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# HALO News

The newsletter of Humberside and Lincolnshire Orienteers  
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## Chair breaks leg following Midsummer Madness

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## Past Chairman of HALO Honoured

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Many members will be aware that John Butler has had a long association with orienteering in Wales, which he has maintained since moving to the East Riding in 1995. On his recent retirement as Treasurer of WOA (Welsh Orienteering Association), John was awarded Honorary Life Membership of the WOA in recognition of 30 years distinguished service to orienteering in Wales. He is only the fourth person ever to receive this award.

**The following is an extract from the Minutes of the WOA, 27th May 2012:**

**10. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP** – John Butler, proposed by Anne May, seconded by Brian Hughes.

John has given over 30 years' service to WOA, taking responsibility of various roles during that time: as Chairman of his club, SBOC, Manager of the Welsh Senior Team, then WOA Chairman, representing WOA on the BOF Council. Even when he moved to Yorkshire from Wales in 1995, he kept up the strong links and agreed to take on the Treasurer's position "for a few months" in 2005 after he retired, and has carried out this role very efficiently until stepping down now, 7 years later. His contribution to WOA has been invaluable and we cannot thank him enough.



Photo: Neil Harvatt

On his retirement as Treasurer he sent the following which was read to the meeting:

*"Could you pass on my thanks to the Committee and best wishes for the future. I am sorry that I cannot be there in person as it would have been my last meeting and "finally" closes the door on my involvement with WOA which goes back to the eighties. I first got involved when I was Chairman of SBOC and "volunteered" to be the Team Manager of the Welsh Senior Team. It was not long before I was asked to take on the position as WOA Chairman as well. In those days the WOA Chairman was also a member of the BOF Council so it was a pretty busy time - but I had a lot more energy than I do now!*

*I have many happy memories of that period but one of the best ones is when WOA organised what we considered to be the best British Championships ever at Newborough Forest on the Isle of Anglesey. It took Malcolm Campbell, in particular, years to get permission to use the area (most of which was a triple SSI) culminating in me as the WOA Chairman addressing the local authority Council meeting one snowy dark evening in November. Not unreasonably the language of the meeting was Welsh but I must have said the right things as shortly afterwards we were told that permission had been granted and the Chairman of the Council, who had been one of the fiercest opponents of the event became our greatest ally and even presented the prizes at the Championships eighteen months later.*

*When I moved my employment to Yorkshire in 1995 and subsequently my home, I thought that was the end of my involvement with WOA although I used to return to Wales regularly to visit my family and, of course to take part in orienteering events, including the Welsh Championships which I somehow managed to win most years (although it was the short course!) But I should have known better, because shortly after I retired from paid work in 2005 I was persuaded to take on the WOA Treasurer's post - "just for a few months until we can find a permanent replacement". Well, seven years later I think that it is time that a permanent replacement took over!*

*I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with WOA and have got a great deal of pleasure out of it. Hopefully I have also given something back in the various roles that I have undertaken but whatever I have achieved, I could not have done it on my own. I have been fortunate to have met, been helped, even inspired by a great bunch of people over the years, many of whom have become lifelong friends. To the present Committee, thank you for all your support and for putting up with me, and please accept my apologies for only attending one meeting a year - but what I will not miss is the 600 mile trip that entailed!"*

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**On this page ..... Pete Harris reviews his first year as Poacher Co-ordinator plus some pictures from HALO events**

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After the summer recess it is worth reflecting on the past series before making plans for next year. In terms of participation, number of newcomers, intensity of competition, standard of courses, levels of organisation, financial viability, value for money, the standard of the instant results service and most importantly satisfaction levels – from what I am led to believe this year equalled others and in some areas even surpassed previous years. This is encouraging as there was a degree of remodelling with the introduction of the ‘Park Events’, which were a trial. Inevitably there are areas which can be modified in order to try to prevent such things as the ‘team’ running on the Park Events, further increase the levels of ‘controlling’ of courses to try to eradicate all errors, changes in prize qualification for some age/gender classes and reintroduce formal kite collecting rotas.

Therefore next year’s programme, subject to Committee Approval will follow a similar format. Other successes this year were the jokers (which may be extended next year to include other competitors – besides planners – watch this space! [Hopefully not too much more techno work for the other Pete]) And the Poacher Cup, which because of next year’s Lincolnshire Challenge will be deferred until 2014 - another year for Pat, Matthew and Harriet to revel in their glory.

Also next year following on from the Poacher it is possible that there will be another competition (more Urban based) run in conjunction with LOG during late June, July and early August, probably 6 Events.

One change that is likely in 2013 is an increase in fees (still to be ratified) due to the changes British Orienteering have introduced by reducing Annual Membership Fees but at the same time imposing a Levy on each participant at each Event. Also landowners such as the Forestry Commission are always trying to increase access charges. Hopefully this will not deter potential competitors – because the ‘value for money’ for this type of sporting event is still largely unrivalled.

So the first event next year will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April with the 11<sup>th</sup> and last event being on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Venues to be confirmed in due course. As always any new planners and organisers are welcome and will be given full support throughout – we already have one new volunteer – anybody else can contact me at the E-mail address at the top of this page.



Beverley Club Night youngsters discover a distinctive tree in Burton Bushes (photo: Neil Harvatt).

HALO Summer Barbeque at ‘Crutchley Manor’ (photo: Mary Carrick)



**Some 180 pupils from 39 primary schools from all parts of the East Riding of Yorkshire came together on 1 May at Burton Constable Hall near Sproatley 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 Sports Partnerships that cover the East Riding schools and the local orienteering club HALO (Humberside and Lincolnshire Orienteers). Over 600 pupils from 55 schools, many of whom had little or no experience of orienteering, took part in the twelve heats that had been held at various venues throughout the East Riding in the past two months. The top twenty 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.

58 teams/individuals took part in the Year 6 competition which was contested over a 1.7 km long course consisting of 21 controls which had to be visited in the correct order. The winners were Henry Palmer and Ned Lyon from Bugthorpe School who sped round the course in 11 minutes 36 seconds. Not far behind came Patrick Cooke from Driffild Junior School in 12 minutes 38 seconds, closely followed by James Drewery and David Weston representing South Cave CE Primary School in 13 minutes 20 seconds.

34 teams/individuals took part in the Year 5 competition which consisted of a 1.4 km long course featuring 17 controls. The fastest runners were HALO member George Van Dam and Taylor Stanton from Stamford Bridge Primary School with a fantastic time of 7 minutes 57 seconds. Next, from St Mary's CE Primary School in Beverley, were Harriet Dobson and Caitlan Poole who finished in 9 minutes 48 seconds and 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest were Isaac Reid and Matty Blake from Molescroft Primary School with a time of 11 minutes 33 seconds.

The winning Year 6 school was Bugthorpe followed by Airmyn Park Primary and Hook CE Primary. The winning Year 5 school was Molescroft Primary followed by St Mary's CE Primary and Martongate Primary.

The full results are available on the HALO website [www.halo-orienteering.org.uk](http://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.

In addition to the standard courses, a maze course was on offer to test pupils navigational ability at high speed. St Mary's CE Primary School provided the winners Molly, Isla and Finlay who flew round in 1 minute 45 seconds. Partnership Development Manager for the Bridlington School Sports 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"*. Rebecca D'Arcy, Partnership Development Manager for the South Hunsley Partnership, 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 organiser of the event, 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. Further information can be found at [www.halo-orienteering.org.uk](http://www.halo-orienteering.org.uk).

The top 15 pairs/individuals for each year are being invited to represent the East Riding of Yorkshire in the Humber Games Orienteering Championships (which is also being organised by HALO) on Saturday 14 July at Appleby Frodingham Sports Centre in Scunthorpe where they will compete against the top 15 pairs/individuals from Hull, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire.

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## On this page ..... Neil Harvatt reports on the Humber Games Orienteering Final held at Appleby Frodingham Sports Club, Scunthorpe on 14th July 2012

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The qualifying rounds for this competition started four months ago at Howden Secondary School where the local primary schools in the Howden cluster took part on March 8th. Other similar competitions took part throughout the East Riding from March to April, with between 50 and 100 children taking part in each one. The top ten pairs at each qualified for the East Riding Schools Final held at Burton Constable Hall on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Schools Orienteering competitions are not as well developed in Hull, North East Lincs or North Lincs and these areas each held a final without the benefit of qualifying rounds. (Unfortunately the recent bad weather prevented North Lincs from being able to hold their final). Many of these events and all the four finals were organised by HALO in conjunction with the school sports teams.

The Humber Games Final was thus the culmination of the four local authority orienteering competitions showcasing the best Orienteers from the four regions.

Individuals were invited to the final based on the best performers in each region, and over 20 schools were represented with large turn outs from Pearson, Victoria Dock, (both Hull) and Priory Lane (N Lincs).

Children competed as pairs with separate competitions for Year 5 and Year 6.

It was clear in the final on Saturday that the extra experience gained by the East Riding teams was a big advantage. The top three pairs in both year groups were all from the East Riding.



The biggest winning margin of the day was in Year 5 with George Van Dam and Taylor Stanton from Stamford Bridge School being two and a half minutes clear of the second place team, Matty Blake and Isaac Reid from Molescroft School. Matty and Isaac had been in the lead at the half-way stage but faltered in the latter part of the course.

Caitlin Poole and Harriet Dobson put in an impressive performance to finish third, just 40 seconds adrift. Special mention goes to Libbie and Lewis from Melbourne who finished fifth, despite having to re-start - they had been given the Year 6 map at the start and completed half of that course before they realised

The top three were well matched in Year 6 with just 79 seconds separating the top three. Sam Feeney and Sam Keating from Withernsea were in third place just 5 seconds away from the second pair, Davis Weston and James Drewery from South Cave. The winning pair were from Bugthorpe, Ned Lyon and Henry Jon Palmer, although the lead did swap 5 times during the race with each of the top three being ahead at some stage.

There were many more impressive performances during the day.

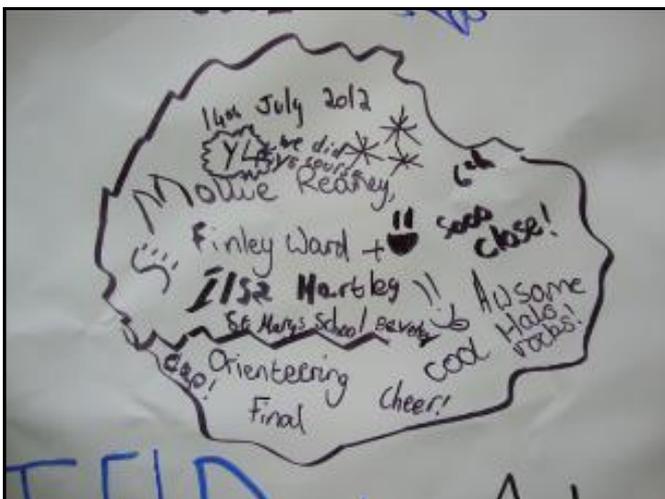


Photo: Neil Harvatt

Full results, photos and race analysis can be found at:-  
<http://www.halo-orienteering.org.uk/page/results2#art198>

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## Clued Up for the Summer

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On this page ..... Neil Harvatt reports on a successful series of events in Hull and the development of strong links with Hull City Council

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In conjunction with Hull City Council, HALO have organised three events this August, all on brand new maps for 2012. The events, part of the council's 'Clued Up for the Summer' campaign, which is aimed at families and children were at Queen's Gardens (August 1<sup>st</sup>), Noddle Hill (August 3<sup>rd</sup>) and East Park (August 18<sup>th</sup>).

The **Queen's Gardens** event was easily the most hectic although after half an hour all Mary, Ken and I had done was sit drinking tea watching all the people pass by. The city centre park was full by 11am of all kind of activities as part of National Play Day, all of which seemed to attract more attention than we did. Then one youngster had the bravery to ask us what all the flags [kites] were for. We explained, they had a go at one the



Photo Mary Carrick

grid courses, didn't particularly like it and left. However the sight of one youngster running round the kites seemed to encourage others and we didn't sit down again for the next 3½ hours. It is difficult to be precise on how many took part as many people repeated the same course (to get a faster time) and many went round as groups but I estimated that we had at least 150 participants.

We offered four grid courses plus an easy sprint course just around Queens Gardens. There was also the opportunity to explore the Old Town of Hull on a brand new urban map. It was clear this wasn't suitable for the vast majority of people there so there was little take up. (But we now have the beginnings of an urban map which will be used in 2013). The grid orienteering turned out to be hugely popular, largely as a result of using electronic timing. There was great competition to have the fastest time on each course.

**Noddle Hill** followed a similar format with grid orienteering plus the opportunity to explore Bransholme's new nature reserve on a White, Yellow, Orange or (hastily planned) Technical course.

The area has a complex path network making it ideal for the shorter less technical courses, but at

this time of year the rampant vegetation makes the longer more technical courses almost impossible (and definitely unpleasant in parts). So well done Matt for completing the technical course (with the exception of one rogue control). I look forward to seeing the area in the winter with the vegetation down when I am sure it will present an excellent orienteering challenge. There are many interesting features including contour, ditches, ponds and thickets. The more easterly areas only have a few paths, so increasing the technical challenge. Again the lure of electronic timing with the grid courses was the main attraction. It was as pleasing as it was perhaps surprising that so many youngsters kept coming back for more, with one group of girls commenting that it was the best thing that they had done so far in the school holidays. Praise indeed. I estimated we had almost 100 taking part.

At **East Park**, we had similar numbers to Noddle Hill, although the majority of participants there were family groups rather than unaccompanied youngsters as at Noddle Hill. Fortunately we had more helpers at East Park which meant we were able to offer more help to beginners, especially those doing the colour coded courses.

The East Park event was also registered as part of the 'Join In' campaign to get people involved in local sports on the weekend after the Olympics. According to the web-site 1 (one) person had expressed an interest in attending the orienteering. I eagerly awaited their arrival until it dawned on me that that one person was actually me - I had registered myself with the web-site to see how it worked!



Photo Mary Carrick

### So how have we benefitted from these events and will we do them again next year?

Around 300 people have taken part, which means 300 people now have a better idea of what the sport consists of. The vast majority had a positive impression of the sport and came back for more. We have built up a solid relationship with Hull City Council which can only be good for the future. We have two brand new maps – Hull Old Town and Noddle Hill Nature Reserve. So all in all it has been a very positive experience and yes I hope we will repeat the activities next summer – might need a few more helpers though.

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## British Orienteering Incentive Scheme

Just in case you are not aware of this new scheme, some details are reproduced below with a link to the BOF website.....

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The British Orienteering **Navigation and Racing Challenges** are incentive schemes that enable members to track their progress through the colour coded courses and their corresponding technical difficulty (TD).

### The Navigation Challenge:

Members are eligible for a Navigation Challenge certificate after successfully completing 3 colour coded courses at the same Technical Difficulty (TD) standard. The certificates are 'star' based e.g. 1 star for TD 1 (White) up to 5 Star for TD 5 (Very Short Green and above).

### The Racing Challenge:

Members are eligible for a Racing Challenge certificate after successfully completing 3 colour coded courses (of the same TD) within the following times:

- Gold Award. Participants time < Course Length (KM) x 12.5mins
- Silver Award. Participants time < Course Length (KM) x 15mins
- Bronze Award. Participants time < Course Length (KM) x 20mins

### Receiving Your Certificate:

The certificates will be automatically generated via the results that clubs have uploaded into the website. Results uploaded from the 1st January 2012 will count towards the incentive schemes.

Certificates will be available for members to download via the members area of the website. If BOF hold an email address for a member in their database they will also send an email informing them of their success.

Club Secretaries will also be notified of their members achievements.

### National Badge Scheme

In addition to the Incentive Scheme outlined above, the British Orienteering National Badge Scheme awards badges on the basis of performance over a series of events (applicable only to those registered as Level A). Badges are graded Championship, Gold, Silver and Bronze. The scheme is open to British Orienteering members only.

**For further details of these schemes go to :  
[www.britishorienteering.org.uk/page/incentives](http://www.britishorienteering.org.uk/page/incentives)**

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## A Father's View

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On this page ..... Paul Van Dam looks back on George and Emma's orienteering year so far  
(Photos: Brian Ward)

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2012 was going to be a challenging year for George and Emma. George was moving up to M12 where not only were the courses longer and more technical, but he was going to be competing against some boys who could be nearly two years older. For Emma the challenge was to be able to run the White course with as little assistance as possible.

So how have the two progressed with over half of the year passed:

Emma has progressed brilliantly thanks to the excellent training she receives at the Beverley Club Night. She has gone from needing a lot of help on White to being able to complete nearly half the courses without any assistance. The next step is to identify courses where Emma can run without being shadowed.



George, as expected, has had some bumps along the way with not finishing in the Yorkshire Long distance or the Northern Championships, however on very much the positive side the things, his achievements far outweigh these.

George won the Yorkshire Middle Distance Championship and the York City urban event. In the British Middle and Long Distance events he finished fifth, only a couple of minutes off the top three.

In the Welsh Six Days, George competed against 28 others including a strong overseas entry. George finished an excellent 10th overall and 4th out of the British entries with 7th and two 8th being his best placing.

The highlight of the year for George was being picked for the YHOA squad to compete in the JIRC at Sandringham. Although injury meant he was not able to finish the individual race he did rebound on the Sunday to be the second best YHOA M14 runner in the relay.



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## Local Events for Autumn

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[On this page Neil introduces a new urban competition and announces the dates for the next Saturday League series .....](#)

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### Thursday Night Orienteering Pub League

This is intended to be an informal series of urban events in late September and October 2012. Each event will be based at a pub that can provide parking and a room (or space) for registration and results, etc. The format will be a 45 minute score event with starts around 6/6:30 to allow completion in reasonable light. SI controls will be used hung, typically, on lamp-posts (so if it gets dark, you should still be able to see the units!)

If successful, there is no reason the format should not be repeated later in the year as a night urban score event.

***As always volunteers are required to plan/organise these events, otherwise they won't be able to go ahead.***

The suggestion for venues from the last committee meeting was as follows:-

September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Brigg	Chris Simmonds/Alex Smith
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	South Cave	
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Hull University	
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Beverley	John Butler
October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Caistor	Brian Slater

We now have organisers for three of the five events - the list is not definite and different areas could be used if a map and organiser are available.

If you don't feel you can help with planning and organising these events, but would still like to help, there are many other roles that need doing. Publicity and marketing is something we don't generally do well. Someone will also be required to check out all the pubs in the area to find suitable ones!

***If you feel you can help in any way, please contact Neil Harvatt***

### Saturday HALO League Events for 2012

We are hoping this autumn to have three sets of Saturday events, one based in Scunthorpe, one in Grimsby and one on the North Bank. There will be one event per month in each area – giving three Saturday events a month on Humberside. The nine events will comprise a league with the best four scoresto count. The format will be similar to previous Saturday events consisting of a White, Yellow and Orange course plus a Technical course.

These events are great for newcomers to get involved as well as providing a challenge to the more experienced Orienteer

The provisional fixture list is as follows:-

September 8 <sup>th</sup>	Central Park	
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cleethorpes CP	
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Beverley Westwood	
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Primrose Warren (also the AGM)	Rod Williams
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Weelsby Woods	
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Humber Bridge CP	
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Normanby Park	Pete Shew
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Oasis Academy	
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	East Park	

***As always volunteers are required to plan/organise these events, otherwise they won't be able to go ahead.***

We now have organisers for two of the nine events - the list is not definite and different areas could be used if a map and organiser are available.

If you don't feel you can help with planning and organising these events, but would still like to help, there are many other roles that need doing. Publicity and marketing is something we don't generally do well. Compiling results and league tables is also a time consuming job. Keeping contact with newcomers is also an important role.

***If you feel you can help in any way, please contact Neil Harvatt***

***[Results from the last Saturday League Series are on the next page .....](#)***

# Saturday League Final Results

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White	Cleethorpes 7 Jan 2012	East Park 28 Jan 2012	Weelsby Woods 11 Feb 2012	Swinemoor 18 Feb 2012	Beverley Westwood 10 Mar 2012	Oasis Acad- emy 31 Mar 2012	Humber Bridge CP 21 Apr 2012	Total	Number of Events
1 Bella Brittain		50		50	49		50	199	4
2 Jacob Smith	48				50	43	49	190	4
3 Thomas Loydall		45			45		46	136	3
4 Family Walker		31		47			35	113	3
5 Family Applegate		42		48				90	2
6 Finlay Martin		44			44			88	2
7 Sophie Loydell +1					40		45	85	2
8 Asquith & Woodhouse					33		29	62	2
9 Charlie Simmons		26					32	58	2
10 Dominic Simmonds						50		50	1

Yellow	Cleethorpes 7 Jan 2012	East Park 28 Jan 2012	Weelsby Woods 11 Feb 2012	Swinemoor 18 Feb 2012	Beverley Westwood 10 Mar 2012	Oasis Acad- emy 31 Mar 2012	Humber Bridge CP 21 Apr 2012	Total	Number of Events
1 Charlotte Fox			50			47		97	2
2 Sheila Shakesby		41					24	65	2
3 Oliver Simmons					40		23	63	2
4 Emily Davidson						50		50	1
5 Morrison Men	50							50	1
6 Reid + Blake, Isaac+ Matty							50	50	1
7 Haskins Family				49				49	1
8 Lisa Martin					49			49	1
9 Dominic Simmonds	48							48	1
10 Louise Hall					48			48	1

Orange	Cleethorpes 7 Jan 2012	East Park 28 Jan 2012	Weelsby Woods 11 Feb 2012	Swinemoor 18 Feb 2012	Beverley Westwood 10 Mar 2012	Oasis Acad- emy 31 Mar 2012	Humber Bridge CP 21 Apr 2012	Total	Number of Events
1 Dominic Simmonds	50					50	49	149	3
2 Helen Thacker		46		46	43			135	3
3 John Butler	49	48						97	2
4 Alexander Ridgway				47	48			95	2
5 Cameron Ridgway				49	46			95	2
6 Christine Whitehouse & Penny Booth				48	45			93	2
7 Katie Slocombe					50			50	1
8 Philip Haskins				50				50	1
9 Bentley Nicholson						49		49	1
10 Dorothy Smith					49			49	1

Green (Technical) Handicap	Cleethorpes 7 Jan 2012	East Park 28 Jan 2012	Weelsby Woods 11 Feb 2012	Swinemoor 18 Feb 2012	Beverley Westwood 10 Mar 2012	Oasis Acad- emy 31 Mar 2012	Humber Bridge CP 21 Apr 2012	Total	Number of Events
1 Mary Vickers	50	50	49	49		50		199	5
2 Matthew Williams	39	49	50	47	48		49	196	5
3 Alex Smith			38		49	49	48	184	4
4 Mark Tyszka	37	30	44	50		46	42	182	6
5 Mary Carrick	45	44	40	45			45	179	5
6 Lindsey Brittain		47		43	45		43	178	4
7 Stuart Whittingham	42	46		46	29			163	4
8 Brian Slater		37		39	39		44	159	4
9 Chris Simmonds	49		45			47		141	3
10 Andrew Ridgway	48			44	41			133	3
11 Neil Harvatt	38		43			45		126	3
12 Brian Ward	44	34	46					124	3
13 David Offler	46	42			36			124	3
14 Phil Gray		38			37		46	121	3
15 Sam Offler	41	41			38			120	3
16 Ken Hutson	40	39		40				119	3
17 Amanda Ward	36	33	41					110	3
18 Ellen Watkins	34	48						82	2
19 Paul Van Dam					33		47	80	2
20 Paul Simmons		35			44			79	2

## Report

193 individuals and groups in total took part in the seven events that comprised the 2012 Saturday HALO League (SHALOL). Many of these were families groups and so the total of participants is much higher than this. This consisted of 66 on the White, 31 on the Yellow, 51 on the Orange and 45 on the Handicapped Green course. The top ten for the White, Yellow and Orange courses and top twenty for the Handicapped Green course are shown. The full tables will be published on the HALO web-site in the near future.

The most popular event was the final one at The Humber Bridge Country Park with 63, closely followed by East Park with 62 and Beverley Westwood with 56. Other attendances were 30 (Cleethorpes CP), 23 (Swinemoor Pastures), 20 (Weelsby Woods) and 18 (Oasis Academy)

Congratulations to the League winners: Bella Brittain (White); Charlotte Fox (Orange); Dominic Simmonds (Orange) and Mary Vickers (Green handicap). Mementoes will be presented to the White and Green winners at the AGM. (A minimum of four events was required).

On the next three pages ..... Brian Ward reports on his last few months of orienteering.

Is it really mid-March since the last set of event reports?! Well, must crack on then!

24<sup>th</sup> March, British Sprint Championships, York University. I should have been really fired up for this, but somehow it just didn't "happen" – you get days like these, next time I will be properly prepared!

Ran too cautiously in the Heat and missed a control through the latter section of the campus, about a minute, but that cost me a place in the "A" final which was my aim.

Time to make amends in the "B" final – aim – to win! Well, nearly, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was scant return for a disappointing day ☹



Section of York University "B" Final Sprint

The 25<sup>th</sup> saw us on Strensall Common on the outskirts of York for the British Middle Championships – great way to spend your 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday! The weather was fantastic, very warm and sunny, the terrain a little tough but not as wet as it could have been, thankfully! Not unhappy with 17<sup>th</sup> in a non-Urban / Sprint event – such is my regard for "forest" orienteering nowadays!

A run of informal events took us forest orienteering to Newmillerdam, Wakefield on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, a very nice wooded area bordering a huge lake, but I got carried away and broke my golden (forest-O) rule running Brown! I know I'm a Blue runner, so don't know what possessed me!!

On to one of the few Poacher events I'll run, Hendale, 11<sup>th</sup> April. 3<sup>rd</sup> on Long with a clean run – nice area!

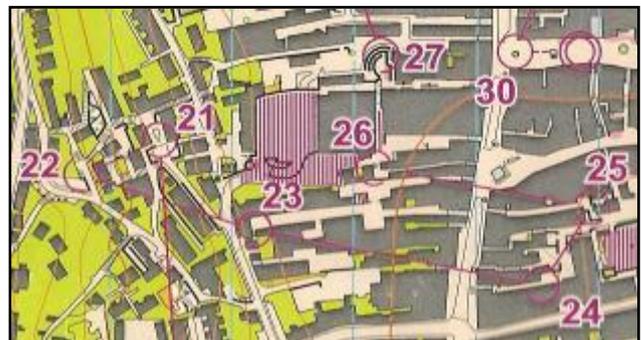


Some of the nice wooded terrain in Hendale – "straight is great"

We moved on to a good run of Urban competitions next. Huntingdon near Cambridge 21<sup>st</sup> April, Easingwold, just up the road (lol) for a Yorkshire Urban League event on 28<sup>th</sup> April and then the next Nopesport (National) Urban League event as part of the British Championships weekend in Kendal.

As this is my main racing season goal, Nopesport is key and Kendal (7<sup>th</sup> May) was a successful race ☺

Town Centre complexity mixed with eye-balls out residential areas, throw in some parkland to mix it up and you have all the ingredients of a class Urban competition.

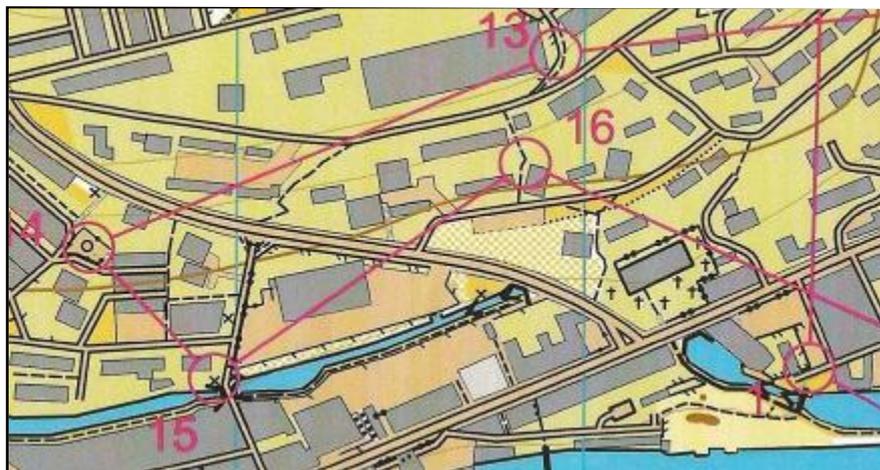


An intricate finish to the Kendal race

Settle, 12<sup>th</sup> May, Yorkshire Urban League was quickly followed by Poacher at Cottagers Dale Wood on the Wednesday then another Yorkshire Urban League in the pouring rain at Knaresborough on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, planned by well known ex-HALO man, Mike Cope. The day after, a short journey to the annual York Park City race. Really racking up the Yorkshire Urban League points now, my secondary aim for the racing year.

Amanda's old hunting ground, Barnard Castle, beckoned on the 9<sup>th</sup> June (also our 28<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary). This was a real Urban burn-up, raking in 1245 Ranking points – wow! The next day Sandall Beat, Doncaster, provided a lovely forest event, very runnable, "straight is great" woodland.

17<sup>th</sup> June was interesting at Sowerby Bridge, the event run on a sort of hybrid Urban map – neither ISOM nor ISSOM, actually very frustrating for those use to running on quality "pure" ISSOM maps.



*It's not really sure what it is – Sowerby Bridge – part ISOM / part ISSOM, still, we think we've now converted the mapper to our way of thinking!*

A weekend away on 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> June in Canterbury – the prelude at Kent University, a conventional Sprint for part one of the race followed by a free order (Score to you and me!) section to finish. I'm sure they could have done a nice 2 part conventional, but it was only a leg stretcher before Nopesport on Sunday in Canterbury. On the whole this City Race was pretty straight forward, and with a reduced field good points up for grabs, the main frustration being a “hidden” vegetation control which cost me 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall!



*Why did you “hide” control 21?*

Not been to Swallow Vale before – the inaugural Knock-Out Cup on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, what a GREAT area! I handicapped myself right out of this though, only running a couple of forest Poachers then 2 x Sprints, so my average mins/km was lower than anybody else's, I know it's probably very difficult to administer, but a fairer way would be to base your round 2 run on your mins/km in the 1<sup>st</sup> round rather than keeping your Poacher average for the whole competition,

I seem to be missing the 2 EXCELLENT Poacher Sprints at Central Park, Scunthorpe and Baysgarth Park, Barton which came before the K.O.Cup – let's just say they were “excellent”, a real shot in the arm to the Poacher Series format – well done Pete H!

What came next, the day after, was quite a contrast. Riseholme Park, Lincoln for

the HALO/LOG Challenge, really was a game of two halves! The top of the area was virtually under water (used for the Prologue) and so overgrown it was a real lottery, compared to the Chase which is really how it should have been planned overall for this competition. I think butterfly loops would have solved the problem of keeping us in the “nice” terrain and would have provided much better head-to-head racing which this type of event is suppose to be all about – shame really, could have done without the Prologue but the Chase was BRILLIANT!



*This is what we want(ed) – Challenge Chase*

One of my most favourite events of the year came on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July, Cliffhanger UltraSprint in Graves Park, Sheffield. Unfortunately, due to the VERY wet weather, only this and the Bouldering were allowed to go ahead, the rest of the Outdoor Festival was cancelled. The Parks Department would only let UltraSprint continue without the maze, which really is the key feature of the event, a real shame, but at least we had a run out amongst the complex woodland and ornamental gardens.

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### Brian Ward concludes his report on his last few months of orienteering.

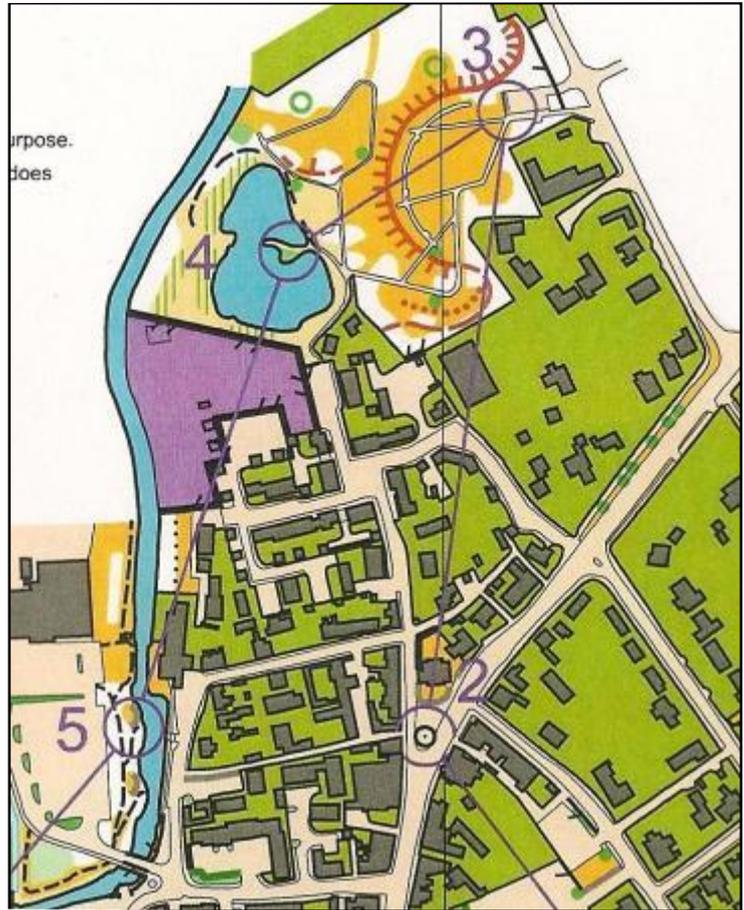
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NopeSport in Nottingham on Sunday, another absolute burn-up. Not anywhere near as technical as last year's race, but assembly, in the Castle grounds, was excellent, overlooking competitors leaving and returning to the Castle grounds.

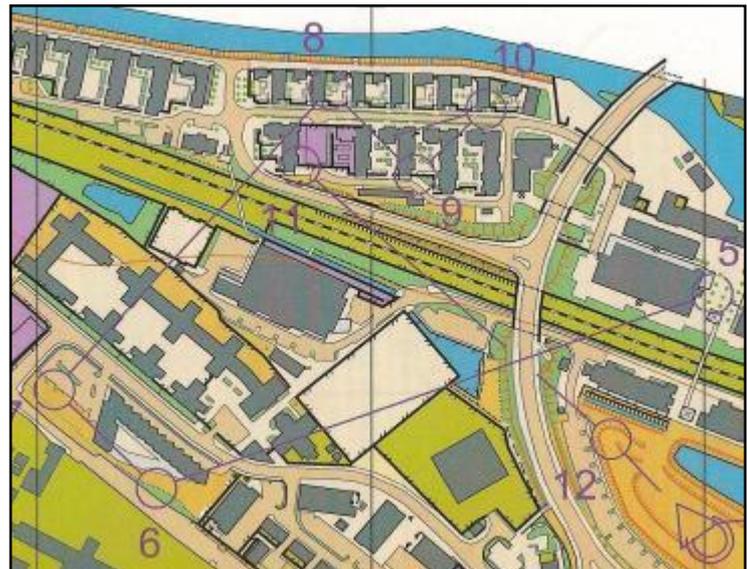
Mid-week, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July, a new Urban venue – YAY! Horncastle for the LOG Summer Series. My run was a bit ragged round the edges, and the common land used a bit wet (to say the least), but hey, like I said, it's a new Urban area so who cares!?

We only went to the Welsh 6-Days "Croeso" because they tagged an Urban event on to the end, but we thought we'd give the Middle Race a go at Hafod as it was forest, oops! Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, hot and sunny – we are in Wales, really!!? Hafod was a bit rough and I found the mapping a bit "iffy" so as long as you adopted the "I'm not taking this too seriously" approach, it was fine! By contrast the Urban in Aberystwyth could have been the (unofficial) British Urban Age Group Championships, the biggest Urban Race held in the UK to date. What made it special (other than the fantastic weather) was that you ran against a significant number of competitors in your own age class, rather than is usually the case, a combination of age classes (as an M50 I run with M40, M45 and M50 in the M40+ category).

Another favourite on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – LOG's Mid-Summer Madness Sprint & Chase at Lincoln University. A return of "the maze" to proceedings meant your start and finish, to both Prologue and Chase, were very "concentrated", but, as Mr. Murgatroyd is a very adept planner, there were some very interesting route choices, both micro and conventional, across the Campus. We like, we like very much ☺



Horncastle – thank-you LOG, more of the same please ☺



Decisive Route Choice – 5 to 6 and 11 to 12, which way would you go?

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#### A further note from Brian .....

.....you can also follow me at:

[www.haloite.wordpress.com](http://www.haloite.wordpress.com)

If you particularly like Urban & Sprint Orienteering

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On this page ..... Neil Harvatt reports on the Welsh 6 Days (Croeso 2012) with photos courtesy of Neil Harvatt and Mary Carrick.

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How strange – we went to Wales and it hardly rained. Everything after that could only be good.

A big HALO contingent attended the four yearly (there's probably a proper word for that, but The Olympics don't use it, so I won't) Welsh 6-day event. The largest group stayed in a big town-house in Machynlleth (that may not be the correct spelling, probably needs more y's and a couple of d's). We were honoured to have the company of ex HALO-ites Mike and Christine Cope in the house. Mike surprisingly turned out to be a dab hand in the kitchen (funny, my typewriter seems to be typing the letters of some words in reverse order). In addition to the CLARO pair, there were the Slaters, the O'Grady's, Paddy, Mary and me in the house. Also at the event were the Tyszkas, Chaney's, Van Dams, Wards, Fields, John and Lynda and Ken.

Pat probably had the most eventful week. On Day 1, Ann got worried about him and went looking for him. She needn't have bothered he was fine, but they had started collecting controls by the time he had finished (and ours was the only tent left). He then



decided to help the organisers by opting for the Short course rather than the Long, but when he was told he would have to pay more for doing less, he politely declined and informed the organisers in his colourful South Yorkshire dialect that it would be their own stupid fault if they had to wait for him to finish every day (he was suffering oxygen debt).

On Day 3 he finished without incident but after examining his knee he discovered a gash that he was sure hadn't been there when he set off. Aberystwyth hospital and 6 stitches later meant that that was the end of his running for the week – imagine how annoyed he would have been if he had paid the surcharge for the short course and then had to withdraw! Although no-one wants to go to hospital, it was a remarkably short stay and Pat was home in time for tea, thanks to the Chaney's for taking him and the Slaters for collecting. Sadly for Brian the experience of a short visit to casualty was not to be repeated a week later in Lincoln, but that's another story.



As usual the highlights of the week were the evening culinary experiences around the dinner table. They were so good, that apart from the HALO dinner on the Tuesday night, we didn't leave the house in the evening. Paddy, Brian and I did manage a quick drink one afternoon whilst Mary was visiting a disused abbey, but even then we had been to four pubs (all called --Lion) before we found one that was open – and then the landlord had to unlock the doors for us.

Apart from the middle distance event on Day 3 and the Urban on Day 6 in Aberystwyth, all events were on open fell side with lots of rock, marsh and contour features. Generally they were very



runnable especially days 4 and 5. If you enjoy running along (and through) marshes, up re-entrants and round hills on reasonably fast terrain, then you would have loved Croeso 2012. Day 3 was a bit of a disappointment for the middle distance event. A largely grotty woodland which resulted in comparatively slow times for many, but hey, you can't have everything.

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### More Croeso 2012 .....

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Mary could probably tell some tales about her courses, but she's so quiet no-one knows how she got on. Maybe she's saving her experiences for her own newsletter article. She and I had a very pleasant walk up Cadair Idris on the rest (!) day, but she didn't say much then either.



Not everyone was able to run six events:

- Brian W and Amanda ran on Days 3 & 6.
- Ken just came for the urban.
- Pat completed one run – and got injured in the process.
- Sue ran twice and came back smiling both times.
- Emma ran the White course each day finishing first on Day 1 and no worse than 7<sup>th</sup> on the other days.
- Paul and Maria ran the Light Green each day. (There weren't any combined results for the colour coded courses.)

For the record the overall results were as follows:-

The positions are based on the best four events (out of six possible)

M12A	George Van Dam	10 <sup>th</sup> out of 33
	Joe Field	29/33
M16A	Jake Field	6/37
M18L	Zac Field	3/26
M45L	Dean Field	27/80
M55L	Neil Harvatt	13/107
M60L	Paddy Neligan	53/88
M65L	Brian Slater	55/92
M65S	John Butler	12/26
M70L	John Chaney	22/47
M75S	Mark Tyszka	1/5
W14A	Yasmin Field	10/34
W45S	Rosie Field	22/44
W60L	Mary Carrick	43/66



Thanks to Brian Slater for organising the accommodation in Machynlleth.

**Next year (or later this) if you see emails regarding bulk accommodation for JK 2013 or the Scottish 6 days, I can recommend it.**

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# The Art of Urban Planning /1

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Brian Ward describes some planning issues that influenced his courses in the last Beverley urban event.....

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I do a lot of training (and racing!) on ISSOM maps without controls, and therefore without the hassle of having to have control locations that have a point with which to secure your control flag/Si box to with a gripple!

Having planned my first "proper" Urban event – Beverley on 27<sup>th</sup> May this year, it's quite a different approach that you need when having to think about securing your control location.

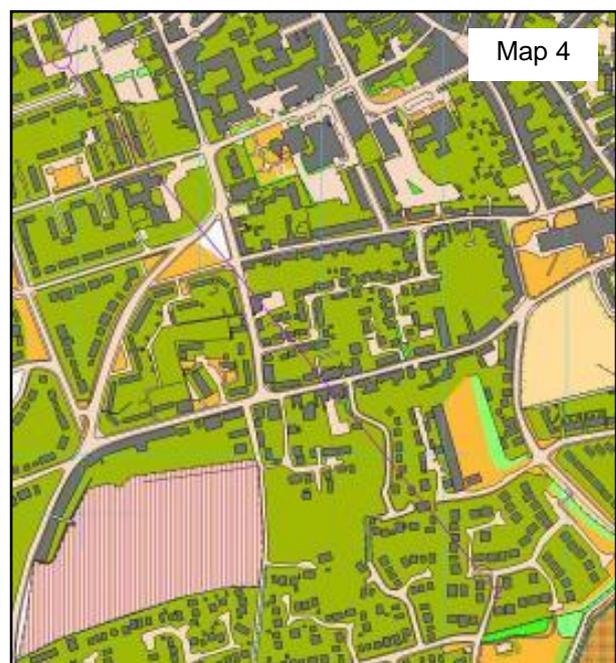
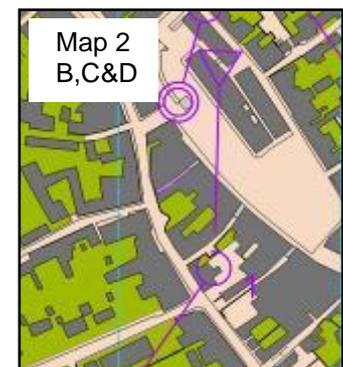
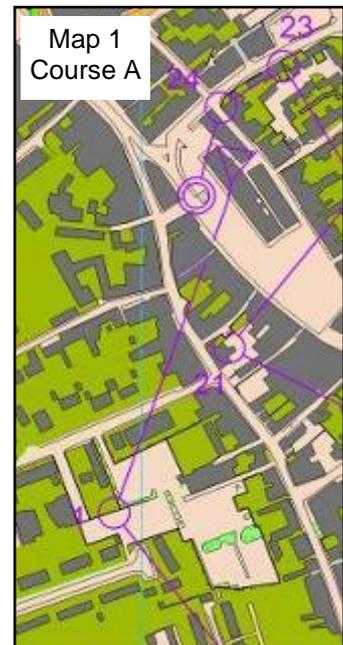
I have a couple of good examples where, because I couldn't find the owner of the property, I couldn't use that location and had to compromise, therefore reducing the technical difficulty of the leg. Whatever anybody says, Urban orienteering is far more technical on a route choice level in the UK than forest-o will ever be, unless you do ALL of your orienteering in the Lake District or Scotland.

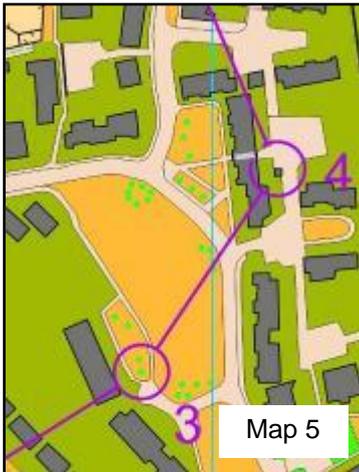
My first aim was to force competitors down the South East alley out into Saturday Market from the Start (Map 1 & Map 2). Positioning of the 1<sup>st</sup> control determines this, but I also wanted to make competitors think!

The Start and Finish will determine roughly, the course shape. I don't particularly like long walks to Start or back from Finish, and with Saturday Market Cross being well positioned, all three (Assembly included) were nicely placed together.

Long legs form the key for Route Choice, but I had my first compromise for the long leg (A, B and C) down into the bottom South East corner of the map.

Map 3 shows the actual leg (for A) with Map 4 showing a better control location offering more Route Choice options, however I couldn't find the owner of the grassed area with the tree on it

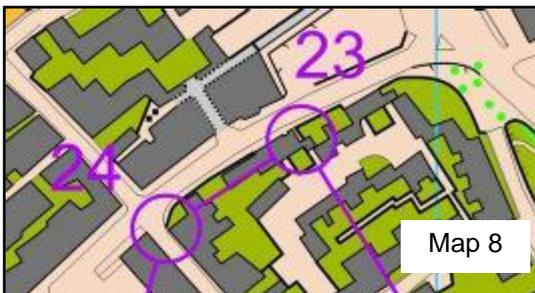




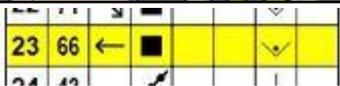
As well as long Route Choice legs it's important to keep competitors on their toes with some short, technical "Sprinty" legs. Another compromise in the planning meant this leg - 3 to 4 on A, and 6 to 7 on B and C, (Map 5) was not as interesting as it could have been had I found the owner of the garage for the location of Control 4! (Map 6).



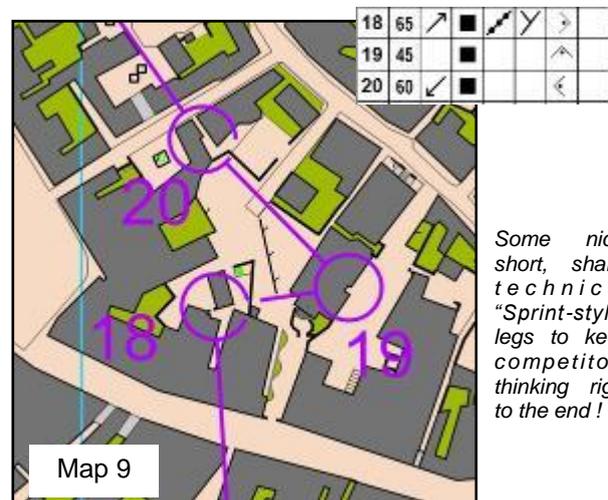
There's a lot of talk in Urban and Sprint about the planner setting "Traps", all well and good as long as A) the map is accurate and B) the description is not ambiguous – otherwise the "Trap" is totally unfair. One classic "Trap" control I set on A was the long leg from 13 to 14 (Map 7). The Control Description is Path, South East End. From the map you can probably see that there is no entry into the control from the South East, there is an uncrossable wall in front of the control. Both map and description are accurate and unambiguous; therefore this is both a fair and valid "Trap" control location.



Another unintentional "Trap" was the penultimate control on A,B C and D (Map 8). The description is South Inside Corner of West Building – a bit of a mouthful, and much more accurately depicted with pictorial description! A few people tried to approach from the South through the Courtyard, but if they had read their descriptions and the map, they would have seen that the control was North of the Courtyard on the main road!



Without doubt the best section of the Town Centre is the network of alleys and open spaces just to the South East of the Start, Finish and Assembly (Map 9). A little trick that Brian Slater taught me in planning is to keep some short, sharp, technical legs for the finish when competitors are tired and concentration may more easily wander! I fully employed this using a myriad of testing "Sprinty" legs at the end – definitely the best part of all of the courses .



*Some nice, short, sharp, technical "Sprint-style" legs to keep competitors thinking right to the end!*

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## HALO: the early days

First HALO AGM 1982 /1

*To commemorate HALO's first 30 years HALO News is looking back through the Club archives. In the last newsletter we published some archive material describing the events that led to the creation of HALO. John Butler has extracted the Minutes of our first AGM which are reproduced below (with apologies for the quality of reproduction and typing) .....*

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Minutes of the First Annual General Meeting of Humberside and Lincolnshire Orienteers, held at the Costello Centre, Pickering Road, Hull, 20th October 1982

### Present

Bryn Jones (Chairman), Phil Gorham (Treasurer), Rob Toose (Secretary), Shaun Poole, Brian Slater, Pete Kullish, Alison Roberts, Frank Ince, Boreen Atkinson, Doug Atkinson, Anne Atkinson, Julie Atkinson, Mandy Gorham, Doris Lawson, Dave Lawson, Dave Siddle, Quentin Jefferson, Mike Heseltine, Pam Heseltine, John Higginson, Colin Noulson, Vic De Main.

### Apologies

John F-wood, Ken Barnes, Mike Cape, Harry Milton, Geoff Holmes, Sheila Higginson, Dave Higginson.

Minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting of EYOC held at the Buck Inn, Beverley 21st October 1981, had been circulated before the meeting and were taken as an accurate record. There were no matters arising.

Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of EYOC held at the Costello Centre Hull, 4th May 1982, at which the present club, HALO, was formed on the merger of EYOC and Vikings OC had been circulated before the meeting and were taken as an accurate record.

Matters Arising - Brian Slater queried the transfer of Vikings OC funds to HALO as was specified in the EYOC minutes. The Treasurer explained that this point would be covered in his report.

### Chairman's Report

After welcoming those present to the meeting, the Chairman reviewed the events of the previous 12 months in the area. Beginning with the 1981/2 Winter League evening training events, which had taken place at the following venues: Haltemprice (Nov), Bricksall Avenue (Dec), East Hull (Jan), Beverley (Feb), Sutton Park (Mar), and Beverley (Apr). He asked Rob Toose, who coordinated the events, to present trophies to the class winners. They were:

Class A M 17 - 35	B.Slater
Class B M 13, 15, 43, 50, W 19	K.Stubbs (not present)
Class C All others	H.&J.Bryon (not present)

Summer interval events were held mostly on Beverley Westwood and were once again successful, enabling a number of members to acquire organising and planning experience. Some of the events were held at other locations, notably at Primrose Hill. The Chairman thanked all those involved in the running of these events. He thanked also Brian Slater, who, as club coach had provided us with a series of interesting and challenging training sessions.

As regards other events, these began with a night club event at Normandy Park, organised by Brian Ward. This was followed, after a long cold gap, by a CG at Scardale and Knapton in March, then, in April a club and Schools League event at Primrose Hill. The Humberside Championships took place on Beverley Westwood in September, and winners, for the second year, were the Beverley team. The last event has been a Come and Try It on the Westwood.

Although reasonably successful, the programme of events this last year had been rather limited and the Chairman wished this to be increased to six or eight events annually, including some on the South Bank.

On behalf of all members of the club, the Chairman expressed thanks to Dave & Kate Stubbs, who have done much for the club, but are now living in Thailand; Dave and Doris Lawson, for their production of the newsletter; Mike Heseltine, organiser of the Schools League; Quentin Jefferson, the club's representative

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at Regional Committee meetings; and the other members of the Committee, Vic De Main, Brian Slater and Rob Toose.

Looking to the coming year, the Chairman stressed the need to get a better spread of events whilst remaining realistic; we should not go over the top with unmanageable events - we cannot expect a small number of people to devote their lives to organising. He mentioned also the need to get going on the South Bank; there were some good areas here which were ripe for orienteering. He looked to a greater input from the university and college orienteers. Lastly he hoped to see some improvement in social aspects of the clubs activities.

In conclusion, however, although it was easy to be critical, we could congratulate ourselves on being a fairly successful club, especially when our available areas, the size of membership, its geographic spread, and our resources, were considered.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer began by explaining that the balance carried forward, at £145.56 was artificially low; income not yet received included the residue from Vikings OC (£178), revenue from the Hunterside Championships (£80) and other amounts (totalling £15). The balance thus totals approximately £420. There were no large expenditures in the office.

There had been such expenditure on map printing and mapping - reprints of Londsbrough, Scarsole and Knpton, and the old Westwood map, together with the new Westwood map which has been paid for but, in the main, not yet sold.

No large event had been held during the year and so there was no large income from such.

Equipment purchased comprised punches, lightweight kites, and other minor items.

There were no queries on the Treasurer's Report. Acceptance was proposed by Bryn Jones and seconded by Rob Toose.

#### Election of Committee

The retiring club officers had indicated that they were willing to stand again. No other nominations being made, they were proposed by Brian Slater and seconded by Mandy Gorcham as follows:

Bryn Jones	Chairman
Phil Gorcham	Treasurer
Rob Toose	Secretary

The committee had recommended that a Fixtures Secretary be appointed; Mike Heseltine explained that the problems encountered with the forthcoming Wykeham Hodge event indicated that one person was needed to deal with the very early stages of event organisation. There was general support for this, and Vic De Main was proposed by Mike Heseltine, seconded by Brian Slater, and elected.

The remaining committee members were elected as follows:

	Proposed	Seconded
	Mike Wilmore	Bryn Jones
	Mike Heseltine	Brian Slater
	Dave Siddle	Shawn Poole
Regional Rep.	Quentin Jefferson	Bryn Jones
Newsletter Editor	Pax Heseltine	Quentin Jefferson
Effort League Secy	Dave Lawson	Bryn Jones
Fixtures Secretary	Vic De Main	Mike Heseltine
		Rob Toose
		Brian Slater

The post of Social Secretary was suggested as being necessary by Brian Slater. There was general agreement and Phil Gorcham was duly elected, proposed by

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Bryn Jones, seconded by Brian Slater.

During the course of the elections, Brian Slater explained that, for the time being, he would not be available to stand for the committee. The Secretary notes, however, the great amount of work done by Brian over the years, as a committee member of both HALO and EYOC, in the furtherance of orienteering and the great debt the club owes him. It is noted that he solemnly promised to map Clooshorpes beach for the club.

#### Membership Fees

Phil Goreham reported that the Committee recommended no change, i.e. that club membership should remain as follows:

Senior	£1.20 per year
Junior	£0.60 " "
Group	£1.20 " "

This was seconded by Brian Slater and carried.

#### Any Other Business

Phil Goreham proposed that, at the same time as changing the club bank account from the name of EYOC to HALO, the account be moved from the ponderous and dreadfully inefficient TSB deposit account to a NatWest current account.

After a short discussion in which the possibility of holding both current and deposit accounts was considered, Phil Goreham's proposal was accepted by the meeting.

Dave Lawson suggested that a list of areas available to HALO should be compiled and held by the club. It was further suggested that the newly appointed Fixtures Secretary could be responsible for this.

Publicity was then discussed. Vic De Vain, Mike Heselstine, and Bryn Jones all spoke, agreeing that publicity is not at present sufficient, and that efforts should be made to pass information, speedily, to the local press and to local radio. Channels of communication with the Hull Daily Mail were not very good, but Pete Kullich undertook to contact Mr Lament at the paper in order to improve this.

Rob Poose reported that the First Wednesday of the Month Winter street events were to start this year at Barton on Humber and he appealed for a good turn out for this.

Phil Goreham initiated a discussion on communications within the club. He felt that the wide geographic spread, particularly of the South Bank members, made this essential. The newsletter was very important in this and emphasis should be changed from historical reports to advertising future events. Perhaps it should be shorter, but more frequent, i.e. once per month, he thought. The committee should discuss the matter. Other members agreed, Bryn Jones saying that (with the purchase of "The Orienteer" becoming optional) some members may cease buying that magazine, making the Newsletter all the more vital. Pete Kullich pointed out that it is possible that YASOC may cease publication, putting even more weight on the HALO Newsletter. Bryn Jones added that the Committee should report its activities to the members in the Newsletter.

Dave Lawson questioned the feasibility of hiring the Leisure services minibus for travel by groups of members to more distant large events, as had occurred some years ago. The secretary undertook to investigate this.

In a discussion on Schools League Orienteering, Doug Atkinson pointed out that since most Junior High Schools do not have their own transport, events in local parks, as had been suggested earlier by Shaun Paolo, were worthwhile. He asked also how HALO is represented in the organization of Schools League in Yorkshire and Humber-side, now that Mike Heselstine had stepped down as coordinator. Mike replied that HALO

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*After the final page of minutes, John Bulter reflects on some of the content .....*

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still had three members, Vic De Main, Brian Slater, and himself, on the committee, furthermore, HALO is to organise three Schools League events. He agreed that transport can be a problem, but he felt that by interesting children in the sport their families would follow them, or rather, bring them, to events. Bryn Jones agreed, saying that teachers were the key to attracting new junior competitors. Brian Slater however pointed out the value of publicising events to families, since these are more often easily able to travel to events.

Vic De Main commented on the lack of local events at the present time, this resulting in those newly introduced to the sport losing interest again because there was such a long wait to the next suitable event.

Phil Graham felt that the importance of cheap-to-produce, black and white maps of small local areas should not be underestimated.

Ian Heselbine said that a venue was needed for regular club meetings. This was discussed by the meeting and it was felt that a third Wednesday training event could be held based perhaps on Costello, followed by a meeting in a club room. This is a topic to be discussed by the committee.

Brian Slater pointed out that it is unrealistic to attempt to hold evening events on the South Bank with any regularity. These members need smallweekend events. Shaun Poole presented the fact that the South Bank members rarely meet up with those on the North Bank, and said that there should be more events in the South Bank area to get more of the club members together.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

“Apologies for the quality of the typing but I guess that is one thing that has improved in the last 30 years. A number of things struck me on reading them, for example -

- How active HALO was 30 years ago with summer events, a winter league, night events, schools league, Humberside championships, etc
- How many of the issues discussed at that AGM are the same as those that we will be discussing at the 30th AGM on 6 October. How much progress have we really made in 30 years?
- That there are members present at the AGM 30 years ago who are still members today, - i.e. Brian Slater (club coach, mapper, winter league class A winner), John Fulwood, Brian Ward (organised a night event at Normanby Park), Pete Kullich and Dave Siddle - and others that have moved on to other clubs but are still active orienteers, i.e. Frank Ince, Mike Cope and Katy Stubbs. There may be others who were not present or did not apologise. I wonder whether our membership records go back that far?”

John Bulter  
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## HUMBERSIDE & LINCOLNSHIRE ORIENTEERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 6 October 2012 , 4.30 pm approx, Primrose Warren

### AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of AGM, 15 October 2011 (*see December 2011 HALO News or the website*)
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Annual Report
5. Presentation of Trophies
6. Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for 2011/12 (*to follow*)
8. Membership Fees 2013 - That as from 1 January 2013 there shall be three membership categories (senior, junior and life); and that as from that date HALO subscriptions shall be £5 per annum for seniors and nothing for juniors and life members, subject to an annual review. *Proposed by John Butler, seconded by Brian Slater.*
9. Constitution - That the revised Constitution as set out in Appendix A be approved. *Proposed by John Butler, seconded by Brian Slater. (Note - Appendix B shows the original Constitution with the proposed amendments.)*
10. Election of Officers -
  - (a) Chairman - Brian Slater. *Proposed by John Butler, seconded by Paul Van Dam.*
  - (b) Secretary - Paul Van Dam. *Proposed by Brian Slater, seconded by John Butler.*
  - (c) Treasurer - John Butler. *Proposed by Paul Van Dam, seconded by Brian Slater.*
11. Election of up to 9 Other Committee Members - Mary Carrick, John Fulwood, Peter Harris, Neil Harvatt, Ken Hutson, Sam Offler, Pete Shew, Brian Ward. *Proposed by Brian Slater, seconded by Paul Van Dam. (Note - this leaves one vacancy.)*
12. Election of Auditor - Vacant. *(Note - British Orienteering has said that a club's financial records shall in future be audited or examined annually by a person that is independent of the committee and not related to a committee member. For the past few years the accounts have been audited by Mary Carrick who has been and will continue to be, if elected, a committee member.)*
13. Items Proposed by Members in Advance
14. Any Other Business - as approved by the Chairman and not requiring a vote.

<p><b>The AGM follows the Saturday HALO League event at Primrose Warren where the Club Championships will be contested for the Martin Dearden Trophy. Nominations of candidates for election as officers (10), as other committee members (11) and auditor (12) must be made in writing to the Secretary Paul Van Dam by 21 September at the latest,</b></p>
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**HUMBERSIDE AND LINCOLNSHIRE ORIENTEERING CLUB CONSTITUTION**  
Revised and approved 6 October 2012

**1. TITLE**

- 1.1 The Club shall be called Humberside and Lincolnshire Orienteering Club.
- 1.2 The Club shall be affiliated to the Yorkshire and Humberside Orienteering Association (YHOA) and to British Orienteering (BOF).

**2. OBJECTIVES**

- 2.1 The objective of the Club shall be to further the development of, and participation in, the sport of orienteering in Humberside and Northern Lincolnshire.

**3. MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone. There shall be three categories of membership Senior, Junior and Honorary Life Membership. These categories are as defined at any time by BOF. Honorary Life Membership shall usually be elected at an Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 3.2 The membership fees for the following year shall be agreed at the AGM. The membership fee must be paid by the last day of March of the current year otherwise membership shall be deemed to have lapsed.

**4. COMMITTEE**

- 4.1 The affairs of the Club shall be run by a committee of three officers (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) and up to nine other members. The officers shall have the power to co-opt additional members as required. All voting members are eligible for committee posts.
- 4.2 A quorum shall consist of four members of the committee, including one from Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.
- 4.3 The Chairman will be able to stand for election for no more than three consecutive years. He will be able to stand for a different office at the end of the three years.
- 4.4 Non voting members may attend any committee meeting by pre arrangement with the Chairman.

**5. FINANCE**

- 5.1 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the Club and may be called upon at any time to report on the current financial situation.
- 5.2 The financial year shall run from 1 September to 31 August and the accounts should be audited before the AGM.
- 5.3 The Club shall have a Bank/Building Society Account. The following officers shall be authorised signatories - Chairman, Treasurer and one other.

**6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 6.1 The AGM shall be held before 31 October each year. All members shall be informed of the AGM date, venue and agenda at least 28 days in advance.
- 6.2 The business of the AGM shall be to:
  - a) Confirm the minutes of the previous AGM and deal with any matters arising from those minutes.
  - b) Receive the Chairman's Annual Report
  - c) Receive the Treasurer's Report and the Accounts for the year.
  - d) Elect an Auditor
  - e) Agree membership fees for the forthcoming year.
  - f) Elect the officers
  - g) Elect the other committee members
  - h) Discuss any items proposed by members in advance
  - i) Consider any other business approved by the Chairman and not requiring a vote.
- 6.3 Nominations of candidates for elections shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days in advance of the AGM. Any positions for which no nominations have been received may be filled on the day.
- 6.4 Items of business proposed by members shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days in advance of the AGM.
- 6.5 The AGM date, venue and agenda shall be published in the HALO magazine and website at least 28 days in advance of the AGM.
- 6.6 Decisions at the AGM shall be by a simple majority of votes. Everyone present at the AGM who is 18 and over is entitled to vote.
- 6.7 The quorum for the AGM shall be 10 members or 5% of the voting membership whichever is the larger.

**7. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 7.1 Special General Meetings may be called by the committee or on a request in writing to the Secretary from not less than 10 voting members. At least 21 days notice of the meeting must be given. The quorum is as per the AGM.

**8. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

- 8.1 Alterations to this constitution shall be by a simple majority at the AGM and notice of the intended alteration shall be given to the Secretary in writing at least 14 days before the AGM.

**9. DISSOLUTION**

- 9.1 The club shall be dissolved by a simple vote at a Special General Meeting. Any funds or assets shall not be distributed among the members but shall be given or transferred to another orienteering club covering the same area or to the YHOA or to BOF.

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\_\_ f) Elect/Re-elect all the club officers

\_\_ g) Elect the other committee members

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## Lost and Found!

*Jonathan May (LOG) has come across an interesting item in an unusual place. If anyone can cast any light on how it got there, please let us know .....*

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Hi Neil,

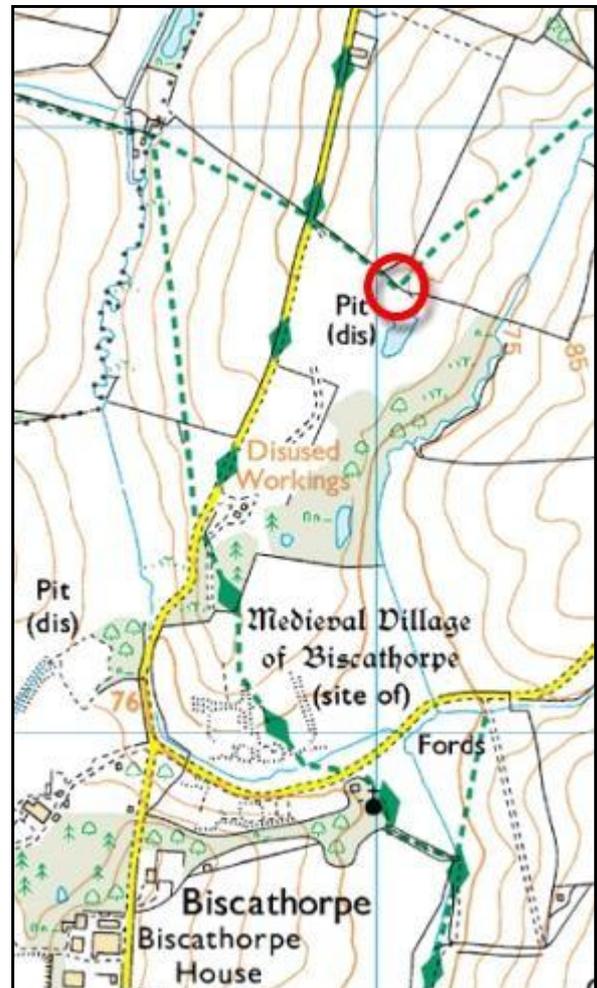
I hear that your humber bridge celebration run was very successful. I was disappointed not to have been able to come along.

I was out for a little walk with the family in the Wolds on Monday, and came across a HALO water bottle. It was suspended from a gate by a piece of rope so I left it where it was. Thought I'd drop an email to you in case someone had lost one though, it was a 2010 poacher series water bottle.

As shown on attached map, TF230857.

Cheers,

Jon



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The next HALO News will be published in December, target date 10th.

Please send any articles including pictures to either:

[newsletter@halo-orienteing.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@halo-orienteing.org.uk) or [ken.hutson@gmail.com](mailto:ken.hutson@gmail.com)

They can be about anything that you think may be of interest to HALO members.

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