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HALO New Year's Day Social Event
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Congratulations to Charlotte Ward

Winner (Women's Open):
Nopesport National Urban
League;
YHOA Urban League;
South Of England Urban
League.

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You will have noticed that HALO continues to be strong and active across its massive number of hectares which it serves. Your committee and dedicated volunteers have ensured a very full programme of events for all to enjoy. Our club is strong because individuals within it are committed and enthusiastic about Orienteering and its need to be made available to a wider audience. We therefore strive to increase participation. In these days of lack of exercise for so many UK citizens, most sports are examining ways of getting people active. British Orienteering is the same and is seeking funding to expand orienteering experiences (see the latest Focus mag.). HALO has much the same approach. One factor which is important when talking about expansion is that of having more regular events for newcomers to attend.

Following on from the latter theme, more recently, Neil has pioneered the use of several new orienteering areas. Noddle Hill, East Park, Hull Old Town and Swinemoor will now be familiar to those who keep active. The Hull City Urban event in July 2013 is likely to be the highlight of the year as it happens on the same weekend as the YHOA sprints at Hull University Site, Cottingham Road. An interesting observation/suggestion by Brian Ward is that summer undergrowth in our forests is a good reason to make use of urban terrain. HALO has commissioned an urban map of Barton-on-Humber (Roberts Mapping) for use at pub league, Poacher and summer O'. We hope you will join us. My first urban event was in Venice 2 years ago and since then I have become a proponent of the 'art'. The London City Race is my next big Target but not before the 'Edinburgh Big Weekend'.

Our behind the scenes people such as Ken Hutson, who produces this newsletter, (remember he said he would do one only),

are our back bone. Support him please with your views, comments and/or stories of your escapades. John Butler who masterminded our Club Mark Award, which catapulted us into British Orienteering's favour, continues to help develop our community involvement and support the local schools in the East Riding. You will notice that our website is continually improving with Pete Shew at the helm. He is always responsive to new ideas and suggestions for improvements in the way that the site works. He also makes maps, plans events, solves complicated formulas for league results and builds interesting contraptions that provide live results at our events.

Why do I mention these wonderful people? Well, to encourage you all to get involved and do things for your club. We need planners, mappers, organisers, administrators, publicist, journalists, logistic sists (or whatever they are called), you name it we need you. Our latest co-opted member to the committee is Mary Vickers who is likely to be reinforcements for our already only female on the committee Mary Carrick (stalwart member for many years).

I hope you will all consider responding to Pete Harris's request for planners at the Poacher Series. If you do not feel confident to go it alone, ask for a mentor who will guide you through the processes. Pete took on the role of 'Poacher' co-ordinator for the first time in 2012. The job was previously done by Pete Kullich from 1997-ish to 2010, and then in 2011 by the three of us, me, Neil and Pete Shew who are all retired. Congratulations to Pete Harris who has a very full-time job, and is also the Chair's chosen 'Orienteer of the Year'.

Can't think what to get your loved one for Christmas?

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Jackets for sale have HALO logos
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Our secretary Paul Van Dam is the epitome of dedication, he travels from Huddersfield each committee meeting to arrive on time (usually before me) and then trundles off home, after the meeting, to Barnby Moor for revitalisation, (oh! to be young!). His and Maria's progeny (George and Emma) are certainly a great asset to our club. Long may it continue?

Our Scunthorpe club-night is up and running from TaTa Steel's Sports Ground at Brumby Hall. Alex Piercy is the coach and is hard-working and enthusiastic. The club restarts on 9th January 2013. We will be publicising the night widely in the New Year. A small grants bid has gone to Sport England for funds to support the development of orienteering in North Lincolnshire. We hope to get new smaller areas of woodland/scrubland and urban areas mapped for use asap.

I am a social animal at heart and feel comfortable amongst a very friendly group of people who constitute HALO. Others feel similarly which can be verified by our many get-togethers during the calendar year. New Year's Day – The VanDam's 2012; The O'Grady's 2013, Night Score Social – The Wards; JK communal living and dining; BBQ – The Crutchley's; The Welsh 2012 – communal living and dining + 'Slap-up Meal at posh-ish restaurant; Xmas Dinner and Mary C being a bundle of fun at 'The Welsh' (see photo').

Thank you to all of our hosts for giving their time and expertise to arrange these events. We have members from far and wide (even from catchment areas of other clubs); I leave it to you to wonder why they join HALO?

I hope you all have a good year doing your orienteering and etc. Get involved even more than you have done in the past if you feel you can! I am hoping for great things from our club this year and I know others will feel the same. See you in the woods and the towns – from the end of January I will be doing more running and less hopping.

Brian Slater



HALO Orienteer of the Year: Pete Harris

Forthcoming Events

On this page Information from Pat & Ann O'Grady about the New Year's Day event and Pete Harris, Compass Sport Trophy Co-ordinator (Temp!), outlines the event and seeks support from all HALO members.

2013 HALO New Year's Day Event

Campsall Country Park

Campsall is situated between the A1 and A19, close to the former mining village of Askern.

Parking and post event bunfight will be at Campsall Village Hall (DN6 9AN - [Map](#))
Suitable footwear must be worn to protect the wooden floor.

Tea, coffee, jacket potatoes, soup and trifle will be available. Food brought by club members will be gratefully received.

The hall will be open to members from 11am.

Please let us know if you will be coming so that sufficient maps may be printed.

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2013 COMPASS SPORT TROPHY



It is hoped that HALO will be competing in the Small Clubs Competition at Fineshade (near Corby) on Sunday February 17th 2013. At the time of going to press the Draw had not been made. See the website for full details of the draw. Next year there is no specific YHOA Heat so we are having to venture further afield (without the Fields?). The alternatives were Slaley in Northumbria or Claife Heights in Cumbria – neither particularly suitable.

Fineshade was the venue when HALO last appeared in the Final in 2009, when we achieved a very creditable 5th place. Results from that day can be found at : <http://www.leioc.org.uk/results/2009/fineshade09/cst/index.html>

From memory (I also competed there last year at a Regional Event) the forest is relatively runnable and HALOesque. See Routegadget at above website for a taster of what to expect. If selected for Fineshade we will be competing against LOG, amongst others, another reason to put a strong team out. Note the club pays entry fees for competitors and if the 'Car Share' facility is utilised on the website, then the cost for participating should not be too prohibitive.

Neil, this year, is unable to compete or co-ordinate entries; so I have been coerced in being Team Captain (some excuse about son getting married that day!!). So I will be in touch in the New Year – make it your New Year Goal to get fit for this Event – we need some 'Brown' runners.

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On this page Helen Smith reports on a much-awaited event in Catalunya

I flew out on the Friday to meet Ken and Neil who had arrived on the Thursday evening and been out doing some sightseeing. After a small navigational "issue" I managed to find them at the top of the funicular railway (rather than the bottom where I had been waiting, oops!). The funicular takes you up the hill to the Olympic Park and the location of the Event Centre for registration and number collection. We had a stroll around the floodlit park enjoying the warm evening (it had been snowing in York just 7 days before) and then headed back into the tourist centre for dinner.

Saturday was overcast but pleasantly warm for the Sprint race around the intricate El Gotic area. The elites were off first and when I arrived they were all jogging around in little circles warming up within the holding pen. There was a spectator control on a raised platform in the assembly so we could watch them coming through. Also on the platform were 2 arm-chairs and a fruit bowl for the current leaders to sit in, a la Bradley Wiggins at the Olympics but not quite so grand! My course was 2.1kms and after messing up a bit at the Holt Park race I was just aiming to be in control of where I was at all times, and to keep running. The map was clear and I set off quite happily to 1, then immediately turned back on myself for the dogleg to number 2. It was going well but then I was halted in my track, quite literally. A couple of builders had decided to choose that moment to winch something heavy up to window and refused to let me pass along the little alleyway – I was within 50m of the control but had to wait.

They were taking ages so I found another route but after waiting and then running another 200m the splits show that I lost probably 90secs. The race went well from then on with no navigational issues and I was pleased with my time of 24.22 (although later inspection of the map shows that I took some longer routes than necessary).

Of the 5 W35 on the course 1 lady was 3 minutes clear and the other 4 of us were split by just 43 seconds! Neil and Ken were on the 1.4km course with Neil 2nd and Ken 6th.

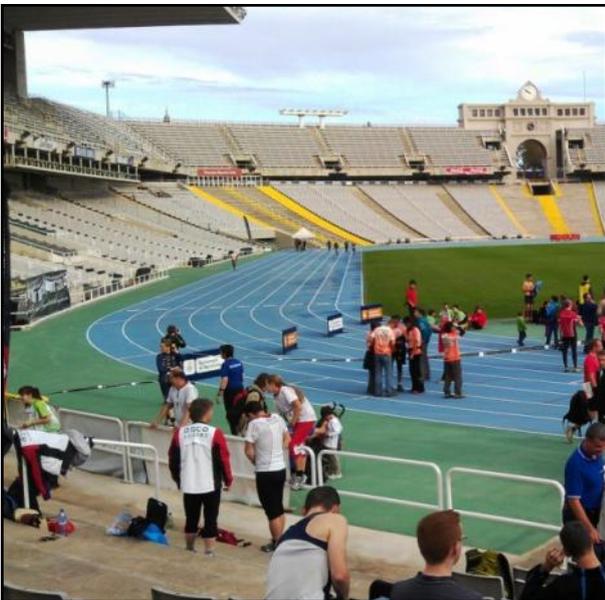
I headed back to my hotel for a shower and then a suitably calorific lunch followed by an afternoon sightseeing around the Parc de Montjuïc. We had a copy of the 2008 map and had a good look around anything that was not clear from the map to make sure we were not caught out by any planning trickery on the Sunday. We spent some time looking around the complicated castle grounds to work out what the different levels meant.



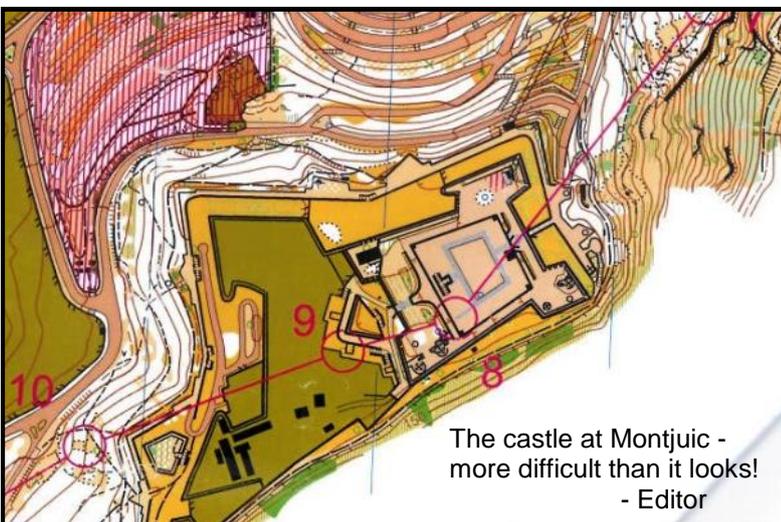
The Saturday Sprint Area (1.4km course run by Neil & Ken)

Barcelona 2012: Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona / 2

Sunday was forecast to be warm at 23 degrees but with possible rain. The assembly was within the Olympic stadium and I got there in good time but couldn't actually find a way in! I found others having a similar problem and a combination of sign language and basic Spanish helped us find out that we needed to be down a level and through a tunnel. Eventually we were in to find we had the whole stadium to ourselves (there were only about 250 competitors). To get to the start we had to run 300metres around the track to the start of the 100m straight. When the whistle blew we had to run the 100metres to get to our maps, pinned up on a washing line arrangement at the exit from the stadium.



The Start was from the gazebo at the other end of the 100m straight. The maps were attached to the 'washing line' on the middle left of the picture. After collecting the map it was right through the tunnel to the Start kite hanging from the end of the tunnel, over 200m from the Start! - Editor



**The castle at Montjuic - more difficult than it looks!
- Editor**

After 1 the W35 course headed into a very technical urban park area with lots of zigzagging paths, steps, escalators and fountains which had not been on the 2008 map. Luckily I had walked through it on Saturday so had an idea of what to expect to see. It was impossible to read on the run due to both the detail and likelihood of falling down steps so it was a slow start but 2, 3, and 4 became progressively quicker as I got into the map and then I was off back across the road into different more forested terrain, climbing the hill towards the castle via 5, 6 and 7.

As the whistle went for me to start I jogged the 100m whilst the other 2 starting with me sprinted. There was little point sprinting, I knew I had 9 or 10 km to cover on my course and a lot of hills.

Coming out of the stadium I was totally flummoxed about how to get from the start to 1. I found a route eventually but both Neil and Ken spotted a far better route when they took a quick glance at my map. (see Page 8 for map extract).

There was a cruel downhill to 7 only to climb straight back up but going slower (walking!) gave me chance to plan my routes through 8, 9 10 and 11.

On past the saxophonist playing Beatles songs outside the castle and across the drawbridge, fully confident that I knew how to get to number 8 in a tunnel at the back, then it was back through the central courtyard past the folk scratching their heads and all the way to the back of the walled area, under a tunnel, and up the steps for 9, reverse the route, out the castle grounds, past the sax player and onto the cliff path for a long jog to number 10, planning some more routes ahead (I actually had to stand still to finally work out 15-16).

Into the woodland for 10,11 and 12 before climbing again for 13 at which point the rain really started to come down, turning downhill, trying not to slip to 14, across some scrubland to 15 and then the complicated leg from below the main Olympic park, up steps past the mast, through the fountains (not literally!), towards the stadium and then turning off by the swimming pool, out of the park, across the road and ultimately past some riding stables – no chance to do that lot on map memory! (continued on Page 9)



Helen's route from 15 (bottom left corner of map above) to 16 (off map) was a straight run across the scrubland up the steps to the right of the tower (far side on photo), across the ornate area to the west of the Olympic stadium, up the steps and through the area between the swimming pools and the ornamental gardens (beyond the floodlights on the photo) to exit the Olympic park and cross the main road. This was a much better option than a possible western route.

- Editor

Barcelona 2012: Trofeu Internacional Ciutat de Barcelona / 4

A double-back and off towards 17 jogging down a very ornate series of staircases with fountains either side, across the face of the Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, to grab 17 on a steep little bank adjacent to the main steps. Then the home stretch to 18 was easy having walked that route to get to the stadium in the morning and I was able to take a quick rest on an escalator back up the hill.

Then it was just down to having enough energy for the last control which was one of those classic 50:50 route choice decisions - left or right around the stadium... I took left and ran as hard as I could to try to beat 96 minutes but in the end it was a few metres too far. I had covered 10.7kms and 350+m of climb in 96.43.



Every competitor's last control (19 on Helen's course). The kite and SI box are in the pot plant. Control description ?

- Editor

I was pleased to see that I was third in my class and by a good margin of 6minutes over 4th place but with the complicated points system for the overall results had no idea if I had done enough for 3rd overall until my name was announced at the prizegiving, with Neil coming 2nd in the M55 class.



The sun was back out so I decided that I was going to the beach and managed to convince Neil and Ken that this was a good idea too, so, after lunch, we had a quick paddle in the Med and a stroll around the port area to find dinner. If you're interested in seeing the maps they



are on routegadget: <http://www.clubcoc.cat/index.php?page=ticbcn12-resultats-en>

The Barcelona race only happens every 2 years so what next year...? Perhaps a trip to Porto in May...?



A (proud) Father's View

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On this page Paul Van Dam continues the story of George and Emma's orienteering year

(Photos: Brian Ward & BSOA)

The hope for the rest of 2012 was for George and Emma to continue their development - so how did they do?

The first event was the White Rose which saw George running in the M12A and Emma having a go at the W10B to gain experience in a safe area.

The first day saw George win by 50 seconds and so a good performance was required on the second day to keep the lead. George responded by being the only M12A to complete one of the courses in under 30 minutes and won the M12A category by just under 10 minutes. In the W10B event Emma set the pace on Day 1 and was leading by 90 seconds going into Day 2. Emma again showed that she is learning as she also won Day 2 by a slightly closer margin to win overall by nearly two and a half minutes.

George joined up with two members of SO to run in the Junior relay. George was running the longer leg of the three as the other two were less experienced than George at Orienteering. My memory of the relay is standing waiting to start my own relay race and seeing George not only finish first of all the runners but to go back to the last control and see where his teammates were! George's efforts were enough to help his team finish 3rd and he claimed his second mug of the week-end.



The next major event was the October Odyssey which again saw George come first on both days and saw him win a wooden spoon.

However, in what was already proving to be a good year turned into a special year for George in November at the British Schools Championship. George was the penultimate starter and therefore knew the time to beat when he set off. Having walked George to the start I raced back to the finish as quickly as I could in the hope I would get there before George. I was met near the finish by Emma who told me George was not back yet, but that soon changed as George came into the clearing after the final control and kept going to the end.



A few anxious moments whilst I waited for George to come through download but by my reckoning George had been quick enough - but was he. George came out of download and said 8 minutes and 43 seconds which I knew was the winning time although George was too tired to take in the news that he had won and had become the British Schools Y6 Boys Champion for 2012!

So proud parents saw their son become a British Champion.

Not to be outdone Emma made great progress over the past couple of months as she either put in strong performances on White and Yellow courses by being the first Girl on both days on the White Course at the October Odyssey (and as a bonus the first girl on the Yellow course on day 2), first on a Yellow at Bank Foot or by being able to correct a mistake and still finish the course as she did at Ogden Water.

Emma also ran as a NC at the British Schools Championship as she is younger than the lowest age class. However, that did not stop Emma from finishing 5th fastest out of 27 runners including having two fastest splits.

Emma's development is due thanks to the Beverley Club Night where not only can she run in a safe area, but can also learn the technical skills required.

On this page Pete Shew explains the 2012/13 HALO League rules

You may have noticed that the HALO League points are rather higher than in previous years. I hope to give some background and make the League rules a bit clearer.

The HALO League is a handicap, and as such the intent of the scoring system is to end the season with all competitors on equal scores. Clearly, this is an impossible task as shown by other handicap events. Even in horse racing, where a lot of time and money is put into handicapping individual horses, the races never end up with all runners crossing the line together. Our job of handicapping by age class will never be fair to everyone, but will hopefully give all classes a chance of scoring near the top.

In 2011/12 we had three masters, four juniors and three supervets in the top ten with a 15% spread in scores and with the top three places separated by only two points, so it doesn't seem too far wrong. The glaring omission is the lack of seniors, but this reflects our current demographic of very few senior members.

The earliest information I have found for the League is for the 2005/6 season under the heading "HALO League Proposal and Fixtures" from the committee in November 2005. There is mention of the scoring method but no details of the calculations involved. These were developed and 'handed down' in the form of an Excel spreadsheet., and they have remained largely unchanged until this season.

The basis of the rules is that a competitor in a specific age class, that is, one defined by their age and gender, should be able to run at a specified rate for a specified distance. The rate is taken from three sources including the "BOF Event Guidelines for Badge Events draft B 2002 for BOF Rules 2003", and the distance part of the formula is controlled by nominating a colour course for that age class. It is obvious that these are compromises as not all courses of the same colour have equal length or runnability. For example, middle distance events have been included in the League and competitors would be expected to perform higher on these shorter courses.

This also leads to the possibility of tactical event choice where an event on more difficult terrain is more likely to be avoided by someone who is fanatical about League points.

Based on the 2005/6 rules, the rules permit a 10% advantage from running up to a more difficult or longer course, with a concomitant 10% penalty for running down. This has always been contentious as the more elite members have frequently had no course higher than their nominated one, and so could not run up, and even at some events being forced to run down through lack of a suitable course. With the current course structure, the difference between a nominated course and the short version of the next colour is often very small and so perhaps should not attract the 10%. Perhaps we should only award 5% for one increment and 10% for more than that.

Once a runner has posted a time, it is used to generate a score by subtracting the time from the par time plus 100. Times are in decimal minutes and the par time is worked out from the rate and length of the course adjusted for climb. The par time can also be affected by the 10% running up or down adjustment.

It can be argued that this is a very non-linear way of calculating the points in that it becomes increasingly more difficult to get higher points, and that a more geometric approach should be taken such as par time divided by actual time times 100.

So, what's changed for the 2012/13 season?

The changes were prompted by the increase in the number of urban events and the belief that they would be a useful addition to the League. After my usual "that's going to be difficult!" response, I looked at what was needed to include them. The issues that needed to be resolved were the selection of nominated course and the running rate that one would expect for an urban event compared to a forest event.

Urban events generally have courses named with a single letter, 'A', 'B', etc. and the planner and/or organiser nominates the age classes for each course, so the first issue is sorted in principle, although the data entry needed to be updated to allow specification of these courses and associated age groups.

Running rate was a concern until the idea of normalising the results was introduced. Using this, the actual points are adjusted until the average of all HALO runners who completed a course is 100.

This has the advantage of also making allowances for different runnability of forest events as well. A sliding scale is used for when the HALO attendance is lower than seven.

At the same time as these changes, it was decided to use rounding rather than truncation; previously a score of 100.9 would be recorded as 100 and not 101. The par points was also changed from 100 to 1000 as there was a very real chance of one or other tie for champions.

Before proposing these rules to the committee, the 2011/12 results were recalculated using them. Thankfully, the top ten was almost unchanged although there was some re-ordering and the overall champion was different. The spread of points in the top ten came down from 15% to 10%, and there were two competitors with scores of 7317 and 7316 another near tie.

What else could we have done or do next year?

The rules for this season are already decided, but we may review them for the next season. Some of the things to consider are:

- Should we include the 'short' courses as possible nominated courses? How do we handle

events where they are not available – do we use running down or up rules – do we ignore running down one level – something else?

- Is the current running up and/or down rule fit for purpose? In urban events there are fewer courses and the option of running up is not available for many runners. Should we scrap it? Should we have a variable amount depending on the number of levels changed? Or on the relative lengths of the courses?
- What about normalisation? Tactical encouragement of slower runners to enter and complete a course can reduce the average points and so force an increase in everybody else's score to bring the average back to 100. Should we calculate points for **all** runners at an event, not just the HALO ones, to get a more balanced average? How do we get all that data into the system (currently it is entered manually for HALO members)?
- Should we change the points calculation? Maybe use a ratio instead of subtraction. Maybe change the calculation to something totally different.

HALO podiums

Congratulations
to
Neil Harvatt

2nd place M55+
Barcelona 2012



Congratulations
to
Helen Smith

2nd place
Women's Open
YHOA Urban
League

3rd Place, W35
Barcelona 2012

The adventures of Mad Mary on the Moor of Pigs /1

On this page [Mary Carrick reports on recent experiences of the dark-side of orienteering](#)

This tale starts when Mad Mary - she who is notorious in all of Britain for her erratic orienteering, being, to paraphrase the well-known saying, *'when she is good she is very, very good but when she is bad, she is hopeless'* - spent an inordinate amount of her hard-earned pennies on purchasing a new head-torch.

For her first outing with the above-named aide to navigation - which not only allowed her to see where she was going at night but even to be able to see some of the detail on the map - she ventured across to Dark Woods of Harlow Hill, home of the Wicked Witch of the North, together with Sir Corrigan the Fleet, Sir Hooton the Hockey-player and Lady Gardner of the Impossibly Fast Times.

Having braved the great depths of mud and the stricken rhododendrons of the Woods, Mad Mary continued onto the Treacherous Hill-side, with its rock scrambles and sheer descents down the mud. Here she succeeded until control 13, where she wasted some ten minutes going round in a large circle. Having finally found the said control 13, she bravely scaled the Heights of Despair and then romped - or staggered if you prefer - down to controls 14, 15 and 16.

Alas for poor Mad Mary, although she had her brand-new head-torch to guide her in the gloom, she had not had her brained serviced before attempting her trials in the Dark Woods; all sense left her and she spent the next twenty minutes crawling through a woman-eating rhododendron thicket - henceforth to be known as the 'Thicket of Gloom' - after attempting a short-cut to control 17.

At last she arrived at The Finish and the faithful servants of CLARO immediately collected the finish control and Mad Mary and she was returned to the car-park and her assorted cohort of fellow competitors, who had, by then, nigh frozen to death in their long wait.

Undaunted by this last adventure, the next weekend Mad Mary again embarked on a Night Challenge. This time it was to be on the Moor of the Pigs; an area well-known to Mad Mary, who lived but a stone's throw away in her cosy and secure home on the highlands to the east of the desolation of the Moor of the Pigs. This Moor of the Pigs had a well-earned reputation for damp - nay, wet - and, how can it best be described? - flat-ness but at least it had no cliffs and rocky outcrops.

Again, Mad Mary lost what few marbles she had retained from the previous week and forgot to check the length of her brand-new head-torch's efficacy, after it six-hour battery-recharging, until 12.30pm on that dreadful day. Alas and woe for her, as the light only lasted for two hours on full beam and that had already been gobbled up in the Dark Woods of Harlow Hill, there was not enough power to guide her on the Moor of the Pigs. *'Oh schucks'*, said Mad Mary - or something similar, if no stronger, *'I will have to rely on my old head-torch. Trusty Companion though it has been for this many a long year, it is now nearly knackered and does not shine with any great light at all'*.

Nonetheless, Mad Mary drove to the Moor of the Pigs; arriving there about 4.15pm, to find that quite a few other orienteers arrived not long afterwards, including Sir Corrigan and the Lady Gardner. These others were gnashing at the bit - I do not know which bit but whichever one it was, they were gnashing at it - in order to be allowed to start on their epic journeys. But *'No,'* uttered the Grand High Master Harvatt - he who must be obeyed - *'the first to brave the Moor of the Pigs must be Mad Mary, in order that she may awaken the dwarfs who sleep in the boxes of control, so that others may follow with speed.'*

So Mad Mary dibbed her faithful dibber to register her fell intent and reluctantly paid her pennies - not that many - and returned to her car where she girded her loins - and many other parts of her portly anatomy - and then spent the next ten minutes trying to find her dibber, which had very sensibly hidden itself amongst the chaos of her car-boot in a vain attempt to prevent Mad Mary setting off into the darkness of the Moor of the Pigs. Vain the attempt was, as Mad Mary eventually found her dibber and, with words of deserved remonstrance, put it on her finger and went to **THE START**.

On her way to control 1 it was fortunate that Sir Dean of the Farm of Fields overtook Mad Mary and unwittingly enabled her to clearly see that she was not going to reach control 1 if she continued in the direction on which her heart, and compass, was set. Unfortunately, so fleet of foot was Sir Dean of the Farm of Fields that Mad Mary was unable to keep up with his rapid pace and car-headlamp torch and, further, she was unable to see in front of her lay many and deep streams of water. Thus encumbered, Mad Mary then went in wider and wider circles in her search for control 2; it was only when she arrived at

The adventures of Mad Mary on the Moor of Pigs /2

control 3 that she realised where she was and was able to return, eventually and twenty-eight minutes after leaving control 1, at control 2. Oh frumptious joy! Oh relief! Oh swearing and cursing!

From there Mad Mary romped ahead to reach control fourteen – the stump of the blasted oak – and from thence to go onwards towards the next goal – er, control, as this is not a tale of the dreaded foot-the-ball. Little did she know that the evil spirits of the Moor of Pigs had moved the control site on her map to the other side of a thorny thicket and the deep waters of despair. Undaunted, Mad Mary continued on her way to fight through the thorny thicket and wade through the deep waters of despair. Alas, no control greeted her and she wandered despairingly around until another knight, with a good head-torch, told her that the control had been moved back to its original place across the other side of the deep waters of despair and the thorny thicket. ‘Oh sugar,’ said Mad Mary, aware that children might read this, and then used her magic dibber to strike fear into the hearts of the evil spirits of the Moor of the Pigs and register her presence at control 15.

By now seriously spent, Mad Mary continued on her way to control 16, via control 3 – by now a well-known location – and on to control 17. From here she was again crossing the squelch and watery-wastes when she saw the light of the Aged Warlock, the Grand High Master Harvatt, coming towards her. With the aid of his trusty torch, which he swept in a great circle around the Moor of Pigs, Mad Mary was able to see her way to control 18 and then back to **THE FINISH**; wet, exhausted but still more or less functioning but at a low, battery power.

The next day Mad Mary – from the above you can see how she earned her sobriquet – returned to the Moor of the Pigs but it was now by the glorious light of day. Apart from one, silly mistake, she had a Good Run and so felt suitably refreshed that she was able to shadow Bella on a brilliant run round the White Course and then to offer to collect controls.

Oh foolish, foolish Mad Mary; does she never learn? Controls 1 and 2 presented no problem but then she decided to re-arrange her socks within her Wellington boots – named after the famous victor of the Battle of Waterloo, but I digress. Putting down the controls stakes and kites Mad Mary adjusted the said socks then looked up to see the map blowing rapidly away towards the wild, blue yonder. Valiantly, Mad Mary chased after the map, with her welly boots flapping and the control stakes waving madly. Alas, again, and alack, the map continued its pre-destined route into the nearest lake. Worse, instead of being blown across the nearest lake, it grounded itself on an island in this nearest lake.

More naughty words issued from the mouth of Mad Mary before she took off the offending socks and welly boots; rolled up her no longer clean track-suit bottoms; and waded out to the island to retrieve the by now-repentant map. Arriving safely back on shore, she cleaned off her feet as best she could with soggy tissues from her pocket; removed the pond-weed from between her toes; and womanfully continued to collect the rest of the controls. When she arrived back at base, the Grand High Master Harvatt – he who must be obeyed – and his worthy henchman Sir Ken Hutson of the Wild West of Hull – congratulated Mad Mary on her perseverance; and then collapsed with laughter.

Such is life for Mad Mary.

HALO podiums

Congratulations to
Emma Van Dam

2nd place (Women,
Young Juniors):
YHOA Urban League



Humber Night Challenge 2013

On this page [After another successful event last March, John Butler outlines the 2013 programme](#)

HALO IS ONE OF THE JOINT ORGANISERS OF THE 2013 HUMBER NIGHT CHALLENGE which is taking place on Saturday 9 March and the early hours of Sunday morning. The other organisers of the event are Humberside Police, Humberside Fire and Rescue and the High Sheriffs' Tribune Trust. This the fourth year running that HALO will have been involved in the event.

There will be some 30 mixed teams of five young people (aged between 14 and 17) who will be required to follow a 20k route, mainly off road, starting and finishing at Ionians Rugby Club at Brantingham Park in East Riding. There will be six check points on route where the teams will have 15 minutes to complete a "challenge". Each team will be accompanied by an adult supervisor whose role is in part a safety one but does include, for example, questioning his/her team if they are heading totally in the wrong direction!

The event starts at 4 pm on the Saturday with each team being briefed before partaking of a hot meal. The teams set off from 5 pm at 15 minute intervals, the last one going off at 00.15 am on the Sunday morning. The winning team is the fastest one, subject to adjusting for the marks awarded at the challenges, and is expected back after about six hours. There are medals for all finishers and prizes for the first three teams.

Teams are provided with head lights, rear lights, tabards, compasses, whistles, pens, pencils, maps (which are ordnance survey based) and map holders. Competitors are not allowed to take mobile phones with them but the supervisors, who will have attended a briefing and walked the route before the event, are. Safety is paramount and the organisers are providing appropriate vehicles, ambulances, helicopters, etc. at strategic locations.

HALO podiums

Congratulations to
Martin Smith

2nd place Men's Open
(130 competitors!)

London City Race
September 22nd 2012





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Humber Games 2013

On this page [Following the success of the 2012 event, John Butler looks forward to the 2013 competition](#)

As part of next year's Humber Games, HALO is organising the Final of the Schools Orienteering Championships for each of the four local authority areas as follows:

- North East Lincolnshire - on Friday 26 April at a venue yet to be determined
- East Riding - 3.30 pm on Tuesday 30 April at Burton Constable Hall.
- Hull - on Monday 20 & Thursday 23 May at Hymers College
- North Lincolnshire - on a date and at a venue yet to be determined

The top pairs/individuals from each of the Finals will be invited to represent their areas at the Humber School Games Orienteering Championships which is being held on Friday 12 July at Hymers College - also being organised by HALO.

We will need a lot of help, particularly on the days shown, so please put the dates in your diary now and keep them free if you can. In the meantime if you want any further information contact Neil Harvatt, Brian Slater or John Butler.

In the East Riding there will be at least 12 cluster competitions for years 5 and 6, and possibly 7 & 8, at various schools during March and April, which HALO has offered to have a presence at and to give a hand if required. (This year there were over 600 children from 55 schools who took part in the cluster competitions.) The top scorers from each of the cluster events will be invited to take part in the Final. Awards will be made to the first three and the best school in each year group. This year there were 180 young people from 39 schools in the Final, and next year there could be even more.

There are not likely to be cluster competitions in the other three local authority areas, as they are not organised in the same way as the East Riding is, so there will be just the final event in each area as shown above.

Hopefully, some of the successful children could be encouraged to also take part in the YHOA Schools Championships which are being organised by CLARO on Wednesday 26 June at Harrogate.

HALO podiums

Congratulations to
George Van Dam

British Schools Y6 Boys
Champion



My aim this year was to make the transition from Forest Orienteer to Urban Orienteer, concentrating my competitive efforts on the Concrete Jungle as oppose to the usual Forest "Jungle" that has become all too common lately. Throughout 2012 we've only been to a dozen forest / moorland events, or as I prefer to call them, "traditional" orienteering events. In comparison we've done around 50 Urban / Sprint competitions and training events (official and unofficial!).

The season started in Edinburgh at the end of January with the first 2012 Nopesport Urban League event (the unofficial National Urban League) and ran all the way through to the end of November with a double header at Sheffield with a Sprint & Chase on Saturday 24th and the final Nopesport event and Sunday 25th at Pocklington with the final Yorkshire Urban League fixture.

In between we travelled to many exotic locations – for Nopesport these included Great Malvern, Kendal, Canterbury, Nottingham, Guildford, Didcot, Lincoln, Carlisle, Dunblane, Yeadon (Leeds) and Castle Vale (Birmingham).

In the Yorkshire Urban League event venues (that we managed to compete at) included Easingwold, Settle & Giggleswick, Knaresborough, York, Sowerby Bridge, Holt Park Estate & Golden Acre Park (Leeds), Yeadon (Leeds) and the Sheffield / Pocklington weekend events, I also planned the Beverley event!

Sprint events this year were sparse, but then they always are. The British Sprint was at York University in March, I had high hopes, but Sprint isn't as strong a discipline for me as longer distance Urban's and I started too cautiously, then lost time towards the end, failing to qualify for the "A" Final by 2 seconds in my Heat – some you win, some you lose! Campus events, where longer, Middle Distance, rather than Sprint courses are offered, started to appear this year too. Aberystwyth and Warwick were highlights, while favourite Sprints included Holt Park Estate

(Leeds) – probably the best Sprint of 2012, and Lincoln University (LOG Mid-Summer Madness event), not least because I won! I tried to use events that weren't part of Nopesport or Yorkshire Urban Leagues as training, but found it's better to race them, they included Huntingdon (near Cambridge), Barnard Castle (Amanda's old stomping ground!), Horncastle (LOG Summer League), Basingstoke (my personal favourite Urban event of the year) and Wirksworth (near Matlock).

In the Spring, Steve Whitehead put on quite a few informal Sprint training sessions in the run up to the British Sprints. These were held on some superb small areas in and around York City Centre and the surrounding towns and villages including Malton and Helmsley. This was followed up, all be it several months later, with the superb EBOR Autumn Sprint Series, but sadly, this year, we didn't get to anywhere near as many of them as we would have liked to ☹.

Training for Urban, on mapped areas, is easier to arrange than Forest training. This year I've managed, amongst others, Barmby Moor, Beverley, Acomb and Holgate (York), Knaresborough, Ripon, St.Andrews (yes, that one!) and Washingborough (Lincoln) – a class Urban area, can't wait for a "proper" event there ☺ .

Next year is looking good, but, don't faint, there are also some very good forest events to look forward to as well. BOC and JK are in the South, excellent looking forests, the Midland Champs is on the very best area of Sherwood Forest – Budby, which includes some fantastic, fast and open runnable Oak woodland.

I don't think I'll ever "race" forest-O again, I'm just not fast enough through the terrain, but give me an Urban, and well, I'm away, full bore – and I love it!

Fourwards into 2013



AGM 2012: Awards

Congratulations to the following who received awards at the AGM:

HALO League

Champion: Dean Field

Junior Champion: Zac Field

2nd Place: Jake Field

3rd Place: Yasmin Field

Senior : Helen Smith

Masters: Neil Harvatt

2nd place: Helena Crutchley

Super Vets: Mike Smith

2nd place: Pete Shew,

3rd place: Pat O'Grady

Harry Milton Trophy & HALO Championship

Mike Smith

HALO Saturday League

White: Bella Britain

Green: Mary Vickers

Orienteer of the Year:

Pete Harris

Chairman's Report to the HALO AGM, October 2012 /1

Why are we a really good Club? - Well!

Over the years we have been developing new ideas for events, new associations with the community, new skills for members, substantial support from British Orienteering, etc.

In particular we have:-

- Become Club Marked;
- Gained sustained support from British Orienteering;
- Assisted with schools' orienteering across The Humber Region, especially ERiding;
- Joint organised the 'Humber Night Challenge';
- Trained new and existing coaches;
- Trained planners in safety issues;
- Provided regular events for the Orienteering calendar;
- Gained 10th place in the clubs of Great Britain for most events staged;
- Provided 2 weekly Club Nights for All;
- Arranged social events, sometimes combined with O' events;
- Introduced Saturday events in each of our areas, especially to attract newcomers;
- More recently initiated the 'Urban Pub League';
- Etc.

This is possible because of the dedication and commitment of members of the club. I would like to thank all those who turn up at an event to help with its organisation. This includes the jobs such as registering, starting, helping newcomers be successful on their introductory courses; and of course assisting with the clearing up afterwards.

Those who prepare events for us, i.e. the organisers, controllers and in particular the planners of events are a massive valuable asset to the club. With our increased number of events we need more and more planners. Please ask if you would like to do some planning, we will accommodate you – in fact snap up your offers.

Willing planners over the previous 12 months were:-

Malcolm Humphrey, Andy Houlden, Pete Shew, Sam Offler, Dean Field;
George & Emma Van Dam; Alex Smith & Chris Simmonds;
Brian Ward, Rod Williams, Paul Simmons, Mary Carrick;
Brian Slater, Pete Harris, Neil Harvatt:

Thank you also to our other event officials, controllers:-

Paddy Neligan; Pete Harris; Neil Harvatt;

And organisers:-

Myself – Yvette Baker Trophy;
John Fulwood – YHOA Champs at Pillar;
Helena Chritchley – Beverley Urban:

New Maps

Swinemoor, East Park, (HULL), Hull Old Town,
- Neil Harvatt
Osgodby – Brian Slater
Barton-upon-Humber (Urban), Noddle Hill, –
Christine Roberts (Roberts Mapping)

Notable personal performances / rankings this year have been:-

George Van Dam: Humber Schools' Champion;
Jake Field: M17 - ranked 11th out of 56;
Zac Field: M18 - ranked 13th out of 113;
Charlotte Ward: W20 - ranked 4th in GBR; 1st Lincoln City Race
Helen Smith: W35 - ranked 20th out of 93 in GBR;
Martin Smith: M35 2nd in the men's Open London City Race
Helena Crutchley: W45 ranked 35th out of 275;
Brian Ward: M50 ranked 20th out of 459 in GBR;
Neil Harvatt: M55; ranked 33rd out of 433; 3rd Day 1 & 1st Day 2 at the White Rose; and representing HALO on the continent – Madrid and NE Italy;
John Butler: 1st M65s White Rose;
Pete Kullich: M70 ranked 11th out of 161;
Mark Tyszka: 1st M75s JK Day 2 & 3

Responsibility

Being the chairman of a club brings great responsibilities, but also brings great joys when things come together. As many of you will know my main preoccupation at present is to increase HALO's club activities and participation in the Scunthorpe area. The area is disadvantaged owing to the loss of 2 large orienteering venues, Laughton and Broughton. The area is our furthest west and therefore likely to attract members from other YHOA clubs and beyond. With British Orienteering support we are hoping to expand by introducing a club night centred on 'The Pod' at Central Park, and also the Club is staging monthly Saturday events to attract new members. Yes this is a big commitment and we are trying it out. You may have noticed that our club, this year, is 10th best 'putter-on-er' of events out of the 110 orienteering clubs in the country. It includes schools' events, club events and activities. For a small club like ours this is an enormous achievement and it owes itself to exceptional dedication and commitment of HALO members, many of whom incidentally are either retired or semi-retired.

HALO committee

Just a few words about your hard working committee members, who as well as involving themselves in orienteering, have developed other roles which are needed in order for the club to prosper.

Webmaster

Pete Shew has managed the website this year responding to requests for developments and achieving excellent results. He improves layout and ease of use with every development. In particular he enables committee members to access areas of the website to change data so that the membership is given up-to-date information. He also works out the formulas for leagues and does the complex programming for specific events e.g. Yvette Baker Trophy team calculations. The innovative live display of results is his brain child.

Newsletter Editor

Ken kindly offered to take on the challenge of producing one newsletter for the membership and has successfully managed to do much more than that and has put together 3 excellent issues to date. He spends other wadds of his time planning events and helping with school and community orienteering projects.

Treasurer etc

John keeps our financial books in good order and updates our development plan. He also keeps our memberships up to date e.g. Club Mark. Has a pivotal role in the Humber Night Champs and school events.

Fixtures secretary

Neil amongst other things designs our calendar of events each year dealing with permissions and

personnel. His continued commitment to the Beverley Club Night has seen an influx of new participants who turn up regularly. It is a time consuming job and we all I am sure very grateful for his involvement.

Membership Secretary

John Fulwood keeps a check our membership numbers. He also managed to create our largest ever positive financial outcome from the YHOA Championships at Pillar Wood earlier this year. He has reduced his orienteering activities recently but remains a vital cog in the business of the your committee.

Poacher Co-ordinator

Pete Harris, new to the committee this year, did a brilliant job on the Poacher, as we all know. Some new ideas on competitions turned out to be very good indeed. He also provided the club with a 30th year Anniversary Event that also turned out to be the highlight of the year for many of us. Well done Pete and Isoldt.

I look forward to working towards more and better orienteering over the next year. Please help your club to develop and prosper by volunteering your services as and when you are able.

Thank you.

Brian Slater - Chair with broken leg.

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HALO podiums

Congratulations to
Brian Ward

2nd place (Men Vets
M40+):

Nopesport National
Urban League

YHOA Urban League



To commemorate HALO's first 30 years HALO News is looking back through the Club archives. In the last newsletter we published the Minutes from HALO's first AGM. John Butler has extracted the Minutes from the second AGM which are reproduced below (with apologies for the quality of reproduction and typing)

Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting of Humberide and Lincolnshire Orienteers, held at the Coach & Horses, High St, Barton on Humber, 28th Sep 1983

Present

Dave Middle (Acting Chairman), Phil Goreham (Treasurer), Bob Toose (Secretary), Jan McClean, Colin Moulton, Quentin Jefferson, Pam Bealtime, Mike Bealtime, Brian Ward, Amanda Kirby, Vic De Main, Mark Tynska, Mike Tynska, Harry Milton, Geoff Nelson, Terry Frendergast, Mike Wilmore, Brian Slater, Ingrid Slater, Amanda Goreham, Doug Atkinson, Julie Atkinson, Anne Atkinson, Frank Green, John Higginson.

Apologies

Alison Roberts, Sheilah Higginson, David Higginson, Shaun Poole, Bryn Jones, Dave Lawson, Mike Cope, Jo Edlington, Peggy Hilton.

Dave Middle presided the meeting by explaining that, following the resignation of the Chairman about two months previously, he had been appointed Acting Chairman by the Committee and would conduct the meeting in that capacity.

Minutes of the First HALO AGM, held at the Costello Centre, Hull, on 20th October 1982, had been circulated before the meeting and were accepted as an accurate record.

Chairman's Report

The Acting Chairman began by reviewing the events of the past year. The winter series of night training events was not organised as a league this year, but he noted that the outstanding performance had been that of Frank Ince. The summer events, held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month were very successful and generally well attended, and he thanked Phil Goreham and Frank Ince the coordinators.

The Club's only badge event was at Wykeham in December 1982. Attendance had not been very good, but the organisation was commendable, and he thanked Vic De Main, and planners Colin Moulton, Mike and Pam Bealtime. 24 events were held at Naughton Moor in February and Rickley in April; both were very successful, drawing acceptable numbers.

In June the club held an unusual event, a relay race along the Humber Way. Two teams, one comprising club members and the other from Andrew Marvell School, took part, and nearly everybody had a most enjoyable day.

Members of the club travelled to most major events during the year, including the JY, Sarvesters, White Rose, and British Championships, in Sussex.

Turning to the future the Acting Chairman said that permission for the November event at Zealand had, with some difficulty, been obtained (this was subsequently revoked, owing to a change of heart by the new land-owners).

12th February 1983 would see the club's most important event of the year, a badge event at Willingham, once first held on the South Bank by HALO. He appealed to all members to help the success of this event by offering assistance on the day. There will be a club event at Lonsborough on 4th March - a planner is still required - and the recently postponed Humberide Championships will take place on the South Bank on 1st April. He wished success to the Hull Far events for children, organised by Messrs Atkinson, De Main, and Cope, and

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Looking further ahead, we plan a badge event at Scardale and Inapton in 1985 and Dave explained that a mapper is needed for the revised map which will be used.

In a prognosis, he said that the club, with its small and disparate membership in a large geographical area, should, with effort, be able to grow, against the national trend. There was scope for social events - suggestions to the Committee would be welcome.

The Newsletter, thanks to Pam Bealtime, was an important source of communication within the club and should be supported; contributions from members were always needed.

The Acting Chairman then thanked those officers who had made special contributions - Vic De Main, Question Jaf arson, Phil Goreham, and Bob Toose, as well as all others who had given help to the club through the year.

Finally, Dave Middle presented the Orienteer of the Year Award (pathetically forgotten and substituted for the occasion by a half-pint beer glass) to Colin Moulton, who, the Committee felt, had made a great contribution to the club, through his work as joint planner at Ryeburn and relay team coordinator, and for his performances in competition during the year.

Treasurer's Report

Phil Goreham explained the balance sheet contents, commenting that map sales had been quite high, as was the surplus from the Houghton event. He said however that the balance, at £284.95 is as low as we ever want it to sink - cash flow problems could easily arise - maps and equipment have to be purchased long before the revenue to pay for them is received.

It was explained that the money raised by sponsorship of the Wolds Way Relay, approximately £364, will be presented to Frendykes Special School within two weeks, now that the last monies had been collected.

Questioned by Jan McClean, who asked whether a deposit account could not be held, the Treasurer explained that such an account had previously existed in the past, but would be worth considering again, particularly if the balance improved.

Mark Tynan commented on the low mapping costs recorded, drawing the reply that regrettably, very little mapping had been done during the year.

Election of Officers

The Acting Chairman explained that two of the elected committee members were standing down. Two nominations had been received by the Secretary:

Alison Roberts (proposed by Pam Bealtime, seconded by Mike Bealtime)
and Brian Ward (proposed by Amanda Kirby, seconded by Colin Moulton)

The sole nomination for Chairman was Dave Middle, and the posts of Treasurer and Secretary were not contested, the incumbents offering themselves for re-election. Thus the seven Committee members listed below were proposed en bloc by Dave Middle, seconded by Brian Slater, and agreed by the meeting without recourse to elections:

Chairman	Dave Middle
Treasurer	Phil Goreham
Secretary	Bob Toose
	Alison Roberts
	Brian Ward
	Mike Bealtime
	Vic De Main

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In the absence of any other nomination, Pam Heseltine expressed her willingness to continue in the post of Newsletter Editor, and was duly co-opted onto the Committee.

There were no nominations for Regional Committee Representative nor Social Secretary, and the Chairman said that if nobody outside the Committee could be found then Committee members would carry out these tasks.

A discussion ensued in which the make-up of the Committee was considered. Suggestions by Mark Tyska and Pam Heseltine that a larger committee, with each member being elected to a specific post, was not generally accepted. Harry Milton commenting such appointments would be unpopular (as was evident at this meeting, with no nominations for Regional Rep. or Social Secretary) and Brian Slater said that a large committee would have built-in inflexibility. John Higginson felt the committee should be kept small and active. Dave Giddie's proposal that committee meetings be open to all members did not meet with great enthusiasm. It was, however, agreed that the Committee should consider the Constitutional committee structure and use the Newsletter to continue this discussion, with possible changes to the Constitution occurring at the next AGM.

Membership Fees

The Treasurer proposed that Senior and Group fees be increased to £1.50 per year, and Junior to 75 pence, with half price membership for new members joining after July. After a brief discussion, John Higginson seconded the motion and the fees were agreed without objection.

Resolution 12

The resolution that a clause be added to the Club Constitution regarding the disposal of assets should the Club be wound up, was seconded by John Higginson and carried unopposed (and almost unnoticed).

Any Other Business

Schools Orienteering

Doug Atkinson raised this subject, explaining that he, Vic De Main and Mike Uppe are organising a series of events in the Hull Parks which children will be able to attend, travelling the relatively short distances to the events under their own steam. Circulars have elicited responses from six schools. Two trial events are planned, in East Park, and West Park. Talks have been held by Doug and Vic with various Leisure Services officials, who are supportive. Use of the Leisure Services magazine 'Springboard' to promote the events has been offered, however the readership of this publication is unknown. As regards circularisation of schools, the need to approach geography, rather than P.E., departments, was mentioned.

If the Hull Parks initiative is successful, then permanent courses in the parks was seen as a logical development.

On the introduction of children to orienteering, Mike Heseltine said that active orienteers in schools were the key, and that our members who are teachers could be of great help. Jan McElean said that teachers could generate interest, but they need small local events to maintain it.

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Mapping

Phil Corsham spoke on the subject of mapping and the need for a mapping coordinator who would control stocks of mapping equipment, recruit mappers, and coordinate mapping. He thought that perhaps a short (say two hour) mapping course could be run.

In a short discussion on mapping, Mark Tynska urged the Committee to plan events a long time in advance - say 15 months - to allow for mapping, and other tasks, to be carried out properly. Mike Wilmore recommended the Harvey book on mapping and it was suggested that the Club obtain a copy. T

In conclusion, it was felt that the Committee should consider action on mapping.

BOP Levy

Mike Hewittine raised this subject, saying that, for small outlying clubs such as HALO, the schedule for levies, particularly for badge events, is too high, possibly causing a loss to be made on events where numbers turned out to be poor. Perhaps a sliding scale is needed. It was agreed that this matter should be raised with BOP, or possibly a letter to Coopersport would do the trick. Again the Committee would recommend action.

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm



Mike Smith receives the Harry Milton Trophy from HALO Chair, Brian Slater at the 2012 AGM

And Finally



The next HALO News will be published in April 2013, provisional date 15th.

Please be aware that I can only print what I know and I may only know if you tell me!

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