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Airienteers
Orienteering in Airedale and Wharfedale

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2010 National Rankings – Ian Nixon

Unfortunately AIRE did not have anybody who topped their end-of-year national rankings in 2010, but there were 11 athletes who finished in the top 10:

W16	Florence Haines	3 rd
W18	Ruth Ker	4 th
W35	Faye Pinker	6 th
M55	Peter Haines	8 th
M60	Tony Thornley	8 th
W35	Sophie Brown	8 th
M21	Ian Nixon	9 th
M40	Graham Watson	9 th
M21	Hector Haines	10 th
M40	Steve Watkins	10 th
W20	Chloe Haines	10 th

In the overall national rankings, where every person who has run in a ranking event is listed for the year, AIRE had 6 runners in the top 100:

10 th	Ian Nixon	8056
13 th	Hector Haines	8034
14 th	Joe Mercer	8003
36 th	Ben Stevens	7846
87 th	Graham Watson	7626
88 th	Steve Watkins	7624

If you had a separate list for women, then AIRE also had 6 women in the top 100:

30 th	Victoria Stevens	7213
44 th	Florence Haines	7117
59 th	Jess Nixon	6969
62 nd	Chloe Haines	6957
77 th	Ruth Ker	6857
87 th	Cerys Jones	6784

Full AIRE rankings for 2010

Age	Pos.	Name	Points	Overall ranking
M16	26 th	Mark Penny	3405	(2706 th)
M18	86 th	Robert Kelly	1128	(3794 th)
M20	11 th	George Stevens	7442	(143 rd)
	39 th	Sam Brown	3248	(2781 st)
M21	9 th	Ian Nixon	8056	(10 th)
	10 th	Hector Haines	8034	(13 th)
	11 th	Joe Mercer	8003	(14 th)
	23 rd	Ben Stevens	7846	(36 th)
	64 th	Jack Wood	7292	(216 th)
	72 nd	David Alcock	7177	(278 th)
	80 th	Tim Patterson	7110	(327 th)
	97 th	Andis Celinskis	6621	(689 th)
	104 th	Lee Beavers	6476	(816 th)

	105 th	Geoff Clarke	6456	(832 nd)
	110 th	Matthew Burden	6352	(935 th)
	122 nd	Rob Patterson	5817	(1391 st)
	165 th	Chris Brook	4027	(2457 th)
	176 th	Pauls Leipins	3693	(2596 th)
	196 th	Leon Foster	3314	(2752 nd)
	264 th	Niall Bourke	1191	(3740 th)
	304 th	Nat Jones	971	(3998 th)
	333 rd	Shupeí Cai	552	(4483 rd)
M35	11 th	David Bowman	7336	(196 th)
	96 th	Michael Cranny	2278	(3186 th)
	122 nd	Rolf Crook	1087	(3836 th)
M40	9 th	Graham Watson	7626	(87 th)
	10 th	Steve Watkins	7624	(88 th)
	17 th	Neil Conway	7486	(121 st)
	79 th	Martyn Broadest	6538	(765 th)
	154 th	Simon Bowens	3856	(2529 th)
	193 rd	Jeremy Wilkinson	2093	(3283 rd)
	195 th	Mike Winter	2024	(3317 th)
	238 th	Eddie Winslow	1129	(3793 rd)
	240 th	Ian Furlong	1109	(3814 th)
	241 st	Laurence Doddy	1098	(3821 st)
	247 th	Robert Bumstead	994	(3966 th)
	263 rd	John Hayes	920	(4082 nd)
	264 th	Simon Hall	913	(4096 th)
M45	15 th	Steve Webb	7460	(139 th)
	55 th	Mark Mon-Williams	7000	(390 th)
	67 th	Ian Marshall	6909	(459 th)
	72 nd	Bruce Woodley	6857	(496 th)
	90 th	Greg Hull	6684	(625 th)
	96 th	Chris Penny	6643	(667 th)
	110 th	Paul Wood	6519	(787 th)
	161 st	Peter Avis	5972	(1250 th)
	172 nd	Neil Matthews	5806	(1404 th)
	175 th	Jeremy Walford	5736	(1451 st)
	234 th	Jonathan Smith	3841	(2538 th)
	248 th	Tim Boden	3370	(2729 th)
	287 th	Mark Selby	2155	(3245 th)
	299 th	Alistair Fale	1960	(3352 nd)
	368 th	David Taylor	958	(4032 nd)
M50	14 th	Adrian Pickles	7336	(196 th)
	34 th	Maurice Calvert	7109	(329 th)
	78 th	Peter Jones	6722	(596 th)
	94 th	Peter Jones	6569	(730 th)
	113 th	Nicholas Jones	6437	(851 st)
	124 th	Andrew Kelly	6333	(953 rd)
	184 th	Simon Froude	5792	(1418 th)
	195 th	Simon Brook	5601	(1554 th)
	279 th	Robert King	3026	(2884 th)
	280 th	Nick Beech	3005	(2901 st)
	336 th	Charles Newstead	1798	(3455 th)
	399 th	Nigel Hulley	853	(4190 th)
M55	8 th	Peter Haines	7325	(199 th)
	11 th	Alistair Wood	7233	(238 th)
	41 st	Tony Carlyle	6813	(524 th)

	54 th	Martyn Gill	6681	(628 th)
	105 th	David Shelley	6303	(979 th)
	109 th	David Armstrong	6247	(1023 rd)
	153 rd	Howard Sawyer	5850	(1364 th)
	169 th	Gerry Van Hee	5714	(1468 th)
	212 th	Dave Walton	4885	(2014 th)
	235 th	Bill Fawkner-Corbett	4164	(2391 st)
	239 th	Guy Patterson	4069	(2440 th)
	280 th	Will Patterson	2998	(2908 th)
	323 rd	Graham Stuart	2033	(3311 th)
M60	8 th	Tony Thonrley	7011	(381 st)
	51 st	Frank Kew	6506	(798 th)
	73 rd	Michael Cox	6271	(1004 th)
	123 rd	Chris Burden	5897	(1321 st)
	127 th	Ken Patterson	5860	(1353 rd)
	135 th	Roger Lott	5808	(1402 nd)
	151 st	Gerry Symes	5600	(1555 th)
	156 th	Ian Hill	5531	(1599 th)
	168 th	Henk Van Rossum	5344	(1726 th)
	216 th	Alan Parker	4231	(2362 nd)
	246 th	Neil Stevens	2934	(2939 th)
	348 th	John Hussey	244	(4640 th)
M65	109 th	Fred Ross	4542	(2191 st)
	186 th	Bernard Foster	1305	(3680 th)
M70	16 th	Robert Ker	5850	(1364 th)
	17 th	Tom Crowther	5807	(1403 rd)
	84 th	Chris March	2697	(3034 th)
W16	3 rd	Florence Haines	7117	(323 rd)
	15 th	Beth Woodley	6179	(1071 st)
	25 th	Kirsty Mon-Williams	3288	(2762 nd)
W18	11 th	Cerys Jones	6784	(551 st)
	28 th	Emily Wood	5660	(1512 th)
W20	10 th	Chloe Haines	6957	(422 nd)
	16 th	Lowri Jones	5651	(1522 nd)
W21	18 th	Victoria Stevens	7213	(257 th)
	31 st	Jess Nixon	6969	(411 th)
	54 th	Claire Towler	6306	(977 th)
	96 th	Nicola Gill	4725	(2088 th)
	111 th	Rose Burden	4196	(2379 th)
	153 rd	Helen Anthony	2467	(3106 th)
	233 rd	Rachel Pickles	751	(4303 rd)
	235 th	Rosemary Beavers	724	(4330 th)
W35	6 th	Faye Pinker	6655	(654 th)
	8 th	Sophie Brown	6518	(789 th)
	15 th	Natasha Conway	6307	(975 th)
	26 th	Lisa Broadest	5511	(1616 th)
	49 th	Marie Gibbs	2980	(2919 th)
	82 nd	Helen Wilkinson	707	(4352 nd)
W40	4 th	Ruth Ker	6857	(496 th)
	36 th	Heather Phipps	5858	(1359 th)
	45 th	Rebecca Mon-Williams	5619	(1540 th)
	68 th	Eva Watson	4834	(2036 th)
	96 th	Marion Bowman	3050	(2873 rd)
	124 th	Melanie Avis	1410	(3640 th)

	129 th	Anna Chavez	1377	(3656 th)
	131 st	Joanna Taylor	1270	(3701 st)
	150 th	Julia Crook	892	(4135 th)
	163 rd	Sarah Hayes	720	(4335 th)
W45	37 th	Lindsey King	6090	(1146 th)
	91 st	Alex Watkins	5081	(1890 th)
	96 th	Helen Woodley	5025	(1928 th)
	142 nd	Angue Hulley	3702	(2592 nd)
	188 th	Sue Beech	1387	(3651 st)
	190 th	Kate Lofthouse	1352	(3666 th)
W50	13 th	Shirley Wood	6446	(843 rd)
	17 th	Joyce Marshall	6368	(918 th)
	20 th	Sarah Haines	6324	(960 th)
	44 th	Janet Leake	5694	(1487 th)
	59 th	Wendy Carlyle	5350	(1722 nd)
	82 nd	Valerie Gilleard	4743	(2083 rd)
	208 th	Jill Bell	514	(4517 th)
	213 th	Jacqueline Stevens	381	(4593 rd)
	216 th	Sue Penny	311	(4622 nd)
W55	12 th	Susan Stevens	6214	(1048 th)
	96 th	Liz Davies	3898	(2507 th)
	121 st	Diana Gorton	2901	(2954 th)
	150 th	Helen Cox	1431	(3631 st)
W60	28 th	Gill Ross	5098	(1883 rd)
	71 st	Jo Thornley	4190	(2382 nd)
	97 th	Margaret Parker	2948	(2931 st)
	98 th	Katherine Hill	2944	(2934 th)
W65	12 th	Hilary Allen	5111	(1871 st)
W70	27 th	Gillian Hunter	1637	(3535 th)

Compass Sport Cup – David Alcock (club co-captain)

Well done Airienteers! We have progressed to the Compass Sport Cup Final after a close-run Regional Round in Silton. We came second, but as SYO won, and they won the national title last year, they progress to the final too.

The final is on Sunday 16th October, near Chesterfield, - and this year it doesn't clash with the FRA relays so we should have an even stronger team out! Keep the date free!

Congratulations!

Harvester Relays – Andrew Kelly

The Harvester Relays is a fantastic event, which this year is being hosted in Ecclesall Woods in Sheffield. It includes 2 multi-leg relays, mixing night and day orienteering. The A race has 7 legs, with 3 in the dark and one at dawn, and the Open Premier and Handicap trophies; the B race includes 5 legs with 2 in the dark and 1 at dawn, and the Women's Premier, Junior, Handicap and Women's Handicap trophies. Leg lengths range from 4k to over 10k, so there's something for everyone! The event is a great social occasion, with other races attached on both Saturday and Sunday, and marquee sleeping or camping available!

I'm currently recruiting teams, so if you want to sign up, or just want to know more, please contact me a.s.a.p.. I've already got over a dozen names, so we're already on for several teams!

Please try and let me know by **Sunday May 8th** if at all possible, although might be able to fit people in later.

Andrew Kelly

email: akorienteering AT gmail.com (don't forget to change the AT to @)

Congratulations to Nicola Gill and Mathew Boon who were married at the Devonshire Arms at Bolton Abbey on 20th December 2010. Mr and Mrs Boon honeymooned in the Lake District. Nicola can still be contacted at the same address.

Nicola and Steve



Nicola and Dad, Martyn



Volunteer Race Officials Needed – Chris Burden

Many thanks to all the volunteers who have kept our vibrant and extensive fixture list going.

We always need more volunteers. The Future Races List (found on the Aire website under the “Useful Docs” section) shows our full 2011 programme and our major races programme for 2012-13 as well. There are vacancies for planner/organisers for a number of autumn and winter races not a shown here. Take a look, please.

The following races need officials urgently.

Please contact Chris Burden with your offers of help. 01274 583853 or chris.burden AT btinternet.com

Date	Venue	Event	Officials Required
Wed 22-Jun-11	Peel Park, Bradford	Level D Summer Sprint Series	Organiser/Planner
Sat 3-Sep-11	Roundhay Park, Leeds	Level D Olite	Organiser/Planner
Sat 24-Sep-11	Beckett Park, Leeds	Level D Olite	Organiser/Planner
Sat 19-Nov-11	Temple Newsam West	Level C Night Event	Planner
Sun 8-Jan-12	Middleton Park, South Leeds	Level C Event	Organiser
Sun 26-Feb-12	Roundhay Park	Level C Event	Organiser
Sun 24-Apr-12	Calverley, West Leeds	Level C Middle Distance race	Organiser
Sat 12-May-12	Settle	Level C Urban Race	Organiser & Planner
Sun 13-May-12	Kilnsey North	Level B Event	Organiser (<i>Parking is nearly sorted already!</i>)
Sun 27-Oct-12	Holt Park/Golden Acre Park	Level C Chasing Sprint	Organiser

The O-lite and Sprint guidelines can be found at the foot of the “Useful docs” section

The Urban race is part of the Yorkshire Urban league

Level B Organisers have to be identified one year ahead of schedule. All organisers for Level C& B events are obliged, for insurance purposes, to attend a local evening course of a few hours about Event Safety. It sounds a chore, but all of us who attended this year found it an enjoyable

and helpful exercise. Don't let it put you off! But it means we need organisers in place well in advance.

The club have clear guidelines to help Organisers, and a team system that delegates many of the responsibilities that an organiser once had to take on. Anyone with experience of helping at a few events is likely to have developed sufficient knowledge to organise one of our larger events (shown above in **bold** type), and certainly one of the Level D events.

Spring Sprint League

Wednesday Evenings:

Date	Location	Grid Ref.	Postcode	Organiser
4 May	Bramley Fall <i>Car Park at Bramley Fall on Leeds & Bradford Road</i>	SE248361	LS13 2LP	Chris Burden
11 May	Meanwood Park <i>Car Park in the park on Green Road</i>	SE281374	LS6 4LT	Will Patterson
18 May	Danefield <i>Top car park on East Chevin Road</i>	SE217441	LS21 3DD	Nick Jones
25 May	Gledhow Valley <i>Roadside parking by Chapel Allerton Park, Pasture Lane</i>	SE 307374	LS7 4QW	Steve Watkins
8 June	Roundhay Park <i>Parking at the Mansion car park</i>	SE330383	LS8 1DQ	Leon Foster

Fees Senior £2. Junior 50p per map

Course Details Sprint - technically hard standard (2.5k-3.5k)
Orange – moderate difficulty
Yellow - easy

We will attempt to get league results onto the website promptly.
50 for first place, 49 for second etc.

Registration From 6.00 pm

Start Times 6.30-7.30

Further information at www.aire.org.uk

11th April 2011

Over 270 runners competed in the sunshine at Bramham Park last Sunday in a ranking event which attracted orienteers from across the region. The fast terrain of parkland and mixed woodland was more of a physical than a technical challenge where even small navigational errors were costly.

The courses, varying in distance and technical difficulty, were well- planned by Chris Burden of Shipley and ranged from the 10.31km Black course for M21 runners to 1.75km for younger juniors. Andrew Preston of Sheffield won the Black course in a sizzling 66.05km, with Airienteer Paul Liepins of Dewsbury 2nd in 67.22. Mark Mon-Williams of Ilkley and Gregg Hull of Guiseley also had good runs in 70.46 and 74.03 respectively.

But the run of the day was posted by Dave Bowman of Guiseley who won the 8.89km Brown course by 2 seconds from Sheffield's Simon Martland finishing in 53.15, whilst Headingley's Tim Patterson was 3rd in 53.45. Other Airienteers were Alistair Wood in 63.14 and Faye Pinker, first woman in 72.04.

The 6.39km Blue course, won by Cleveland's Robin Bergstrand in 43.29, was equally competitive. Adam Smith was first Airienteer home posting 46.35 in 2nd place, whilst Ilkley's Frank Kew was 6th in 49.21. Three other Airienteers who made it into the top ten were Baildon's Cerys Jones in 50.08, veteran international Ruth Ker in 50.14, and Skipton's Martyn Gill in 50.32.

Other winners for Airienteers were Mike Cox of Scholes, Leeds who won the 4.63km Green course in 35.08, and new member Ashley Stratton-Powell who won the 4.64km Long Orange course in 39.16. Other prominent results for Airienteers were:

Blue course (6.39km)

Rebecca Mon-Williams (50.37), Tony Thornley (51.07), Dave Shelley (51.16), Ian Marshall (52.45), Sophie Brown (52.54), Peter Jones (53.22), Simon Bowens (56.27), Jeremy Walford (58.32), Ken Patterson (60.34).

Green course (4.63km)

Lee Beavers (36.27), Ruaridh Mon-Williams (36.50), Jonathan Smith 43.11), Stephen Bell (44.17), Lowri Jones (45.43), Tom Crowther (45.55), Tom Convery (46.33), Hilary Allen (48.01).

Light Green course (3.79km)

Miles Gilleard (50.40), Helen Cox (60.02), Katherine Hill (62.40),

Orange course (4.64km)

Gillian Gaskin (47.58)

Yellow course (1.96km)

Samuel Winter/Jonathan Hall (14.30)

White course (1.75km)

Annie Brown (14.43), William Smith (18.36)

Airienteers travel to Northern Ireland for the annual JK Festival of orienteering over Easter. The next Saturday O-Lite event is at Baildon Moor on 30th April at 1.00pm, whilst the first event in the Aire Spring Sprint League is at Bramley Fall on Wednesday 4th May at 6.30pm.

4th April 2011

Over 330 runners descended on Timble Woods last Sunday to compete in the 2011 Yorkshire Orienteering Championships and Airienteers came away with an impressive haul of titles! Competitors compete in age groups with colour-coded courses differing in distance and technical difficulty ranging from the 10.34km Black course to the 1.7km White course. The area included open moorland for the longer courses and mixed woodland varying in runnability.

The following Airienteers became Yorkshire champions:

Ian Nixon (M21), Dave Alcock (M35), Claire Towler (W21), Joe Woodley (M16), Alistair Wood (M55), Florence Haines (W18), Emily Wood (W20), Ruth Ker (W40), Joyce Marshall (W50), Ian Hill (M65), Ruaridh Mon-Williams (M14), Lucy Haines (W12).

Three outstanding results for Airienteers were by Ian Nixon of Bradford who won the 10.34km Black course in a lightning 61.44; and junior England international runners Joe Woodley (M16) from Guiseley and Florence Haines (W18) from Ilkley. Joe won the Blue course outright in a sizzling 43.52, whilst Florence was 1st woman in 45.15.

Other good runs were posted by Baildon's Steve Watkins (M40), and Leeds's Dave Alcock who finished in 66.21 and 67.18 respectively for 2nd and 3rd places on the 8.65km Brown course behind Irish international James Logue from the East Pennine club; and by Leathley's Alistair Wood (M55) and Ilkley's Peter Haines (M55) who were 2nd and 3rd respectively on the Blue course. Joyce Marshall from Burley was 1st W50 and 4th overall on the 5.13km Blue course whilst junior runners Ruaridh Mon-Williams (M14) and Annie Brown (W10) won the 3.14km Light Green and 1.7km White courses respectively. Lee Beavers (M21) won the 3.95km Green course.

Other leading Airienteer results were:

Black course

Steve Webb(9), Adrian Pickles(10)

Brown course

Mark Mon-Williams(6), John Hayes(9), Mike Winter(10)

Short Brown

Andrew Kelly(23), Simon Froude(26), Nichloas Jones(27)

Blue course

Cerys Jones(912), Tony Carlyle(13), Ruth Ker(14), Tony Thornley(20), Frank Kew(22),

Peter Jones(25)

Short Blue(11), Kate Boobyer(17), Sam Wood(18)

Green course

Ian Hill(11), Tom Crowther(12), Hilary Allen(21), Sam Avis(25)

Short Green course

Margaret Parker(25)

Light Green course

Scott Marshall(4)

Orange course

Lucy Haines(2), Laura King(3), Holly Avis(5)

White course

Tamsin Ker(3)

The latest 0-Lite event was held at the Cow & Calf rocks above Ilkley last Saturday. Steve Webb (27.08), Dave Alcock (29.30), and Andrew Kelly (30.00) were the first three home whilst Faye Pinker was first woman in 43.00. For those new to orienteering, these are ideal

family taster events with some less technically-demanding courses on offer, and allowing runners to be accompanied if necessary. The next O-Lite event will be held on Saturday 30th April on Baildon Moor and Start Times will be between 1pm and 2pm.

28th March 2011

Airienteers travelled to Northumberland last week-end to compete in the Northern Championships which were held at Kirkwhelpington and came away with two titles. Peter Haines of Ilkley had a good run to win the M55 race whilst Steve Watkins of Baildon won the M40 race in fine style.

There were a number of other prominent results for Airienteers in the senior races with Steve Webb 3rd at M45, Alistair Wood 3rd at M55, Faye Pinker 2nd at W35, and Ruth Ker 2nd at W40. At junior level, England schools international Joe Woodley of Guiseley was 2nd at M16, Scott Marshall of Burley 3rd at M14, Evie Conway of Headingley 3rd at W10, and Florence Haines of Ilkley 3rd at W18. Other results for Airienteers were (positions in brackets):

M14 Ruaridh Mon-Williams(5)
M40 Neil Conway(5)
M45 Ian Marshall(23)
M55 Peter Jones(11), Martyn Gill(19), Howard Sawyer(24), Gerry van Hee(26)
M60 Tony Carlyle(4), Tony Thornley(10), Roger Lott(19), Chris Burden(25)
M70 Tom Crowther(16)
W18 Cerys Jones(8)
W40 Natasha Conway(4)
W50 Joyce Marshall(7)
W55 Wendy Carlyle(10)
W60 Gill Ross(11).

Meanwhile, Dave Alcock and Steve Watkins were the joint winners on the longest (Green) course at the latest Saturday O-Lite event held at Nunroyd Park, Guiseley on 19th March, both finishing in a lightning-fast 19mins. Gillian Gaskin won the Orange course in 15mins.

21st March 2011

Junior members of Airienteers came up trumps with some great results at last Sunday's orienteering event at Hugset just north of Sheffield. The complex area consisting of woods honeycombed with old industrial and mine workings proved a real test for the runners.

The Club had two junior winners in the form of Scott Marshall from Burley who triumphed on the Light Green course and Lucy Haines from Ilkley who was first on Orange course. Other Club juniors who had good results included Laura King who came 4th on the Orange course, and Jo Woodley and Florence Haines who finished in 5th and 6th place respectively out of 55 runners on the long and very competitive Brown course. The best senior run came from Peter Jones who finished 6th out of 50 runners on the Blue Course

On the previous Sunday the Southern Championships beckoned for several Airienteers who made the long trip down to Hambledon in the Chilterns where the courses went through lightning fast forest with big hill climbs. Joe Woodley from Guiseley, soon to represent English Schools, had a great run for 2nd place on the M16 course, whilst Ilkley's Ben Stevens also had a good run for 7th place on the M21 Elite course. Other good runs included Joyce Marshall from Burley-in-Wharfedale who was 9th at W50, Susan Stevens from Ilkley, 9th at W55, Andrew Kelly, 13th at M50, and Peter Haines of Ilkley, 11th at M55.

Airienteers have gained an 'Award for Voluntary Bodies' from Ilkley Parish Council which will support local orienteering over the coming year, especially the inaugural Ilkley Urban Event which will take place in June. Another beneficiary will be the Saturday O-Lite event to be held at the Cow and Calf on Saturday 2nd April.

Details of these and other events at this friendly club can be found at

15th March 2011

There was a good turn-out of runners from Airienteers O.C. last Sunday at Honley Woods, near Huddersfield, where over 150 orienteers competed in the East Pennine club's District event on the steeply-wooded and complex escarpment of Honley.

The 6.7km Brown course was won by East Pennine's Richard Wren in the fast time of 45.55, whilst Horsforth's Dave Bowman was the pick of Airienteers coming 4th in 50.29, just ahead of Tim Patterson of Headingley who finished in 51.59 for 5th place. Two local athletes made the podium on the 5.1km Blue course. Neil Conway won in a sizzling 39.53, whilst Frank Kew of Ilkley made 3rd place in 47.43. Peter Jones of Baildon in 49.29, and Tony Carlyle of Harden in 50.35 also had good runs for 4th and 6th respectively. Cerys Jones of Baildon in 55.20 was the 2nd woman finisher.

Manchester's Martin Green was the winner on the 4.6km Green course in 48.57, with Airienteer Guy Patterson the pick of local runners finishing in 61.20 for 8th place. In the junior ranks, Chris Hulley (M12) on the 2.6km Orange course and Evie Conway (W10) on the 1.9km Yellow course both finished 2nd. Amy Bowman (W10) was 3rd on the Yellow course. Other results were (positions in brackets):

Brown course

Alistair Wood(8), Peter Jones(14), Greg Hull(17)

Blue course

Howard Sawyer(13), Faye Pinker(17), Dave Shelley(19), Mike Winter(20), Natasha Conway(27), Gerry Symes(33), Angela Hulley(34), Bill Fawkner-Corbett(38).

Green course.

Wendy Carlyle(14), Tom Crowther(26), Nick Beech(31), Sue Beech(32)

Light Green course

Chris March(10)

Orange course

Sarah Moss(4)

White course

Joanna Bowman(11)

Meanwhile, veteran international, Ruth Ker, from Headingley made the longer trip to Mulgrave Woods, in North York Moors, which proved to be well worthwhile as she won the 5km Blue course in the Cleveland club's Regional event in 60.36. Gerry van Hee was 14th. Junior runner, Davy Ker, was 7th on the 3.5km Green course.

7th March 2011

Airienteers travelled to Driffield last Sunday to compete in a Yorkshire & Humberside Superleague event held at Sledmere, near Driffield; the terrain was typical steeply-wooded dry valleys of the Wolds. Once again, junior international Joe Woodley from Guiseley excelled on the 7.21km Short Brown course, finishing in 60.18, runner-up to Cleveland's Robin Bergstrand. Peter Haines of Ilkley had a good run for 4th place in 62.56, whilst daughter Florence finished in 65.57 for 6th place.

Veteran international Ruth Ker of Leeds had a strong run on the 6.1km Blue course finishing 4th in 58.40 behind the eventual winner, Brian Ward from Humberside. Another of Airienteers' veteran international runners, Tony Thornley of Ilkley, was 5th in 59.27. Joyce Marshall of Burley-in-Wharfedale was first Airienteer home on the 5.68km Short Blue course in 6th position in 64.38, as was Ilkley's Sue Stevens on the 4.58km Green course finishing 7th in 54.32. Airienteers only winner of the day was junior runner Scott Marshall who won the 3.72km Light Green course in 37.06, whilst Lucy Haines was 2nd on the 2.99km Orange course. Other Airienteer results were (positions in brackets):

Brown course

Andrew Kelly(8), Nicholas Jones(14), Ian Marshall(16)

Blue course

Gerry Symes(14), Howard Sawyer(15), Gerry van Hee(24)

Short Blue course

Ian Hill(9)

Green course

Davy Ker(10), Tom Crowther(14), Hilary Allen(18), Helen Woodley(20), Gill Ross(21)

Short Green course

Alan Parker(16), Jo Thornley(21), Margaret Parker(25), Chris March(29), Gillian Hunter(30)

Light Green(Katherine Hill(7))

Meanwhile, Airienteers were prominent in the YHOA Night Orienteering League which has just finished. Paul Leipins (Senior Men), Steve Watkins (Veteran Men), Peter Haines (Super Vet Men), and Alex Watkins (Veteran Women) all won, whilst Shipley's Chris Burden was runner-up in the Super Vets Men.

There was a good turn-out for the latest O-Lite event at Middleton Woods, Ilkley last Saturday with Mark Mon-Williams winning the 4.1km Green course.

28th February 2011

Congratulations to three runners from Airienteers who have been chosen to represent England in the annual 'Interland' orienteering event which this year is to be held in Lubbecke, Germany. They are Ian Nixon (M21) from Bradford, Victoria Stevens (W21) from Ilkley, and Alistair Wood (M50) from Leathley. In addition, Cerys Jones (W16) from Baildon, and Ruth Ker (W40) from Leeds have been named as Reserves.

On a more local level, Airienteers travelled to Skipworth Common, near Selby, last Sunday, to compete in a Regional event run by Eborienteers, the York-based club. Skipworth, in the low-lying Vale of York, is flat, partially-wooded, and at this time of the year, waterlogged in places with large patches of marsh which made for very slow-going and affected route-choice. The different courses varied in terms of both length and technical complexity.

The 7.5km Blue course was won by York's Steve Corrigan in 55.04, whilst Airienteer junior, Joe Woodley from Guiseley, (soon to represent England in the World Schools Championships in Italy) had a good run for 3rd place in 56.52. Veteran runner, Tom Crowther, also from Guiseley, used all his experience to register 3rd place in a big field on the 5.5km Green course, finishing in 60.08 behind Sheffield's Ray Waight who won in 54.18. Other good results were achieved by Bruce Woodley, Mike Cox, and Peter Jones who finished in 8th, 9th, and 11th respectively on the Blue course. Other results for Airienteers were (positions in brackets):

Blue course 7.5km

Martyn Broadest (20), Howard Sawyer (27), Ken Patterson (28), Peter Avis (30), James Avis (32).

Green course. 5.5km

Fred Ross (23), Sam Avis (26), Gill Ross (29).

Short Green 4.1km

Margaret Parker (11), Alan Parker (15).

Long Orange 5.4km

Jackie Coates (3)

Orange 3.3km

Holly Avis (5)

21st February 2011

Andrew Kelly from Menston and Martyn Gill from Skipton ventured down to Sheringham in Norfolk to compete in the Midlands Orienteering Championships last Sunday. Andrew Kelly had a good run in 71.32 for 6th place on the 8.1km M50 race, which was won by East Pennine's Jonathan Emberton in a blistering 56.39, whilst Martyn Gill took 14th place on the 7.2km M55 course in 74.42, a race won by the British Army runner Colin Dickson in 56.02.

Meanwhile, a few Airienteers went to Cote Beck on the North York Moors for a colour-coded event run by the Cleveland club. On some tough terrain, Adrian Pickles had a good run for 3rd place on the 6.7km Brown course, in 71.39, whilst Gerry Symes from Leeds was 16th, and Gerry van Hee from Wetherby was 29th on the 4.9km Blue course. Pater Haines from Ilkley was Airienteers sole representative at Black Beck in Cumbria where he came 12th in 63.50 on the 7.4km Brown course.

Airienteers' Night League has now been completed with the final event at Holt Park on Wed 16th February. In the Men's competition the top ten runners were Ian Nixon, Steve Watkins, Dave Alcock, Leon Foster, Steve Corrigan, Geoff Clarke, Ian Marshall, Dave Armstrong, Dave Wilby, and Chris Burden. The first three women were Lucy Griffiths, Claire Towler, and Kelly Harrison. The Spring Sprint series starts on May 4th at Bramley Falls, in Leeds.

15th February 2011

Airienteers organised a double-header of orienteering at Chevin Forest Park, near Otley, last week-end. The Night Orienteering event on Saturday 12th February was won by Leon Foster from Leeds who completed the 4.65km course in 38.02, just in front of Ian Furlong, also from Leeds, in 38.57. Sheffield's Zachery Field was 3rd in 40.13, with Baildon's Steve Watkins 4th and Jake Field 5th.

The colour-coded day event on Sunday 13th February attracted nearly 200 runners, with the longer courses using Danefield as well as the Chevin. The courses were well-planned by Tim and Rob Patterson. The 6.6km Brown course resulted in the unusual outcome of a tie for 1st place between Steve Watkins and Jonathan Kendall who both finished in 49.41, whilst Guiseley's Dave Alcock was 3rd in 50.46.

On the 5.4km Blue course Dave Shelley of Menston had a clean run to take runner-up spot in 50.03 just behind veteran international Steve Whitehead from York who finished in 48.17. Andrew Kelly, also of Menston, had a good run for 4th position in 51.10. Junior runner Ruaridh Mon-Williams from Ilkley had a great run to win the 3.0km Light Green course in 31.16, whilst Marion Bowman from Horsforth won the 2.55km Orange course, and William Smith won the 1.475km White course. Other leading results for Airienteers were (positions in brackets):

Brown course

Greg Hull(4), Mark Mon-Williams(5), Ian Furlong(8), Stuart Pitches(10), Geoff Clarke(13), Peter Jones(16), Faye Pinker(17), Alistair Fale(18)

Blue course.

Ian Marshall(5), Tony Carlyle(6), David Armstrong(9), Frank Kew(10), Peter Jones(17), Tim Boden(18), Cerys Jones(20 and 1st junior woman).

Green course

Andis Celinskis(3), Guy Patterson(8), Neil Matthews(10), Wendy Carlyle(16), Will Patterson(17), Tom Crowther(19).

Light Green course.

Lucy Fox(8), Val Gilleard(13), Carole Paley(14), Richard Fox(19).

Orange course.

Tom Needham(3), Laurence Smith(4), Sarah Moss(5).

Meanwhile, Steve Watkins, Ian Furlong, and Dave Alcock were the first three finishers at Roundhay Park in the latest round of Airienteers Night Score League. The last event in the series is at Holt Park on 16th February, and the current leaders in the men's and women's competition are Ian Nixon and Lucy Griffiths.

7th February 2011

Airienteers travelled to Brimham Rocks last Sunday to compete in a Regional Event which attracted over 300 runners from across the northern region. At 300m above Nidderdale, Brimham provides some of the best orienteering terrain in North Yorkshire with a mixture of woods, moorland, and a host of complex rock features.

The colour-coded format provided courses of varying length and technical difficulty, the longest being the Black course at 9.76km which was won by Irish international James Logue from the East Pennine club in 70.20. Baildon's Steve Watkins had a good run for 3rd place in 79.39. Meanwhile, Graham Watson, also from Baildon, had a good run on the 8.19km Brown course finishing 5th in 75.09, with Leathley's Alistair Wood 7th in 76.00, and Chris Brook 14th in 97.08.

Mark Mon-Williams from Ilkley had a great run on the 5.65km Blue course finishing 3rd of 90 runners in 53.53, with Guiseley's Bruce Woodley also running well for 8th place in 56.38. Ruth Ker of Leeds was 2nd woman in 60.17. Heather Phipps from Leeds was first Airienteer finisher on the 3.45km Green course in 50.39, whilst junior runner Matthew Brown had a good run on the 2.47km Light Green to finish 3rd in 38.16, just ahead of Euan Anderson, 4th in 40.50. Annie Brown, aged 10, from Menston was Airienteers only winner on the day finishing the 1.4km White course in 15.25. Other results for Airienteers were (positions in brackets):

Blue course.

Peter Jones(22), Andrew Kelly(25), Dave Murgatroyd(28), Lee Beavers(29), Frank Kew(30), Ken Patterson(39), Marie Gibbs(42), Roger Lott(50), Sophie Brown(52), Gerry Symes(59), Martyn Gill(62), Howard Sawyer(66), Guy Patterson(72).

Green course.

Chris Patterson(9), Susan Stevens(12), Will Patterson(13), Nicola Boon(18), Jonathan Smith(31), Fred Ross(35), Jeremy Walford(36), Eva Watson(40), Gillr Ross(50), Alan Parker(51), Hilary Allen(52), Valerie Gilleard(55), Diane Gorton(60), Margaret Parker(62).

Light Green course.

Chris Brown(8), Alex Watkins(12), Miles Gilleard(13), Max Taylor(32).

Orange course.

Matthew Bottomley(10), Bridget Taylor(11).

White course.

William Smith(7), Adam Bowell(12), Jake Powell(15).

31st January 2011

Airienteers were runners-up in the North-East regional round of the Compass Sport Cup last Sunday, the annual nation-wide inter-club orienteering competition. The event was one by South Yorkshire (2379 pts), with Airienteers 2nd (2275), Cleveland 3rd (2187), York 4th (2076), and Newcastle 5th (1399). The competition area was Silton Forest, near Thirsk, a steep area of mixed woodland with detailed contours and rock features, on the western edge of the North York Moors which made for some tough orienteering.

In a hard-fought competition, there were good runs by many Airienteer runners, and the best runs on each of the colour-coded courses were Tim Patterson from Headingley (8th on 8.0km Brown), Peter Haines from Ilkley (2nd on 6.9km Blue Men), Ruth Ker from Leeds (5th on 6.2km Blue Women), Tony Carlyle from Harden (3rd on 4.7km Green Men), Shirley Wood from Addingham (3rd on 4.4km Green Women), Hillary Allen from Addingham (2nd on 3.1km Short Green Women), Florence Haines from Ilkley (5th on Light Green Women), and Ruaridh Mon-Williams from Ilkley (2nd on 2.5km Orange course.). An encouraging outcome was that no fewer than seven local runners made the top-twenty on the longest 8km Brown course. Other leading Airienteer results were as follows :

Brown course:

Steve Watkins(10), Neil Conway(14), Rob Patterson(16), Paul Leipins(18), Dave Alcock(19), Dave Bowman(20).

Blue course (Men):

Alistair Wood(8), Andy Kelly(21), Peter K Jones(27), Ian Marshall(28).

Blue course (Women):

Natasha Conway(9), Rebecca Mon-Williams(19).

Green course (Men):

Roger Lott(16), Ken Patterson(25), Tom Crowther(26).

Green course (Women):

Susan Stevens(9), Lindsay King(10), Wendy Carlyle(12), Joyce Marshall(13), Alex Watkins(21).

Short Green course:

Gill Ross(13), Jo Thornley(15)

Light Green course:

Helen Wood(8), Cerys Jones(12), Sam Wood(13), Davy Ker(17), Sam Avis(22).

Orange course:

Scott Marshall(5).

24th January 2011

Airienteers travelled to Marsden Moor, west of Huddersfield, last Sunday for a Regional event run by the East Pennine club which attracted over 200 runners from across the region. The energy-sapping tussocks and complex of control features made for some demanding orienteering on courses which were well-planned by Richard Paine.

Airienteers were prominent on a number of courses. Greg Hull had a good run in 78.27 on the 9.9km Black course, as did Dave Alcock who finished in 80.12. David Bowman was 4th in 75.15 on the 8.2km Brown course, whilst junior international Joe Woodley was first Airienteer home in 4th place in 57.08 on the 5.3km Blue course, with veteran Tony Carlyle having a fine run finishing just 2 seconds behind! Joyce Marshall had a good run to be first woman home on the Blue course, with Cerys Jones the first junior woman.

Meanwhile, veteran international Ruth Ker was one of two Airienteers' winners on the day, finishing the 3.4km Green course well ahead of the field in 36.34, with Helen Wood a fine 3rd in 43.27. The other winner was junior Scott Marshall who won the 3.2km Light Green course, closely followed by Matthew Brown in 2nd place. Alistair Wood was 6th on the 7.0km Short Brown course, and Helen Woodley was runner-up on the 2.9km Short Green course. Other top-twenty positions were recorded by the following Airienteers :

Short Brown course.

Ian Marshall, Faye Pinker, Chris Penny

Blue course

Peter Jones, Bruce Woodley, Martyn Gill, Graham Stuart, Lee Beavers, Frank Kew

Green course

Stephen Bell, Chris Brown, Marion Bowman, Diane Gorton

Short Blue course

Tom Crowther, Fred Ross, Val Gilleard

Short Green course

Pam Stuart

Yellow course

Amy Bowman, Joanna Bowman

18th January 2011

The Northern Night Orienteering Championships were held last week-end in Lancashire, run by the South Ribble club. Dave Alcock of Leeds had a good run in the Open event finishing the 6.9km course in 4th place in a creditable 86.23, with Andis Celinkis 8th in 110.40. Steve Watkins of Baildon finished runner-up to Martin Bagness of Cumbria on the 5.4km Blue course in 49.22 with Rob King of Ilkley in 28th place.. Finally, veteran international Charlotte Somers-Cocks showed everyone a clean pair of heels on the 4.1km Green course (47.34), whilst Ilkley's Peter Haines was 4th in 54.11, with Chris Burden of Shipley finishing in 23rd position.

Ian Nixon of Leeds ran out the winner in the latest event in Airienteers Night Score League with a maximum 200pts in 41.12, whilst Steve Watkins had the same score in 42.40, with Dave Alcock 3rd on 180pts in 44.12. Other top-ten places were Steve Corrigan (York), Nick Jones, Andy Kelly, Ian Marshall, Howard Sawyer, Rob Bumstead, and Leon Foster. Lucy Griffiths was 1st woman on 140 pts in 44.13.

Rolf Crook ran out the winner at Rothwell Country Park in the latest event in the Airienteers' O-Lite series, with Lee Beavers 2nd, and Ruth Ker 3rd.

11th January 2011

Airienteers held their first major event of the new year last Sunday – a 'cross-country' orienteering event at Temple Newsam, east of Leeds, which attracted over 270 runners from across the region. The woods and parkland provided a series of fast and furious courses of differing length and technical difficulty which were well-planned by Guy Patterson.

The longest course (Brown 7.9km) was won by York's Josh Beech in a sizzling 46.47, closely followed by Aire runners Dave Bowman in 47.21 and Dave Alcock in 47.26. Pauls Liepins had another good run to bag 4th spot in 48.36. Meanwhile, Simon Martland from Sheffield University showed a clean pair of heels to local runners winning the 7.2km Blue course in 47.16, with Airienteers' Peter Jones from Baildon (56.12), Chris Penny from Addingham (56.52), and Mike Cox from Leeds(57.13) featuring strongly. Cerys Jones of Baildon was 1st woman in 60.10.

Junior runner Joe Woodley from Guiseley, who will represent Britain in the World Schools championships later in the year, won the 6.8km Short Blue course in 48.55. Frank Kew from Ilkley (56.42) and Bruce Woodley from Guiseley (59.15) were 3rd and 4th, whilst Joyce Marshall from Burley in Wharfedale was first woman in 63.48. Sam Brown had a good run to beat 63 runners on the 5.2km Green course in 39.57 with veteran international Ruth Ker of Leeds close behind in 2nd place in 40.47. Lee Beavers was 3rd and Will Patterson 7th. Nick Jones won the 3.7km Short Green in 33.45 with Rob King 2nd. At junior level, Annie Brown won the 1.3km White course with William Smith runner-up.

Other Airienteers making it into the top-twenty were as follows (positions in brackets)

Brown course

Andrew Kelly (12=), Ian Marshall (12=), Mike Winter(15)

Blue course

Martyn Gill(13), Dave Armstrong(14), Dave Shelley(17), Andis Celinskis(19), Tony Carlyle(20)

Green course(Lindsay King(12), Tom Crowther (14), Eva Watson(15), Jez Wilkinson(18), Nigel Hulley(20).

Short Green course

Hilary Allen(4), Wendy Carlyle(5), Jeremy Walford(7)

Light Green course

Scott Marshall(3), Mark Penny(4), Jonathan Smith(5)

Orange course

Chris Hulley(2)

Yellow course

Amy Bowman(6)

4th January 2011

Airienteers got off to a bright start to the new year when over 70 runners competed in the club's New Year's Day event held at Bingley St Ives. The woods and moorland provided a good test of orienteering skills and the event was won by Irish international runner, James Logue, from East Pennine O C. with Ian Nixon from Leeds 2nd, and Ben Stevens from Ilkley 3rd. Florence Haines of Ilkley was 1st woman runner.

The 'score' format for this event meant that runners have to visit as many control-sites, in any order, within one hour, which puts a premium on route choice and time estimation, as well as technical orienteering skills. The top-ten positions (points in brackets) were occupied by the following runners :

James Logue (380), Ian Nixon (360), Ben Stevens (360), Adrian Pickles (340), Steve Webb (330), Laurence Doddy (330), Florence Haines (320), Ian Marshall (300), Peter Haines (300), Angie Hulley (260), William Pickles (260).

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