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Cover: How to shift a portaloo. Royal Signals Team Championships, Hampton Ridge on 1 March 2012. See also the *Caption Competition* inside. (Photograph: Chris Branford)

Chairman's Chat

The 2012 JK is behind us, and with it the British Orienteering AGM. Most of you, I suspect, are not particularly interested in what goes on at the BOF AGM, but this time we will all be very directly affected, as the proposal to modify the membership and levy schemes was adopted. From 1 January 2013 there will be just two British Orienteering membership categories – Senior and Junior. Family, Student and National and Local membership categories disappear. You become a Senior member in the year in which you turn 21. Membership fees for 2013 will be £5 for seniors and £2 for juniors. Good news, you say, at least for most of us; families will still pay a fair bit, but typically less than they paid previously. The sting in the tail comes with the second part of the change; event levies will apply to all entries, regardless of event size, at £1 per senior equivalent competitor (3 junior equate to a senior for levy purposes). Until now levies were only paid on numbers over a minimum limit, with the effect that many runners in small events competed 'levy-free'. As a club which runs a large number of smaller events, the change in levy structure will inevitably have an impact on our finances, and the committee will be looking at what the impact will be over the next couple of months. I am in favour of using participation to fund British Orienteering, rather than membership, and I don't think that we need panic over this. Club finances are very sound at the moment, thanks to the success of the mini-league, and so we have scope to adjust to the new levy regime, rather than needing to apply large scale changes to our current fee structures.

That said, we have managed quite well over the last few years with relatively little expenditure on equipment, and on mapping, items which have in the past often made large holes in our funds. We are virtually self-sufficient in the more expensive equipment such as SI kit, tentage and so on, so I don't anticipate a great deal of expense there, but mapping is another matter. Ask any NGOC planner over the last year or so and you will probably hear tales of out-of-date maps and rapid and on-going change in the forest. Moreover we are always on the lookout for new areas, with Woodchester Park, near Stroud, a possible candidate for a new map, and so mapping expense could increase over the next year or two. One of the things the committee will be looking at is the scope for purchasing LIDAR base data for some of our existing areas, from which we can quickly and cost-effectively remap from the ground up, so to speak, rather than continuing with our

current practise of piecemeal updates by planners to meet the needs of individual events. LIDAR data costs about £40 per square kilometre for non-commercial use, so the cost is not greatly different, for most areas, to the cost of providing alternative base mapping, but this is not a cost we have had to fund recently, and so it does represent another raid on the club's finances.

On the development front, it has taken the BOF coaches some time to get started, and so far we have seen little from them, although much of their focus has been on getting the necessary accreditation. I hope this will change as we go through the summer. Within the club, I'd like to thank those who responded to my online survey on options for a summer series. Based on your responses, I have devised a draft programme of Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon events which will give you something to do throughout the summer, whilst also hopefully catering for novices and people looking to give orienteering a try. Look out for details on the website soon. Another opportunity to show off orienteering to the world at large has emerged in the form of the Olympic Torch Relay. The torch passes through Cheltenham on the evening of Wednesday 23 May, and the Borough Council have linked up with the Racecourse to put on an afternoon and evening of sporting and cultural activities. We will be providing an orienteering maze as part of the Sports Village. Look for more information elsewhere in this Legend, and on the website. There is free entry to the festivities, and, of course, a chance to come and have a go at, and help with, our new monster maze. Put this date in your diaries now.

And finally, I seem to have had some success in eliminating my habitual navigation errors. I have had a few good runs in the weekly Military League, and have improved my bleep test results so that I am now well into the 'excellent' fitness category for a soon to be OAP. It will all come unstuck, of course, at the next big event, but every little helps, as they say in irritating supermarket commercials. I wish I could say the same for my planning efforts; I organised an impromptu event for the Military league crowd a couple of weeks ago and managed to make several control placement errors. As punishment I am about to do another, and this time I'll get it right.....though that is what I thought last time!

Pat MacLeod

Don't forget . . .

NGOC League Final Event 2011/12 Series - No.8

12th May 2012 - Mallards Pike North

Travelling to the event

The event will be signed from grid reference OS 651 126 which is the junction of B4226 & B4227 south of Cinderford, and also from The Speech House T junction with a minor road turning south off the B4226 at grid reference OS 620 122.

Event parking

Event parking is on a single track forest road entering the forest at OS 624 102 on the east of the minor road. Exit will be just south of the Speech House field back onto the same minor road.

Terrain

The area is typical Forest of Dean, mainly flat for Yellow and Orange courses and minor climbs for the Green and Blue courses.

Wild boars inhabit the area and should be avoided if spotted.

There are public rights of way passing through the area with numbers of cyclists, walkers and fishermen using the terrain. Please respect their right to be there too. Speech House Lake is a deep pond near the Assembly Area and competitors are requested to keep children supervised at all times.

There may be forestry work being carried out in the area marked out of bounds and forestry vehicles may cross the route taken by all courses. Please be aware at path and track junctions and cross with care. Do not climb on stacks of timber in the Forest.

Courses

Courses close at 15.30

The Assembly Area for registration and download is by the forest track used for parking. The event risk assessment will be displayed in this area.

The first aid point will also be located here.

The route to the Start will be signed from the Assembly Area and is approximately 50m away. The return from the Finish is 60m back to the Assembly Area.

We hope you enjoy the courses.

Chris & Gill James

Event Organisers and Planner

JK 2012

We suppose that Perthshire is a fair way off but isn't it worth it for three days of splendid Scottish Forest and the best 'Short' race that we have experienced, apart from the social possibilities?

Just for once we could book into a time share at Auchterarder on the A9 near Gleneagles and south of Perth. We had invited Jen & Dave Peel along with our grandchildren, Oscar aged 3.5 and Nathan aged 18 months, to stay for a week Friday to Friday. We actually first met them at the Todhills Travel Lodge just north of Carlisle. This was to allow Jen to do a full day of work before leaving Sheffield. From here Livingston was an easy journey to get to the 'Short' race and BOF AGM. The area used was largely modern housing with many side roads and alleyways between areas, ideal for a 'Short' event. For once the map was clear and easy to use avoiding all those horrible dark colours where you can only just about see the control circles. We bumbled around, not finishing last, and whilst Jenny won the W40 event Dave also did well.

On Easter Saturday we travelled a fair way up the A9 turning off at the House of Bruar for Dunalister travelling west and then just back towards Loch Tummel for the Assembly area rather than the car parking where the Traders were located. Sadly the Assembly area was 1 km away in an exposed windy field whilst the Starts were in the opposite direction. The result was that hardly anybody went back to the Assembly area from the excellent car parking fields. The terrain was typical Highland forest with plenty to engage the brain. In the evening we went to the splendid ceilidh in Pitlochry Town Hall

where we had attended a Scottish Country dance in 2010 with a top Scottish Dance Band. Our ceilidh had an excellent band last heard at the Scottish 6 Day in the Perth racecourse stand. We had a great evening with the 100 or so other dancers in a very lively dance.

Saturday found us returning up the A9 to Dunkeld for the historic Craig O'Barns, the area first used by the Swedes in 1961 for the first open event in Scotland and subsequently on several occasions. We were able to purchase a jigsaw puzzle or rather four puzzles each with a map of the area but spaced roughly a decade apart. The Assembly Area and car park were adjacent and just on the edge of the town, so much better than the previous day. The weather – well actually it was largely dry though cloudy on all the days. Who said it always rained in Scotland? Of course the area was first rate as well as the competition. In the evening we attended an O'Codgers dinner. This is a collection of 'O' friends who have mostly been in the sport for 30 years or more. We have two such dinners a year, the other being during the summer multi-day event.

The Relays were back to Dunkeld and then a few kilometres out on the Coupar Angus road at Newtyle. Again a good Assembly area with all the first legs straight up an open hillside in full view! Heather Findlay running for the NGOC Lassies (Heather, Gill James and Pat Cameron) took the first leg for the team in the Short Women's race. Joe Taunton did likewise for the NGOC Lads in the Short Men's Race (Joe, Chris James and Neil Cameron). The Stotts and Andrews did not join us due to alternative commitments.

Chris James

JK 2012



*(All JK photographs:
Wendy Carlyle)*



Caption Competition - answers



I knew I would get stuck on this control. (*Nick Barrable, CompassSport*)

Participant doesn't grasp the concept of the white course. (*Neil & Pat Cameron*)

Planner complains that the new "smiley faces" for the white course are too time-consuming to set up. (*Neil & Pat Cameron*)

Later runners had to use the alternate description for control 35 of "pond, west side". (*Neil & Pat Cameron*)

NGOC's latest recruit doesn't mind the cold conditions. (*Alan Brown*)

Contact Paul Taunton if you would like to order the latest NGOC headgear – see photo for manufacturer's sample. (*Alan Brown*)

Snow O - Gary was out so long on the Blue that he froze! (*Greg Best*)

Snow-manned control (*John Fallows*)

BOK Ladies' Training Day (Saturday 17 February 2012)



I received the invitation to join the training day whilst I was in Australia and in the heat of summer classic orienteering seemed a long way away. We managed a street O in Sydney and were well acquainted with the steep hills around where my niece lives! Naturally I booked myself onto the course, thinking jet lag would be a memory 6 days after arriving home.

On the day, I set off early to avoid traffic hold ups on the M5 and arrived at Tyntesfield at just after 9am. I parked and walked back to where I saw the O direction sign, followed it almost back to the main road, to be rescued by Katy who was putting up the signs. The one I had followed had blown round in the wind and without a map I would never have found the Sawmill site! At least it gave me an opportunity to help Katy by putting out some tape to guide everyone to the correct place.

Our day began with various jobs being taken on, such as registration and tea/coffee making, and settling down in groups of 4 round tables.

Fortunately a National Trust Gardening Group were very happy to use the slightly smaller room which had previously been allocated to us.

After introducing herself and her fellow coaches, Bethan Logan, Jim Hayward, and helper, Clare Fletcher, Katy then had us all introduce ourselves and we were a very good mix of beginners, from 1 week of experience to many years. We then settled down to look at pictorial IOF control descriptions and complete an exercise and had a discussion on them. We then went outside to check our pacing. We each had to choose our own pace, walk or run, to go between two markers for 100 metres and count the steps.

For the next outdoor exercise, we were divided into groups behind a Start line. At the whistle blow a runner had to go to a map box, pick up a map and set the compass to show the correct bearing from Start to control 1. We all had different maps so found our directions changing from map to map. (Maps were grouped into North starts and South starts). My first one went due south – how lucky was that? The start whistle blew at 1 minute intervals so it was quite realistic. Then the forecast rain started!

A working lunch in the Sawmill gave us further food for thought with 'hand-outs' on various aspects of how to improve our skills, with Concentration being the first, closely followed by Contact and Control. After lunch we went further up hill and split into 2 groups then worked in pairs using attack points to find controls. Our next exercise was to aim off to find controls and some of us even found a possible attack point on the map which did not exist on the ground. We were then sent to collect controls in and return for a welcome cup of tea and final discussion, with a group photograph being taken in a now sunny afternoon.

I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and made use of the attack point exercise on my foray in the Compass Sport Cup competition the next day. I'm sure it helped as for the first time my score was one that counted! Next on my list is to use pacing and aiming off.

Many thanks to Katy and her team for an enjoyable day not dampened at all by the rain and cold.

Gill James

HARVESTER RELAY

The annual *Harvester* relay is coming up in a couple of months, so it's recruitment time again! The Harvester is a very special event, and if you have not done it before, why not give it a try?

This year's event is being hosted by BAOC on the night of Saturday 30th June at Bordon Heaths in Hampshire. Hence, it is not too far to travel.

For those who have not taken part before, the *Harvester* is an overnight orienteering relay for teams of 5 or 7, starting after midnight. Last year, NGOC entered 2 teams, one in the long competition and one in the shorter one. Some of the legs are dawn or daytime ones and some legs are easier and/or shorter than others. This means anybody can be accommodated, including those not used to night-O. Those running daytime legs are the lucky ones, as they are likely to get close to a full night's sleep in their tent beforehand. Everybody else will get at most a broken night of sleeping.

Please let me know if you are interested in taking part in a team, or if you would like more information

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Orienteers' Ditty

All about the forest,
Through the brambles tall,
Orienteers are a-dibbing,
“O” maps all!

BOK's maps, HOC's maps,
Compasses a-quiver,
Orienteers all out of sight,
Busy with the dibber!

Slushy green undergrowth
Where the Droobers run—
Here we place our controls,
Red and white and muddy.

Everyone for what he likes!
We like to be
Heads down, maps up,
Dibbing free!

High in the blue above
Swifts whirl and call—
We are down a-dibbing
“O” maps all!

(With apologies to Kenneth Graeme and Ratty)

Christmas in Australia . . .



Chris registering for the event

. . . is not the best time to find any 'O' events as it is, of course, mid-summer over there and potentially rather hot. However we did take our kit just in case though European compasses do not work very well due to the different angle of the earth's magnetic field in the Southern Hemisphere. We were actually staying with our niece, Gemma, in Mossman in the outer Sydney harbour area on 14th December 2011.

We set out to walk from Mossman to Manley around the Sydney Harbour coastline starting from her flat at the top of the quite considerable hill. We descended to Chinaman's Beach through little alleyways and then set off for the coastal circuit of about 15 Km, returning by bus. Having organised our walk we were discussing the possibility of orienteering.

The web soon identified that there was to be an evening street event that very day and, would you believe it, be from Chinaman's Beach!

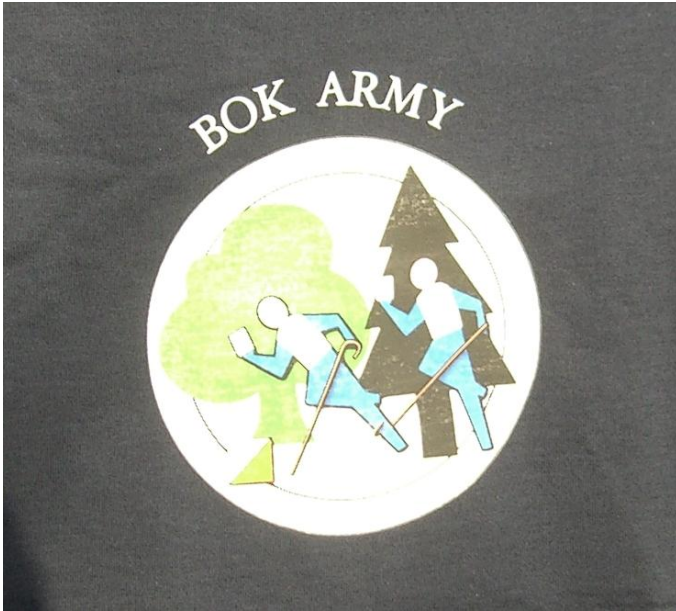
So having returned from our walk it was a quick cup of tea and change of kit to once again descend to Chinaman's Beach. The event was a 45 minute score event with controls virtually back to Gemma's flat and certainly up and down that same hill. The natives were friendly and we enjoyed the opportunity to have the one event in our three months away. There were plenty of folk there as it would appear that much of Australian orienteering is becoming this type of event due to the thickness of the bush (their equivalent to forest).

Gill and Gemma went round together whilst Chris went solo. His first attempt was to run around the shore line to a high value control. This was thwarted by not recognising the symbol for rocks as opposed to a rough track. A bit of backtracking and an alternative route back around a part of the hill solved the problem. However there was no control at the correct location! A little surreptitious watching of other competitors revealed the control some 50-100 metres out of place. We were not going to argue but accepted the event as a welcome opportunity. We finished with the re-climbing of that same hill for third time that day!

Chris James

BOK Army special feature

Royal Signals Harris Relay at Hampton Ridge, 1 March 2012



BOK Army – “Gnomes” v “B Team”

A spring day for the Royal Signals Harris Relay and the journey promised to be more complicated than the orienteering. I walked to the station and caught the train to Parkway where I was to be picked up by Phil Warry; I didn't know the guy but he was in my team and he drove a silver car. About a minute before the agreed meeting time I stepped out of the station into the car park and looked for a silver car. There were about 200 of them so I moved to the pick-up area and looked into the first silver car. Two young ladies were putting the finishing touches to their makeup; I was just about to ask them if they would prefer to go orienteering than go to the office when the 201st silver car, with a fit-looking dude in a tracksuit, drew up. I got in, introduced myself and we drove to Batheaston.

Here we joined up with the other members of the team, Alan Richards and Lucy. OK, there are supposed to be only three in a team but Lucy is a kind of mascot and can run a lot faster than the rest of us, on account of having four legs and a shiny black nose. But she's not too hot with maps and, according to Alan, not always too hot at doggy skills either. When we're trying to get ready to orienteer she tends to bring along something completely unsuitable for a game of "fetch". Something completely unsuitable once included a large stone, which she dropped on my toes.

Anyways, Alan and I got in the front of Alan's car and Phil and Lucy got in the back. The dog was a bit put out that she had to share the back but managed to settle down, even leaving enough room for Phil to read the paper. During the drive we decided that The BOK B Team was going to beat the NGOC Gnomes: Chairman Pat, Bob Teed and John Coleman. "They think they're pretty cute" said Alan, "but we'll trounce them easily."

"You don't think much of the Gnomes, do you?" said Phil. "Does anybody?" I said. Conversation lagged at this point – until we got stuck behind a horsebox, then a tractor and finally a trash cart. The sky might not have been blue but the air was. If I had been a sensitive soul I would have blushed at the comments Alan made about the horsebox driver, then the tractor driver and finally the trash cart driver. I heard words I hadn't heard for a long time and Alan repeated them several times so that I shouldn't forget. Thanks to these gentlemen of the road we arrived at the car park later than planned – they were just about to give the briefing for the event. Luckily we had all done a Harris Relay before so knew the ropes.

Amidst a flurry of clean, brightly-coloured "O" tops, muddy "O" gaiters and muddier "O" shoes I caught glimpses of some military type haranguing the troops from the bonnet of a Land Rover. The NGOC Gnomes had also arrived a bit late so we all wandered together straight to the start. Here it was my turn to be put out as we were not entered for the longest course, but on the same course as the ladies and, as we were civvies, had to start last.

For guys out there who don't know about the Harris Relay format it's a team event rather than a relay – the great advantage is that you all start together and don't hang around waiting for someone else to come

in before you can get going. Also it's like a score event in that you can visit the controls in any order. Some controls (the spine) have to be visited by all three members of the team but the rest just have to be visited by only one member. If a team misses out a control they are not disqualified, they just lose points. But you ain't gonna win by leaving out controls. Deciding who is going to visit which controls is done after the start so Phil and I didn't waste time discussing the matter, we just marked with bright highlighters the controls that Captain Alan told us and then we were off. My controls made a very obvious circle; the only decision was whether to go clockwise or counter-clockwise.



The NGOC Gnomes: Pat MacLeod, John Coleman and Bob Teed
(*Photograph: Chris Branford*)

I chose clockwise because the first control looked very obvious and I like to have an easy one first to get the hang of things. It was very obvious and so were the rest of the controls and, almost before I knew it, I was coming into the finish. Phil was already there but there was no sign of Alan. One of the Gnomes, Bob, was also there and we just stood there, eyeing each other up. I had just decided that a kick on the shins wouldn't slow him down much - as he was already so close to the finish - when Alan came running in. We all made sure that Bob was

looking and then we did a good impression of synchronised dibbing and sauntered off to Download like we beat the Gnomes every day.

We thought it would show respect to the Royal Signals to stay for the awards but there was a delay with the results so we drove off anyway, scattering squaddies left and right. On the way home we discussed how easy the course had been, how comprehensively we had beaten the Gnomes and how they must be feeling pretty small.

Four chums go to the Harris Relay

Alan jumped out of bed one spring morning and rushed down to breakfast. Making sure that he ate every bit of his bacon and egg, washed down with lots of cold creamy milk, Alan picked up his rucksack and ran and skipped to the station. Not only was he going orienteering but he was travelling some of the way on the train! It was all very thrilling.

Today was a Thursday and an Army event, which made it all the more thrilling. Alan was in a team called the "The BOK B Team" with Mr Richards and Mr Warry and they were going to take part in the Royal Signals Harris Relay at Hampton Ridge near Salisbury. Something that Alan didn't normally like about relays was that he always spent a lot of time waiting for someone else to finish before he could start his run. But Mr Richards had explained that, in a Harris Relay, everyone in the team started at the same time! Mr Richards went on to explain that there were three people in a team and they all had a map each, which showed all the controls.

Some controls were called "spine" controls and all members of the team had to visit these. The other controls had to be visited by only one team member. Controls could be visited in any order. "A bit like a score event?" asked Alan. "Well done, Alan," said Mr Richards, "You're getting the idea." Mr Richards was the team captain and was going to decide who visited which non-spine controls. If the captain decided well all team members arrived at the finish at the same time, if he made a bad decision one finished at a different time to the others and time was

wasted. Alan was glad that he didn't have to work this out, he felt sure he would get it wrong!

Alan was trying hard to remember all these details when his train chuffed into Parkway station and he went to the car park to find Mr Warry. Just as he got to the pick-up point a super, shiny silver car, which looked as if it could go awfully fast, drew up with Mr Warry inside. Alan got in and they zoomed off to Batheaston. Mr Richards lived with Lucy in a dear little house next to the road and Alan saw them waiting outside when he and Mr Warry drove up. Mr Richards waved to them and Lucy wagged her tail. Then they both jumped out of Mr Warry's car and all four jumped into Mr Richards' car.

"Is Lucy coming round the course with us, Mr Richards?" asked Alan.

"I'm afraid not, Alan, she dashes off in the wrong direction all the time. And we don't want to waste any time as we want to beat the "NGOC Gnomes".

"Who's in the "NGOC Gnomes" team, Mr Richards?"

"Chairman Pat and his two very best friends, Bob and John."

"I say, we'll never beat them, they're all terribly good." said Alan, sounding awfully worried.

"We just need to divide out the controls carefully and think positive and we'll do it," replied Mr Richards.

"We'll run them into the ground," said Mr Warry.

"Hooray!" shouted Alan.

"Woof!" barked Lucy and, with a crashing of gears, they zoomed off towards Salisbury.

But they didn't zoom for very long as they got stuck behind slow-moving dustcarts, tractors and horseboxes. This made Mr Richards, who was driving, very cross and he had strong opinions about people who drove very slowly. A lot of the words that Mr Richards used Alan had not heard before but they but they sounded a bit rude and

embarrassing; he began to wish that he had stayed at home and played Forest Challenge, his favourite board game.

But, at last, they reached the event car park and they could see that the briefing had just started but Mr Richards said this didn't matter as it was just explaining about how a Harris Relay worked. So the three chums just got changed and went straight to the start, leaving Lucy tied to the front wheel of the car and looking very sad. They were in plenty of time as the teams were starting at minute intervals and Army teams went first. Alan was disappointed that they had not entered the longest course but were doing the same one as the girls' teams. "At least we can beat the girls and show them how much better boys are at orienteering," he thought to himself.



The BOK B Team: Phil Warry, Alan Richards and Alan Brown
(*Photograph: Chris Branford*)

At last The BOK B Team started. They all dibbed at the same time, ran ten yards and then knelt down to study the maps and for Mr Richards to allocate the controls. Alan marked his in bright pink highlighter and ran off. The first control was easy – 400 yards along a track and then behind a clump of bushes where there were plenty of people milling about. The rest were similarly easy and soon Alan was heading

towards the finish. Mr Warry was already there but there was no sign of Mr Richards. He didn't appear for at least ten minutes and his pals were getting rather anxious. At last he appeared and they all went to the finish to dib at the same time. Luckily two of the NGOC Gnomes still hadn't appeared either and so The BOK B Team had won!

Mr Richards was sorry that he was so late but he had forgotten about one control and had to run back a long way to get it. Glancing at Mr Richards' map Alan thought that it was because he had not marked his controls very clearly but, then, Mr Richards didn't seem the sort of person who would own a bright pink highlighter.

It was a merry party that made their way back west and Alan promised himself a large glass of ginger beer that evening, sitting in front of a large, roaring fire. And Alan had learnt some new words that he was going to try out the next day.



John Coleman coming into the finish
(*Photograph: Chris Branford*)

BOK Army Caption Competition



At the Harris Relay at Hampton Ridge on 1 March. Send your captions to legend@ngoc.org.uk (Photographs: Chris Branford)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Signposted	Organiser
12 May Sat	League 8	Mallards Pike North	SO651126 <i>See else- where in this Legend for full details</i>	Chris James 01989 720122
9 Jun Sat	End of Season <i>1400 mass start</i>	Minchinhampton	SO858013	Dave Hartley 01452 863805
8 Sep Sat	Chairman's Challenge <i>1400 mass start</i>	Flaxley Woods	SO707144	Pat MacLeod 01594 528128
22 Sep Sat	League 1	Standish	SO838087	Alan & Ellen Starling 01793 320054

Enquiries to Organiser or Fixtures Secretary – Dave Hartley 01452 863805

For latest details check the NGOC website at www.ngoc.org.uk

NGOC Registration and start times

Informal Events: Start times 1230-1400.
 Senior £2 Junior £1 Non-members £3
 Yellow / light green / blue courses

League Events: Registration 1130-1230 Starts from 1200-1300
 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

Selected Army events

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

Date	Event	Location
2 May Wednesday	Military League South (MLS) Relays	Aldermaston

9 May Wednesday	Nick Bateson Memorial (MLS) Race (RMAS/TVOC)	Pyestock
16 May Wednesday	MLS (Army HQ)	Bramshott
23 May Wednesday	MLS (47 Regt RA)	Thorney Island
30 May Wednesday	MLS Prize-giving (ATC P)	Pirbright
6 June Wednesday	Army Team Championships Day 1 Harris	Alice Holt
7 June Thursday	Army Team Championships Day 2 Relays	Cranleigh School, near Guildford
1 July Sunday	Harvester Relays (BAOC)	Bordon Heaths

Invitation to all NGOC members:

Orienteering at Winchcombe Walking Festival on Cleeve Hill on 20th May

The club is putting on an orienteering event on Cleeve Hill as part of the Winchcombe Walking Festival. This will be on Sunday 20th May from 11am. All NGOC members are welcome to come along and take part, too.

It will be a score event, but with a twist. Instead of the usual 1 hour format, there will be no time limit, except for the course closing time. Scores will be based on number of points per minute. Easy controls on paths are worth 10 points, whereas the trickier controls are worth 20. However, none of the control sites are really difficult, since the event is aimed primarily at people new to orienteering. There will be a couple of suggested easy loops of different lengths for those wishing to stick to the paths.

Parking will be very limited, so please share cars where possible. More details about the event will appear on the website.

Brashings

2012-2013 Fixtures list

Next season's fixtures list is enclosed with this Legend. There are still a few fixtures needing an organiser/planner; they are all score events, which are the easiest to set up. Phone Dave Hartley 01452 863805 or Roger Coe 01594 510444 to volunteer!

Olympic torch and maze-o

The Olympic torch is coming to Cheltenham on Wednesday 23 May. We will be providing a maze-o at the Racecourse for people to try, and we will need all the help we can get to support what I hope will be large numbers of people having a go. If you plan to go and can spare some time please drop chairman@ngoc.org.uk a note to let me know when you will be there, and when you could help us on the maze.

End of season event

A flyer for the end of season event at Minchinhampton is enclosed with this Legend.

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 2 July 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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Simon Denman, Membership Secretary