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Front cover photo shows Tom Crowther and several Airienteers and Parkrun Pals after completing his 100th Parkrun on his 80th Birthday!



Edit O – Wendy Carlyle

It seems like half a year has passed since the last issue but then suddenly January is whizzing away like no one's business. On a personal level, I have no orienteering highlights to shout about, certainly not my performance at Rivelin Valley in January where I finished 63rd out of 65 taking 105.50 minutes on a 3.9k course! Do you know those occasions when you find yourself on a very steep gradient, physically attached to several holly and bramble bushes and you think to yourself that no other competitor has taken this route? That was my route to number 2 and it didn't end there. I still had a steep sided stream to negotiate and then an uphill as dark green as the downhill!



Lots to enjoy in this issue with articles from 'elder statespeople' and from one of our newest, youngest members about what orienteering means to them. There are event reports and much important information about what is to come in the orienteering/Airienteering world this year.

I haven't had much success running competitions to date in Aire Affairs so please do consider having a go at my O People Quiz on pages 12/13, open to all ages.

Once again, big thanks to everyone who has responded positively to my pleading, cajoling and threatening and submitted articles. If you haven't yet tapped your keyboard in an AA direction, please do consider it. I've played around with the design this issue and would welcome feedback (and help with setting up template pages in WORD!)

AA Archives

Tony and I were trying to identify the Airienteers who appeared on the front cover collage of the February/March 1993 edition but we weren't entirely successful. Robert Ker definitely starred and we think another was a youthful Bruce Woodley. Dennis Ellison was offering space in his car to the Scottish Six Days in Deeside. Rob and Lindsey, joint Chairs at this time, hailed from Patagonia (long way to go for an orienteering event! Ed.) Ian Marshall won the Fell Running League. A whole host of Airienteers achieved Gold times (Do we still have those? Ed.) at the LUOC Baildon Moor event including: Tom Van Rossum on M10; Jason Inman on M21L; Dave Shelley and Alistair Wood on M40L; Pete Livesey on M50L; Tom Crowther on M55L; Becky Carlyle and Rose Burden on W10 and Hilary Allen on W45L!

In the Compass Sport Cup round against CLOK we won by 66 to 58 points with 60 members taking part (Hope we get as many, if not more, for this year's first round, Ed.)

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Chair Affairs – Tony Thornley



Happy New Year to you all.

What's your club been up to?

Much goes on behind the scenes in any good club. Since the last AA, a wide range of members has helped us to:

- finalise our application for Clubmark - which we should have achieved sooner, but it's quite a lot of paperwork. See a bit more below.
- put into practice an infra-structure for coaching and junior development
- run a very popular winter evening event series
- organise fixtures and access for the next two years, and cajole volunteers to make it work
- get more qualified coaches
- contribute to wider orienteering organisation, in YHOA, BO and IOF, as controllers, organisers and event advisers
- enable the club to be more effective - in finance, SI kit (we are ending the sharing arrangement with CLARO to make kit use easier), equipment and storage (we hope to move the club's kit store to a container, maybe in Adel, but are struggling to negotiate a viable ground rent), in club kit
- plan for BOC2019 in Leeds, Bradford and the Dales.
- last, but by no means least, run some good events and achieve some good results

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to this.

Clubmark

Clubmark is the national benchmark for community sports clubs. In essence, it covers all the things you'd expect a good O club to do: run coaching with licensed coaches, develop



juniors, provide regular competition, awareness of safety and welfare, communicate with members and encourage new membership and support volunteers.

We've had comments on our initial submission from British Orienteering and have just re-submitted, with more evidence to support our statements. I am optimistic that we are almost there. One question I was asked was about opportunities for members to feedback to officers about the club and its work. I flannelled a bit about AA, open committee meetings, the AGM and informal opportunities at events. But I really believe that constructive comment keeps us on our toes and helps us to improve, so if you think things could be improved, please let me, or one of the committee, know!



Orienteering - the new season

I think spring is the best time of year for terrain orienteering. Less undergrowth, better visibility, warmer (if you're lucky). And, for some of you, like me, a new age class. So some events I'd recommend for good terrain O:

AIRE events:

Baildon 8 April runnable moorland with some tricky detail

Kippax 6 May is mainly urban, but has a small intricate bit of woodland also.

Kilnsey 2 June lovely Dales area and not many walls, good practice for 2019 BOC

Others

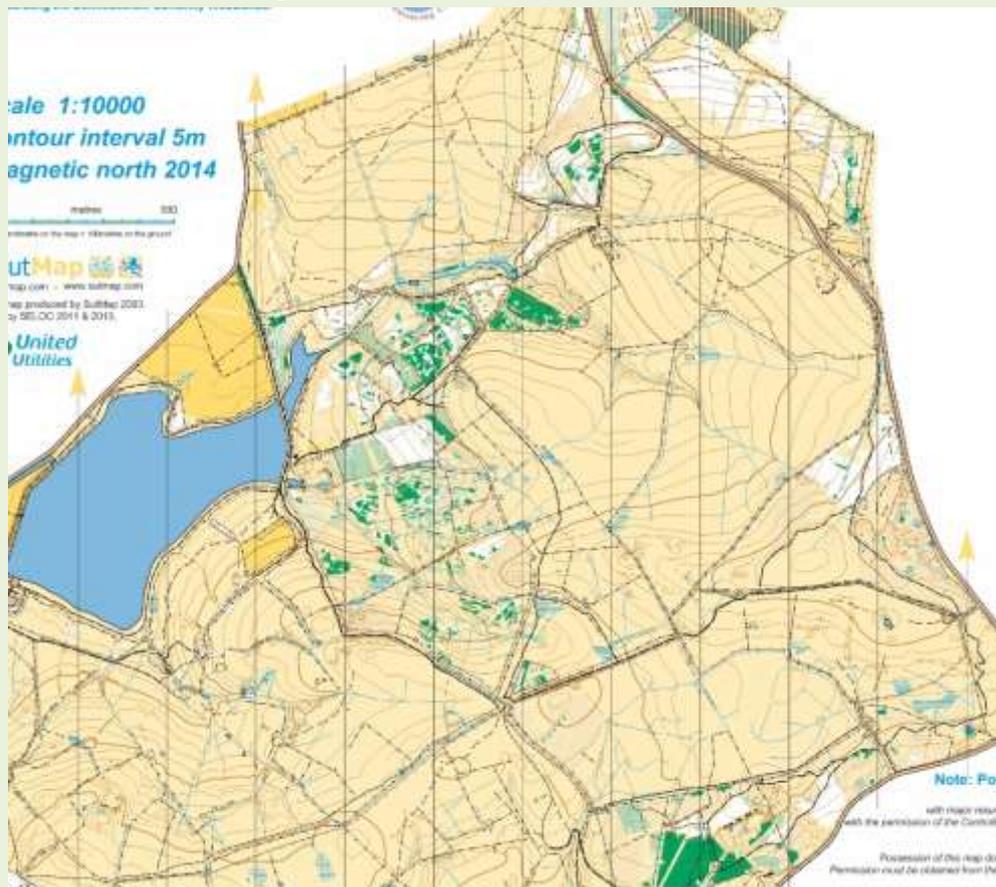
Tankersley, Sheffield 18 Feb interesting mined terrain - good for fine orienteering

Guiselcliff, 4 Mar is steep and rocky, but interesting, woodland.

Thirsk and Wass, Northern Champs w/e 21/22 April. Wass is steep with undergrowth, but it's one of the better North York Moors areas.

Graythwaite and Lingmoor, Lakes w/e 14/15 April. Super terrain at the best time of year.

And please don't forget to enter the CSC -



Clowbridge, 11 March and the JK Relay Stafford, 2 April. Sign up at

<https://tinyurl.com/Aire2018Entries>



May you have plenty of opportunities in 2018 to experience that excellent feeling of knowing the control is there before you can actually see it. (I've nicked this idea from Mike Brearley's book 'On Form' - worth reading).

British Middle Distance Championships, Wendover Woods, October 2017 – Tony Carlyle

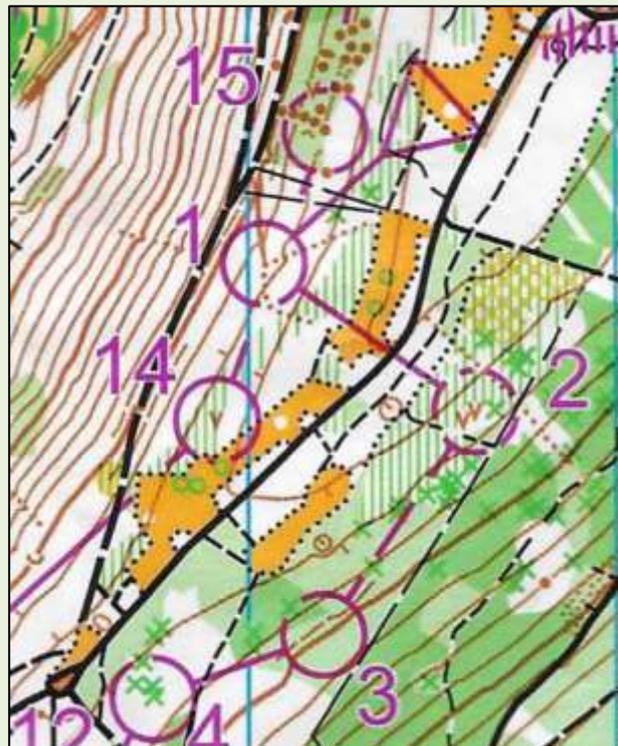
I completed my first orienteering event in April 1970 on Barossa Common near Camberley. It was an interesting introduction to the sport using a black and white photocopy of a 1:25,000 Ordnance Survey map and no instruction whatsoever. The experience didn't put me off as I had enjoyed the challenge and happily went along when invited to another event. I have never been an elite athlete but always enjoyed being out in the forest or fell with a map in my hand finding my way from point to point. Success at a high level never beckoned but at the back of the mind there was always a one day, perhaps, with a following wind and the gods smiling?

Success at British Championships did however come in relays. In 1991 as an M40 together with Mike Cox and Tony Thornley we gained third place and a mug at Callaly. Seventeen years later I once again stood on the bronze step at Culbin with Peter Haines and Andy Kelly coming home with a mug and a bronze medal.

Individually the nearest I came was in 2012 at Strensall at the British Middle Championships where I finished in fourth place, one second behind Steve Whitehead! One second, very frustrating as there were several places where I could have made up that time, but then Steve was probably saying the same about his race. Maybe my best chance at an individual medal would come from the middle-distance format.

This year the British Middles were taking place at Wendover Woods, an area I hadn't run in since the 1970's. I had a start in the late block with most of the best M65s starting after me. My plan was to start easy, safe routes and then build on a solid start. The long route to the start gave plenty of

opportunity for warming up and a chat with Don McKerrow, an old rival from SLOW.



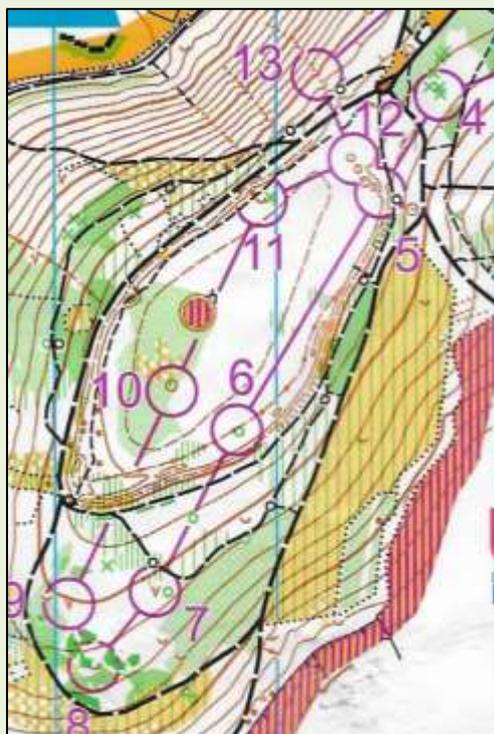


Once in the start block focus, tell myself that the perfect run is very rare and the winner is usually the one who makes least mistakes and recovers from those made quickly and remember to do all the things I say to the juniors.

Pick up the map, route to one straight forward, along the track to the open, look for the gully to the right running along the edge of brambles. Slowly run towards one and have a quick look at the overall course. Little change of direction, nothing too far away from attack points but vegetation with few distinct boundaries looks like it could be crucial in route choice and within the circle.

Number one executed as planned, continue following the gully up to the open, planning ahead to three as I climb, and then bearing and pace from the track down through the brambles. Slow as I reach my pace count, head up, there it is. Couple of routes to three but sticking to my plan of safe routes head to the WNW path and up to the open. Along the clearing, just make out the veg change and follow it down to the suggested steeper section with the form line. Look right there sits the control. Safe and accurate but splits and route gadget showed that down to the ride would have been 30 seconds faster. Four was a straight forward bearing over the track to the rootstocks. Not as obvious as shown on the map but as I approach Dick Towler appears from the north and punches just before me. Dick started two minutes in front of me and knowing he is a stronger runner I can use him to pace my race.

Route to five a straight bearing, no problem. Six I start along the edge but the forest isn't as clear as the map suggests so I drop down to the path, 80 meters past the junction, up to the



small knoll, follow the earthbank and the tree clearly visible. A straight bearing to seven ticking off the tree and exercise station (black circle), control spiked.

Even though there was a good track behind the control as a catching feature I had picked out eight as needing care, a depression with the vegetation around the control could be a bit bingo. So, I took an accurate bearing and paced for 100m. As expected control wasn't visible but knew I was close so a quick look at the map, saw the pit off to the right, looked left and I saw Dick drop into the depression less than 10m away.

For nine I backtracked to the pit, through the gap in the vegetation and up to the pit.

Ten was also a control that I had earlier picked out for extra care. Dick was still in front and I followed him north on a rough bearing to the track junction. He continued north on the main path but my plan was to take the smaller path



north to the second knoll and then bearing and pacing to the control. As expected the vegetation was not easy to pick out, particularly the open ground with scattered trees. Fortunately, when I reached my pace count I saw the depression five metres to my right. Eleven could go straight or aim off. Decided to head just west of north on a rough bearing to hit the track and following in to the control. A simple control as were twelve and thirteen, all spiked.

Contour towards 14 until reaching the track, up the veg boundary by the open, followed it as it turned northeast planning to go straight into the pit. No elephant track and the brambles were not friendly so I backed out to the open area and went in again when they thinned out. Dropped into the control but not happy with the mapping of the brambles in this area. Re focus, need fifteen to be safe so ran up to the open area, along the short path to the open that I crossed on my way to two, followed the edge to the path/ride junction, down the ride, see the first knoll, into the forest and spike the control. Just what I needed to settle after fourteen but route gadget and splits showed straight to have been 30 seconds faster.



Sixteen was another control that I had earlier identified as needing care, but the dot knolls and pit were well mapped giving a good contouring leg into the control. On to seventeen and my biggest loss of time. I continued contouring looking for the path, on to the knolls but I hadn't seen the second path on the circle and got confused when the path appeared. The forest wasn't as clear as the map suggests and thinking I was too high dropped down into more open forest. Went further but as I hadn't paced wasn't sure how far I had gone but now sure I had gone too far. Looked around and saw the clearing downhill and behind which confirmed my error. I turned back heading up the hill as I must have been too low when I saw Dick stopped and

looking around. He too turned and headed higher up the hill where our paths zeroed into the control.

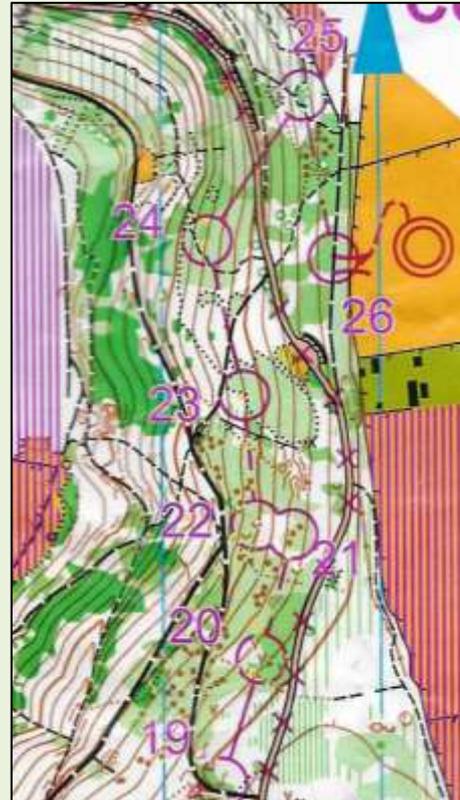
Fortunately, eighteen was straight forward, to the path, pick up the gully and follow it to the knoll. Dick was in front and ran past the control as I nipped in to punch. He must have heard me as he turned to come back. Nineteen simply follow the gully to the track, follow east a short way, up the bank and into the re-entrant.



This last section had looked tricky and the iffy vegetation mapping in places meant care would be needed, even more so as Dick was right there with me. We could use each other to push the pace but vital that I concentrated on my own race and not get distracted, especially as more people seemed to be around.

Twenty had a gully with a small clearing before the control which was easily spotted and the control spiked. Twenty-one also had a gully before the control and I aimed to hit it using the knolls before and after. It was then move forward gradually climbing and there I spotted the row of knolls into the control.

Twenty-two straight down the hill following the small elephant track to spike the control. Contouring towards a fence before twenty-three should have made a good attack point but I missed it. Only later when looking at the map in comfort did I see that the fence was mapped as ruined. This meant I was unsure of my exact location and the distinct veg boundary didn't look distinct in the heat of competition. Dick had dropped lower and I could hear him below. I had planned to lose height when reaching the fence so started to move down but got tangled in some windblow. Once free I could see the clearing with Dick moving on to the next control, another 30 seconds lost. Chasing Dick twenty-four looked easy, down to the track, follow it north to the bend and then crossing down the slope to the footpath and on into the control. Feeling tired I knew that I wouldn't be able to catch Dick going up the hill to twenty-five but I pushed my pace whilst checking the last two controls. I hit the road where I could see the footpath above, followed it to the more open bit of forest and followed an elephant track up to the next path. From below saw that people were going both ways at the path so I checked my map and decided to go left as right probably led to the groups of knolls to the south. I turned left and joined others into the control. It was then up the footpath to the track and move as fast as possible to the last control. I could see Dick 100 metres ahead so dug deep to go as fast as possible. Punched the control, into the assembly field and just keep the legs moving. Collapse after punching and take some time to get my breath back and into download. Splits reveal that I am in second place, three minutes behind Brian Johnson. Really pleased with the result but I expected to move down the list as there were at least five seeded competitors yet to finish. Two minutes pass by and no sign of Don so regardless of eventual result it's always good to beat Don. Next should be Andy Hemsted, but he is not on pace with Brian and, as the seconds tick by, I see him enter the assembly field, punch the finish and up pops the result, a minute down on my time, a rare occasion that I finish faster than Andy. Next should be Bob





Dredge and Axel Blomquist, but it is the last starter, Steve Whitehead who is next to enter the field. How well has he done, will he pip me at the post again? As he has passed Bob and Axel that will give me an indication of where my final position will be.

After a wait Steve's time is posted, 43-50 and a large grin comes across my face



with a warm rosy glow inside as I had posted 43-46. After 47 years I get to stand on an individual British Champs podium. It wasn't a first place, but I am more than happy with a silver medal. The question now is can I go one better?

Club Coaching Weekend, Lake District, November 2017 – David Alcock

Thank you to everyone who came to the Airienteers training weekend at Great Tower and Blakeholme on the first weekend in November. The promise of a fantastic event at Great Tower, planned by Chris Burden and organised by Tony Thornley, on the Sunday (a promise that was certainly met!) attracted members to attend the coaching weekend.

We ended up with two dozen club members with a wide range of ages and abilities, and we were joined by an enthusiastic posse of Glasgow University students whose coach had found out about the event online. Luckily for me as a novice coach, Blakeholme was being used by the North West Junior Squad for training, so I was able to use some of the courses and controls which were planned by their coach, Richard Tiley. I was also helped out by the students who volunteered to collect controls. I tried to respond to 'customer demand' and tailored the sessions around the most popular requests which had been input on the sign-up spreadsheet.

The weather was fine but a chill was in the air in Blakeholme as participants paired up and set about the exercises. I learned from my coaching qualification that peer feedback was an effective method, especially for experienced adult orienteers, so I mainly relied on this approach, but I also hope that I managed to make everyone think about, and share, effective orienteering techniques. I am also grateful for everyone who helped the weekend go so well, especially Lindsey, who took the intermediate group, Graeme, who took a group as part of his coaching qualification, Simon, who took the three youngest orienteers on the tracks around Great Tower, and Tony for the contacts and logistical suggestions.

The pub meal and photo O exercise (thanks to the Parkers) capped off a successful day and the Great Tower event the next day proved challenging and enjoyable - I hope some of the attendees found their progress smoother thanks to some of the previous day's efforts!



We may have another such weekend in Autumn 2018 - watch this space!

Feedback from Douglas and Macsen Tiffany:

Douglas: The weekend was good, especially learning new things about orienteering that I didn't know before. The re-location activity was taught very well. Where we stayed was good.

Macsen: I think most of what people learn about orienteering comes quite naturally, from simply looking at the map and having a go – teaching yourself. The weekend was good because it helped me delve deeper into techniques that I don't think I'd learn this way.

Feedback from Angie Hulley: I have been orienteering for more than ten years but have always been better at running than map-reading. I went to the training weekend hoping to improve! Or at least turn my big mistakes into smaller ones. We met at the scout camp at Great Tower on the edge of Windermere in 'very tricky' terrain. Our group was headed by Lindsey King who paired us up and gave us a map with 5 controls, asking us to think about what attack point we would use for each. We then had a go in our pairs and found it wasn't as straight-forward as it looked! After a debrief we had a go at the next activity, with a new partner, where we were given different, tiny map segments. This activity was aimed at improving our ability to re-locate. We took it in turns to lead and find a control, then our partner, who had just been following, had to show where he/she thought we were on an overview map and then take over the navigation from there. I found this useful because I'm often not quite where I expect to be when orienteering! In the final part of the training we all did a 'mini course' (1Km) and tried to put our skills to good use. Then we had a big chat about what went well and where we had messed up and about the merits of thumb versus protractor compass and glasses versus contact lenses...

In the evening everyone went to a local pub for some food. They did a great job at sitting us all together and producing vegan meals for my husband and I despite there being nothing suitable on the menu. Then we retired to Great Tower for an attempt at 'photo orienteering' (a lot of fun and a bit like a 3D Sudoku) followed by a good sleep in our bunk beds!

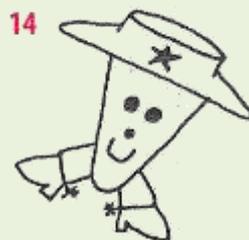
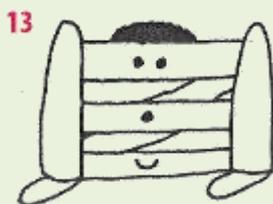
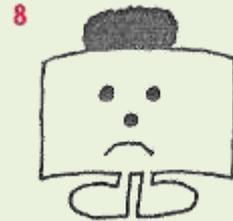
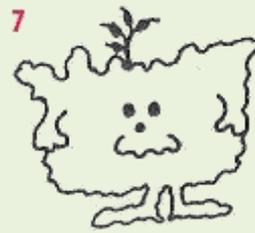
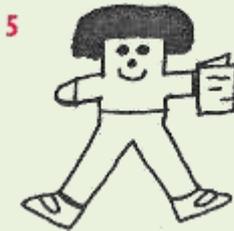
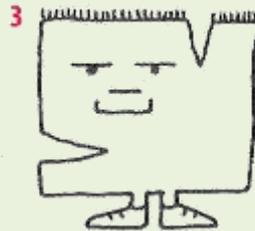
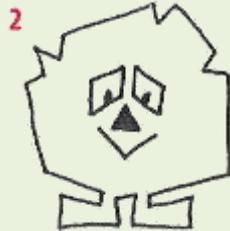
The next day started early with car-parking duty and then an attempt at the Blue course. I enjoyed the event and probably did a bit better than I would have done without the training, but still not brilliantly! I think my big mistakes are getting smaller but there's still a long way to go. There are a lot of things I can work on in the future and the training has helped me to think about what I'm wasting time on. All in all, it was a useful and enjoyable weekend!





Competition!

Many years ago when our girls were running around string courses, we created the O-People, initially for the Yorkshire JK and then for Club events. Recently rediscovered, I thought it would be fun to make the O People the focus of a competition for young and 'more mature' Airtenteers alike. There'll be prizes for 12s and under/13s and over. All you have to do is to match up the pictures of the O People with their correct names, then e-mail your answers to the Editor at wendy.carlyle@btinternet.com by the end of February.





Here are the names:

Sheriff Spur	Petra Platform	Billy Boulder	Polly Pond
Steve Stump	Declan Depression	Jenny Junction	Clint Clint
Deepak Ditch	Rani Rootstock	Gorel GorseBush	Guido Gate
Nicky Nettles	Erik Earthbank	Mandy Marsh	Nigel Knoll
Calum Crag	Cathy Cairn	Ria Re-entrant	Fergie Fence

Finally! Why not create your own O-Person to join the gang? As above, send your ideas to the Ed by the end of February to star in the next newsletter.

My Orienteering Route to Malawi

Gill Hunter

I first came across orienteering in 1967 when I spent a year teaching at King Henry 8th School in Coventry on my return from two years in New Zealand. Another three months were spent job-hopping around Australia before I took a boat to India and boarded an Overland Bus home. It was an all boys school and I was the only female on the staff. Ted Norris was teaching there and had set up the Octavian Droobers Orienteering Club at the school a couple of years before. Peter Haines was one of the pupils he attracted to the sport. After a flight back to India and another trip home on the bus, I went to teach at another boys' school, Nottingham High, in 1968. Again I was the only female.

When Ian Warbarton arrived at the school the following year and joined Nottingham Orienteers I began to take an interest. It was a DVO training event in the summer of 1970 when I went out for my first try. I walked to the start with a student from Nottingham University, Jim Knight. Whilst attending Eggars School in Hampshire he was taught Biology by Martin Hyman, the Olympic 10,000 metre runner. Martin ran a scout group and later taught at Godalming Grammar School. He introduced orienteering and it was boys from the two schools who eventually set up the Combined Harvester Club. Chatting to Jim, I mentioned that I had just moved into a bungalow and was looking for someone to come and live with me to help pay the mortgage. Lesley, his girlfriend, came and lived with me during her final year at Uni as Jim went up to Sheffield for another course. What a delightful couple! Alas, Jim chose to marry her and not me, even though I was the one who had the house and the car. It was when Lesley reached the age of 55 that I finally said to Jim, 'Thank God you didn't marry me!' Lesley was having to train for yet another Marathon, the Sunrise to Sunset one in Outer Mongolia!



I soon got the bug and was advised to join DVO as they already had two senior women and three were needed for the team events which were held regularly. One was Jenny Tennant, already an excellent orienteer. It was great going for a training run with her on a Wednesday evening as she used to wear her England sweat shirt! She later visited me to Malawi as a nephew was working out there and came with me a couple of times during my further visits. Very early on I went to help at the Karimoor Mountain Marathon in the Lake District. I was sent up the hill to man a control. Could I find it? Luckily Joss Naylor soon appeared and showed me where it was! Many a Sunday night I spent checking punch marks on control cards and wishing there were 100, not 60 seconds in a minute etc.

Leaving Nottingham High School in 1974, I went to teach in Nigeria for three years as I had reconnected with a friend Jean who had been the women's cricket captain at Hull University when I was there. My best sport then. I returned home after joining with Mark, an ex VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas), to drive in a little Suzuki Jeep across Africa and down to the Victoria Falls. On my return I decided to settle in Ilkley near to one of my sisters and soon connected up with Hilary Allen and family, just around the corner. She, Jean Rostron and I were soon winning lots of W35 trophies. I organised events and ended up as Chairman of Airienteers.

Then off I went to Malawi to teach with VSO for a couple of years. I had applied in order to be sent to Papua New Guinea to collect a Christmas present from Mark who was then working there, but they wanted me in Africa. Just before I went, an article appeared in The Orienteer



from Dave Gosling. He had been teaching at a University out there, drawn a map of Zomba Plateau and had left it with a David Bone on his return to the UK. Having a language course on arrival in Zomba, I soon looked up the Bone family. Their Parents had been missionaries in Malawi, all the next generation born there and now several grandchildren. How lucky I was to gain them as friends. I learnt a great deal from them and spent

a lot of time staying and travelling with Jenny Bone. Now they are living in the UK I still keep in touch and visit them. Thank you Dave. (Photo of Jenny crawling along: Gill)

Whilst I was there Hilary Allen with Pat and Vivian Bloor paid a visit and wandered up Dedza Mountain with me, a 2000 foot hill near my house. I managed to obtain a map of the mountain soon after I arrived and had a lovely time remapping it with its footpaths. It was published in a tourist pamphlet. Several





others, family and friends, came to see a bit of the Warm Heart of Africa whilst I was there.

Another brilliant orienteering contact was Robert Ker. He and his family, three girls at the time, had spent three weeks in Malawi on their way home from Australia, visiting friends and he told me it was the best three weeks of his life. Whilst I was there he sent me money from his trust to repair the boys' hostel at my school. After I left, he and his wife visited Malawi with me, supporting many students and projects. In 1996 they helped me found The Hunter Trust for Education in Malawi which educated over 1000 students in its twelve years of operation. They still support several people over there.

Yes, orienteering has certainly added a huge amount to my life. There have been times when I have not had the success I had hoped. I took Ian Bownass and John Mather to a White Rose weekend here we camped overnight. Having learnt the advantage of Boot's Muffles, wax ear plugs, I was able to sleep through barking dogs in Malawi and noisy campers in the UK. This meant that when John threw up violently in the night they couldn't wake me. It certainly put Ian off but John and his family are now at the top of the tree, John Chairman of LOG. A very pleasant trip was ski-orienteering in Norway in 1978. Peter Haines happened to be on the same trip!

Closing the Hunter Trust in 2008, but still receiving donations from several friends I continued to help many students. Jim and Lesley Knight and I took over a friend's charity at the beginning of 2017 as she had terminal cancer and died last May. Receiving Gift Aid once again certainly helps, but I have promised to close in 2020. Some university students will have not completed their courses, but luckily I am rich and will be able to finish them off, thanks to my time in Nigeria. The charities have both been run without my claiming any expenses.



If you want to read more, my book 'My Road to Malawi' can be had for a minimum donation of £10 to the Malawi Fund!

Important Dates for the Diary – Pete Jones, Club Captain

Compass Sport Cup

The qualifying round for this year's Compass Sport Cup will take place on 11th March at the SELOC event at Clowbridge near Burnley. We will be up against LOC, WCOC and MDOC, so it's going to be important we get as many AIRE members competing as possible. Past years have shown that Junior runners have a major impact on the results, even coming well down the results, so please, please, please Juniors, do come along and represent AIRE. As usual,



AIRE will pay the entry fees for all Juniors and Students. Details should be available on the SELOC website shortly.

JK Relays

The JK Relays Will take place at Beaudesert in the W Midlands on 2nd April. The JK has particularly early closing dates this year so if you wish to run in an AIRE relay team could you please sign up as soon as possible. Again, AIRE will pay the Relay entry fees for all Juniors and Students. Full details on the JK website.

If you wish to run for AIRE in either or both of the above events, can you please enter your details by 25th February in the spreadsheet on the following link, also available from the club website:- <https://tinyurl.com/Aire2018Entries>

My Orienteering Summer – Laura King

There was no time for celebrations after finishing my exams. I was at Leeds Bradford airport within an hour of finishing my last physics exam. I had to catch up with the rest of the GB team who had already been in Slovakia for a day preparing for the European Youth Orienteering Championships. My parents had kindly offered to join me on this trip in order to drive me from Krakow, across the Polish-Slovak boarder, to Banska Bystrica where the team was staying. After driving through the night we arrived at 2am. This meant I had the luxury of 4 hours sleep before getting up to run my first international race of the season!

The first race was a sprint race in the old town of Banska Stiavanca. I put my lack of sleep to the back of my mind and tried to focus on the race. There were a few wobbly moments in the first half of the course but I soon got into a good flow. Despite my navigation improving my legs began to struggle from all the steps and steep streets in the second half. This resulted in a mediocre result of 30th which I wasn't too happy with.

The next day was the long distance. I had missed the model event due to my exam so I was thrown straight into the unfamiliar terrain. I took me a while to get into it so I wasn't as smooth as I would have liked to be. My aim for this year's long race was to keep a cool head and not have any big mistakes like last year (I ran off the map). I was successful in doing this so despite not





being as fast as I would have liked which gave me a position of 32nd (a big improvement on the previous year).

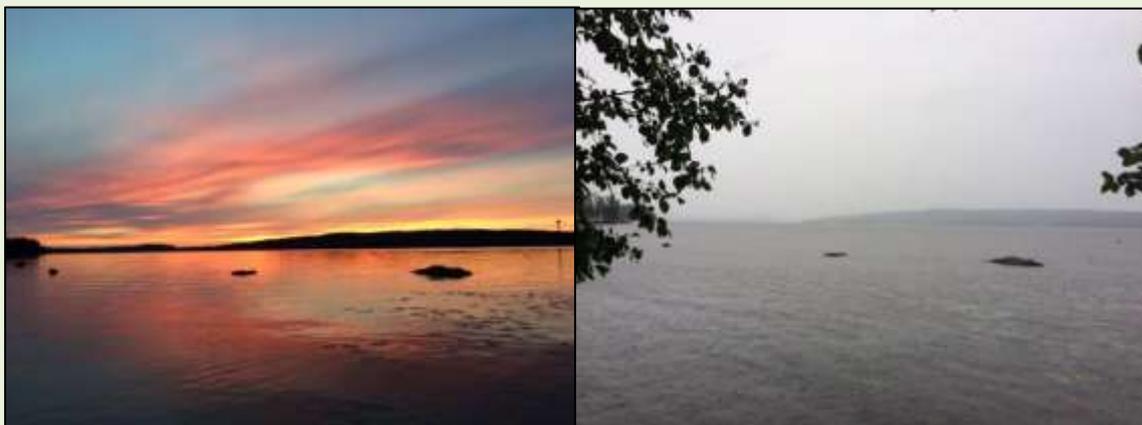
The last day was relay day. Grace Molloy (FVO) was on first leg but unfortunately she had a bad run meaning I was set off on second leg quite far back. This took some of the pressure off the race but I was determined to climb some places. I caught sight of the next few runners on a long uphill leg. I quickly closed the gap and overtook them. I came in four places above where I was set off then Lucy Haines on last leg climbed another three places meaning we finished in a respectable 9th place ahead of teams like Norway. I was also pleased to find out I was 5th fastest on my leg which I was pleased with since I had been running on my own for most of it. (Excellent result Laura! Ed.)

After EYOC, I had a few days in Slovakia with my parents since there wouldn't be any time left in my summer for a longer family holiday. We did some gorge walking and ladder climbing which mum was nervous about.

I then returned home for a 24 hour turn around in which I had to pack for a month away. I got the train down to London where I met my friend Kathryn Barr (MAROC) before flying to Helsinki. We arrived on a campsite in Tampere later that evening where we pitched our tent for the next week. We were there to compete in the Fin5 and to watch and support our friends running in the Junior World Champs which was happening at the same time.

The week was full of great racing and spectating. We managed to catch lifts with many different people, including some Australians and Swiss. We were mostly very lucky with the weather which made camping a very pleasant experience. We even hired a rowing boat one evening and took it out on the lake we were pitched next to. However, one night it decided to chuck it down. After dragging the tent out of a puddle and pitching it on higher ground, we took refuge on the porch of someone's hut and were offered warm drinks and a tarpaulin to put our bags under by other orienteers on the site which was much appreciated.

We then got the ferry from Turku to Stockholm where we said our goodbyes... even if it was only for four days. I spent these four days having a break from orienteering and walking the





streets of Stockholm and staying in a cool hostel. I ate many cinnamon buns and even splashed out on some Swedish meatballs.

Next, I met up with five of the girls who had all flown into Stockholm and we got the train to Arvika for the O-Ringen. We arrived at the station with all our bags then had to walk 4km to the campsite which was a struggle. The campsite was around the edge of an unused runway and our pitch was right at one end. We had two days before the races began so we hired bikes one day and visited some lakes.

The five races didn't go very well for me. I kept getting hopelessly lost so my overall position wasn't very good. I had a few good runs including one of the middle distance races. I especially enjoyed the chasing start on the last day. I started quite far back but quickly caught my first few runners. I concentrated really hard on the navigation ended up climbing 7 places from 11th to 4th. Unfortunately, there was one control near the end that no one could find for ages. After a while I decided to retrace my steps and relocate but the rest of the group then found the control and had gone before I had time to relocate which left me finishing back in 11th.

Not only was the orienteering great, O-Ringen also has a great social side. I got to meet up with several friends from across Europe that I had met at previous competitions. This was nice because we weren't in a competition environment so it was more relaxed. The party on the last night definitely lived up to our expectations.

The day after the party we had to be at the station for quite an early train to Oslo since we only had one day to get back for the start of the Scottish six days. After a dodgy connecting flight in Heathrow that involved running between terminals with all our bags, we made it back to Scotland.

After such a great two weeks at O-Ringen it was nice not to have to say goodbye straight away. We made sure to meet up plenty of times throughout the week including for several swims at Cambus O'may. This was helped by the fact that a few of us could drive our parents' cars.

I spent a lot of the week driving between Ballater and Braemar picking people up and dropping them off.

My orienteering performance was a lot better than in Sweden. I had several good runs despite beginning to feel quite tired towards the end of the week after the past month of orienteering. I finished the week in 3rd position with equal points to 2nd position.

After the Scottish 6 days I had five days at home to rest up before the Pre-JWOC camp in Hungary. This was a great opportunity to get out in next year's JWOC terrain. It was also useful to experience the kind of climate we'd be running in and the food we would be eating.



The terrain was very unusual. It was similar to sand-dunes despite being nowhere near the sea. There were patches of plantations and then patches of spikey gorse-like bushes which were impossible to get through and must have been even more impossible to map. I already feel I have benefitted from visiting the terrain prior to the competition just because I feel more confident since I now know what to expect. It was very hot for running so unfortunately on the last day I got some form of heat stroke so spent most of the day lying on the back seats of the minibus.



At least I know next time I will need to be very careful with how much time I spend in the sun.

After Hungary, I flew back to England for two nights before flying back out to Stockholm to join the Yorkshire Squad for the rest of their summer tour. It was nice to go back to the OK Ravinen club hut since it had been two years since I was on the JROS Stockholm tour. We did plenty of training in the surrounding areas and then we did a few competitions at the weekends. We also got the chance to do some touristy things such as going to the Grona Lund theme park and visiting the Vasa. Louise Adams, Alasdair Pedley and I were allowed back into Stockholm one day to spectate Johnny Brownlee win the Stockholm World Triathlon Series race. We even managed to get a photo with him!



And that was the end of my summer. I think it's safe to say I got plenty of orienteering practice in several countries which should help me as I start to prepare for selections for competitions next year. Next year's main goal is to go to the Junior World Champs in Hungary.

Finally, I'd like to thank Airienteers and YHOA for financially contributing to my 2017 international competitions and supporting me throughout my junior career.



Life in The Dark Ages – Tom Crowther

E-mail from the Editor – as you are very old would you write about orienteering in the Dark Ages’.

I tell a lie, Wendy is far too polite to say such a thing but I got the real gist of her request when she wrote asking if I’d care to write something about my orienteering highlights.

Actual competitive highlights have been few and far between. My one appearance on the podium was for a second place in the British Champs many years ago. There have also been a couple of second places in relay teams. Not a lot of glory but like many other competitors the real enjoyment is the challenge of running with map and compass and reaching the finish line before they send out the search party. Though I must admit that when I’ve run well and beaten the others in my age class it always feels better.

But Wendy’s e-mail got me thinking about my early days and how the sport has developed. I started orienteering in the early 1980’s just when BOF were changing from 6 year to 5 year age groups. It did not really affect me but there was some disquiet about the changes. Some people ended up running in different age classes for four consecutive years and questioned the wisdom of the changes.

Back in the 80’s pre-printed courses were only provided for Badge (Regional) events and above. For Colour coded (District) events and below courses were displayed on master maps. Briefly, when you registered you purchased a blank map and it was only after crossing the start line you could copy down your course. Some competitors could do this very quickly but if you happened to start after one or two who took their time it could be difficult ‘edging’ in and it was not always totally polite.

Waterproof paper was not around so maps needed protecting and at the master maps small shelters (lean to tents) were provided. Copying your course down was a hands and knees job. It was whilst copying my course down one day that I discovered I needed glasses. Maps were usually 1:10000 but at this particular event it was 1:15000. It was dark and raining when I started and under the shelter I had great difficulty seeing some features on the map. I ended up putting some rather large circles in the general area of the control and hoped for the best. I spent a long time in the forest that day so next morning made an appointment with the optician.

This was of course long before the introduction of S.I. To show proof of having visited controls competitors used needle punches on control cards. Again, in the 1980’s these cards were not waterproof (Tyvek, waterproof cards, came in later). On wet days some control cards almost disintegrated and needed the Controller to judge if all the punches were valid.





One of the jobs of an organiser was to arrange a team of people to check the cards before the results could be verified. This was not too difficult for an event with three or four hundred entries but for events such as the JK a small army was needed and on the relay day the checking had to be done in time for the presentation.

I will refrain from saying, 'You youngsters don't know you're born,' but I am sure you will agree waterproof maps, pre-printed courses and S.I. have all improved orienteering a great deal.



Orienteering – Louise Parkinson

My name is Louise Parkinson and I have been orienteering for 8 months and I love it. It gets kids like me more active. I found out about it from school because our head teacher Mr Madeley got in touch and found out about it. The picture on your right is when I won a prize for wearing a silly hat. It is really fun doing orienteering, Natasha Conway helped me to get this far. I started this amazing sport when I went to Roundhay Park and it was amazing. Thanks to everyone that helped me get this far and now I have my 1st star in British orienteering.



(A big Welcome to Louise and her family from all at Airienteers, Ed.)



BO Board of Directors Vacancies – Judith Holt

This year we have three vacancies for elected directors to be voted on to the Board at the AGM. These positions are open to anyone with an orienteering background; no previous committee work is necessary. If you have knowledge of how organisations work and can step back and think strategically about the sport then you could contribute to the work of the Board.

Particular areas of expertise such as Finance or marketing are useful but the essential is to be able to assimilate a wide range of views and work with the other Board members to reach decisions about the ongoing governance and future of the sport.

We are looking for people from diverse backgrounds to stand for the Board, including gender, race, age, disability, to give us a rounded point of view. In 2018 we particularly want to encourage people from other parts of the UK to put themselves forward for election. Our current directors all come from the Midlands/Manchester Area and we would like to extend our reach further afield to try to get a better representation of our clubs in other parts of the country.

This does, of course, make getting together more difficult, but we are looking at ways that we can meet in other parts of the country to make the board more inclusive for our more remote communities.

I would be very happy to talk to anyone who is contemplating standing for election, just email chair@britishOrienteering.org.uk to arrange a time to talk.

AIRE Junior Coaching 2017 – Lindsey Johnson

Aire has now completed a year's programme of Junior Coaching. I have already reported on the spring coaching. I provided a further five sessions during the autumn in Northcliffe Park Shipley and Lister Park Bradford.

We had some new participants coming from Simon Martland's development work

with schools and also Aire member Antony Cam encouraged local scouts to participate.



For the first session we had a bumper group of 22 children – including a number from a recent school session run by Simon. At short notice I called upon Rob King and Joyce Marshall to assist and I think we managed to provide some basic tuition in map orientation, and map



reading to novices. It helped that most parents were willing to stay and supervise their own children.

The remainder of the sessions have attracted smaller numbers but some regulars have been developing their skills of map interpretation, judging distance and making simple route choices. I planned some games and relays for variety and we finished off with a feast of buns outside Cartwright Hall.

As a result of the coaching, we have a new family who have joined the club, William and Edward Robson and their Dad from Burley. They are proving to be very competent young orienteers who are already learning orange standard skills. Jack and Charlie Beevers, Jessica Cam, Louise and Katie Parkinson, Toby Garrido and Reuben Cooper have all attended sessions regularly and are learning fast and with great enthusiasm. Alastair Broadest attended all sessions in the spring and has gained much confidence in running courses since then. His sister Beth and Benjamin Russell attended to several sessions in the spring. I would like to thank Tony Carlyle for helping out when he was able which has been a valuable support.

Over all 39 children have attended at least one session. 14 children have attended three or more sessions out of a total of 11 with two children attending seven sessions. My view is that this is a good start for the first year of Aire's junior coaching programme and I hope we will be able to build on this during the coming year- see flyer in this Aire Affairs/on the website.

As Coaching Coordinator for the club, I would welcome any requests for coaching for adults and juniors so that we can assess demand and plan how to provide this. We had a very successful club weekend with a coaching day at Great Tower Windermere in November organised by Dave Alcock. (Read David's report. Ed.) It was a great way to meet members and we had a very sociable meal together. Even I learned something from my own coaching and am trying to put it into practice in races- traffic lights! We could replicate that type of event again, if it is what members would like, or we could offer some coaching at existing club events or a coaching day closer to home if that would be more convenient or popular.

GOOD HOME NEEDED FOR ORIENTEERING SHOES !

On condition that any donations will go to Airienteers Junior Squad.

3 pairs of VJ Orienteering shoes.

All 3 have rubber pads with metal studs.

Sizes- 2 are 12s and one is a size 14.

They are- thevanrossums@gmail.com (this is a change from the one we have had for many years) and of course our tel no is 0113-2642640. Please forward to Wendy if you don't mind. Thank you once again. Henk.



Northcliffe New Year's Day Score – Chris Burden

One of the more enjoyable and social events of the Aire calendar is the New Year's Day Score. This is the one event of the year where we let the organiser choose the venue, as we like



them to host a lunchtime social at their house, which a good proportion of the participants come to, bringing their own food to share. So having an orienteering area nearby is



a real bonus. It doesn't need to be technical – just good enough to give a bit of fun.

This year I put my hand up, and used our nearby area at Northcliffe. I deliberately chose not to go into Heaton Woods, but instead to use two maps. This had two advantages: (1). it kept the competition area compact, which I think improved the general atmosphere and sense of fun, and (2) it made it easier and quicker to get all the controls out and back in again. Many thanks to the three volunteers who did the latter.

I didn't realise at the time I offered to stage the event that I would be away in New Zealand and Malaysia for a month before the event – only returning two days before the event. This meant getting organised rather early, although you doubtless noticed a good deal of fairly chaotic organisation on the day. The event had been rather off my mind for a while. Many thanks to Tony Carlyle for helping me out.



The maps were printed in mid-November. David Alcock kindly agreed to mind the informal kit over Christmas so it was available for me to easily collect. But it also meant I had forgotten some of my own arrangements. If you were there you'll have probably noticed that I'd forgotten I had awarded 20 points to some controls: the one's I thought the younger participants were most likely to visit. Worse I forget to read my own control descriptions, so one control was placed where my faltering eyesight told me the centre of the circle was – on a platform at the top of a very steep and slippery slope - rather than at the stream junction immediately below it. You'd have thought I'd have checked I had the right site as I kept losing my footing while trying to place the kite.





We have traditionally had a quiz to do at your leisure at the pot luck lunch. But this year I never got around to organising it. Everybody seemed to socialise well enough without it – so I'd suggest any future organisers only provide one if they really want to.

Which gets me round to the business of next year. Mike Cox, our Permissions Officer, gets permissions a year ahead for all our Leeds & Bradford local authority owned areas, which is most of them. So really we need to have an organiser and an area ready now, for Next New Year's Day.



I appreciate that many of us don't have an orienteering area on our doorstep. I think it is best to keep this event to parks and woods, rather than use streets – but, perhaps the latter is not inconceivable. The event is relatively easy to organise. It's really not too daunting having 20-30 people in your house for a few hours. In fact it's fun. Ours is only a small house and we managed fine. So please put your volunteering hats on now, and contact me, chris.burden@btinternet.com .

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Tuesday Night running (TNR): a club tradition for more than 35 years – Joyce Marshall and Pete Jones

The archive of old 'Aire Affairs' tells us that the first TNR took place on Tuesday 5th October 1982. It was started by Jack Bloor to encourage club members to increase their fitness. It took place from Jack and Pat Bloor's house in Cookridge. Here is the report as written in the October 1982 issue of 'Aire Affairs'. As you can see this was the same issue that reported Pete and Sarah Haines wedding! The unconnected item reported about the men's trousers below sounds interesting but is a mystery to me!!!).

***On a somewhat lighter note, Jenny McGrogan certainly knows whose daughter she is. Whilst everybody was wishing Pete and Sarah Haines goodbye at their recent wedding, Jenny was observed quietly picking up the all the pieces of confetti, and saving them in a small plastic bag! However, once that was full, her mother's hat had to be used, presumably to save money at the next wedding they go to!*

***The training sessions from Jack and Pat Bloor's got off to a good, but wet, start this Tuesday (the 5th), half a dozen orienteers braving the massive downpour to splash their way around Cookridge. We hope to see more of you all in the future, whatever your running ability.*

***Finally, in Snippets, a question. How did those men's trousers get into our Chairperson's tent at the White Rose? Perhaps the ACM ought to investigate!!*

I am not sure whether the run was every Tuesday at first but it has continued ever since 1982. Jack unfortunately died in 1984 but his wife Pat continued to host the runs at the family home. The original runners included Robert & Roger Bloor, James Brown, Pete & Ruth Jones, Jane Robson, Derek Allison, Michael Wyatt, Pete & Sarah Haines. Andrew and



Linda Kelly. Ian Marshall started running with the group in 1985 and he recalls “the fast cats of the time included: Pete Jones, Pete Whitehead, Robert and Roger Bloor and the young ‘whipper snapper’ Jason Inman”. Even then runners took some food to share so it seems the social has always been as important as the running.



(Note from PJ and RJ. The original 1982 runners included Robert & Roger Bloor, James Brown, Pete & Ruth Jones(Hancock at the time), Jane Robson, Derek Allison, Michael Wyatt, Pete & Sarah Haines. Andrew and Linda Kelly. Occasionally a few 'also rans' came along, such as Martin(Bilbo) Bagness. As you can see the standard was fairly high in those days - four of the group went on to represent GB at international and World Champs level. James and Roger would usually be at the front... they were both naturally gifted runners and orienteers. Others I recall coming along in the next year or two included Paul Helm, Pete Whitehead, Jason Inman, Ian M. ... and probably a few others I've forgotten - apologies)



At some point the runs started to move to other runners' houses and it has continued in this format ever since, interspersed with occasional runs out in the Dales in the summer evenings. Although of course the 'downpours' mentioned in the snippet above are still all too familiar especially at this time of the year!

The Tuesday Night run has always been for all ages and standards of running. There is also usually a walk as well as a run. It is sociable and folk often bring maps when they have been orienteering somewhere different to show others. I first came along to a run in 1994 and I have to say these runs keep me going especially during the dark winter evenings. Pete and Ian are still doing TNRs after all these years but it would be good to see more members coming along to continue the tradition. Why not give it go?

League Winners – Chris Burden

Mugs for the YHOA Superleague 2017, YHOA Urban League 2017, and YHOA Night League 2017/2018 will be available for winners, seconds and thirds in each class of the leagues. Mugs are only going to orienteers from YHOA clubs who have completed at least 2 league events. The full list of winners is on www.yhoa.org.uk. There is still one event to go



in the Night League so places in that competition are not finalised yet. Mugs will be at the EPOC Alistair Tinto memorial event on Jan 28 at Storthes Hall. This is also the YHOA Middle Distance Champs and the first YHOA Superleague event of 2018. Mugs can be presented to winners, seconds and thirds from the leagues who go to the event on Jan 28. There will be a place near registration/download where those entitled to mugs should check in so that we know who is there to receive them. Well done to all who have qualified for a mug.

Superleague: M16 Ross Williams 3rd, M21 George Stevens 1st, Dave Murgatroyd 2nd, Ben Stevens 3rd, M35 Robert Gatenby 3rd, M40 David Alcock 1st, M45 Neil Conway 1st, Martyn Broadest 2nd, M55 David Williams 1st, Paul Wood 3rd, M60 Howard Sawyer 2nd, M65 Tony Carlyle 3rd, M80 Tom Crowther 2nd, W18 Holly Avis 2nd, W35 Anne Maguire 1st, W40 Lisa Broadest 1st, W45 Natasha Conway 2nd, W55 Shirley Wood 2nd, Gill Adams 3rd, W60 Wendy Carlyle 3rd,

Urban League: MYJ Alastair Broadest 1st, WYJ Charlie Beavers 1st, MO Leon Foster 1st, Pauls Liepins 2nd, Dave Murgatroyd 3rd, WO Anne Maguire 2nd, Charlotte Willis 3rd, MSV David Williams 2nd, WSV Val Gilleard 1st, MUV Gerry Symes 1st.

Yorkshire Urban League 2018



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| Sun 15 Apr | EPOC | Brighouse |
| Sat 21 Apr | HALO | Thirsk |
| Sun 6 May | AIRE | Kippax |
| Sun 27 May | CLARO | Knaresborough |
| Mon 28 May | EBOR | York |
| Sun 3 Jun | AIRE | Skipton |
| Sat 23 Jun | HALO | Louth |
| Sun 1 Jul | EPOC | Halifax |
| Sun 8 Jul | SYO | Sheffield |



Sat 14 Jul AIRE Cliffe Castle/Myrtle Park

Sun 15 Jul AIRE Bingley

Sun 23 Sep SYO Gleadless

Sun 20 Oct HALO Gainsborough



Yorkshire Orienteering Superleague 2018

Sun 4 Feb AIRE Calverley Middle Distance

Sun 18 Feb SYO Tankersley Middle Distance

Sat 2 Jun AIRE Kilnsey Classic Distance

Sun 26 Aug EBOR Duncombe Park Classic Distance

Sun 30 Sep CLARO Angram Classic Distance

Sat 28 Oct EBOR White Horse Classic Distance

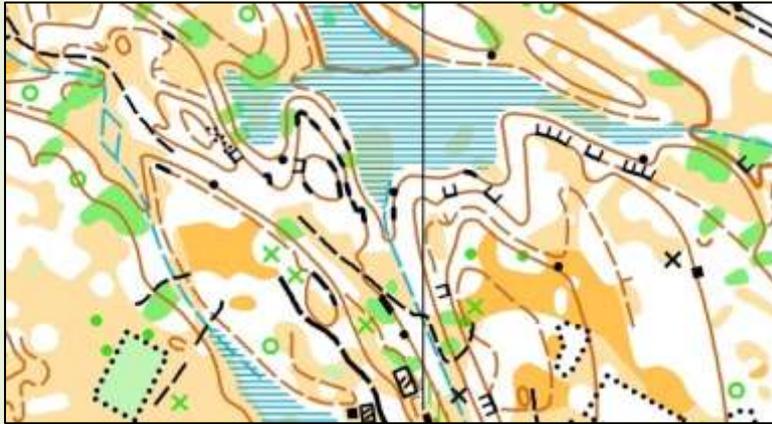
Sun 2 Dec SYO Ramsley Moor Classic Distance

Sun 9 Dec HALO Mausoleum Woods Classic Distance

Spring into Action in Scotland – Alasdair McLeod

The Scottish Spring weekend (23-25 March) is a fantastic opportunity for everyone to compete in an exciting range of orienteering races based around Stirling.

Members of the Great Britain Senior Squad as well as a number of Scottish Elite and Junior Orienteers have joined together to create an action-packed weekend with lots of choices. There are urban and forest competitions, classic, middle and sprint disciplines, races both night and day. Definitely something for everyone.



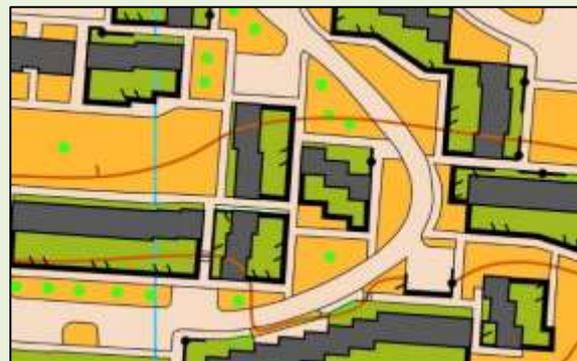
The weekend starts with a Friday night race at Barr Wood, a good compact area with some complex terrain.

On Saturday, the middle distance race takes place in the woodlands of the Abbey Craig where there is an attractive mix of broadleaved trees and

conifers. It is also an opportunity to visit the Abbey Craig and the Wallace Monument one of Stirling's most distinctive landmarks, overlooking the scene of Scotland's victory at the Battle of Stirling Bridge.

In the afternoon, there is an urban Sprint on a brand new map nearby at Rosyth Castle and Hill. There is some complexity to test runners with numerous small roads, passages, open spaces and blocks of houses. Predicted winning time: 15 minutes.

For those with any remaining energy or who prefer to stay in the forest, that evening there's a night race at Polmaise.



On Sunday, Auchengarrich also provides a classic mix of plantation forest for a range of courses. It is a physically and technically challenging area with an intricate network of rides, detailed open hillside and some faster running on the fields and woodland of the valley floor to the north.

For all those who have made a New Year resolution to stay fit, try something new or

indeed be well prepared for the British Championships which take place in Scotland in May, this is a weekend for you. All the events are linked to fund raising for either the GB teams or top Scottish juniors so your entry will help those athletes and in return you will be rewarded with a top rate weekend. So spring into action, pit yourselves against the best of British Orienteering and enter now through the link on the website:

<https://scottishspring.weebly.com/>



JUNIOR COACHING

Saturday 24 th February, 2pm – 3.30pm	Nunroyd Park, Guiseley
Saturday 3 rd March, 2pm – 3.30pm	Nunroyd Park, Guiseley
Saturday 10 th March, 2pm – 3.30pm	Chevin Forest Park, Guiseley/Otley



For children 5 – 12 years from Airienteers' Families or Pupils who have tried orienteering at school with our Junior Development Officer.

CLARO members and friends of Airienteers are welcome if places are available.

Further details will be sent to you by e-mail when you reserve a place, including what to wear, where to meet and what to bring etc.

Free of charge but booking essential. Please e-mail

lindseyking49@hotmail.co.uk

Parents are encouraged to stay and join in with younger children.

After the coaching try out your new skills!

Saturday 17th March, 2 – 3.30pm CLARO Junior League Event
Pinewoods, Harrogate

<http://www.claro-orienteering.org.uk/wp/claro-junior-league-201718/>

Saturday 24th March, 2- 3.30pm AIRE Junior+ Event Chevin Forest
Park, Otley (details will be on www.aire.org.uk once the event is confirmed)



Aire Regional Event
Baildon Moor
 8th April 2018




Intricate orienteering on open moorland with plentiful features dating from ancient mining.
 Further details www.aire.org.uk

AIRE Dates for your Diaries

Airienteers
Dales Town & Country Weekend
 2nd June 2018 Kilnsey South National Event
 3rd June 2018 Skipton Urban Event




Intricate and fast orienteering on classic limestone terrain last used for JK2016.
 Superb Urban Racing in Skipton.
 Further details www.aire.org.uk

A YORKSHIRE URBAN LEAGUE EVENT
Explore KIPPAX . . . Sunday 6th May 2018





Chippax was mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086. Developed as a mining community in the late 19th century, today it is a commuter village for Leeds 10 miles to the west. With a mixture of post-war housing around the old village centre it offers challenge to urban orienteering and, legend has it, it is built on two hills!

All courses available on a newly mapped area - make a note of the date!

Aire Fat Rascal Weekend
 14th/15th July 2018
 YHOA Sprint Championships - 14th July
 Yorkshire Urban League Events




14th July 2018: Chasing Sprint
 Prologue: Cliffe Castle, Kelghley
 Chase: Myrtle Park, Bingley
 15th July 2018: Bingley Urban Event

Further details www.aire.org.uk

Well done last to Sandy and Henk Van Rossum who raised £50 providing soup and cake at the Temple Newsam night event on January 6th. The money has been given to UNICEF's appeal to help Syrian children. Thanks also to the Organiser; Richard Foster for giving them such an ideal setting to raise funds.



Airienteers on form at Ogden!

