

26 years of Lincoln Orienteering Group, for those that like to challenge and exercise the mind and body.

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Jack Rabbit – our mascot



## CHAIRMAN'S PIECE

Writing this as the nights are drawing in, and winter approaches, our thoughts naturally turn to the host of 'O' events coming up in the calendar over the next few months. Although the weather tends to deteriorate from now on, and base layers need to be pulled out of cupboards, this is the time of year when we can start getting back into the forests, as the undergrowth dies back, and enjoy the more traditional side of the sport. Our winter series began this week and it was great to see such a healthy attendance at what are our primary 'recruitment' events. Whether we'll convert many that had a run around Washingborough remains to be seen, but it was an encouraging start and nice to see some of the young families taking to the streets to whet their offsprings' appetites for the sport!

The rise of these local level D events continues across the region and this is leading to some fierce debate amongst the EMOA clubs as to whether these should clash, as they've started to do, with the more traditional level B & C Sunday morning events. The East Midlands league, for instance, could easily suffer as a result, but is it time for us to look at the format here and debate whether this remains fit for the modern era of O? Those who ran around Ratby the other week would certainly argue that

we need to review this situation and question whether we should be putting these 'premier' league events on such areas. Should we consider a reduction in league fixtures and focus on a higher quality event, visiting only the areas worthy of hosting such races? Should we freshen things up with a greater range of formats, including more middle distance and sprint events, particularly in areas which are too small to cater for the long distance events, which form the staple of the league? Having just returned from the cracking SYO middle event at Bowden Houseteads, I can strongly advocate such a more radical way of thinking for the future.

Moving on to think about other events coming up soon, we have the annual handicap championship race (ie. the Blue Riband & Chocolate Orange trophies) at Walesby to look forward to. This fixture goes from strength to strength, with most of the club membership turning out for it nowadays and it's a great way to end the year and get together before the Xmas festivities kick in. I know Sean will be contacting everyone soon (if he hasn't already done so), so let him know if you'll be coming along. The usual bribes for 'special' handicap cases will be duly noted and considered ;-). We've also got the Xmas get together at the Strugglers on Tues 17<sup>th</sup> December, with yours truly in the planning seat for the quiz, and it'd be great to see you at that too.

Finally, we say hello and goodbye! Greetings are in order for our newest members to join the club in the guise of the Bellety family (Dom, Chris, Alex and Anna). They've already made their presence felt at training nights and at the winter series, and it's good to have them onboard. We also say farewell, hopefully in just a temporary fashion, to our publicity officer, Ally Wright, who leaves us in November to begin a winter work placement in New Zealand. We wish her all the best in her adventures and look forward to tales of orienteering (and, no doubt, some other stuff...) from the other side of the world, in due course.



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LOG Christmas social this year will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at the Strugglers pub on Westgate at 7pm .

The quiz this year will be compiled by none other than our illustrious Chairman so brush up on all your O stuff, the prizes are staggering. See you all there.....



## A nne s Accolade

Red wine at the 'Eagle' has got a lot to answer for – that's the only thing I can blame for myself volunteering to compose the LOG newsletter.

Firstly I would like to thank Ally for doing such a terrific job – a hard act to follow.

But Ally has obviously had enough and now plans to get as far away as possible so has applied for and been successful in getting a job in a remote part of New Zealand surely were not that bad!!!

Joking aside I am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best of success and we will miss her

*'something awful' ...*



Flipping through an article called 'Dark Races' invoked some bizarre thoughts about Africans and Occults but no it turned out to be a 'new' trend on night sport races, lovely names to them 'Wild Night Run' a 10 miler off road – 'Energizer', 5/10k in Battersea Park – my favourite 'Night Terror' where thrill seekers run off road in the dead of night, some say it makes them feel "hard core", "more motivated".

According to the experts these night events offer a fresh challenge, make us feel better, sleep more soundly; they also carry a hefty entry fee. Soooo come and join our Thurs night training I'll even let one of you name 'South Common' and you can boast to your friends you do the 'Dark Races'.

It will also boost your night time running ready to whoop someone in the forth coming Night Score Cup.

We as a club don't realize how lucky we are having Paul as our chief coach, training every Thurs night at the cost of just £1 that's a bargain – any training class costs at least a fiver for an hour now a days. Then there's the dog hanging in the pub after where we can ask anything and mostly get a 'polite' answer. Weekends there's also

dog hanging in the pub after an event where Paul tells you which way you 'should' have gone to a control – honest this does help... then there's all the work he does in the back ground – map printing – sending all emails – going to meetings – writing training programs and so much more so I would like to say - Thank You Paul.

Forgive this issue being plain and short I still need to navigate my way through the thickets and gather info and practise different styles. I will need YOUR articles to print of personal goals and anything else you think would be interesting to make YOUR newsletter the best of all the local clubs – just as I think our club is SO please everyone send in your info on events to me @ [annegibbs@logonline.org.uk](mailto:annegibbs@logonline.org.uk)



### **Do you want to improve your O skills??**

Volunteer to pick up controls after an event – you can walk and take your time navigating precisely, or use map memory – put the map in your pocket then collect by memory. It all helps.



Stuck for something to buy for Christmas!!

### **Forest Challenge**

For the fourth and final year NGOC is offering the orienteering board game "Forest Challenge" for sale. All profits will be donated to the Woodland Trust. Also on offer for this Christmas only is the new game "Urban-O", which includes "photo-O", "maze-O" and "string-O" games.

Details of the games are available at <http://www.ngocweb.com/wpngoc-op/games/>



### **East Midlands League Events:**

10th November - Thoresby North (NOC)

22nd December - Walesby (NOC) \*\*\*

29th December - Outwoods (LEI)

Check out more events at: [www.fabian4.co.uk...](http://www.fabian4.co.uk...)

\*\*\* Don't forget NOCs Walesby is our Blue Riband Trophy and Chocolate Orange Trophy event which is ran on a handicap time given by Sean. All handicaps are taken from times at events over the course of the past year and are worked out so we should all finish at the same time. Please come along and support your club, this is a fun event and NOC provide soup, mince pies and chocci biscuits.

We operate a car share scheme to these events usually meeting at the Grandstand, Lincoln leaving between 8-9am and there is also usually a car coming from the Grantham area. This is arranged by Paul Murgatroyd or John Mather. Please email them at: [pmurgatroyd@me.com](mailto:pmurgatroyd@me.com) or [j.mather@ntlworld.com](mailto:j.mather@ntlworld.com).



## LOG Winter Series

2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Washingbough
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Greetwell Hollow
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Chambers Wood
14 <sup>th</sup> December	West Common
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Belton Woods
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Grantham Town

Check out our website for location and time [logonline@org.uk](mailto:logonline@org.uk)



## Stamford Urban by Jeff Baker

I must admit I enjoyed planning Stamford. The new map and six courses made it an interesting exercise, although it wasn't without its worrying moments. The added area to the north which now includes the large housing estate and lots of testing little alleyways means that there is a lot of scope to provide interesting courses that present a bit of a challenge without going over the same ground twice.

The original intention was to use the Queen Eleanor School on the northern edge as the start and finish which would have provided all the facilities we needed plus on site car parking. This was vetoed by the school however because not enough warning of the event was given and they have lots of

other activities going on there on a Sunday. They said that they needed at least a year's notice, so it was back to the normal start for Stamford events on the Meadows.

In all I think I made six visits to the area not only to get ideas for the courses but also to make small alterations to the map which included colouring in all the roads in the northern half which mysteriously went blank when it was sent from the mapper. One visit three days before the event was caused by the school suddenly withdrawing permission to use their grounds to put controls in. Brian from HALO who was the controller really was a great help both before and on the day his experience and advice proving invaluable . The day of the event itself was nice and sunny which always helps and went off with few if any problems except for workmen turning up to work on the bridge at the start. Working on a Sunday must be a first for Stamford council workers.

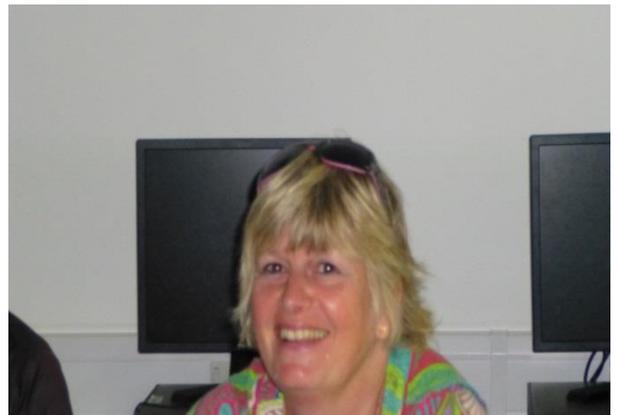
The comments from the 130 people that turned up all seemed very positive and I think that overall the day was a success.Thanks must go to those members of the club who helped out both before, during and after the event. The only small downside to the event was the mile walk to the pub after. I wonder who suggested that!!



Happy Birthday Tanya



Hurry back Ben



## COMPASS SPORT TROPHY by Geoff Gibbs

After a heroic effort at Fineshades in February, LOG had qualified for the Compass Sport Trophy event in the Forest of Dean, that's about one hundred and seventy miles away, on the Welsh border. Twenty-seven members signed up to attend but in the end for medical and other reasons, only twenty-three arrived on site. Some posh types took accommodation in various pubs while seventeen



others were herded and stacked in the Fountain Lodge bunkhouse at Parkend, with first there getting the choice of bunks. Most had booked in for two nights, so Friday evening was a good excuse for a social. The early gang had dinner and a few drinks in Lydney before returning to the Fountain to meet up with late arrivals and continue

to party.

On Saturday afternoon we entered a very relaxed level D event close by. This was an introduction to the kind of territory our main competition would be held on. The notable thing was that it's on a very big hillside, something like the

worst of Hartsholme Park at 45°. Some Brown course guys were getting worried about their two hundred plus, metres of climb next day.

Overnight rain made for a very dull and damp start to Sunday morning. We all got parked somewhere in the forest and set off clambering uphill to assembly. Clare only managed twenty metres before landing on her backside in the mud. Brighter weather came through as Jon May broke the ice for LOG, getting away at 10:34 am, and then it was a drawn out affair until Amanda started at 12:42 pm. The climb was obviously going to be a problem, but once one's head was in the map then it wasn't so bad. Most white areas were reasonably runnable, there was very little mud



and controls were not hidden. That makes it sound easy but it wasn't. A few small crags got our attention but the biggest fear was of getting cleaned up by low flying Golden Booters on the downhill finishing leg.

Eighth out of ten wasn't the best of results for LOG but we had the excuses of illness and distance. Ah well, we can call it experience for next year and the important thing was – We all had a really good time.



## **Lincoln Orienteering Group - Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday 10th October 2013 – The Golden Eagle, Lincoln at 8.00pm**

**Present:** Ian Durrant (President), Paul Murgatroyd, Sean Harrington, Hayley Fox, Liam Harrington, John Mather, Tom George, Jeff Baker, Tanya Taylor, Anne Gibbs, Geoff Gibbs, Clare Hanna, Delphine Suty, Jo Nell, Michael Nell, Amanda Roberts.

**1. Apologies:** Andy Lucas, Nikki Harrington, Jon May, Chris Sanderson, Ally Wright, Trudy Crosby, Kate Wilden, Dawn Thomas, Jonathan Roberts, Mathew Lea, Sarah Edwards.

**2. Minutes of 2012 AGM:** These were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. It was minuted that the suggestion of an Annual Dibber Hire facility had been discussed at a Committee Meeting but rejected. Proposed by: Anne Gibbs  
Seconded by: Ian Durrant

**3. Chairman's Report:** For my first ever Chairman's report, I shall use as my inspiration, the BO mantra of MP3 – 'more people, more places, more podia'. The year since the last AGM has been an incredibly active one, as we concluded our twenty five year anniversary celebrations and moved into the programme that saw us deliver our first ever national event – the YBT final – along with many other firsts, such as the Wolds Mini MM, the Lincs Indoor Champs, the weekly Spring series and the joint LOG/HALO venture of the urban based, Summer series.

In terms of 'people', we continue to maintain a healthy, active membership which has grown this year up to around the 80 mark, including all family, senior and junior members. It is a shame that we still tend to lose around 4-6 individuals a year, but we always seem, whether by luck or design, to replace this natural 'wastage' with new members. 2012/13 has seen the LOG ranks swelled by the following new members: Kev Rice; Andy & Monty Barker-Pilsworth; Katie Mylett; Dawn Thomas; Marta Nadgrabska; Lisa Mulvey; Stephen Higgins; Philip Morris; Jonathan Roberts; Kate Wilden and the Bellety family, with Deborah Clark, Gordon Eden, Yvonne Fox and David Raynes returning to the fold. Finally, we have also seen Lincoln Minster School, through the efforts of head of outdoor pursuits, Malcolm Barrett, have a

presence at several events. It would be remiss of me at this stage to move off the topic of people without mentioning the stars of the club, which is always difficult to do without missing out many who have made their own significant contributions to the club's operations in the past year. However, we are without doubt indebted to a key number of personnel, who go above and beyond to make sure that we offer a first class orienteering experience to both our members, and others from outside LOG, who are involved in this great sport of ours. Firstly, there is my erstwhile vice-chairman, Sean Harrington, who keeps me on the straight and narrow and reigns in some of my occasional excesses. His ability as an organiser is not to be underestimated and his work in this role before major events is always significant and even when he says that 'this time, it's low-key', we still know that he'll be beavering away to make sure the event runs smoothly and professionally. Secondly, I'd like to mention our fixtures secretary, John Mather, who performs his job in an efficient, selfless way, ensuring that we secure the permissions we need and liaises with all the relevant parties to get the unglamorous side of the operation done. It's not the sexiest of jobs, but he performs it in a way that makes it look easy and I'm sure it isn't! Finally, the hero of LOG, as far as I'm concerned, is Andy Lucas. A deserved winner of the President's Award this year, his wizardry with computers is something to behold and there is no doubt that we are very lucky to have him working away behind the scenes to ensure that each event runs seamlessly. The demands made of him by the YBT final this year were significant and he rose to the challenge with aplomb. My thanks also go to all those who gave their time to be on the committee and put such effort into the running of the club – we would be much the poorer without your commitment. With regard to 'places', our club continues to expand the number of locations we have orienteered in over the past year and new maps of Greetwell Hollow, Burwell & Haugham, Westgate Woods, Revesby Estate, Stoke Rochford, Morkery Woods & Louth Town, mean that we have more venues than ever in which to pursue our sport. Although it feels that we have put on a lot more events this past year than previously, we have only increased our output by one extra night score race, a second EMUL fixture in Stamford, the one-off YBT final, the Wolds Mini MM and the Lincs Indoor Champs, five more events in total, to bring it to 27 events across the year. Still an impressive total for a club this size and, in addition to our club nights, we manage to punch well above our weight in this respect! Having regular events and club training sessions is undoubtedly the key to both recruitment and retention of members. The future is rosy in regard to the continued development of 'places', as we look to continue to map further urban areas in Spalding, Boston, Skegness & Lincoln, plus Grimsthorpe Estate, nr Bourne, to our portfolio of woodland areas. There is no doubt we suffer in terms of what is available in Lincolnshire for traditional, woodland O, but we have, I believe, some of the best urban areas in the entire country and should use these as much as possible to bring the sport to potential recruits across the county. Lastly, we reflect on our 'podia' for the year. Our successes include managing to qualify, as a club, for the CST final for the third time in four years and hopefully we

will acquit ourselves well in the Forest of Dean next week. In addition, we beat our local rivals, HALO, again in the new Summer series team cup as well as at the CST qualifier, but couldn't manage to make it a hat-trick, as we relinquished hold of the Lincs Challenge Shield in the sprint event at Swallow Vale earlier this year.

Without doubt, it is the area of juniors that we continue to struggle with and I can only hope that the young families in the club manage to continue to nurture their offspring to become the quality orienteers that the club needs in the near future! It was good to see a healthy LOG contingent make it along to both the JK and the Scottish 6 Days, and we must do everything we can to encourage the members to travel further afield to develop their skills beyond the cosy environment of the East Midlands. This would undoubtedly help to make us stronger on the national scene and give us more chances of success in club and relay competitions. Finally, it was good to see Toby Williams become the first winner of an individual British Championship title since Liam Harrington back in 2008.

In summary, it's been an encouraging, positive year and we move forward into 2013/14 in rude health. The challenge is to continue to retain members, grow the club, especially in terms of juniors, and increase the orienteering abilities of the membership to make us as competitive as we can be on the local, regional and national scene.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Please see report attached.

## **5. Election of Officers**

### **Post Proposed Proposer Seconder Elected**

Chairman Paul Murgatroyd Amanda Roberts Ian Durrant Elected  
Vice Chairman Sean Harrington Clare Hanna Hayley Fox Elected  
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**6. Loggers' Latest Editor:** The Chairman thanked Ally Wright for her hard work as editor for the last couple of years. It was felt that the newsletter provided a valuable historical record of the club's activities and should continue if possible. Anne Gibbs volunteered to take on the role as editor.

**7. Membership Fees:** The Treasurer reassured the meeting that the abolition of the club membership fees for 2013 had not had any impact on the club's finances over the last year and recommended that this continue. The members were asked to vote on the motion that the LOG membership fee be kept at zero for 2014 with a review at the next AGM.

For: 16 Votes Against: 0 Votes Abstain: 0 Votes Motion Carried

**7. President's Award:** Ian Durrant had presented the Award at the Stamford event.

Award Winner 2013: Andy Lucas

**8. Any Other Business:**

**Thanks:** The President wished to minute thanks to Nikki Harrington and Craig Lucas for all their help at events.

**Results:** Jeff Baker expressed his concern that there had been a delay in the posting of the Stamford results on the BOF website.

**Club Trips:** Jeff Baker suggested a club trip to Portugal in 2014. The club was also looking at the possibility of a group going to the O Ringen in Jul 2014.

**Dissertation Volunteers:** Tom George needed volunteers to complete a laboratory and field test to provide data for his dissertation. Anybody willing to help should contact him directly.

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