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Stop Press!

Charlotte Ward 2008 new Northern Champion in JW5S Class .

Northern Championships (covering the Regions NE / NW & YHOA) held at Arncliffe Woods near Osmotherley 17th Feb.

Photo : Brian Ward

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From the Chair

Do you feel orienteering gives value for money?

Attending a recent YHOA committee meeting (definitely the least favourite task I perform as HALO Chair) there was a discussion about the necessity to have both District and Regional type events. Not so long ago there was probably a clear distinction between them in terms of quality of courses and the level of organisation required. Electronic punching has significantly reduced the quality gap between courses and, having organised both types of event recently, the organisation aspect is more about the venue than the type of event.

So, why are the entry fees for Regional events almost double those for District events? If it is due to increased costs, what are they and do they justify the higher fee? The economies provided by new technology, as we move out of the development stage of SI, do not appear to have resulted in any lowering of entry fees, particularly for Regional events. I can only conclude that these have now become lucrative revenue raising events, particularly as they tend to attract at least as many entrants as an equivalent District event for disproportionately less organisational cost per competitor.

I recently received an (unprecedented) E-mail from the organiser of a Regional event in our region, quite concerned about the very low number of pre-entries so far received. The number of entries at our recent Regional event at Pillar was disappointing considering the reputation of the area. Perhaps other people are beginning to think about this issue and are more discerning where and when they orienteer?

Events revenue is essential for clubs to fund their development and on-going capital expenditure; there can be little argument about that. However, it should not be to swell bank balances, particularly at a time when we are trying to attract more people into the sport as well as retain those we already have.

On 16th March there is an Aire Regional Event at Skipton which at £6 appears reasonable for a that type of event but would it be as low if there were not a £5 parking fee? With District events at Whitby (CLOK) and Mansfield (NOC) on the same day, the results lists may attract more scrutiny of the competitors clubs than their run times.

The issue as to why we should continue to have two types of event was originally raised by British Orienteering and I think it requires serious consideration. The immediate response to this issue from most people focuses on the number of courses which are clearly greater for Regional events, but is it essential to have so many? Software can be written to select on the basis of age class or any other field that happens to be entered on the visit data base, so production of results should not be a problem.

I suspect this particular issue will run a little longer yet.

Thank you to those of you who helped at Pillar, to Brian for some fast and furious courses and to John for his meticulous organisation. Our next District event is at Houghton on 20th April, right at the start of the 'Poacher' season. Sue Chaney will be delighted to receive offers to help on the day.

Ken Hutson

HALO Christmas Dinner

December 22nd saw 20+ HALO members and friends converge on "The Barn" at Elsham for the HALO Christmas Dinner. Despite, or perhaps, because of, some "dodgy" dancing a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Ingrid for making the arrangements



Malcolm, Geoff, Tracey, Pete & Isoldt plus a lot of empty wine glasses!

New Years Day Event

Ken had volunteered to organise the Event this time round. The Humber Bridge Country park is a very small area as far as Orienteering Events go, but even so he managed to flummox some experienced Orienteers with his Score team Event.

Teams of three had been preselected, and team members had to attempt a “Culture” Score; a “Conventional” Score, and a “Needle in a Haystack” Score, starting at designated intervals with a 30 min time limit. The “Conventional” was self explanatory, but neither the “Culture” score nor the “Needle in the Haystack” score had control circles. The “Culture” Score involved locating all the sculptures in the Park, whereas the “Needle in a Haystack” identified other features eg a knoll, some of which had controls attached.

The process generated a lot of discussion at Ken’s house afterwards, where Janet had laid on an excellent spread. Many thanks Ken for putting on the Event, and Janet for the outstanding food and drink.

Team (course run)	Course 1: 'Culture' Score		Course 2: 'Conventional' Score		Course 3: 'Needle in a Haystack' Score		Totals		Position
	Time	Points (max 80)	Time	Points (max 100)	Time	Points (max 90)	Time	Points (max 270)	
A Mike Smith (3) Mary Carrick (2) Dinah Tyszka (1)	27	60	25	90	30	20	82	170	3
B Neil Harvatt (3) Pete Shew (2) Amanda Ward (1)	23	70	26	30	28	50	77	150	4
C John Fulwood (3) John Chaney (2) Dorothy Smith (1)	25	70	24	90	27	40	76	200	1
D Paddy Neligan (3) Mark Tyszka (2) Sue Chaney (1)	24	70	28	80	29	50	81	200	2
E Brian Slater (3) Margaret Fulwood (2) John Butler (1)	25	60	27	40	30	40	82	140	5

Maximum time allowed for each course – 30 min:

Winning team decided on 1. most points, 2. shortest time

A big ‘thank you’ to everyone who braved the elements and took part with warm hearts despite cold appendages. Congratulations to the two Johns and Dorothy – a real team effort.

Thanks to Neil and John F. for collecting the ‘controls’. Thanks also to Janet for enduring the heat of the kitchen to provide us with an excellent lunch.

Rumour has it that the event returns to the south bank next year – watch this space for details.

Ken Hutson

HALO in WALES

WELSH 6 DAYS

Calling all X-campers. We have some spare rooms in our Welsh Holiday Cottage

2nd to 9th August 2008.

Would you like to join us?

Contact me soon. 3 double rooms left.

£70-100 per week per person

Brian Slater + 8

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Is this a Sculpture ?

Photo: Brian Ward

HALO LINCOLNSHIRE POACHER

A series of 11 summer events on consecutive Wednesday evenings open to all (Non Halo members welcome)

2 courses: Long 4-5.5 km. Short 2-3 km.

Start Times: 6.00-7.15 pm. 60 pence

Pre-Marked Bagged Maps Electronic [SI] Punching (Hire available at 40p)

Series Co-ordinator: Pete Kullich Tel. 01652 628358
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Best 7 of 11 events count towards the overall winners of the Poacher Trophies. Winners of both long and short courses receive 50 points. This decreases to 1 point for 50th place.

Long Course Trophies: Champion(Lincolnshire Poacher Trophy),
 Masters(M50+), SuperVet(M/W60+), UltraVet(M/W70+).

Short Course Trophies: Champion, Lady(W21+), Junior(M/W20-).

1. Wed 16 April Hendale near Gt. Limber TA 097074

Mixed woodland, part of the Earl of Yarborough's estate. From the A1084 1.25 miles SE of Bigby turn NE signposted Searby Top. Proceed for 2 miles, initially on tarmac then on green lane. Park carefully at side of track. Exit will be along track at side of wood. Please start early as daylight is limited.

Planner: Pete Kullich Post-race analysis: New Inn, Gt. Limber

2. Wed 23 April**Elsham nr. Brigg TA 035108**

Mixed woodland, last used for Poacher in 1998. From Jct. 5 of the M180 take the A18 towards Brigg for 1 mile. Near a telegraph pole take a right turn (NNW) down a rough track continuing over the M180- park as directed. Please start early as daylight is still limited. There may be a small charge for parking to defray access payment.

Planner: Neil Harvatt Post-race analysis: The Black Horse, Wrawby

3. Wed 30 April**Mausoleum Woods Gt Limber TA 134092**

Mixed woodland, part of the Earl of Yarborough's estate. From the cross-roads 0.5 mls east of the New Inn on the A18, turn N. towards Brocklesby for 1km. Turn left onto estate road, bearing left after 200m. Follow directions along track.

Planner: Vernon Davis Post-race analysis: New Inn, Gt Limber

4. Wed 7 May**Nettleton Woods Caistor TF 095991**

Mixed woodland with open and semi-open areas. Follow the A46 from Caistor for 2 miles towards Mkt. Rasen past Nettleton village, 400m. beyond garage at end of wood turn right (west) down track for 300m. Park carefully at Oaks Guide Camp.

Planner: Mark Tyszka Post-race analysis: Salutation Inn, Nettleton (A46)

5. Wed 14 May**Swallow Vale nr. Caistor TA 174043**

Mixed wooded glacial valley with adjoining open areas, part of the Earl of Yarborough's estate. From the A46 crossroads at Swallow, take the Limber road NW for 1km. Turn right towards Swallow Vale Farm for 500m.

Planner: Malcolm Humphrey Post-race analysis: New Inn, Gt. Limber

6. Wed 21 May**Primrose Warren, nr. Brigg SE 950065**

Mixed woodland with sandy open areas. From Junction 4 of M180 travel north towards the A18 roundabout for 100m. only. Turn left through gated entrance into wood. Follow track for 1km.

Planner: Steve Marin Post-race analysis: Arties Mill, A18 just before Brigg

7. Wed 28 May Willingham Woods, Mkt. Rasen. TF 131893

Mixed Forest Enterprise woodland. Follow A631 east from Market Rasen. Turn left down forest track, immediately before picnic layby. Follow track as directed.

Planner: John Fulwood

Post-race analysis: King's Head, Tealby

8. Wed 4 June Halliday Hill, Great Limber TA 107068

Mixed woodland, part of the Earl of Yarborough's estate. Park at Grasby Bottom crossroads, 2 miles NE of Grasby, 2 miles SW of Great Limber.

Planner: Andy Houlden

Post-race analysis: New Inn, Gt. Limber

9. Wed 11 June Brocklesby Park, nr. Humberside Airport TA 128123

New area, part of the Yarborough Estate. From the crossroads of the B1211 and B1210 just north of Brocklesby village, travel SW along the B1210 for 500m. Park on or near to sugarbeet pad.

Planner: Mike Smith Post-race analysis: Marrowbone and Cleaver, Kirmington

10. Wed 18 June Normanby le Wold, Caistor TF 123948

Rough well contoured grassland. Access either from the A46 north of Market Rasen via Claxby village or from the Caistor High Street (B1225) 3.5 miles south of Caistor via the radar dome. Park near the Church.

Planner: Pete Harris

Post-race analysis: Salutation Inn, Nettleton (A46)

11. Wed 25 June Pillar Wood, Caistor TA 128035

Mixed woodland, part of the Earl of Yarborough's estate. From the A46 at Caistor Top take the A1173 north for approx. 1 mile then fork left towards Gt. Limber. After c.300m. turn right (east) onto track towards Gamekeeper's Lodge and Pillar.

Planner: Brian Slater

Post-series analysis: Queen's Head, N.Kelsey Moor

Trophy presentation

Website: <http://lincspoacher.org.uk>

POACHER 2008 KITE RETRIEVAL

After making a successful trial in 2007 the rota of regular participants will be in place again in 2008. If you can add to your squad by commandeering others this will quicken the task. Feel free to swap with others if you are not going to be there on your allocated evening. Pete Kullich

1. APRIL 16 Hendale Geoff Smith/Lee/Tracy
2. APRIL 23 Elsham Ken Hutson/Peter Robinson/John Chaney
3. APRIL 30 Mausoleum Geoff Holmes/Mel Clark/Pickworths
4. MAY 7 Nettleton Phil Longstaff/Andy Furnell/Kaele
5. MAY 14 Swallow Vale The Offlers
6. MAY 21 Primrose The Field Family
7. MAY 28 Willingham The Harringtons
8. JUNE 4 Halliday Hill Michael Robinson/Jack/Pete Shew/
Mary Carrick
9. JUNE 11 Brocklesby Park Paul Beresford/Ben/Harriet Gillman
10. JUNE 18 Normanby le Wold Paul Murgatroyd/John Bennett/Steve
Bones
11. JUNE 25 Pillar Wood Paddy Neligan/Steve Willis



Matt Richards exiting

Control at Speed

Photo Brian ward

Yorkshire & Humberside Junior Squad – Charlotte's diary

I was invited to join the Yorkshire & Humberside Junior Squad at the end of last summer, but was unable to attend any training sessions before Christmas due to other sporting commitments. My first session therefore was in January, at Brayton Barff. The day consisted of numerous training activities, in groups and individually. First off was the hills exercise, followed by the distraction course (a course in which the coaches attempted to distract us from finding/going to our designated controls). The final three activities were in groups/pairs. The first of these was the Teddy Bear 'star relay' (3 x legs), followed by a butterfly loop in pairs, and finally another fun relay. The day was very enjoyable and was a good introduction to the squad training.

The second training session I attended was in Sherwood Pines in February. We were joined by the East Anglian Squad, who shared our planned activities. We had a warm-up course, followed by a pairs course in which one person runs the course forwards and the other, backwards. Next we had another pairs exercise and to finish the star relay. The day, once again, was very enjoyable, however was spoilt slightly by the brambles!

I look forward to the next squad training and to joining the squad for the Inter-Regional Champs in the summer.

Charlotte Ward

Cake Stall at Pillar Woods

Could you say a big thank you to HALO for allowing us to do a cake stall for the YHOA Squad. We raised £54.85. Zac Field

Next HALO league Fixtures

09/03/2008	Bawtry Forest (Burbage?)	SYO
30/03/2008	Hovingham South	EBOR
06/04/2008	Sandal Beat	SYO
13/04/2008	Bramham	AIRE
20/04/2008	Houghton	HALO

HALO LEAGUE

			Driffield	Scarburgh	Bentley
Mike Smith	M60	Vet	107	114	105
Joe Field	M10	Junior	98	96	101
Zac Field	M14	Junior	116		115
Yasmin Field	W10	Junior	59	96	101
Vernon Davis	M65	Vet	94		94
Jake Field	M12	Junior	112		110
Dean Field	M45	Senior	108	121	
Pete Harris	M45	Senior	75		81
Mark Tyszka	M70	Vet	100		105
Helen Smith	W21	Senior		98	95
Pat O`Grady	M70	Vet	84	107	85
Rosie Field	W40	Senior	86	98	98
Neil Harvatt	M50	Vet	109		
Dorothy Smith	W55	Vet	96	85	
Mary Carrick	W55	Vet	83		88
Ken Hutson	M50	Vet	87		84
John Fulwood	M55	Vet	94		93
Helena Crutchley	W40	Senior			100
Amber Harris	W16	Junior	82		86
Geraldine Davis	W55	Vet	0		93
Fiona Forest	W21	Senior			107
Tom Crowston	M75	Vet			97
Isoldt Harris	W45	Senior	66		82
Andrew Houlden	M35	Senior	50		58
Dinah Tyszka	W65	Vet	83		91
Brian Ward	M45	Senior	109		
Charlotte Ward	W18	Junior	102		
Pete Shew	M60	Vet	89	96	
Tracey Blackburn	W21	Senior			85
Hannah Siddle	W10	Junior			
Geoff Smith	M50	Vet			73
Ann O`Grady	W70	Vet	78	91	
Pete Kullich	M65	Vet			
Rod Williams	M60	Vet	105		
Brian Slater	M60	Vet	94		
Paddy Neligan	M55	Vet			
Malcolm Humphrey	M55	Vet		89	
Margaret Fulwood	W55	Vet			
John Chaney	M65	Vet			
Tilly Houlden	W10	Junior	83		
Sue Chaney	W65	Vet			
Amanda Ward	W40	Senior			
Fran Humphrey	W55	Vet	60		
Ingrid Slater	W60	Vet	59		

HALO LEAGUE (cont'd)

	Normanby	Walesby	Wheldrake	Bishop Wood	Best Six	Events
Mike Smith		116	94	84	620	6
Joe Field	100		100	101	596	6
Zac Field	117		112	97	557	5
Yasmin Field	94		91	94	535	6
Vernon Davis	87	103	78	78	534	6
Jake Field	93		103	101	519	5
Dean Field	104		101	84	518	5
Pete Harris	88	92	83	82	501	6
Mark Tyszka	81	117	90		493	5
Helen Smith		104	81	71	449	5
Pat O'Grady			82	84	442	5
Rosie Field			84	70	436	5
Neil Harvatt		128	104	94	435	4
Dorothy Smith		110	81	56	428	5
Mary Carrick	80	97	69		417	5
Ken Hutson		90	88	50	399	5
John Fulwood		107	91		385	4
Helena Crutchley	95		95	91	381	4
Amber Harris	58		81	70	377	5
Geraldine Davis	50	85	76	50	354	6
Fiona Forest	97		110		314	3
Tom Crowston		92	87		276	3
Isoldt Harris			71	57	276	4
Andrew Houlden		50	58	50	266	5
Dinah Tyszka			87		261	3
Brian Ward				96	205	2
Charlotte Ward				90	192	2
Pete Shew					185	2
Tracey Blackburn	50			50	185	3
Hannah Siddle			99	85	184	2
Geoff Smith	50			52	175	3
Ann O'Grady					169	2
Pete Kullich	114				114	1
Rod Williams					105	1
Brian Slater					94	1
Paddy Neligan	89				89	1
Malcolm Humphrey					89	1
Margaret Fulwood			84		84	1
John Chaney			84		84	1
Tilly Houlden					83	1
Sue Chaney			77		77	1
Amanda Ward				68	68	1
Fran Humphrey					60	1
Ingrid Slater					59	1

Compass Sport Trophy -- 13th Jan Sherbrook - Cannock Chase

This was the preliminary round of the Compass Sport trophy. As can be seen from the following table HALO finished third, but with a full team may have come close to Wrekin. Many thanks to those who made the trek over to Cannock Chase.

Brian's report below gives the details of the day, but the following hopefully clarifies the scoring system:

Although the club can enter as many runners in each class as it likes, only the number in brackets (2 or 3) on each course can count.

The top thirteen scores out of the possible 18 make the team total. We did have thirteen counters, but not enough 98s 99s & 100s to make an impact. Unfortunately only first claim club runners can compete so Fiona (RR) & The O'Grady's (SYO) amongst others could not compete for HALO.

Congratulations to Helena Crutchley for winning the Green-Womens' class.

1st	WRE	1271	JF
2nd	POTOC	1244	
3rd	HALO	1227	
4th	COBOC	260	

This was the exact same venue (car park included) as the Walton Chasers Regional Event last February. As I had only been running for a week, injury and illness preventing any physical activity, my main aim was to finish – but I didn't even achieve that as a missed control saw me score a dnf (did not finish).

As ever, Cannock provided a great Orienteering experience, only my lack of concentration spoiled the event, missing out, completely, a control 2/3rds of the way through the Blue Men (possibly to do with the weather?) Course.

I think I now understand (yet to be proven!) the Compass Sport Trophy scoring, but we were hampered (not only by my ineptitude) by missing runners. What we would have given for Fiona on the Women's Course, or Martin K and Martin S. on the Men's Long? What was VERY noticeable though was the complete lack, save Charlotte and Amber (who unfortunately, also had a dnf) of Juniors.

Brian Ward

Compass Sport Trophy

Scores by course

(Even the non counters may have pushed opposing team members further down the scores)

	Counters	Non Counters
Brown (3)		
Peter Fulwood	94	
John Fulwood	90	
Andrew Houlden	87	
Blue Women (2)		
Helen Smith	98	
Emma Fulwood	92	
Blue Men (3)		
Neil Harvatt	99	
Peter Harris	92	
Ken Hutson	91	
Brian Ward		0
Green Women (2)		
Helena Crutchley	100	
Mary Carrick	92	
Dorothy Smith		90
Amanda Ward		86
Isoldt Harris		84
Green Men (2)		
Paddy Neligan	98	
Mike Smith	96	
Brian Slater		94
Mark Tyszka		86
John Chaney		78
Green Vets (2)		
Sue Chaney		86
Light Green (2)		
Charlotte Ward	98	
Amber Harris		0
Orange (2)		
No Entrants		

Event Reports by Brian Ward

19th January – YHOA Junior Squad Training – Brayton Barff, Selby

With Charlotte now resident in the Junior Squad it was a great excuse for me to be able to get in some (much needed) Technique Training as well! Although small and brambly, Brayton Barff is, non the less, a great little area. It's the only hill in the Vale of York and provides super views from the hill-top. Two Juniors provided the day's courses, all enthusiastically completed by those present. From here we moved on to...

YHOA Night League Event - EBOR – Bishopwood

I've not done a Night-O since around 1980 so it was great to shadow Charlotte around the Short. Squelchy underfoot, and mostly offering route choice via "which path route shall I take?" it was brilliant! We loaned Head Torches and had a great time chasing the pair that started 2 minutes in front of us. If only I could persuade Charlotte to do more of these events – but that might be a big ask!

20th January – EBOR District Event – Bishopwood

Lesson learned from last year when I over-did it and ran Brown, when I wasn't at all up to it, this time round I plumped for Blue. You can add on 20%ish to the Course Length before you even start – so 6km on Blue realistically works out at more like just over 7km on the straight line. Bishopwood is an area where you have very few opportunities to travel the straight line, the brambles are far too ferocious for that!

Steady as she goes, very little time lost, although there are very few technical legs / controls, the light green nature of some of the wood / ditch combination can be tricky if not approached with caution – another lesson from last year!

27th January – SYO Regional Event – Tankersley, Sheffield

A super day, dry, bright and sunny, if not a little chilly initially, turned into a great "O" experience. Again, let down by my own technical incompetence, couldn't hide the fact that this is a gem of an area. Plenty of tracks and small paths, confusing in them self, coupled with a wealth of small contour detail, the legacy of the industrial history of the terrain, gave you a testing technical work out. Just a shame for me that I'm yet to discover my "O" form, I reckon it takes 3 or 4 events to get back into a proper "O" mentality, so, maybe next time? (where have I heard that before?).

10th February – NOC Regional Event – Budby, Sherwood Forest

It's easy to go to area's like this with the mentality – easy area – don't need to "Orienteer" – wrong! I think there's potential for bigger time loss on an easy area than on a difficult area as your concentration levels tend to be more relaxed. I certainly approached the event with a caution normally reserved for more technical terrain, and I think it paid off! Some delightful open and runnable woodland, mostly flat or only very gently undulating, accurate compass work coupled with checking off all those Stag Oaks, was the general order of the day. Again, weather-wise – spot on! A slightly chilly and frosty start paved the way for clear blue sky and bright sunshine – sometimes a nuisance in itself as you ran due south along tracks directly into it's bright light! We (me!) are starting to get the hang of this Orienteering again now, and with the training starting to look a bit more meaningful here's hoping for a good JK – as that's the main season's aim.

17th February – CLOK Regional Event and Northern Championships – Arncliffe Woods

Global Warming – don't you just love it! A cold and frosty start, but GLORIOUS sunshine, just as well, as the walk to the start was 30 minutes. The area consists of two distinct features – STEEP woodland, a 50/50 mix of good and, well, not good, runnability! plus the gently sloping open moor, a 50/50 mix of bracken and heather – both mostly passable at this time of year.

We started along a path, frozen solid by the the overnight frost then headed vertically upwards through the woods onto the open moor. Visibility here was excellent, it would have been an entirely different story had the mist been down or rain / sleet been present. As it was, I generally found the best course of action to run on compass, noting the vague contour shapes on route and into the control.

Some nice compass legs too down off the moor and back through the woods to the finish. Courses were planned on the short side, probably as an allowance in case of poor weather – and probably a good decision by those responsible. The woods are physically demanding, and the contrast between them, and the more easy going on the moor, gave a nice balance to the courses, the brilliant weather being a massive bonus.

Pillar Woods, HALO Regional Event, 3rd February.

I think course shape and leg length variety are the key factors I consider when planning. Pillar is a great venue for both of these priorities. You can throw in long legs, running both north-south and east-west across the map – the central open area is a real boon too, in my eyes, as you switch competitors focus from woodland to open and back again.

My main concern with Pillar is the runnability, ideally you need to look at an area 12 months in advance, in practice, having planned Harvester previously, I had a very good idea of what underfoot conditions would be like in February.

Brian (Slater) did the major re-mapping which was required, generally just tidying up what I'd made a mess of! What became obvious to me was the desperate need for; in particular, the northern half of the area to be looked at, as, with many other places, the runnability year on year just keeps getting better.

Fallen trees now abound, mixed with rootstocks, knolls which were once rootstocks and tree stumps we (HALO) ought to have another good look at the whole area next time we plan to hold an event in Pillar and try to standardise, these features in particular.

You can't realistically plan beyond technical difficulty 3 here, but the general quality of the straight line running and the sheer size and shape of the area warrants a Regional standard competition. I arm-chair planned the majority of the courses in advance of my first visit and tried to tag controls in the rain, without pre-marking the tapes, then discovered waterproof ink doesn't necessarily work if your tags are already wet!

A few tweaks after consultation with the controller and we were set, just some minor map corrections, courtesy of Mr. Slater and then down to the nitty gritty. It's surprising what becomes noticeable when you get your first complete set of pre-marked maps for all the courses, things that you don't notice on OCAD become glaringly obvious on "proper" maps. So, some more minor adjustments because I felt them necessary, and one or two from the controller – which I totally agreed with, but missed at the arm-chair stage and Brian (S) could weave his magic with producing the final maps and control descriptions, plus finalising the SI side of things. Brian does an awful lot of behind-the-scenes work, and without him I would have definitely struggled!

I had to use some very short legs on the longer courses to turn competitors in the forest, ideally these would have been slightly longer, but lack of features prevented this, some times you just have to compromise, I don't like to, but you can't have everything that you want!

I was generally pleased with my efforts but now feel I've probably "done" Pillar to death – unless of course, we get that call for the British Relays! The on-the-day verdict has to come from the competitors, I think most were happy – I know I would have been!

Editorial

Thank you again to all those who have contributed. Remember this is your magazine, so please keep the copy flowing.

Along with the Poacher series, this seems to have been the time of year for HALO members to get together. The Christmas meal was followed by the New Years Day Event, certainly more Social than competitive. It would be great to see a few new faces at these Events. At the Christmas meal it was good to see the O'Grady's and the Fosters. Perhaps if you are a regular, you could invite some newer members along to join in the social occasions.

The Compass Sport trophy was another get together. Without strong runners in many classes, this again was more social than competitive. This was highlighted by the fact that, as Neil pointed out, HALO had the best tent in the assembly area, rather than the best team! Thanks again to all that turned out.

One of the concerns that an Event organiser has is whether there will be enough helpers on the day. I had no such worries with Pillar. Many offered without needing a prompt, and although a couple dropped out with illness on the day, there were plenty to help out. Many thanks to all those who volunteered, particularly some of the new faces. Perhaps one of the reasons everyone got together was the hut, and the wood burning stove. A special thanks to Fran for stoking the fire to keep us warm!

Writing this was a last minute effort so I was watching breakfast on the BBC this morning with Mike Bushell doing what I thought was a pretty good advertisement for orienteering. It should have certainly promoted the sport as a competitive running race, so let's hope we can get a few more along to Houghton Wood and the Poacher series.

Keep the articles & pictures coming.

A reminder that HALO NEWS is On-line at www.halo-orienteering.org.uk

If you are happy to view, or download / print from the website instead of receiving a hard copy by snail mail, then please let me know by e-mail.

Savings on printing, stationery, postage will all help the club funds!!!!

Copy date for next Newsletter: 10th April

John Fulwood

HALO Fixtures & Officials to April 2009

Listed below are HALO events up to April 2009, together with the names of those members who have agreed to officiate. (This list excludes Poacher 2008 Events) If you can help by volunteering to fill any of the other main posts, please contact our Fixture Secretary, Neil Harvatt (neil@neilharvatt1.orangehome.co.uk). This help will be much appreciated and will also allow some of the regular officials to fully take part in our events.

If you can't fill an official role but are able to help on the day for any event, then please contact the organiser for that event. Even if you can't help during an event, you could still contribute by volunteering to collect some of the controls in. (This is a valuable way to improve your orienteering skills, finding controls with no time pressure – you should have to pay for the privilege!!)

Neil Harvatt

DATE	VENUE	CONTROLLER	ORGANISER	PLANNER
Apr 20	DISTRICT Houghton Woods	John Butler (SBOC)	Sue Chaney Asst Ken Hutson	Mary Carrick
May 17	SCHOOLS Burton Constable			
Dec 13	NIGHT Venue Primrose Warren (tbc)			
Dec 14	DISTRICT Venue Primrose Warren(tbc)			
2009 Mar 22	REGIONAL Londesborough Park			Paddy Neligan
Apr 26	Lincolnshire Bomber		Joint HALO / LOG / RAFO	



DISTRICT ORIENTEERING EVENT

Houghton Wood

Sunday 20th April 2008

VENUE	The event will be signposted from the A1034 Market Weighton to South Cave road at SE 907367 near North Newbald. Parking/Registration & Toilets will be in a field at SE 893367. The start/finish areas will be within easy reach of the car park. Dogs are not allowed at this event.	
TERRAIN	Houghton Wood is a flat mixed area. There are large areas of newly planted trees, patches of impenetrable rhododendrons, and some runnable woodland. There are plenty of paths and tracks.	
COURSES	White to Brown plus string.	
MAP	1:10000	
FEES	Senior £6.50* Junior £3.00** <i>(*£2/**£1 reduction for BO & Local members)</i> SI card hire £1 seniors / 50p juniors Car parking £1 per vehicle	
TIMES	Registration	10.00 - 12.00
	Starts	10.30 - 12.30
	Courses close	14.30
NEWCOMERS	are always welcome at HALO events. Ask at registration for assistance.	
WEBSITE	www.halo-orienteeing.org.uk	
OFFICIALS	Controller	John Butler
	Planner	Mary Carrick
	Organiser	Sue Chaney 01482 653152 john@chaney1.karoo.co.uk

SI ELECTRONIC PUNCHING WILL BE USED AT THIS EVENT

COMPETITORS TAKE PART AT THEIR OWN RISK



Helen Smith sprinting to the Finish at Pillar woods

Photo : Brian Ward

LOG Summer Series 2008

There are 3 courses as always, an easy Short & Long ideal for beginners new to the sport and a Technical which will suit the more experienced Orienteers.

Start Times 6-30 – 7.30pm Entry Fee £1.50 per map

Courses : Short (2-3Km) Long (4-6Km) Technical (3.5 – 5.5Km)

Trophies : Winner on Short : Winner on Long : Winner on technical

Date	Venue	Date	Venue
17 Apr	Hartsholme Park	26-Jun	Twyford Woods
01-May	Stapleford Woods	10-Jul	West Common
15-May	Riseholme Park	24-Jul	Ostlers Plantation
29-May	Bourne Woods	07-Aug	South Common
12-Jun	Lincoln University		

Series co-ordinator Sean Harrington (01522 791344)

www.logonline.org.uk

FIXTURES

Local and District Events

These are abbreviated. Please check with the Organiser / Club website for all details.

Feb	EM	LOG Night Event. Riseholme Park, Lincoln.	
28th	C5N	Paul Murgatroyd. eventinfo@logonline.org.uk 18:30 Mass start 45 Min Score. www.logonline.org.uk	-
Mar 2nd		DVO District Event. Crich Chase, Belper	
C4		Dave Bennett, 01332-298959. davebderwent@aol.com www.dvo.org.uk	
8th	YH	SYO Night Event. Burbage Moor, Sheffield.	
	C4N	Brian Shaw, 01433 630467. brian@drgbshaw.mail1.co.uk Short, Medium, Long, www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk	
9th	YH	SYO District Event. Burbage Moor, Sheffield.	
	C4	Brian Shaw, 01433 630467. brian@drgbshaw.mail1.co.uk www.southyorkshireorienteers.org.uk	
16 th		NOC District Event. Thieves Wood, Mansfield	
C4		Bob Alderson, 0115 845 0771. r.alderson1@ntlworld.com www.noc-uk.org	
30th	YH	EBOR District Event. Hovingham South, Malton.	
	C4	Victor Chechik, 01904 438256. www.eborienteers.org.uk	_____
April	YH	SYO District Event. Sandal Beat Doncaster	
6th	C4	Details to follow	
13th	EM	LOG District Event & EM League. Bourne Woods, Bourne.	
	C4	Dave Denness, 01780 764648. www.logonline.org.uk	
13th	YH	AIRE District Event. Bramham Park West, Leeds.	
	C4	Chris March, 0113 289 2731. www.aire.org.uk	
20th	YH	HALO District Event. Houghton Woods, Market Weighton.	
	C4	See separate notice	
May	EM	DVO District Event. Hardwick Hall, Sutton in Ashfield.	
18th	C4	John Armstrong, 01335 348238. armstrongjm@talk21.com www.dvo.org.uk	

National & Regional Events:

- Feb 17th** **CLOK Regional Event & Northern Championships.** Arncliffe
C3 Woods, Osmotherley Joe Trigg, 01642 279668.
joe.trigg@ntlworld.com www.clok.org.uk
- Feb 24th** CLARO Regional Event. Brimham, Pateley Bridge
C3 Chris Dicken, 01423 505748. dicken_chris@hotmail.com
www.claro-orienteing.org
- Mar 16th** AIRE Dales Regional Event. Valley of Desolation, Skipton
C3 Organiser: Martyn Broadest, 0113 2328982 (before 9pm).
martyn@broadest.org.uk Entries: Alan and Margaret Parker, 10,
King Alfreds Drive, Leeds, LS6 4PS, 0113 268 5764.
meparker@freenet.co.uk www.aire.org.uk
- Mar 21st-24th** **JAN KJELLSTROM ORIENTEERING FESTIVAL**
C3S 21st - JK Weekend - Sprint Race. University of Surrey, Guildford.
C1 22nd - JK WEEKEND - DAY 1 INDIVIDUAL RACE. Leith Hill,
Dorking.
C1 23rd - JK WEEKEND - DAY 2 INDIVIDUAL RACES. Pippinford
Park and Broadstone Warren, Tunbridge Wells.
R1 24th - JK Weekend - Relays. Eridge Park, Tunbridge Wells
Mike Elliot (Event Coordinator), 01372 273106.
mike.elliott@bigfoot.com www.jk2008.org.uk
See website for details of closing dates etc.
- April SOA BRITISH ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS**
C1 **19th - BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008 - INDIVIDUAL.** Culbin East,
Forres.
R1 **20th - British Championships 2008 - Relays.** Culbin East, Forres.
Co-ordinator: Jon Musgrave, 013398 84447, jon@big-jon.demon.co.uk
Entries: OEntries www.oentries.com/ www.boc2008.co.uk/
- May YH EBOR NATIONAL EVENT & FCC Classic Final.** Cawthorne and Keldy,
Pickering.
4th C2 Organiser: Lionel Carter, 01904 489427.
www.eborienteers.org.uk