



Lest we forget...



Update— As I am sure you will all know by now, unfortunately, after all the hard work to get Club events up and running in a Covid-secure way, the recent announcement of a second lockdown has inevitably resulted in a suspension of activities during the current lockdown. This was confirmed by British Orienteering which stated:



Suspension of Competitions in England 4 November 2020

Following the Prime Minister's official announcement on Saturday, 31 October 2020, there will be a new, month-long set of restrictions coming into force throughout England.

These new measures will come into force across England from 00:01 on Thursday 5 November 2020 until Wednesday 2 December 2020.

Having reviewed both the new laws and the official guidance published by the UK government for England, the Board of British Orienteering has made the difficult decision that all orienteering events and organised club activities will be suspended in England from Thursday 5 November for as long as these restrictions remain in force.

More information is available in the BO website. Opportunities for orienteering still exist within a household group or outside with no more than 2 individuals who maintain social distancing. (For full details visit the Government website.)

Orienteering options during Lockdown

It is still possible to enjoy some orienteering challenges during Lockdown. There are the new permanent courses at Ennerdale (details were provided in earlier newsletters) and if you already have the maps Whinlatter has at least 3 permanent courses.

WCOC has some new Maprun courses at Raven Crag (Dent/Lowther) and if you have the Maprun app, you may find that some of the older Maprun courses are still available.

Details of available courses can be found on the WCOC website—go to the Members' section and then down to 'Navigation Activities'.

Virtual Orienteering

For those of you that have tried the Lockdown Orienteering events; they are back under the new name of Orienteering Unlocked and the World Champs 1999 starts in two days time. There is still time to enter—for more information visit—www.orienteeringunlocked.com

Mapping Report from Pete Nelson—

New Maps

Raven Crag is the eastern spur of Dent. It's a long time since it was surveyed. As it is privately owned, it's a good candidate for MapRun under current restrictions. New contours purchased and remapped from scratch.

Good progress made connecting the Buttermere (Wood House) map to Rannerdale valley via Rannerdale Knots. This opens up the possibility of holding a larger event on the area, using the toilets and big car park at Buttermere village (outside the bluebell season, of course!)

Night event series

About twelve maps updated with new WCOC contact symbols and magnetic north.

Five maps minor updates on the ground.

Bob Barnby updated Slate Fell, with agreement from Roger.

Unable to get definitive current map of Woodhall. Best available redrawn, and minor corrections made from aerial photos. No ground survey.

Still looking for the latest Silloth (N) map. Might have it, not sure.

Lowther Park map finished and courses developed. Event likely to be limited to 30 runners, so venue switched to Near Thwaites. Map updated and courses developed. Lockdown prevented the event, so Raven Crag remapped from scratch for MapRunF. See above

Permanent Courses

Four iOrienteering courses installed at Bleach Green and Bowness Knott, and published on the Wild Ennerdale website. Only two people have so far put results on the iOrienteering site. Some printed maps ordered for free distribution at The Gather in Ennerdale Bridge to try to stimulate interest.

iOrienteering have asked for ideas on how to charge for their services, which has been free hitherto. Disappointing after we've just committed to the system.

The Scouts have asked for an upgrade to their permanent courses at Bleach Green

Open Orienteering Mapper

I (eventually) pinned down a bug in OOM while doing some work on the Threlkeld map. The OOM developers quickly found the problem and made the necessary

changes to their program. It is in a test version at present. It will be released as part of version 0.9.5.

It appears that when OOM goes to version 1 it will become a paid-for program. No details or timescales yet, but we'll encourage everyone to download 0.9.5 when it's released.

Mapping information

I've sent out occasional information about mapping by email to those who've expressed an interest. I'm now experimenting with using the club newsletter instead, but there has been some comment that it's too technical for this route. Any views?

Pete Nelson

Twitter: You can follow @WCOC2014 and on the website-www.wcoc.co.uk

Also on FB—public and members' page.

The Christmas Shop that just keeps giving.... A message from Steve Breeze. Catalogues will be attached to the newsletter email.

What do get for Christmas for the orienteer that has everything? I'm picking up some sample compasses and shoes to try this weekend. If you order through the club you get 10% off and 5% to club (juniors). Get in touch if you would like me to forward the PDF catalogues. I'll try to bring the samples to events. Not sure what shoe sizes yet.



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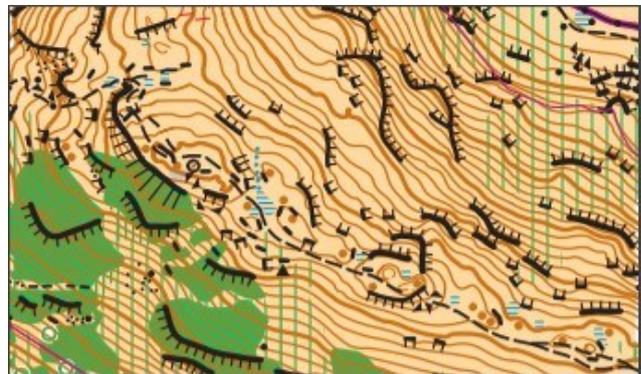
Steve has now picked up Str8 compasses with their super large magnifiers and a couple of pairs of NVii shoes. A size 10—very lightweight shoe and a 6.5 dobbed pair. There is also another pair of 6.5 non-dobbed pair already on loan. (Steve reports that he is usually a size 10 and finds the NVii shoes big in him.

You can access a 10% discount if ordered through the Club and 5% goes to the club junior find as well. Please contact Steve for further information. He can provide copies of catalogues and can sort out trials of the items he has.



Something to look forward to -

Pete is busily updating the Rannerdale Map—he says: Knoll, North Side. One fine warm day next Summer, we're going to have a super-sonic time on Rannerdale Knotts. The map is very much a work in progress, but see the extract below.



....and finally—

Another lockdown orienteering-themed cake. This one was a bit more impressionistic than the last one, although family members who know the area well did spot where it is.

Any new submissions for next week's newsletter would be very welcome.

