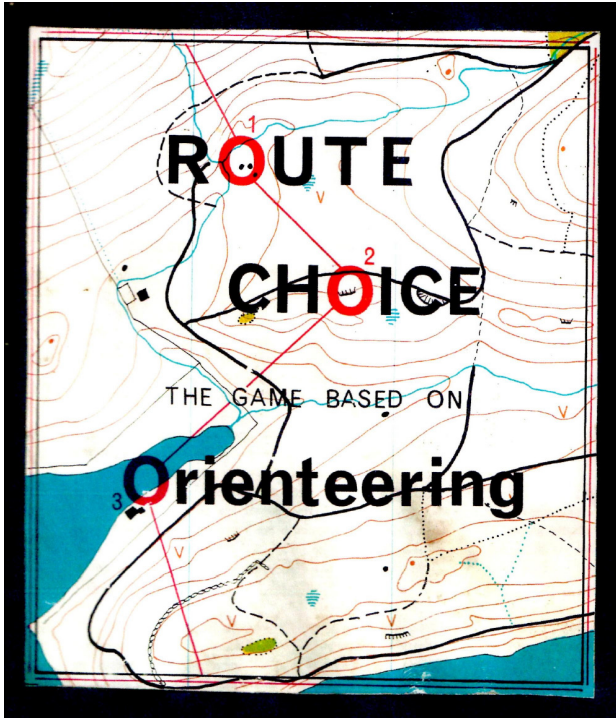


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Cover: Orienteering board game - British 1970s style (***NOT*** to be confused with the 2010 NGOC orienteering board game "*Forest Challenge!*"). Article inside.

Chairman's Chat

At last it is beginning to feel as if Spring may be on its way, though the biting wind that bored through us as we compared efforts at the Army Harris relay event recently suggested that it's a bit too early for long post mortems on one's run, at least outside the pub. This was my first Harris relay, and it was great fun – a true team event. Everybody in the team of three has to visit a given set of 'spine' controls. Every other control has to be visited by at least one team member, and once you have punched the start the team leader allocates controls to the others to ensure all are covered. Your time is the time of the last runner back. It's a format that doesn't seem to be used much, but it's a very enjoyable alternative to the normal individual and relay events, and with teams of only three, it should perhaps be easier to organise teams. We should give it a try locally sometime.

Of my three main challenges for the year, you will be aware that the problem of forest access costs was replaced by the problem of the possible sell-off of the forest. You'll also be aware that this issue is now on hold – pending an 'independent' consultation on the future of the public forests. It hasn't wholly gone away – the consultation process will report towards the end of the year, I believe – but at least it is encouraging that the Government appear to have listened.

Volunteering remains a challenge, though I am very grateful to those of you who have come forward to support both next year's fixtures and the planned Spring series in Gloucester/Cheltenham. I would still like to see new faces, and once again I stress: it's a marvellous way to get out into the forest more, it helps you get to know more people in the club, and you don't have to know anything to start with – there is always lots of help around. There are no downsides in my view, so please put yourselves forward! Last of the three – the participation events. We are a bit later starting in Gloucester/Cheltenham than we had hoped, thanks to problems with scheduling available venues, and getting access permission, but we aim to start at the beginning of April with a programme of eight events taking up Saturdays when there is no mini-league or MADO event. Watch for publicity and information on the web, and encourage your acquaintances who may be interested to come along. In Herefordshire, we await agreement from HOC on use of some

of their areas, but we are planning a series of six Tuesday afternoon events in May and June, aimed at children from targeted schools in the area. Again, look out for updates on the web. Still no news from the University of Gloucestershire on their Sports Partnership plans.

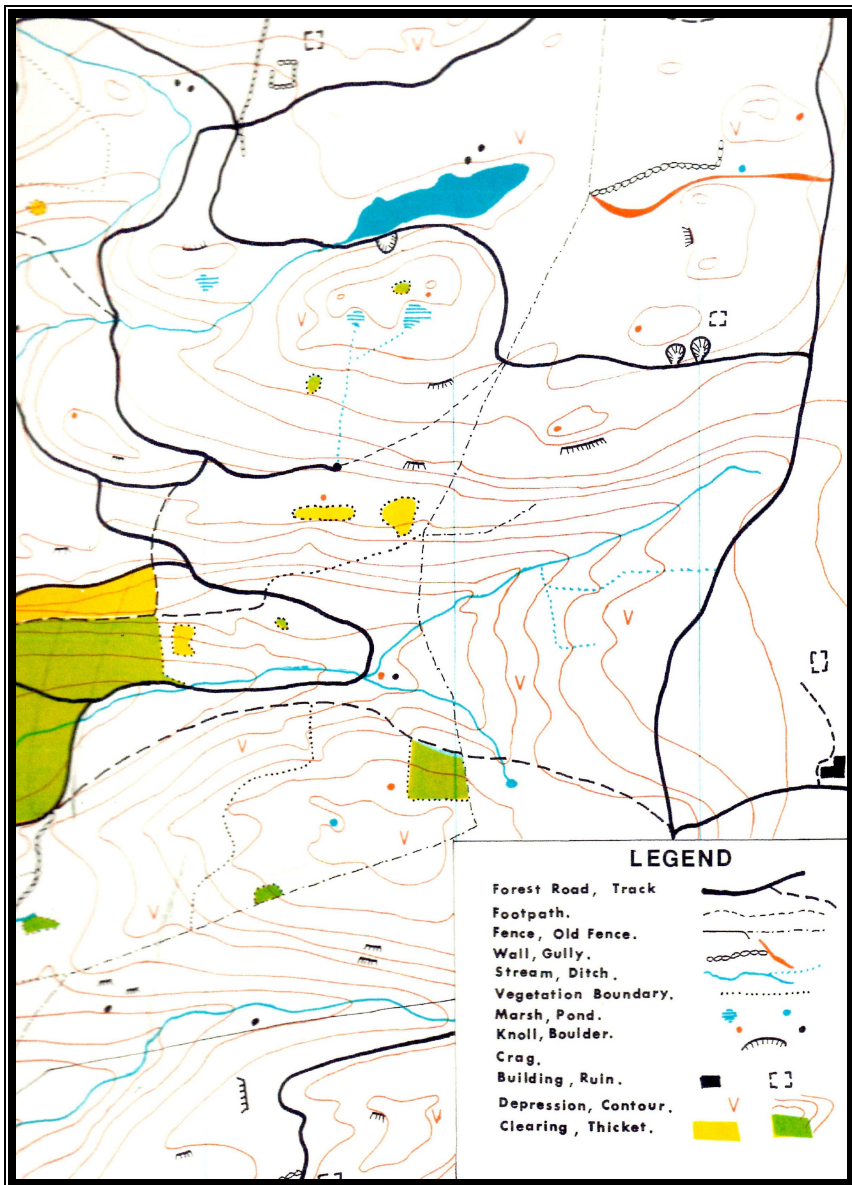
As well as getting out running more, I have also been trying my hand at mapping (or rather, acting as gopher for Tom Mills as he maps parts of Flaxley Woods). I take my hat off to mappers; I had no idea how tiring it can be, nor how hard it is sometimes to translate what you see on the ground to what an orienteer needs to see on the map. It is said that mapping improves your orienteering. It's too early to tell for me, but it certainly gives you a fresh perspective on the maps themselves. Whilst on mapping, I am having an email dialogue with Gloucestershire County Council Archaeology Department, and with Cranham Local History Society, over the possibility of getting hold of their LIDAR* data to see if it is of any use in creating base maps for orienteering. In theory LIDAR offers great promise for the creation of highly accurate contour plots, and the Forest of Dean is one of the few rural areas in the UK to have had LIDAR data captured – for archaeological purposes - and potentially available. Experience in Denmark I believe suggested that it generates too much detail, so that the mapper's problem becomes one of massive simplification rather than creation. Of course I'm no expert in any of this, but it will be interesting to see if the local mapper community feel there is some value in it.

Finally, I have a new way of pushing myself down the results tables. At a recent army event I found an EMIT brikke out in the woods, so picked it up and carried on, asking others I met en route if they had lost theirs. Eventually I ran across the owner, looking for it, but gave him mine instead of his own. A few hundred metres further on it dawned on me that we both now had the wrong brikkes, so I had to backtrack to the previous control, which I knew he could not have punched, to find him and swap again. Why is it that we sometimes leave brain behind when out orienteering?

Pat MacLeod

**LIDAR: Light Detection and Ranging. An optical remote sensing technology that can measure the distance to a target by illuminating the target with light, often using pulses from a laser. (Wikipedia)*

Orienteering board game – English 1970s style



ROUTE CHOICE the game based on orienteering

Dating from 1974, this game has a board based on a realistic hand drawn orienteering map where different courses can be set up for each game using controls marked on transparent film. There is also a pack of 104 cards which include whistle cards, control cards, pace count cards, compass bearing cards, thought cards, depressions cards etc.

Although the game looks promising with the way a course can be set out on a proper map it is disappointing to find from the rules that the main action appears to be swapping cards with the planner (who does not compete but merely sets the course and looks after the cards): each player is dealt nine cards and, on his turn, swaps up to six cards with the planner until he has a suitable combination to move directly to the next control. Players are not allowed to move part way between controls. Since the copy of the game that Chris James lent me did not actually have any of the cards I was not able to try it out! In true orienteering spirit each player must obtain a whistle card and put it on the table in front of him before he can move on from the start. The way a number of cards can be combined to enable a player to move between controls looks rather complicated from perusing the rules but might actually be more interesting than it seems at first sight. Hurry up and find those cards, Chris!

Alan Brown

Previous page: part of the Route Choice mapboard

Thanks to Chris James for providing the game

Savernake Then & Now

1966/7 & 2011

I first orienteered in Savernake in late 1966 or early 1967. After a bit of rummaging in old files I have found the map and also the results of that earlier event though neither gives the date and I did not run a diary log at that time. The late Gordon Pirie (International Athlete in the early 1960s) was then in Southern Navigators and decided to try out the area as a change from Surrey.

The map was a black & white photocopy of the OS map with any streams picked out by wiggly lines as the photocopying did not pick up light blue. The map size was roughly A4 though foolscap was the standard paper size in those days. Of course we had no way of being certain where the thicker forest existed as the OS map shows little of that sort of data. My memory was that we had little idea of the thickness of the woods with none of the green shading now used. You ran and hoped that your route was okay. The planner did the best to see that the direct line route was fair. Quite a bit of the forest was then 'grot' and there was little enthusiasm to return when compared with the excellent woods in Surrey. That has now clearly changed! My course did include much of the area just used but we started further NW and went a little further SE overall.

There was a total 73 competitors including 3 pairs on the Junior Men course on 5 different courses: 21 Elite Men on 7.2 miles; 23 Senior Men on 4.8 miles; 3 Senior Women on 3.2 miles; 7 Intermediate Women on 2.4 miles; and 16 Junior Men probably on the same 2.4 miles. Competition times were very long by today's standards with the fastest Elite Man, the late Chris Brasher (Olympic Gold Medallist in the Melbourne Steeplechase) taking 1 hour 34 minutes and 14 seconds and Jenny Tennant (now QO) winning Senior Women in 1 hour 27 minutes and 20 seconds. The fastest winning times were from Rex Lofts of the Dysart Dashers (Ranelagh Harriers SW London) on Senior Men and S. Dowbiggin of AA (?) on Junior Men both taking 1 hour 23 minutes and a few seconds. How simple it all was with only 4 courses to plan.

Other names of note were 3rd Elite Man Knut Kjemus (Student in Birmingham from Norway) who later came 2nd in the first British Championships in 1967; Toby Norris (now COBOC); Ted Norrish

(Droober who gave the name to OD); and Carol McNeill (Devizes Grammar School and later in British Teams now from the Lakes) who was second in the Senior Women. I recognise just a few other names with only a very few still in orienteering.

In those days I was of course an M21 and came 2nd on Elite Men just 61 seconds behind Brasher with Knut Kjemus 20 seconds after me. It is interesting to reflect just how close our times were over that time period. The longest times stretched with many taking well over 3 hours, the record being 3 hours and 33 minutes on Elite Men. In June 1967 at the first British Championships it was Gordon Pirie taking the gold, Knut the silver and me the bronze!! If only I could still do as well in the M70s but eye problems leave me bumbling about these days though I can still put in a good turn of speed in between.

Chris James

Harvester 1988

Legend in October 1988 had the results of that year's Harvester. "The practice sessions nearly cost us Mike Wintersgill – he discovered at first hand how dangerous Lightning Tree is. It also revealed how much Jonathan and Chris Poole have improved. A mixture of guesswork analysis and luck enabled 4 and a bit teams to arrive in Sherwood Forest and the teams named GLYPTICS, GLYCOGENICS, GLYPTODONS, GLYPHOGRAPHERS and GLYCONICS had a mixed set of results. The GLYPTODONS finished 13th out of 51 on the B course.

"The victory of our Handicap team proved that the success in Sutton Park was no fluke but that the result was achieved in a more emphatic manner. Jonathan Poole came 3rd on leg 1 and Phil Green with fastest time put us in the lead. Chris Poole hung on well only being passed by Clive Hallett. Terry Ruty held onto his map and gave us a comfortable lead on leg 4. Fortunately Mike Wintersgill, David Lee and Chris James were able to keep errors to a minimum and we ran out winners by over 20 minutes. Misfortune hit Joe Forder when he was going well – transport to hospital was essential. Malcolm Green used the spectator control but it was the supporters'

help that failed him. And the performance of the night came from Carol Stewart. Night orienteering is exhausting: it shows how strong Carol is that she was able to orienteer for 273 minutes. At night. What ability to concentrate she has. Well done."

The event actually had taken place in Clumber Park, Worksop on 9th July 1988. The reference to Lightning Tree Hill was following the use of this area at the back of Cinderford for the British Championships in 1987 and an NGOC Badge event there on 29th May 1988 as a part of that year's Double Gloster.

You can see that even in those days we came up with themed team names. I was the anchor man for the Handicap team with the photo appearing in this January's Legend. In 1988 Legend was only like a photocopied edition with no photos. I had persuaded the team to let me run the daylight leg but we went so well that I seem to remember that it was only in the early dawn. Or was that another year in Pembrey Park, South Wales prior to my NGOC days from 1987. On that occasion I drove down in the last of the night to arrive at the coin-in-the-slot barrier without the necessary coins. What do you do when the event is probably a further mile or two inside the park and you are, in any case, miles from anyone or anywhere? The solution came when an early competitor came out having run an earlier night leg. I did get there in plenty of time. Perhaps it was that year that Terry Rutty ran all 7 legs as a solo effort.

Actually I do not remember much of the detail in 1988 but it was around that time that I persuaded the Club to have a go at other Relay events. David Lee, Phil Green and yours truly did come second in M45 at JK 89 in the SWOA.



Do please correct me or add to my memories of Harvesters past.



Chris James

(See the January Legend for a photograph of the 1988 NGOC winning team)

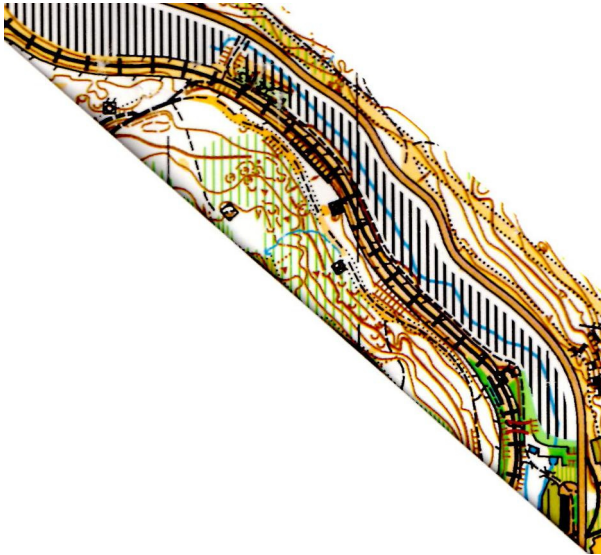
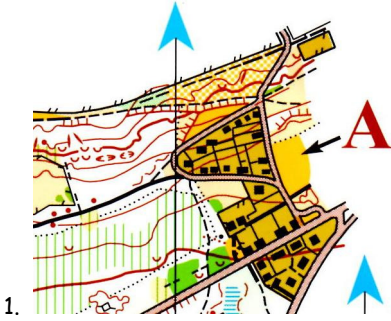
BOF ranking list for NGOC members as at 13 March

(To find out all about rankings, including which events count towards the points totals, visit the British Orienteering website and search on "rankings".)

| Pos.  | Name | Points | Contributing scores  |
|---|----------------------|---------------|--|
| 1 (122) | Peter Ward | 7431 | 1244, 1242, 1247, 1230, 1264, 1204 |
| 2 (134 +3) | Joe Taunton | 7400 | 1229, 1236, 1228, 1232, 1227, 1248 |
| 3 (483 +3) | Andy Stott | 6840 | 1154, 1160, 1131, 1125, 1144, 1126 |
| 4 (538 -4) | Christopher Harrison | 6770 | 1162, 1091, 1130, 1129, 1149, 1109 |
| 5 (646 +7) | Neil Cameron | 6636 | 1128, 1115, 1093, 1117, 1091, 1092 |
| 6 (749 +7) | Andrew Hartley | 6540 | 1095, 1081, 1096, 1171, 1071, 1026 |
| 7 (1084 +2) | Heather Findlay | 6168 | 1067, 1004, 1033, 983, 1030, 1051 |
| 8 (1135 +86) | Gill Stott | 6091 | 1061, 1030, 1026, 1028, 1002, 944 |
| 9 (1203 -4) | Alan Richards | 6035 | 985, 1015, 995, 994, 1076, 970 |
| 10 (1445 -2) | Robert Teed | 5767 | 976, 939, 995, 976, 941, 940 |
| 11 (1470 -6) | Greg Best | 5745 | 1009, 850, 945, 992, 1000, 949 |
| 12 (1491 -61) | Lin Callard | 5712 | 946, 942, 994, 950, 933, 947 |
| 13 (1523 -6) | Tom Mitchell | 5670 | 1145, 1171, 1177, 1041, 1136 |
| 14 (1529 -5) | Stephen Robinson | 5655 | 1001, 903, 971, 886, 912, 982 |
| 15 (1584 -12) | Dave Hartley | 5590 | 939, 930, 948, 917, 949, 907 |
| 16 (1598 -14) | Shirley Robinson | 5574 | 968, 907, 960, 902, 929, 908 |
| 17 (1614 -13) | Tom Mills | 5549 | 907, 979, 852, 959, 942, 910 |
| 18 (1624 -13) | Rodney Archard | 5534 | 973, 850, 968, 928, 909, 906 |
| 19 (1684 -9) | Paul Taunton | 5469 | 908, 930, 908, 914, 914, 895 |
| 20 (1866 -19) | Caroline Craig | 5223 | 948, 1062, 1052, 1092, 1069 |
| 21 (1964 -20) | Steve Williams | 5076 | 815, 934, 817, 852, 771, 887 |
| 22 (2110 -7) | Alan Starling | 4838 | 829, 815, 855, 807, 773, 759 |
| 23 (2121 -7) | Ellen Starling | 4829 | 809, 785, 764, 772, 856, 843 |
| 24 (2159 -8) | Chris James | 4751 | 856, 732, 714, 858, 760, 831 |
| 25 (2164 -8) | Samuel Taunton | 4742 | 777, 854, 783, 789, 815, 724 |
| 26 (2281 +1) | Victoria Harvey | 4551 | 842, 718, 653, 709, 841, 788 |
| 27 (2304 +1) | David Lee | 4519 | 765, 712, 733, 769, 753, 787 |
| 28 (2350 +385) | Roger Coe | 4448 | 857, 874, 755, 586, 577, 799 |
| 29 (2474 -11) | Rosalind Taunton | 4206 | 680, 666, 708, 741, 668, 743 |
| 30 (2596 -23) | John Fallows | 3970 | 1023, 1018, 974, 955 |
| 31 (2650 -32) | Gerry Ashton | 3828 | 876, 957, 973, 1022 |
| 32 (2714 -31) | John Coleman | 3706 | 642, 634, 646, 583, 630, 571 |
| 33 (2985 -35) | Gary Wakerley | 3149 | 500, 495, 510, 556, 571, 517 |
| 34 (3136 -33) | Frances Alexander | 2878 | 506, 433, 438, 533, 486, 482 |
| 35 (3150 -33) | Andy Bray | 2849 | 961, 1037, 851 |
| 36 (3257 -32) | Andrew Craig | 2596 | 928, 834, 834 |
| 37 (3277 -34) | Roger Hardiman | 2548 | 831, 890, 827 |
| 38 (3379 -32) | Richard Higgs | 2333 | 577, 557, 573, 626 |
| 39 (3410 -27) | Pat Cameron | 2276 | 288, 253, 305, 641, 237, 552 |
| 40 (3419 -30) | Ian Jones | 2267 | 1113, 1154 |
| 41 (3454 -33) | David Jones | 2181 | 810, 622, 749 |

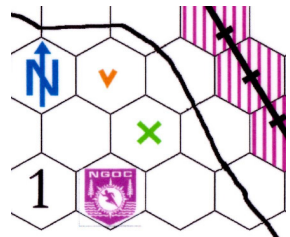
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| 42 (3456 -33) | Patrick Wooddisse | 2180 | 1122, 1058 |
| 43 (3544 -30) | Sue Ashton | 2023 | 613, 510, 900 |
| 44 (3557 -30) | Joe Parkinson | 2002 | 1005, 997 |
| 45 (3563 -31) | Tim Brett | 1998 | 1009, 989 |
| 46 (3584 -28) | Pat MacLeod | 1972 | 967, 1005 |
| 47 (3585 -28) | James Hartley | 1971 | 973, 998 |
| 48 (3637 -22) | Margaret Jones | 1894 | 984, 910 |
| 49 (3737 -15) | Alan Brown | 1711 | 906, 805 |
| 50 (3808 -13) | John Coleman | 1580 | 815, 765 |
| 51 (3839 -9) | Rosemary Steer | 1501 | 657, 600, 244 |
| 52 (3853 -9) | Gillian James | 1474 | 394, 73, 240, 467, 300 |
| 53 (3873 -8) | Rebecca Nesbit | 1432 | 281, 335, 741, 75 |
| 54 (3960 -17) | Richard Andrews | 1251 | 653, 598 |
| 55 (4028 -14) | Peter Poole | 1157 | 436, 562, 159 |
| 56 (4034 -12) | Carol Stewart | 1152 | 600, 552 |
| 57 (4074 -15) | John Higgs | 1111 | 1111 |
| 58 (4179 -8) | Edward Johnson | 1027 | 1027 |
| 59 (4198 -1211) | Jeremy Callard | 1014 | 1014 |
| 60 (4240 -6) | Kevin Robinson | 981 | 981 |
| 61 (4263 -8) | Laurence Snowden | 969 | 969 |
| 62 (4329 -7) | Phil Jones | 927 | 927 |
| 63 (4360 -9) | Paul Bryce | 909 | 909 |
| 64 (4444) | Matthew Stott | 842 | 842 |
| 65 (4470 -7) | Ruth Dooley | 825 | 825 |
| 66 (4503 -7) | Jeremy Riley | 795 | 795 |
| 67 (4554 -4) | Andrew Pedder | 749 | 749 |
| 68 (4563 -3) | Simon Denman | 743 | 743 |
| 69 (4635 -3) | Alan Jones | 672 | 672 |
| 70 (4721 -3) | Michaela da Cunha | 582 | 582 |
| 71 (4790 +2) | Gaye Callard | 495 | 495 |
| 72 (4803) | John Shea | 480 | 480 |
| 73 (4820 -1) | Jennifer Johnson | 459 | 459 |
| 74 (4885 -1) | Janet Jones | 341 | 341 |

Identify the map competition



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Answers in Brashings.

Long walk in progress - part 7

(Continued from the November 2010 Legend. In February 2008 your Editor started walking, in numerous stages, round the UK coastline.)

Rebecca. The town of St Clears, some miles west of Carmarthen, has a memorial to the Rebecca riots. The turnpikes in Wales were charging exorbitant rates and by 1839 people had had enough. In the previously-mentioned book "Wild Wales", George Borrow's walking companion while staying in Llangollen, John Jones, explained:

"I never saw her nor any one who had seen her. Some say that there were a hundred Rebeccas, and all of them men dressed in women's clothes, that went about at night, at the head of bands to break the gates. . . . The little people and farmers could not carry their produce to market owing to the exactions at the gates, which devoured all the profit and sometimes more. So that the markets were not half supplied, and people with money could not get what they wanted. Complaints were made to the government, which, not being attended to, Rebecca and her [troops] made their appearance at night and broke the gates to pieces with sledge-hammers . . . "





Robbie. Dumfries is in Robbie Burns country and I came upon the churchyard in the middle of the town where he is buried. The church and most of the graves are of a deep red sandstone but Burns' mausoleum is painted white, giving it a Mediterranean feel completely out of place with the surrounding solid Scottish architecture. A lot of Robbie's friends are in the graveyard and there is even a board with a helpful map showing their location.

Some miles before reaching Dumfries I passed Brow Well where Burns tried for a last time to regain his health before his death at the age of 37. His doctor had recommended sea bathing and Brow Well, a hamlet of just a few dwellings, is on the Solway Firth. The well is a muddy pool with a notice warning visitors not to “take the waters”.

Danger – no paddling. On one part of the seafront at Exmouth there were red flags warning visitors that it was dangerous to swim. Looking more closely at the flags, not only did they have the words “no swimming” but also “no paddling”. I had never thought of paddling, even in these Health & Safety conscious times, as being dangerous but small notices nearby explained that it was because the shore shelved very steeply and that there were strong currents where the River Exe ran into the sea.



Remains of the high angle battery on Portland

Portland can easily be summed up: old quarries, Victorian coastal defences and prisons. One of the old coastal forts is now a prison – escaping from here would appear difficult with the massive stonework and deep dry moat. Next to it is the high angle battery: the idea was that the coastal artillery would fire high into the air and the shells would smash through the less protected decks of enemy battleships rather than hit the well armoured sides. An additional advantage was that our

guns would be out of sight of the enemy ships and well protected by earthworks. Julia Bradbury visited this site on one of her railway walks shown on the BBC. It was Friday afternoon when I was there and the inmates seemed to be enjoying themselves in the several prisons: from behind the high walls came cheers and occasional shouts of "Goal!" While I was walking south along the east side of Portland a Coastguard helicopter flew south past me, then I saw a Coastguard Land Rover with blue flashing light and finally the Weymouth lifeboat. I could see and hear the helicopter hovering in the distance and when I finally reached the southern tip (Portland Bill) there was a crowd of sightseers and, a hundred yards offshore, the lifeboat, several other vessels and some canoes. They soon dispersed and I later found out that a canoe had overturned and the occupants had been thrown into the water; no one had been hurt.

Lulworth Cove. I had seen pictures of Lulworth Cove that looked very impressive but I was disappointed when I got there: it looked much smaller than I had expected and there were too many touristy shacks selling touristy things— and too many tourists. The sound of heavy machine gun fire from the nearby ranges did not help. I much preferred the nearby village of West Lulworth which was very old-fashioned; very impressive here was a brand new development of houses built of local stone and with pukka thatched roofs.

Moles and a lighthouse. The Rhins is the hammerhead-shaped area west of Stranraer. Walking along the road on the northern section I noticed dead moles hung up by their noses on a barbed wire fence. A lot of moles, 161 I counted. Spotting a farmer a little way off I approached him to ask what these little animals had done to offend the locals. He proved very friendly and was obviously glad to talk to someone: he was setting traps himself and said he didn't like killing them, he just wished they would confine themselves to the nearby piece of woodland. Being a townie I thought that it was only gardeners who wanted immaculate lawns who disliked moles but he explained that molehills could damage machinery like combine harvesters and the crop could be contaminated by having soil mixed in with it. The talk got on to midges, which were so voracious that, on summer evenings, the farmer could not stay in his garden past seven o'clock.

We parted on friendly terms and I carried on to Corsewall Point, the northwestern point of The Rhins. There was a lighthouse and the map

showed a hotel. I had started walking about six that morning and it was now early afternoon so I was pleased to see that the hotel and restaurant, converted from redundant lighthouse cottages and outbuildings, served afternoon tea. I seemed to be the only customer and enjoyed a quiet break with my book and a pot of tea and scones at a very reasonable price. The lady who served me did not know of any other lighthouses converted to hotels but I did not like to ask how they managed to find enough customers due to its remoteness: not only was the nearest town, Stranraer, some way off but Stranraer itself seems a long way from anywhere to me.

I walked southwards on the east side of the peninsula and reached the village of Kirkcolm where I was pleased to find a shop to stock up on tins of rice pudding. Finding shops was going to be a problem when I reached the remoter parts of the Highlands. The way continued along a very flat area alongside Loch Ryan. Reaching a large concrete area used as a car park for visitors there was a notice explaining that Sunderland flying boats were stationed here during the war. I never cease to be amazed at how much of the coastline was used by the military during the war: opposite Kirkcolm is Cairnryan which was a military port where the Atlantic U-Boat fleet surrendered at the end of the war.

Wait for the tide or walk round? Walking the coast at some points can involve crossing an estuary by a ford, if the tide is out, or walking several extra miles if the tide is in. A few miles west of Milford Haven the tide was in so I walked the extra three or four miles to find that the tide had gone out while I was walking: I tried to console myself that it had not been warm enough to sit around for a couple of hours and that I didn't know how long I would have had to wait, especially as I couldn't work out which way the tide was going!

That crossing was about 100 yards and would have been possible if I had turned up at the right time – a different proposition altogether was Morecambe Bay where a right of way is shown on the map from Hest Bank to Kents Bank, about seven miles, and another from Cark to Canal Foot, about three miles. The map says “Seek local guidance”. Each of these routes crossed river channels that look quite sizeable even if there weren't quicksands, mud, marsh and tides racing in faster than a person can run. And I would have missed some pleasant walking through Arnside and Grange-over-Sands.

Alan Brown

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

| Date | Event | Location | Signposted | Organiser |
|--|--|-----------------------------|-------------------|---|
| 5 Mar Sat | WNL 3 | Minchinhampton | SO858013 | Allan & Ellen Starling 01793 320054 |
| 19 Mar Sat | Informal | Parkend | SO608079 | Gary Wakerley 01594 862690 |
| 19 Mar Sat | WNL 1 (rescheduled) | Parkend | SO605079 | Dave Hartley 01452 863805 |
| 26 Mar Sat | League 6 | Sallowvallis | SO608116 | Bob Teed 01291 625048 |
| 16 Apr Sat | League 7 | Bixslade | SO608116 | John Coleman 01594 528151 |
| Fri 22 – Mon 25 Apr | JK Weekend | | | |
| 1 May Sun | Galoppen | Danby Lodge | SO636075 | Roger Coe 01594 510444 |
| 7 May Sat | League 8 | Symonds Yat | SO572128 | Jeremy & Lin Callard 01873 859452 |
| <u>Note change of details</u> 4 Jun Sat | End of Season score <i>Mass start 1200</i> | Brockweir & The Hudnalls | SO538011 | Andy Stott 01291 689471 |

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Senior £4 Junior £1
Competitors who are not members of any club £5
Yellow / orange / green / blue courses

Night Events Registration from 1800 – or when it's dark!
See www.westernnightleague.org.uk

Malvern Mini-League

| Date | Event | Location | Signposted | Organiser |
|--------------------|--|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 12 Mar Saturday | Event 6 | Eastnor Park & Malvern South | SO737371 | Susan Matthews |
| 16 Apr Saturday | Event 7 (same event as NGOC League 7) | Bixslade | SO608116 | John Coleman NGOC |
| 25 Jun Saturday | Event 8 & Prizegiving | Worcester Beacon | SO767444 | Tony Knight |

Saturday events:

Yellow, Orange, Green and Blue courses. Best four results to count towards a competitor's cumulative score.

Registration 1130-1230 Starts from 1200-1300

Entry fee: Senior £4 Junior £1

Competitors who are not members of any club £5

Sunday events:

Yellow, Orange, Light Green, Green, Blue and Brown courses.

Entry fee will be slightly higher.

For more details see Harlequins Orienteering Club website.

Selected Army events

Important: for latest details and full list of events visit: <http://www.baoc.org.uk/events/>

| Date | Event | Location | Contact |
|---------------|--|---|----------------|
| 16 Mar Wed | Military League South (MLS) training event | Windmill Hill | - |
| 23 Mar Wed | MLS (Arty Ctr) | Sidbury Hill, Tidworth | WO2 Dempsey |
| 30 Mar Wed | MLS (RMAS) | Barossa | WO2 Daz Welch |
| 6 Apr Wed | MLS (HQLF) | Bramshott | Capt D Godfrey |
| 13 Apr Wed | MLS (DRLC) | Windmill Hill & Frith Hill (to be confirmed) | - |

Brashings

Forest Challenge

Nearly 175 games sold. Sales have slowed dramatically since Christmas. Do any members know how purchasers from abroad could transfer money without NGOC paying exorbitant fees for changing the money into Sterling? We could then go international.

Comment from a letter ordering a copy of Forest Challenge:

"My brother once bought me a game called "Backpacks & Blisters". I thought this would be a good reciprocal gift."

Identify the map competition - answers

1. Nine Wells;

2. Kidnalls;

3. The computer produced version of Map 1 from "Forest Challenge!" *Have you got your copy yet? Still available at many NGOC events (£7-50) or by post (£9-00, cheques payable to NGOC) from Alan Brown, 10 Brizen Lane, Cheltenham, GL53 0NG.*

Have your say!

Are there any matters that you would like the Committee to consider?

Contact the Club Secretary, Caroline Craig, or any member of the

Committee. The next Committee meeting is on Monday 28 March at 1930.

Articles for Legend

We are always looking for articles on anything to do with orienteering;

digital photos are especially welcome. Send your article/pictures to

legend@ngoc.org.uk or Alan and Ann Brown, 10 Brizen Lane, Cheltenham,

GL53 0NG. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition of Legend.

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