## **Nottinghamshire Orienteering Club**

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### Nice woodland but where's my control?

I'm referring to the recent JK down in Surrey where many club members were present. Anybody who's ever been to one of these events will tell you how enjoyable they are - not least for the chance to run in some fine areas.

I was obviously enjoying the scenery too much at times but the Club had some notable performances including;

Peter Hodkinson 1st on M10B
Colin Olivant 1st on Day 2 on M14A (6th overall)
David Hodkinson 2nd M16A
Richard Robinson 3rd M18A
Robert Palmer 1st M20L
John Woodall 3rd M60S
Alison O'Neil 2nd W14A
Hilary Palmer 1st W50L

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Val Gebbett 1st W60S
and in the relays:
M48- 1st Stephen Wright / Colin Olivant / David Hodkinson
M48- 5th Tim Filby / Nicholas James / Tim Blaney
W48- 4th Fiona Munton / Sarah O'Neil / Alison O'Neil
Mini 2nd Rosemary Hodkinson / Peter Pittson / Peter Hodkinson
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If you've never been to this annual event then try to make the next one - it's usually a great atmosphere.

Many thanks are due to Dave Cooke for planning some enjoyable courses at Thieves Wood and Gill and Bob Hatfield for their organisation of this event.

The next big event from a club point of view is the Compass Sport Cup Final on 23rd May at Burghfield Common near Reading. Try to make this one a success.

Lastly we need planners/organisers for the summer league - any volunteers?

Good Orienteering, Tony

#### An Ultimatum

We have a progressive programme of events for the coming year and expect to see advancement on the Mansfield/Ashfield O-Zone. But these events won't happen unless each has an organiser, a planner and a controller.

Events will be cancelled at three months out if nobody comes forward to fill each of these roles. Our principal source of funds is profits from C4 and C5 events. The Summer League this year will actually be a Summer Series as nobody has come forward to co-ordinate the results.

Fixtures marked ¶ on the back pages are in need of officials. Call Richard Torr to offer your services.

The members of the committee each take on a job for the whole year. Please don't expect them to officiate at all the events too: they won't do it.

The Committee

#### Compass Sport Cup Final 1999, Sunday 23rd May

Most Compass Sport Cup supporters should have now received details of the pre- entry arrangements for this year's final. Pre entries for CSC now closed but there will be limited EOD. You may have to wait for an NOC start slot to be available. If anyone does want to go at the last minute probably still best to contact me as I will know what start slots are taken.

Peter Forester will run for us if he can get across from Cambridge for the day. Can anyone help out? Offers to me.

This year's finalists are now confirmed as SLOW, TVOC, WCH, NOC, SYO and MDOC. Quite a formidable line up! The new scoring system should be to our advantage. Let's go for it!

Note that the coach will leave West Bridgford at 7am.

Janet Evans xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

#### British Relay Championships, Sunday 9th May

Those of you who entered for the BRC will find enclosed a team list.

FEMALE RUNNER REQUIRED FOR BRITISH RELAY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

There is a space in a Women's team at the British Relays on Sunday 9th May. Could be either a W Short Class or a W40 or W45 Class. If you would like to run then please let Janet Evans know ASAP.

#### Mansfield Schools Events

As you will know the club is involved in development work in the Mansfield 'O' Zone and I have started with the schools.

I have arranged a series of after school events for teachers to bring a team along and sample the fun of orienteering.

We need help at registration, start, finish, or even help with the children if you want, (but this is not compulsory).

The events will start at approx 3.30pm until 5.30pm and any help you can give will be greatly appreciated at any or all of these events.

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Wed 9 June Carr Bank Park
Thu 24 June Berry Hill Park (followed by Summer League)
(provisional) Thu 8 July Peafield Lane (followed by Summer League)
Thu 15 July Sherwood Pines (Nottinghamshire Schools OA event)
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Please give me a ring if you can help. Thanks. Pauline Olivant xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

#### What is the 'O' Zone?

BOF have selected a small number of areas across the country to put extra effort into developing orienteering. NOC have secured one of these areas covering Mansfield and Ashfield. We get support from BOF in the form of Andrew Kelly, the English Development Officer and Pauline Olivant, the Eastern Schools Development Officer who will work with and on the club's behalf to help build relationships with the schools, local authorities and other bodies within the defined area.

The target of the 'O' Zone is to increase the participation in our sport initially with Juniors and later with Seniors. We will increase the number of mapped areas, including areas we have ignored as too small before, but are in fact quite suitable for White/Yellow/Orange standard, and install two or three new Permanent Courses. We will be making sure that people with special needs are catered for.

We have set up a sub-committee to lead the project from inside the club. Tony Donaldson has prepared and submitted a Lottery Grant application to help pay for the mapping and POCs, Keith Streb is working on the mapping side, and Ray Barnes is responsible for the publicity. As you will see elsewhere Pauline has already set up three extra events for this summer and has had an astonishingly good response from the schools in the O Zone.

The O Zone will run initially for two years, with an assessment after one year to evaluate progress.

#### Scottish Relay Championship, Sunday 30th May

This year's Scottish Championships are 'just over the border' in Dumfries and Galloway. Individual on Saturday 29th May, followed by the relay championships on Sunday 30th. The relays are being held at Kirkhill. The majority of the area consists of open farmland, which is rough underfoot. There is intricate contour detail in places. If you would like to run in the relays you need to enter via Janet Evans NOW. Cheques payable to NOC please. £8.00 Senior, £3.50 Junior. I will make up teams as appropriate. Closing date for individual day is 29th and for relays is 29th, so I MUST HAVE YOUR (TELEPHONED) RELAY ENTRIES BY 28th APRIL.

#### Little John Relays, 16th May

Colwick Park, signed from SK595 395

Long Medium and Short Relays. 2 or more runners per team £5 per team

Colour Coded White-Yellow-Orange £2.50 / £1.00 junior + concession / £3.00 non BOF

Registration 10:00 - 10:50 only. Mass Start 11:00 for relays.

Don't worry if you haven't pre-formed a team, as ad-hoc teams will be formed on the day.

#### White Rose Weekend: 28th-30th August (Bank Holiday)

The Yorkshire Orienteering Weekend (2 Badge events and relays) will be just north of Helmsley this year. As ever, NOC will book part of the Wayside Caravan Park at Wrelton (10 miles from Helmsley, 3 miles from Pickering), where the end of summer festivities will include a BBQ on the Saturday evening, cricket on the Sunday evening and the Robby Knudd trophy relays on the Monday.

NB - This is a family campsite - unaccompanied juniors should be capable of looking after themselves and behaving responsibly (or camp on the event campsite?!)

- \* If you want to book a place on the NOC campsite details of numbers, date of arrival, unit (caravan/awning/small tent/trailer tent etc) are needed. Pay on arrival at campsite.
- \* Relay runs are £3 per person cheque payable to NOC
- \* Cheap rate closing date for Badge events (do your own entries) and relays is MAY 25 so I need names and money BY MAY 16

Names for campsite and names/money for the relays to Hilary Palmer,

#### Footpath Relay, Saturday 19th June

NOC have entered the 1999 Footpath Relay, being held at Redmires near Sheffield (it's next to Rivelin). Hallamshire Harriers are organising the event which will consist of 120km over 20 legs of varying distance and difficulty.

There will be three loops ('petals') made up of legs between 5 and 8km. Each petal starts and finishes at Redmires. The first-leg runners go off at 9am (?) and as the leading team finishes each petal, the next petal starts for all teams, thereby ensuring the day finishes by say 5pm for everybody. There is no need to be there all day, just be ready at your handover point early enough, run your leg, and you can go home, but if the competition is tight you might find yourself staying to the finish to see if we can win by beating our close rivals, Holmepierrepont.

Leg descriptions will be issued nearer the date, when you will need to reconnoitre your route, and save yourself considerable embarrassment on the day!

If you would like to run, then contact Janet Evans xxxxxxxxxxxxx before 16th May.

#### **Thursday Training**

#### The Little Points

\* HARVESTER RELAY. Advance notice that this year's Harvester Relays will now be held on 11th /12th September. The date was changed to avoid a clash with the Junior Peter Palmer Relays. More details next issue.

#### Inside the Back Page

For your reference here are the Committee members and their phone numbers:

Chair Tony Donaldson 0115 932 2530 Secretary Jad Dziadosz 0115 917 8638 Treasurer Gill Hatfield XXXXXXXXXXXX **Fixtures** Richard Torr XXXXXXXXXXXX Team Manager Janet Evans XXXXXXXXXXXX Mapping Keith Streb XXXXXXXXXXXX Coaching Eddie Nicholson xxxxxxxxxxxxxx **Junior** Chris Hodkinson xxxxxxxxxxxxx EM Rep + B&G Editor. Ray Barnes 0115 974 6044

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Copy date will be 31st Jan, 31st Mar, 31st May, 31st Jul, 30th Sep and 30th Nov with publication normally within two weeks.

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<sup>\*</sup> Negotiations are proceeding with the Forestry Commission to have a Permanent Course in Sherwood Pines.

<sup>\*</sup> A Co-ordinator for the Summer League is still needed. Without one, there will only be eight events and no results! Please call Tony Donaldson.

# A Handy Reference Guide for your Diary

#### **Deadlines To Remember**

8th April Scottish Relay Championships entries to Janet Evans ACTION NOW 16th May White Rose Relays and camping details to Hilary Palmer 16th May Contact Janet Evans to run at Footpath Relay 31st May Copy Date Black & Green

#### **Fixtures**

13 <sup>th</sup> May	Burnstump SK573506	Summer League 2 person Relay	Richard Torr	
16th May	Colwick Park SK603392	R5 Relay	O'Neil family	Helpers - Group A Little John Relay
20th May	Clifton Campus SK550351	Summer League	Dave Olivant	
23rd May	Burghfield Common SU629625	C4 Colour Coded	(TVOC) (see elsewhere in this B&G)	Compass Sport Cup Finals
27th May	Haywood Oaks	Summer League	Bob Alderson	

	SK610559			
9th June	Carr Bank Park (directions from Pauline)	'O' Zone Schools	(Pauline Olivant)	Helpers only
10th June	Sherwood Pines (Eakring Road end) SK620617	Summer League		¶ PLANNER NEEDED!
17th June	Thieves Wood SK541557	Summer League Inc. 'O' Zone Orange	Dave Cooke	
19th June	Redmires, Sheffield	Footpath Relay	(Hallamshire Harriers)	
24th June	Berry Hill SK546593	'O' Zone Schools	(Pauline Olivant)	Helpers only
		Summer League	Tony Donaldson	
1st July	Provisional Morton Hall	Summer League	Robert Parkinson	

	SK650801			
8th July Provisional	Peafield Lane SK565648	'O' Zone Schools Summer League	(Pauline Olivant)	Helpers only  ¶ PLANNER NEEDED
15th July	Sherwood Pines SK607637	Notts Schools OA	Pauline Olivant	Helpers only
12th Sep Provisional	Colwick Park	C5 Colour Coded Come & Try I t		¶ Helpers - Group B
2nd Oct Provisional	Walesby	N5 Night		1
3rd Oct Provisional	Walesby	C4 Colour Coded		¶ Helpers - Group C
27th Nov Provisional	Rufford	N5 Night		1
28th Nov Provisional	Byron's Walk	C4 Colour Coded		¶ Helpers - Group A
19th Dec Provisional	Blidworth	O5 Christmas Event	NOC Juniors	

29th Jan 00 Provisional	Thieves	O5 Short Race		¶ Helpers - All Groups
30th Jan 00 Provisional	Blidworth Sansom Haywood Oaks	C3 Badge		¶ Helpers - All Groups
4th Mar 00 Provisional	Bestwood	O5 Short Race		¶ Helpers - Group B
5th Mar 00 Provisional	Sherwood Pines	C4 Colour Coded		¶ Helpers - Group C
15thApr 00 Provisional	Bramcote	O5 Short race		¶ Helpers - Group A
7th May 00 Provisional	Rufford	R5 Relay	Little John Relays	¶ Helpers - Group B

<sup>¶</sup> Need one or more of Planner / Organiser / Controller - see Ultimatum on front page.