



Mawbray- Thanks to Steve Breeze for last week's night event at Mawbray. On the 5.10km long course Jamie Rennie took the win in 33:13, with Isaac Hunter having an excellent run to take 2nd in 34:00, and Simon Hunter 3rd in 37:41. Making up the rest of the top ten were Martin Skinner 4th, Steve Holmes 5th, Alan Irving 6th, Roger Thomas 7th, Mike Billinghurst 8th, Mike Harrison 9th, and Chris Pollitt 10th. In the women's competition Lynne Thomas was 1st lady in 12th, with Sue Skinner 2nd lady and Ange Jackson 3rd lady.

On the 3.3km Short course Toby Heppell took the win in 28:36, with Sam McLoughlin 2nd in 30:36 and Sophie Crawford 3rd in 30:47. The rest of the top ten were Kevin Hodgson 4th, Helen Rennie 5th, Enzo Phillips 6th, Roger Jackson 7th, Eva Humphreys 8th, Deborah Goodwin 9th and Janette McHendry 10th, and on the novice course, Sola Holmes took the win, with Wilf Clarkson 2nd, Kyra Green 3rd and Hiroki Holmes 4th. (Full results on WCOC website).

**This week's event is at High Rigg -Thursday 24th Feb .** Entries are open on RaceSignup and close at 23:59 on Tuesday.

This is the finale of the Night Series and could not be more different to last week's virtually flat event at Mawbray! Please read the details on the website and come prepared especially if the weather is poor.

**NB - There is no Thursday night event next week. Next event will be the first of the Spring series at Longlands Lake on 10/03/2022.**

Spring Series - HELP NEEDED - Reminder

Provisional dates and venues - 10/3/2022 - Longlands Lake; 17/3/2022 - Pardshaw Craggs; 24/3/2022- Keswick Streets/Crow Park Sprint; 31/3/2022- Blakeley Raise; 07/4/2022 - Working-ton Moorclose; 21/4/2022 - Hogs Earth (Borrowdale) (venues may be subject to some tweaks).

Please let Mike Billinghurst know asap if you are able to organise one of these events. (Michael@micnet.plus.com)

**If you can help and haven't yet been in touch please make contact asap.**



Other Upcoming Events

05/03/22 - Talkin Tarn (BL)

06/03/22 - British Middle Champs (British Orienteering website)

19 & 20/03/22 - Duddon Spring Weekend (sat-middle/sun-long (Entries now open - see- LOC website for details.)

26/03/22- British Long Champs (British Orienteering website)

Galoppens - HELP NEEDED - Organiser for Lank Rigg - Reminder.



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far. I am pleased to report that all the required positions for the Galoppens are now full **EXCEPT** for an Organiser for Lank Rigg which is the first of our Galoppens on 8/5/22. If you are able to take on this role please contact Jon Eaton as soon as possible. Thank you. (jon.eaton@outlook.com).

**Please contact Jon Eaton asap if you can help- membership.wcoc@gmail.com**



**A big thank you to everyone who supported the NWJS at the Compass Sport Cup by buying soup, cakes and hot drinks. A grand total of £370 was raised. Look out for more chances to indulge in some lovely refreshments at upcoming events.**

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Also on FB—public and members' page.

## British Night Championships 2022 - Ilkley Moor



Well done to all those hardy Club members who made the journey to Ilkley to 'enjoy' the challenge of night orienteering in the snow! There were some excellent results, with Joe Sunley talking the win on M20L and Roger Jackson just missing out on becoming a British Champion by a mere 26 seconds. Very bad luck Roger! There were



other 2nd place finishes, with Simon Hunter on M50L, Daisy Hunter on W16 and Sue Skinner on W55L. Others on the top ten were Daniel Heppell and Isaac Hunter (M16), Joe Hudd M20L, Jamie Rennie M50L, Alan Irving M55L, Roger Thomas M60L, Dave Downes M65L, Mike Hind M70L, Isabel Sunley and Emma Crawford W18L, Niamh Hunter W21L, Ange Jackson W45L, Lynne Thomas W50L, and Margaret MacKenzie W60L.

For anyone who sometimes finds themselves wondering why we do this strange sport, especially on cold, wet, windy days, I have copied an account of the Night Champs which was posted on FB by British Orienteering which sums it up rather well!

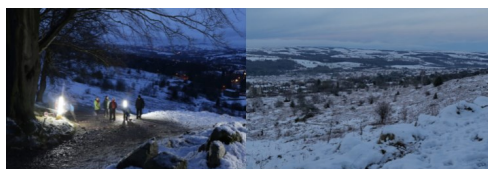
**Kay Hawke member of Pendle Forest Orienteers, says:**

*"Having taken part in only a handful of night 'O' events, watching the snowfall hours before the night event was to start, I knew that the event ahead on Ilkley Moor was going to be a test of many things, navigation, endurance, and not least, resilience! We travelled over to Ilkley in the afternoon, wondering how the event team was managing to even get onto the Moor let alone accurately be able to put out the controls precisely with the even added pressure of it being a National event! All of the volunteers at Airienteers did a sterling job getting the event on and braving the elements just so that a few hundred people could run around in the snow!*

*Thankfully by the time of the event, we were left with a clear evening with the snow gone from the skies but a heap left on the ground. The climb up to the Start luring you into a false sense of security that you would have clearly marked paths under your feet for the rest of the night! Soon the biting wind crept its way up the hill and I was thankful to start just to get warm!*

*Heading off into the night in a new location with just a headtorch and a map for guidance is never easy but soon after the start was out of sight it was apparent it was going to be a test of mettle. Thick snow covered everything, from foot-high boulders to paths, to gullies and everything in between. It didn't take long to get to the area where most courses had their first set of controls with many people circling the numerous boulders that litter the north of the area, talk about easing us in gently! After a few twists and turns (and slips and slides) the first controls were dibbed and the Blue course sent you off eastwards to the more exposed land. Snow trodden tracks made by competitors didn't quite match up to the paths marked on the map but headed (kind of) the right way as the usual line features, you'd rely on in 'normal' conditions disappeared under the snow. You simply had no idea if you were traveling over a path, ferns, or a boulder field, just secretly hoping you'd made the right decisions and turns along the way!*

*It's fair to say that whilst you're out there, sometimes alone, in a snow-filled depression knowing you have most of the controls to complete still, you wonder why you do these things! And then you find a cairn you were looking (hoping) for and the path you'd lost 200m ago and you get the satisfaction orienteering constantly brings us. I was looking at the competitors as I was going around, some young, some old, and knew many people wouldn't understand \*why\* we do this, especially in these conditions and I kept coming back to satisfaction. There's just something about getting to that control you never thought you'd find, getting to the finish that seemed miles away when you were on the other side of the Moor an hour ago and you forget about the misery of that wind that nearly blew your map away at control 11 or that mud bank you slid down! And afterwards you think, I just survived on a wild Yorkshire Moor in the middle of winter on my own for a few hours, with just my map and a headtorch, how awesome is that!"*





## **REMINDER - SEE COACHING OPPORTUNITIES BELOW** - (There's still time to take part but act quickly).

**Spring Coaching 2022** - Please see below details of opportunities to take part in coaching organised by LOC.

All applications should go through Carol McNeil (LOC) ([01229 861507/crlmcneill@gmail.com](mailto:01229_861507/crlmcneill@gmail.com)) and you will be sent final details and how to pay.

Two full days with Martin Bagness for LOC and NWOA Clubs 1000 – 1530 £12/£6 (not to be missed – learn from a 'master')

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Finsthwaite based. TBC

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Rusland Heights and Hall Brow Wood.

Plus one or two ZOOM sessions to help prepare for the upcoming races – these will be announced separately.

### Selection News -

Belated congratulations to Daisy Rennie (W16) and Toby Heppell (M14) who were selected to run for England in the Interland Competition. Sadly the event has been cancelled for this year but it is still a big achievement to be selected, and we are sure that Daisy, Toby and several other Club juniors will have many more opportunities to vie for selection in the coming months.



Thank you to Mike Pearson for passing on the sad news about the death of a former Club member - Brian Fanning.

**FANNING. Brian.** — Aged 91. On 9 February, 2022, at Morpeth, peacefully in the presence of his wife Pat and his family after a long illness bravely borne. A much loved husband, father and grandfather. Engineer, climber, orienteer and Christian. His funeral will take place at 12 noon, on Monday, 21 February, 2022, at St Robert's Roman Catholic Church, Oldgate, Morpeth, NE61 1QF, followed by a celebration of a life well lived, at the Comrades Club, Morpeth.

Mike remembers that Brian was a key member of WCOC in the earlyish days, and his son Mike was a very talented youngster. Our condolences go to Brian's family.



(Relay event at Whinlatter, year unknown)