little of me as Chairman I can perhaps defend myself

for my lack of effort by saying I have worked hard in the past having started LOG in 1987 simply to get some grant money to set up a permanent course on the South Common to train army cadets for whom I was the County Orienteering Officer. Grants can only be given to properly constituted clubs, and rightly so.

The club started, I got the grant, set up the permanent course and within two years my cadets were UK ACF Champions. Mission accomplished but the club did not go away. I believe Martin Wheeler attended the first meeting and was a steady guiding influence. I think we are now the only founder members left, not forgetting Gillian of course.

Since then most if not all the equipment the club has, has been obtained through grants I have obtained for the club. For the first ten years I organised every event and kept all the equipment at home and maintained it. I took it to every event single event then took it home again. Karl eventually took over those tasks ably assisted by Richard. Perhaps that is not the best way to deal with on going tasks because volunteer fatigue sets in and, in my case, having not orienteered for some three years, apart from one compass cup, I feel I no longer want the effort on others behalf so I intend to stand down from Chairman and possible not rejoin either BOF or LOG next year. I may change my mind of course.

Having said that most people have my phone number or email address, and it will probably be nice to do something because I want to, and not because I feel obliged to, so I will still be available should I be required.

I thank all committee members who have worked hard this last year and supported the club and, by doing so, supported me. I would also thank members for their continued support which makes LOG, small, but beautifully put together, an excellent club to belong to. I wish the club the best of everything for the new season and look forward to the occasional phone call or email.

Ian Durrant  
12 October 2006

**Sean Harrington thanked Ian on behalf of the club for the tremendous time and work Ian has given over the last 19 years.**

#### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET FOR 2005/6

See elsewhere in newsletter

#### 5. Election of Officers:

Post	Proposed	Proposer	Seconder	Outcome
Chairman	Steve Bones	Jon May	Karl Pickworth	Elected
Vice Chairman	Sean Harrington	Steve Bones	Karl Pickworth	Elected
Club Secretary	Liam Harrington	Ian Durrant	Steve Bones	Elected
Treasurer	Andy Lucas	Sean Harrington	Steve Bones	Elected
Fixtures Secretary	Steve Bones	Karl Pickworth	Liam Harrington	Elected
Membership Secretary	Dave Denness	Steve Bones	Liam Harrington	Elected
Publicity Officer	Tim Staniland	Sean Harrington	Andy Lucas	Elected
Newsletter Editor	Kaele Pilcher	Steve Bones	Karl Pickworth	Elected
Junior Rep	Liam Harrington	Ian Durrant	Steve Bones	Elected
E Punching	Andy Furnell	Karl Pickworth	Steve Bones	Elected
Unposted	Jon May	Sean Harrington	Ian Durrant	Elected

#### 6. Membership Proposal:

(a) It was agreed LOG should not adopt a single tier structure – British Orienteering National “Only”

For: 0 Against: 11 Abstain: 3 Result: Defeated

(b) It was agreed LOG should adopt a 2 tier structure – British Orienteering Local & British Orienteering National options.

For 2007 club fees will be as follows:

	Adult	Junior	Family	Group
Local BOF	£11.00 (£14*)	£2.50 (£3.50*)	£20.00 (£25.00*)	£27.00 (£37.00*)
National BOF	£23.00	£7.00	£35.00	£37.00

\* Optional extra for British Orienteering Local Membership.

For: 8 Against: 2 Abstain: 4 Result: Passed

Proposer: Steve Bones Seconder: Jon May

## 7. Any Other Business:

Lincoln Limp: It was agreed that the Limp for 2006/2007 will run until July 31<sup>st</sup> 2007. From then on the Limp will run yearly from the 1<sup>st</sup> August till the 31<sup>st</sup> July. Winners will be determined on their best 4 results.

Trophies will be presented at the AGM along with trophies from the Summer Series.

Winners of the 2005/2006 Limp are as follows:

Overall Winner: Dave Gourlay  
Top Junior: Liam Harrington  
Top Veteran: John Bennett  
Top Female: Leanne Durrant



Congratulations to all the winners.  
Trophies will be presented at the South Common C4 event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

A short discussion followed the meeting looking at plans for the coming year.

## WEBSITE CHANGES

Steve and Liam have been working hard on the Website, and it is worth checking it out. There is a new members section, with full details of the new membership scheme, breakdown of fees, club policies etc. The new constitution will be uploaded shortly. There will also be a new "Review" section up and running soon, with reports, photos and even maps from recent events. As always your views on the changes, and any new ideas, are most welcome.

Also check out the Lincolnshire Bomber website and its new graphics (and sound!), with more details and preview photos of this prestigious event being added all the time. We might even have some video footage on there before the event, and hopefully a video of the event itself soon after it has taken place.

## FUTURE LOG EVENTS

**19.11.06** "Come and Try It" Hartsholme Country Park, Lincoln  
10am-2pm, Free "short" course, and only £1 for "long" course

**23.11.06** Night Event, Riseholme Campus, Lincoln  
6.30-7.30pm, Short and Long courses, both £1

## THE LINCOLNSHIRE BOMBER WEEKEND



**13.1.07** RAF Cranwell – Relay, planner Liam Harrington (LOG)  
**14.1.07** Lincoln City Park Race, planner Steve Bones (LOG)  
and Urban Long-O, planner Dom Marshall (RAFO)

**Feb '07** "Come and Try It" TBC

**18.3.07** Stapleford Woods, Compass-sport Cup First Round  
Planner Jon May

**21.10.07** district event venue to be confirmed

**Jan 2008** Lincolnshire Bomber 2008 TBC

**13.4.08** Bourne Woods, regional event TBC Planner Glyn Mayley

Note that since the last newsletter we have filled the all posts for the Bomber Weekend, also the Compass-Sport Cup at Stapleford and Summer Series 2007. Huge thanks to all of you that volunteered your time to allow these events to go ahead.

We have also added a "CATI" in Hartsholme Park and a Night-O at Riseholme during November, please support these events in any way you can, helpers always welcome.

# THE OCTOBER ODYSSEY

## 30<sup>th</sup> Sept - 1<sup>st</sup> Oct

An event of two very different halves. Andy and I drove to Whitby on the Friday afternoon to stay in a B&B, whilst Dave Denness drove up later on Friday and camped just outside Robin Hoods Bay.

Saturday morning dawned sunny and we set off for Sneaton Forest, a wooded area south of Whitby. This was a working wood and large areas had recently been clear felled. However, in the main the planner had managed to keep us away from the worst areas and had set challenging courses. We all managed to finish on day 1 but we were all towards the slowest for our age groups.

For me Saturday night was the highlight...we all went whale watching. Andy and I had gone down to the harbour early on Saturday morning to book places on a 2 hour boat trip. The boat left the harbour at 5.45pm on a fairly calm autumn evening, about 20 minutes later we saw our first Minke whale. We spent the next hour or so watching Minkes surfacing, the nearest was only about 20 feet from the boat. They were feeding on a shoal of herring. What a way to watch the sunset!

Sunday morning promised rain, and we were running on Fylingdales Moor, which was a mixture of wood, open high moor, steep sided bracken covered valleys and boggy low moor. Personally I had a better run, but the terrain was testing. Andy found the terrain too much and had to retire – for some reason he just can't get on with heather. Luckily we had all finished before the rain came and adjourned to the local pub for lunch, unfortunately the choice was beef or lamb, and neither Andy nor I eat meat. How very short sighted of the pub, because they lost three customers that day. As we drove away from the pub the rain started in earnest.

As with a number of two day events your times are added together and your final position is calculated from your total time. Personally I like the October Odyssey for a couple of reasons. It can be fairly warm at the end of September (although I have been snowed on before now!), and the two days are usually on very different terrain.

# LINCOLN SOUTH COMMON

## 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2006

Since e-punching made smaller areas more viable for C4 events we've had a few on the South Common, and each one has attracted a more competitors than the last time, and more positive comments. Long gone are the days when it was viewed as a "soft City park", it now gets the respect it deserves.

It has even been suggested that we could hold the British Elite Sprint Championships there at some point, although that is somewhat down the line and needs in depth consideration.

Liam planned another set of excellent courses, with even the most experienced orienteers getting a technical and physical challenge. Sadly a couple of controls were vandalised, and the main suspect was an elderly female dog walker, rather than the usual "kids on bikes", but no one's enjoyment was spoilt.

## AN ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVE FROM TWO OF THE CLUB'S JUNIORS!

SOUTH COMMON WHITE COURSE  
BY JACK AND AMY BENNETT AGED 3Y 11/12<sup>TH</sup>  
(WITH A BIT OF HELP FROM AUNT LAYLEE AGED OLD)

ME DID MY FIRST WHITE COURSE TODAY WITH AMY. AUNT LAYLEE AND UNKEY GAVE HELP US. AUNT LAYLEE HAD A GOOD IDEA, SHE TIE OUR DIBBERZ TO OUR COATZ WITH STRING SO WE NO DROP THEM, OTHERWISE MUMMY PAY FOR THEM. ME PUT OUR DIBBERZ IN BOX, IT GO BEEP. ME GO CONTROL NUMBER 7 SOME PARTY PERSON TAKE IT THREWED IT IN LONG GRASS. ME AND AMY NO SEE IT WEE TOO SHORT AND AUNT LAYLEE NOT MUCH TALLER. WE GO CONTROL NUMBER 9, IT GONE. WE FINISHED IN 45 MINUTEZ AND GO BACK MUMMY'S CAR FOR SOME PARTY BISCUITZ. ME LIKE ORIENTEERING... AND PARTY BISCUITZ.

Luv Jack

A translation is available on Google apparently, or a £10 note sent to the editor!

## Twelfth Force Ten (Phoenix) Long O, 23/24 September, 2006 *a review by Jon May*

A pretty frustrating weekend for me, game over and I was only just past control 1 on day 1.

Weirdly for an event so far away from home, and where we saw no other East Midland representation, the moment I sat down to decide whether I was going to carry on Neil Harvatt popped up over the horizon. Neil's running mate took a swift look at my yet to swell ankle and clearly thought I was being a bit of a girl about it. I didn't let that sway me and once they were out of sight I limped off down the hill side pausing only to pointlessly punch control 2.

Tim charging out of the mist and rain across the final field bare chested and beaming from ear to ear is not a scene that readers of a nervous disposition should dwell on.

Fantastic run and result for Tim on his first attempt. I think there may be some serious competition over the coming winter.

## OXFORD CITY RACE 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2006

Having tried the York City Race back in May, this was a final opportunity to sample this new and exciting form of orienteering before our own Historic Lincoln Race, in January. It was a glorious sunny day, a little cold at first, but it soon warmed and the autumn colours were stunning. Hopefully by the time you read this there will be maps and photos on the website, but the front cover of the newsletter shows part of the highly detailed map. The fast and furious nature of the racing meant no time to stop and ponder route choice, and so mistakes could easily happen. Liam managed to miss his penultimate control altogether and ruined an otherwise excellent run. Steve was slower but got round successfully. Kaele and John managed to run using each other's EMIT cards and so were initially disqualified despite good runs. These new cards are "contact free" and only need to pass within a metre of the control, although most did at least touch the kite to be sure. Is this the future of orienteering? Possibly. Is it proper orienteering? Yes of course it is, complex navigation at speed, what more do you want! An excellent day all round.

## NEW LOG MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE FOR 2007

At the recent AGM a proposal was passed that the club will adopt a new, two tier, membership structure from 2007. This will align us with the new 'Local' and 'National' membership scheme that British Orienteering are implementing. It will mean that from 2007 all active club members will be either Local or National British Orienteering Members. As a result all active LOG members will benefit from British Orienteering insurance and be eligible to take part in the JK, national, regional, district and local events. They will get discounted entry to regional and district events within the East Midlands Region and a biannual British Orienteering newsletter. Those who opt for the extra benefits of British Orienteering 'National' membership will get discounted entry to the JK, national events and regional and district events in all regions as well the quarterly British Orienteering magazine "Focus".

The membership fees for 2007 (includes BOF, LOG and EMOA membership) are:

	SENIOR	JUNIOR	FAMILY
Local Membership	14.00	3.50	25.00
National Membership	23.00	7.00	35.00

Club members who are already British Orienteering members will be contacted by them directly to renew their membership for 2007 in the usual way.

The Membership Secretary will shortly be writing to all club members that are not already members of British Orienteering to explain in more detail how to renew their membership for 2007.

For more details of the British Orienteering membership see  
[www.britishorienteering.org.uk](http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk)

## SUMMER SERIES 2007

We already have provisional dates for Summer Series 2007, and we now have provisional planners for all of them. The dates are; April 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. May 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, and August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be able to confirm venues in the New Year. LOG Relays 2007 venue and date still to be confirmed.





It was a very eventful inaugural OMM, which followed the old KIMM tradition of visiting Galloway when the year ends in a “6”! It also followed the old KIMM tradition of “interesting” Galloway weather. A much fuller review of the event, plus photos, can be

found on the main LOG website, or visit [www.theomm.com](http://www.theomm.com) for full results and links to even more photos.

Galloway is a spectacular area in South-west Scotland, which sadly is too often ignored by the hoards heading further north for the highlands. It is the home of “The Wicker Man” and many other ancient and strange traditions. A quick glance at a map will soon find such delights as “The Range of the Awful Hand”, “Murder Hole”, Bog of Gairy”, Rigg of The Jarkness” and “The Devil’s Bowling Green”. But Galloway is also “Tussock Central”, the most inhospitable terrain to walk on, let alone run, in the whole of Britain. It had also rained for a week and was completely waterlogged underfoot. In Galloway you don’t just find bogs on flat ground!

Day 1 was mild, but very very wet, with cloud right down to the campsite and assembly area. It was barely daylight before the teams were off. The long-score class saw 2 LOG teams, with Steve and Liam running considerably further than Tim and John, but only outscoring them by 30 points. They missed a high scoring control in the fog, then put time pressure on themselves for later. Dave and Andy had swapped to the B course for 2006, and had another excellent result up there with the top teams. This was the toughest day’s navigation on a KIMM/OMM for several years, with many teams retiring or being disqualified after failing to find controls. Our own Paul and Colm on the A course were among these, but so was explorer extraordinaire Ranulf Fiennes so they were in good company!

The mid-camp was quite pleasant once the rain had stopped, and we awoke to a nice sunrise and clear skies. Dave and Andy had another great day and ended in fine style with another top 25 finish. Steve and Liam had a good day too, and in clear visibility extended their lead over Tim and John, although the latter did stop to take photos and had injury problems! Apparently this was the first time the sun had ever shone on a Galloway KIMM/OMM, so you had to make the most of the opportunity!

Despite the difficulties everyone wants to do the OMM in 2007, it gets into your blood like that and is very difficult to resist.

## INTERESTING WEBSITES FOR ORIENTEERS

The last time we did this we got a good response from readers, so here are some more websites that you might find of interest.

[www.maprunner.org.uk](http://www.maprunner.org.uk) an excellent site containing lots of useful resources for orienteers such as IOF pictorial descriptions, orienteering history, links to many other sites around the world, photos, maps and videos. We love the Venice Street-O maps and videos, and there is likely to be one of the recent Oxford Race on there soon.

If you can’t wait to see a high quality video of the Oxford City Race then go here for a relatively low quality version <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4SkYTY1ek4> You might even spot a LOG member a couple of times!

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) is a useful place where people can post short videos on any subject. There are an increasing number of orienteering ones there now, some very silly and entertaining, others quite spectacular, but you might have to trawl through some rubbish to find them.

French multiple World Champion Thierry Georgiou has produced several “follow me” videos, showing him running through stunning areas linked to the map. These are also linked from the Maprunner website and are highly recommended. We particularly like the run round the old Italian town of Cervera which shows how complex this style of orienteering can be. His site also has links to individual websites for all the worlds top orienteers

If you check out the videos at the American “waterstop” site, also linked from Maprunner, then be sure to check “Crazy Choice” first, it is awesome!

On a more serious note [www.OCAD.com](http://www.OCAD.com) is the place to go for updates and tutorials on the OCAD mapping software, now up to OCAD9, although most LOG maps and courses are still produced on OCAD8.

Our old friend Catching Features, the orienteering game, has recently been upgraded, visit [www.catchingfeatures.com](http://www.catchingfeatures.com) for details, and see how realistic the terrain is getting.

## THE WHITE ROSE WEEKEND

The White Rose is a multi-day event held over the August Bank Holiday weekend somewhere on the North York Moors. The format is 2 individual days followed by a team event on the Monday. The aim is to provide a relaxed and friendly event for all members of the family.

The event moves around each year, and the starts and finishes are within walking distance of the assembly area and campsite. Beware this event is not camping for the faint hearted, the facilities are basic. I affectionately refer to it as “my dirty weekend away”, as there are no shower facilities!

This year’s event was held near Sawdon, just north of the A170 pickering to Scarborough road. Last minute changes to the camping field meant that the field we were in hadn’t been harvested and the crop was 3 feet high. Great when looking for a flat area to pitch the tent. Once the tent was up we adjourned to the pub for something to eat, along with most of the other competitors. Whilst in the pub it started to rain. Oh deep joy, a walk to the portaloos in the night in soggy waist high grass. Looks like it may be shorts and wet legs all weekend!

One advantage of staying on the site is that you don’t have to get up too early to get to the start on time, and if you don’t feel like cooking your breakfast Wilf’s is on hand.

Day 1 started and finished on a plateau, but was mostly along and below a north facing escarpment. I felt I had a fairly good run despite falling in a muddy stream early on. I finished in 17<sup>th</sup> place for the girls on my course.

Saturday evening I reflected what a lovely way to spend the weekend as I cut up the vegetables for our curry and the sun was setting behind the trees. This was the quiet before the storm.

Day 2 was a different story; most of the courses were on a mixed plateau of woodland, with only the longer courses on the escarpment again. In the details the planner stated that the dark green was forest fight, he wasn’t joking! I had a major headless chicken run, I had problems finding my controls and just when I thought it can’t get much worse I went into a block of dark green wood to early and got well and truly lost! I couldn’t find my way out, no use trying to follow a compass bearing because the wood was too thick. It was a case of go where you could and try to re-locate. I eventually emerged from the dark green, re-located and completed my course. 2.5 hours for 5.5km – not bad!! Needless to say I finished last overall, but at least I finished. Next time I’ll pack a machete!

## IMPROVE YOUR “O”

There isn’t an “Improve Your O” this month, partly due to lack of space in this bumper edition, but maybe readers would like to suggest a topic for the New Year?

## YOUR CLUB

As we prepare to celebrate 20 years of LOG in 2007 we need your input. With a membership so widely spread across a thinly populated County it can be difficult to get together very often, but we would like to try a bit harder in the future. To that end we are looking for a venue to meet on a regular basis, to sit and chat, throw issues up in the air and see what we can make of them etc, and hopefully have a run round a nice forest or park afterwards. We have a couple of ideas, watch this space. It is likely to be in the Lincoln area, as this is where most members are, but we would like to hear from those of you further a field as well.

Is there a way we can encourage people to hang around after events to meet up more often? Do you use the LOG Yahoo Group at all, if not why not, what could we do to make it more attractive and increase participation? It is free if you’re on the internet.

Jon May recently suggested nominating a local event for a club competition, with a handicap system aimed at giving everyone an opportunity to win, is that a good idea? It will be different from the Limp in that it will all take place on one day, not over the season. We are looking at the NOC Walesby event in December, see elsewhere for details, it also includes a chance to get together for a Club Christmas Social so please support it if you possible can.

There have been some discussions, mainly on the Yahoo Group, about the pros and cons of changing the name of “LOG” to “Lincoln Orienteering”. This follows the decision of BOF to drop the word Federation from all literature and communications, and simply refer to itself as “British Orienteering”. There are many sides to this argument, and it is not a change to be made lightly, so we want to hear your opinions.

On the subject of British Orienteering, there is a lot of activity on their website at the moment about needing “a Vision for Orienteering over the next 10 years”. It is too complex to detail here, stretching to several pages, but basically they want the views of all orienteers on this very important piece of work. Check their website for details, also Nopesport for some very in depth debate.

# SELECTED NATIONAL FIXTURES

## NOVEMBER

19<sup>th</sup> DVO District Event. Allestree Park, Derby. [SK352409](#). Dai Bedwell, 01509 260 751. [daiandkaren@tesco.net](mailto:daiandkaren@tesco.net) £6.00/£1.00 Seniors reduced to £5.00 for BOF/DVO. Family entry £11.00. EPS-SI. String course. [www.dvo.org.uk](http://www.dvo.org.uk)

21<sup>st</sup> LEI Night Event & Winter League. Willesley Woods, Ashby de la Zouch. [SK328143](#). Mark Foxwell, 01509 412571. [m.foxwell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:m.foxwell@yahoo.co.uk) £2.50/50p. Short, Medium & Long. Dogs on Lead. Starts 6.30 - 7.30pm. [www.leioc.org](http://www.leioc.org)

26<sup>th</sup> NOC District Event. Bestwood, Nottingham. [SK565475](#). Hilary Hodkinson, 0115 922 2655. [hilaryhodkinson@hotmail.com](mailto:hilaryhodkinson@hotmail.com) Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. [www.noc-uk.org](http://www.noc-uk.org)

## DECEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> SYO NATIONAL EVENT & YHOA Championships. Hathersage and Burbage Moors, Sheffield. [SK273805](#). Organiser: Brian Shaw, 01433 631523. [b.shaw@dyson-techceramics.com](mailto:b.shaw@dyson-techceramics.com) Entries: Mike and Pauline Rosser, 6 Trippet Court, Graham Road., Sheffield, S10 3DY, 0114 2308637. CD: 20/11/06. £9.00/£3.00. Lim EOD + £1.50/£1.00. Chq: SYO. EPS-SI. Lim CC up to Light Green. String course. Parking £1.00. Dogs on leads in the car park. [www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk](http://www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk)

9<sup>th</sup> HALO Night Event & YHOA Night League. Primrose Warren, Scunthorpe. [SE956065](#) Neil Harvatt, 01302 772911. [neil@neilharvatt1.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:neil@neilharvatt1.orangehome.co.uk) £4.00/£2.00 Non BOF +£1. EPS-SI. String course. [www.halo-orienteering.org.uk](http://www.halo-orienteering.org.uk)

10<sup>th</sup> HALO District Event. Primrose Warren, Scunthorpe. [SE956065](#). Neil Harvatt, 01302 772911. [neil@neilharvatt1.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:neil@neilharvatt1.orangehome.co.uk) £4.00/£2.00 Non BOF +£1. EPS-SI. String course. [www.halo-orienteering.org.uk](http://www.halo-orienteering.org.uk)

10<sup>th</sup> NOR District Event & Club Championships. Shouldham Warren, Downham Market. [TF680104](#). Alan Bedder, 01603 424589. [alan.bedder@virgin.net](mailto:alan.bedder@virgin.net) £3.00/£1.00 +£2.00 non club. EPS-SI. Dogs on lead. [www.norfolkoc.co.uk](http://www.norfolkoc.co.uk)

17<sup>th</sup> NOC District Event. Walesby, Nottingham. [SK671702](#). Catherine Hughes, 0115 8774089. [catherinehughes@hotmail.com](mailto:catherinehughes@hotmail.com) Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. First start 11:30. [www.noc-uk.org](http://www.noc-uk.org)

## JANUARY 2007

13-14<sup>th</sup> The Lincolnshire Bomber Weekend see elsewhere for details

13<sup>th</sup> NOC Local Night Event. Manton, Mansfield. [SK616781](#). Catherine Hughes, 0115 8774089. [catherinehughes@hotmail.com](mailto:catherinehughes@hotmail.com) Fees TBA. String course. [www.noc-uk.org](http://www.noc-uk.org)

28<sup>th</sup> NOC Robin Hood Trophy Regional Event. Sherwood Pines, Mansfield. [SK612647](#). Organiser: Janet Evans, 01636 813058. [janet@janetandnick7.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:janet@janetandnick7.freeserve.co.uk) Entries: addressee TBA. CD: *unknown*. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. [www.noc-uk.org](http://www.noc-uk.org)

## FEBRUARY

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Thetford Thrash Regional Event 4th - Thetford Thrash Regional event - Day 2. Croxton Heath and The Devil's Punchbowl, Thetford. [TL877894](#). Mike Capper, 01733 235202. [mike.capper@virgin.net](mailto:mike.capper@virgin.net) Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on leads. [www.waoc.org.uk](http://www.waoc.org.uk)

11<sup>th</sup> NOR Single Norfolk Dumpling Regional Event. Sheringham Park & Weybourne Forest, Sheringham Norfolk. [TG139412](#). Organiser: Stephan Searle, 01760 337189. [stephen.searle@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:stephen.searle@tinyworld.co.uk) Entries: Pam Jermy, 84 Bush Road, Hellesdon, Norwich, NR6 6UD, 01603 482773. [pamjmy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pamjmy@hotmail.co.uk) CD: 31/01/07. £7.00/£2.50 +£2.00 Sen non-member. +£1.00/+£1.00. Chq: Norfolk O Event. EPS-SI. Dogs on lead in Sheringham Park only. [www.norfolkoc.co.uk](http://www.norfolkoc.co.uk)

11<sup>th</sup> SYO District Event. Bradfield Moor and Strines Woods, Sheffield. [SK221909](#). Lucy Wiegand. [lucywiegand@onetel.com](mailto:lucywiegand@onetel.com) £6.00/£1.00 Discount of £2 to British Orienteering seniors members. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. No dogs. [www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk](http://www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk)

13<sup>th</sup> LEI Local Event & Winter League. Watermead Country Park (West), Leicester. [SK603097](#). Roy Denney, 0116 2338604. £2.50/50p. Yellow, light green and green. Parking £2.00. Starts 11.00am - 12.00. [www.leioc.org](http://www.leioc.org)

18<sup>th</sup> HALO 25th Anniversary Regional Event. Scardale and Knapton, Malton. [SE892730](#). Neil Harvatt, 01302 772911. [neilharvatt@supanet.com](mailto:neilharvatt@supanet.com) Fees TBA

18<sup>th</sup> NOC District Event. Annesley, Nottingham. [SK500500](#). Catherine Hughes, 0115 8774089. [catherinehughes@hotmail.com](mailto:catherinehughes@hotmail.com) Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. [www.noc-uk.org](http://www.noc-uk.org)