

Chairman's Comments – Roy Denney

Firstly I would like to thank Kevin Bradley for doing excellent work getting our new web site up and running. Kevin is the Webmaster at LEI and offered to take over the site and 'piggy back' it with that of LEI until a permanent volunteer could be found.

I am pleased to report that Andy Portsmouth also of LEI has now agreed to carry this forward and at the last EMOA meeting he expounded his plans and suggestions for the development of the site after being formally co-opted onto the committee in Kevin's place.

He would welcome material from members especially any photographs from EMOA events. (Where children are in view they cannot be identified without the express permission of their parent).

James Allen is still looking after our SI equipment and I must of course thank him on your behalf for all his continuing efforts - We are hopeful of finding a permanent replacement shortly and have a couple of members interested and finding out what is likely to be required.

We are likely to restructure the job somewhat and feel it would be advisable if our Treasurer were more directly involved in the financial side. He is currently reviewing the charging structures to simplify matters. We may switch to an event levy for E events which would prevent smaller events being priced out of using this technology

or may go to a flat rate annual hire charge with the three large clubs paying a fixed sum and being able to then use the equipment for any event, large or small, on some form of rationed basis. Different arrangements would be needed for LOG who cannot stage anything like as many events as the other clubs and for hirers not within EMOA.

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We are unfortunately still looking for a Development Officer, which is a little surprising as we are happy for them to create their own job description.

You will all by now have received details of the outcome of the BOF AGM and the cost implications for involvement in our sport. In the light of the changes made, or not made, we can now return to the debate as to the future of your association. All clubs have intimated that they support the continuation of EMOA in some form.

Most have said they do accept the concept of it becoming a federation of clubs with the clubs being the members but none have strong views on the matter and one club wishes things to stay as they are at present.

In line with the membership structures now being envisaged by BOF, many regions have switched to club based federations but as yet there is no

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indication that BOF will decline to collect regional subs on the present basis for those regions wishing to carry on as before and with this in mind the Association has decided to suspend work on a changed structure and keep the draft constitution for such a body on file until circumstance may require a rethink.

We may have to consider the balance of our funding however as there are already local members of BOF who have joined other regions for cheaper membership and if a large number of regions do not charge individuals a membership fee, and we do, we may see an increase in this pattern. The only actual cost to us of having one more member appears to be to print and post out one more newsletter and as such there may be a case for us to consider reducing our membership fee and recouping the funds from increased levies. This does however mean our income is more of a hostage to fate (and foot and mouth epidemics) and the Treasurer will no doubt have to weigh up the pros and cons before making recommendations for next year.

Another aspect of the changing national arrangements in the field of funding is the possible loss of outside funding for squad representatives and we need to formulate a policy as to how and to what extent we as a region could help the individuals concerned and how we would fund such support.

During the process of drafting a new constitution for the possible switch to a

club based federation several good points arose from various sources which may still be worthy of insertion into our present constitution and we are to review these and possibly offer them to you at the next AGM which will be held at The Red Lion, Kegworth at 7.30 on September 23rd. if you wish to make a note in your diaries.

Work continues behind the scenes on preparing for JK 2004 and it seems likely that we will need about 80 volunteers to help stage the EMOA day. Chris Philips, the day organiser, will be approaching clubs to handle specific parts of the operation and they will be looking for your support to ensure it goes off smoothly.

“One idea is that we should hold an annual controllers seminar”

We are still working to attract more planners and controllers and are holding a planners course shortly. Our technical representative is studying the feasibility of some form of competition to award a prize for the best course (presumably going to both the planner and controller). One idea is that we should hold an annual controllers seminar where courses could be compared and where we could be brought up to date on changes in guidelines since we qualified as controllers. Many controllers have not been on any sort of development or refresher course for many years and whilst taking part in orienteering itself keeps you abreast of standards, and the continuing debate as far as your own

courses go, it is not as easy to keep in tune with requirements for junior courses etc.

Such get togethers would also help bring consistency of interpretation at least within the region.

At a conference at Crewe last year I actually heard two controllers say they did not have copies of the rules and guidelines which begs the question as to how they could fulfil their roles.

If such seminars are to be held it is envisaged that they might be for a few

hours immediately after an event within the region.

I am sure Ernie Williams would welcome comments from controllers in this matter.

Finally I must congratulate the various Galoppen winners and the juniors who have been selected for the representative training squads.

Roy Denney, Chairman
May 2002

East Midlands Planner's Course

East Midlands is intending to run a BOF Course for Prospective C4/ C5 Planners on Saturday 29th June. This will be held at The Forest Rock Hotel (Grid Ref Sheet 129/ SK 453 151) for the day.

The morning will be the Theory/ Technical part, followed by a snack lunch (I have already arranged that Beef, Ham and Vegetarian Cheese cobs and suchlike will be available without charge to all participants) and then the practical part doing preliminary planning for White and Orange courses will be in a nearby woodland area for the major part of the afternoon (the practical will take part whatever the weather so please come prepared - just like in real planning!) with a closing session back in the non-smoking room at the Forest Rock.

A maximum of 12 can be accommodated so if any EMOA Club orienteers are interested in attending could you contact Ernie Williams to confirm your attendance either by email to: ernie.williams@btinternet.com or by post to: Ernie Williams, 'Shoulthwait e', 40 Castle Rock Drive, Coalville, Leicestershire, LE67 4SE giving: Name and Address; Club and BOF Number; Food and drink requirements (e.g. tea or coffee/ vegetarian or non-vegetarian).

East Midlands Junior Successes

A large number of East Midland juniors have been selected for various international tours this summer. Congratulations to them all:

Helen Palmer - reserve for World Student Champs

David Hodgkinson - reserve for Junior World Champs, U 21 Tour to Norway, U 20 tour to Estonia

Alison O'Neil - U18 tour to Sweden, U 20 tour to Estonia

Colin Olivant, Matt Dickinson, Nick James and Tom Billam - U 18 tour to Sweden

Sarah O'Neil and Sian Roberts - U17 tour to Norway

Rose Hodgkinson - U16 tour to Scotland

Andrew Llewlyn, John Rocke and Rhys Roberts - U15 tour to Scotland

Contributions on how you got on are always welcomed in EMEWS!

Midland Champions from the Wrekin – 7th April 2002

Below are the Midland champions from the East Midlands region, once the organisers realised that NOC was in the Midlands! The event, held on the Wrekin, didn't attract too many people, as can be seen from the car park picture, below. However, the area was much more runnable than I remembered, the planner seeming to make best use of the area and, once the climb to the start had been achieved, courses were predominantly downhill, though on our course we did have 1 leg which had 100m climb on it! At that point I did sit down and wonder whether to complete the course.

M21	John Duckworth	DVO	W20	Hilary Johnson	DVO
M35	David Lawson	LEI	W50	Liz Godfree	DVO
M45	Mick Lucking	NOC	M75	Phil Broadhead	LEI
M65	Tony Buckland	NOC			

Competitors on the Wrekin during the Midlands Champs (taken from the Wrekin Midland Champs website).



Above is a picture of the car park at the Midland Champs:

What's in a Name?

The various counties that we all run in all gained their names in historic times. The following describes where they came from:

Derbyshire – was formerly known as Northworthy, meaning “North Enclosure” in English. It was renamed Deoraby by the Danes from the concentration of deer; possibly in some sort of enclosure. Derby therefore means deer village or village with a deer park or enclosure. Its name was first recorded in 1049. The highest point in Derbyshire is Kinder Scout at 2088 feet.



Famous people who have come from Derbyshire include the lexicographer Dr Samuel Johnson and Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing training, who although born in Florence, lived for a long time at Lea Hirst, near Crich.

Leicestershire – Leicester is an English corruption of the Latin “a fort on the river Leire”. The 12th-century writer William of Malmesbury referred to the Leire as the Legra. The name is first recorded as Laegrecastrescir in 1087. The highest point in Leicestershire is Bardon Hill at 912 feet.

Famous people who have come from Leicestershire include Simon de Montfort and Lady Jane Grey, both of whom were in charge of the country for very short periods. Other more modern famous names include footballer and BBC presenter, Gary Lineker, and film director Stephen Frears.

Lincolnshire – Its early Briton name was Lindum, meaning a lake (llyn) a widening of the River Witham – and a hillfort (dun), which would have stood above the river, which often flooded. The Romans named the place Lindum colonia: a colony or settlement for retired soldiers. Lindum colonia was condensed to make Lindum. The name Lincolnscire was first recorded in 1016. The highest point in Lincolnshire is Normanby-le-Wold at 584 feet.

Famous names from Lincolnshire include the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson and the founder of Methodism, John Wesley. Sir Isaac Newton formed the first local scientific society at Spalding was born in Woolsthorpe. More recently, Margaret Thatcher, the longest serving prime minister of the 20th century was born in Grantham.

Nottinghamshire – Nottingham's original name is unfortunate – before the Danes renamed it, the small village was called Snotta, or Snot, from old English meaning ‘a place abounding with caverns or holes dug underground’ and certainly prehistoric people left

such dwellings at the bottom of a steep rock under the town. You can still tour some of these caves today. The name is first recorded as Snotinghamscir in 1016. The highest point in Nottinghamshire is Strawberry Bank, Huthwaite at 650 feet.



Famous names from Nottinghamshire include Robin Hood (and the sheriff of Nottingham). More literate connections include the 'mad, bad and dangerous to know' Lord Byron and D.H. Lawrence.

Northamptonshire – Its name comes from the Old English North Hamtune meaning northern home town or farm. Its county name was first recorded in 1011 as Hamtunscir. The highest point in Northamptonshire is Arbury Hill at 734 feet.

Famous names from Northamptonshire include the poet John Dryden and of more recent times, Princess Diana from Althorp. There are also connections with George Washington whose ancestors can still fly the stars and stripes at Sulgrave Manor, while Thomas Becket was tried at Northampton castle. Sir Charles Isham created one of the earliest rockeries in England at Lamport – and dotted it with goblins and elves – the very first garden gnomes to be seen in Britain.

I tried to do a little research on Rutland, but could not find too much. If anyone would like to provide similar information for Rutland, I'll include it in a future EMEWS.

Competition

Now having said all that have you noticed that EMOA has no real logo or symbol. At the East Midlands Orienteering association committee meeting the other night it was decided that we ought to try and have a logo that identifies the region. Have you an idea for a logo that could be used for East Midlands Orienteering Association.

Draw your ideas out and send them to me by mail or by e-mail (if you can scan them in) to Mike Gardner, 3 Gatcombe Close, Oakwood, Derby, DE21 2PZ or at Mikegardvo@aol.com. A small prize will be given to the best entry received by the closing date of August 10th, 2002.

None Sports Personality of the month – who was the club newsletter editor who arrived home from work to find an orienteering club meeting taking place in his lounge. He was busy getting his pasta out and was just pouring his 'cheese sauce' over said pasta when his wife was heard to shout, "No, that's not cheese sauce, that's custard!" Would have been an interesting dish!

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East Midlands Galoppen (2001- 2002 Final Results)

I've included all people who have scored more than 1000 points so far or the top 10, whichever is the lesser.

White Boys / Men (No Whites scored at Burrough Hill or Crich Chase)

Posn	Forename	Surname	Club	Class	Best 6 scores	Flatby	Sherwood	Bourne	Harlow	Walesby	Stapleford	Grace Dieu	Switland	Byron's Walk	Twynford
1 st	Nathan	Lawson	LEI	M5	2857					928			1000	929	
2 nd	William	Parkinson	NOC	M5	1883			1000			883				
3 rd	Timothy	Law	LEI	M10	1818	1000						818			
4 th	Jamie	Martin	NOC	M10	1785		785							1000	
5 th	Joe	Elliott	NOC	M7	1573		573			1000					
6 th	Craig	Chapman	NOC	M20	1373		373								1000
7 th	Christopher	Mallinson	LEI	M6	1084		587			497					
8 th =	Alex	Frances	LEI	M9	1000				1000						
8 th =	Alexander	Manning	BRACK	M8	1000		1000								
8 th =	Philip	Wilson	SHER	M10	1000		1000								
8 th =	Robert	Armstrong	DVO	M8	1000							1000			
8 th =	Thomas	Strickland	BLS	M10	1000						1000				

White Girls / Women (No White at Crich Chase)

1 st	Elizabeth	Parkinson	NOC	W10	6000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000				1000
2 nd	Harriet	Lawson	LEI	W6	3995	715	644		510	631			733	762	
3 rd	Amy	Kimberley	DVO	W6	1623		468			430				725	
4 th	Hannah	Schofield	NOC	W7	1321				321		1000*				
5 th	Naomi	Law	LEI	W8	1124	471						653			
6 th	Hannah	Horsewill	NOC	W5	1053		519			534					
7 th =	Fiona	Claxton	NOC	W10	1000								1000		
7 th =	Jenny	Kelso	NOC	W8	1000									1000	
7 th =	Katherine	Drew	NOC	W7	1000							1000			

* Hannah Schofield scored 1000 at Burrough Hill

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Yellow Boys / Men

Posn	Forename	Sur name	Club	Age	Best 6 Scores	Flat by	Sherwood	Bourne	Harlow	Walesby	Strapleford	Burrough Hill	Grace Dieu	Swithland	Byron's Walk	Crich Chase	Twyf ord
1 st	Tim	Martin	NOC	M12	5321		176		965	905				1000	851	742	858
2 nd	Bertie	TappScotting	NOC	M9	5298	1000	608	1000	690		1000			468			1000
3 rd	Thomas	Wright	DVO	M10	3447	549	607		883						824	584	
4 th	Simon	Wright	DVO	M10	3248		676		843						1000	729	
5 th	Matthew	Wallace	NOC	M12	2000				1000	1000							
6 th	Joshua	Wilkinson	LOG	M10	1667					673	994						
7 th	Alistair	Wheatley	WBS	M12	1252		507		745								
8 th	Samuel	Horsewill	NOC	M10	1213					508						705	
9 th =	Ben	Humphris	A GELL	M14	1000											1000	
9 th =	Peter	Hodkinson	NOC	M12	1000		1000										
9 th =	Peter	Northall	DVO	M14	1000							1000					
9 th =	R	Kelly	LEI	M60	1000								1000				

Yellow Girls / Women

1 st	Laura	Billam	NOC	W8	5298	425			1000	1000		1000			873		1000
2 nd	Jenny	Evans	NOC	W9	5000						1000		1000	1000	1000	1000	
3 rd	Gemma	Tongue	WBS	W14	2230	730			639				623		238		
4 th =	Flo	TappScotting	NOC	W12	1000	1000											
4 th =	Laura	Evans	NOC	W12	1000		1000										

Orange Boys / Men

1 st	Sam	Hempsall	NOC	M12	5476		830			502	1000		803	909	934	1000	640
2 nd	Benjamin	Hasseldine	WBS	M16	5240	835	418		1000	822	992				732	859	
3 rd	Tim	Martin	NOC	M10	2678					626					898	811	343
4 th	Matthew	Wallace	NOC	M12	2407										1000	852	555
5 th	Edward	Macdonald	NOC	M12	1918					505				875	538		
6 th	Robert	Lindsay	DVO	M16	1782	935			847								
7 th	Tom	Var dy	NOC	M16	1635					635			1000				
8 th	James	Jacobs	NOC	M14	1437								582		454		401
9 th	Richard	Pickworth	LOG	M21	1415			1000			415						
10 th	Mel	Clark	LOG	M40	1129								747				382

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Orange Girls / Women

Posn	Forename	Sur name	Club	Age	Best 6 Scores	Flat by	Sherwood	Bourne	Harlow	Walesby	St apleford	Bur rough Hill	Grace Dieu	Swit hland	Byron's Walk	Crich Chase	Twyf ord
1 st	Laura	Evans	NOC	W12	5306					773	1000		882	1000	1000	651	
2 nd	Flo	TappScotting	NOC	W12	2376		732							644			1000
3 rd	Hannah	Park	NOC	W12	1991	991	1000										
4 th	Geraldine	Davis	LEI	W50	1635				1000				635				
5 th	Maureen	Webb	LEI	W45	1442										661		781
6 th	Karen	I ves-Smith	NOC	W35	1436										749		687
7 th	Laura	Hunt er	RPS	W15	1313		686				627						
8 th =	Alex	Houldswor th	NOC	W12	1000					1000							
8 th =	Naomi	Law	LEI	W8	1000	1000											
8 th =	Sarah	Claxt on	NOC	W12	1000											1000	
8 th =	V	Law	LEI	W40	1000								1000				

Light Green Men

1 st	Liam	Harringt on	LOG	M13	5817	1000	535	977	1000	965	937	938	750				
2 nd	Kevin	Gallagher	LEI	M50	5431	816	560	1000	717				494	1000	1000		898
3 rd	Mark	Bur ley	NOC	M14	5270				908	656			559	936	956	852	962
4 th	Paul	Giles	NOC	M40	4046		434			646		831			593	713	829
5 th	Dave	Tongue	NOC	M35	4013		365	652	638	614	638	627	506	645	635	664	776
6 th	Andy	Fur nell	LOG	M35	3917	484	317	550		534		670		486	655	800	708
7 th	Karl	Pickwor th	LOG	M18	3801				757	586			673	637	687	461	
8 th	Gary	Boothroyd	LEI	M50	3653	862					791	1000					1000
9 th	Glyn	Mayley	LOG	M45	3646			948			863			888	947		
10 th	Sean	Harringt on	LOG	M40	3638	520	529		650	623	539	569	485				728

Light Green Women

1 st	Caroline	Nort hall	DVO	W18	5640				919			840		909	1000	972	1000
2 nd	Nor ah	Jones	NOC	W70	5334		901	1000		753	918	847			915		557
3 rd	Julie	Somerville	LOG	W21	5289	784	637	901		867	1000	775	962	679		775	690
4 th	Diane	Ford	LEI	W50	4977	805	790			859	952	672		770	801		
5 th	Emma	Bisht on	DVO	W14	4874	1000	828						933	513	852	748	
6 th	Margaret	Buckland	NOC	W60	4240	832	907		967			685				849	
7 th	Maureen	Webb	LEI	W45	3118	735	746	969	668								

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8 th	Sarah	Claxton	NOC	W12	2992							1000		1000	992		
9 th	Mary	Boothroyd	LEI	W50	2897	810					775	654					658
10 th	Geraldine	Davis	LEI	W50	2704	616					781				588	719	

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1 st	Roger	Edwards	LEI	M50	5832	1000	957			958		824		1000	1000		917
2 nd	Tony	Buckland	NOC	M65	5652	991	942		869	1000		1000				850	
3 rd	Dave	Skidmore	DVO	M55	5443	926	858			936		727	1000	864	859		
4 th	Martin	Wheeler	LOG	M45	5009		818		741	810	1000				827		813
5 th	John	Woodall	NOC	M60	4909	812	873			733	897	772	719	683	652	667	822
6 th	Andrew	Tongue	NOC	M16	4822	638	791	843	731	747	884	635	753		804	488	
7 th	Vernon	Davis	LEI	M60	4808	619	679	845	730	733	898	803	747		768	432	747
8 th	Oscar	TappScotting	NOC	M14	4378	569	624	797	837		829			722			
9 th	Der ek	Bisht on	DVO	M50	4235	610	706		665	724	801	447	677	416	630	662	
10 th	Stephen	Robinson	NOC	M16	4194	815				833			846		828		872

Green Women

1 st	Pauline	Ward	DVO	W55	6000		1000		1000	1000		1000			1000	1000	
2 nd	Margaret	Keeling	DVO	W50	5413	867	802			895	1000	765		950	899	750	
3 rd	Viv	Macdonald	DVO	W45	4948	821			770	863	909	838				747	
4 th	Pauline	Jones	NOC	W40	4542			1000			709		524		692	617	1000
5 th	Ruth	Ellis	DVO	W50	4276	829	647		750			623	488	707	720		
6 th	Julie	Whittaker	LEI	W21	3849		526			613	691	591	455		680	466	748
7 th	Vivianne	Lawson	LEI	W21	3551	513	534		570	621			426	600	611	615	
8 th	Jane	Booker	NOC	W45	3208				739	813			774			882	
9 th	Ros	Bourne	DVO	W55	3172		652						792		767	961	
10 th	Thelma	Spalt on	LEI	W50	3068					791		680			840	757	

Blue Men

1 st	Paul	Morris	NOC	M40	5965	978			868	1000	1000		996		1000	991	875
2 nd	Simon	Ford	LEI	M55	5568	896	979		777	837	858	1000	887	919	887	830	
3 rd	John	Northall	DVO	M50	5496	846			723	869				975	901	905	1000
4 th	Roger	Williamson	LEI	M55	5182		892	1000		779	794	823	817	831	819	740	
5 th	Chris	Williamson	LEI	M14	5036	838	809	907		734	774	817			839	826	

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6 th	Stephen	Wright	NOC	M55	4665	945	1000		1000	951			769				
7 th	Colin	Drury	LEI	M50	4649	582	642	937			565		802	967		719	
8 th	Robert	Parkinson	NOC	M40	4447		706			536	749	849	756				851
9 th	David	Winser	NOC	M50	4432			917	611	630	672		654	867	650	672	
10 th	Peter	Leake	LEI	M60	4368		742		826	938	871	991					

Blue Women

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1 st	Jenny	Williamson	LEI	W18	5474	901	926	1000			808			1000	739	839	
N/C	Ursula	Williamson	LEI	W35	5328	743		910		712	889	1000	826	960			
2 nd	Angela	Lucking	NOC	W35	4087	788				728	1000		897			674	
3 RD	Sian	Robert s	NOC	W16	2946								1000		946	1000	
4 th	Sarah	O'Neil	NOC	W16	2840	1000			1000	840							
5 th	Sue	Bicknell	LEI	W55	2613		1000						775		838		
6 th	Helen	O'Neil	NOC	W45	2578	788			915						875		
7 th	Val	Johnson	DVO	W40	1971										1000	971	
8 th	Liz	Godf ree	DVO	W50	1850					1000						850	
9 th	Qare	Claxton	NOC	W40	1811	820	991										
10 th	Janet	Evans	NOC	W40	1584					800						784	

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1 st	David	Bray	LEI	M45	5821	993	948	1000		914	1000	811		966			
2 ^{nd=}	David	Lawson	LEI	M35	5296		861		985	850		751	843	926	831	801	
2 ^{nd=}	Graham	Watson	LEI	M21	5296		802			854	968	871	868		815	920	
4 th	Dave	Gourlay	LOG	M40	5160	840		880		863	918				761	759	898
5 th	Ian	Wells	LEI	M45	5058	779	647	865	987		515	677	722	776	788	586	863
6 th	Ian	Whit ehead	DVO	M45	4626	930					891		890			915	1000
7 th	Stephen	Martin	NOC	M40	4603		714		891	564				894	728	812	
8 th	Kevin	Price	DVO	M40	4328		587		835	686		742	645	762		658	
9 th	Nick	Cunningham	LEI	M45	4059	837				846	835				778		763
10 th	John	Hawkins	DVO	M40	3973		1000			1000		1000				973	

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1 st	Ursula	Williamson	LEI	W40	1767											767	1000
2 ^{nd=}	Alison	O'Neil	NOC	W16	1000				1000								
2 ^{nd=}	Sal	Chafey	DVO	W35	1000											1000	

Sport's Personality of the Month

The Scene: The Car Park at Burbage Common and Woods on 12th May.

A small number of orienteers gather to discuss the joys and delights of finding – or in some cases not finding – Control 133 a “Small Pit” (in truth the Control Description should have read “Very Small Pit”) in an overgrown area albeit that the control site had three distinct attack points.

Along to join the motley throng and put in his sixpennyworth comes stalwart orienteer Mike Hampton from OD and also an LEI Local Member. Upon hearing of the success and relative failure in finding the “Small Pit” he states: ‘No problem, I found it first time’ and is then drowned out by a chorus of: ‘So you should have done, after all you were the last person to map the area!’

‘Yes but’ he then states ‘I couldn’t find it at all when I was out mapping but thought that bit of the area needed a control site so I put it in from the old map – so at least I must have put the pit symbol in the right place!!’ Exit orienteers in all directions with complete fit of the giggles.

Editorial

Apologies for the slight delay in getting this EMEWS out. This was due to me controlling the Calke Park event and not having an event to deliver out the edition of EMEWS. I have been asked to delay the next edition of EMEWS until early September by the East Midlands committee, so that it allows for details of the AGM and any constitutional amendments to be included.

In the last editorial I asked if we needed an EMEWS any more. I had just one reply from an LEI member who said “I have to confess I don't read my EMEWS. I glance through it and occasionally I read an article. I used to use the fixtures list but that now comes with my club newsletter. So as long as any necessary and important area information gets passed on to the club newsletter editors for inclusion in the club newsletters then I don't think we do need EMEWS anymore.” What do the rest of you think? With all of the club newsletters and websites is EMEWS an unnecessary cost for the region?

One discussion point currently going on down south is the discussion around whether competitors should be allowed to mark their maps up before they start in colour coded events. I know I have always been quite fast at this and enjoyed the advantages. However, should the sport be about marking up quickly or competitors times in the forest? Any views on this, send them to me?

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