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EDIT O - Pete Jones

Hi All Airienteers,

It was a sad start to the year when two of our members, Rachel Majumdar and Tom Chesters lost their lives in an avalanche whilst climbing in Glencoe. There is little I can add to all that has already been said other than to extend our sympathy on behalf of all Airienteers to their family and relatives. The front cover shows the tribute paid to them at the Chevin Night event shortly afterwards. The bad news continued when Nick Jones, our secretary became seriously ill whilst on a skiing holiday in the Alps. Nick was airlifted home for an emergency operation and is now undergoing an intensive course of chemo and radio therapy. It's going to be a long haul back to fitness for Nick but I'm sure everyone in the club is right behind him.

On a more positive note, the snow has almost left West Yorkshire and the orienteering season can start in earnest. The JK has just been(see article later) , and the British Sprint, British Middle and British Long Distance are all due to happen in the next month. Furthermore, it's a Scottish 6 day year in late July. So time to get your running shoes on now that the light nights are here.

If you are one of those with the philosophy of 'No Pain, No Gain' , then you must read Ian Furlongs article on the Adidas Terrex Adventure Race. I'm sure he must have gained a huge amount as after 600k nonstop , maximum pain was clearly involved.

Also included are a number of Juniores contributions, showing we continue to be well represented at the various international competitions and junior training camps. Answers to last month's map competition are on page 20 and I'm starting a 'Garage Sale' page where you can advertise any unwanted items that may be of use to your fellow members. However, I'm still short of 'Classic Errors' contributors, so no article this edition. Come on everyone, don't be shy.

AIRE NEWS

Chair Affairs - Ian Marshall

Having just returned from the JK2013 weekend, another milestone in the life of the club is passed. Our level of participation in this premium event was good, considering its location in the south east of England and the consequent additional costs this involves for the average Airienteer. We were well represented with a number of top 3 performances in the individual competition and a very good 3rd place in the Women's Short relay from Cerys Jones, Lowri Jones and Helen Wood.

The last few months have been challenging for the committee, with the illness of our secretary Nick Jones having an impact on the large amount of club business that he is involved with, not least as team manager for the JK Relays and British Relays. I now fully appreciate how much work this involves and would like to thank our relay competitors for their co-operation in making up the teams. I would also like to applaud the practical support that a small band of club members are giving to Nick by transporting him to and from hospital for treatment.

I am pleased to report that Bruce Woodley has taken on the role of Press/Publicity Officer and his excellent event reports have started to appear in the local press. Finally, let's look forward to a good

British Championships (another trip to the south east) and our own Summer Sprint series, which is always good value.



Chevin Night O

At the Otley Chevin night O on 02/02/13 a cake sale was held and Sandy Van Rossum was involved in a separate cake sale a few weeks later at her work place. Both these events raised a total of £50 in aid of the Lochabar and Glencoe mountain rescue teams who were involved in the recent incident with Tom and Rachel

Compass Sport Cup Qualifier - Dave Alcock

Thank you to all members of the club who made the two hour journey to Northumberland for the Compass Sport Cup regional round on 17th February.

In rough forested terrain, we just squeaked past CLOK with 2354 points compared to their 2329. They were especially strong on the junior courses, and their course winners included the two Archers in the open men and women. But we fought hard, and in a particularly strong case of nominative determinism, the Woods and Woodleys did especially well in their ancestral biome. Leading the way on their courses were AIRE superstars Laura King, Helen Wood, Joe Woodley and Alistair Wood. Our strongest courses, where at least half of the top six were Airienteers, were Light Green Men, Green Men, Blue Men and Men's Open.

As you might be able to infer from the above information, although we did well overall, we need to increase our strength and depth in the women's and youngest junior classes at future inter-club competitions. We have many talented orienteers in these categories but circumstances such as illness, injury and the long journey (which might have deterred young families) conspired against us this time. Let's hope we will be luckier in the future!

It will be worth the attacks by vengeful trees (I looked like a cat had attacked my face for the following week at school) when we line up against the other qualifiers at the final on 20 October in the Forest of Dean. You will probably be heartened to know that our efforts to retain the title will be made a little easier by the fact that SYO failed to qualify.

So, please, please, put the date in your diary and represent your club this Autumn! I'll be looking at transport and even accommodation options in summer, but save the date!

PS Let me know if you'd like to have the cup for a few weeks- it's with the Woodleys at the moment.

JUNIARIES

Juniares Edito - Joe Woodley

I have done some great training this winter with the Great Britain Talent Development Squad; it is definitely something for AIRE juniors to aspire to now, and in the future. In this edition you can read about two of the British Squad weekends, In the Lakes and The Forest of Dean. You can also read how Beth and other AIRE Juniors past got on at the British University Championships (BUCS) plus how the AIRE representatives got on at Interland.

Interland 2013 - Laura King

On a Friday in early March, Lucy Haines and I got a day off school to travel to Breda in the south of Holland. We were competing in the annual Interland orienteering competition against teams from Holland, NE France, NW Germany and the two parts of Belgium. Second year M/W14s are the youngest members of the team and Lucy, me and Gabriel Rawlinson from Leicestershire OC had been selected as England's three W14s. Yasmin Field from SYO also came as a W14 travelling reserve. We drove to London with Alistair Wood and Steve Watkins and then joined the whole England team for a long coach journey.



The best bits of the trip were:

On the ferry from Dover to Calais with the other W14s and W16s - We met loads of people from other countries like Poland, America, Russia, Portugal and the Czech Republic.

Sleeping well at Bruges youth hostel after travelling for 15 hours!

Running in the rain at the training event and getting used to the local terrain.
Buying more of my favourite iced tea drink 'Arizona' - you can't buy it in England.
Wearing my brand new England o-top!
England winning the competition.

There was a training event on an area called Vrachelse Heide followed by an optional night sprint event on the same area. The main Interland event area was called 't Zand which sounds a bit 'Yorkshire'. The areas are sandy and, with 2.5m contour intervals, quite flat which made it very fast, although the trees were really hard to run through because they were so low and close together.

In the main Interland competition on Sunday, Lucy came first overall (34:48), Gabriel second (36:09) and I came fifth (39:51) out of 17 runners. We helped the England team win the trophy for another year. Congratulations to Steve who was 9th on M40 and to Alistair who was 4th on M60 - and thanks for the lifts.

The hardest bit was not getting back home until 3am and having to go to school the next afternoon. However, I would still recommend it to other juniors as a great way to experience their first international competition.

AIREunited - Beth Woodley

On Saturday 23rd February I travelled to Sheffield for the British Universities Orienteering Championships with 11 other members of Durham University Orienteering Club. Despite a couple of last minute drop-outs, this was still the biggest team Durham had fielded for many years. Given the talent in the team and previous orienteering experience of the majority, we had high hopes for a good result.

As we pulled into the car park at Burbage, the venue for the individual event, the wind was howling and it was just starting to snow. Sitting shivering in the minibus before my run I couldn't help wishing I'd chosen to go with the uni bouldering team to a competition happening the same weekend: A heated indoor climbing wall seemed a much nicer prospect than facing the elements on the moor. However, I quickly warmed up jogging to the start and began to feel more positive. As soon as I started my course I knew I'd made the right decision to come orienteering. The sun came out, there were great views across the valley and it was good to be out rather than stuck inside.

For those who aren't familiar with Burbage, it is an area of open moorland, forest and scattered boulders and courses are usually planned to encounter all these different types of terrain. From past experience, I'd learnt the hard way that it's important to take care in the complex, technically challenging boulder fields. I tried to go really slowly on these sections and focus on accurate navigation. This seemed to work and I didn't make any big errors. Overall I was pleased with my run, although I could have been faster on the long legs across the moor. On the way back from the finish I compared splits with a girl from Cambridge University and we talked about our respective route choices and errors. She was also in her first year and it was nice to chat about our experiences of university so far.

After the event we drove to the accommodation at Sheffield University's Endcliffe student village. We had a nice evening meal with the other teams, followed by the prize-giving for the individual

day. Durham had some fantastic results with Lucy Butt coming second on the women's course, less than a minute behind the leader; WOC medallist Linnea Gustafsson who is studying at Edinburgh



University. Peter Bray gained a second silver medal for Durham on the men's course, with first place going to Oxford's Peter Hodkinson. These results,

in addition to some solid performances from the rest of the team, left Durham lying in third overall after the individual event. Sheffield University Orienteering Club organised a social for the rest of the evening which was a fun way to mix with people from other universities. It was really nice to catch up with friends from AIRE and the Yorkshire Junior Squad whom I hadn't seen for a while. There were a number of former AIRE juniors representing their respective universities including: Chloe Haines, Florence Haines and Rob Kelly (Edinburgh University), Ben Stevens (Oxford University), Emily Wood (Sheffield University), Jack Wood (Leeds University) and Carol White (member of AIRE and Leeds University Orienteering Club).

On Sunday we drove to Greno Woods for the relays. First off was the men's relay and once again Durham's Peter Bray didn't disappoint, coming back in fourth position. As the relay progressed, competition for first and second was closely fought between Oxford and Sheffield. In the end it was Oxford's strong team of

Hodkinson, Alan Cherry and Ben Stevens who took the gold medal. Durham's two teams performed well, finishing 8th and 18th. Meanwhile in the women's race, Lucy Butt came back in the lead on first leg for Durham. However, by final leg the leader board was dominated by Edinburgh's women who came first, second, fourth and fifth. Durham's first team came sixth and my team was 11th.



This second day of racing saw

the virtually unbeatable Edinburgh University take first place overall, their seventh consecutive win at BUCS, followed by Sheffield University in second. Durham held off 14 other teams to maintain third place, a result we were delighted with and the club's best performance at BUCS to date. Not only was it a fantastic weekend of orienteering and competition, but also a great opportunity to socialise with old and new friends from universities across the country.

Team Durham: James Channer, Beth Woodley, Yasha Chechik, Clare Howes, James Crickmore, Jessie Benjamin, Adam Poole, Emma Vincent, Peter Bray, Aine McCann and Lucy Butt.

GB Talent Development Weekend - Forest of Dean -Joe Woodley

I travelled to the Forest of Dean by train with fellow AIRE and GB squad member Helen Wood. We arrived at about 8.30. This gave us time to quickly eat the curry provided by the pub, next to the bunk barn in which we would be staying. Some fellow AIRE members may recall staying in the same bunk barn for the JK in 2007! Before going to sleep that night we had a talk to recap start procedures from the last talent weekend, as I had not attended that weekend it was very useful. We also briefly went over the plan for Saturday's training.

On Saturday after breakfast and a brief meeting we headed to New Beechenhurst; from where we practiced and aimed to perfect our basic compass work, taking accurate bearings on a map which was mostly blanked out with just the control circles remained, forcing us to rely on our compass and distance judgement. After this session we returned to the bunk barn for lunch. The afternoons' training was held at Blakeney Walk where we ran a pairs route choice course. It consisted of pairs taking different routes to a control and then discussing the pros and cons of each route choice. I ran this with Dane Blomquist and as we are fairly evenly matched but both have our own strengths when orienteering this was very interesting. I tend to like going as straight as is possible, maybe as I don't view myself as very fast but would back myself through terrain. We also decided it is well worth looking at the route into a control that a route choice will ultimately give. Perhaps early on in a course it is best to take the safe option, thus limiting the chance for errors as you settle into the map. That evening we had a great carvery in the pub courtesy of British Orienteering. Sat right next to the food counter I made BO's cost worthwhile, eating enough for myself and at least 5 others.

On Sunday we travelled to Headless Hill where we ran part of the WOC long distance selection race. It was extremely physical but great fun. I enjoyed navigating on 1:15000 a relatively new experience for me. After that I was physically wasted, but decided to run the last course of the weekend, a middle distance just across the road in Knockalls enclosure. The forest had great visibility and was extremely fast so provided a great contrast to the mornings long slog. Despite trying to push hard my legs had nothing and I was reduced to a painful trudge on the hills. I was absolutely exhausted but had enjoyed the weekend, with at least 25Km of quality orienteering training in the bag.

After getting a lift back to Crewe (to quicken our journey home) with the Northwest Minibus, Helen and I dodged conductors as far as Manchester, before being caught and coughing up for our convoluted route home. "Urm well, our train was delayed at Gloucester... then we ended up in Crewe" apparently this wasn't an acceptable excuse! I had a great weekend and am excited for future British Squad training.

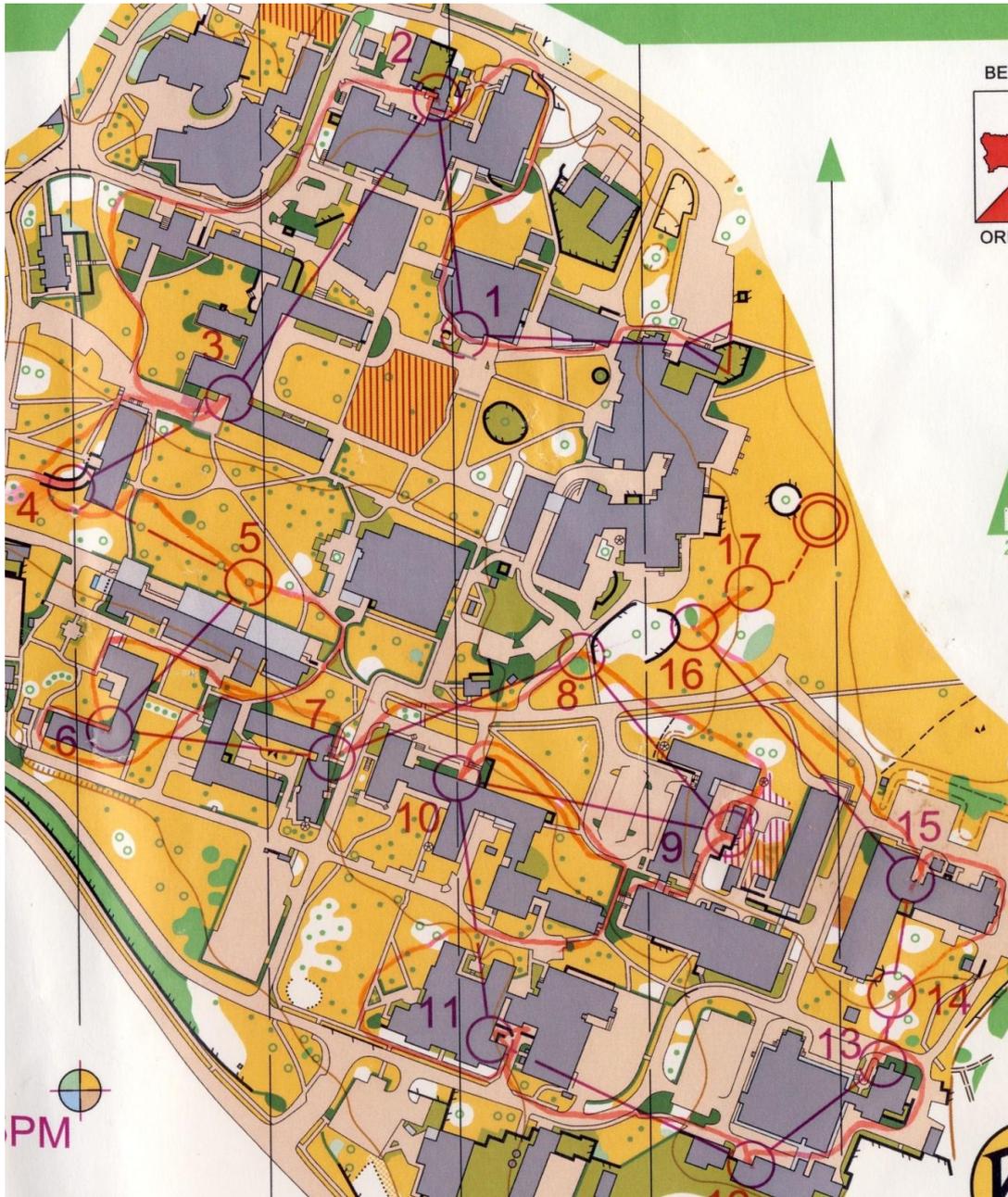
British Squad training - Lake District – 8-10/3/13 - Joe Woodley

The last of this season's British Squad weekends was held in the Lake District, with a focus on Middle Distance and Relay racing. I travelled up with my parents, who were spending the weekend walking, and Helen Wood. My parents dropped us in Ambleside where we were picked up. We then travelled to Thurston Outdoor Education Centre on the edge of Lake Coniston where we would be staying for the weekend. On Saturday we went training on Holme Fell, where I ran a Fine navigation course, a line course and a knolls and cols course. The first was a short but technical loop with lots of short legs and directional changes. The line consisted of following a line on the map rather than finding controls, again with a focus on fine navigation. The knolls and cols course was a typical course but with all controls on either knolls or cols as the name suggests. I found the courses fairly easy as I was taking it slow, trying to shake off a cold. The fast open terrain had great visibility which helped with navigation especially on the knolls course which contained some longer legs. In the afternoon we moved to Rusland Beeches for a middle distance race. Though only 4.4km the area was extremely physical and this told with most of the juniors unable to go faster than 40 minutes. The course challenged me mentally and physically, and after clinging on to a few faster runners I dropped off the back of a small group and slogged round the rest of the course feeling beaten. Though not up to the physical challenge on the day I felt I had navigated well and was pleased to have fought to the finish. I can only attribute my tiredness to a difficult week; on Thursday I got my exam results - a mixed bag! Had my first driving lesson, and also entertained Jackie Newton the GB coach on her Talent Development Tour, making tea and discussing my future goals. Quite a day.

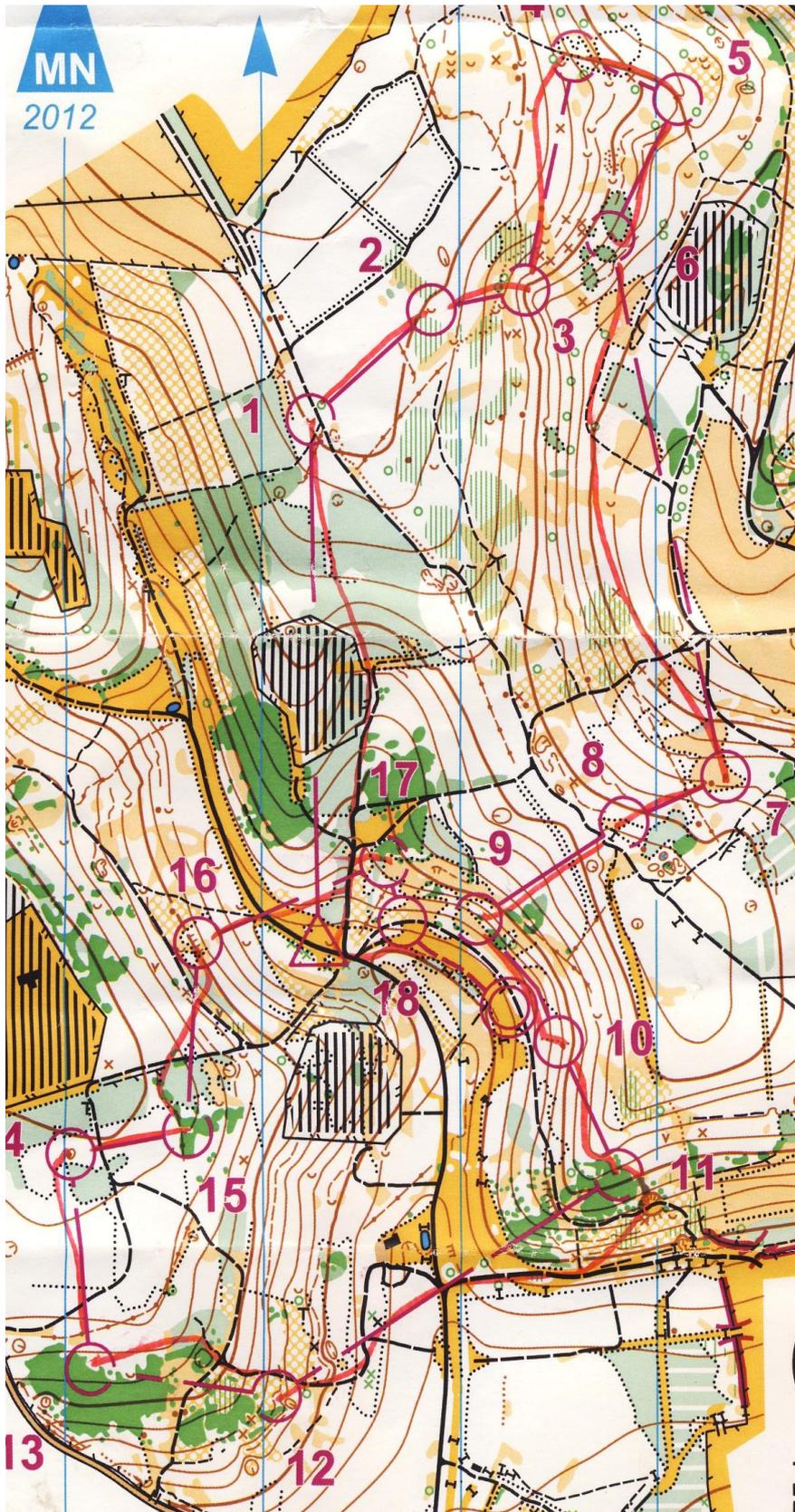
That evening we had a great talk from Heather Monroe and Dickie Jones about International Relays. Both winners of Jukola, Tiomila or the WOC relay. They were inspiring and the squad seemed to grow as a team during the session. People wanted to become part of the huge international relay scene and not only race for themselves, but for their teams as well. I have had some personal experience of racing for GB at the European Youth Champs relay where I handed over to our last leg runner in first. Unfortunately he made a big mistake and we ended up 7th, but I will never forget the excitement and real passion I felt on the finish line. The fact that my best mate and also greatest rival had handed over to me in 3rd place after a storming first leg run had been enough to drive and also focus me to not mess this up for the team. Dickie touched upon the strong links needed for a successful relay team. On Sunday we began the days training at Bigland. Here we had a mass start relay of about 1.5kms, with the aim to stick with the pack. I kept pace with some of the seniors for about 65% of the course mostly through good route choice, before a bad route choice cost me about a minute, as I ended up way above my control. After that we ran mass starts but in smaller groups of 7, for some second leg practice with the aim to finish first, leaving the other runners. There was then a trains exercise with individuals setting off in 20 second intervals and chasing one another down. In the afternoon we travelled to Simpson ground for some more relay specific training. Here we ran in pairs with one runner heading around the path to a start whilst the other had a number of controls through the forest finishing at the start on the path where you handed over to your partner who then had controls in the forest and you would around the path to another start. In teams of two we ran this as a mass start race, which was great fun and also tested your navigation at speed. It was a great weekend with plenty of racing in great terrain. I also particularly enjoyed the talk from Heather and Dickie.

JK 2013 Report- Pete Jones

A hardy bunch of Aorientees made the long journey south to this year's JK based around Reading. The 4 day format is now fairly settled and started off with a sprint on the Friday around the campus of Reading University. Fairly straight forward for those of us used to urban orienteering and much like the campus of York University - a good leg stretcher to get started.



The Elite course for women 21, 20
and 18 (+ Cerys Jones route)



Day 2 was at Hambleden - nicely runnable and very hilly, but relatively simple orienteering. Typical southern terrain. Day 3 at Cold Ash proved slightly more complex and in general the results here seemed to have dictated the overall individual positions.

Day 4 was back to Hambleden for the relays. The organisation was good across the whole event, and despite it being a bit chilly, there was no sign of rain and plenty of grass (the likes of which us northerners had not seen for many weeks). Well done to South Central. The only downside for many of us was having to use the giant EMIT dibbers.

This year we managed only three outright wins (well done Steve Watkins and Liz Drewe who claimed two of these) but we did get a few podiums. The following are our top 12s (I don't think I've missed anyone but apologies if I'm wrong). I decided on 12 as we seem to have a lot of 11ths.

Hambleden Day 4 Relay Womens Open and M165 (Editors Route)

Day 1 Sprint		
1st	M40	Steve Watkins
1st	WOpen	Liz Drewe
2nd	MOpen	Tim Street
3rd	W14	Lucy Haines
4th	M55	Maurice Calvert
10th	W14	Laura King
10th	W12	Eve Conway
10th	M55	Pete Haines
11th	W20E	Cerys Jones
11th	M50	Steve Webb
11th	M55	Adrian Pickles
12th	W60	Sue Stevens

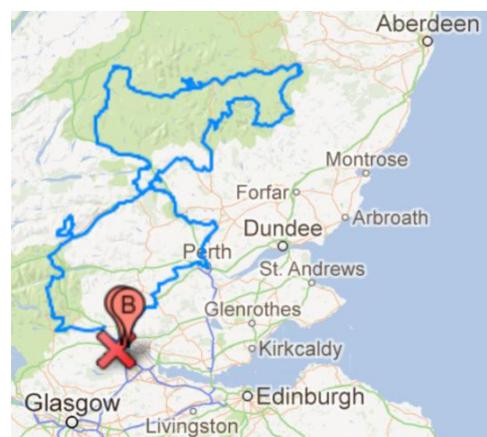
Combined Individual		
1st	W21S	Liz Drewe
2nd	M60L	Alistair Wood
2nd	M40L	Steve Watkins
3rd	M65L	Tony Thornley
3rd	M55L	Adrian Pickles
5th	W14L	Lucy Haines
5th	M18E	Joe Woodley
6th	W20E	Cerys Jones
6th	M55L	Pete Haines
6th	M18S	Daniel Calvert
7th	M35L	Dave Alcock
7th	M40S	Martyn Broadest
8th	W14L	Laura King
8th	W40L	Sophie Brown
8th	W60S	Jackie Coates
8th	W65S	Joe Thornley
9th	M18L	William Pickles
9th	W12A	Annie Brown
10th	M18L	James Avis
10th	W50S	Val Gilleard
11th	M50L	Steve Webb
11th	M21S	Will Drewe
12th	W12A	Eve Conway

Relays	
3rd	Women's Short
	Cerys Jones
	Lowri Jones
	Helen Wood

FEATURES

Adidas TERREX Sting in Stirling - An Excerpt - Ian Furlong

Last summer I took part in an expedition adventure race with 3 others, Stu Pitches (an occasional Airenteer), Andy Brook-Dobson and Renee Saxton. An adventure race is a multi discipline race, generally off road, that has some navigation involved. The expedition element makes it a long race, in this case over 600km, 100 hours, non-stop. There is a full race report available at totalxc.co.uk, but I've condensed a version down for Aire Affairs to give you a general



flavour of what the event threw our way.



Our aim was simple: to complete the full course. Ahead of us lay a number of checkpoints across half of Scotland. Each had to be visited in the correct order; some were compulsory, others optional, but to complete the full course we had to get every last one. We would cover ground on Mountain bike, foot, rowboat, canoe and sliding down a canyon in a wetsuit. Only 4 teams completed the

full race. It wasn't straightforward.

Stage 1 – Run - Stirling – Monday morning

10km warm up from Stirling Castle, to the tower across town and back. We gathered in the stunning setting of Stirling Castle for a mass start. The first leg was a 10km run intended to split the pack up a little before the first biking leg. We took it fairly steady: being both excited and nervous for the journey that lay ahead

Stage 2 – Bike – Stirling to the Hills – Into Monday morning

A bike out to the hills, via a castle, a bit of rowing, and 2 mountain passes. The first few hours were a bit frantic on the bikes. Teams tended to join up in small pelotons, hammering out the miles along the roads out of Stirling. There was no way we would be able to keep up this pace, but the benefit of



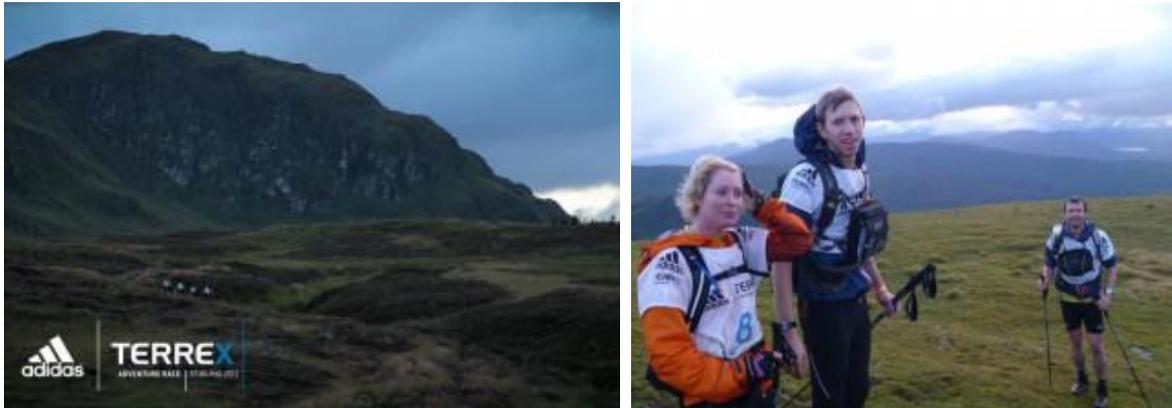
drafting was worth the extra effort to keep up. A few hours into the race and we hit the first mountain pass. I've erased any memories of hike a bike sections, it's the only way I'll consider doing another race. The first bike stage was over around 4pm, about an hour behind the leaders. Nothing to complain about so far.

Stage 3 – Canoe – Loch Tay – Monday evening

A short paddle to the foot of Ben Lawers. Not much to report here, just a short paddle along the flat water of the loch. I was however not looking forward to another 5 hours of so of paddling later...

Stage 4 – Trek – Ben Lawers – Monday night

A rather hilly 25-30 km trek over some steep hills. On paper, just a 30km trek/run but looking at the



contours there was not a great deal of running to be had by us. As the sun set we summited the first peak: only 3 more to follow with a checkpoint on each.

Stage 5 – Canoe – Loch Tay/River Tay - TUESDAY MORNING (8 HOURS)

40km down the Tay Loch and half way down the river, with some interesting rapids!



I think it's fair to say I'm not a big fan of paddling. Having said that, once the water got moving, I might have had a bit of fun. The water was BIG. The top two teams both went for a swim, along with many others. I'm delighted to say that we made it safely down the worst of the rapids in one piece! (Until the last rapid of the day when, for a change, Renee and Stu decided to cool off with a little swim).

Stage 6 – Bike – Half way across Scotland and back! Tuesday afternoon to Wednesday evening

A massive bike leg, with some canyoning and orienteering to break things up. Stage 6 was really 5 stages and it made up the bulk of the race. Leaving transition, we headed up a long and steady hill with an awesome view of the pass we were heading to. There were a number of other teams around us. The long climb was rewarded with a long, fast descent (although I did stack it into the heather at one point – and made a mental note to use the brakes more). Back on the road and then a short cut through some woods lead us to a very random meadow hidden under some electricity pylons. This was a very surreal experience: 100s of butterflies launched into flight as a rode along. I'm pretty sure I wasn't hallucinating!

The team hit a bit of a low some time after this and we were struggling to find any pace in the increasing heat (and incline). Andy pulled the team together for a quick chat to get us focused and after a 20-minute nap by the side of the road we were on our way. On to the canyoning section of the race!



For anyone unaware, canyoning is basically throwing yourself down a canyon past lots of water and rocks. If you want someone to sell canyoning to you, I'm not your man. At least it was a break from cycling.

On to a long bike section. At some point I started to see portraits of famous film stars and American Indians in the damp patches on the gravel tracks. This was a good sign that it was about time to grab



some sleep. We found a lovely new generator shed that was unlocked, so stopped for 30 minutes.

Back on the bikes, and we headed for what will now always be known as The Never-Ending alley. The bridge on the map seemed like it should have arrived hours ago, the darkness playing tricks with our concepts of time and space. This small paragraph does not really pay justice to just how long this hike a bike took us. The picture of Stu does help to give some idea about where we were on the enthusiasm scale!



It was dawn before we reached the road, and the orienteering section based out of Mar Lodge. 4 hours later we were back from a slightly longer than anticipated run, 20km.

A fairly fast bike East, past Balmoral, and up a very long hill through some woods, then up a mountain for a very steep hike a bike to Mount Keen. Then a huge descent to transition in House of Mark (must return here to stay at the B&B one day, lovely place). That was the bulk of the biking behind us: now for the real test – the 100km+ trek...

Stage 7 – Trek – Some mountains near Glenshee – Wednesday night into Thursday morning

Uh oh. The light faded as we ascended the hills, just as the navigation started to get ‘interesting’. Even the top teams struggled on this section: never ending peat hags, no obvious features to navigate with, and certainly no path to speak of. After a slight “how have we just gone round in a circle”, Stu took a bearing and I counted paces for 2km! Once we were



heading in the right direction, the main challenge was to stay awake. Pitching a tent wasn't really an option until we descended a little and found some flat ground. Fortunately we found the CPs then pitched the tent for two hours kip when dawn came around. Unfortunately the light didn't help us travel much faster as there were still huge hags to deal with (they just looked bigger now).



We popped down to the transition point the short-course teams used to enter the trek. We charged up in the direction of the scramble for a 2-hour trek, but crossing the boulder field over to the start of the scramble and watching Renee hold back the signs of obvious extreme pain she was now in, lead to us to confronting the huge elephant that had been in the room for the last 12 hours or so. Our pre-race plan had always been to complete the full course until either we were timed out, or the wheels well and truly fell off – and somewhere in that boulder fields you'll probably find a set of metaphorical wheels abandoned to the best Scotland could throw at us. Renee's knee had been a problem since the first trek on the first night. The fact that she had continued this far was incredible but it was clear that our pace had slowed too much to make completing the full trek (another 70km) and even completing the next trek leg (some 30km) impossible. It would have caused Renee so much pain that it just wasn't worth it.



We sat down to take in the incredible view over Lochnagar, and reflect on the bitter-sweet situation we were in. I can't really fully describe my emotions at the time: I was so proud

of the fact that we had made it there – in a way we had achieved our objective – we had continued until we had no other option but to admit defeat. But it was far from the way we had all wanted to ‘achieve’ our pre-race objective. Now we had 2 problems – Renee was at least 2 hours from the nearest road, and there were still some of us who were not quite ready to take the powered route home.

Find out the rest of the story at totalxc.co.uk

THE MAPPER’S LAMENT by Steve Webb

I was inspired to write this little ditty after I first tried surveying for an updated map of Ringwood Forest South during my time in Wimborne Orienteers. It was published decades ago in the WIM newsletter and is reproduced here with footnotes to help explain some of the content. The tune is from “Hole in the Ground” as performed by Bernard Cribbins. Younger readers will know him as Donna Noble’s grandfather in the David Tennant era of Doctor Who.

So there I was,

Mapping a hole, hole in the ground,

Sort of deep and sort of round,

It was a lovely hole, just ripe for a control,

It was clear of the fight, so I knew I’d mapped it right,

And then over to me came the dreaded MC¹.

(He said),

“Don’t map it here, map it over there,

You’re mapping it round and it ought to be square,

The shape’s all wrong, it’s far too long,

And a pit can’t be drawn where a pit don’t belong!”

(I said),

“I’m sure it’s right, I’ve been here day and night,

I paced in from the track,

Though the brashings held me back,
But from the junction of the ditch, it went without a hitch,
Don't have a go at me, I'm not Robin Harvey!²

(He said),

"I don't think you can cope", and he wandered down the slope,
Did he know that near the streams, the ground's not what it seems?
Well he found it out in haste, as he sank up to his waist,
"Looks uncrossable!" I said,
As it rose above his head.

Well our survey was complete, so we sent it off to Pete³,
He scribed⁴ it for a while, in his British army⁵ style,
So the map's a lovely sight, but is never used at night,
Because there's rumours one might see,
A very ghostly MC.....

(fade to evil cackling laugh by Vincent Price)⁶

¹ MC = Mapping Co-ordinator. I seem to recall that at the time this was an initiative from BOF to introduce standardised quality assurance to orienteering map making. There was to be a MC to approve each new map, with a tick list to confirm that it had north lines, a scale and other essential features. I also recall hearing grumbling to the effect that relatively inexperienced MCs would be passing judgement on top mapmakers

² Map maker of great renown and joint founder of the eponymous mapping company of Doune, Perthshire.

³ Peter Child, Wimborne clubmate and cartographer. Now lives in Auchterarder.

⁴ Prior to computer mapping the cartographer painstakingly scribed the map detail onto acetate sheets to be sent to the printers, one sheet for each colour represented on the printed map.

⁵ Pete was a cartographer in the army; in a specialist cartographic unit within the Royal Artillery. I guess it is useful to have a map to get some idea of where your big shells are likely to land. He is now in civvy street, working at Harvey Map Services.

⁶ As per "Thriller" by Michael Jackson

GARAGE SALE

Got anything lurking in the garage or attic that might be of use to your fellow orienteers, then advertise here. Starting with two exclusive items from the editors own garage.

Apollo Outrage Bike - 26" Wheels - Free to a good home

Bought for a teenager you shall remain nameless (but just ran W20S at the JK). Used half a dozen times then filed at the back of the garage. New owner will need to come & collect.



Walsh PBs Size 7 - used once only - £25 ono.

I think these got used once and then stored away. Possibly bought for one of my daughters who decided they were slightly too big and then failed to grow into them



Contact the editor if you are interested in either of the above

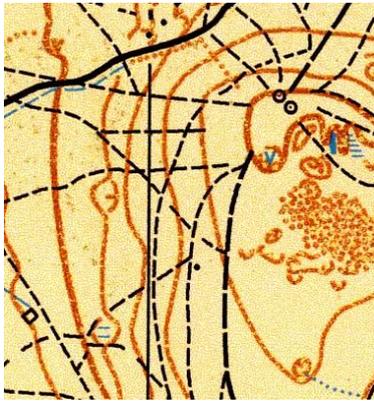
AIRE CLUB LEAGUE 2012/13

These are the 12 counting events for the club league. Your best 7 scores will count. Only two events to go at the double header in May so your final chance to make an impact.

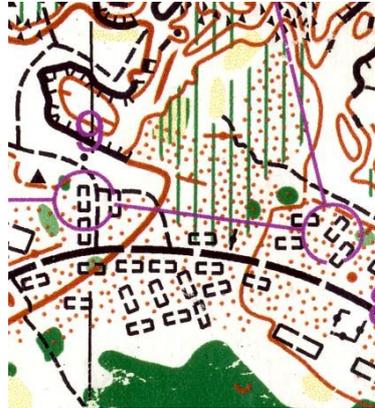
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11 Nov 2012	EPOC	Ogden
18 Nov 2012	AIRE	Middleton Woods
20 Nov 2012	AIRE	Park Wood & Black Carr
2 Dec 2012	CLARO	Hollin Head
6 Jan 2013	AIRE	Buck Wood
20 Jan 2013	EPOC	Haw Park
17 Feb 2013	NATO	Compass Sport Cup
24 Feb 2013	AIRE	Valley of Desolation
3 Mar 2013	CLARO	Swinsty
11 May 2013	AIRE	Danefield
12 May 2013	AIRE	Harden Moor

JANUARY MAP COMPETITION - ANSWERS

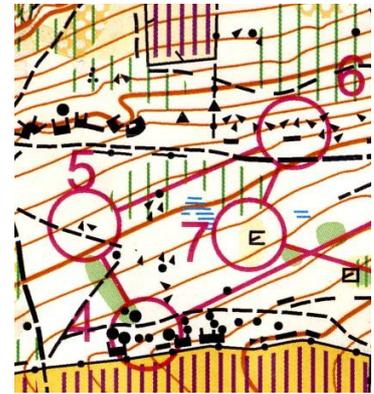
The first fully correct answer came from our esteemed chairman, Ian Marshall. Well done Ian and for everyone else, the answers are below.



Baildon Moor



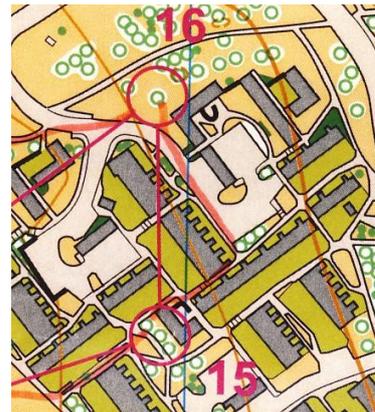
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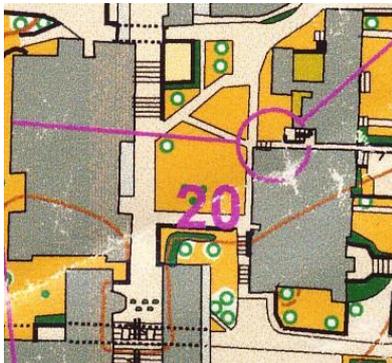
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Holt Park



Esholt



Leeds University



York Urban

TUESDAY NIGHT RUNNING

DATE	LOCATION	AREA	TEL NO	GRID REF
2 nd April	Rest day after JK			
9 th April	Chris & Helen Burden, 12 Carlton Grove, Shipley, BD18 3AS	Shipley	01274 583853	SE145365
16 th April	Steve & Alex Watkins, West Barn, Thompson Lane, Baildon, BD17 7NB	Baildon Moor	01274 580764	SE142385
23 rd April	Murgatroyd's Fish & Chip Shop, Yeadon, LS19 7BN	Yeadon/Rawdon		SE216408
30 th April	Ian & Joyce Marshall, 6 Oak Close, Burley-in-W'dale, LS29 7PJ	Burley-in-W'dale	01943 862997	SE165457
7 th May	Sara Dyer & Steve Webb, Faweather Farm, Birch Close Lane, BD16 3BG	High Eldwick	01943 871606	SE142418
14 th May	Jack Bloor Fell Race, Ilkley	Ilkley Moor		SE116471
21 st May	Simon & Rebecca Bowens, 44 Holt Park Crescent, Cookridge	Golden Acre and Eccup	07921 039251	SE261404

Meet at 7pm. Everyone welcome – young, old, fast, slow. Eat together in a pub afterwards or bring food along for a communal meal if the run is from someone's house. For further details contact Joyce or Ian Marshall on 01943 862997



MESSAGE FROM OUR SCOTTISH FRIENDS

Auld Reekie Orienteering Society (AROS) is Edinburgh University's alumni club and we are gradually gaining strength since we were reformed 2 years ago. However due to lack of continuity over many years we no longer have a record of previous EUOC members. Please would it be possible for you to ask your members to get in touch using the details below if they have been members of EUOC, however briefly, at some point in the past? As part of the Race the Castles weekends in October 2014 AROS will be holding a celebratory meal for our 50th Anniversary. Therefore we would like to have contacts for as many ex-EUOC members as possible to be able to include them. There will be no requirement to join AROS though the club is available to them if they are not already a member of a closed club. We look forward to hearing from any previous members: AROS & EUOC Committees

Contact details: Jack Baker (EUOC's current alumni officer) Or speak to Lucy Fryer or Ed Nicholas if you see them at an event! jackerybakery@gmx.com

JACK BLOOR FUND- Airienteers under 25

Do you lack the means to pursue your dreams in the outdoors?

Have you heard of the Jack Bloor Fund?

The **Jack Bloor Fund** is available to

- Young people up to 25 years who are
- members of an eligible Yorkshire Club (such as Airienteers), OR who are
- individual members of a National Governing Body (see below) AND live in Yorkshire.
- Grants are to be used to improve a physical and/or technical skill in any recognised outdoor pursuit.
- Up to 50% of the total cost is available, with a maximum grant of £300.

Eligible Clubs and National Governing Bodies include:

- Yorkshire Orienteering Clubs affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation
- Yorkshire Fell Running Clubs affiliated to the FRA or UK Athletics (North of England AA)
- Yorkshire Mountaineering Clubs affiliated to the British Mountaineering Council
- Yorkshire Scout or Girl Guide Groups affiliated to the Scout Association

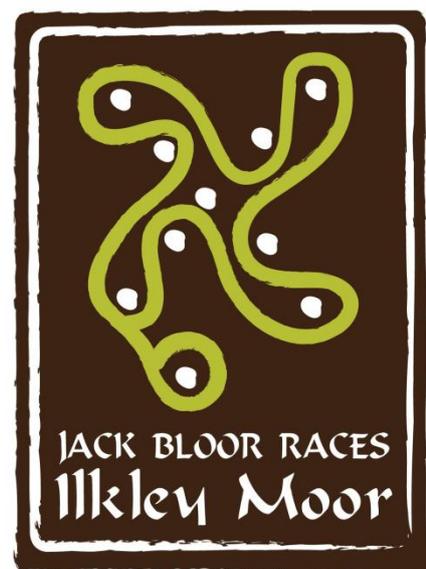
Further details and **application forms** can be found at www.jackbloor.co.uk and on the back page of this magazine

Money for the Jack Bloor Fund is raised through donations and the annual Jack Bloor Races.

Now in its 28th year this classic fell race held on Ilkley Moor each May commemorates Jack's life.

Next Jack Bloor Race: Tuesday

14th May 2013



SELECTED FIXTURES

29th Mar - 1st Apr	JK	Chilterns	http://www.thejk.org.uk/jk2013/
Sun 7th Apr	HALO - YHOA SUPERLEAGUE	Scardale	http://halo-orienteeing.org.uk/
Sat 13th Apr	LOC DOUBLE MIDDLE DISTANCE	Graythwaite	http://old.lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk/
Sat 13th Apr	AIRE SATURDAY URBAN	Holt Park	www.aire.org.uk/events/eventslist/eventslist_v2.asp
Sun 14th Apr	LOC DOUBLE CLASSIC	Graythwaite	http://old.lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk/
Wed 17th Apr	AIRE SPRING SPRINT SERIES	Horsforth Hall Park	www.aire.org.uk/events/eventslist/eventslist_v2.asp
Sat 20th Apr	BRITISH SPRINT CHAMPS	Loughborough Uni	http://www.britishorienteeing.org.uk/site/britishsprintchamps/
Sun 21st Apr	BRITISH MIDDLE DISTANCE CHAMPS	Stanton Moor, Matlock	http://www.britishorienteeing.org.uk/site/britishmiddlechamps/
Wed 24th Apr	AIRE SPRING SPRINT SERIES	Gledhow Valley	www.aire.org.uk/events/eventslist/eventslist_v2.asp
Sun 28th Apr	EBOR Regional	Cawthorne	http://www.eborienteers.org.uk/
Wed 1st May	AIRE SPRING SPRINT SERIES	Nunroyd Park	www.aire.org.uk/events/eventslist/eventslist_v2.asp
Sat 4th May	BRITISH CHAMPS	Winterfold	www.boc2013.org.uk
Sun 5th May	BRITISH RELAY CHAMPS	Holmbury	www.boc2013.org.uk
Mon 6th May	BOC WEEKEND URBAN	Dorking	www.boc2013.org.uk
Wed 8th May	AIRE SPRING SPRINT SERIES	Meanwood Park	www.aire.org.uk/events/eventslist/eventslist_v2.asp
Sat 11th May	AIRE REGIONAL	Danefield	www.aire.org.uk/events/eventslist/eventslist_v2.asp
Sun 12th May	AIRE MIDDLE DISTANCE	Harden Moor	www.aire.org.uk/events/eventslist/eventslist_v2.asp
Wed 15th May	AIRE SPRING SPRINT SERIES	Danefield	www.aire.org.uk/events/eventslist/eventslist_v2.asp
Wed 22nd May	AIRE SPRING SPRINT SERIES	Cliffe Castle, Keighley	www.aire.org.uk/events/eventslist/eventslist_v2.asp
Wed 5th Jun	AIRE SUMMER SPRINT SERIES	Myrtle Park, Bingley	www.aire.org.uk/events/eventslist/eventslist_v2.asp

For more complete details see the BOF Website - <http://www.britishorienteeing.org.uk/>



Swastika Stone

JACK BLOOR RACES

Ilkley Moor **Tuesday 14th May 2013**

Junior Races • U8–U16 • Registration 1700 • Starts from 1800

Senior Race • 8.4 km • 16yrs+ • Registration 1800 • Start 1915

Entry on-the-day only • Fees • Seniors £5.00 • Juniors £1.00

Records • 38:04 Greg Hull (2007) • 45:28 Victoria Wilkinson (2010)

See www.jackbloor.co.uk for all race details, results....

All the entry fees go to the Jack Bloor Memorial Fund which awards grants to young people who want to improve their skills in the outdoors



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