

LOG SUMMER SERIES 2007

April 12 th	Hartsholme/Swanholme	Kaele Pilcher
April 26 th	Twyford Woods	Dave Denness
May 10 th	Risholme Park	Karl Pickworth
May 17 th	Belvoir Castle (with LEI)	LEI planner
May 24 th	Ostlers Plantation	Tim Staniland
June 7 th	Lincoln University	Paul Murgatroyd/Mark Smith
June 21 st	Callans Lane	Andy Ebdon (tbc)
July 5 th	West Common	Sean Harrington
July 19 th	Stapleford Woods	planner required
August 2 nd	South Common	planner required

Still only £1 per run, 3 courses on offer every night, the best 5 runs count towards your final points score, trophies for the winners of each course over the Series.

SHORT – 2-3km in length, easy to medium difficulty, similar to an “orange” course, suitable for beginners, mainly on paths.

LONG – 5-6km in length, medium difficulty, similar to a “red” course, suitable for runners or orienteers looking to give their brains a bit of a rest!

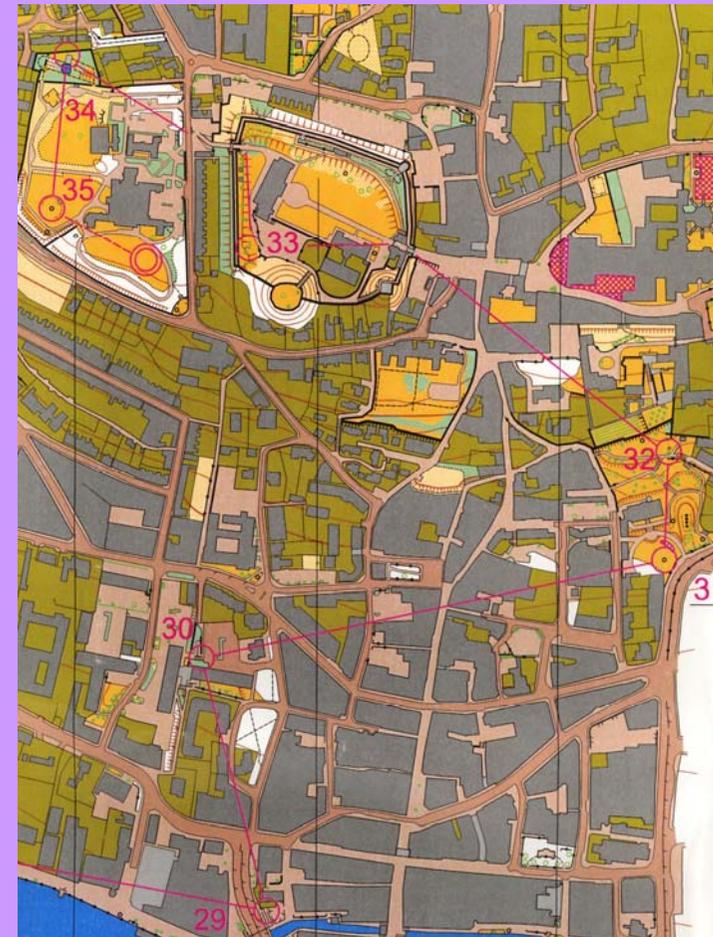
TECHNICAL – 4-5km in length, difficult, suitable for experienced orienteers. This course could be similar to a “green”, but it could also be almost anything else, including map memory, score, “Norwegian”, corridors/windows etc!

Each event should be ready to start by 6.30pm, hopefully a bit earlier, and the last start will be dependent on what time it gets dark. Aim to get there earlier for the first few events as these will be most affected by approaching darkness. Remember that the organiser has to put the kites out, and help collecting them in at the end will be most appreciated. As numbers increase the organisers will also appreciate help from experienced members in running the start/finish, and guiding any beginners.

For details contact Series Co-ordinator
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LOG-NEWS

The Bi-Monthly Newsletter of The Lincoln Orienteering Group



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www.logonline.org.uk

Lincoln as you've never seen it before!
The last few controls on the
Lincolnshire Bomber Weekend
Long-O Course

MAR/APR '07



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CHAIRMAN'S PIECE

Hello everyone and a warm welcome to our second newsletter of the year. It only seems like last week since I was wishing you all a Merry Christmas and suddenly we are a week into March!

I must first congratulate the club on the hard work and commitment our members have put in to producing one of the finest events I have ever had the privilege to work on. I of course mean the Lincolnshire Bomber, a fantastic weekend of orienteering that has really put LOG on the orienteering map. Comments after the event were very positive from all involved and as a result we will hopefully see a City Race become an annual event, Council Sponsorship and even the possibility that the City Race will feature in a national league. The Bomber Weekend itself will hopefully continue in 2008 with ideas already on the table and 2009 already into the negotiations stage.

On a slightly less positive note we have had to make the unfortunate decision to cancel our proposed Stapleford event later this month due to severe storm damage. This was due to hold the first round of the Compass-sport Cup for our region, as a result we now have to travel to Greno Woods near Sheffield. I hope you will all support the club and help us to reach the final due to be held at Blidworth near Mansfield later in the year.

As you will all be aware we are celebrating our 20th anniversary, the Mayor of Lincoln has invited us to a buffet at the Guildhall, if you have not already been informed please see elsewhere in this newsletter, numbers are limited so please let Sean Harrington know ASAP.

Finally just a few things I would like to mention: The club will shortly be buying a sail banner to display at events, along with a new club tent. Be sure to look out for this colourful flag to find our new tent! We are having a display tent at this years Lincoln 10km, please can we have volunteers to help man this, it proved to be very popular last year. Finally we are still short of a couple of planners for this years Summer Series, please take a look at the dates elsewhere in this edition, if you are interested please let Sean Harrington, Summer Series co coordinator know.

Happy navigating,

Steve Bones

FUTURE LOG EVENTS

18.3.07

Stapleford Woods, CANCELLED

LOG SUMMER SERIES 2007 Starts on April 12th in Hartsholme Park.

See the back cover for full details of the series, including some new areas and surprises. We still need planners for the Stapleford Woods and South Common events. Can anyone that is interested please contact Series Co-ordinator Sean Harrington.



August '07

LOG Summer Relays tbc

21.10.07

district event venue to be confirmed

19th-20th Jan 2008

Lincolnshire Bomber 2008 TBC

13.4.08

Bourne Woods, regional event Planner Glyn Mayley

Apr-Aug

Summer Series 2008

Feb 2009

Lincolnshire Bomber 2008, North Lincs

Apr-Aug

Summer Series 2009

MARATHON DE SABLES 2007

Later this month LOG member Paul Murgatroyd is taking part in the awesome Marathon de Sables, multi-day race across the Sahara Desert. Follow his progress, from March 24th at http://www.darbaroud.com/index_uk.php and help him raise money for the World Wildlife Fund at <http://www.justgiving.com/murgas> We send Paul, race no. 734, and all the other competitors, best wishes for this incredible race.



THE 2007 LINCOLNSHIRE BOMBER WEEKEND

Now let's be honest, did anyone think it would be that good? What an incredible weekend, surpassing all of our expectations, despite the computer software giving us a few heart attacks along the way. Rather than give a detailed description of each event, because most of you were there anyway, here is a selection of what the Nopesport Forum said about the weekend;

“Congrats to all - thoroughly enjoyed today's Long-O and can't wait for next year.”

“City race was terrific - great map and planning from Steve - lots of little ginnels, arches etc and easy to overshoot (as I did to 4) when you're just getting used to the scale. I know that my 'other half' really enjoyed his walk round his 'home city' with his map. Thanks to all LOG and RAFO.”

“Thanks for a great weekend 😊 It was really good, tricky but enjoyable. Thank-you LOG & RAFO awesome City Race 😊.”

“First, and above all, it was a brilliant weekend: the whole family had a great time, and we've all come home on a real high. A very, very big thank you to LOG and RAFO. I really, really hope there is a repeat showing. People who were there will know what a great event it was, and people who weren't, boy did you miss one! Cranwell was an excellent venue for this type of relay with a bit of everything on the legs. I especially liked the fact that the teams ranged across such a wide range of standards, and yet it seemed that everybody was able to enjoy such a good race. The pavilion, and the overall setting, certainly helped too! The City Race lived up to every expectation for the two of us on the Men's Open, it was mind-blowing! Fantastic! What sets this type of race apart. Setting and atmosphere were great, and getting access to all those tourist spots - wow! (not often I've orienteered round a cathedral, a castle or a palace, especially in one race!). All in all, one of the best city races I've done with sections closely rivalling Venice.”

If you haven't already seen it here is the link to Steve's hilarious video that he took in and around the Bishops Palace <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G9JUyul6fGU>

And here is the link to some photos by Ian and John from the weekend <http://www.flickr.com/photos/62782850@N00/sets/72157594479081173/>

COMPASS-SPORT CUP

Most of you will know that we have had to cancel the event at Stapleford Woods on March 18th. This was due to the storms we had at the end of January. Many woods in the region were damaged, but Stapleford was affected more than most with over 20,000 trees being blown flat, thousands of others left hanging in precarious positions and the road through the wood being blocked for 250 metres.

Clear felling last Autumn left several blocks of conifers open to the prevailing westerly winds for the first time in their lives, so the next big storm took it's toll and flattened them. We tried to re-map the woods in time for the CSC, but it soon became clear that the Forestry Commission had so much damage to clear up in the region that they couldn't even guarantee that the tracks would be clear for March. The hanging trees are also very dangerous, and the event controller called it off in early February.

The competition will still go ahead on the same date, but attempts to hold the match somewhere else in the region also failed. So now we are going to Greno Woods just north of Sheffield. It is quite a technical wood, and also steep in places, probably more of a challenge than the original venue.

Sean Harrington is LOG team captain and will be ringing round to sort the team out, but the story remains the same, we need every member we can muster, especially away from our home ground. You should have had March 18th in your diaries for months, it is just that the venue has changed. As I type we are struggling to put a full team together, so please contact Sean a.s.a.p. especially if you are a junior or elderly member. You all know the situation by now, too many M40-50s, not enough of anyone else.

SURFING THE WEB

Here is another very interesting website for orienteers www.old-maps.co.uk especially if you are into old maps and want to compare an area now with how it looked in the past. Some orienteering forests have changed a lot over the years, but others have remained very similar for centuries. There is also an aerial photo feature that is quite good too.

If you are interested in orienteering around the world then www.worldfofo.com could be the only website you need. With an extensive calendar of world events, and a register of maps from around the world, you could spend days just exploring the website. Perfect for the orienteering anorak in your family!

IMPROVE YOUR “O”

In LOG's 20th anniversary year it is interesting to reflect on the changes our sport has seen over that time. Electronic punching is perhaps the biggest advance, with OCAD making mapping accessible to almost anyone a close second? The future is likely to see an increased use of GPS technology, although it is currently not permitted to use a GPS receiver during an event. However, many people do carry them round with them now, if only to download their route onto a computer when they get home so they can analyse their run.

Several elite events have already experimented with GPS transmitters attached to competitors, so their progress can be followed on a giant screen in assembly, or in real time on a PC at home. This takes the observer right there into the forest, and could be the key to making orienteering a more attractive sport to the masses.

But going back to analysing your run, how long will it be before we all have a GPS transmitter, possibly integrated into our SI dibbers, so we can all plot our routes onto a PC straight after the race? It might be a rude awakening for some of us, showing how far wrong we actually went on that dodgy leg, or showing the world our headless chicken searches for the control in the wrong block of forest!

We are part way to this now with the excellent Route Gadget software being used by more and more clubs as part of their result packages. Most of us are used to analysing Winsplits data now, comparing separate leg times and looking for sudden changes in the slope of the graph of our runs. Route Gadget takes this one step further, giving us the tool to plot our route onto the course map as well as giving us splits and graphs. This assumes we know where we were the whole time out on the course, but until GPS tracking is widespread it's the best we have. Just try to be honest!

HALO recently used Route Gadget for their Scardale and Knapton event, and it was an eye opener as well as being highly entertaining! You not only plot your route, but you can also compare it with everyone else who has plotted theirs, and then play a virtual race animation with coloured dots chasing around the forest representing each competitor. See where you lost it, or gained places. Compare route choice, discover some bizarrely poor (hysterical!) route choices, or even discover a brilliant route you never thought possible.

This really is a fantastic tool to graphically show your strengths and weaknesses, and to indicate areas of technique to work on. Keep an eye on the results pages at events, and if Route Gadget is available make full use of it, you won't regret it.

EYAM MOOR 21.1.07

(by Sean Harrington)

This was the second time Liam and I had been to Eyam Moor, the last time being in 2003 when we both competed on the green course. The weather seemed OK in the morning before we set off, but by the time we got to Eyam the snow had started. I had a quick check with the locals who confirmed I would not get snowed in while out on the course.

For people who have not been to Eyam the area is pure hell, no paths, no trees just open moorland where everything looks the same, due to this I chose the Blue whilst Liam went for the Brown.

I had a reasonable start picking up the first 6 controls without any major problem, having to walk most of the way due to the conditions underfoot (grim), controls 7-9 were a bit more technical but a few of us had grouped up which helped. Unfortunately due to this on the way to control 10 I was not concentrating, when I eventually found the next control it was my 13, it was then I realised the group I had latched on to were not actually on my course!

Therefore I headed back to control 10, then 11 and 12 without too much problem, then back again to 13, no surprises for people who know me even though I had been there 15 minutes earlier I still had trouble finding it. A few problems from 14 to 18, but nothing major, and then a quick dart to the finish.

I noticed when the results came out that quite a few people missed out on Control 17, this was a compulsory crossing. I must admit it nearly fooled me, but after the Bomber incident I made sure I punched it.*

Joking apart the area is great and certainly takes orienteering to a different level.

** The Bomber incident that Sean refers to was when he was disqualified from the long-O for not punching at the map exchange. Clearly he went to the control or he wouldn't have been able to complete the course, and I think the "popular" view is that he should have been reinstated. It is a common mistake though, and used to happen all the time at second master map controls before e-punching. When you get to something like a second master map or map exchange it is easy to forget to punch the control as well. Another very experienced orienteer nearly did the same thing at a compulsory rail crossing on the long-O, and only a generous course marshall calling him back saved him from the same embarrassing fate! Ed.*

SELECTED NATIONAL FIXTURES

MARCH

3rd DVO District Event & EM League. Stanton Moor, Birchover, Matlock. [SK243622](#). Brian Denness, 01332 553658. briandenness@naims.co.uk £7.00/£1.00 £2 discount for senior members. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. www.dvo.org.uk

4th LEI Regional Event. Fineshade, Corby. [SP978983](#). Organiser: Gary & Mary Boothroyd, 01572 756097. gboothro@stamford.ac.uk Entries: Roger Williamson, 63 Loughborough Road, Quorn, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 8DU, 01509 4121132. rwilliamson63@aol.com CD: 11/02/07. £8.50/£3.50 - Non BOF +£2.00. Lim EOD + £1.00/£1.00, non BOF +£2.00. Chq: Leicestershire Orienteering Club. EPS-SI. EOD CC - White, yellow, orange - £5/£1.50. Dogs on leads. Online entries preferred via www.fabian4.co.uk/ Late entries online only up to 25/02/07 +£1. www.leioc.org.uk

11th NOC District Event. Harlow Woods, Mansfield. [SK550568](#). Garry Drew, 0115 8406748. garry.drew@ntlworld.com Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. www.noc-uk.org

11th NOR District Event & EAGAL. Ken Hill, Snettisham. [TF675349](#). Alan W Bedder, 01603 424589. alan.bedder@virgin.net £5.50/£1.00 Family units/groups £6.50. EPS-SI. Dogs on LEAD in Car Park ONLY. www.noroc.co.uk

18th LOG Compass Sport Cup First Round. Stapleford Woods, Newark. [SK861566](#). CANCELLED DUE TO EXCESSIVE STORM DAMAGE

18th SYO CompassSport Cup 1st Round. Greno Woods, Sheffield. [SE330950](#). Ruth Sutherland, 01909 770 347. ruth@sutherld.freeseve.co.uk £6.00/£1.00 Discount of £2 to British Orienteering senior members. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on leads.. Parking £1.00. <http://www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk/>

25th LEI National Forest Trophy District Event & Long O. Ratby Woodlands, Leicester. [SK518070](#). Chris Phillips, 0116 255 0330. onecphillips@lineone.net £4.00/£1.00 .White-Orange Senior £2. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on leadd. The event will include a 15K Long O and "come and try it" courses for families and juniors. The event is being sponsored by the National Forest Company. www.leioc.org.uk

APRIL

1ST EBOR Regional Event & YHOA Championships. Heater Rigg, Pickering. [SE565891](#). Organiser: Dennis Hooton, 01904 768066. Entries: addressee TBA. CD: *unknown*. Fees TBA. EPS-SI. String course. Dogs on lead in assembly area only. www.eborienteers.org.uk

6^{th-9th} JAN KJELLSTROM ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL

6th - JK Sprint Race. University of the West of England, Bristol. [ST623780](#).

7th - JK DAY 1 (INC ELITE MIDDLE RACE) & UK CUP & FCC. Speech House, Cinderford. [SO593113](#).

8th - JK DAY 2 (INC ELITE CLASSIC RACE) & UK CUP & FCC. Speech House, Cinderford. [SO624123](#).

9th - JK Relay & UK Relay League. Caerwent, Chepstow.

Entries: JK2007, 11 Bransby Street, Walkley, Sheffield, S6 3JT. entries@jk2007.org.uk CD: 23/03/07.

14th-15th SEASIDE SCRAMBLE WEEKEND

14th - EBOR British Sprint Championships & UK Cup & FCC. Scarborough.

15th - CLOK British Elite Middle Distance Championships & UK Cup & FCC also including Public Races. Mulgrave Woods, Whitby. [NZ843112](#).

Entries: Seaside Scramble Entries, 25 Sandringham Close, Haxby, York, YO32 3GL, 01904 761120 (before 9pm). enquiries@seasidescramble.org.uk CD: 24/03/07.

21st LEI District Event & East Midlands League. Bradgate and Swithland & The Brand, Leicester. [SK522117](#). Robert Haskins, 01509 842449. £7.00/£1.50. EPS-SI. Parking £2.00. Dogs on leads. www.leioc.org.uk

22nd OD Regional Event & FCC. Bentley Wood, Atherstone. [SP291966](#). Entries: Lesley Ross, Four Elms Farm, Studley, Warks, B80 7EG, 01527 857646. entries@fourelmsfarm.co.uk CD: 07/04/07. £10.00/£3.00. Fees include Emit hire - own brick £1 off.

29th HALO District Event. Elsham Hall, Brigg, Scunthorpe. [TA035112](#). Neil Harvatt, 01302 772911. neilharvatt@supanet.com £6.00/£3.00. EPS-SI. String course. Parking £1.00. www.halo-orienteering.org.uk

29th DVO District Event. Riber Hillside, Matlock. [SK308584](#). Rob Shooter, 0115 932 2945. shooterfamily@hotmail.com £7.00/£1.00 £2 discount for senior members. EPS-SI. String course. www.dvo.org.uk

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5th -6th BRITISH ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

5th – British Orienteering Champs & UK Cup. Pwll Du, Blaenafon. [SO230103](#).

6th – British Relay Champs & UK Relay League. Pwll Du, Blaenafon. [SO230103](#).

Entries: Judith Powell, 22 The Willows, Raglan, Usk, , (online Entries Will Be Taken Via Event Website), NP15 2HB, 01291 690702. j-powell@dial.pipex.com CD 1: 31/01/07, CD 2: 31/03/07, CD 3: 05/04/07. Fees: CD 1 £13.00/£6.00. CD 2: £15.00/£6.50. CD 3: £17.00/£7.00. Relays CD: 20/04/07 Fees: £33/£15 per team. Chq: BOC2007. EPS-SI. No dogs. www.woa.org.uk/ or www.btinternet.com/~w.o.a/BOC2007/

26th 28th SPRINGTIME IN SHROPSHIRE (SinS)

26th - HOC Day 1 Regional Event. Titterstone Clee Hill (Provisional), Cleobury Mortimer. [SO592776](#).

27th - WRE Day 2 Regional Event. Bucknell, Ludlow, [SO341752](#)

28th - HOC Day 3 Regional Event. Brampton Bryan (Provisional), Ludlow.

Co-ordinators: Lynden & Lester Hartmann, 01684 577062. lester@mado.org.uk

Entries: Mike Farrington, Oak Lodge, Floyds Lane, Wellington Heath, LEDBURY, HR8 1NB, 01531 635502. mike@farrington.me.uk CD: 23/04/07. www.sins.org.uk

28th EBOR Park Race. York. Organiser: Ann Smith, 01347 821220. roger.smith100@btinternet.com Entries: Ann Smith, Weddow Hills, Oulston Road, Crayke, York, YO61 4TP, 01347 821220. rogersmith100@btinternet.com CD: 15/05/07. www.eborienteers.org.uk

This is a bumper edition of Fixtures as we enter the prime season for orienteering. Make the most of it before the undergrowth starts to assert itself once again in the forests. But remember that this is still only a selection of relatively local fixtures, plus a few “biggies” that might tempt you to travel further. The JK is in some stunning areas again this year, and Pwll Du down in South Wales is a very fitting venue for the British Champs. SinS is one of the all time great weekends of orienteering, with so many other “added value” events around the fringes, co-ordinated by Nopesports very own “Mrs H”. The biggest dilemma facing orienteers in the next few weeks is whether or not to go to the York Park Race and miss Day 3 of SinS?

STOP PRESS; NOC EVENT AT MANTON DUE FOR APRIL 22nd HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO STORM DAMAGE

www.britishorienteering.org.uk

MEET THE MAYOR!

In recognition of LOG's 20th Anniversary members have been invited to a Civic Reception hosted by The Mayor of Lincoln, Councillor Steve Allnut. This will take place at Lincoln Guildhall on Thursday March 8th starting at 7.30pm.

Sean Harrington is co-ordinating this event for LOG, so if you would like to go please contact Sean on 01522-791344. Sean will also let you know if there is a dress code for the evening.

EAST MIDLANDS LEAGUE 2007

Events nominated for the East Midlands League 2007 are as follows, including the recent Eyam Moor event.

3 rd March	Stanton Moor
11 th March	Harlow Wood
21 st April	Bradgate, Swithland and The Brand
22 nd April	Manton (tbc)
29 th April	Riber Hillside
17 th June	Kedleston
24 th June	Burrough Hill
30 th September	Carsington pastures
7 th October	Willesley Woods
21 st October	LOG (tbc)
11 th November	Byrons Walk
25 th November	Watermead Country Park
16 th December	Walesby



The full rules are available at www.emoa.co.uk but this is basically a competition for all EMOA members, based on colour coded courses. There are separate competitions for males and females on each course, with a handicapping system to even out the different age classes. Your best 8 scores count towards your final points total. You do not have to enter the competition, you are automatically included in it simply by turning up and running. Just include all your relevant personal details when you register, (and remember K Pilcher and Kaele Pilcher are 2 different people). Many thanks to the Williamson family who are collating all the points and tables

SCARDALE AND KNAPTON 18.2.07

This regional event just south of the Malton to Scarborough Road was also the official HALO 25th anniversary event, so a small group of us felt obliged to attend, and very glad we were too. Scardale and Knapton is possibly HALO's premier area, situated right on the northern edge of the Yorkshire Wolds and made up of 2 separate woods.

The start/finish and car park was at a caravan park with extensive views north across the Vale of Pickering. It could have been very bleak in February, but in the sunshine it was glorious. The start was in Scardale Wood, which slopes steeply to the south and is mainly runnable, but with slightly more bramble than the last time we were there. After a loop it was a taped route across the fields and into Knapton Wood, smaller but on a steep north facing slope. This section was superb, extremely runnable despite the steepness, and the final few controls were in spur and re-entrant terrain reminiscent of a big Scottish forest. The final climb to the finish wasn't as bad as it could have been, but still left most people on their knees gasping for breath.

HALO incorporated Route Gadget into the results, and this is discussed elsewhere. Another significant point was that the longest course (M21L) was won by a woman!

Well done to HALO, and best wishes for the next 25 years.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

This could have been part of the "Surfing the Web" article, but we have recently found this excellent site if you want high resolution aerial photographs. It is called www.maps.live.com and it knocks Google Earth and Multi-map into a cocked hat. It might even lead to the definitive map of "Dodgy Corner" on the South Common, as we now have photographs showing every single individual hawthorn thicket. All we need now is some mug to sit down and copy them all onto the map! These photographs are certainly going to be a useful additional tool for the growing number of mappers amongst us

These photos are so good that it even begs the question "could we do an orienteering event using aerial photographs instead of maps?" Now there is an interesting idea for the Summer Series 2008! There are many other similar websites out there, please let us know if you find any that deserve a mention in these pages.

KENILWORTH NIGHT STREET-O

By Tim Staniland

The other night I ran a night street O in Kenilworth. It was great fun. I happened to look on Nope Sport and someone had posted a message advertising it. Kenilworth is literally 5 minutes away from where I am working in Coventry so I thought it would be wrong to not go.

The race started and finished at someones house just off the high street. There were 2 courses on offer, a long and a short with 14 controls on the long at 6.6K. The short course used the same course and map, but you just had to jump from control 6 to 12 and it was 4.5k.

Controls were the control sign printed on A4 paper with a letter printed over the top. These were then taped to lamp posts or telegraph poles. These are a lot less likely to be nicked than kites, yet the last control still managed to be spirited away. Maps were water proof, and had control descriptions and boxes to write in the control letters on the back. Entry cost was £3. It was very simply run, and there weren't that many entries, people possibly put off by the weather which was freezing hard after rain. But it was great fun. It would have been a lot easier had I taken a torch with me!

Reading the map had to be done under street lights which of course really slowed me down, and crossing a dark park without a light was dodgy to say the least. A great idea maybe we should try one. £3 was a bit steep, but I got an hours entertainment for it so I'm not complaining.

The map was a traditional O map, produced on Ocad, printed by Kall Kwik 1:15,000 scale. The whole of the town fitted on A4. To be honest it didn't need to be more detailed. It had all the link paths and cut throughs marked clear enough, and control points were fairly obvious junctions etc. yet route choice was very tricky at times, particularly as I couldn't see the map very well. Sodium street lights illuminate the map with a nice orange glow that makes some of the detail very tricky to read. Looking at the map in day light I missed a lot of cut throughs that I could have made and ran quite a lot further than I needed.

Ed's Notes; this event just shows what you can do to make orienteering different and still get good competition from little effort. Not having to worry about having kites pinched is a plus for this type of event. LOG are looking at doing something like this, and as mentioned before have already mapped one big housing estate in Lincoln. If anyone knows of other areas that would be suitable please get in touch.

LOG RELAY TEAMS

Once again we are looking at the fixture lists and wondering if LOG will be taking any relay teams to the big events coming up, such as the JK and BOC?

As you know we have had some great results at these events in the past, and they are always great fun. They are a long way away this year, but if anyone is travelling down for the main competitions and would like to stay for an extra day of relay fun then please let us know a.s.a.p.

FINAL MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

This is the final reminder for those of you that haven't yet renewed your membership for 2007. If this is an oversight please contact Membership Secretary Dave Denness on 01780-764648 or dave.denness@gmail.com a.s.a.p. or download your own form from the website. We have explained the new fee structure in previous newsletters, and it remains incredibly cheap compared to most other sports or club memberships.

LINCOLNSHIRE POACHER 2007

Dates and venues for HALO's magnificent Poacher are shown below, full details at www.lincspoacher.org.uk Series Co-ordinator Pete Kullich 01652-628358

April 11 th	Cottagers Dale Wood, Great Limber
April 18 th	Mausoleum Woods, Great Limber
April 25 th	Willingham Woods, Market Rasen
May 2 nd	Middle Rasen Woods, Market Rasen
May 9 th	Nettleton Woods, Caistor
May 16 th	Otby, Lincolnshire Wolds
May 23 rd	Primrose Warren, Brigg
May 30 th	Normanby Park, Scunthorpe
June 6 th	Swallow Wold Wood, Caistor
June 13 th	Brompton Dale, Limber
June 20 th	Piller Wood, Caistor

Still only 60p, maps pre-marked and bagged, short and long courses on offer, best 7 events count to final points. Start times 6-7.15pm. Several trophies on offer, this is probably the best value orienteering anywhere in the Country, not to be missed!

Ed's BITS MARCH 2007

Well what a weekend The Bomber turned out to be, good weather and plenty of competitors. We actually ran out of Long O maps!!!! Who would have guessed that I'd beat my last year's time by 2 hours? Well none of you. I actually finished in 3.38.51 so well under my target of 4 hours. If you haven't seen the pictures yet the link is on the page about the Lincolnshire Bomber Weekend, and yes, Ian's description of me was true, I hurt..!!!! I'd like to say a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who took part in the organising of such an event, no mean task, and to everyone who helped on the day. Give yourself a big pat on the back.

If you're bored and fancy a laugh one cold wet night log on to the HALO web site and take a look at the Route Gadget for the Scardale and Knapton event. I did course 5 and I have entered my route. I hope this will act as inspiration for you all. Select the course, click on the names with '*' in front, view animation, then start. This is true armchair orienteering. As you will see I've only just got to control 8 when all the others have finished!!!

Does anyone know if you can buy long legs on e-bay? I need a new pair but Ian won't let me have Kylie's he says I'll ruin them at the first event, well I can't help it if I always find the route with the most brambles, and anyway I like having lacy legs. Now you know why I don't wear a skirt very often.

I'm sure this has been done before but can anyone come up with some songs with lyrics that apply to orienteering i.e. Kate Bush – 'Running up that Hill'. The one I keep singing is Byran Adams and Mel C's – 'This is torture, this is pain, I think I'm going to go insane'. Anymore?

In the last news letter I asked for people to come forward to take part in the Compass Sport Cup now to be held in Greno Woods, Sheffield on the 18th March instead of being held in Stapleford Woods. I hope to see a lot of you there, let's make this the year we make it to the final – a 20th Anniversary Achievement?

Finally, please give a nice warm LOG welcome to the following new members; Phillip Denness, Simon Carruthers and the 1406 Spalding SQN ATC.

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