

# Aire Affairs



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Cover: Rob King at Harden Moor - picture by Sam Crook



Airienteers of all ages dancing at the AIRE Ceilidh – picture by Wendy Carlyle



## EditO – Peter Jones

My thanks to Cathy, Lindsey, Alethea, Penny, Julia, Wendy, Richard, and Tim for their contributions. It's great to have reports from such a wide variety of events, even at a quieter time of year.

A warm welcome to new or returning members:

- Amos Midgley
- Scott Carr
- Niall Bourke
- Ruth Jones

We've held 3 successful regional events since the last issue – Harden Moor, Esholt (Night) and Buck Wood – as well as several local events, socials, and training sessions. Thank you to everyone involved in putting these on.

As Cathy and Julia say in their contributions, we couldn't do all of this without people volunteering to take on roles for the club and in delivering events. For anyone who's not sure about volunteering, I'll only add that there's a wealth of experience in AIRE which can be passed on.

The annual Development Conference sessions are being held online. Some of these may feel remote and only of interest to 'committee people', but they can spark ideas and point to what the orienteering world might be like in a few years' time. All sessions will be on British Orienteering's Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@britishorienteering5178> - some are already there.

### Reminder - Relays & Team Events

On Steve's behalf, can I add a reminder to add your name to the spreadsheet (link from the AIRE website) if you want to run for the club in upcoming relays and team events –

- British Relays at Margam Country Park, near Swansea, on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Sign up by February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- JK Relays at Tullochroisk, near Pitlochry & Perth, on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Sign up by March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- For juniors: Yvette Baker Trophy heat at Canklow, near Rotherham, on April 12<sup>th</sup>.





## Chair Affairs – Cathy Dawson

I'm using this Chair Affairs to send out a plea for help. The success of Airienteers as a club exists, and the successful delivery of events relies on, people being involved in helping. There are so many roles you can get involved with – a lack of experience is not an issue. Help is on hand if it is needed.

Our current pleas are for the following:

**Club Treasurer** – Chris Penny is stepping aside in September. We need someone who can manage a spreadsheet to take on this role. Chris would be happy to speak to anyone interested & I have more detail on what is involved which I can pass on. The treasurer is part of the club committee. We meet once a month alternating between in person (at the Oxford Tap in Guiseley) and Zoom meetings.

**Club Development Lead** – Simon Martland was in this role until his retirement. This role is paid – and the hours are negotiable. We would love someone to take this on to promote AIRE & orienteering in general. Simon did organise & deliver the Saturday introductory series which are aimed at children and runners new to orienteering. This year, Joseph Dawson has taken on most of those events as part of his Duke of Edinburgh volunteering. Are there any teenagers who would like to take over from September? Again – help is on hand.

**Event organisers, planners and controllers** – Many of you will have seen Julia's WhatsApp message (and article in this issue). We are probably going to have to cancel 2 events planned for July due to lack of officials to support the events. Planning & controlling larger events will require some prior experience, but organising can be done by someone who can organise! We are running planning & controlling courses – details are on the website, and in this issue.

I appreciate life is busy, but we really do need your help, so please have a think about getting involved.

Cathy





## Juniors & Coaching – Lindsey King

### Coaching Update

#### Junior coaching - Middleton Woods - 7<sup>th</sup> December

This was a junior session where we used a star exercise to practise taking accurate compass bearings & following the bearing. We also looked at where it may be best to 'aim off'. We practiced finding and identifying brown 'earth' features.

Then there was a long leg back towards Nell Bank to think about route choice and the best attack point before we did another couple of loops to practice compass bearings again.

The juniors who are already technical level 4/5 were able to practice using brown only maps without paths which made it more challenging.

Well done to everyone who turned out in the rain and got very wet and muddy!

#### Night O Training – Hirst Wood- 14<sup>th</sup> January

On a damp, dark Wednesday evening in January 14 Airienteers of all ages and ability came to Hirst Wood Saltaire for night orienteering practice.

We split into 3 groups for a map walk. The aim was to become familiar with the reduced visibility and the importance of using handrails and checking off features much more carefully than during

daylight. At night, steady & sure progress is usually more successful than racing fast and missing key features.

There were a number of mini loops for everyone to try. Each loop had between 3 or 4 controls in a small area. For the less experienced they gained experience at finding brown features. Completing short exercises encourages confidence and we can keep tabs on how everyone is doing. Controls were included on more than one course but approached from different angles. Those that completed all the short loops were able to progress to longer loops.

At the end everyone ran a zig zag course back to the carpark using most of the controls they had already been to once. When I reached the finish everyone including juniors were all chatting away happily oblivious that it was nearly bedtime!





## FUTURE COACHING

**Nunroyd Park Guiseley- 14 February** <https://www.aire.org.uk/events/nunroyd-2026-2-14>

I will have our popular grid games at Nunroyd Park on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – this enables young children to practice orientating a map to ensure they progress in the right direction.

AIRE introductory sessions on Saturday afternoons (just turn up to start between 1pm and 2.30pm) are perfect for:

- Members with toddlers and small children as the short courses are only 1km in an open area and there is usually a play park nearby.
- Bringing your friends to try orienteering for the first time- hopefully they will like it and come again!
- You to come for a run around a course in a lovely local park and socialise.

Volunteers to assist with setting up and registration are always welcome too!

### **British Championships -Online session 11<sup>th</sup> February 8pm**

Any member of British Orienteering can enter the British Championships in their age class.

We already have 31 club members travelling to South Wales for the individual race on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb and relays on 1<sup>st</sup> March therefore I have offered to repeat an online session after the popular one last year.

We will look at and discuss maps, event details and route choices to prepare for this big competition. Becoming familiar with the areas using various resources can help get your head into a race well before you reach the start line. It's known as 'geeking'.

BOOK A PLACE for the session by sending me an email [lindseyking49@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lindseyking49@hotmail.co.uk) or private message me through Whatsapp – my number is on the group list.



## Junior Social

40 AIRE members and their families came to our junior social at Aiming High Nell Bank, Ilkley in December.



We started with an outdoor game where each team of 3 or 4 runners had to collect Christmas stamps at each control and also collect stars. One runner from each team went in turn and they had to hand over the balloon baton to their next runner. There was a bonus for any balloons that were still inflated at the end. Star fairies replenished the stocks of stars.

It was a wild, muddy, noisy game with people and balloons flying everywhere around the lower garden at Nell Bank. I hope most of you enjoyed it. We then played musical chairs and



after that had tea of pizza, salad and cakes.

Juniors then received awards for their orienteering progress this year and we ended by doing some colouring, making origami kites and other activities including table football!

Thank you to everyone who helped me out on the day.

It was great to have this feedback: "We all had a great time and are pleased to be part of such a lovely club."





## YHOA Junior Squad Tour to France - Alethea Carr

This was my first YHJS tour and, in fact, my first time travelling abroad without my parents. We set off early in the morning and travelled to France through the Channel Tunnel, arriving at our accommodation in Fontainebleau in the evening.



The following week passed in a blur of forest training at a variety of locations, including Rocher des Sablons, Carte de Monastère, and Rocher de la Dame Jouanne. The terrain was lovely although in some of the forests there were lots of boulders which made navigation tricky. We also took part in several competitions, including the French Night Championships at Le Bell Trap (Nemours) and the French Sprint Championships at Cesson–Vert-Saint-Denis.





In addition to this, we learned how to review and evaluate our runs to see what went well and what could be improved. We also learned how to plan our own routes, which helped us become more confident and independent.

As well as orienteering, we had a day of climbing boulders in the forest and sightseeing in Fontainebleau. Overall, the trip really helped my independence and improved my orienteering, as well as being an amazing experience that I hope to have again next year.



## **YHOA Junior Squad – Lindsey King & Penny Pinker-Hull**

I interviewed Penny W14 about her first overnight trip with Yorkshire & Humberside Orienteering Association's Junior Squad.

Any junior orienteer aged 12 upwards who is proficient at orange courses can ask for an invitation to regional squad training sessions. These usually take place monthly for either 1 day or a full weekend. Squad members can be selected for inter-regional competitions and their occasional trips abroad to multi-day events. In the autumn AIRE member Alethea W14 went on a trip to France with the squad.

Last weekend, YHOA junior squad had a training session on Saturday in Derbyshire and stayed in Hathersage overnight before competing at SYO's national event on Sunday on Burbage Moor.

Penny had already attended a few day sessions with the YHOA squad but had not stayed away overnight. She and Bethan Buckley W16 were racing elsewhere on Saturday and so missed the training but they travelled down by train on Saturday afternoon. Penny was a bit apprehensive but



soon joined other squad members over dinner. Afterwards everyone played games until bedtime. Penny said she slept in a dorm with 5 other girls where the bunks were very uncomfortable!

On Sunday Penny got a lift to the event at Burbage and the indoor assembly enabled her to get ready for the event with her new girlfriends from SYO. It was only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time that Penny had run a light green course. The first one had taken her 74 minutes as it is a big jump up from orange technical level 3 to light green level 4.

This time Penny reported she had a much better run, completing the course in 38 mins with only one leg that caused her a problem which she managed to resolve without much loss of time.

Penny confirmed that she would love to go to another YHOA junior squad weekend which is great news. Well done Penny!

## Calling ... would be Mappers and Controllers

### AIRE Mappers course - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April

We currently have a small group of experienced mappers who do all the updates (and some new maps) for the club. We would like to recruit some new members to that group to share the workload. Most of our maps need to be updated rather than doing any re-mapping of areas and usually means that the mapper liaises with the event planner as they will notice differences as they plan their courses and check control sites. With our Regional events alongside the Wednesday evenings and Saturday Intros there are quite a few events in the course of a year.

WE WANT YOU ... if you are interested in learning how to map and will commit to working alongside our mappers to develop your skills. An additional incentive to becoming a mapper is that you improve your own navigation skills as well! You will contribute to the club's ability to put on high quality, enjoyable orienteering events.

We are putting on a mapping course on Saturday 25th April at Ilkley Grammar School, 9am to 4pm. It will cover base maps, survey techniques, drawing using OCAD and surveying using OCAD sketch. OCAD is accessed by license and AIRE has 5 teams licenses. If you want to have a look at some free software then Open Orienteering Mapper (OOM) <https://www.openorienteering.org/apps/mapper/> is a free to download source you can look at.

The aim is for you to leave with basic knowledge of surveying, and drawing/updating maps and to hopefully buddy you up with an experienced mapper to update one of our maps.

If you are interested email Liz, at [lizcarter150AToutlook.com](mailto:lizcarter150AToutlook.com)

Liz



## AIRE Controllers course – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Have you ever wondered what a controller does at an event?

Basically, they are appointed to act as a check on the planner and organiser to ensure the event is carried out in accordance with the rules of the sport, in a safe manner, and to help to avoid any mistakes which can spoil all the hard work that goes into staging an event.

It's an essential important role, and Airienteers welcomes anyone wishing to become a controller for events.

There are 3 grades, from entry grade C for club and regional events, to Grade A, major national events.

We are organising a one-day controllers course led by Grade A controllers in Ilkley on 9th May from 9am to 4pm based at Ilkley Grammar School, for anyone wishing to become grade C or upgrade from grade C to B. The course is completely free and is a combination of theory and practical training on Ilkley Moor.

This is an ideal way for you to contribute to the fantastic adventure sport of Orienteering and help your club stage events which we all can enjoy.

Anyone interested should contact Peter Haines (at [hainesilkley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hainesilkley@yahoo.co.uk)) in the first instance for further information. There are minimum requirements to be appointed as a controller, but you can still come on the course before completing the remaining requirements.

### **Grade C controller requirements**

Organise a competition registered with British Orienteering within the previous 10 years.

Plan a minimum of 3 events, with at least one at Level C, and at least one within the previous 5 years.

Complete a British Orienteering Controller Grade C course.

Be appointed to the Grade by their Constituent Association.

Complete safety training prescribed within the British Orienteering Event Safety & Welfare Workshop (BO online workshop)

Peter H



## Fixtures – Julia Crook

From our Fixtures Secretary -

I was first introduced to orienteering by a university friend when I was in my mid 20s and after a few years became quite involved with my local Cambridge club WAOC where I met Rolf. When Rolf and I moved to Yorkshire in 2007 we joined Airienteers. However, I was pregnant a year later and Rolf was concerned about his Achilles tendonitis so we dropped out. Once Sam was about 3 we took him orienteering a few times but he was more interested in picking up sticks and finding mushrooms than finding controls. We also tended to go for bike rides instead. It was only when Sam joined the Bradford Grammar School orienteering club that we got back into orienteering at the end of 2023. We have been fairly active since then.

I took over the role of fixtures secretary from Leon Foster during September 2025. Leon had done a great job and had much knowledge of our areas and how the system works so I did feel somewhat lacking in knowledge before hand but the committee is very supportive and I'm not making decisions by myself. As your fixtures secretary I am responsible for planning with other committee members and the mappers where we would like to put on events in the next year or 2 and then agreeing with the YHOA fixtures group the exact dates of those events so that we don't clash with other club's events or the BIG events.

The areas are chosen by trying to use areas at a suitable time of year, not using the same areas too often and covering a good geographical range, i.e not having all local events near Ilkley. I also have to add our events to the British orienteering website and our own Airienteers website and I attend the committee meeting each month. Fortunately, I don't also have to find the people to fill the organiser, planner and controller roles for each event. That is the job, as many of you will know if you've been contacted by him, of Peter Haines with whom I liaise. I try to keep an up-to-date list of the events and who the officials are on the website so you can see where we are short of officials. It's not in a very prominent place so you may not be aware of it (<https://www.aire.org.uk/info/future-races-list>).

Airienteers typically puts on the following events each year:

- A regional night event in January
- A regional day event in January
- A regional event in March and or May
- Two urban regional events in July
- Either an urban plus a Dales event or two Dales events in September
- A regional event at the end of November
- Almost fortnightly events on Wednesday evenings
- About 8 Saturday Introductory events



If anyone has ideas for a type of event or an area they would like to use, please let me know and we may be able to schedule it in.

As you can imagine it takes a lot of volunteers to plan, organise and control all these events and the committee is very grateful to all the volunteer organisers planners and controllers without whom we would have no events. However, recruitment is not always easy and we have been struggling to recruit for the 2 urban events in mid July and also for the 2 Dales weekend events in September. We have a planner for the Allerton Bywater urban event who can do all the planning beforehand but cannot make it on the day.

This is a final plea for the following event officials:

An organiser and an on-the-day planner and possibly controller for Allerton Bywater (11th July, urban),

An organiser, planner and controller for Kippax (12th July, urban),

A planner for Conistone (13th September, Dales weekend, this role could be mentored by the controller for this event).

The committee recently discussed the possibility of having to cancel/postpone the 2 urban events so that our limited resources could be used for the 2 Dales events which were seen as more important. However, the 2 urban events were going to be part of the Yorkshire Urban League and if we cancel both, Airienteers will not be contributing to this league. However, if we get no response from this plea, WE WILL HAVE TO CANCEL EVENTS. So please consider whether you can help. If like me you feel a bit daunted by taking on one of these roles on your own, it is possible to take on a role jointly with someone else. That is what I have agreed to do for the event at Attermire.

We do have our other events covered for this year, but looking to the future, if you think you could help with organising, planning or controlling but are not sure what is needed, let the committee know and we can let you shadow an experienced organiser/planner/controller. Also, we are holding a 1-day controller course on 9th May at Ilkley Grammar School, so sign up if you want to learn how to do it by contacting Peter Haines ([hainesilkleyATyahoo.co.uk](mailto:hainesilkleyATyahoo.co.uk)).

The club is nothing without its events.



## Of all the pictures ... Wendy Carlyle

I have been shredding photographs which have been scanned into family albums and have come across quite a few forgotten treasures. Today it was this photo taken by a reporter at one of the Scottish Six Days 1991 which appeared in the local newspaper, the Southern Reporter. I think this has been the only Scottish we have attended in the Southern Uplands and the featured event was on the Bowhill Estate.

The Southern Reporter, Thursday, August 8, 1991

### No time to 'loos' for top orienteers!

*NAVIGATION SKILLS: Competitors at the 'Southern Uplands '91' orienteering event at Bowhill on Tuesday. • Picture by GORDON LOCKIE.*

## World stars battle it out at rain-hit Bowhill

**BOWHILL** staged the biggest orienteering event ever seen in the Borders on Tuesday.

Roxburgh Borders — with a little help from some neighbouring clubs — hosted the event, which attracted competitors from all over the globe. Unfortunately, the competition was dogged by atrocious weather conditions.

Nevertheless, everything went according to plan and a great day was witnessed by orienteers and spectators alike.

Every age group was covered, from the very competitive veterans to the toddlers in their imaginative "sitting" stage.

The "sitting" event certainly attracted a vast amount of interest — and not only from the youngsters.

Designed by Dick Warren of Merchall, competitors of all ages were impressed by the architecture of the course.

Derek Jones, of Roxburgh Borders, said the "Southern": "The day went extremely well, considering the horrible weather.

**Sunny**

"Everything went according to plan, and we hope the spectators enjoyed themselves, as all the competitors seemed to."

"We certainly seeded our study and look forward to competing in the remainder of the competition which finishes on Saturday."

On the first day at a warm and sunny An Forest stage, near Dunfermline, a great start was made by Alasdair Jones in the under-17 class.

The Slow athlete returned home fourth and was the first British winner home.

In the girls' under-15 section, Ruth Pyne from Peebles was first Scot back in fourth place, while at the senior, John Tulloh from Teviotdale was 13th in the Mens Elite and Hawick's Lindsay Knox was leading Scot, coming in 15th.

Tom McNeilly from Slow also had a good run, finishing in 11th place in the boys' under-19 class.

At a wet and muddy Pinesgill Glen stage at Glenrover on day two, Kelso's George Wallace was the Borderer to shine, coming in sixth in the boys' under-13 section.

Best results from Bowhill came from Alasdair Jones, who now stands in third place overall in the halfway stage of the competition.

**Girls**

In the girls' under-19s, Slow's Jane McNeilly finished in tenth place over the Bowhill course to put her in with a chance standing at fifth overall, with Fiona Forrest of Danick not far behind in eighth place after coming in seventh.

• Full results in next week's "Southern".

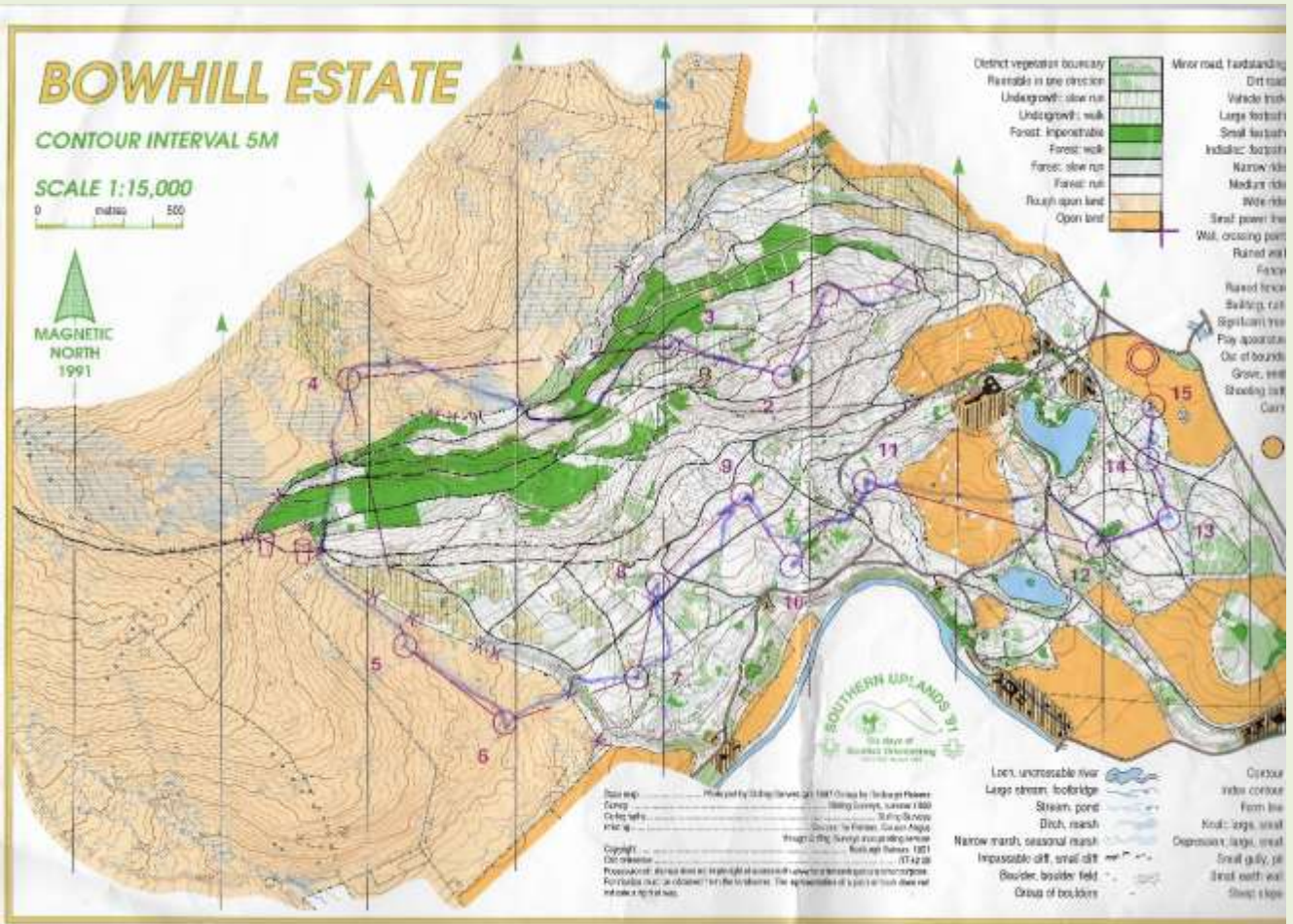
Out of all the action photos that could have been taken at the event, the reporter went for this one of Tony and two other competitors emerging from the portable toilet! I wonder if he thought they were starting blocks akin to greyhound traps?!



This event is memorable for our family not just for Tony's starring role.



On this day, he accompanied Becky, aged eight, around her course with Jenny, aged six. Well into the wood, Becky grew frustrated at having to wait for her younger sister and took off by herself, with the map. Tony didn't know where he was and he had to follow the track, hoping it would lead in the right direction! The next day Becky wanted to go out alone and we spent an anxious twenty minutes or so waiting for her to emerge from the forest.





## Run Like a Haggis – Richard Wilson

Run Like a Haggis puts on navigational events using MapRun. They're score format, registered with the Fell Runners Association, with FRA rules and kit requirements. There is no requirement to Run Like a Haggis\*, but it could be helpful in places.

RLH is the brainchild of Fran Blackett, who is based in County Durham. She's a qualified running coach and navigation instructor, and launched RLH to offer navigation courses, many of them female-only, aiming to share "the joy, independence and freedom that being able to navigate with map and compass can bring us all." Amen to that! The MapRuns are a natural progression from the courses - informal, low-key opportunities to test and perfect newly-learned skills.

Faced with a weekend bereft of worthy orienteering opportunities, we decided to enter the RLH event at Grasmere in January; pre-entry via SI entries, with limited EOD. The pre-event info included links to allow download to phones of MapRun data for 1, 2, or 3 hour courses.

No muddy car-parks or windswept tents; instead the comforts and facilities of Grasmere village hall. Inside we registered, indicated whether we were doing 1, 2 or 3 hours, and collected our waterproof maps – A4 extract at 1:12,500 of OS Explorer mapping, with 81 control sites, and descriptions on the back.

Start when you like between 10 and 12. Start/finish were just outside the hall. Our phones beeped, and off we went. Controls were scattered round the village, with concentrations to the SW (Silver How), around the shores of the lake, and up to Alcock Tarn to the east. We both decided that the Silver How controls would offer the best orienteering challenge, especially as the mist was down, well below the summits.

The atmosphere was decidedly laid-back, with an emphasis on enjoyment, rather than competition. With so many controls, runners (100 entries) soon dispersed, occasionally looming out of the gloom on paths and near controls. Navigating on the misty open fell with OS slightly-suspect paths and 10m contours was interesting. I decided that two isolated controls atop Silver How could not be missed, but the climb took quite a lot of my 2 hours. However, all downhill from there to Grasmere, and a final half-mile of dodge-the-tourist.



Back at the hall there was tea and delicious cake, all included in the ridiculously low £7 entry fee. Try running like a haggis – you won't be disappointed! – <https://www.runlikeahaggis.com>.

\* See wildlife photographer Gordon Buchanan's BBC documentary The Haggis and Me, available on iPlayer. Gordon spent a year filming these red-listed mammals, now found only in the Cairngorms, and shares his unique insight into their natural history.

## Ian's podcast

Ian Furlong has been a guest on the 'Here for the Long Run' podcast with a deep-dive on Adventure Racing, talking about how he got into Adventure Racing, his most recent 3-day 450km race across Scotland, the mental challenges, how he trains to stay injury-free, and many other things Adventure Racing.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/here-for-the-long-run/id1801950033?i=1000740866238>

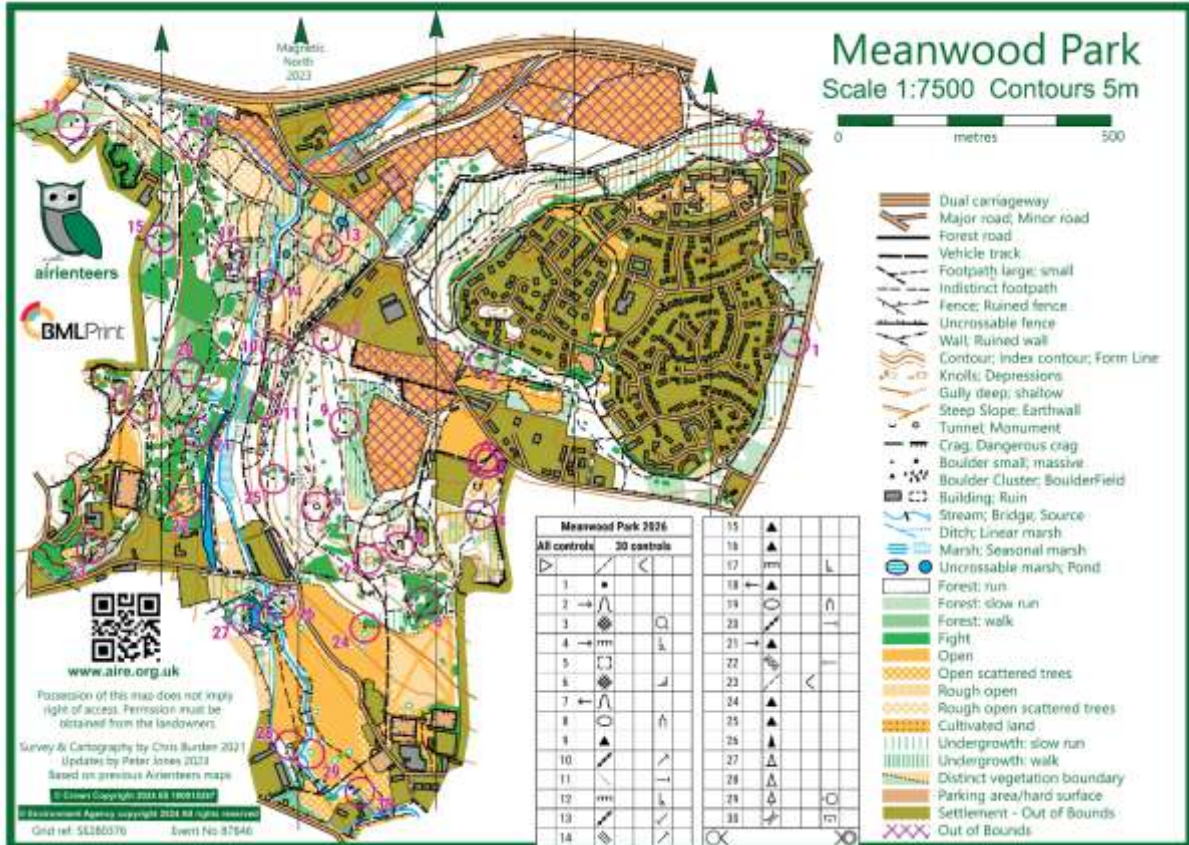
The BBC documentary of the Scotland event (ITERA 2025) is here -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002hrzk>



# Planning on an area where you've run and planned many times before – Tim Patterson

## Meanwood Night Score – 21<sup>st</sup> Jan



I grew up in Meanwood, and the Meanwood Valley trail has always been my favourite place for a run or mountain bike ride. I've probably raced round Meanwood park on double figure occasions over the last 30 years, and planned courses several times for different types of event.

I'm sure a lot of you have also run here many times over the years, and enjoyed the variety of terrain, from the open grass in the main park, through the runnable oak woodland in the centre of the area, to the thick undergrowth of the Hollies on the western side of the valley, and – depending on the weather – lots of slippery mud!

[Ed: Yes, we got plenty of that]

(As an aside – the derivation of the place name 'Meanwood' means 'Rock wood' and 'Weetwood' means 'Wet wood' - obvious when you think about it)

The last score event here was 5 years ago, and I had the map for comparison. The controls were evenly spread around the area. I managed to get all 30 in 57 minutes and 9km of running (I was younger and faster back then!)



So the challenge both to myself, and hopefully the competitors is to find new places to run, different ways to shape the courses through the area, or in the case of a night score event like this one, different decisions and calculations for which areas to run in.

Some areas of the park and some specific features lend themselves to being control sites for every event. In the section below, control 28 is on a monument, and I've either used it as a site, or run to it as a control every time there's been an event here. It works well as a site as it is tucked away in the corner of the area, so stretches out any course lengths in what is quite a small space – so I used it again this time (and I'm sure I'll use it next time)

To then give a new challenge, I combined this with 2 other controls close by, giving a group of 3 separated from the rest. Competitors had to decide if 3 controls were worth heading towards, away from the centre of the map. Because of the stream (which was in full flow and un-crossable on the night of the event), there are a lot of different route choices between the controls. The combination of controls is a new set compared to previous events, and some care necessary to pick the best one (I'd go 28>30>29).

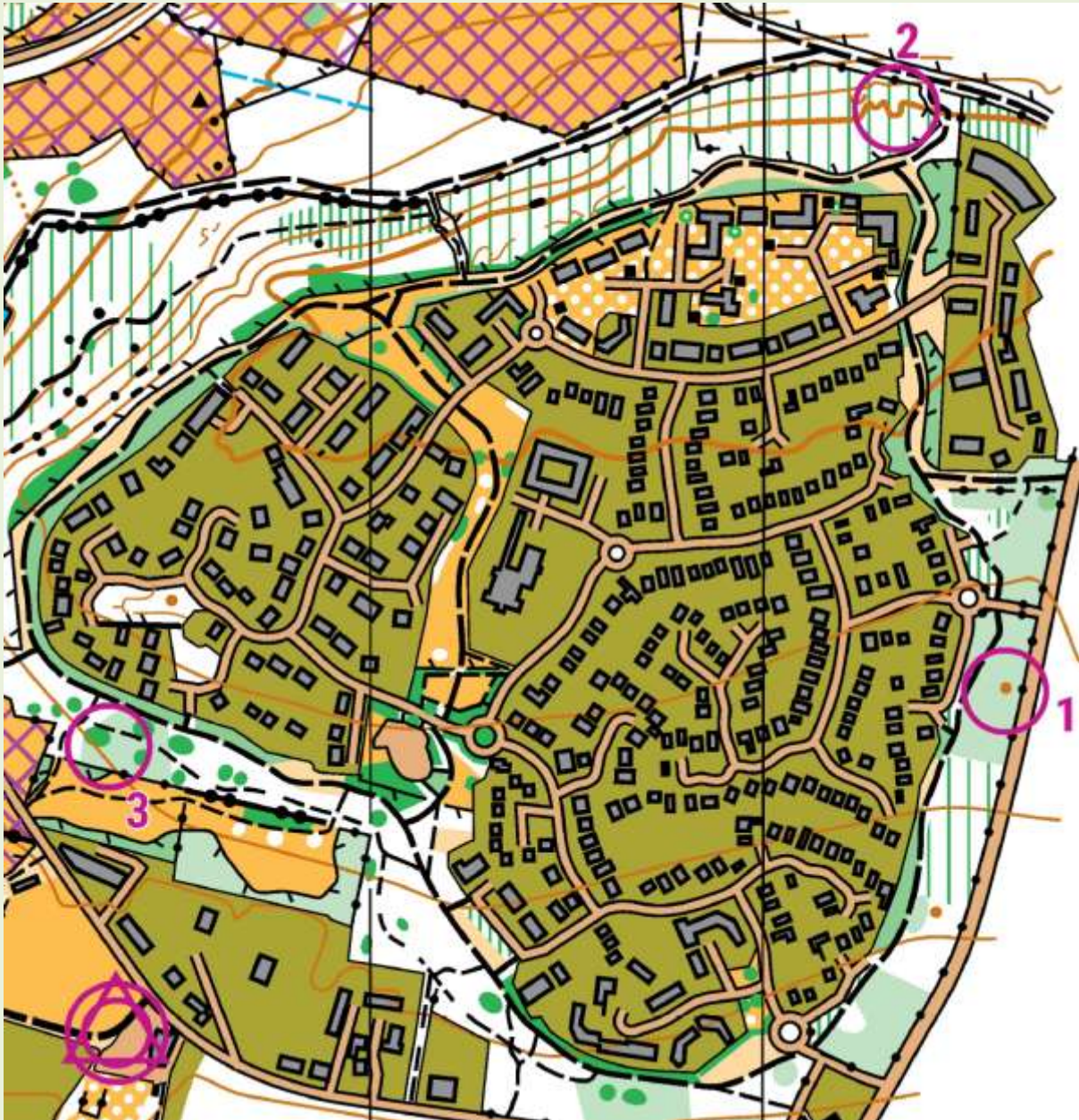


In the centre of the map, I deliberately set myself a challenge of picking some new sites I'd not used or been to before. Knowing the area well, I chose 11, 20 and 22 as new sites, whereas 10, 19, 21 and 25 have been used before. 21 is another classic control on the locally famous 'Whale Rock', and worth a visit during the day for anyone in the park for a walk.



My aim was to create a web of controls, where there was no obvious shortest route between them. Because of the steep valley sides, competitors had to calculate between longer/shorter distances or more/less climb for their 'optimal' route, as well as some tricky navigation through the complex path network.

Finally, for the north east corner of the map around the old hospital, I chose 3 sites I had used before for controls 1, 2 and 3. However, as a change from the last event (and in part to make putting the flags out a much quicker task) I didn't add any further controls around the centre of the area. This gave lots of different possible routes between the controls, either round the edge or navigating through the middle road network. As with the first area, a choice where the competitors have to weigh up if these are worth visiting or not.



I talked to a few runners at the end of the event and they all had different stories and routes they took – which I take as a success. I hope everyone who ran enjoyed it and this explanation of the course planning adds to it.



## AIRE Achievements

### Congratulations to :-

All AIRE members who ran at the British Schools Orienteering Championships near Edinburgh in November. Bradford Grammar School finished as 3<sup>rd</sup> Large Secondary School.

Gerry Symes – 1st in Men’s Hypervets in the Euro City Race Tour 2025

Emily Gibbins– 3<sup>rd</sup> woman and 12<sup>th</sup> overall at SportsShoes Quid Games II in Kendal in November

(picture by Tommy Leeming)



### UK Urban League

Caroline Blatherwick – 2<sup>nd</sup>: Women’s Open

Leon Foster -2<sup>nd</sup>: Men’s Open

### YHOA Superleague

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|-----------------|---|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | <b>Katie Buckley</b><br><b>Seb Carr</b><br><b>Sam Crook</b><br><b>Dave Murgatroyd</b><br><b>David Alcock</b><br><b>Rolf Crook</b>                               | <b>W18</b><br><b>M10</b><br><b>M14</b><br><b>M35</b><br><b>M45</b><br><b>M50</b>               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>Alethea Carr</b><br><b>Lucy Needham</b><br><b>Susan Stevens</b><br><b>Judith Powell</b><br><b>Alfie Alcock</b><br><b>Charlie Alcock</b><br><b>Steve Webb</b> | <b>W14</b><br><b>W40</b><br><b>W70</b><br><b>W80</b><br><b>M10</b><br><b>M12</b><br><b>M60</b> |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>Bethan Buckley</b><br><b>Julia Crook</b><br><b>Lindsey King</b><br><b>Joyce Marshall</b><br><b>David Bowman</b>  | <b>W16</b><br><b>W55</b><br><b>W60</b><br><b>W65</b><br><b>M50</b>                             |



## Northern Night Championships - Wilton Woods (CLOK) – Jan 24<sup>th</sup>

Sam Crook – 1<sup>st</sup>: Men's Junior

Dave Murgatroyd – 1<sup>st</sup>: Men's Open

David Williams – 1<sup>st</sup>: Men's Super Veterans

### YHOA Night League

Sam Crook – 1<sup>st</sup>: Men's Junior

Peter Haines – 1<sup>st</sup>: Men's Super Veterans

### AIRE Autumn Night Score League

Class winners –

- Andrea Sendula
- Adam Lomas
- Nicola Parkinson
- Steve Mead

## Selected AIRE Results

### Harden Moor (30<sup>th</sup> November)

Brown – David Alcock 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jack Walton 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dave Murgatroyd 4<sup>th</sup>, Katie Buckley 5<sup>th</sup>, Rob Groves 9<sup>th</sup>, Steve Webb 11<sup>th</sup>, David Bowman 13<sup>th</sup>, Rob Gatenby 16<sup>th</sup>, Jo Buckley 18<sup>th</sup>, Lucy Needham 19<sup>th</sup>, Joseph Dawson 21<sup>st</sup>, Tim Mosedale 24<sup>th</sup>, Sarah Rowell 26<sup>th</sup>

Blue – Peter Haines 4<sup>th</sup>, Rob King 6<sup>th</sup>, Ian Marshall 11<sup>th</sup>, Peter Jones 17<sup>th</sup>, Peter Carter 20<sup>th</sup>, Ross Carson 22<sup>nd</sup>, Robin Culshaw-Groves 23<sup>rd</sup>

Green – **Joyce Marshall 1<sup>st</sup>**, Howard Sawyer 4<sup>th</sup>, Susan Stevens 5<sup>th</sup>, Lindsey King 7<sup>th</sup>, Catherine Dawson 9<sup>th</sup>, Julia Crook 12<sup>th</sup>, Richard Wilson 13<sup>th</sup>, Jeremy Wilkinson 14<sup>th</sup>, Rebecca Gray 15<sup>th</sup>

(Tony Carlyle was 1<sup>st</sup> on the Green course, but made himself non-competitive because of local knowledge)

Short Green – **Anne Murgatroyd 1<sup>st</sup>**, Anne Wilson 7<sup>th</sup>, Chris Burden 8<sup>th</sup>

Very Short Green – **Val Gilleard 1<sup>st</sup>**

Light Green – **Alethea Carr 1<sup>st</sup>**, Charlie Alcock 3<sup>rd</sup>

Orange – **Seb Carr 1<sup>st</sup>**, Kotomi Carr 2<sup>nd</sup>, Kate Parkinson 7<sup>th</sup>



Yellow – Matthew Needham 2<sup>nd</sup>, Alfie Alcock 3<sup>rd</sup>

White – **Louise Parkinson 1<sup>st</sup>**, Alexander Murgatroyd 3<sup>rd</sup>, Charlotte Murgatroyd 4<sup>th</sup>

## Esholt Night Event (3<sup>rd</sup> January)

Long – Dave Murgatroyd 2<sup>nd</sup>, David Alcock 5<sup>th</sup>, Rolf Crook 9<sup>th</sup>, Ian Furlong 13<sup>th</sup>, Nathan Martin 27<sup>th</sup>, Richard Cartwright 30<sup>th</sup>

Medium – **Sam Crook 1<sup>st</sup>**, Alethea Carr 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rob King 5<sup>th</sup>, Peter Haines 5<sup>th</sup>, Ian Marshall 8<sup>th</sup>, Peter Jones 9<sup>th</sup>, Howard Sawyer 10<sup>th</sup>, Julia Crook 14<sup>th</sup>, Sophie Brown 15<sup>th</sup>, Chris Burden 23<sup>rd</sup>

Short – Charlie Alcock 3<sup>rd</sup>, Nicola Parkinson 4<sup>th</sup>

Very Short – **Seb Carr 1<sup>st</sup>**, Kate Parkinson 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Buck Wood (4<sup>th</sup> January)

Brown – Tim Patterson 5<sup>th</sup>, Ian Furlong 7<sup>th</sup>, David Alcock 8<sup>th</sup>, Dave Murgatroyd 9<sup>th</sup>, Sam Crook 10<sup>th</sup>, Steve Webb 12<sup>th</sup>, Rolf Crook 13<sup>th</sup>, Rob Groves 18<sup>th</sup>, Henry Stitson 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jo Buckley 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sarah Rowell 26<sup>th</sup>

Blue – **Jack Walton 1<sup>st</sup>**, Peter Haines 4<sup>th</sup>, David Bowman 6<sup>th</sup>, David Williams 7<sup>th</sup>, Rob King 9<sup>th</sup>, Bethan Buckley 10<sup>th</sup>, Mary Fleming 11<sup>th</sup>, Lucy Needham 12<sup>th</sup>, Joyce Marshall 13<sup>th</sup>, Anne Murgatroyd 15<sup>th</sup>, Ian Marshall 18<sup>th</sup>, Richard Wilson 32<sup>nd</sup>, Peter Jones 33<sup>rd</sup>, Robin Culshaw-Groves 34<sup>th</sup>, Rebecca Gray 36<sup>th</sup>

Green – Tony Carlyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, Julia Crook 9<sup>th</sup>, Lindsey King 10<sup>th</sup>, Mike Cox 13<sup>th</sup>, Cathy Kelly 24<sup>th</sup>, Ken Patterson 26<sup>th</sup>, Cathy Dawson 32<sup>nd</sup>, Nicola Parkinson 40<sup>th</sup>, Anne Wilson 41<sup>st</sup>, George Ricketts 14<sup>th</sup>

Short Green – **Lucy Haines 1<sup>st</sup>**, Chris Burden 7<sup>th</sup>

Very Short Green – Susan Stevens 4<sup>th</sup>

Light Green – Alethea Carr 3<sup>rd</sup>, Helen Alcock 6<sup>th</sup>, Penny Pinker-Hull 10<sup>th</sup>, Kate Parkinson 11<sup>th</sup>

Red – **Jeremy Wilkinson 1<sup>st</sup>**

Orange – Seb Carr 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lisa Broadest 3<sup>rd</sup>, Joby Pinker-Hull 5<sup>th</sup>

Yellow – **Lizzie Broadest 1<sup>st</sup>**, Pippa Patterson 2<sup>nd</sup>, Isobel Ricketts 5<sup>th</sup>, Matthew Needham 6<sup>th</sup>

White – **Lauren Martin 1<sup>st</sup>**, Oscar Branney 3<sup>rd</sup>, Alexander & Charlotte Murgatroyd 10<sup>th</sup>



## Airienteers in Action

### Harden Moor

(pictures by Sam Crook)







## AIRE Social

(Pictures by Wendy Carlyle)





