

HALO NEWS

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John presenting Charlotte with a club jacket as congratulations for being selected for the BOF Talent Development Coaching camp at the end of July



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Beverley Club Nights

END OF TERM CLUB NIGHT 18TH JULY

Brian Ward once again planned some interesting end of term challenges for us.

A 2 sprint event for the fasties - and pick one only if you were less experienced.

The 36 control grid presented some mind boggling navigational problems for some. There were no descriptions - so it was necessary to check your position visually before dishing. On the grid results I re-instated those who made only one error so that they could have a full house.

Beverley Club Nights start up again on Monday 12 September, 6.30 to 8 pm at Longcroft School in Beverley. Suitable for all ages and abilities, newcomers are especially welcome. Children £1, adults £2 and families £5 a session. For more information contact Neil Harvatt on 01302 772911 or neil@halo-orienteeing.org.uk

Grimsby Club Nights

We had a frantic last session re-running Brian Ward's Grid courses; plus a 'head to head' - 'place and retrieve' 2 controls around the grounds - using matched pairs of competitors.

A short introduction to Paul Murgatroyd's dynamic stretching warm-up suggestions was illustrated by BS.

Mary matched up with Brian who split his sides - OUCH! to keep her at bay. Sam was outwitted by his Dad who had placed the control high in the tree branches causing Sam to come back to base barking mad. All's fair in dad and son - Dad had to buy Sam's supper.

The Grid - (36 controls), (Brian Ward's invention) proved popular with the participants who kept going until they had produced a 'Full House' BINGO.

Sam burnt us all off - but the surprise was that Mary Vickers came second. She is a very fast walker - after knee surgery - but an experienced marathon runner before that!

It was a very pleasant evening of activity, (thank you all for helping to clear up) followed by supper at the Pear Tree near Cleethorpes which some of you know.

Coaching 'proper' will re-start at OASIS on 7th September 2011 - 6pm. Note the time please - be ready to start at 6 - meet at the 'Old Sports Hall' it will be signposted.

East Yorkshire Short Race Series

The final round of the 2011 Short Race Series was held at Hull University on 24 July. Top two places for the Series (best six races to count) were -

Men Open - 1st Zac Field M16 (SYO) 298 points, 2nd Brian Ward M45 (HALO) 296 points

Women Open - 1st Helena Crutchley W45 (HALO) 299 points, 2nd Rosie Field W45 (SYO) 289 points

Men Veteran - 1st Paul Bradbury M50 (SYO) 297 points, 2nd Mike Ridealgh M60 (EBOR) 290 points

Women Veteran - 1st Mary Carrick W60 (HALO) 295 points, 2nd Christine Roberts W60 (EBOR) 294 points

Men Junior - 1st Jake Field M16 (SYO) 300 points, 2nd Joe Field M10 (SYO) 294 points

Women Junior - 1st Yasmin Field W12 (SYO) 300 points



The race is on

Photos Helen Smith



Mark Carrick receiving her trophy

Thanks Helen, and to Ken for a brilliant Race Series - helped along the way (as ever) by other HALO members too numerous to mention, but including Neil, Brian (Slater), Pete (Shew), John (Butler) and others that I'm sure did sterling work behind the scenes!

THANKS(!) Brian Ward

Lincolnshire Poacher 2011

Another successful series has come to an end. This, the first post Pete Kullich was well managed by Brian Slater and Neill Harvatt with considerable help on the results side from Pete Shew and many others. Pete's instant results service is one that many major Events do not have, and it really takes the results up to another level. In the absence of PK's Event Reports, guest reporters were recruited by Brian. They were able to provide their own commentary on the Events

Next year Pete Harris takes over the co-ordinating role. Returns of his questionnaire showed that the basic format should remain the same. There is a problem however in that those on Yellow have a problem moving up to the Short Course because there is such a jump in the level of Technical difficulty. To overcome this Pete is planning to run the first 8 races as conventional Poacher courses, the move to a Park race format at the end. This should enable progression to be made. The other innovation for next year is to have active controller to support the planner/organiser. Both Planner and controller cannot score points for their event, so will be able to play a joker. i.e. score double points on another event of their choice. I suspect these ideas will mature between now and next April, so be prepared for some changes.



The wilds of Lincolnshire -
photo Andy Furnell

Thanks then to the planners:

Poacher 1 : Mausoleum Woods - Martin Kullich

Poacher 2: Nettleton - San Offler

Poacher 3: Elsham - Paul Simmons

Poacher 4: Cottagers Dale Woods - Brian Slater

Poacher 5: Willingham Woods: (from the North end) - Mal Humphrey

Poacher 6:Hendale - Pete Shew
 Poacher 7: Primrose - Andrew Houlden
 Poacher 8: Brompton / Halliday Hill - Neil Harvatt
 Poacher 9: Pillar / Cabourne - Pete Kullich
 Poacher 10: Otby - John Fulwood
 Poacher 11: Swallow Vale - Pete Harris

Lincolnshire Poacher Series Winners – best 8 from 11		
Long		
Champion	Liam Harrington M21	399
Masters	Neil Harvatt M55	376
Super Vets	Mike Smith M65	305
Ultra Vets	Pete Kullich M70	239
Women’s	Helena Crutchley W45	317
Short		
Champion	Jake Field M16	394
Ladies	Rosanne Field W45	359
Junior	Joe Field M10	335
Yellow		
Best Performance Boys	Dom Simmonds M12	400
Best Performance Girls	Marshaili Jolly W10	389
Congratulations to you all!		

Lincolnshire Challenge Shield

Established last year for the first time, the Lincolnshire Challenge Shield is now an annual competition between HALO & LOG. Last year the event was won by HALO but this year's event, which was organised by HALO at Cleethorpes Country Park on Wednesday 29 June, was won by LOG with a total time for its 10 scoring members of 410 minutes 16 seconds compared with HALO's time for its 10 scoring members of 434 minutes 16 seconds. However, a number of our members who should know better mis-punched and were disqualified. If they had not mis-punched then HALO would have won - no pressure then but some of the LOG members also mis-punched so who knows! Oh well there is always next year.

Many thanks to Brian Ward for planning the excellent and challenging courses which took the form of a prologue and a chase with a maze at the beginning and at the end of each of them to keep competitors on their toes, to Brian Slater for organising it all and to the 35 HALO members who took part.

John Butler

Well what an occasion/location for the 2nd Lincolnshire Challenge Shield. Some loggers did a round trip of 180 miles to represent their club – what dedication and loyalty. HALO also put out an excellent team. However, on the night LOG were able to clinch the race by a mere 24 minutes – I make that a 6% lead - and, using the Brian Slater 'swingometer' we could easily take the Shield back next year if Brian Ward (planner 2011) runs and Paul Murgatroyd (planner 2012?) doesn't!

Brian Ward had produced some well thought through legs on the terrain giving excruciating choices around the lake. There were twists and turns to test competitors' abilities to concentrate under pressure. The 2 tripods in the wood on the hill on the 'Chase' were a good test of compass work or pure directional choice. On the chase I chose to circumnavigate the lake to the left. I was able to see lots of happy runners' faces having negotiated legs 15 to 16 to 17 to 18 which also gave choices of route testing the participants' abilities to make quick decisions. The more equal the routes appear, the more difficult the route choice. However, you might approach

such route choices by choosing one or the other quickly, knowing that Brian, being HALO's top planner, would have equalised the routes meticulously.

Up and coming HALO runners such as Lewis Tuck, Dave Offler, David Jolly, Andrew Houlden and Fran Humphrey, excelled to score surprisingly in the top 10. Well done! Regulars Jake & Neil both Poacher Champions kept our cumulative total time pretty low. Helena, who has been putting in some quality training recently, scored competently in the senior women class. There was a lot of pressure on the women for this race, because failure to complete would mean that their class could not score at all. Dean, Poacher Master's runner-up, always dependable when it comes to these crucial competitions, was just 5 minutes down on top LOG runner, Liam. Charlotte, our star England runner, put in a creditable result just 6 ½ minutes behind the leader. Congratulations to all of you scorers and thanks to all the rest of HALO runners for competing – you never know when your result might count.

LOG's strength was in its senior men and vet women not forgetting the junior men who made a creditable contribution. LOG was supreme on this occasion and credit to them.

The two clubs that cover the Lincolnshire County are obviously fairly equal overall in ability. Each has a little bit of help from its friends i.e. LOG has RAFO cadets, and HALO has SYO (1st claim club members), The Family Fields. This is a mutual club agreement which speaks for the integrity and commitment to the sport of both clubs.

Brian Slater

HALO BBQ

Thanks to Pete and Julie Shew for once again hosting the annual HALO Barbecue at their delightful home in Broughton on Sunday 2 July.

Fifteen HALO members spent a very pleasant afternoon relaxing in the sunshine enjoying eating and drinking before nine of them took part in Barrows Barbecue Bustle, a micro sprint event contained within Pete & Julie's garden. The course was 0.51 k with 20 m of climb and was won convincingly by Neil Harvatt in 7.02. In the after race analysis Neil confessed that he owed his victory to the haircut that he had had earlier that day which enabled him to be more streamlined than the other

competitors. Dorothy Smith was the first lady home in 9.12 despite finishing in bare feet. The Chairman and immediate past Chairman both excelled themselves by mispunching. Brian Slater attempted to knobble the opposition by leaving twigs in the SI control units but he still came last - his excuse was that as the first runner/walker he lost time in having to wake the units up.



Attacking the puddings

I think that there was an expectation that competitors would walk around the course, except for the last leg to the finish, but one or two of the more competitive ones were observed, when they thought that they were out of sight, breaking into a fast trot! The event had pre-marked maps and used electronic punching. The planner, Pete Shew, must be congratulated on producing such a challenging course in such a compact area which whilst largely open did contain intricate areas of tight and runnable trees, water features and man made objects, not to mention a moveable root stock.



Neil with his Trophy - no expense spared!

Humber Night Challenge

Many thanks to the 15 HALO members and the 1 non-member involved in this year's Humber Night Challenge which was organised jointly by Humber Police, Humber Fire and Rescue, the Tribune Trust and HALO on 12/13 March. As well as giving up all of the Saturday evening (or the early hours of Sunday morning, or in some cases both) 7 members put on seven training sessions at various venues in Beverley, Hull, Grimsby and Scunthorpe prior to the event.

Some 150 youngsters from East Riding, Hull, North East Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire in teams of 5 successfully completed 20K of night orienteering, mainly off road starting and finishing at Brantingham Park (the home of Hull Ionians Rugby Football Club) in the East Riding. The top three results, which were kept under wraps until the prize giving at the Odeon Cinema in Hull last month, were all teams from the East Riding –

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| 1 st Captain Birdseye and His Fish Fingers (Elloughton) | (9 th - 4:45:35) |
| 2 nd Hessle Road Network (Hessle) | (5 th - 4:39:46) |
| 3 rd The Dark Knights (Hull) | (2 nd - 4:17:32) |

The brackets show the position and how long the teams took to complete the course, excluding the time taken to tackle the six challenges which they encountered on route. The final positions were adjusted to reflect their scores for the challenges. The fastest team took 4:14:07 but clearly did not do so well on the challenges.

The first challenge, which was run by HALO, was to plot 13 map references which identified the route to be followed. Three challenges were run by JCS Leisure (the adventure company at Elsham) under HALO members' supervision, with the remaining two organised by Humber Fire and Rescue and the Coastguards. HALO's SI equipment was used for the start, finish and the controls on route.

The prize for the winning team was a week's adventure course in the Lake District. HALO presented each of the members of the top six teams with a HALO prize voucher which entitles the holder to free admission to any HALO Club Night or Orienteering event for a year.

Tribune Trust Grant

At the Humber Night Challenge Awards Night, the High Sheriffs' and Humber Police Tribune Trust presented HALO with a cheque for £800.

In thanking the HALO team for the help, support and advice provided for the Night Challenge over a period of months and on the night of the event, the Director of the Trust said -

“Not only did your members run the start, finish, checkpoints and map reading aspects of the event but you provided excellent training for the young people and through Ken Hutson for adult supervisors.

Your close involvement this year made the event much more professional and brought a new dimension to the competitors as they started and completed the course.

Not only have you assisted with Night Challenge now for two years but HALO's work with young people at other events over the year reflects two of the Trust's objectives, namely, promoting good citizenship and sport.”

Whilst the publicity that HALO gets from being one of the joint organizers of the Night Challenge is most welcome, the main reason we got involved was because we saw it as an opportunity to give something back to the community and to help some of those who have not had the same privileges that we have. We certainly did not get involved because we thought that we might get a grant - but it is very nice when our efforts are rewarded in such a tangible way.

What is the Tribune Trust?

The Trust is an endowment fund, registered with the Charities Commission. It was established by the High Sheriffs of Lincolnshire and the East Riding of Yorkshire and the Chief Constable of Humberside Police to improve quality of life and create a positive image for our business and residential communities .

Who runs the Trust?

The Patrons and Trustees are local people who serve for a fixed term. Former, current, and future High Sheriffs and business leaders form the backbone of the Trustees. Through close contact with the police, donors and the community, they ensure that the Trust's funds are used constructively to maximise the benefits to business and residents

Beverley Urban Race 13th July - the press release



The heat didn't stop runners posting some very fast times through the streets and alleyways of Beverley. Over 100 competitors took part, with experienced Orienteers travelling from as far afield as Coventry, Middlesbrough and Manchester, for this the second running of the Beverley Urban Orienteering Race.

The event which was organised by Humberside and Lincolnshire Orienteers (HALO), started and finished in the Market Square and also attracted interest from many passing locals. Planner, Neil Harvatt, said, "It was great to see many locals taking part even though they had never tried Orienteering before. Many of the

experienced Orienteers were very impressed with Beverley, especially the opportunity to navigate around landmarks such as The Minster, The Friary and the intricate alleyways of the Town Centre. It shows that Orienteering can be just as much a challenge in town centres as it is in the forests and moorlands of North Yorkshire".

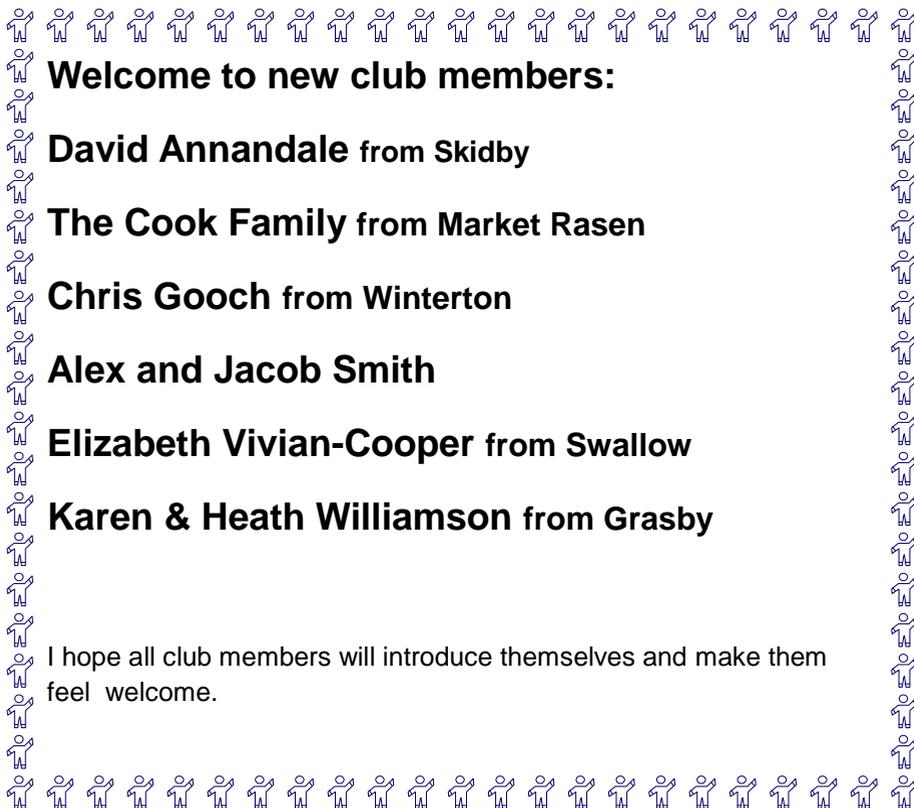
The Men's Open was won by Brian Ward, from South Cave by the tightest of margins. Adam Bradbury of Rotherham was only one second behind him. England Junior International Zac Field from Beverley was third. Another England Junior Charlotte



Ward followed in her father's footsteps by taking The Women's Open title, by a massive margin of 12 minutes. However only two seconds separated second and third in this category. York's Amanda Cooper just pipping Emma Harrison from the East Pennine Orienteering Club.

Nearly fifty controls had been placed in and around Beverley with each course visiting a combination of them. Five separate courses were available, ranging in length from 1.3 km to 6.4 km.

Congratulations to Neil for getting this press release into the Hull Daily Mail - with a picture, and smaller reports in the Beverley Guardian and Hull Daily Mail - again



Welcome to new club members:

David Annandale from Skidby

The Cook Family from Market Rasen

Chris Gooch from Winterton

Alex and Jacob Smith

Elizabeth Vivian-Cooper from Swallow

Karen & Heath Williamson from Grasby

I hope all club members will introduce themselves and make them feel welcome.

YHOA Urban League

Eight fixtures have taken place so far this year in the 2011 YHOA Urban League, including ours in Beverley Town Centre on 26 June. The next event is at Sheffield on 3 September, then there is a bit of a gap until the final two events on 29 and 30 October in Leeds and Skipton. Urban events are harder than you might think and you get to see some interesting town/city centres (and some dull ones!). It also helps improve your map-reading.

Leading HALO positions to date are:

Women Open (W18+)	2nd Helen Smith 3rd Charlotte Ward
Men Ultra Vets (M75+)	4th Pat O'Grady
Women Vets (W40+)	5th Amanda Ward
Women Super Vets (W55+)	6th Dorothy Smith

Full details and latest league positions can be found via the AIRE website - www.aire.org.uk - then clicking on the appropriate section.

YHOA Superleague

Five fixtures out of nine completed. As there are five to count for the league - well done to **George Van Dam** who has a perfect 500 points in the M10 class. Unbeatable!

Other positions of note to date:

M21L - 3rd Tom Chesters	M55L - 3rd Neil Harvatt
M75 - 2nd Pat O'Grady	M65S - 1st John Butler
M35S - 1st Brian Ward and 5th Paul Van Dam	

Helena Crutchley 5th W35L and 4th W45L ! It helps the number of HALO counters.

W55L - 1st Mary Carrick	W21S - 5th Helen Smith
W45S - 5th Amanda Ward	

YHOA Championships

Timble Ings and Asquith - 15th May



Congratulations to George Van Dam for becoming the M10 Champion at the 2011 YHOA Championships. (Left)



And M10 Northern Champion on 27th March at Ray Desmense Northumberland on 27th March (Right)

YHOA Schools Championships

Golden Acre Park near Leeds on 10 July.

The medal tally was-

Y4 Boys - Joe Field - Gold, George Van Dam - Silver
Y7 Girls - Yasmin Field - Silver
Y9 Boys - Jake Field - Silver
Y11 Boys - Zac Field - Gold

All graduates of the Beverley Club Nights run by Neil Harvatt!!

East Riding Schools Orienteering Championships

12th April - Burton Constable Hall

This is the press Release following the successful East Riding Orienteering Championships: This formed the basis of the full page article in the June edition of CompasSport.

Nearly 200 pupils from 29 primary schools came together for the final of this year's East Riding Schools Orienteering Championships . The event was the culmination of a joint project between the two School Sport Partnerships that cover all the East Riding schools and the local orienteering club HALO (Humber-side and Lincolnshire Orienteers). Over 500 pupils from 45 schools, many of whom had little or no experience of orienteering, took part in the thirteen heats that had been held at various venues throughout the East Riding in the past month. The top pupils from each of the heats were invited to take part in the final and could run either as individuals or as pairs. There were two courses, one for year 6 pupils and the other for year 5 and below.

66 teams and individuals took part in the Year 6 competition which was contested over a 1.8km long course consisting of 22 controls which had to be visited in the correct order. The winning team in this category were Ben Parsons and Elliot Reed from Preston Primary School who sped round the course in 12 minutes 11 seconds. Next came Alex Morris and Haydn Rigby from Aldborough



Primary School in 13 minutes and 51 seconds, followed by Harry Burnhill representing Martongate School in 14 minutes and 27 seconds.

26 teams and individuals took part in the Year 5 competition which consisted of a 1.4 km long course featuring 16 controls. The fastest year 5 runners were Patrick Cooke and Cameron McGregor from Driffield Junior School with a fantastic time of 10 mins 6 secs for this course. Not far behind, also from Driffield Junior School, were the trio of James Cullen, Niall Parkinson and Callum McNeil who finished in 11 mins 36 secs and the 3rd fastest on the day were Ben Waterhouse and Oscar Powell from Elloughton.School with a time of 14 mins 13 secs.

The winning schools were Aldborough Primary followed by Molescrot in year 6 and Driffield Junior School followed by Martongate in year 5. The full results are available on the HALO website www.halo-orienteering.org.uk .

Many congratulations to the medal winners, who also received vouchers entitling them to free entry to any HALO event in the next 12 months, and to all the other competitors, each of whom received a certificate and a goody bag thanks to the generosity of Tesco, Nestle, British Orienteering and the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Sports Development Team.

In addition to the standard courses, a maze course was also on offer to test navigational ability at high speed, Driffield Juniors providing the winners for this course also, Lewis and Jake completing the course in 2 minutes 59 seconds.

Partnership Development Manager for the Bridlington School Sport Partnership, Angel Sanderson commented "It is fantastic to see so many pupils here today having made the step up from their local competitions. To have such large numbers at what is a normally a minority sport just goes to show how the team efforts are proving successful". Amanda Jack, Competition Manager for the East Riding, reiterated this "Having developed an effective school to club link with HALO we are keen to not only build on the success of this event but ensure opportunities are available to all who are interested".



After seeing all the talent on show, John Butler, the Chairman of HALO invited anyone who was interested in doing more orienteering to come along to the Beverley Club Night which takes place from 6.30 to 8 pm every Monday during term time at Longcroft

School. Suitable for all ages and abilities - no experience is necessary - qualified coaches are on hand.

The Top Flight

Charlotte , Yasmin and Zac

Zac was selected as reserve to represent Team GBR in the European Youth Orienteering Championships (EYOC) which was held from Thursday 23rd – Sunday 26th June 2011 in Jindrichuv Hradec, Czech Republic. EYOC is included in the programme to give aspiring and talented young athletes an introduction to International Competition and a British Team environment.

Charlotte & Zac were selected to attend British Orienteering's Talent Development Coaching Camp which was held from Saturday 23rd – Saturday 30th July in Cairngorm, Scotland.

Congratulations **Yasmin and Zac** - on being selected to represent YHOA in this year's Junior Inter-Regional Championships which were held on 2/3 July in the Lake District.

Zac was 5th in the individuals, highest placed YHOA on the M16's. Yasmin W12, was asked to run-up for YHOA and was their 3rd placed W14.

Zac, Aidan Smith and Ruarhi Mon Willams won Gold in the Men's Relay for YHOA.

Yasmin was running in the YHOA Women's 3rd team, however, the first team got DQD so her team counted for the YHAO team.

YHOA came 3rd overall

Jack Bloor Fund

- Available to young people up to 25 years who are members of an eligible Yorkshire Club (see below)
- Grants are to be used to improve a physical and/or technical skill in any recognised outdoor pursuit
- Up to 50% of the total cost is available with a maximum grant of £300

Eligible Clubs are

- Yorkshire Orienteering Clubs affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation
- Yorkshire Mountaineering Clubs affiliated to the British Mountaineering Council
- Yorkshire Fell Running Clubs affiliated to UK Athletics (North of England AA) or the FRA
- Yorkshire Scout or Girl Guide Groups affiliated to the Scout Association

Further details and **application forms** can be found at www.jackbloor.co.uk

EVENT LEVELS

By Mike Cope - National Fixtures Group Chairman

Hopefully things are beginning to settle down with the four new levels for orienteering events. Club and association fixtures secretaries have tried to adjust things to reflect the new levels. I have heard favourable comments particularly about how much easier it is to sort out a list of events which are of interest. In contrast, I have heard comments from those who still say they do not understand the new system.

For the definitive guide to the four levels, it is necessary to refer to the new Guideline A (Overview of Event Structure), which can be found on the BO website. Event officials need to check this. However, most orienteers will not want to trawl through that, so this brief summary might help. **There is a fixed list of about 10 events which must be at level A** - the JK, all the British Championships, the Compass Sport Cup Final, and the three English Area Championships. The Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish Championships can opt to be either A or B. All the A events come under the control of Major Events Group.

Another list of events must be **level B** ones as laid down in individual competition rules, such as the Home Internationals and several Junior Competitions. However, many more events can be level Bs if clubs and associations so wish.

For B, C and D events, it is important to realise that any type of event – cross country, night, urban, middle, sprint, relay, score etc., can be B, C or D. It mainly depends on who the event is intended for, but it is also about the quality of the terrain, and the facilities that the organising club will put on. **B events are intended ‘for more experienced competitors seeking a wider variety of terrain, challenging courses and competition, and who are prepared to travel longer distances for this.’** Such competitors should expect to find certain quality standards if they travel, sometimes a long distance, to such an event.

The guideline specifies minimum standards which are expected at each level, but it is particularly important at level B because there is an expectation that these events will stand out from the rest. The terrain must be good enough and appropriate for the event. A process is being developed

to ensure that the terrain is assessed for its suitability by the controller 12 months before the event takes place i.e. when the terrain is in a similar condition to what it will be at the time of the event. Experienced officials must be used. The process of grading officials has started and B organisers and controllers (or experienced C officials mentored by B officials) must be appointed. Other standards cover such things as pre-entry, pre-allocated start times, a direct link to the event details from the BO website, adequate assembly and toilet facilities, electronic punching, maps of IOF standard printed by an approved printer, on-the-day results displayed by course and age class where appropriate, facilities for post-event analysis, and safety. **Clubs wanting their events to be at level B are expected to meet all these standards.** Eventually there will be a post-event assessment to check that all the quality standards have been met.

Standards required for C and D events are less demanding, but there is no reason why associations/clubs should not make some of them as high as B standards if they so wish. Most people correctly understand these to be aimed mainly at association (C) and club members (D), though in the guidelines this is expressed in terms of participation, competition, and travel. There are of course similarities to levels that we had some years ago with local, district/colour coded, and regional/badge events, but this is an over simplification, and it does not take account of how events have moved on, with a greater variety and a greater use of the colour coding system. It is better to try and forget the old systems and names, and fit events into their most appropriate level largely depending on who they are aimed at.

The National Fixtures Group now only schedules level A (with input from Major Events Group) and level B events. Level C events are scheduled by Association Fixtures Groups, and level D events are up to clubs. Alongside this freedom for associations and clubs, there is a responsibility for cooperation to minimise unwanted clashes in neighbouring associations and clubs. Hence at national level, C events might be mentioned and plans shared although the final scheduling is left to individual associations.

In guideline A, there is a timescale for B events stating when they should be registered, when an area should be selected, when officials should be appointed, and when other tasks should be completed. A similar longer timescale is already in place and handled by Major Events Group for

level A events. There are two main reasons for this timescale for B events. Firstly, early arrangements for an event should help to ensure its quality, and secondly, associations and clubs should be able to plan their C and D events in full knowledge of what is happening at levels A and B. There is some catching up to do to get B events scheduled early enough. All 2011 B events are scheduled and designated as such on the BO fixtures list. It is hoped that B events for 2012 will be finalised and designated as such by the end of March 2011, and then B events for the first half of 2013 by the end of October 2011. We will then be on target for the timescale.

After last year's AGM and much consultation, Rules Group (made up of a representative from each region) developed the new four level structure into Guideline A which was eventually approved by Events Committee and then accepted by the Board. National Fixtures Group (made up of a representative from each region) is trying to put the changes into practice. Not everything is right yet, but I hope that we are moving towards a better solution, and that eventually it will be clearer to everyone.

Many thanks Mike for permission to publish this article which I believe first appeared in the "Clarion"

Editor's Comments: *Once upon a time Orienteering was very simple. It involved cross country navigation at speed in forests. Ignoring International and Regional Championships, there were Colour Coded courses for the local events attracting neighbouring clubs where the approx seven courses met the needs of the competitor, and Badge Events where one could compete against your own age group.*

With the proliferation of Urban or Park etc Events; we now have to pretend that a glorified orange course can be given a classification of Level B if the organisation meets the necessary new standards. Mike explains that the comparison to the old colour coded / Badge Events is an over simplification; I would suggest that trying to shoehorn a range of Events into 4 classifications is an over-complication. Having a Level C event which could be Urban or Park (Orange) or Middle distance (Green) or Cross Country (Brown) tells the competitor nothing about the technical standard / quality of the courses. Perhaps a case of the Emperor's new clothes. (But I am an old cynic!)

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Keep it simple !

Editorial - John Fulwood

Apologies for the absence of HALO News for the last few months. This edition was first entitled April 2011: then May 2011 and finally July 2011 (just). In theory one of the benefits of not being in paid employment is all the free time that one can spend at leisure. The days pass; everyday is similar, so there are no weekends and one can spend time as one chooses. The downside is that you become available to “help out” with community organisations and charities. Very soon one finds that instead of working a five day week, 8am - 5pm it has turned into a seven day week 9am - 10pm.

The HALO News has unfortunately taken a back seat over these last few months. I hope to be able to get the September - pre AGM edition out, but will have to retire from the Editorship at the AGM.

So at the end of this edition it is back to the Retail sales negotiations; wedding planning;P45s: accounts: Business Plans: invoices and all the paraphernalia that goes with the grant funding of heritage assets.

If anyone does head south, I can recommend you call in to Alford Manor House - the largest thatched Manor House in England. - we need the money!



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HALO Fixtures

DATE	SERIES	LEVEL	VENUE	ORGANISER	PLANNER	CONTROLLER
2011						
Aug 12	Kids Go Wild	N/a		East Riding Countryside Admin		
Sep 14	Wed		Bev AC (Leisure centre)			
Sep 17	HALO Winter Events S	D	Weelsby Woods			
Sep 25	Colour-coded	C	Driffield with Bike O (Quad-O)		Helen Smith	
Oct 1	HALO Winter Events S	D				
Oct 15	HALO Winter Events N	D	Bev West (Newbegin Pits)			
Nov 5	HALO Winter Events S	D				
Nov 19	HALO Winter Events N	D	Hull Uni			
Dec 3	Night	C	Primrose		Rod Williams	Pete Harris
Dec 4	YBT Final	B	Mausoleum Woods		Dean Field	
Dec 17	HALO Winter Events N	D	Humber Bridge Country Park			